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Military to receive pay raise

Average pay increases by 6.8 percent

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet staff

Soldiers will wake up to larger pay checks Tuesday morning.

"It's the largest pay hike service members have received in many years," said Sgt. 1st Class Stanley Doyle, NCOIC of military pay operations, Defense Military Pay Office.

The average increase in basic pay will be 6.8 percent and approximately 10 percent for Basic Allowance for Housing.

"The pay raise has put smiles on many soldiers' faces," Doyle said. "With the additional benefits approved by the president and Congress, more soldiers may stay in the military."

Other pay and allowances, such as drill pay and Basic Allowance for Subsistence, also will increase. The hikes represent about $7 billion more than the 2001 payments.

"I think it's great," said Sgt. 1st Class Gerald Fambro, NCOIC of personnel, Infantry Training Brigade. "I feel fortunate and blessed. You never look a gift horse in the mouth. You hold on to it and appreciate it."

Fambro plans to pay off bills with the extra $250 in base pay he will receive. For instance, he will double up on his car payment to pay it off early and give it to his 15-year-old son, Johran.

Although the $80 increase in BAH he'll receive will help pay his mortgage, it won't cover the entire amount.

"We need (the raise) to help offset the expenditures we have to live on the economy," he said. "We have other bills that people on post don't have. Now, we won't have to struggle as much."

As the raise helps senior soldiers pay off their typically higher bills, it will curb attrition of younger soldiers, Fambro said.

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> Defense Military Pay Office

"This will help young soldiers realize they do not do their hard

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Seabees save WWII history

Project will take two years to complete

Tonya Johnson
Bayonet staff



Tonya Johnson

Columbus naval reservist Petty Officer 3rd Class John Shull prepares to haul away sheetrock from one of the six World War II buildings his unit is restoring.

Ensign Joe Santos doesn't mind the monthly three-hour drive from Tallahassee, Fla., to Columbus. Not only is he honing his engineering and construction skills with local construction projects, he's saving the National Infantry Association a lot of money.

Santos, a Navy reservist, has been helping the Army restore six World War II era buildings behind the National Infantry Museum. Those buildings include Gen. George Patton's personal sleeping quarters and the headquarters building where he commanded the 2nd Armored Division.

Santos is the civil engineer corps officer in charge of the Naval Construction Force Support Unit 3, Detachment D. Since last month, Santos' unit, also known as Seabees, have been busy.

Seebees are sailors who make up the Navy's construction force.

"We like staying busy and out of the classroom," Santos said. "The best way to keep our Seabees out of trouble is to put them to work. This is a great project for them."

There are 70 sailors in the detachment, with 20 from Unit 3 who will actually work on the two-year building project with tasks including removing electrical wiring, renovating

See **SEABEES**, A-3

Uniform policy changes

Army regulation updated

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than 10 changes in the Army's uniform policy are currently being staffed for an update of Army Regulation 670-1.

Items being revised include hair, nails, contact lenses, cell phones, pagers, bloused boots, headgear, "camelbacks," desert battle-dress-uniform insignia, regimental distinctive insignia, physical fitness uniform wear during pregnancy, the explosive ordnance detachment badge and the black mess uniform.

Other items that will not undergo a policy change will have their wording changed to give a clearer picture of what the policy is, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer at the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Items that will be reworded include those governing tattoos and body piercing, identification bracelets, civilian bags, and uniform policy based on religious practices.

Army Regulation 670-1, Wear and Appearance of Army Uniforms and Insignia, was last revised in 1992, but in order to keep up with the pace of changing times the regulation is periodically reviewed.

"The regulation has to change with time," Messman said. "If not we'd still be wearing uniforms from the Civil War."

Until the revised regulation is signed by the secretary of the Army, Messman said, the regulation last updated in 1992 is still in effect.

A new policy regarding cell phones and pagers is one addition to the regulation that was generated by technology, Messman said.

Under the upcoming regulation only one electric device will be authorized for wear on the uniform in the performance of official duties. The device may be either a cell phone or pager — not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4 by 2 by 1 inches. Devices that do not comply with these criteria may not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, bag or in some other carrying container.

At one time, cell phones and

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Benning awards gas contract

United Cities to provide gas for Fort Benning

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

United Cities Gas Company will provide Fort Benning's gas services for the next 50 years, starting Feb. 1.

Mark Fincher, chief of Energy Management Branch of the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, coordinated the privatization efforts.

"The intent of the Department of Defense and the Department of the Army for privatization is that they want us to get out of that business," Fincher said, "where it can be turned over to people who do that full time."

When Fort Benning put its solicitations out on the street for gas contractors, they had only one bidder.

A government estimate was completed for the cost to keep the system in order for 50 years.

"There was a big difference between the amount of money we were being provided every year and the amount of money it would take to go with United Cities," Fincher said.

As a result, TRADOC increased the budget by $381,000 to accept the United Cities bid.

Fort Benning published a decision paper in August announcing the decision.

"It helps solidify our company's position in the marketplace," said Tom Blose, Columbus United Cities president. "This has been a long process for us. It involved a lot of people from across our company."

The value of the gas system itself was taken into consideration during negotiations. The pipes, and other infrastructure do have value, so Fort Benning decided to sell the system to United Cities ... for $1.

"It's not like a car that you can pick up and use anywhere," Fincher said. "The value of system still resides here at Fort Benning. If we were to sell it to United Cities, for say, $4 million they would have to take out a loan to buy it from us. Then they'd charge us interest on top of that, so it would basically be borrowing money from ourselves."

Displacement of employees was not an issue for the gas distribution department on post, Fincher said. Staffing for United Cities is decided by its management.

Lose my baggage, tick me off

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

commentary



Being in the Army has taught me a lot about materialism and how little "stuff" I actually need. However, I haven't quite attained that Buddhist level of nirvana where I can be content with nothing.

So when my suitcase didn't arrive in Columbus with me last Friday, I was a little upset.

However, more frustrating than my lack of clothes and the charger for my cell phone has been dealing with baggage claim at the Columbus airport.

The 800 number I was given to the airline's claim service was always busy, and their web site claimed my bag had already been delivered, so I called the baggage claim office at the Columbus airport to try to locate my bag.

The local airline that handled the connections seemed to be outstanding at creating confusion and fostering frustration. Nineteen out of 20 calls to their number result in a busy signal. When the line finally does ring, it's only answered 30 rings later. When a real person actually does pick up the phone, they are ill-informed.

Every person I talked to through yesterday told me they couldn't find my bag. However, they tell me this is good news! Because that must mean that my bag is on a truck, zinging its way to me as we speak.

Hasn't happened yet.

I was fortunate to be able to spend the holiday season with my family this year. I know not everyone has this luxury, so I really appreciated all the time spent with my loved ones even more. And I wouldn't have traded that time just to have my bag of things in my hand. But trying to get it back has been a pain and a half.

It seems that everytime I try to get to Georgia from Michigan something flies in the works. When I was home in September, my flight to Columbus was scheduled for Sept. 12. Now I understand completely that my inconvenience is extremely insignificant in the grand scheme of things, but needless to say, I didn't fly until Sept. 14.

My best friend's wedding was Nov. 10, so I was again in Michigan for a four-day weekend. I flew back Monday afternoon, but Monday morning was another plane crash. This one wasn't terrorists, but everyone was still on edge, and it felt like deja vu.

I was hoping it wasn't a trend when I was on my way back to Benning Jan. 4, but unseasonable snowstorms decided to descend on the Southeast.

The flight crew for my hop to Columbus from Atlanta didn't show up in time because of the weather, so my flight was canceled. The next available was at 10:30 p.m., and I got put on standby. I made it on to the full little plane bound for Columbus, but it was midnight by the time I entered the airport, so all I wanted to do was grab my luggage and scoot home to bed.

No such luck.

My bag, along with about 50 other people's luggage from my flight, got lost, misplaced or misdirected along the way.

Now this isn't the first time this has happened. I lost luggage before, namely when I arrived at Fort Benning. It was four days later before my bags were delivered. So, I've learned my lesson, and all my gotta-haves I carry on the plane with me. So contact lens solution I have, but given the new flight restrictions, my disposable razor was in my suitcase.

I attempted to shave my legs by holding just a blade between my fingers, but that got old real fast. It's a lot harder than it sounds, so I decided to wait for a handle to clip in to.

I still don't have my bag, but my only consolation is the domestic baggage liability of $2500. But, of course, I don't have that yet either. That's six months down the line.

The only advice I can give is, don't fly the friendly skies when I'm scheduled to do so. My next trip to Michigan isn't until June for my sister's wedding. Maybe the jinx will have worn off by then.

Series will help expecting parents

Spc. Jennifer Vchulek
Bayonet staff

commentary



Mothers — we all know they know how to take care of others. Even the last six letters of the word says it. But do they really know how to take care of themselves?

Many women spend so much time looking after the ones they love, they forget to take care of themselves. This can be a mistake, especially during pregnancy.

Take me for example. My husband spent an entire weekend this month ailing in the hospital. I spent four days running around — taking him an extra hamburger, cup of coffee or snack. When I wasn't at his bedside, my 18-month-old daughter insisted I spend every free moment chasing her ... and the diaper she just took off.

I thought I was going to fall out from exhaustion. I'm not ashamed to admit it — several times throughout the weekend, I ate nasty, greasy fast food.

But the sacrifices we make for others are more important — right? Wrong.

I know — you know and every other mother knows nutrition is important when it comes to survival of the fittest. We also know the importance of taking care of business now instead of later.

So, why don't we listen to ourselves, our mothers or our doctors?

Because we are supermoms — here to fight the evil ways of colds, flus, dirty diapers, potty training and report cards.

Well listen up, fellow super heroes — a sick mom isn't getting her work completed.

That's part of the reason *The Bayonet* is beginning the first of a four-part series this week geared toward pregnant soldiers.

We are taking a hard look at a few of the most important issues facing today's soldier-moms.

We will explore the difference between balance, moderation and overindulgence as it applies to good nutrition in the first story of the four-part series.

Then, we will hit on what I hope will be one of the most beneficial topics for today's leaders — duty limitations as they apply to pregnant soldiers. We'll also have experts address the Army Regulation which applies to pregnant soldiers.

After the New Year, we'll tell you the proper steps for enrolling a new family member in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System, better known as DEERS, and Tricare. We'll also tell you how to get your new baby's birth certificate, social security card, military ID and medical card.

And finally, we'll speak with some of Fort Benning's newest parents about their fight to beat the postpartum blues and get back in shape and on the fitness trail.

Changes, taking risks are part of life

Tonya Johnson
Bayonet staff

commentary



This is my last commentary. My time at Fort Benning is up, and I leave to attend the Public Affairs Officer Course at the Defense Information School at Fort Meade, Md.

It took me a while to figure out what to write without becoming too emotional or touchy-feely.

I arrived last February, fresh out of college and ready to start my career in public affairs as an intern in the Department of the Army's Career Intern Program. I learned quickly how much I needed to learn.

But I had great mentors, who were willing to work with me and encourage me. And I hoped they liked me, or at least they did a good job pretending. I gained self-confidence and honed my skills from them. I learned to write speeches, the ropes of media and community relations and more about the newspaper business.

The intern program is a great program for those who would like a career in Public Affairs. Not only will an intern have the opportunity to write, but he or she will learn public relation skills and have the opportunity to interact with the local community.

There are other federal internships available in areas such as engineering and human resources. I would suggest potential interns visit Web sites such as www.opm.gov, www.fedjobs.com and www.army.mil for more information.

The intern program is a lot like the Army. Interns must be flexible. They must sign a mobility agreement. Depending on the internship, most interns will spend a year or two training at an installation, which could be in another state.

After that, they may have to move again for additional training. After all the training is completed, interns are promoted.

Being an intern isn't easy because one has to make sacrifices. I've met some interns who had to move far from home and leave their spouses and kids behind.

I'm single, but I had to make sacrifices, inlcuding moving from North Carolina to Georgia by myself. But I learned to become independent, because if I couldn't handle it myself, who would? I learned the parts of a car, how to cook and more.

This wasn't my first time working for the military because I interned with the Army News Service three years ago, but this was my first time working at a military installation.

I applied for the program based on my experience with the Army News Service, and I'm glad I decided to participate even though I had to leave North Carolina. I had never moved away for such a long period of time.

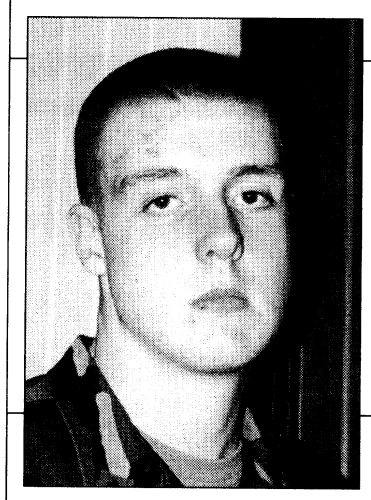
I have some fond memeories about Fort Benning. I will miss the Thrift Store where I found a lot of bargains. I will also miss having to not pay sales taxes anywhere on post. Most importantly, I'll miss the friends I made.

This experience taught me it's important to take risks. Whether trying a new hair style, a hobby or starting a new job (I did all of the above), step out of your comfort zone, at least once. I'll admit it's not comfortable at first, but life isn't meant to be smooth sailing. There are supposed to be some obstacles and challenges thrown in to make us stronger.

I'm glad to be moving closer to home because I miss my family and friends. But I won't forget the memories and people from Fort Benning. I wish all of you lots of luck and happiness.

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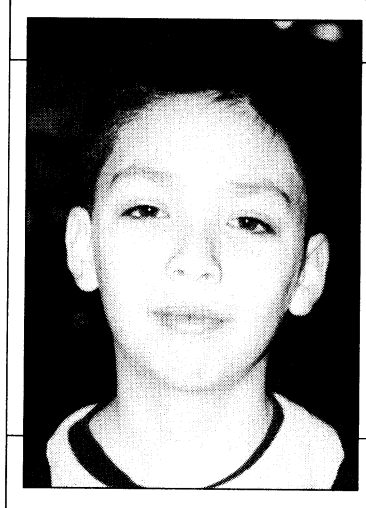
Did your holiday go as planned?



Pfc. Jon Easley, 1st Brigade, 15th Infantry Regiment — "I was part of the Immediate Reaction Platoon. We were alerted once. I'm headed to Montana tomorrow for 10 days to see family and friends."



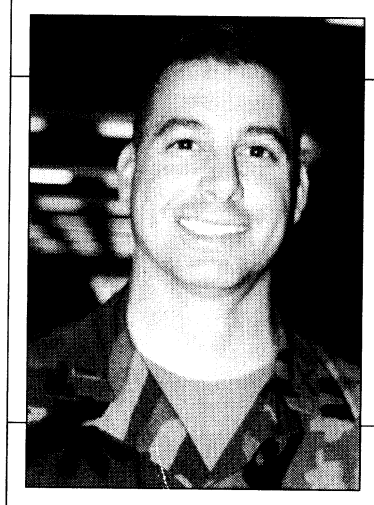
Sgt. 1st Class Maralyn Noble, Fort Hood, Texas — "It was great, I really couldn't ask for better. My husband and four children drove to Fort Benning from Fort Hood to see family and friends."



Joseph Hipolito, 11 — "We drove 15 hours to Austin, Texas to see family. I fought with my younger sister a little and my dad had to pull over once, but other than that it was fun. I wanted a paintball gun, but didn't get it."



Melanie Martin, family member — "I flew to Utah and they lost my bags on the way home. We waited for six hours in Atlanta for them and they finally showed up. It was nice to see family again though."



2nd Lt. Ed Lauer, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I had a great break. I went home to San Diego and did a lot of scuba diving. We dived the Yukon wreck and did some diving in Mexico."



Celia Woodall, family member — "My husband and I drove to Fort Leonard Wood with our cat and dog. On the way home my husband's new kitten shredded the back seat of my new car."

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Pay Raise: Closes gap between military, civilian sector

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work in vain," he said.

The hike reinforces security in an insecure world, he said.

"The Army offers a dependable job," he said. "This raise will help the Army stay competitive with the civilian population."

Pfc. Brian Shumaker, personnel clerk, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Brigade, said he was glad the military is taking care of its personnel, especially senior leadership.

"It's a great thing for all soldiers who have dedicated their lives to the service of their country," Shumaker said. "They deserve it."

As for attrition, it is more than about economics, he said.

"Money talks, but it's not just because of the money," Shumaker said. "Most soldiers are patriots. They just want to do their part. The money is icing on the cake."

Still, the 7.3 percent increase to that icing he will receive will help him take care of his family back home.

"My mom is disabled and can't work," said the 22-year-old, single soldier from California. "I got them a car, and the raise will help me make my car payment, too."

Shumaker is considering more plans with the extra money.

"I'm going to look into (the Thrift Savings Plan) more now," Shumaker said. "It sounds very interesting."

Theoretically, a soldier could contribute the max of 7 percent to the Thrift Savings Plan without a decrease in his or her standard of living because of the hike, said Ann Pratcher, manager, Financial Readiness Program.

"I hope soldiers will use (the raise) wisely," she said. "The most important thing is to think seriously about what you want to do with the money before you start to see it. Hopefully, soldiers did not go out and buy stuff on credit in 2001 in anticipation of the increase."

Instead, soldiers should use a three-pronged approach to allot pay increases. That is, they should consider three thing — savings, paying down debt and adding flexibility to monthly living expenses.

"New year, new pay raise, new way of thinking," Pratcher said. "Instead of thinking about what I can buy and how much I can borrow, start thinking about how I can best use the resources I have and plan for debt-free purchases."

MONTHLY BASIC PAY TABLE

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PAY GRADE	YEARS OF SERVICE: <2	2	3	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	26
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS															
O-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11516.70	11516.70	11516.70	11516.70
O-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	10147.50	10293.60	10504.80	10873.80
O-8	7180.20	7415.40	7571.10	7614.90	7809.30	8135.10	8210.70	8519.70	8608.50	8874.30	9259.50	9614.70	9852.00	9852.00	9852.00
O-7	5966.40	6371.70	6371.70	6418.20	6657.90	6840.30	7051.20	7261.80	7472.70	8135.10	8694.90	8694.90	8694.90	8694.90	8738.70
O-6	4422.00	4857.90	5176.80	5176.80	5196.60	5418.90	5448.60	5448.60	5628.60	6305.70	6627.00	6848.30	7131.00	7316.10	7675.20
O-5	3537.00	4152.60	4440.30	4494.30	4673.10	4673.10	4813.50	5073.30	5413.50	5755.80	5919.00	6079.80	6262.80	6262.80	6262.80
O-4	3023.70	3581.80	3927.60	3982.50	4210.50	4395.90	4696.20	4930.20	5092.50	5255.70	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60	5310.60
O-3	2796.60	3170.40	3421.80	3698.70	3875.70	4070.10	4232.40	4441.20	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50	4549.50
O-2	2416.20	2751.90	3169.50	3276.30	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10	3344.10
O-1	2097.60	2183.10	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50	2636.50
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS WITH OVER 4 YEARS ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE AS AN ENLISTED MEMBER OR WARRANT OFFICER															
O-3E	0.00	0.00	0.00	3698.70	3875.70	4070.10	4232.40	4441.20	4617.00	4717.50	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20	4855.20
O-2E	0.00	0.00	0.00	3276.30	3344.10	3450.30	3630.00	3768.90	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40	3872.40
O-1E	0.00	0.00	0.00	2636.50	2818.20	2922.30	3028.50	3133.20	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30	3276.30
WARRANT OFFICERS															
W-5	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4965.60	5136.00	5307.00	5478.60
W-4	2889.60	3108.60	3198.00	3285.90	3437.10	3586.50	3737.70	3885.30	4036.00	4184.40	4334.40	4480.80	4632.60	4782.00	4935.30
W-3	2636.80	2862.00	2862.00	2898.90	3017.40	3152.40	3330.90	3439.50	3558.30	3693.90	3828.60	3983.60	4098.30	4233.30	4368.90
W-2	2321.40	2454.00	2589.80	2654.10	2726.40	2875.20	2984.40	3093.90	3200.40	3318.00	3438.90	3559.80	3680.10	3801.30	3801.30
W-1	2049.90	2217.60	2330.10	2402.70	2511.90	2624.70	2737.80	2850.00	2963.70	3077.10	3189.90	3275.10	3275.10	3275.10	3275.10
ENLISTED MEMBERS															
E-9	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3423.90	3501.30	3599.40	3714.60	3830.40	3944.10	4096.30	4251.30	4467.00
E-8	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2858.10	2940.60	3017.70	3110.10	3210.30	3314.70	3420.30	3573.00	3724.80	3937.80
E-7	1986.90	2168.00	2251.50	2332.50	2417.40	2562.90	2645.10	2726.40	2808.00	2892.60	2975.10	3057.30	3200.40	3292.80	3526.80
E-6	1701.00	1870.80	1953.60	2033.70	2117.40	2254.50	2337.30	2417.40	2499.30	2556.10	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80	2602.80
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Seabees: Help restore historic buildings on Fort Benning

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walls and replacing wooden floors.

The Seabees hope to preserve the buildings as much as possible and must be careful not to destroy the original lumber, Santos said. For instance, instead of pulling the nails straight out the wall, they are pulled out side to side to preserve the fragile wood.

"They're saving the Army tens of thousands of dollars," said Randy Rivinus, principal engineer for the National Infantry Association. "If we hired a contractor, it would have cost a considerable amount of money."

After the renovation, the buildings, along with the chapel at Harmony Church, will be moved to a site off South Lumpkin Road where the new National Infantry Museum will be built. The buildings will be a part of a monument dedicated to the traditions and values of the World War II Infantryman, Rivinus said.

The naval unit has been working closely with the 718th Engineer Company, part of the 926th Engineer Group from Montgomery, Ala., stationed at Fort Benning.

"We're happy to work with the Seabees," said Staff Sgt. Kevin Peoples, training NCO for the 718th Engineer Company. "You can send them anywhere, and they can build anything. I worked with them when I was in Honduras, and they're amazing. Seabees do it all."

Seabees have a long and interesting history. They were established in December 1941 by Rear Adm. Ben Moreell, chief of the Navy's bureau of Yards and Docks with the motto "Can do."

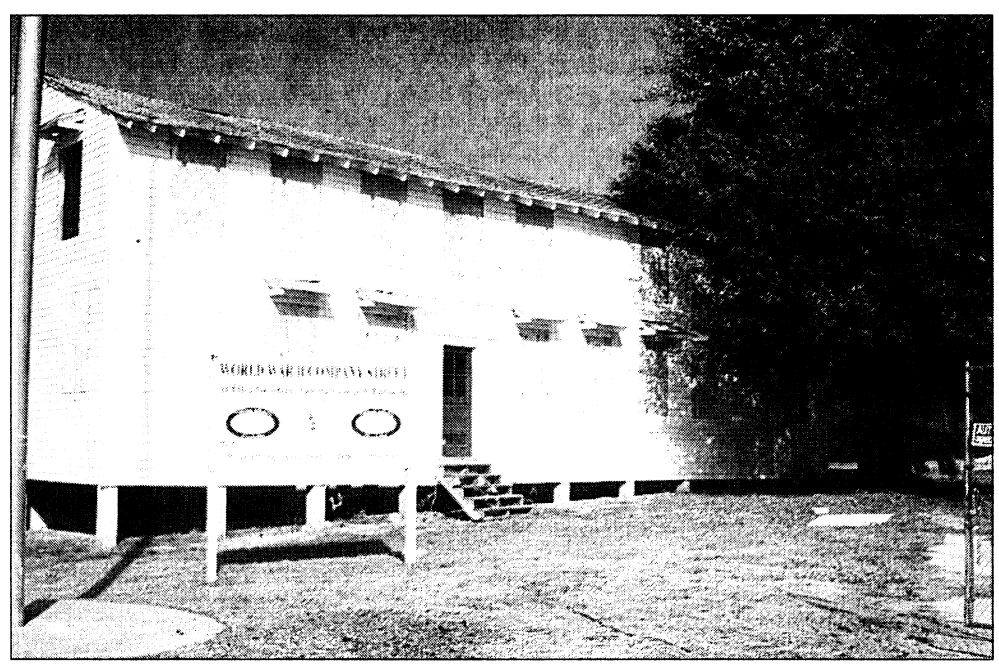
Seabees have served in World War II, Korean Conflict, Vietnam War, Gulf War and currently in Afghanistan. During the Gulf War, 5,000 Seabees built 10 camps for more than 42,000 personnel, 14 galleys capable of feeding 75,000 people and 6 million square feet of aircraft parking apron.

Petty Officer 1st Class Gary Linder, also the building maintenance supervisor for Kelley Hill, said it's been worth his time restoring the buildings.

"I love doing this," Linder said. "I have been at Fort Benning since 1955, and since then I have seen too much history destroyed. When I saw a chance to preserve history, I knew I wanted to do this project."

Cmdr. Paul McElroy, commander of the Naval Reserve Center in Columbus, said restoring the buildings has been beneficial for both service branches.

"It's a win-win situation," said McElroy. "It helps my guys receive training and saves the Army money. With most projects, the costly overhead is manpower. Seabees wipe out that expense."



Tonya Johnson

This is the headquarters building where Gen. George Patton commanded the 2nd Armored Division. While at Fort Benning, Patton was known as "The Green Hornet" and "Old Blood and Guts." This building was originally located on Sand Hill.

Policy: To be updated

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pagers were only common practice for people in the medical field, but now the Army has downsized, and people are doing more than one job at the same time, said Lt. Col. Margaret Flott, chief of the Human Factors and Policy Division for DCSPER. Soldiers have to be able to go out and do their jobs without being tied to their desk, she said.

> "Our goal is to create a conservative, professional image and some of the more trendy styles will not accomplish that goal."
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> **Master Sgt. Kittie Messman**
> Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Messman is the principal advisor for changes to the uniform policy, but she said the changes that are being staffed came from recommendations.

"We depend a lot on leadership in the field," Messman said. "They know the young soldiers of today. I get their input on when it's time to allow something that wasn't allowed before, or when something starts becoming a distraction and needs to be addressed."

The policy change authorizing braids and cornrows is an example of items that were once seen as inappropriate in the workplace, but now considered conservative and business-like, Messman said. And the policy clarification that prohibits two-toned manicured nails is an example of a growing trend that has no place in the work area, she added.

People usually have the hardest time accepting the grooming policies, Messman said

"We don't want to rob people of their individuality," Messman said. "But the Army has never professed to be a leader in fashion. Our goal is to create a conservative, professional image and some of the more trendy styles will not accomplish that goal."

Highlights of the changes are:

• Dreadlocks are prohibited for all soldiers. Prohibited hair dye colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire-engine red, and neon colors. Applied colors must look natural on the individual soldier. Women are authorized to wear braids and cornrows; baldness is authorized for males, either natural or shaved.

• Males are not authorized to wear nail polish and they must keep nails trimmed to the tip of the finger. Females must keep nails trimmed no longer than 1/4 inch, as measured from the fingertip. Two-tone or multi-tone manicures and nail designs are prohibited. Prohibited nail polish colors include bright fire-engine red, khaki or camouflage, purple, gold, blue, black, white, and neon colors.

• Tinted or colored contacts, and contacts that change the shape of the iris are prohibited, as they are not medically required. The only contacts authorized are opaque lenses (when prescribed for eye injuries) and clear corrective vision lenses.

• Cell Phones and Pagers: One electronic device is authorized for wear on the uniform, in the performance of official duties. The device may be either a cell phone or pager — not both. The device must be black in color and may not exceed 4-by-2-by-1 inches. Devices that do not comply with these criteria may not be worn on the uniform and must be carried in the hand, in a bag, or in some other carrying container.

• Bloused Boots: Soldiers will not blouse boots any lower than the third eyelet from the top of the boot.

• Males are exempt from wearing headgear to evening social events (after retreat). Black beret: The Army flash is the only flash authorized, unless authorization for distinctive flashes was granted (i.e., OPFOR) before June 14, 2001.

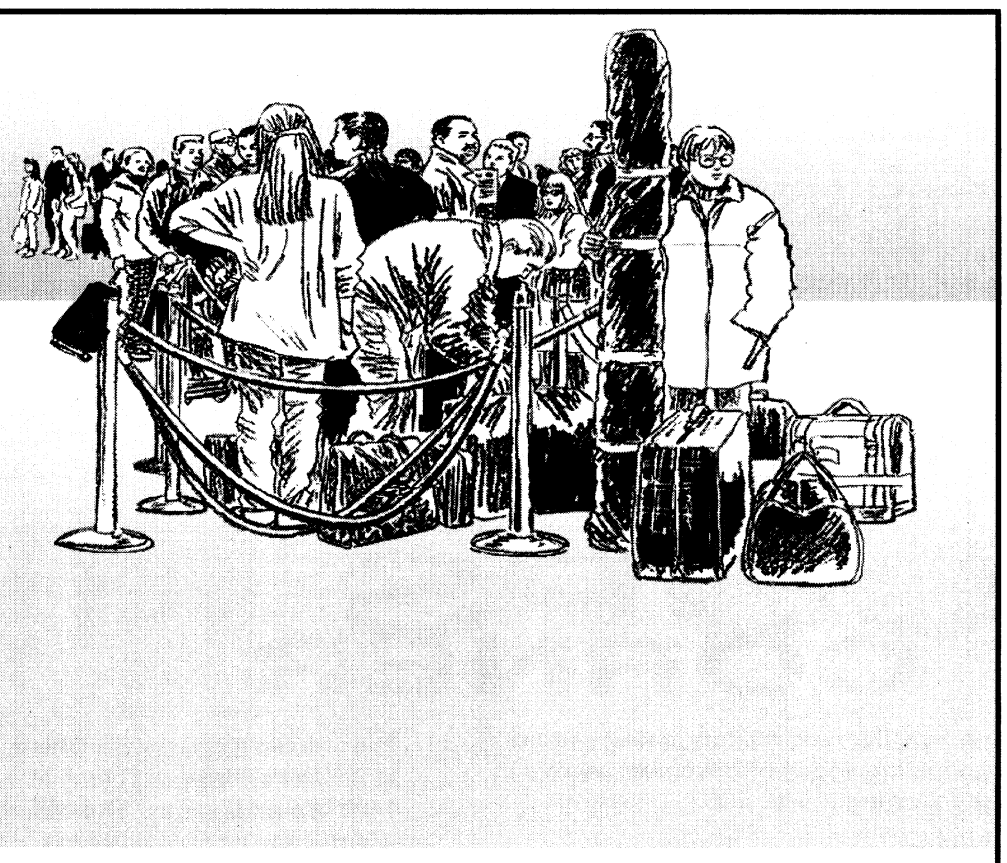
• Commanders may authorize the use of a camouflage hydration system (commonly called "camelbacks") for field duty or on work details. Soldiers will not use these devices in a garrison environment, unless directed by the commander.

• Sew-on insignia is now authorized for the desert BDUs; colors are khaki and spice brown combinations. Soldiers may wear the same insignia and awards as are worn on the woodland camouflage battle dress uniform.

• Soldiers who are pregnant should wear the PT uniform until the uniform becomes too small or too uncomfortable. At that time, pregnant soldiers may wear civilian equivalent workout attire. Leaders will not require soldiers to purchase larger PT uniforms to accommodate the pregnancy.

A wear out date for the black mess uniform is Sept. 30, 2003.

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Bill to increase veteran's benefits passed by House

Bill awaiting Senate approval

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The U.S. House of Representatives passed two bills Dec. 11 to improve veterans' benefits. It is awaiting Senate approval.

H.R. 2540, The Veterans' Compensation Rate Amendments of 2001, provides a 2.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment and will also increase funding of pension and compensation programs. The other bill, H.R. 1291, the Veterans' Education and Benefits Expansion Act of 2001, provides an increase in health care, housing and education benefits.

"I believe these bills will help many veterans," said David L. Randall, a retiree who served his country for 23 years in the Army.

"For me health care is always a concern and this bill will resolve some of those concerns," he said.

The steps being made will provide some resolution of the concerns veterans have about income, he said.

The funding will provide veterans with enough funds to cover the inflation rate and, in some cases, may exceed it, said Selby McCash, communications director for Rep. Sanford Bishop, D-Ga.

"Veterans certainly have earned these benefits," McCash said. "They fulfilled their oath, duty and responsibility to protect and serve the United States."

For serving their country, veterans deserve to receive these benefits that haven't been available to them in the past, Randall said

"America's freedom and security are the direct result of countless sacrifices, made by millions of men and women who served our nation in times of war and peace," said Rep. Chris Smith, R-N.J., Chairman of the House committee on Veterans' Affairs.

"We made a promise to care for them when they finished their service," he said. "Congress has taken a giant step forward in fulfilling our obligations to these brave men and women who have served."

Randall said the bills are encouraging.

"We were promised certain benefits when we enlisted and it's good to see they're taking the steps to achieve them," Randall said.

Although they meet throughout the year, the committee meets once a year specifically to re-establish a budget for the fiscal year.

"The committee feels they have done a good job increasing veterans' benefits," McCash said. "It's the fair and right thing to do."

Here is a breakdown of the legislation passed by the House:

• Basic educational assistance increases for full-time study, from the current $650 a month to $800, Jan. 1, 2002; $900 Oct. 1, 2002; and $985 Oct. 1, 2003.

• Increases the veterans home loan guarantee from $50,700 to $60,000.

• Increases the grant for specially adapted housing for severely disabled veterans from $43,000 to $48,000 and from $8,250 to $9,250 for less severely disabled veterans.

• Extends to Sept. 30, 2009 the authority for housing loan guarantees for members of the Selected Reserve.

• Increases the automobile and adaptive equipment grant for severely disabled veterans from $8,000 to $9,000.

• Increases the burial and funeral expense benefit for service-connected veterans from $1,500 to $2,000 and the burial plot allowance from $150 to $ $300.

Americans find clarity in chaos

Why 9/11 made soldiers want to join

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
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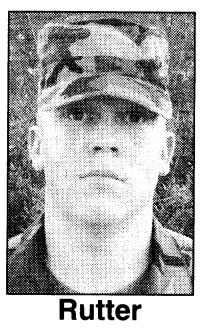
Four months ago, recruiters received an increase in the amount of Americans interested in joining the U.S. military.

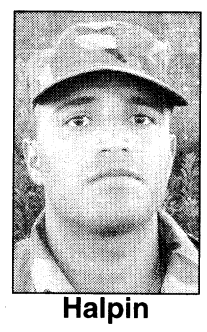
As the world witnessed the most costly attack in U.S. history, Americans began to sign their names on the dotted line.

"Americans want to serve their country because of what happened," said Staff Sgt. Derrick Braswell, Army recruiter in the south Columbus station. "There was an immediate response from Americans to see what they could contribute."

Sept.11 gave people feelings of doubt, anger and, in some cases, clarity.

"When I was in college, I was in ROTC, but September 11 made me decide where I want to build my future," said Pvt. John Rutter, a basic trainee with 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment. "I called my recruiter that day and shipped out for basic training the next week."


Rutter


Halpin

The U.S. is the enforcer of world freedom, and its freedoms were attacked because of its beliefs, he said.

"I joined to protect the freedoms we stand for, my family and my friends," Rutter said.

The Queens, N.Y. native was not the only person to make the same decision. In fact, one quarter of his company joined as a direct result of Sept.11.

Pvt. Kevin Halpin joined after seeing the devastation in Manhattan, N.Y., September 11.

"I was driving home from work and witnessed the clouds of smoke rising from where the twin towers once stood," Halpin said. "I knew at that moment there was no point for me to be a civilian anymore."

Both soldiers feel they're doing their patriotic duty and believe joining the military was an excellent life decision, they said.

"The adventure began September 11 with my decision to join the Army," Rutter said. "It has become a great experience for me. I'm excited about being here, and I love what I'm doing."

Halpin feels it is his turn to do his part of what he believes is a family tradition.

"My father, grandfather and uncle have all served in the military," Halpin said. "My uncle was a big influence in my life.

"I knew that on September 11, with me being 26 and an able body, it was the least I could do to contribute."

Ceremony celebrates leader's legacy

Post to observe MLK birthday Thursday

Pvt. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The post will observe Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with a commemoration ceremony Thursday in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium.

The Rev. Johnny H. Flakes will be the guest speaker.

"He is a well known pastor in the Columbus area," said Sgt. 1st Class Bobby E. Best, NCO Academy Equal Opportunity Office.

"Flakes has a weekly talk show on the radio and he was recommended as a speaker for the event."

The event will be held in King's memory, honoring him as a figure for human rights.

"We need to recognize him for his actions and keep the dream alive," Flakes said.

The theme of the ceremony and Flakes's speech is Remember! Celebrate! Act! A day on ... not a day off!

The commemoration will review the life and work of King and remind us that Jan. 21 has more meaning than just a day off from work, Flakes said.

Horace Wilson, with the Southeast Civilian Personnel Center, will read his original poem *Keep the Dream Alive.*

The World Change Tabernacle choir is scheduled to sing during the ceremony.

"What King stood for was good for the nation and the world," Flakes said. "Believing in brotherhood of all mankind to live together regardless of color, creed or religion, and these beliefs are what he sacrificed his life over."

King was assassinated April 4, 1968, during the civil rights movement.

Before his death, King was awarded a Nobel peace prize, for his use of nonviolent protests for civil rights.

The commemoration is a annual event.

"It is a very unique and good thing to do," Flakes said. "To practice racial harmony and to bring people together."

around post

Brown bag luncheon

The next Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate lunchtime presentation is scheduled for at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 10, Infantry Hall.

The speaker will be Dr. James W. Williams, the Aviation Branch historian at Fort Rucker. His topic will be Lam Son 719, the 1971 operation in Laos during the Vietnam War.

NCO and Soldier of the Quarter awards

There will be an NCO and Soldier of the Quarter awards luncheon 11:30 a.m. Jan. 24 at the Main NCO Club.

Those wishing to attend should call their unit first sergeant or sergeant major no later than Jan. 23 for ticket information.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class David W. Grant, at 545-1500 or 545-6041.

Green to gold brief

Enlisted soldiers with at least 60 college credits may be eligible for Fort Benning Commanding General's Hip Pocket scholarship. Those interested need to attend a Green to Gold brief 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Jan. 30 in Infantry Hall, Classroom 32B.

For more information, call 568-2449.

Burning times

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place through Sunday. If weather permits, the following areas will be affected: AA, A-8, A-15, BB-3, G-5, M-6, O-6, P-2, U-1, Main Post Cantonment and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

Burning will occur in pine stands within these compartments to enhance endangered species habitat, prepare sites for seedling plantings and improve training areas.

Personnel proposing to use these areas for recreational purposes must vacate these areas prior to 9:30 a.m. daily.

Training units using compartments adjacent to those listed above may experience drift or residual smoke and are reminded to exercise caution while traveling in these areas due to the potential for reduced visibility.

Units using ranges and training areas are reminded to remove flammable debris, such as pinestraw, leaves and trash from around structures in accordance with regulation.

For more information, call Jack Greenlee, Land Management Branch, at 544-6120.

WHINSEC anniversary

Fort Benning and surrounding community are invited to attend the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's first anniversary celebration, from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday at Ridgway Hall.

The Simon Bolivar Award for Democracy and Human Rights and the inauguration of the institute's "Hall of Liberators" will be presented.

The first recipient of the award is Dr. Jorge Santistevan de Noriega, of the Republic of Peru. He received the award for his contributions as Peru's ombudsman against dictatorship, corruption and human-rights abuses

For more information, contact the WHINSEC Public Affairs Office at 545-1923 or 545-2576.

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The Fort Benning military police will be conducting speed enforcement patrols in the following areas:

Monday — Battle Park
Wednesday — Main PX Area

The Vehicle Registration Office at Soldier's Plaza will close at 1400 hrs on Monday. The office will resume normal business hours the following day.

Parents' Morning Out Program

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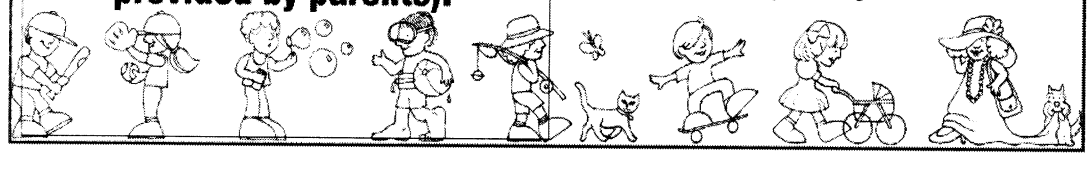
A fun-filled structured morning focusing on social interaction. Activities include age appropriate pre-school curriculum, field trips, cooking, daily arts and crafts, chapel, invited guests such as policemen, firemen, story tellers, Smokey the Bear, and much more! Children have a morning snack time, and eat lunch at school (lunch provided by parents).

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1st Lt. Sam Lombardo (far right) and soldiers from the 394th Infantry Regiment's 3rd Battalion display their handmade American flag. The men first raised the partially completed flag after crossing the Rhine at Remagen, Germany. They later completed the second half of the flag in a bombed out factory.

People's Parable: Veterans recount how they made American flag, flew it in Germany during World War II

Men's patriotism encourages them to display flag

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Editor's note: *This article is the second in a seven-part series that will honor and explain the origin of some of our national symbols.*

"I am an American Flag.

From where I fly, I can look down on the boys who made me. Fingers, that a few weeks ago were squeezing triggers and pulling pins from hand grenades, put me together. For a while I was just separate pieces of colored cloth scattered on the floor of a bombed out factory.

Now I am beautiful.

My stars are not exactly uniform and my stripes may be a little out of line, but to my boys, I am Old Glory ...

Yes, I am America."

— written by Norman A. Moore May 11, 1945, and dedicated to the members of I Company, 3rd Battalion, 394th Infantry Regiment, Ochsenfurt, Germany, makers of the first American Flag in the 99th Division in Germany.

"If they won't give us a flag, we'll make one!" vowed 1st Lt. Samuel Lombardo and his men of 2nd Platoon, I Co. And they did just that.

The soldiers had fought their way to the Rhine river without seeing a single American flag, and they read the letters in *Stars and Stripes* lamenting the lack of American flags and of American patriotism. According to the display of the flag at the National Infantry Museum, the men were "burned up" about it.

So they gathered scraps of red, white, and blue cloth as they swept the Rhine, and sewed them on a white German surrender flag.

When the men crossed the Rhine at Remagen, their flag, one side of it completed, became the first on the east bank of the river. The flag was completed when the platoon reached the Danube in April.

It makes sense that not many, if any, U.S. flags were on display at that time, said Frank Hanner, director of the Infantry Musuem.

"During times of war, diplomatic relations are broken and American embassies closed," Hanner said. "If you were out waving the red, white, and blue in a country with anti-American sentiment, you were asking to be killed."

That didn't stop the soldiers of K Co., 260th Infantry Regiment, 65th Division, according to records at the Infantry Museum. When Gen. George S. Patton's 3rd Army swept into Linz, Austria, May 1945, he saw an American flag flying from the headquarters building.

As the story goes, Patton saluted the flag and then asked where the soldiers obtained it.

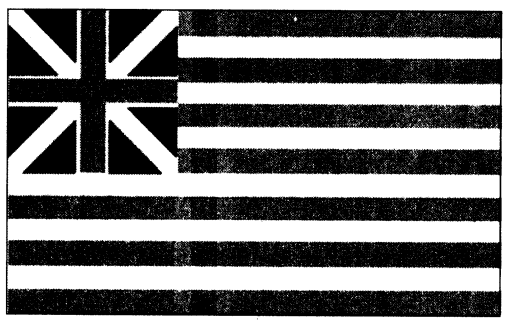
Sgt. Rollie Noble explained the men of K Co. wanted to display the U.S. flag but could not find one. They had tried to dye a bedsheet but met with little success.

The men soon located an Austrian tailor who was not thrilled with the job. When they unhooked their gun holsters, he was quickly convinced to make the flag. The tailor took pieces from the Austrian flag for the white, dyed pieces for the blue and used scraps of a Nazi banner for the red. The flag was completed in eight hours, and was hung in the predawn hours May 9, 1945.

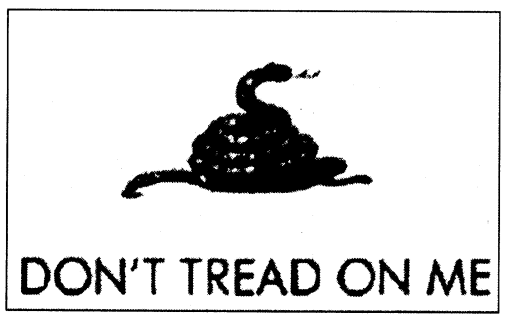
Noble saved the flag at his home in Newark Valley, N.Y., after returning from the war. About 40 years later, after watching the movie *Patton,* he recalled the events to a friend, and went to a closet and brought out the flag.

The flag is now on display at the Infantry Museum.

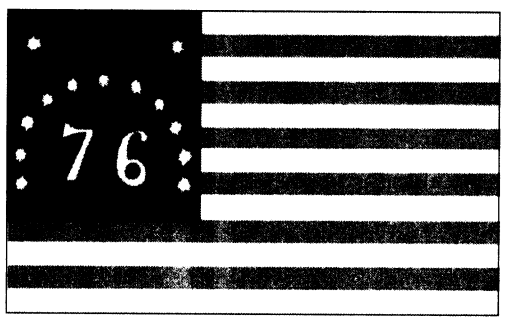
"As much as I love history, we will never be sure of what the exact truth is," Hanner said. "History is changed as time passes and new accounts are introduced. But they sure make for nice stories."



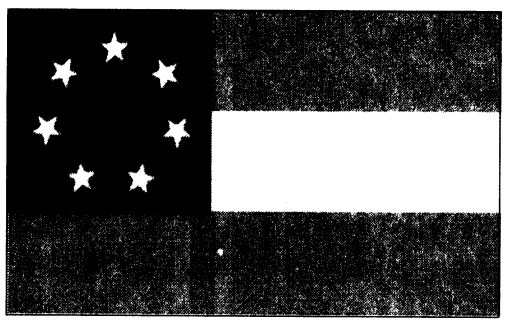
The Grand Union flag, known as the Continental flag, was the first true U.S. flag.



First flown aboard a colonial troop ship Jan. 4, 1776, this flag became a traditional symbol of the American Colonies.



The Bennington flag was the first flag to lead American forces into land battle.



The first official flag of the confederacy, the Stars and Bars was used from March 1861 to May 1863.

Flags stand for freedom

"Old Glory" embodies United States

Laura Martinson
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The flag, through all of its evolution, has been a long-standing symbol of pride. During the Civil War, infantry color guards were formed of men of exceptional physique and demonstrated courage to protect flags from capture, according to a Civil War display at the National Infantry Museum. Many received Medals of Honor for protecting the colors after being severely wounded, and many died in defense of the colors.

Soldiers of any Civil War unit considered their regimental flag the reflection of their unit and worth fighting and dying for. It was considered a disgrace to the entire regiment if the colors were captured in battle. More Medals of Honor were awarded for capturing enemy flags than for any other heroic act, according to records at the museum. The museum displays captured flags from countries such as Korea, Japan, Panama and the Phillipines.

The museum houses several flags that represent momentous historical events. On display is a hand painted, 34-star flag recovered from the battlefield at Gettysburg, Pa. The flag was found July 4, 1863, one day after the largest battle ever to take place in the western hemisphere had ended. The battle cost 51,112 American casualties.

The D-Day flag with 48 stars was carried by the men of the 2nd Ranger Battalion June 6, 1944, as they scaled the cliffs at Pointe du Hoe, France.

A U.S. flag hand sewn by prisoners of war is also on display. The flag was raised April 6, 1945, over a German prison camp that had just been liberated by soldiers of the 90th Infantry Division.

The flag, more than just pieces of cloth, has long been the embodiment of a nation. The United States has several national symbols, but the flag, even through its many changes, was always meant to invoke a sense of pride, majesty and unity, characteristics that are truly American.

A CLOSER LOOK

The famous name was coined by Capt. Stephen Driver, a shipmaster of Salem, Mass., in 1831. As he was leaving on a voyage aboard the Charles Doggett, some friends presented him with a flag of 24 stars. As the banner opened to the ocean breeze for the first time, he exclaimed, "Old Glory!"

When he retired to Nashville in 1837, he took the treasured flag from his sea days with him. By the time the Civil War erupted, most everyone in and around Nashville recognized Driver's flag as Old Glory. When Tennessee seceded from the Union, rebels were determined to destroy his flag, but repeated searches revealed no trace of the hated banner.

On Feb. 25th, 1862, Union forces captured Nashville and raised the American flag over the capital. It was a rather small pennant and immediately folks began asking Driver if Old Glory still existed. Accompanied by soldiers, Driver went home and began ripping at the seams of his bedcover. As the stitches holding the quilt-top to the batting unraveled, the onlookers peered inside and saw the 24-starred original Old Glory!

As the story goes, Driver gently gathered up the flag and returned with the soldiers to the capitol. Though he was 60 years old, he climbed up to the tower to replace the smaller banner with his beloved flag. The 6th Ohio Regiment cheered and saluted, and later adopted the nickname "Old Glory" as their own, retelling the story of Driver's devotion to the flag we honor yet today.

Good nutrition vital to fetal development

DFAC serves healthy meals for moms-to-be

Spc. Jennifer Vchulek
Bayonet staff

Editor's note: *This is the first in a four-part series geared toward pregnant soldiers that takes a closer look at issues effecting them.*

Eating healthy doesn't always mean a person has to starve herself, especially during any stage of pregnancy.

There are many ways to eat healthy, even in an environment where fast food restaurants and microwave meals are the staple of modern America's diet.

"There is no such thing as good food and bad food," said 1st Lt. Leah Usher, chief of clinical nutrition, Martin Army Community Hospital. "It's all in balance and moderation."

Often, pregnant soldiers who live in the barracks eat out at fast food restaurants more than they do in their unit's dining facility. But the best place for those soldiers to eat is in the DFAC, Usher said.

"Soldiers are going to hate me for it, but I have to support the Army on this one," said Arlene Bailey, chief of the Columbus Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program. "(Pregnant soldiers living in the barracks) need to eat in the dining facility."

Bailey, who has worked closely with the Nutrition Clinic since her retirement from the military, said she strongly encourages pregnant soldiers to eat nutritious meals because their baby will be healthier.

"Pregnant women can eat fast foods," Bailey said. "But there are better choices."

Bailey recommends ordering smaller portions from fast food restaurants such as a child's meal, not skip the tomatoes, add a small side salad and opt for a milk shake or juice instead of a soda.

When eating at delis and popular sandwich stores, moms-to-be should be aware, Bailey said. Although these places may give the impression they are healthier, often the food they sell doesn't offer as many vitamins and nutrients as needed, such as protein.

Eating smaller, more frequent portions also helps an expectant mom stay closer to her recommended weight gain throughout the pregnancy, Bailey said.

Bailey and Usher both said they recommend pregnant patients eat small, frequent meals — up to six a day, and no less than three.

They also recommend eating energy boosting snacks such as crackers with peanut butter or yogurt throughout the day.

Doing simple things such as planning weekly meals, staying away from caffeine and increasing the amount of calcium taken daily can increase a person's health, the nutritionists said.

Caffeine not only binds iron, which is vital to fetal development, but it also makes it harder for the body to absorb other essential nutrients.

"The most important thing to get in is milk because of the calcium," Bailey said. "If the baby does not get enough calcium, then it will take the mother's."

Expectant mothers should get upwards of 1,500 milligrams of calcium a day, which is equivalent to three or four glasses of milk, she said. Without the proper amount of calcium, an expectant mother can get tooth decay or worse, the baby's permanent teeth may never form.

For more information about having a healthy diet, call the MACH Nutrition Clinic at 544-4912, or for more information about the Columbus Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program, call 653-4199.

A CLOSER LOOK

The U.S. Department of Agriculture and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services developed a food guide pyramid which suggests everyone's everyday essential nutrients:

- Bread, cereal, rice and pasta — six to 11 servings — nine slices of bread, 9 oz. of dry cereal or 36 small crackers;
- Fruits — two to four servings — 3 cups of juice or 3 pieces of fruit;
- Vegetables — three to five servings — 5 cups leafy raw vegetables or 4 cups of chopped raw or cooked vegetables;
- Milk, yogurt and cheese — two to three servings — 2 cups of milk or yogurt, 3 oz. of natural cheese or 4 oz. of processed cheese;
- Meat, poultry, fish, dry beans, eggs and nuts — two to three servings — 4 to 6 oz. of cooked lean meat, poultry or fish or 1 cup of cooked beans; and
- Fats, oils and sweets — should be used very sparingly.

Pilot program cuts expenses

NCO courses offer Phase I closer to home

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — More schools in The Army School System will begin teaching the stand-alone common core for basic and advanced NCO courses in a pilot program beginning this month.

"Expanding throughout TASS gives even more soldiers the opportunity to complete the common core phase of BNCOC and ANCOC at or near their home installations," said Sgt. Maj. Steve Merrill, chief of the NCO branch for the Deputy Chief of Staff for Training at the Training and Doctrine Command.

The U.S. Army Reserve NCO Academy, Fort Lewis, Wash., and the South Carolina Army National Guard, Eastover, began teaching the stand-alone common core in classes Jan. 4. The 3747th USAR Multifunctional Training Brigade (Europe), Graffenwoehr, Germany, starts classes in late January.

In May, the NCO Academy in Alaska and the 25th Infantry Division NCO Academy, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, enter the pilot program and begin teaching the common core.

Branch-specific NCO academies began teaching common core basic leadership tasks as Phase I for both BNCOC and ANCOC courses last October.

Soldiers must pass this Phase I before taking the MOS-specific Phase II in residence.

"NCOs selected by Personnel Command to attend BNCOC and ANCOC may take the stand-alone common core at any location that teaches it, regardless of military occupational specialty, so long as it's within 50 miles of where they're stationed," Merrill said.

Soldiers will not be reimbursed for mileage if they elect to take the common core at or near their home installation.

"If I'm an infantry soldier stationed at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., I have the alternative to take the BNCOC or ANCOC stand-alone common core at Fort Huachuca. Then I can go to my Phase II at Fort Benning," said Jeffrey Coliman, senior military analyst in DCST's personnel proponent directory.

That means that it will be two less weeks a soldier must be away from his family, Colimon said. It will also be two less weeks for which the Army won't have to pay temporary duty costs to send the soldier to his branch school.

To attend a branch school of another MOS on the same installation, an NCO must have been selected to attend ANCOC or BNCOC by Army Personnel Command, Army National Guard or Army Reserve personnel. The school also must have room in a class.

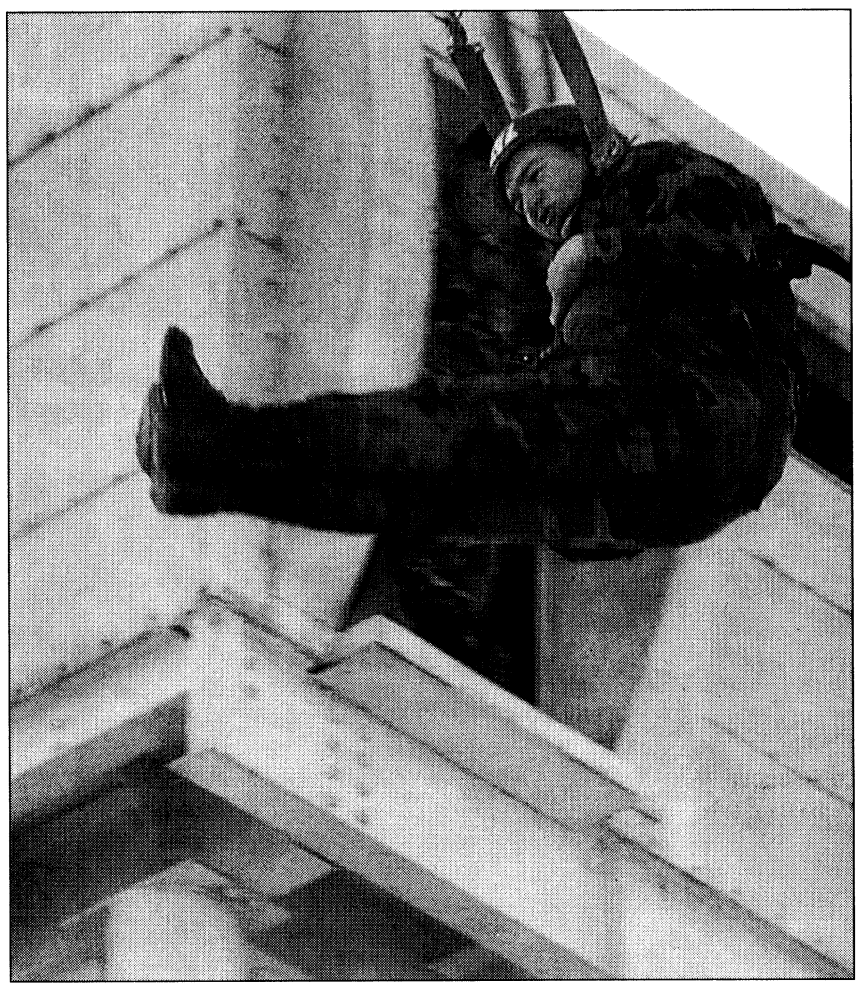
"The interesting aspect of the stand-alone common core training in Europe is that it will be done by distance learning," Colimon said. "It will be broadcast through video teletraining from Graffenwoehr to several locations in Germany and to other locations in Europe, such as Vicenza, Italy."

Merrill also said active soldiers can only take the stand-alone common core at Reserve Component Schools when the training is conducted as a two-week block of instruction. Active soldiers are not permitted to attend training that is done on scattered weekends, nights or during other RC training periods.

More TASS schools will be added each year so that by 2004 the stand-lone common core will be taught in schools convenient to nearly every soldier.

"The Army School System is one system, one standard so every soldier taking the stand-alone common core will receive identical training no matter which school he or she attends," Merrill said.

1-2-3-4 Airborne!!!



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Pvt. Matthew Williams, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, jumps out of the 34-foot tower during his second day of airborne training. The soldiers are learning what they must do within the first four seconds of exiting the plane.

Task Force 1-30 gains M-1 tank experience in Kosovo

Soldiers put training to good use

Spc. Molly Jones
Task Force 1-30

Task Force 1-30 hit the ground rolling when the main body of troops, having been in country less than 24 hours, moved out to Ramjane Range to screen and familiarize themselves with the M-1 tanks and Bradley Armored Personnel Carriers that were there from the previous rotation.

"Just like any other vehicle, there are quirks that need to be worked out prior to their use. That's why screening is crucial this early on," said Capt. Thomas McNew, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment commander, TF 1-30.

"It helps my soldiers gain confidence in the equipment, since what we have are not the tanks we normally use. Screening them to ensure they can hit the target is our goal early on, just in case they are needed during the mission."

McNew said the overall mission for the task force is to provide security, maintain presence patrols and KFOR presence.

The troops have spent months training prior to arrival and "are excited to finally be in sector and putting their training to use," Pvt. James Hendrix said.

The training at Fort Benning was very beneficial but quite different than what they have experienced here.

"There are more limitations on the ranges, with children and animals able to walk up at anytime," said Staff Sgt. Edward Westveer, TF 1-30 Battalion master gunner. "The range control guards have to keep them away, which they don't have to worry about at home.

"The roads through the towns to the range also pose a bit of difficulty to the soldiers, versus back at home station where we have plenty of room to roam around."

With such an obstacle, it's important to be aware of the environment.

"We just have to be a little more cautious of our surroundings," McNew said.

The soldiers are all in a new environment with much colder weather than in Georgia. Despite the limitations, Westveer said, "I'm happy, for one, and everyone I deal with is really excited to be here. We're just ready to make the mission happen."

"Focus on the mission, get it over, get back home to our families," Hendrix said.

TF 1-30 joint training with TMK begins with physical fitness

Soldiers helps teach the Kosovo Protection Force

Spc. Molly Jones
Task Force 1-30

One of the Army's core fundamentals is physical fitness. Everything the Army does revolves around being in good physical condition. A soldier cannot perform the mission at hand if he is not in shape.

Physical fitness, to many soldiers, is typically overlooked as a common task simply because it is done on such a routine basis. As part of their daily activities, the reasons behind doing PT can be forgotten, but it is the most logical place to start when training begins.

The soldiers of Task Force 1-30 were approached by the TMK, the Kosovo Protection Force, to help them train to become better soldiers, and who better to ask than some of the finest, most fit soldiers in the world. A few soldiers of TF 1-30 were selected to go out to the TMK site and begin instruction on becoming a quality soldier. Of course, the first block of instruction was physical fitness and its importance to every soldier.

"This morning we're going to be doing a little bit of physical fitness first to have fun, and second, and more importantly, to condition their bodies for the future when they go out and start fighting the fight," said Capt. Jorge Melendez, TF 1-30, the supervisor of the joint training. "They need to be in good condition to do that."

The training began with a block of instruction given by Staff Sgt. Edward Westveer, his demonstrator, Spc. Kristopher Barnette, and their translator, on sit-up and push-up circuit training.

Westveer explained while Barnette executed each version of the push-up and sit-up to Army standards. When the lesson was complete, the TMK split into groups and performed the eight different exercises at two minutes each.

The men of TMK seem enthusiastic and responsive to the training.

"They want to get exercise and learn how to increase their physical fitness level," Melendez said.

The soldiers of TF 1-30 were available while the TMK was doing the circuit training for questions and assistance in perfecting their form.

"The guys out here today are not in that great of shape, but that's why we're here to help them grasp the basics so they can continue the training on their own time," said Westveer, a TF 1-30 master gunner. "We're training them to be a stable army by the time the United States pulls out of Kosovo. So, just like our Army, they need to be in good shape to be able to handle the mission."

Right now the TMK "concentrates on humanitarian efforts such as firefights, rescue and search missions, construction, you name it, they do it for Kosovo, but one day they will have to step up when we turn our responsibilities over to them," Melendez said.

"That's why this joint training mission is so crucial, and they know they will benefit greatly from what we're teaching them," Melendez said, "because we won't always be here."

The training begins with common individual tasks, such as first aid training, and is built up all the way up to group tasks.

"An example of an individual task is to administer first aid to one person, and, as a group, to evacuate a building and administer medical aid," Melendez said.

The progress is in motion, but the results will not be seen overnight. It will take a long time to get the TMK up to par, but it can and will be done.

They have high spirits about learning what is needed to complete the mission, Melendez and Westveer said.

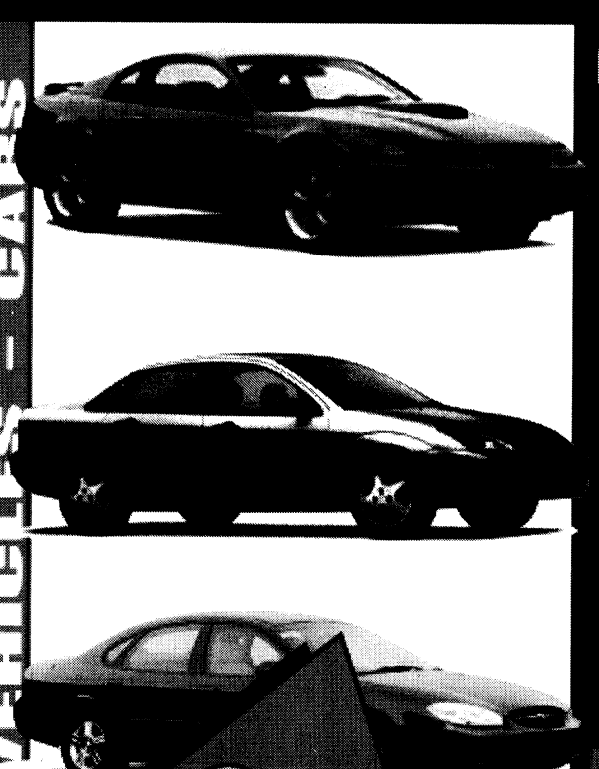
"They did very well today. A lot of them are observing Ramadan and have been fasting, so we couldn't go at the rate of speed we originally intended, but they are still learning," Westveer said.

They definitely have the potential of learning and understanding all our future plans, Westveer said.

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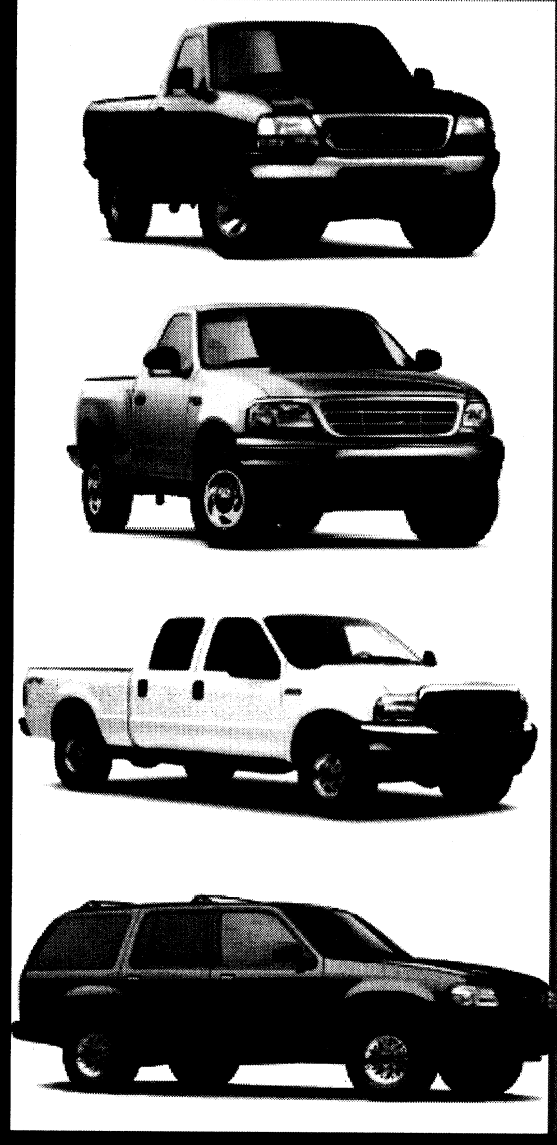
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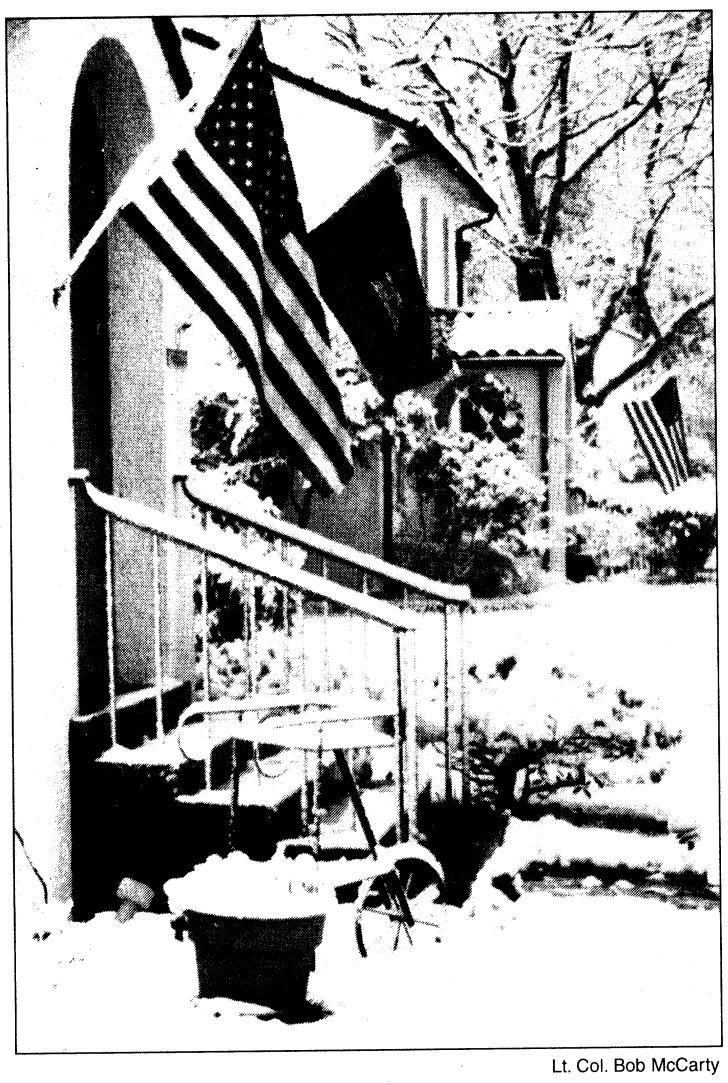
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Post freezes over

Winter snows came a little too late to Fort Benning for a white Christmas, but the snowfall wasn't exactly a present everyone welcomed. Snow began falling Jan. 2 at 6 a.m. and continued until Jan. 3 at 9 a.m. Lawson Army Airfield reported a two-inch accumulation. Fort Benning and the airfield shut down for two days to wait for the snow to melt.



Lt. Col. Bob McCarty

Partnerships create ties for schools, community

Flint Energies encourages learning

Bridgett Siter
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This is the final installment of a five-part series that takes a closer look at the Department of Defense Education Activity's Community Strategic Plan, and specifically how it is being implemented in Fort Benning schools. This installment looks at CSP's goal four, Network of Partnerships Promoting Achievement, which states " ... the organization will develop, promote and maintain a network of meaningful partnerships and alliances to enhance social, emotional and academic growth and to maximize resources."

The organization that provides Fort Benning's electrical power believes knowledge fuels the future.

"Knowledge is power. At Flint Energies, we believe the education you're getting today is the key to your success later in life," retired Col. Randy Buck, Flint Energies district manager, told students at Faith Middle School Dec. 20. "The most important thing you can do right now is just what you're doing — learning and gaining knowledge."

Buck, a former director of public works, presented the school two 27-inch televisions on behalf of Flint Energies, the corporation contracted to provide Fort Benning's power and the middle school's partner in education since 2000.

The TVs will be used in The Achievement Program, the middle school's initiative to assist seventh- and eighth-grade under-achievers through smaller teacher-student ratios.

The post schools' participation in the national Partners In Education program is one way the Fort Benning Schools system is meeting the Department of Defense Education Activity's requirements for goal four of the Community Strategic Plan — creating and fostering partnerships that enhance educational opportunities for the children of soldiers.

Two years after the program was implemented on Fort Benning, Melissa Hayes, the partnership coordinator, said "doors are beginning to open, and we're seeing the results of caring, active partnerships."

"One of the biggest things we're seeing is that our students are noticing there are adults, other than their parents and teachers, who genuinely care about them and their education," Hayes said. "It's sending a strong message that education is important, and if someone else cares about me, I need to care about myself."

The Muscogee County and Fort Benning PIE program,

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Gymnastics teach courage, coordination

New program offered to children

Bridgett Siter
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Basic training for a 3-year-old: run, tumble, flip and hop. Then clap, giggle and do it again. No sweat.

Fort Benning 3-year-olds are learning the basics of gymnastics at Youth Services classes.

Their classmates, all between the ages of 2 and 8, are mastering the art of forward and backward rolls, handstands, cartwheels, handsprings and balance bars.

"They're learning courage and coordination," said Shanna Pendleton, a former competitor and the gymnastics instructor for YS's new program. "And where else can they run and jump and not be told no? Where else can they fall down and not get hurt?"

More than 50 children are enrolled in 10 classes which meet twice weekly.

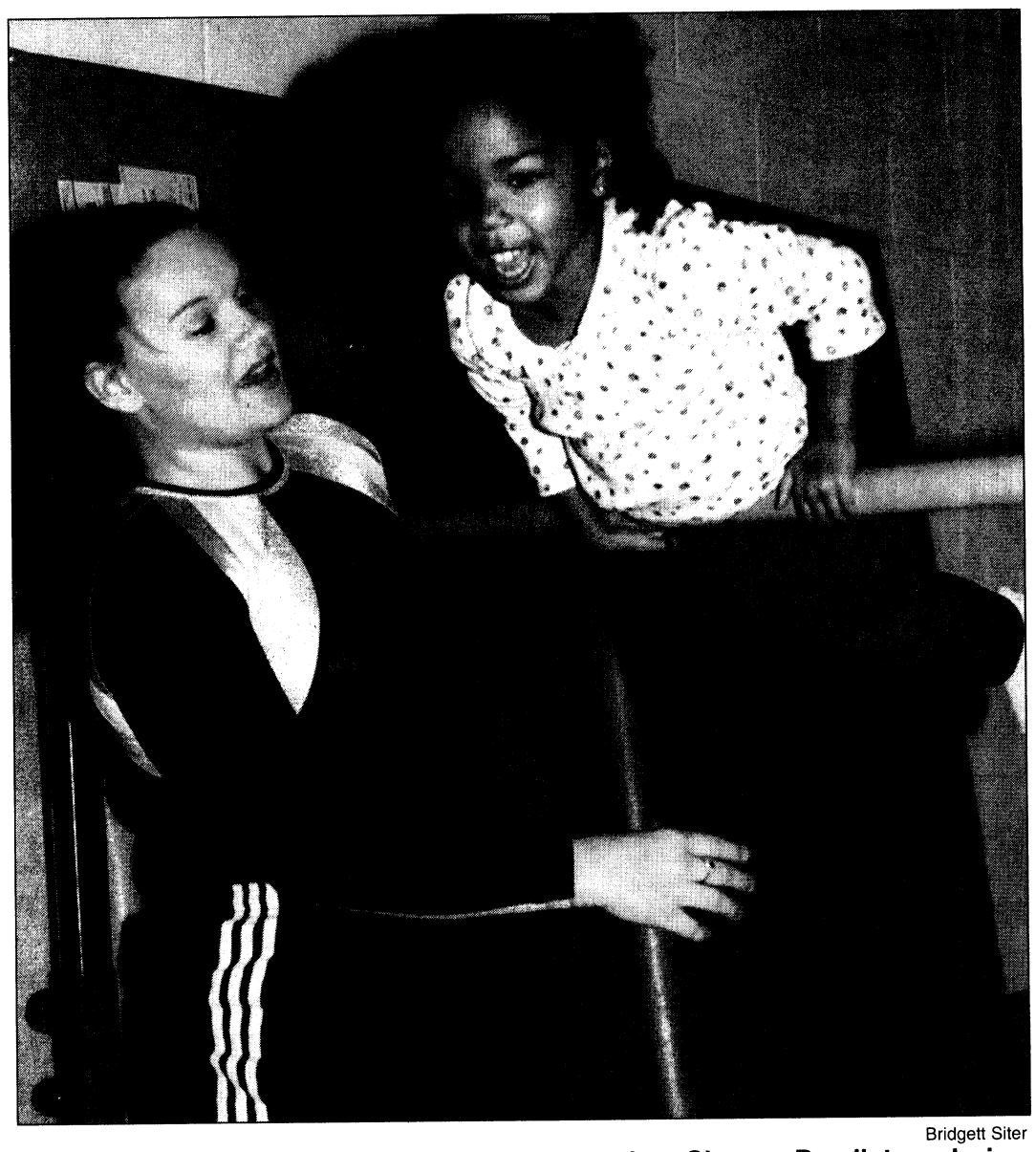
Toddlers are enrolled in *Mom&Me,* 45 minutes of tumbling and exercise, including the very basics of gymnastics, rolling and balancing.

"When they're tiny, everything is a learning tool," Pendleton said. "The gym is full of bright colors, and they're exploring new shapes and learning 'up,' 'down' and 'over.' Plus they're getting some one-on-one bonding time with their moms."

Students, ages 3 to 8, are divided into beginner, intermediate and advanced gymnastics classes. Beginners develop fundamental gym skills, like hopping, skipping and rolling. Intermediate gymnasts learn to do handstands, walk-overs and cartwheels, and advanced classes focus on round-offs, hand springs, the balance beam and uneven bars.

Camille Stephens said her daughter, Emily, 3, looks forward to her gymnastics lessons.

"I just wanted to get her away from the TV, but it's gone beyond what I expected," Stephens said. "She gets excited about going to class, and she's doing a lot more than I ever expected. I thought she'd be doing a lot of tumbling, but they're actually working on the bars, too. She loves it."



Bridgett Siter

Emily Moody, 3, gets a little help from her teacher, Shanna Pendleton, during gymnastics class at Fort Benning's Youth Services Wednesday.

Tax center opens

Free help for Benning soldiers

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The tax man cometh.

Fort Benning's tax center will open Jan. 15 at its new location — Building 880, the former NCO Academy on Ingersoll Avenue, across from the Wynnsong theater.

Tax center volunteers will process 1040EZ tax returns through the end of the month. All federal and state income tax returns, including 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040, will be processed beginning Feb. 1.

Tax center services are available free to all soldiers, retirees and their family members, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., every Monday through Friday until April 15.

All clients are served on a walk-in basis, and the wait can sometimes be quite lengthy, said Anne Pratcher, manager of Fort Benning's

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Students whip up winter wonderland, create polar paradise



Courtesy photos

White Elementary School's winter wonderland is on display in the school's fifth-grade pod. "Frozen Worlds" is a part of the JASON Project, a virtual learning environment.

Students learn talent though media

Laura Martinson
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The snow at Fort Benning may have fallen and melted within 24 hours, but some little helpers on post are extending the frosty season with their very own winter wonderland.

Students and teachers at White Elementary spent the last few months creating their own polar paradise.

The elementary elves decked the halls of the fifth-grade pod with handmade creations typical of a polar environment.

Paper-mache penguins line the interior of a glacier, while hand-cut snowflakes and ribbons hang from the ceiling to add a flurried effect. Ceiling-to-floor sketches of polar bears and a life size paper-mache wolf are among several arctic inhabitants in the polar pod.

But the project itself is not just about creative interior design. It's "Frozen Worlds!," the 13th installment of the JASON Project, a "dynamic virtual learning community which provides the student with an interdisciplinary multimedia research expedition," according to the JASON Project content team.

The multi-thematic approach helps the students learn many lessons by making them more interesting, said Evelyn Braman, White's gifted education teacher.

And the tactic seems to be



Fifth-graders from Sheila Brown's class shape and mold paper-mache penguins out of newspaper and masking tape.

working. Eden James, a fifth-grader at White, showed off her penguin creation while describing the details of a penguin's life.

"The undercoat of a penguin is white to trick predators," she said. "Penguins live almost completely in the water, and the white belly confuses predators below them in the water."

The ever-changing atmosphere of the pod creates a greater interest in the subject matter, White said.

"We are doing hands-on activities to make the

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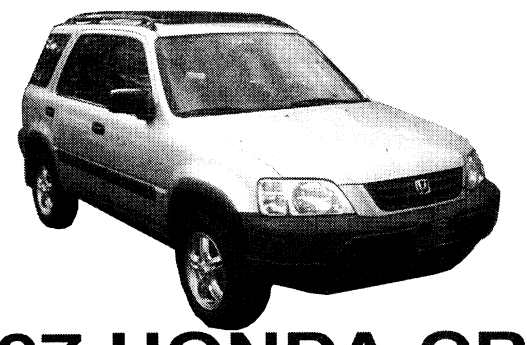
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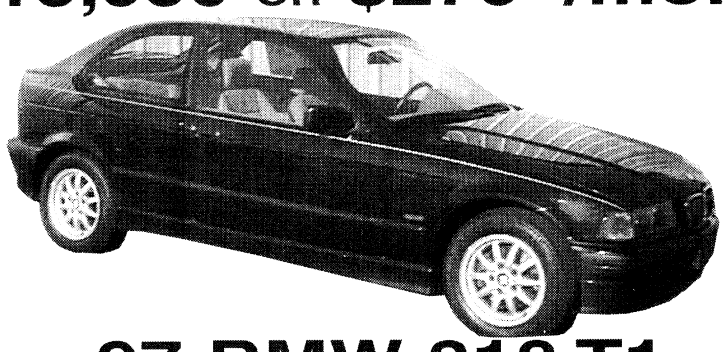
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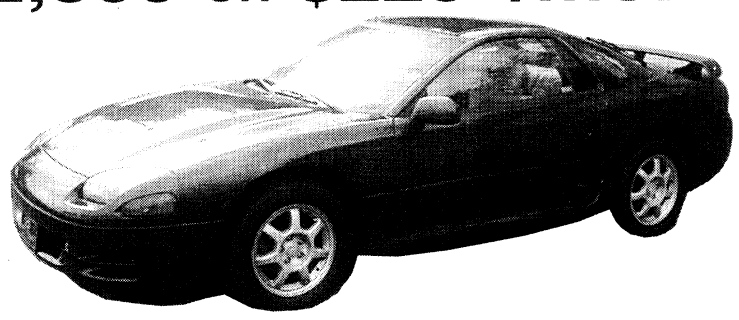
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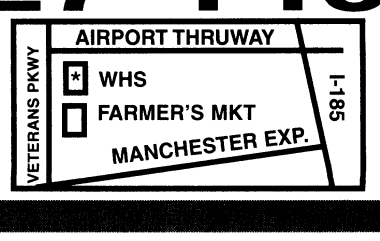
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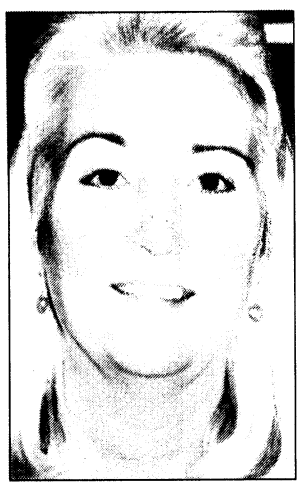
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The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Jan Gosnell



a kindergarten teacher at Stowers Elementary School.

Personal: The Tennessee native and her husband, Pete, a certified special education teacher, are both former military brats. They have one son, Matt, 17, who attends Columbus Technical College.

History and Education: Gosnell earned a bachelor's degree in English literature from Columbus State University and an associate's degree in accounting from Chattahoochee Valley Community College.

After a brief career in retail, she began volunteering at a local preschool. That's when Gosnell found her true calling.

"I started working with 2-year-olds, and I loved it," she said. "Then they put me with the 4-year-olds and I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. But the 5-year-olds cinched it. That's when I knew this is is where my heart belongs."

At the age of 36, Gosnell earned her teacher's certification from Columbus State University. She also earned a master's degree and an elementary education specialist's degree from Troy State University.

"I'm living proof that it's never too late, as long as you have the desire to learn something new," she said.

Career: Gosnell began teaching kindergarten at Fort Benning's Wilbur Elementary School 11 years ago and transferred to Stowers when it opened two years later.

"And I'll be here till they tell me I can't come back anymore," she said. "I'm in it for the long haul."

Gosnell said she enjoys working with children of all ages, but "kindergarteners are magical."

And challenging.

"I have 19 kids, all at different levels in their development, and it's a challenge to meet their needs individually and keep them moving forward as a group — to encourage the ones that are progressing quickly and help the ones who need extra attention," Gosnell said.

"But I don't think about what they can't do — I see the joy they feel when they learn."

Hobbies and interests: Gosnell is an avid reader. These days the English lit major enjoys the works of John Grisham and Mary Higgins Clark. She also enjoys crafts and sewing.

On teamwork in education: Gosnell said parental involvement is the key to success in school, and it should start in the earliest years.

She praised the school's VIP (Very Involved Parents) program as an example of successful collaboration between parents and educators.

"Parents are truly their child's first teacher. Their participation is vital to their children's success," she said.

"But parents and teachers have to work together. The team effort works best when they combine their talents."

Changes in education: "Every few years the pendulum swings in education," Gosnell said. "Something comes along that's supposed to be a new and better way to help them learn. And change is not always easy for me to accept.

"So I really struggled with the new reading curriculum — *Literacy Place* — when it was first introduced. I didn't understand how it could work because it was so foreign to how I'd been teaching all these years," Gosnell said.

"Fortunately, (the students) didn't have a problem with it, and when I saw the results I was sold. Now I love it. *Literacy Place* is a Godsend. It produces more readers and writers, and that's the bottom line. It works," she said.

What others are saying: "She has the kind of motherly instincts that attracts children to her, and it makes for a really good learning environment," said Cheryl Gibson, Stowers Parent Teacher Organization president and the mother of 5-year-old Ariel, a student in Gosnell's class. "She also has a really caring approach to parents' feelings."

***The Bayonet* would like to hear your recommendations for the *teacher feature*. E-mail us at fbbayonet@mindspring.com or call 545-4622 to tell us about your favorite Fort Benning teacher.**

Soldier Show slots available

Deadlines for auditions Jan. 15

Harriet E. Rice
U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The deadline for audition submissions to the U.S. Army Soldier Show is quickly approaching. The U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center's Entertainment Division has received very few audition packages.

The events of Sept. 11 tasked units heavily and soldiers may have not had time to complete their input. Therefore, while the official deadline was Dec. 31, Army Entertainment Division officials have extended a grace period until Jan. 15 to accommodate soldiers who need extra time to get their submissions together and mailed.

In 2001, this Army Morale, Welfare, and Recreation program entertained more than 110,000 people and brought military audiences a much-needed 90 minutes of escape to music and fantasy.

The 2002 season is the 19th year of the modern Soldier Show, a tradition of "entertainment for the soldier, by the soldier" established during World War I. The show is an opportunity for talented soldiers to represent their units, installations and the U.S. Army, in a show of unity, teamwork and a testament to American resilience.

For audition how-to information and a sample letter of release, visit the Army Entertainment Division Web page at www.armyentertainment.net.

Queries may be directed to Victor M. Hurtado, artistic director, U.S. Army Soldier Show, at victor.hurtado@cfsc.army.mil.

School: Plans fuels student learning

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under the auspices of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, is designed to improve the quality of education by tapping into community resources — organizations or military units that are willing to devote time to local school children.

Fort Benning has nine partnerships, eight with post units and its first corporate partnership with Flint Energies. Soldiers spend time reading, mentoring and tutoring students and taking active roles in school activities and field trips.

"The teaching of children should be a collaborative effort," Hayes said. "It really does take a village to raise a child. We're all in it together, pooling our resources to give our students the very best opportunities to learn."

The liaisons have taken on a new meaning since the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, Hayes said.

"It's important to understand that these are partnerships, not one-sided relationships," she said. "They're designed to be mutually beneficial, and this year we're seeing our students have a greater opportunity to give something back to the soldiers who have been so wonderful about helping them."

Though the partnerships have always focused on literacy, this year's program calls for an emphasis on Army values. Soldiers have been visiting classrooms to explain the meaning of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and courage — all key components of the school system's character education curriculum.

"Who better to teach our children about values then the people who live them every day," Hayes said. "And since September 11, our students have had the chance to reciprocate, to demonstrate caring, concern and selfless service by delivering snacks to checkpoints and writing letters that say 'Thank you for serving our country. We care about you.'

"It's a reciprocal relationship, and our students are benefiting from it by living the values their partners have been teaching them in the classroom," Hayes said.

Penguins: Visit polar display

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information more meaningful," said Judy Little, fifth-grade teacher at White.

"The students are very proud of their work. They walk in here everyday and see what's new and wonder what's coming next," Little said.

"When you are surrounded by this environment every day, you can't help but learn something," Braman said.

The teachers incorporate the elaborate hall of art into many areas of study, including geography, biology, history, and culture of the Northwest, Arctic and Antarctic regions.

On Tuesdays, the students go into "activity mode," where they rotate through five teachers for 25 minutes each.

Each classroom focuses on a different lesson, which are tailored to the theme and the subject material at hand.

Not all students excel in all areas, so a variety of activities are planned for the students, Little said.

"When you work with children, you want everyone to be successful, and they each have their own strengths," Little said.

"We try to do many different kinds of activities so there's an opportunity for everybody to be successful.

"If you are a wonderful artist, and you never got to draw in math class, that teacher probably missed out on a great deal of creativity and design. This way, everyone gets to shine in their appropriate light," Little said.

Supplies for the project came from a variety of sources, from recycled computer boxes to sheets donated from local hotels.

In the works are an igloo made of gallon milk jugs and a wall illuminated as aurora borealis.

The JASON Project was founded by Dr. Robert Ballard, the man responsible for discovering the Titanic.

Center: Opens

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financial readiness program.

"Especially during the early part of the tax season, when everyone's in a hurry to get it done," Pratcher said.

"Plan on arriving early in the day, and if at all possible, leave the kids at home.

"It is an office setting, so it can be really boring for the kids," Pratcher said.

Electronic filing is available.

For more information, call the center at 545-4267.

community notes

on post

Medical in-processing program — The Family Medical In-processing Program provides medical assessment through the use of the Health Enrollment Assesssment Review, blood pressure and cholesterolzz screening, counseling and timely access to medical care. The program is designed to maximize soldier readiness by minimizing medical concerns and providing family members with timely medical care.

Screening is Monday and Jan. 28 at Youth Services, Building 1056, McIver Street. Certified child-care providers on the premise will provide child-care services. The FMI program time is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. To register for the program, call at 545-1987 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OSC nominations sought — The Officers' Spouses' Club is seeking nominations for the 2002-2003 Executive Board. If you are interested in being considered for a position or know of someone who would be interested, call Michele Linton, Parlimentarian, at 687-2080 or e-mail to mlinton@sprintmail.com.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Annonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

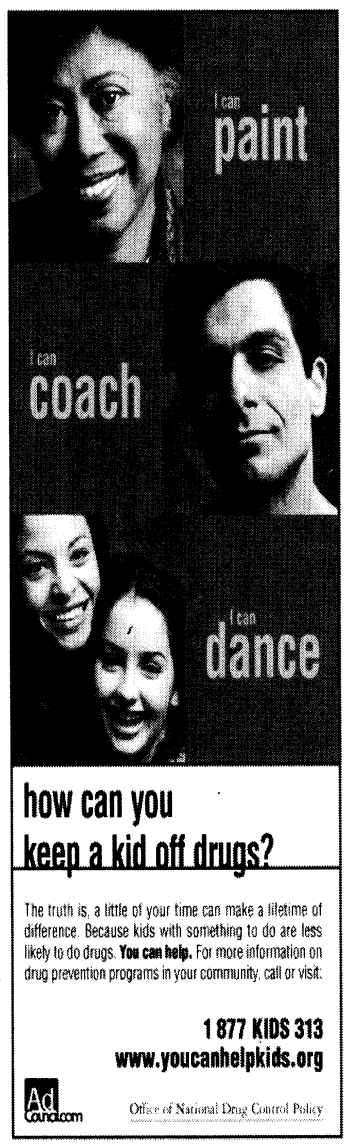
Care car — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

Preschool registration — Patch Preschool is now accepting registrations for 2001-2002. For more information, call 687-2404.

School lunch menu

Fort Benning schools will serve the following:

- **Monday:** Chicken filet sandwich, tater tots, green beans, fruit and milk;
- **Tuesday:** Hamburger, on potato rounds, carrots, fruit and milk OR soup of the day;
- **Wednesday:** Steak nuggets, dip, cheesy rice, sweet peas, roll, fruit and milk;
- **Thursday and Friday:** Student holidays







Lose holiday pounds safely

Balance diet key to losing weight boosting energy

Julie A. Hess
Martin Army Community Hospital

Still trying to lose those few extra pounds you put on during the holidays?

Along with the over-indulgence of holiday treats, many people take a break from exercising during the holiday season, resulting in weight gain. When January comes around, it is not uncommon for some to resort to drastic, extremely restrictive fad diets that can be potentially dangerous.

Losing weight doesn't have to compromise health if you follow these smart, healthy, weight-loss tips:

1 Never skip meals. Make sure you eat every three to four hours to keep energy levels up and to prevent from getting so hungry you stuff yourself when you do get around to eating.

2 Eat lots of fruits and vegetables, at least five a day. Fruits and veggies are generally low in fat and calories. They have a high water content, which will make you feel fuller.

They are also loaded with vitamins, minerals and disease fighting antioxidants and phytochemicals, which protect our cells from damage and boost the immune system.

3 Eat more beans, oats and whole grains. These foods are high in soluble fiber, which will mix with liquids in your stomach to form a gelatinous mass, reducing appetite by making you feel fuller and staying in your stomach longer.

4 Stay hydrated. Sometimes thirst is mistaken for hunger. Aim for eight to 10 noncaffeinated beverages a day.

5 Learn to listen to your body. Eat when you are hungry and stop when you are full. It takes your brain 20 minutes to register that you have eaten enough, so slow down, enjoy your food, and wait five or 10 minutes before going back for seconds.

6 Watch your portion sizes. Especially when it comes to meat. A serving is only 3 ounces, which is equal to a piece of meat approximately the size of a deck of cards. Eat leaner meats like fish and poultry or try healthy meat alternatives like dried beans, nuts, egg whites, tofu and peanut butter.

7 Stay away from diet pills. Especially ones that contain ephedra or ma huang. This popular herb is found in many sports supplements and weight loss pills and is not regulated by the FDA. It has many dangerous side effects, including nausea, vomiting, headaches, seizures, insomnia, irregular heart beat, coma and death. It can also cause dehydration and have a negative effect on your performance.

8 Avoid anything drastic. Set small goals, and stay away from fad diets that eliminate major food groups or require you to eat any single type of food. Your body needs a wide range of nutrients to function properly. If you eliminate major food groups, your diet may be deficient in important vitamins, minerals and nutrients, which can ultimately have a negative effect on your health.

Remember — the key to healthy weight loss is balance.

Eating a healthy, balanced diet will not only help you lose weight and boost your performance, it will also make you a healthier person and reduce your risk for disease.

For moreinformation or to make an appointment, call the Nutrition Clinic at 544-3858 between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Student aid handbook available

Federal aid helps pay for college

Federal Children's Scholarship Fund

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Federal Children's Scholarship Fund, a 501 c(3) nonprofit organization, has announced the release of its just-updated and expanded free edition of the 2002 Federal Children's Scholarship Handbook.

Written specifically for the children of federal employees and members of the military community, this handbook gives college-bound students, and those already in college, everything they need to know about the ins-and-outs of paying for their college education.

From the nuts and bolts of deciding which college to attend to the detailed explanations of qualifying for scholarships and grants, this comprehensive guide gives the tools needed to succeed in college.

This report shows how to find eligible programs and it also gives tips on paying for college with financial aid packages and other resources.

It shows how to apply for Federal Student Aid, the Federal Work-Study Program and it gives tips on filling-in applications. This handbook also has a section on frequently used terms as well as information that helps identify off-campus employers — and much, much more. With the cost of higher education growing every year, just one idea from the 2002 Federal Children's Scholarship Handbook could save time and money.

This special handbook is now available — free.

To get a copy of the publication the 2002 Federal Children's Scholarship Handbook sent, visit the Web site: www.FEDscholarships.org.

Cut college cost with creativity

Art scholarship information available online

The Art Institute of Atlanta

There's a wealth of information on the Internet about college scholarships for every conceivable field of study. Still, many artistically inclined students in Georgia don't realize the opportunities to earn scholarships in the visual arts and design. The Art Institute of Atlanta offers the following tips to students and parents looking to fund a college education in the arts:

• Meet with a guidance counselor. Make sure your high school guidance office knows about your interest in art scholarships, since he or she receives numerous notices about all kinds of scholarships.

• Hit the Web. Try sites such as www.Artschool.com, www.Finaid.com, www.Scholarships.com and www.Fastweb.com to find scholarship information, including links and searchable databases. You can also try searching the Internet for "art scholarships" or other keywords that narrow down your search. Beware of Web sites that charge a fee — most information is free; you just have to find it.

• Research local arts, festival and community organizations. The Yellow Pages, city hall and the local convention and visitor's bureau will have a list of arts organizations in your area, and many of these arts groups offer scholarships to encourage college education in the arts.

• Check out professional associations. Local chapters of the American Institute of Graphic Arts (www.aiga.org), the American Society of Interior Design (www.asid.org) and other professional associations in your region often have scholarships to support students entering the field.

• Apply for scholarships from The Art Institutes. The Art Institutes, a system of 23 schools around the country, offers a variety of scholarships for art students. One of the most popular is the National Portfolio Review Competition for high school seniors (visit www.artinstitutes.edu for details). The school also offers several National Art Society Scholarships to be used at The Art Institutes location of your choice, as well as a variety of other scholarships for students. The closest location in Georgia is The Art Institute of Atlanta (www.aia.artinstitutes.edu).

• Make a list, check it twice. With all of the scholarships available, it's important to prioritize. Keep a notebook filled with scholarship opportunities and make note of the deadlines and requirements. Remember, deadlines for many scholarships are a year in advance, so it's crucial to plan early.

births

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Jarman La Re'es Harold Jr. — born Dec. 1 to Pfc. Martina and Jarmon Harold Sr.

Jaime Ramon Vargas Jr. — born Dec. 3 to Pfc. Martha Gonzalez-Serrano and Sgt. Jaime Vargas.

John Michael Martes Olmeda — born Dec. 5 to Yeira and Staff Sgt. Carlos Martes.

Levi Norman-Dale Annan — born Dec. 14 to Beulah and Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Annan.

Christian Adrian Horn — born Dec. 14 to Pertrilla and Staff Sgt. Aaron Horn.

Deion Ray Stutheit — born Dec. 15 to Pfc. Trineisha and Spc. Kyle Stutheit.

Isaiah Devante Lamar Springs — born Dec. 17 to Victoria and Staff Sgt. Shawn Springs.

Sean Michael Nunn — born Dec. 19 to Lisa and Capt. Darin Nunn.

Girls

Tanja Jean Garner — born Nov. 30 to Sgt. Lakesha Garner.

Nadia Christine Schalow — born Dec. 1 to Jennifer and Pfc. Justin Schalow.

Chermes Shantiarra White — born Dec. 1 to Cherilyn and Staff Sgt. James White.

Madeleine Jayne Litwhiler — born Dec. 2 to Capt. Heather and Capt. Kevin Litwhiler.

Annabelle Nicole Walters — born Dec. 3 to Deborah and Pvt. David Walters.

Alescia Eilene Barnes — born Dec. 3 to Susan and Sgt. 1st Class John Barnes.

Christianna Lyn Miller — born Dec. 4 to Mikyong and Staff Sgt. Thomas Miller.

Maliyah Kiani Houston — born Dec. 4 to Yolanda and Spc. Damion Houston.

Gerniah Cyan Liburd — born Dec. 5 to Spc. Erica Barnes and Staff Sgt. Germaine Liburd.

Kayla Rashawn Chisolm — born Dec. 5 to Monique and Sgt. Darren Chisolm.

Lindsey Kathryn Edwards — born Dec. 5 to Jennifer and 2nd Lt. Jonathan Edwards

Kiley Nana Blank — born Dec. 15 to Tomoko and Sgt. David Blank.

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Helen Anne Wilson — born Dec. 17 to Jennifer and Capt. Peter Wilson.

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Jayla Kiandra Taylor — born Dec. 19 to Katuiscia and Staff Sgt. Joseph Taylor IV.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

K Club B-B-Q chicken dinner

Everyone is invited to Dexter Elementary School fundraiser 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday for barbeque chicken, potato salad and baked beans. Tickets are on sale now for $5.

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New year: Think with new perspective

Many people do not follow resolutions

Chaplain (Capt.) Michael L. White
2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

reflections

How are you doing with the New Year's resolutions you made for this year? Have you given up your resolve already?

I stopped making New Year's resolutions many years ago because I just couldn't seem to stick with them. Whatever bad habits I've accrued in the last year or during my lifetime, will likely stay with me the rest of my life. I've got to die of something, I suppose, so I may as well go happily.


White

Now there's a thought to consider for this new year — death.

Have you thought about dying lately? It's not a subject many people want to discuss too often, even people who believe in an afterlife. They're like the old fellow sitting in church one Sunday while the pastor got all excited about his sermon topic: "When We All Get to Heaven." He asked the good folks if they were all ready to go to heaven. Everyone raised a hand except one older gentleman in the middle of the congregation.

The pastor couldn't help noticing the man didn't have his hand raised. He thought perhaps the man didn't understand his question, so he asked it again, this time more directly. "Brother, don't you want to go to heaven with all of us?"

The man replied, "Why, sure, pastor, but I thought you was gittin' up a group to go right now."

Most of us are that way. We want to go to heaven, just not right now. Yet, from all the Bible has to say about heaven, it is far more desirable than this world.

I find as I get older that I look more and more toward that great PCS at the end of my tour on earth. In fact, I look forward to it some days more than others, particularly after a five-mile eagle run. That's when I really feel my age.

If the saying is true: "You're only as old as you feel," I must have one foot in the grave. Nevertheless, I keep waiting for that final change of station which will take me home.

Whether you're tired or retired, there's a better day coming.

As we continue this new year, let's try to keep everything in perspective with the blessed hope of an everlasting life where there will be no more sorrow or suffering, death or disappointment, or need for new year's resolutions, and certainly, no more broken resolutions.

Editor's note: *White serves as the battalion chaplain in the Infantry Training Brigade on Sand Hill. He is married with two children, a freshman in college and a sophomore in high school.*

chapel notes

Club Beyond — The chapel youth group, Club Beyond, for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings. Stop by the chapel teen center in Building 239. Regular meetings are Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for middle school students and 6 p.m. for high school students.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of people to support the various religious programs as musicians and child-care workers.

For more information, call the TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

Sunday school — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. in White Elementary School.

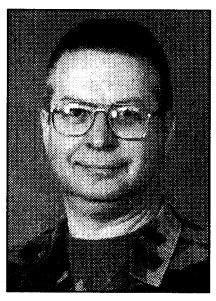
Year's goals must be specific

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

The new year brings New Year's resolutions. What starts out so promising every year often ends in unreached and unfulfilled goals.

Do you want to stop smoking? Do you want to lose weight? Do you want to pay off credit cards and get out of debt? Do you want to save money for a new car or a college education? All these aims are worthwhile endeavors.

Goals to be reached must be specific, measurable and achievable. An automatic savings allotment will help to save money for something you want to buy. Cutting up a credit card will prevent further purchases and allow you to pay off the bill. Losing a pound a week is a good way to lose weight, and reducing the number of cigarettes smoked a day will help you to stop smoking.


Koop

Why then do people fail to reach their goals? One reason may be that, for some people, it takes more than willpower and determination to change. Unconscious fears, doubts and feelings may hinder us from reaching our objectives. In addition, some goals can only be achieved through spiritual means and divine power.

Some people struggle to turn over a new leaf, when what is really needed is a new life (II Corinthians 5:17). Human effort can't produce spiritual power and divine assistance.

Old habits are hard to break. In order to reach some goals, our human nature requires a supernatural intervention. What is impossible to accomplish through human effort can be accomplished in God's strength (Philippians 4:13).

Do you need additional help? If you do, please contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760, or e-mail me at USArmyChaplain@aol.com.

The Army is looking for chaplains.

To find out more about the opportunities awaiting you, call **545-7777.**

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101.
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820, Gospel Service
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023, Soldiers' Sledgehammer Service
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel, Building 10800, Traditional

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Wednesday

Noon	Main Post Catholic Chapel, Building 1681

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Main Post Catholic Chapel, Confession at 4 p.m.

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Main Post Catholic Chapel, Building 1681
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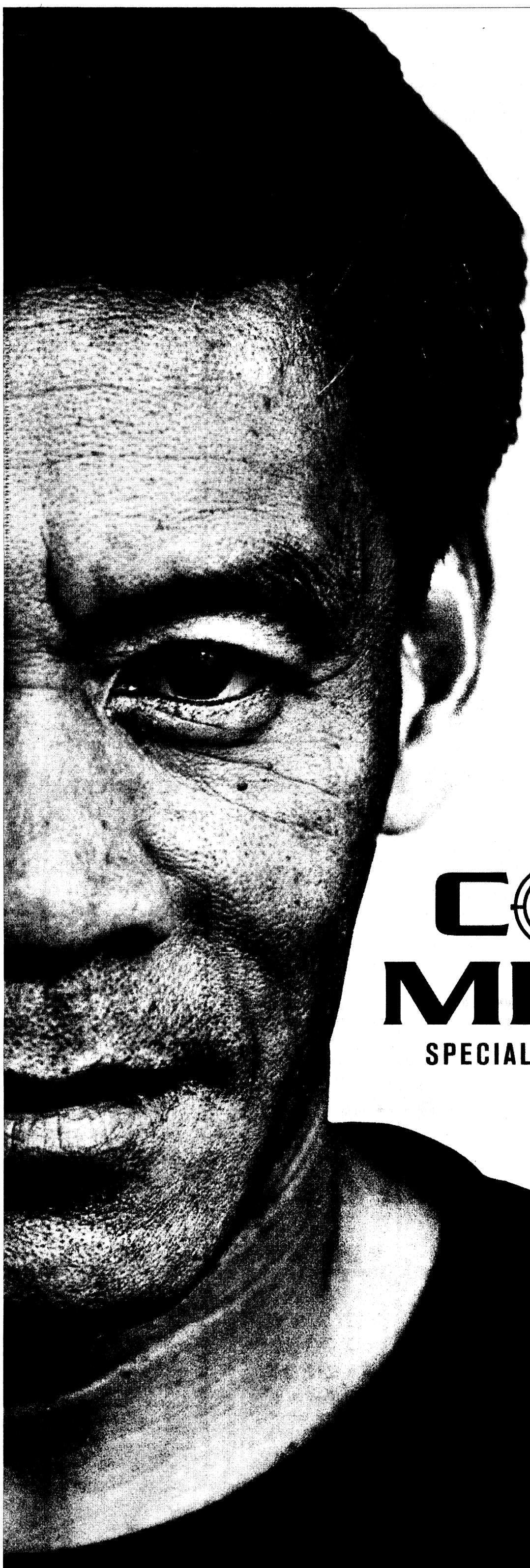
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SPORTS

Raptors start Y.S. season with bang

Team defeats Ballers, 50-31, at Y.S. gym

Phillip Thompson
Bayonet correspondent

The Ballers couldn't keep up with the Raptors' fast-paced offense during opening day of Youth Services basketball Saturday at the YS gym, and fell short in the 11- to 12-year-old game, 50-31.

"That was a great game. We just had to get warmed up," said Raptors coach Lee Rowland.

The Raptors controlled all aspects of the game — shooting, rebounding, offense, defense. The first, second and third quarter belonged to the Raptors. Andrew Rowland and Jarret Myles hit key three pointers to run up the score.

"We had a great game plan," Myles said. "Coach had us ready to play."

Teamwork was an invaluable asset during the game, Myles said.

"We stuck together and passed the ball pretty well," he said. "Fortunately, we had a lot of open looks."

A late fourth-quarter push by Andrew Rodriguez and the Ballers kept the game close.

"Our entire team performed well, but the player of the game was Dominique McNeal," Rowland said.

McNeal said he owed it all to his teammates.

"They're a great group of guys," he said. "We did OK for it being our first game."

Rowland said the players had looked forward to the start of the season, and they are glad to play again.

"It's all about having fun and learning the great game of basketball," Rowland said. "We look forward to another good season."

For more information, call Dorrie Wagner 545-3070.

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USAIC sponsors Christmas tourney

Close game ends holiday tournament

Pvt. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A team from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armored Regiment, the Crusaders, took home their second consecutive trophy with a 43-39 victory over the Ballhogs in the post's single-elimination Christmas Intramural Basketball Tournament championship Friday at Briant Wells Field House.

"We played an outstanding game," said Ronald Cummings, Crusaders' coach. "We kept fighting the whole game and never quit."

Intense defense from the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion., 11th Infantry Regiment's Ballhogs hampered the Crusaders' shooting ability and gave the Ballhogs an early lead.

A turnover from the Ballhogs and Crusaders' James Kendrick's three-pointer from just outside the line helped close the gap.

"We had a really good defensive game," said Joseph Thomas, the Crusaders' point guard.

Still, his team trailed, 24-18, at the half.

The Ballhogs' Clint Thomas led all scorers at the half with 8 points.

After the whistle blew to start the second half, the Crusaders spread the offense around and broke down the Ballhogs defense with a strong rally and turned the tables on the Ballhogs.

Midway through the half, the Crusaders scored four unanswered points and took the lead, 33-27.

"We really pulled together as a team in the second half," Thomas said. "We came back out and opened it up, passing the ball in the middle more."

With less than five minutes left in the game, the Ballhogs Adrian Fleming stepped back and sank the ball from outside the three point line to close the Crusaders' lead.

As the minutes in the championship game dwindled, so did the point gap.

The Ballhogs came back with 1:20 remaining on the clock to cut the score to 38-37.

Several fouls from the Ballhogs slowed their momentum and gave the Crusaders the chance to clench the game.

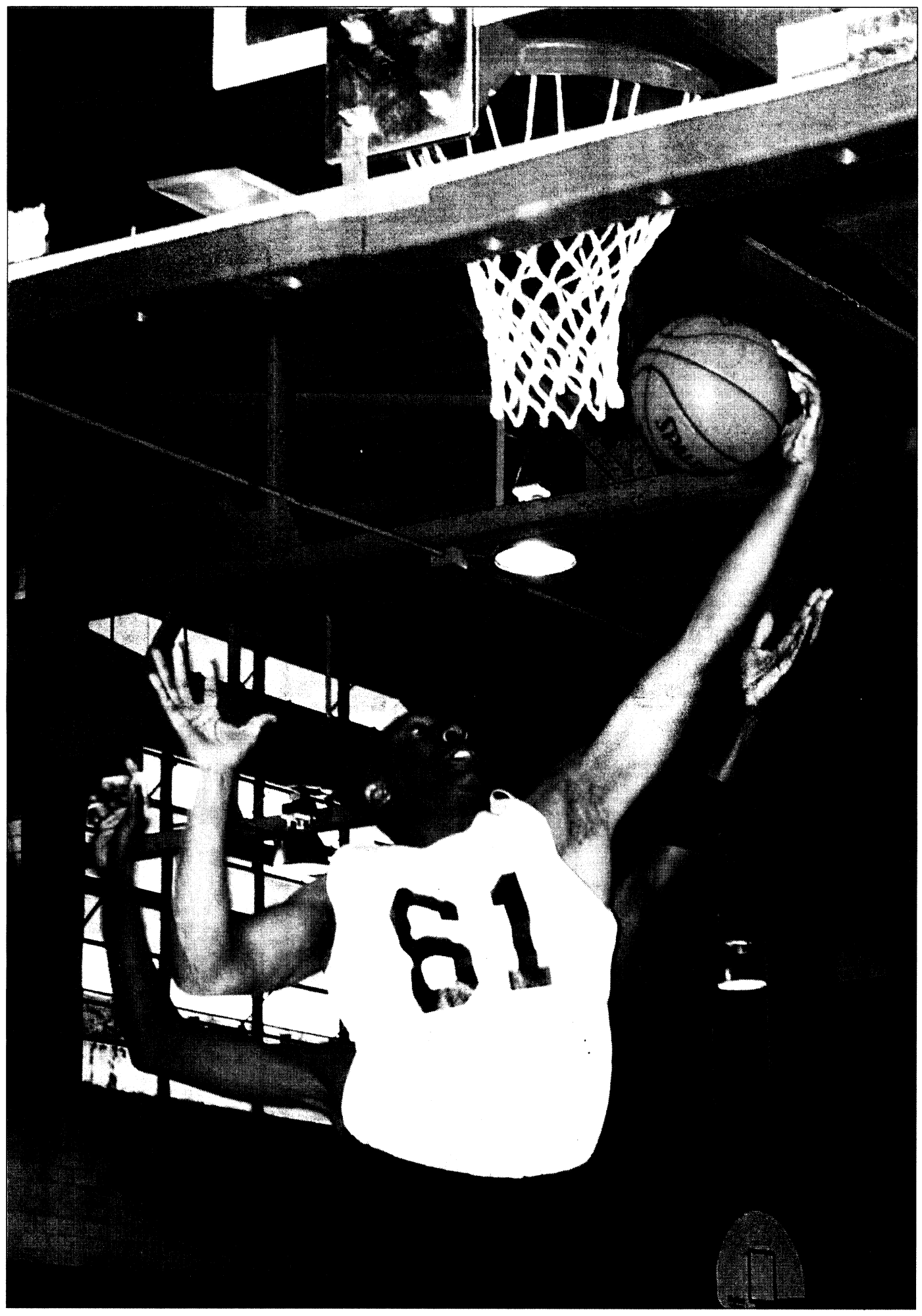
"We did well, and I'm real proud of the team," Thomas said.

The game ended with the Ballhogs being whistled for nine fouls in the second half.

Strong defense and tenacious offense led to the fouls and, ultimately, to the crown, Cummings said.

He said his team fun.

"Playing in the tournament raises the team's morale and brings the whole battalion together," the coach said.



Pvt. Brian Trapp

Geffery Curry of the Ballhogs brings down a rebound in the Christmas tournament championship. The Ballhogs fell to the Crusaders, 43-39.

Youth Services needs coaches

Volunteers sought for spring season

Pvt. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Youth Services is accepting applications for soccer and baseball coaches.

Individuals should consider volunteering because it is rewarding, said Master Sgt. Janice Goldsmith, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group.

"I have coached for a variety of youth sports since 1985," said Goldsmith. "I am currently coaching 8- and 9-year-olds in basketball. I love to spend time with the kids. It energizes me.

"My favorite part of coaching is to watch their skill level improve over time and see how well they play by the end of the season."

The number of coaching positions depends on how many children register in the program.

Still, Youth Services tries to use everyone who volunteers, said Dorrie Wagner, child and youth program assistant leader with Youth Services.

Volunteer coaches will have to attend a three-hour certification class by the National Sports Alliance. The class is geared toward helping the coaches teach the specific sport for which they volunteered.

A coach should have team practice about two times a week and play a game on Saturdays, Wagner said. It adds up to about six hours a week.

The main goals of a coach are to help the children with the basics of the game and to develop the children's skill in the game, Wagner said.

There will be a soccer coaches certification class Jan. 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The baseball coaches certification class is Jan. 24 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Both classes will be held in Building 1055.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Camera unit shoots Army marksmen for television

History Channel crew visits USAMU

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

A film crew from the Digital Ranch production company of Sherman Oaks, Calif., visited the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Nov. 29 and videotaped U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit personnel for a documentary set to air on the History Channel in March.

Producer Tom Jennings of Digital Ranch and freelance video and audio specialists Rob Rainey and Mark Clark of Atlanta spent the day interviewing and filming the soldiers and civilians of the USAMU for a one-hour documentary on the history of the magnum for the History Channel's "Modern Marvels" series.

"The USAMU will be a major part of the show on magnums," Jennings said. "The images of the guys firing and a wonderful shot of the bullet flying down range will open the show. Then the entire story we shot with the unit — from the firing range to the construction of the guns — is currently slated for Act 5 of the show — the final act. In all, I'd say the unit will be about 8 to 10 minutes of the 45-minute show — an hour-long broadcast has about 15 minutes of commercials."

The crew spent the morning at the USAMU ranges filming members of the Service Rifle Team shooting the magnum.

After lunch, Jennings and the crew interviewed some of the USAMU ammunition technicians while they were producing magnum bullets and talked with USAMU gunsmiths who build the magnums for the Army shooters.

"I think everything went great," said USAMU Service Rifle Coach Donnie Heuman. "The crew members were highly professional and dedicated to their work. They were very excited about being around the guns and actually being able to film a bullet going down range; they thought that was pretty cool. They made us feel very comfortable and it was a real pleasure working with them. We're hoping to work with them again in the future."

Jennings said he enjoyed his time with the unit.

"The people at the marksmanship unit are a great group of people," Jennings said. "You can tell these individuals are top-of-the-line, both in their professionalism and how they treated our film crew."

sports briefs

Benning Buzz — The girl's fast pitch traveling team, the Benning Buzz, will meet at 4 p.m. Sunday at Reggies. It is open to girls 14 and younger.

For more information, call 687-4851.

MLK Tournament — The U.S. Army Infantry Center's MLK, single-elimination, intramural basketball tournament will be Jan. 19-21 at Briant Wells Gym.

For more information, call Nancy Hadley at 545-9987.

Cookie run — The 2002 Cookie Run, Fun Walk and Carnival is Jan. 26 at the Regions Bank in Phenix City.

The event consists of a 5 and 10K run and a 2-mile fun walk. Wheel chair participants are welcome for all events.

The pre-registration deadline is today by 5 p.m.

Cost is $10 for children 17 and younger and $12 for adults. A $2 discount will be applied to groups of 10 or more.

All participants who register today will be guaranteed a T-shirt. After today, the cost will be $12 for children and $15 for adults.

The carnival starts at 10:30 a.m. For more information, call the Girl Scouts of Concharty Council at 327-2646.

Basketball camp — The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp is evaluating applications for its camps, one of which is in Gainesville, Ga.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter.

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Chess tournaments — Ranked and unranked players of all ages and school chess clubs are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League's Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum. Come play someone new, improve your game.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m. The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

Play baseball in Australia — The Coast to Coast Baseball Stars are now seeking 11- to 18-year-old players who would like the opportunity to represent the United States at a two-week summer 2002 tournament in Australia. Team age groups are 11-12, 13-15 and 16-18.

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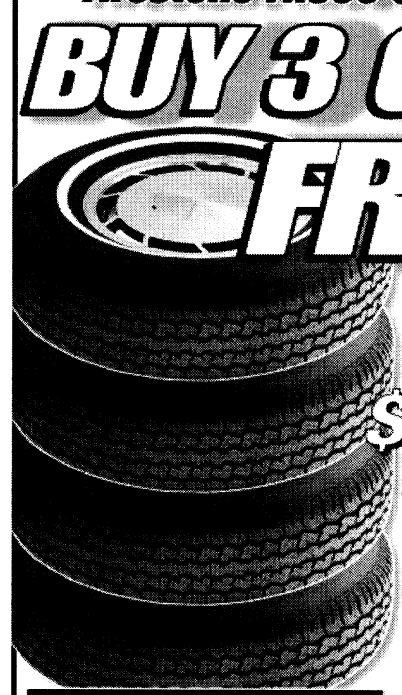
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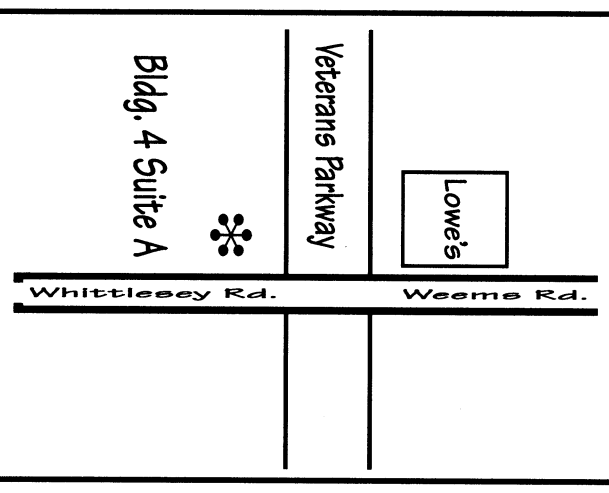
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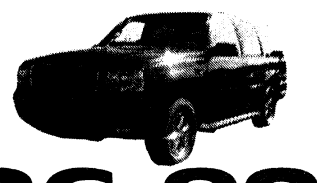
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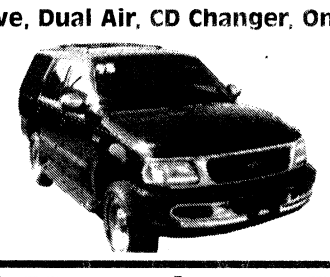


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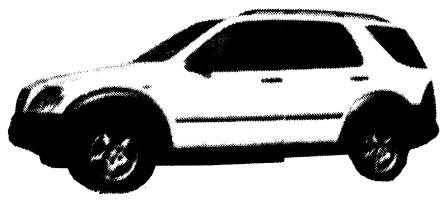


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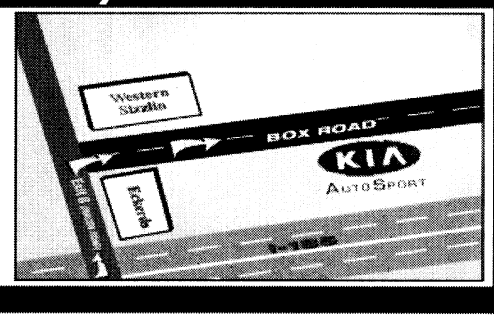
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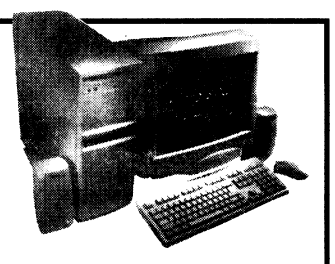
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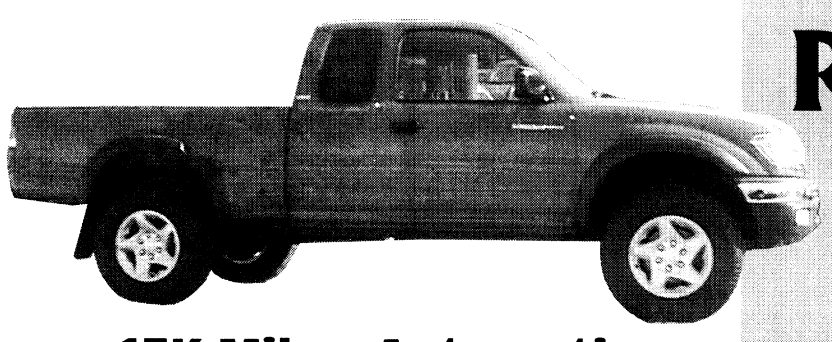
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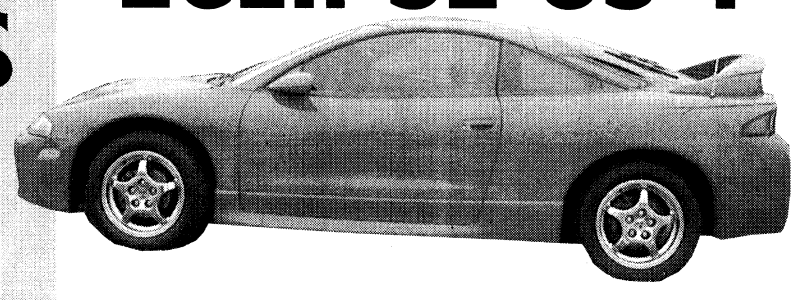


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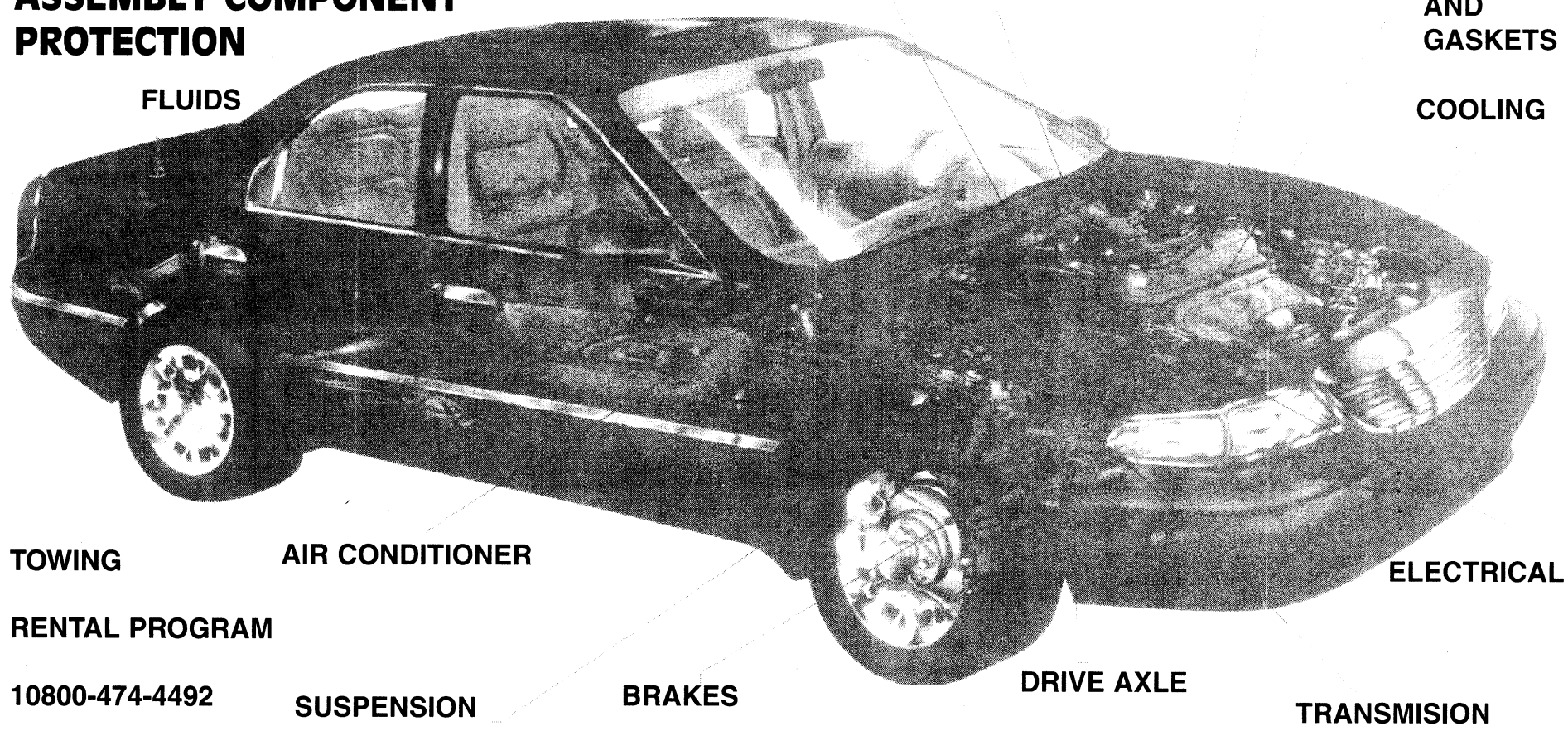
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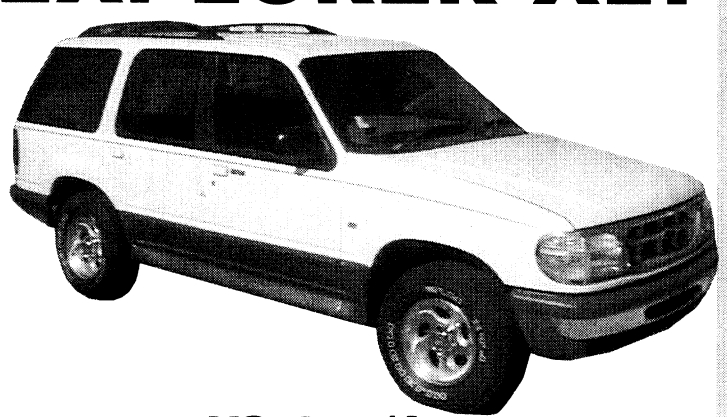
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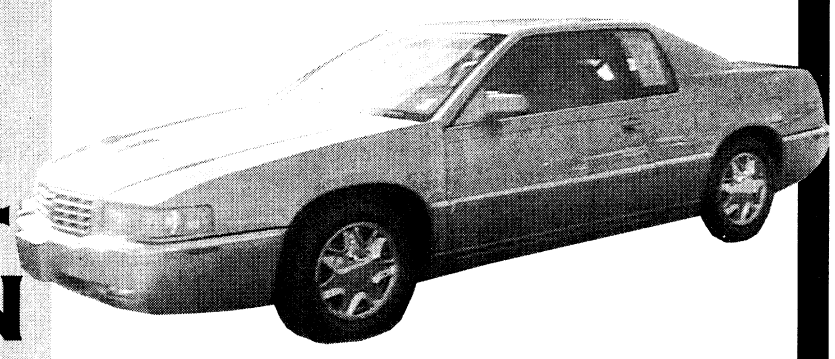


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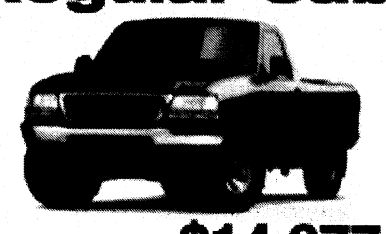


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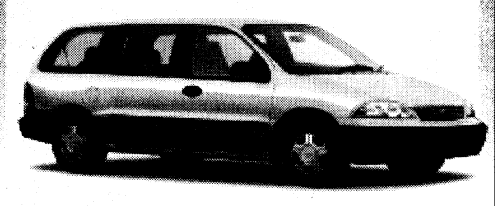


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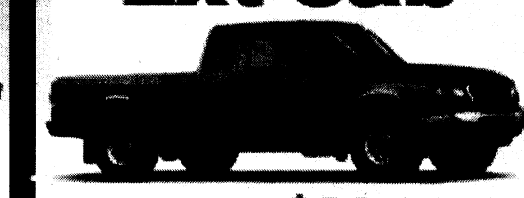


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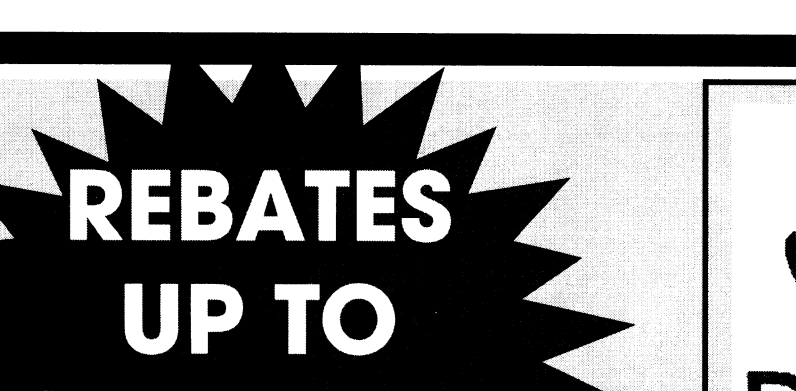
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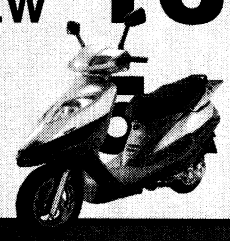
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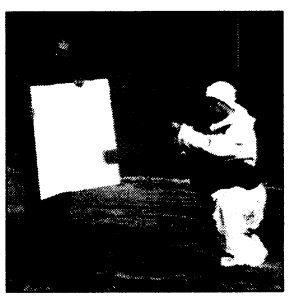
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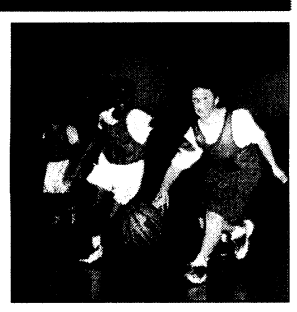
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Post Catholic Chapel burns

Electrical surge causes fire in WWII building

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

The Main Post Catholic Chapel caught on fire early Saturday morning, and only the charred front entrance remains.

The fire, caused by an electrical surge from a transformer across the street from the chapel, started just before 1 a.m., said Fire Chief Arthur Simmons.

"Flames were coming from the mechanical room at the rear of the building when we arrived," said Capt. John Boynton with Station 33 on Main Post.

"We thought we had it — that we could put it out," said Boynton who arrived on the scene within minutes of getting the call. Five truck companies from all three fire stations responded to the fire.

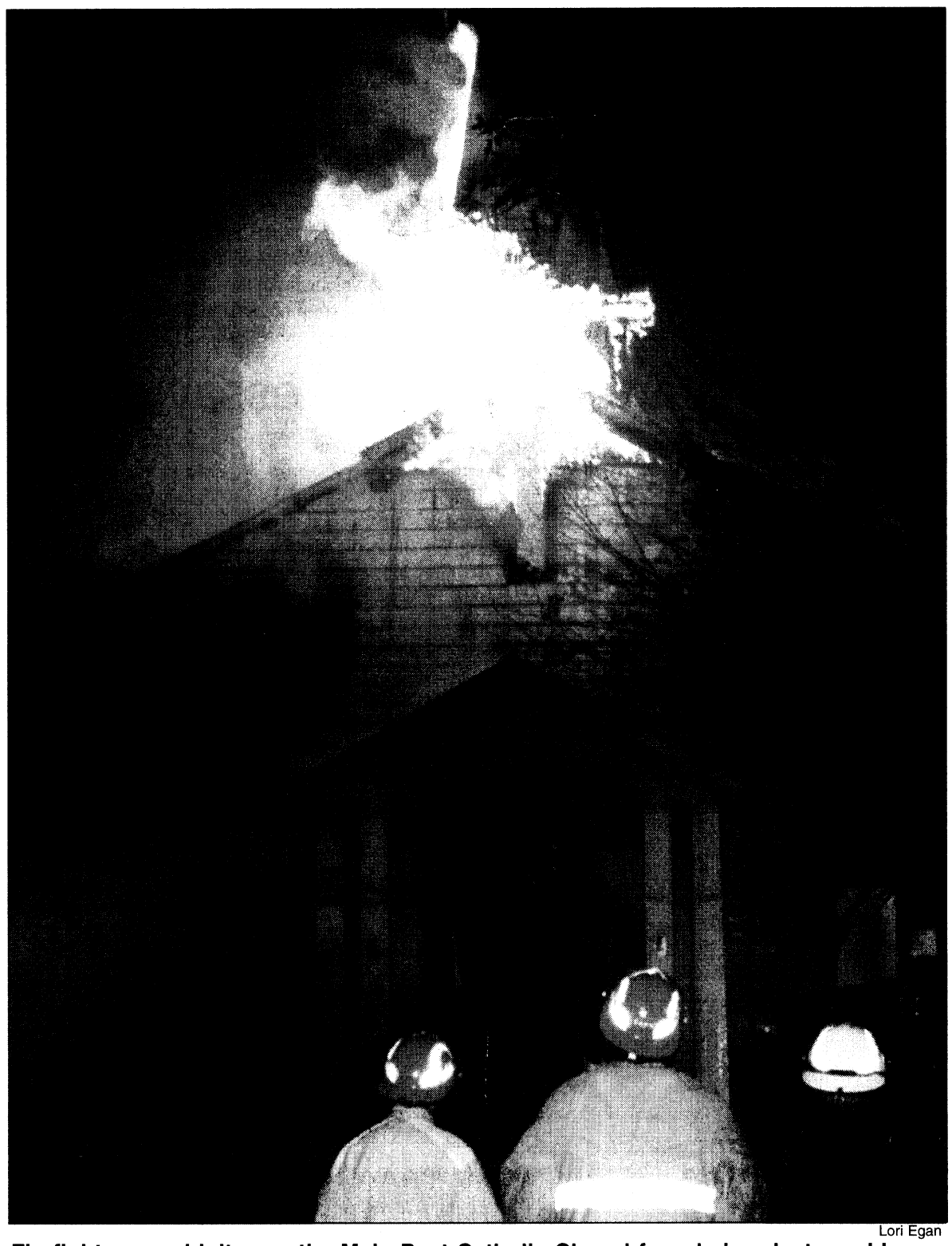
"We went inside. The fire was in the attic and between the walls," he said. "We could see the glow from the flames between the walls and the siding. Smoke was everywhere so we pulled out and went to the roof to ventilate the smoke. The roof started to sag and the fire weakened the rafters. I had to get the men off the roof.

"We tried everything we could, but we couldn't save it," said Boynton who was the acting district chief at the fire.

The timber was old and dry, generating a lot of heat, which contributed to how rapidly the fire spread through the large, open church, he said.

The chapel, built in 1942, was home to nearly 600 parishioners, said Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe who

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Lori Egan

Firefighters couldn't save the Main Post Catholic Chapel from being destroyed by an electrical fire early Saturday morning. Built in 1942, it was home to 600 parishioners.

Keep frequent flier miles with new law

President Bush signs new bill in December

Tonya Johnson
Bayonet staff

Soldiers and Department of Defense civilians who do work-related travel can now keep their frequent flyer miles.

President George Bush signed the law, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal 2002, last month. Section 1116 of the law authorizes federal employees to retain promotional items, including frequent flyer miles earned on official travel.

Before the new law, frequent flyer miles were considered government property and could only be used for official travel.

"This is a good thing," said Jay Mason, a financial systems analyst with the Directorate of Resource Management. "It keeps us aligned with the commercial industry because most companies allow their employees to keep their frequent flyer miles."

Now travelers with a lot of mileage can upgrade to first class or use their miles to take personal vacations. However, soldiers who upgrade to first class cannot wear their uniform.

"There's been a positive reaction from travelers," Mason said. "Before this, travelers had to have two accounts, their personal account and one for

See **MILES** A-6

Climate survey in the works

Poll gives soldiers, civilians voice

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

They've got questions, and they want answers. They are the Quality Management Division and the Inspector General's office, and the answers they get could change the way of life at Fort Benning.

The two offices partnered to create and administer a climate survey, which targets two broad areas of interest, work environment and quality of life on post. The survey comes per the request of Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, the post's commanding general.

"That's what makes this survey important," said Pat Porter, management analyst for QMD. "He asked us to do this with the specific needs of Fort Benning in mind. We can use this tool to assess problem areas on post."

But inquiring minds are looking for more than negative reports.

"We also need to know what's being done right, so the

See **POLL**, A-6

Free tax center now open for business on post

Soldiers receive electronic tax filing at no charge

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

The Fort Benning Tax Center grand opening was Tuesday.

The center is newly relocated on Ingersoll Avenue at Building 880, Room G131. The building across from the Wynnsong 10 Theater formerly housed the NCO Academy.

"This is a great service for soldiers, and it helps a lot of people," said Col. Lonnie Vona, chief of staff.

Last year the center helped 7,380 soldiers, said Capt. Angela Crisp, officer in charge of the tax center.

"It's not a pleasant event to do your taxes," Vona said. "But they make it a lot easier on the soldier."

The service is free.

"We're here to save the soldiers money," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Murphy, NCOIC. "We're in the business of taking care of soldiers, and that's what we do."

Murphy has two assistant NCOs to help him keep things going smoothly at the tax center, Sgt. 1st Class Garry Kendrick and Sgt. 1st Class Juan Checa.

"This is a great program," Kendrick said. "Soldiers get to keep their whole return."

The staff at the tax center consists of 24 soldiers and 14 volunteers and civilian employees.

Beth Vaughn, the office manager, said the office is up and running and ready to go.

Spc. Christopher Robinson said the center is a great resource for soldiers to take advantage of.

"It feels great really, knowing that we're helping soldiers," Spc. Daisy Santos said.

The center has tax forms, offers assistance on filling them out and can also electronically file returns.

Things to bring to the tax center to facilitate filling out tax forms are: W-2 forms, 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, Form 1098, power of attorney, social security card, voided check and ID card.

The tax center will process 1040EZ tax returns through the end of the month. All federal and state income tax returns, including 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040, will be processed beginning Feb. 1.

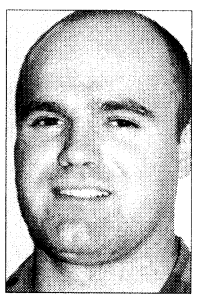
When visiting the center, park only in designated parking lots. Parking in the circular drive in front of the center will result in a $45 fine.

The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 545-4267.

Civil rights, Army progress together

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

commentary



The civil rights movement is a great part of U.S. history my father had the opportunity to experience, but my knowledge comes from books and films.

Actually experiencing a time period can give a person an understanding of how or what was accomplished.

Each birthday, I reflect on the progress of my life. I believe this is a common practice, so with the celebration of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, Jan. 21, and Black History month in February, I would like to reflect on the military and how it relates to the civil rights movement.

Sept. 11 and the war on terrorism brought Americans together, just like Dec. 7, 1941 did with the attack on Pearl Harbor. Before Pearl Harbor, Jackie Robinson hadn't even stepped on to a major league field.

I believe Pearl Harbor opened many doors for the civil rights movement.

During World War II, Thurgood Marshall and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People looked to bring the civil rights movement into the government mainstream.

This led to the Supreme Court's pronouncement on school segregation in 1954, which led to Brown vs. The Board of Education in 1955.

This Supreme Court case afforded citizens an opportunity to step over a barrier that held the nation from progress.

Overall, progress was a challenge for Americans, but everyone must crawl before they walk. Change takes time.

If you look at U.S. history, you will see this country almost always makes progress in civil rights around the time of a war.

After the Korean War the military started to integrate, and around the time of the Vietnam war integration was a way of life.

The progress of civil rights in this country started with the American revolution. It gave most Americans at the time freedom from oppression. It then progressed with the Civil War, which gave us the Emancipation Proclamation.

I believe civil rights leaders like John F. Kennedy, MLK, Jackie Robinson and Thurgood Marshall are like this country's founding fathers.

Leaders of civil rights and the military go hand-in-hand.

MLK fought a war with words and not weapons. Jackie Robinson fought a war with his athletic skills, confidence and mental strength. These wars were won for the progress of everyone.

Leaders of the civil rights movement are no different than the leaders of the American revolution, the Civil War and World War II. They are the presidents, generals, leaders and founding fathers of this country.

I see this nation as one, as Americans, and we will stand together.

Students win awards for MLK essay contest

Editor's note: *The Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office and the Fort Benning Schools held an essay contest in conjunction with this year's Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration. More than 200 students from the five elementary schools and one middle school on post participated in the contest.*

While the theme for this year's celebration is "Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On, Not A Day Off," the students were given different perspectives from which to write their essays. The areas they were given to choose from were:

- *Would there have been a Civil Rights Movement without Dr. King's leadership? What would have happened?*
- *Is there equality in the United States for all races? Yes or no, then defend your views.*
- *What would life be like today in the United States if Dr. King had not been assassinated?*

The first-place winners of this year's contest are published below:

The Civil Rights Movement

Yes, I believe there wouldn't have been a Civil Rights Movement without Dr. King's leadership because there were a lot of people who believed segregation was right at that time. But, it might not have come as quickly, due to Dr. King's leadership and strong desire for equal rights.

— Nicole Patriarca
Second grade
Stowers Elementary School

Remember! Celebrate! A Day On, Not A Day Off

What would life be like today in the United States had Dr. King not been assassinated? He would still be fighting for equal rights. He would still make speeches. He would still preach the word.

If Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was still living, he would fight for peoples' equal rights. By doing this, he would talk to many different political parties. He would lead nonviolent peace marches in all sorts of different places. Lastly, he would take a stand for all types of different people.

Many more of his wonderful speeches would be made today if he was still alive. He would talk out for all people. He would travel spreading his peace. Wherever he went, he would make many more aware of his dream for everybody to accept each other and to live in peace today.

People, world wide, would come to hear him preach. He would speak the words of God — singing alleluia, praise the Lord from way above. He would even hold hands with everyone and thank God for such a wonderful day to be alive. Lastly, he would hold big celebrations on Christmas Day and other joyous holidays.

Therefore you can see the world could be a better place if Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was still alive today. Furthermore, people would adore him for all the great things he would have done. That's what life would be like with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. around today.

— Paul A. Miranda
Fifth grade
Stowers Elementary School

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay

Would there be a Civil Rights Movement without Dr. King's leadership? What would happen?

Separate drinking fountains for whites and blacks. "Colored balconies" in movie theaters. Seats in the back of the bus. Soldiers called out to protect little children who were trying to go to school. It may be difficult to believe these were conditions in America less than 40 years ago. The struggle to change these conditions and to win equal protection under that law for citizens of all races formed the backdrop of King's short life.

Nevertheless, I believe the Civil Rights Movement could have been established without the leadership of Dr. King, because of all of the other people in the world who felt the same way about this issue as he did. Surely, someone else in the world had the same courage and determination as Dr. King did, that he could fulfill the same accomplishments. I can say with confidence that, sooner or later, we would have had some sort of Civil Rights Movement without Dr. King, because of the intensity and importance of this issue.

Although, I also strongly believe that no other person could have carried out the job so peacefully. Other leaders who strived for the same accomplishments as Dr. King did are first hand proof that other people were so radical, yet Dr. King seemed as if he almost planned all of his movements and actions to be harmless, civilized and violence-free. No one else could have been so inspiring and understanding as Dr. King, because he had the patience and courage that anyone else would have lost in only a matter of time.

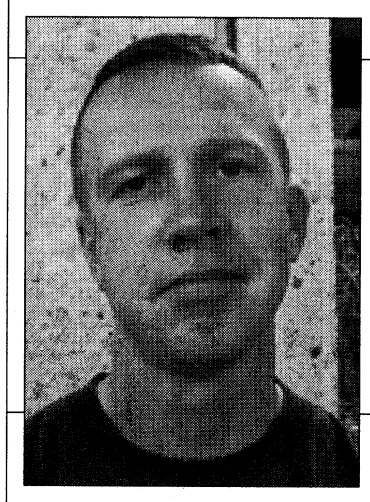
If anyone had taken the place of Dr. King, there would have been more deaths, harmful words, and an overall delay because of extended retaliations. President Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act on July 2, 1964, but I think this action would have been delayed had someone else been in Dr. King's shoes. If someone else would have accomplished what Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. did, they may have also been able to prevent the deaths of many, such as Medgar Evers (NAACP Leader) and Malcolm X, who died for their beliefs, dreams and skin color alone. I believe also that if someone would have waited a few extra years to present this issue to the nation, America as a whole would have been more ready and more mature about the circumstances, which could have sped along the process and dramatically reduced the number of deaths.

The majority of the people in our nation now have the same beliefs as Dr. King did, that all races are equal and deserve the same rights as one another. Some people know Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. personally. Others admired him from afar. All were inspired by him, and because of this I feel positive that the Civil Rights Movement could have been passed even without the help and leadership of Dr. King. It is still one of the most important and cherished laws of American, and because of that, the movement had a lasting effect on the elimination of discrimination and segregation.

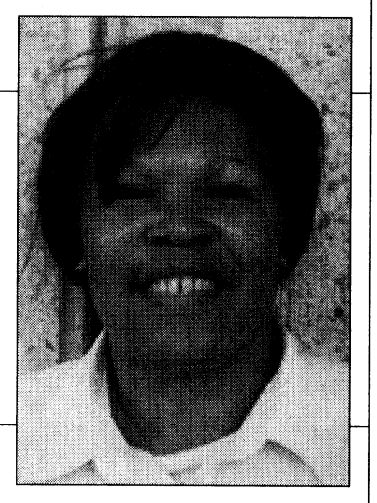
— Jaclyn Bishop
Eighth grade
Faith Middle School

VARIOUS VOICES

How has the civil rights movement changed the Army?



Sgt. Jens Schelbert, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment — "It opened a lot of doors for people of all races and religions to come and work together as a team and family."



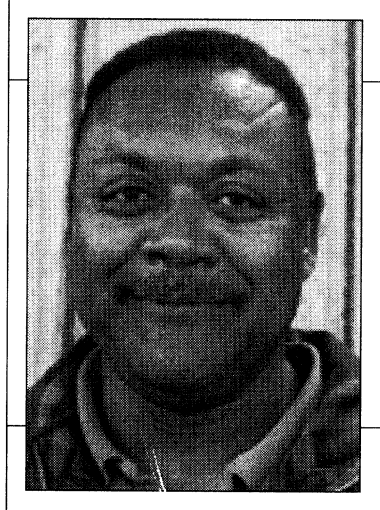
Julia Steward, AAFES employee — "It created equality and togetherness amongst the races in the Army."



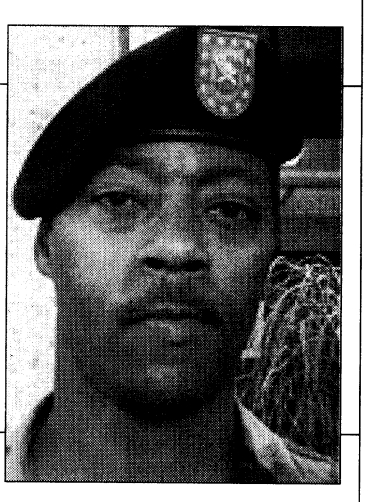
1st Lt. Ranee Rubio, 317th Engineer Battalion, — "We've become more cohesive because of diversity. We've put aside our differences to focus on the mission."



Julie Diekman, family member — "It has helped people of all races come together and do anything they need or want to do in life such as pursue a career in the Army."



Alphonso Clark, retired Sgt. 1st Class – "There are more career opportunities available, and more minorities have joined because of that."



Staff Sgt. Wendell Strickland, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment — "It opened more jobs to minorities and women. It also provided the opportunity for career advancement."

Interviews and photos by Tonya Johnson. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

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Post thanks AUSA

On behalf of the Fort Benning community, the Directorate of Community Activities would like to acknowledge and thank AUSA, official sponsor of the 2001 Fort Benning Operation Holiday.

Through AUSA's generous support in sponsorship, Fort Benning soldiers were offered a variety of activities that not only enhanced their quality of life, but also provided a memorable holiday season.

Events and activities included: 100 tickets to two Columbus Cottonmouths games, 150 tickets to two Columbus Riverdragons games, 150 free bowling packages that included three free games of bowling and a discount toward snack bar purchases, two pizza parties and trophies for the USAIC Christmas basketball and racquetball tournaments.

However, the highlight was definitely the tickets AUSA purchased for Fort Benning soldiers to attend the Atlanta Hawks game Dec. 22 where 347 soldiers were able to enjoy big league sports.

In addition to these activities, AUSA has also generously supported Santa's Castle Toys for Kids efforts and the ACS Holiday Food Basket Program ensuring that Fort Benning families in need were provided for this holiday season.

Thank you, AUSA, for your invaluable support to the 2001 Operation Holiday Program.

Col. Jose A. Torres
Garrison commander

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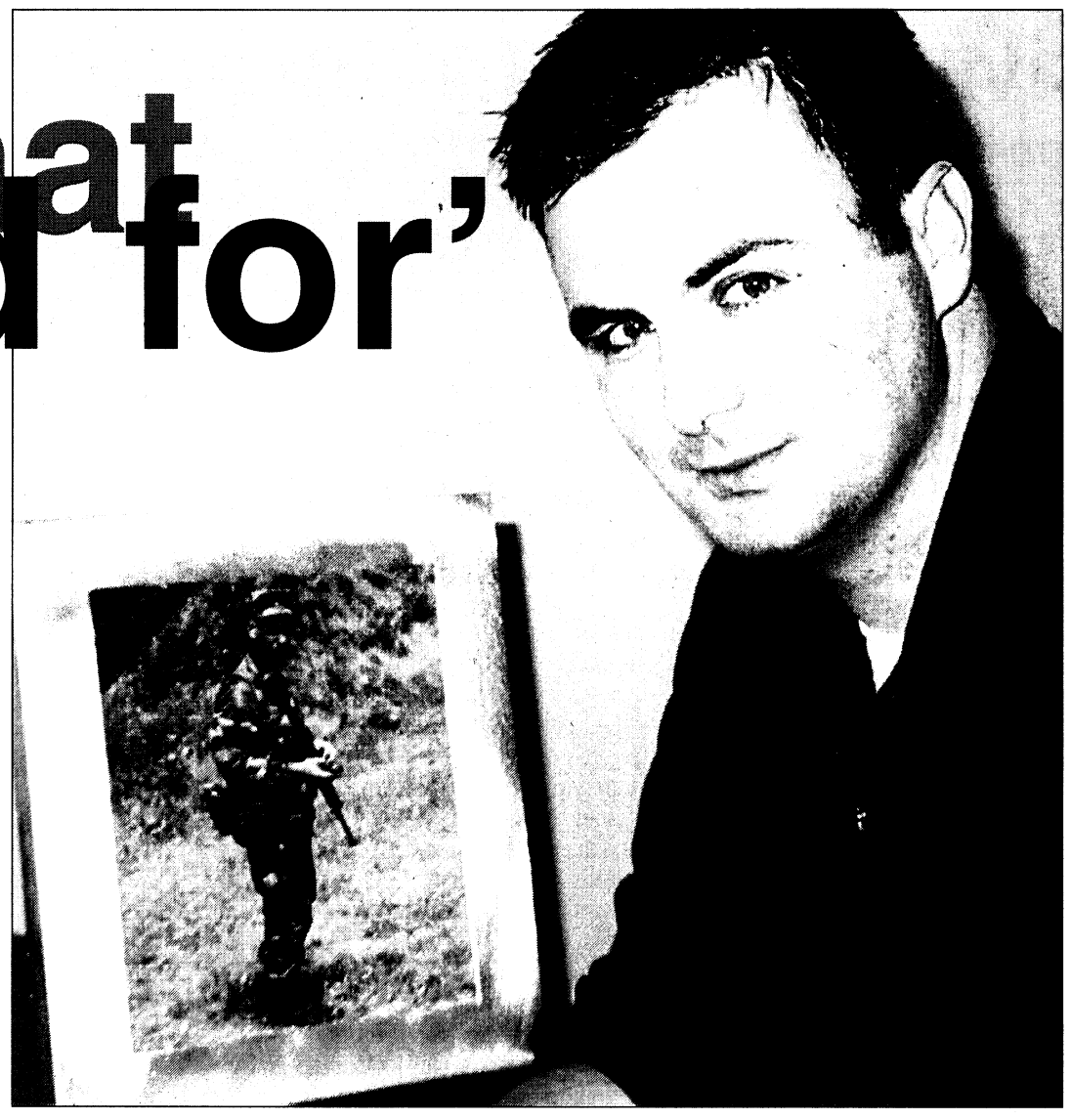
'We got just what we asked for'

Bridgett Siter
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Courtesy photo

James, third from left, stays in touch with many of the men he went to battle with in Mogadishu.



Bridgett Siter

Shane James keeps photographs of his Army buddies in his Columbus home. Pictured above is a photograph of Spc. Dominick Pilla, who died in Somalia.

Through the years of anger, guilt and depression, Shane James has always kept one thing in mind — he didn't join the Army to sit behind a desk.

"I've thought about it a lot, and we got just what we asked for when we became rangers," said James, a former medic with B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and a veteran of the bloody 15-hour battle between U.S. troops and a mob of Somalis on the streets of Mogadishu, Oct. 3, 1993 — a battle that left 18 U.S. soldiers dead, including six rangers.

"You go to battalion eager to fight because you've never been there, and you don't know the reality of it," James said. "I know guys who literally prayed for combat, and when it came, they wanted to be right in the middle of it."

James and his friends now know the horrible reality of war, short-lived but savage, and they gathered at a Columbus theater last week to see if Hollywood could get it right.

Nearly 50 rangers and former rangers, all veterans of the battle that inspired Mark Bowden's best-seller, *Black Hawk Down*, and the movie by the same name, attended a private screening of the film to see if their memories — still vivid and painful after more than eight years — translated to the big screen.

"I just had two concerns," said James. "Would it give an accurate depiction of rangers, and would the families of the deceased be satisfied? That's all that really mattered."

Despite a "few glaring discrepancies," James was satisfied with the movie — not pleased — just satisfied.

"We knew every detail of the fight, so of course we picked it apart. A lot of the embellishments were for theatrical value I'm sure," he said. "But the bottom line is, it gave the right message. It's a good movie."

The screening was a sort of reunion for the rangers, many of whom have left the Army to pursue other careers. When his enlistment was up in 1994, James went home to Texas to study nursing. Now married with a 1-year-old daughter, he's back in Columbus, working for a pharmaceutical company.

Jenny James attended the viewing with hopes of gaining a better understanding of the events that changed her husband's life and occasionally casts a pall over his otherwise easy-going disposition.

"He doesn't talk about it. Everything I know about it, I learned from the book," she said. "October 3rd is still a really hard day for him. He gets quiet and depressed."

Sunday, Oct. 3, 1993, started out like every other since B Co. arrived in country Aug. 26. The rangers had become accustomed to aborted missions and routine "fly-bys." So a quick in-and-out mission — the objective being the capture of two lieutenants of Somali warlord Mohammed Farrah Aidid — was a welcome diversion.

But something — "a series of unavoidable events," James said — went awry, and first one Black Hawk helicopter went down, then another.

And in the bloody frenzy that followed, James joined a rescue convoy that struggled against thousands of Somalis and "incredible odds" to save the rangers and Delta forces trapped within the city.

Though much of the day's events are a "hazy blur," James remembers being wounded when his jeep was targeted by three rocket-powered grenades. He dismisses his wounds as minor, and said he felt guilty for being awarded a Purple Heart and Bronze Medal.

He still deals with a myriad of emotions — guilt, frustration at the lack of mechanized support on hand, and depression when he thinks of his good friends who died, like Pvt. Richard Kowalewski, a fellow Texan who was looking forward to getting married, and Sgt. Lorenzo Ruiz, who spear-headed the company's betting pool during football season.

And he still experiences what he calls "90-to-nothing flashes of everything that happened, one right after the other," in no logical order.

"If I tried to make sense of it all, I'd go crazy," he said.

Viewing the movie was a milestone for James, a step forward in his search for peace. He finished reading the book last fall, though he purchased it in 1999.

"I just couldn't get through it," he said. "I wasn't ready to dredge it all up. It's an awesome book, very hard to follow because it's chaotic, like the battle itself."

James has also found solace in his faith.

"I turned to beer for a while, then I turned to God," he said.

But the one place James can't turn to for compassion is the brotherhood of rangers.

"I can't name a single guy who hasn't thought about it every day. But there's no place for self-pity. We were rangers, and we got what we wanted," he said.

"We don't sit around and commiserate about it. It's a really unsympathetic arena, but it's a brotherhood, and we'll never forget."

The story in Army Times about free admission to the movie, *Black Hawk Down* is not applicable to Fort Benning. The free admission policy only applies to theaters owned by AAFES.

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CG to award Green to Gold scholarships

Application deadline is April 1

2nd Lt. Tanya Nessmith
Columbus State University ROTC

Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton is looking for three quality soldiers for a specific mission. That mission is to go to college and become an Army officer.

Earning a college degree as an enlisted soldier while serving in the Army is a difficult if not impossible task. It does not have to be that way.

The Fort Benning commander has three two-year scholarships to award this spring to qualifying enlisted members to start college next fall semester.

These scholarships pay all tuition, fees and book money and can be used at any university to complete a bachelor's or master's degree within the next two years.

Soldiers must take ROTC training while attending school and are commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation.

Known as the Hip-Pocket Scholarship, under the Army's Green to Gold Program, these scholarships allow Army commanders to personally select and reward their outstanding soldiers with a unique opportunity to improve their education and further their military career. Interested soldiers must apply before April 1.

Last fiscal year only two soldiers applied for the three Commanding General Hip-Pocket scholarships.

"I know there were more eligible soldiers out there who would jump at the opportunity if only they knew about it," said Capt. Richard Hoyle, enrollment officer for Columbus State University. "The CG's Hip Pocket Scholarship Program offers the best chance for a soldier to receive a two-year scholarship under the Green to Gold Program. A soldier only has to compete against a limited number of other applicants at his post versus nationwide."

Every year the Green to Gold Program allows enlisted soldiers to leave active-duty service early to attend college full time, take ROTC training and return to active duty as an officer. The Commander's Hip Pocket scholarship is just one part of the overall program.

Most enlisted soldiers do not take advantage of the Green to Gold Commissioning Program for two reasons. First, they do not know about it or are misinformed about eligibility requirements.

Second, many married soldiers elect not to participate since they are discharged from active duty and lose their monthly pay. There are many ways to help offset living expenses, said Lt. Col. Gery Truitt, professor of Military Science at Columbus State University.

"These soldiers are eligible to use their GI Bill and Army College Fund benefits while in this program and ROTC also pays them a $350 monthly stipend the first year and $400 the second year. Together these combine to more than $1,000 monthly for living expenses. Many universities have additional financial incentives available such a ROTC specific incentives and university sponsored scholarships they may be eligible for. Most cadets qualify for Pell grants and loans.

To make this program even more attractive CSU, Fort Benning and Raytheon Hughes Corporation have combined forces to provide free room and board for one of Fort Benning's scholarship winners if they attend CSU. This is an added value of $10,600 on top of the tuition money.

Last year Spc. Tirea Gamble, a supply specialist from the Army Marksmanship Unit applied for and received a scholarship. She's working on her master's degree at CSU and was the first recipient of this cooperative arrangement. Now she is attending a university full time at no cost.

"This has allowed me to pursue my degree worry-free of the financial aspect of my educational experience," Gamble said.

CSU ROTC is working to expand this offer to two scholarship winners this year.

Many might question why go the Green to Gold route when with two years remaining for a degree why not just go the Officer Candidate School route. The advantage to the GTG Program is it allows soldiers to earn their degree and then start out as officers. OCS graduates can lose valuable platoon leader rated time as officers having to attend college full time after completing OCS and the Officer Basic Course. If for some reason they fail to complete their degree in a timely manner they are at risk of not getting promoted to captain. The Green to Gold route, which can be a little harder financially, does provide a more stable progression of early assignments when learning their new profession is critical.

Training and Doctrine Command and the ROTC Cadet Command have tasked the ROTC Department at CSU to process all Green to Gold scholarship applications for Fort Benning soldiers no matter which university they desire to attend. CSU is also handling the applications for the CG's Hip Pocket Scholarships.

The application process can be time consuming. The biggest problems with the applications are getting all the required documents in a timely manner, items like past college transcripts, birth certificates, letters of recommendation from company and battalion commanders are relatively easy.

Applicants must also have a letter of acceptance from the school of their choice, ROTC commander and the admission department showing they will be granted admission.

"This is another advantage of dealing with a local university near a soldier's post in that they can take the time to personally visit and work the application process," Hoyle said.

Eligibility requirements for the Hip Pocket Scholarship are the same as the regular GTG program. A soldier needs to have a GT score of 110 or higher, a minimum of 60 credit hours with a 2.5 GPA or higher. Soldiers who have a bachelor's degree can apply for a master's degree. A soldier cannot have more than 10 years enlisted service and there are age restrictions.

"Too often soldiers receive inaccurate information and they never apply. We stand ready to help anyone who is interested," Truitt said. "CSU ROTC and Fort Benning are a great combination. Our training program is one of the top five in the Southeast region, while our cadets consistently rank in the top 30 percent of the national order of merit list.

"In 1999, CSU graduated the top cadet in the nation who was a former Green to Gold Fort Benning soldier. About 40 percent of our cadets are prior service personnel," Truitt said.

For those soldiers who lack 60 credit hours and want to receive a college scholarship and become an Army officer the regular Green to Gold Program offers three and four-year scholarships as well. These individuals need to contact the CSU enrollment officer. The application window also closes April 1 for these applications.

There are monthly Green-to-Gold briefings at Fort Benning. The next briefing is scheduled for Jan. 30 in Infantry Hall, Classroom 32B from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

For more information, call Hoyle at 568-2449 or the Gold Bar Recruiters at 568-2058.

Dial 5BOSS gives support to soldiers, family members

Phone line helps community solve problems

Pvt. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Dial 545-BOSS line is the Commanding General's action line. It is an avenue available to soldiers, family members and civilians to address issues and bring attention to problems that cannot be resolved at the chain of command level or by the responsible agency.

"A lot of people walk around and voice their complaints but don't do anything about it," said Angela L. Sims, office coordination assistant with the Secretary of the General Staff. "I've seen a lot of problems resolved with the help of the phone line."

The Dial 5BOSS line is not a substitute to get assistance with Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics' areas of responsibilities, which include family housing, facility maintenance, utility systems and environmental matters.

If assistance is needed in these areas, call the customer service desk at 545-2118.

The Dial 5BOSS line is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays, and all calls made afterhours or during the weekend are sent out the next working day.

"We give the responsible agency seven working days to begin action with the issue, or higher authorities will step in," Sims said. "General Eaton personally reviews all of the Dial 5BOSS call reports on a quarterly basis to look for repeating problems."

It is important people who use the line understand that if their chain of command or the responsible agency are working on the issue, calling the Dial 5BOSS line will not get the problem resolved any faster.

Also, customers should not call the line before trying to resolve an issue with the chain of command or responsible agency.

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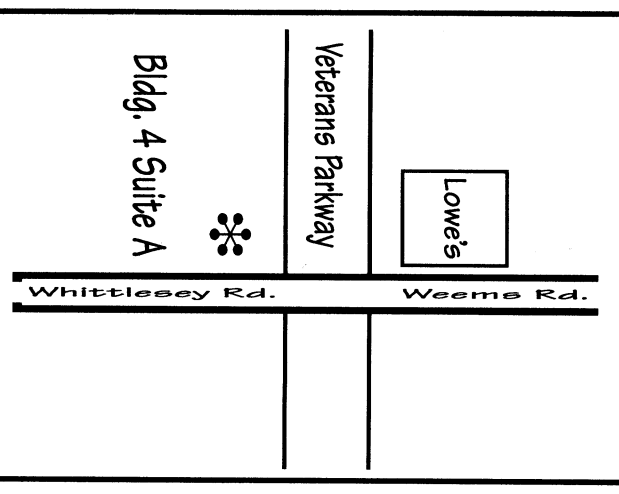
"I think it's a very useful tool, we get compliments and thankyous from people who have used the number and had their issues resolved," Sims said.

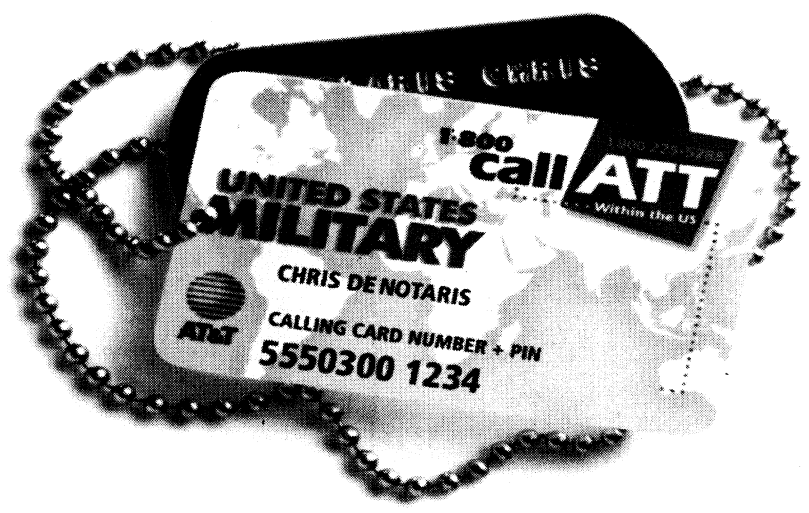
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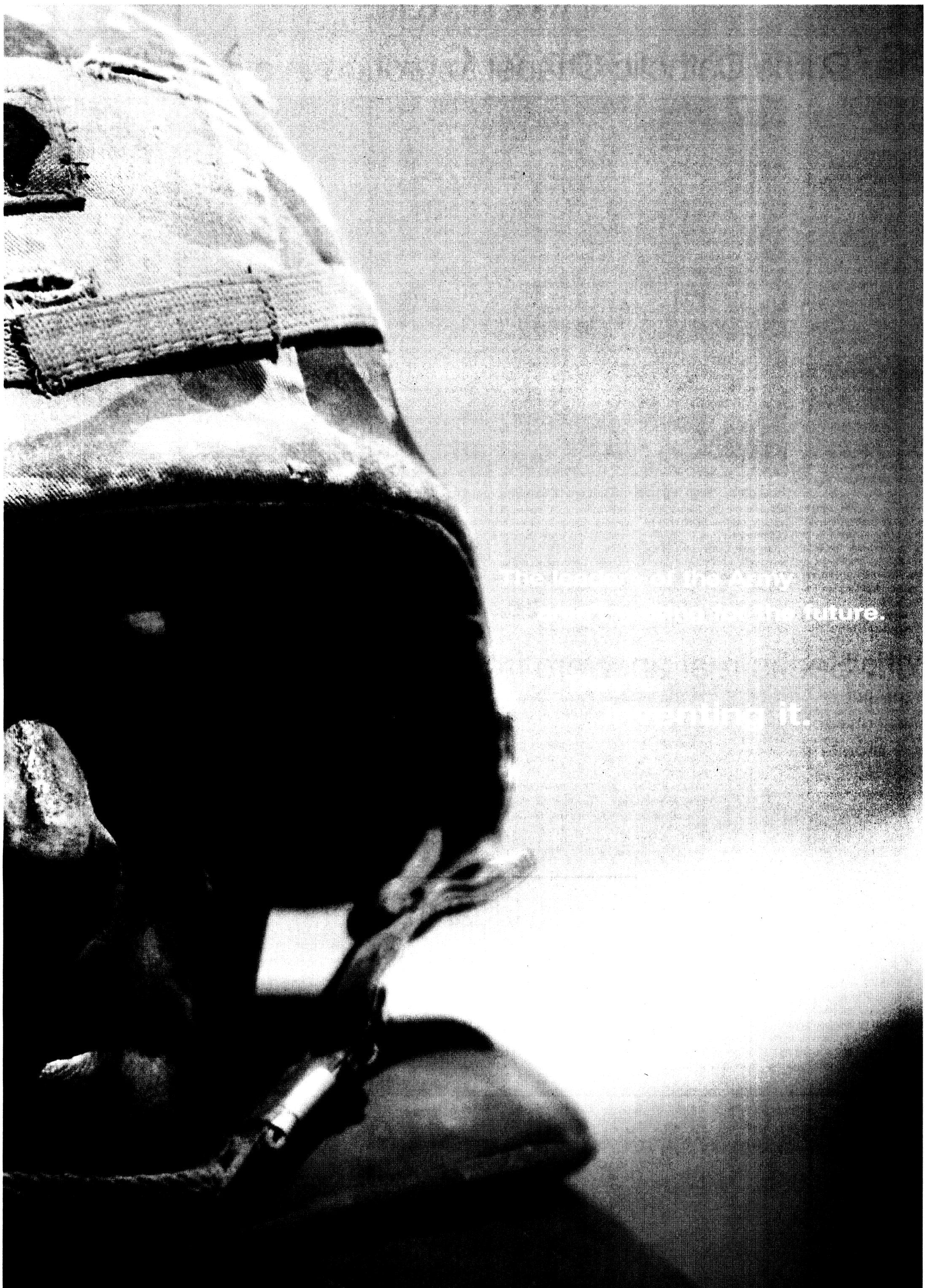


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Fire: Burns Catholic Chapel to ground in electrical fire

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lebrated three masses a week the building.

"It's hard to believe the apel could burn so quickly d completely," O'Keeffe said.

Not only did the fire gut the nctuary destroying the oak alls and a statue of the risen rist with his arms raised hind the altar, but also the ernacle, which probably elted in the fire, O'Keeffe d.

"I am just devastated ... ver in my life would I have ough it was the church that s on fire," said Sgt. Maj. lio Sanchez, 36th Engineer oup, referring to the sirens t woke his daughter during night.

"It was home to many ople," said Sanchez who rshipped at the chapel for the t six years.

As news of the chapel fire ead, community members hered to remember.

Sgt. Dorothy Bess-Moore, chapel's NCOIC, talked out how the community had led together to improve the rly 60-year-old building. w carpeting was laid in tober, the sound system was v and the organ replaced in tober 2000.

'The congregation had done a of work on this chapel," she said, remembering the self-help projects that included a fresh coat of paint.



Lori Egan

Firefighter Phillip Hill puts out hot spots Saturday morning. The chapel was completely destroyed by an electrical fire.

O'Keeffe said he was sad for the people who had lost their worship center filled with the memories of weddings, baptisms and funeral services.

Stephanie Mello and her husband, 1st Sgt. Mark Mello, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, had planned on renewing their wedding vows in the chapel this spring.

Memories are often tied to a place and widows often come here to remember their loved ones, O'Keeffe said. People see the chapel as one of the centers of their community.

"This is sacred space and to lose that is devastating," he said.

O'Keeffe's office was also in the chapel, and he lost all of his vestments, uniforms, 23 years of Army memorabilia and his entire library.

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor, garrison chaplain, said there had been plans for a new chapel to be built adjacent to the annex behind The Infantry Center Chapel, but the plans had never made it past the funding stage.

"New chapels haven't been built in the Army for a number of years so we're hoping this will cause the Department of Defense to rethink it and allow us to build a new one," Taylor said.

In the meantime, the 5 p.m. Saturday mass will be celebrated in TIC Chapel and both of Sunday's masses, 8:30 and 11:30 a.m., will be celebrated in Pratt Hall, which is in the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

Poll: Seeks real answers from soldiers and civilians

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ng areas can be used to make models for ers that may be lacking," Porter said.

With a military career comes a lot of erwork, said one soldier who has taken at least surveys in his 13 year Army career.

'If you've been in the military for three nths, you've taken a survey," he said. "They ost all look the same and ask the same stions. But this one gets to the point. It's ch better than what I've seen before."

With vast test-taking experience under his belt, said the survey is more comprehensive than se taken at the company-command level.

"I don't remember seeing any questions like this before, like the question asking whether your job is interesting. That's important to get to because you have to like what you do in order to succeed," the soldier said. "This certainly hits all the points it needs to."

The 1,100 anonymous participants turned in the surveys yesterday. They received the 120-question test Jan. 4. Over the next few weeks, mission systems specialists at IG will compile and analyze the answers. They will release the results of the survey at the end of February, after examination by the post commander.

A CLOSER LOOK

Responses to the following statements were supposed to indicate to what degree a survey taker agreed or disagreed with them, or found them not to be applicable:

- People in my organization share responsibility for the success or failure of the work produced.
- I feel my work is useful.
- People in my organization do not have to rely on "the grapevine" or rumors for information.
- The distribution of work among the people in my organization is well balanced.
- A spirit of cooperation and teamwork exists within my organization.
- Participants were also asked to rate their level of satisfaction in other areas such as youth services, car washes, hospital patient care, and military pay problem resolution.

Miles: Now belong to individual travelers, not government

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Mason said he did not know if elers could combine previous miles n their personal and governmental ounts. Travelers would have to check with their individual airline.

Maj. Bill Harris, assistant TRADOC Systems Manager-Soldier, who takes a couple of trips a month, said it will take some time getting used to the new law.

"I have mixed feelings about the law," Harris said. "The government pays for the ticket, and therefore owns the miles. But if the government wants to let travelers keep the miles, then I'm OK with that."

Harris said he did not know if he would use the mileage for personal travel because he felt guilty.

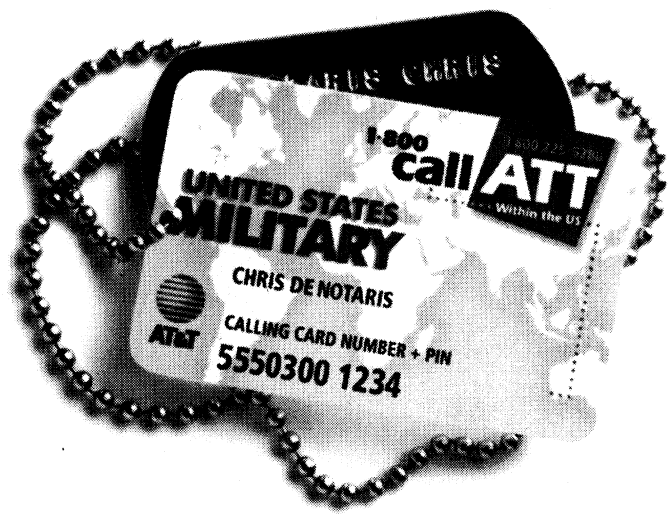
"At my last command, we used the miles for government travel to save the government money," Harris said. "I feel uneasy using the miles to take a vacation or upgrade to first class. I really don't need the miles."

But Spc. Chris Bashaw, Land Warrior subject matter expert, is excited about the change.

"I like the change," Bashaw said. "In eight months, I've logged 90,000 miles. Some may think the change is unfair, but traveling isn't really a luxury. Some days I travel and work 20 to 22 hours a day, then I have to go to work again the next day and do the same thing.

"Traveling can be stressful," Bashaw said. "Now at least we can keep the miles, which eases the burden of traveling. When my year in the Army is over, I plan to use the miles to take a vacation."

For more information, travelers should contact their supervisor or contact Mason at 545-1046.



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Battalion receives runner-up award

Competition grows fiercer each year

Tonya Johnson
Bayonet staff

The 1st battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment soldiers and civilians have something to smile about.

The battalion was recently named the Training and Doctrine Command runner-up in the large category for the fiscal 2001 Army award for Maintenance Excellence.

"None of this would have been possible without the soldiers and civilians," said Chief Warrant Officer Lee Franklin, battalion maintenance officer. "They work hard and put a lot of effort into their work."

The AAME is an annual award open to the active Army, Reserve and National Guard. Winners and runners-up are chosen in each major command in three categories — small, medium, and large. The winners from the major commands compete at the Department of the Army level for the Secretary of Defense Maintenance Award.

The battalion was judged on its readiness, maintenance programs such as its Quality Assurance and Hazardous Waste programs and community activities. Some of the battalion's community activities include mentoring Spencer High School students, giving local tours and hosting blood drives.

"The purpose of the award is to identify excellence," Franklin said. "Maintenance is training and training is maintenance. Both go hand in hand. You need both to train the infantryman of tomorrow on the most modern equipment."

Eighteen civilians and 65 soldiers are the mechanics who keep the 116 Bradley fighting vehicles, 95 wheeled vehicles and other equipment repaired and working. The battalion is the largest mechanized infantry in the Army with more than 2,000 pieces of equipment and 650 personnel.

"The professionalism of the soldiers and civilians is incredible," Franklin said. "They work hand in hand to get the mission accomplished."

The battalion has won the award in previous years, but the competition keeps becoming more intense.

"This is a fierce competition," Franklin said. "It's an honor to be the runner-up in the large category."

Sam Harvel, the maintenance supervisor, said the honor showed the importance of teamwork within the battalion.

"We all work together, and it shows," Harvel said. "We have learned to do more with less, and we believe in doing things right the first time."

Master Sgt. Elyon Zeigler, battalion motor sergeant, is also pleased with the honor.

"This gives us a chance to highlight the good things we do on a daily basis," Zeigler said. "We play a major part with keeping the infantryman equipped for combat."

Franklin considers his staff to be among the best in the Army and is ready to enter next year's contest.

"We'll continue to grow and learn from this year," Franklin said. "I'm confident next year we'll win."

Army needs physician assistants

Deadline for application is April 30

Capt. Henry Hathaway
Martin Army Community Hospital

The U.S. Army is looking for qualified enlisted soldiers to attend the Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program at the AMEDD Center and School, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. This is an intensive two-year course of study. Graduates of the course receive a commission as a second lieutenant and a baccalaureate degree from the University of Nebraska.

Army physician assistants provide a broad range of medical services traditionally performed by physicians.

They are the primary medical provider to soldiers in battalion and division level units and may also provide garrison healthcare to soldiers, family members and other eligible beneficiaries. The Army PA has served the nation in all conflicts and peacekeeping missions since the Vietnam War.

The Army trains approximately 70 enlisted soldiers a year alongside candidates from the Air Force, Navy, Coast Guard, U.S. Army Reserve, National Guard and U.S. Public Health Service. Candidates attend the AMEDD Center and School for the classroom portion of the program. Courses range from anatomy and physiology to orthopedics. During a year of clinical training at selected Army hospitals, the candidates participate in clinical rotations in such areas as surgery, pediatrics and dermatology.

Applicants must be enlisted soldiers with a minimum of three years but less than 12 years time in service. Other eligibility criteria include, but are not limited to: a GT score of 110 or greater, 60 semester hours of post secondary school education of which 30 hours must include six hours of English, six hours of humanities, six hours of chemistry, six hours of anatomy and physiology, three hours of algebra, and three hours of psychology.

Currently, there is a pilot program that accepts commissioned and warrant officers applicants to compete for seats in the program.

Applications for this program are accepted until April 30 of each year and are reviewed by a board in July of each year. Complete application procedures are found in AR 601-20, The Interservice Physician Assistant Training Program, and in yearly message updates found at the Web site www.goarmy.com/job/amedd/paqual3.htm. Local Army education centers can also assist applicants with procedures.

Maj. Bruce McLennan will hold a briefing from 10 to 11 a.m. and 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at Infantry Hall, Classroom 30. This program is open to all MOSs and AOCs.

For more information, call McLennan at DSN 536-0386 or commercial 502-626-0386, or e-mail at bruce.mclennan@usarec.army.mil.

around post

Bus service

The METRA buses will continue to service Fort Benning.

For more information, call the Transportation Division at 545-4788.

Soldier of the Quarter

There will be a NCO and Soldier of the Quarter awards luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Main NCO Club.

Those wishing to attend should call their first sergeant or sergeant major no later than Jan. 23 for ticket information.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class David W. Grant, Garrison Operations, at 545-1500 or 545-6041.

MLK holiday closures

In observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the following are the closures:

- Self-Help, U do it will be closed on Saturday. It will also be closed Feb. 16.
- The Leisure Activities Center Ticket Office will be closed on Monday .
- The Auto Craft Shop will be closed Saturday. The shop is always closed on Mondays.
- The Automotive Care Center will be closed Monday.

For more information, call Abigail Gibson, 545-4207.

MLK holiday changes

The yard waste, garbage and recycle changes effected by the holiday are as follows:

- There will be no yard waste pick-ups in Family Housing Monday. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be Jan. 28.
- There will be no garbage or recycle pick-ups on Monday. Areas normally scheduled for Monday pick-up will be picked up Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-4232.

Retention training

The Department of the Army's Mobile Retention Training Team will be at Fort Benning Tuesday through Jan. 25 to provide training for Additional Duty Unit Retention NCOs.

Training is to be conducted at the Fort Benning Afterhours Club and scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday.

Friday from 2:55 to 3:55 p.m. the team will present the Army Retention Program overview to Fort Benning's leadership, immediately followed by graduation.

This is an opportunity unit commanders to have a DA certified Unit Retention NCO to provide effective retention counseling to soldiers. A primary and alternate, per unit, E-5 or above, with at least 1 year retainability is required to attend.

Anyone interested should contact the Battalion Retention NCO and or Career Counselor for more specific details.

BCTB Regiment graduations

The BCTB Regiment is having a three company graduation ceremony Thursday for D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, and A and B Companies, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment.

For more information, call 544-8120 or 544-8210.

ITB graduation

The 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, graduation will be Jan. 25 at 10 a.m. at Kanell Field on Sand Hill.

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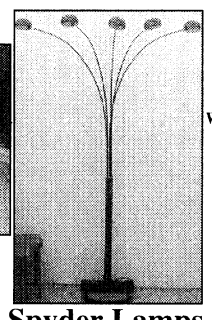
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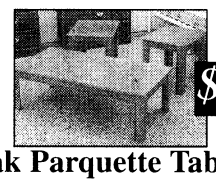

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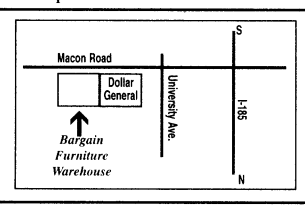
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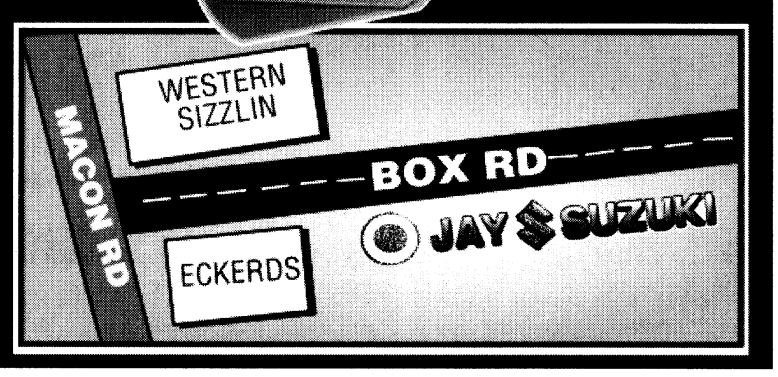
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People's Parable: National symbol nests near Chattahoochee River

Bald eagles built nesting place on Fort Benning

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet

Editor's note: *This article is the third in a seven-part series that will honor and explain the origin of some of our national symbols.*

As far as national symbols go, Fort Benning boasts the birdiest. Two adult bald eagles nestle in their own riverfront resort on the Chattahoochee.

Eagles are thought to mate for life, and, for the last eight years, this couple has made the post their home. There are actually two nests, but the original, located in a ravine, has deteriorated with time. The pair recently made an upgrade to a tall tree overlooking the river.

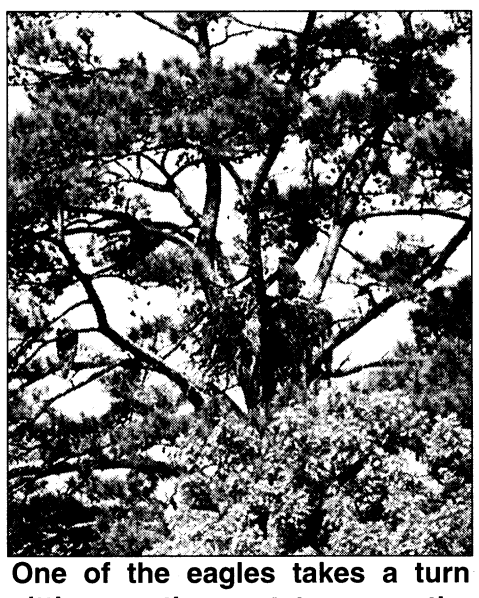
Sightings of the eagles nesting and fishing on the river are frequent since the eagles prefer areas near water, and they feed on fish.

"It's pretty dramatic to go out there and see them bring in a fish or see the eaglets starting to get bigger and test out their wings," said Pete Swiderick, Conservation Branch chief, Directorate of Facilities, Engineering and Logistics. "That can be a pretty exciting sight."

The post's pair has produced at least one eaglet each year for the past eight years. They typically nest from the first of December until the end of May, when the eaglets leave the nest, Swiderick said.

"We've expected the eaglets to come back and make nests, but we've not been able to verify they've done that," Swiderick said. "There occasionally are sightings of three eagles together, including one sub-adult. But we've not seen more than three together at the same time."

The conservation branch's role is to protect the area in which the eagles live during the breeding season. This includes blocking boaters, closing two training areas, locking two gates that access the river, and blocking hunting in that area.



One of the eagles takes a turn sitting on the nest to warm the eggs. The eagles are free from predators in their tall tree home.

They have even coordinated with Lawson Army Airfield to keep flight patterns no less than 1,000 feet away from the nesting area. The branch's biologist checks on the nest weekly during the nesting season.

The bald eagle was selected as the insignia of the United States June 20, 1782.

There is a connection between the national symbol and the military installation upon which it thrives, Swiderick said, but not one that may be expected.

"The eagle is here because of the military, not in spite of it. They are here because the habitat is here," Swiderick said. "Fort Benning is an island in a sea of disturbance. The habitat outside of it has been altered to the extent that you won't find any eagles or red-cockaded woodpeckers. The military, whether they meant to or not, has created some semi-pristine habitat for the eagles to live in."

The Chattahoochee River Valley is a good example of high quality habitat for the eagle and several endangered species, Swiderick said. The quality comes as a result of the military's active involvement in a natural resource management program.

"The military provides an excellent habitat for many endangered species," Swiderick said, "and right now those habitats on installations are some of the best that exist."



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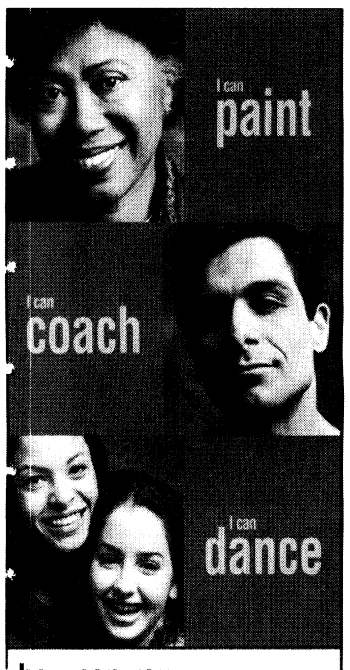
One of two known bald eagle residents swoops down over the Chattahoochee RIver.

A CLOSER LOOK

- The bald eagle was selected as the insignia of the United States June 20, 1782.
- Historians state the bald eagle was selected due to its long life, great strength and majestic looks. It was also then believed to exist only in North America.
- Another historical account gave added echelon to the choice of the eagle as the national symbol. They say at one of the first battles of the Revolution, which typically occurred early in the morning, the noise of the struggle awoke the sleeping eagles on the heights. They flew from their nests and circled over the heads of the fighting men, all the while letting out shrill cries. It was said the men exclaimed then, "They are shrieking for our freedom."
- It is now depicted on the silver dollar, half dollar and the quarter, as well as on the Great Seal of the United States.
- The average lifespan for a bald eagle is 20-50 years.
- The bald eagle is not really bald. It has white feathers on its head, neck and tail. Bald is a derivative of balde, an Old English word meaning white.
- The bald eagle can fly 20 to 40 mph in normal flight and can dive at speeds over 100 mph.
- Bald eagles can actually swim! They use an overhand movement of the wings that is very much like the butterfly stroke.
- More than 80 percent of the bald eagle population in the southeastern U.S. is concentrated within the state of Florida.
- The bald eagle has been moved to "threatened" status from being considered an endangered species. Considerations are now underway to remove the bald eagle from the list altogether, as they are now a recovered population.
- The Bald Eagle Protection Act makes it illegal for anyone to collect eagles and eagle parts, nests, or eggs without a permit. Possession of a feather or other body part is a felony with a fine of up to $10,000 and imprisonment, although federally recognized Native Americans are able to possess such emblems, which are traditional in their culture.

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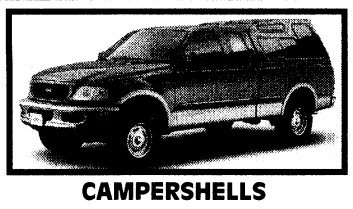
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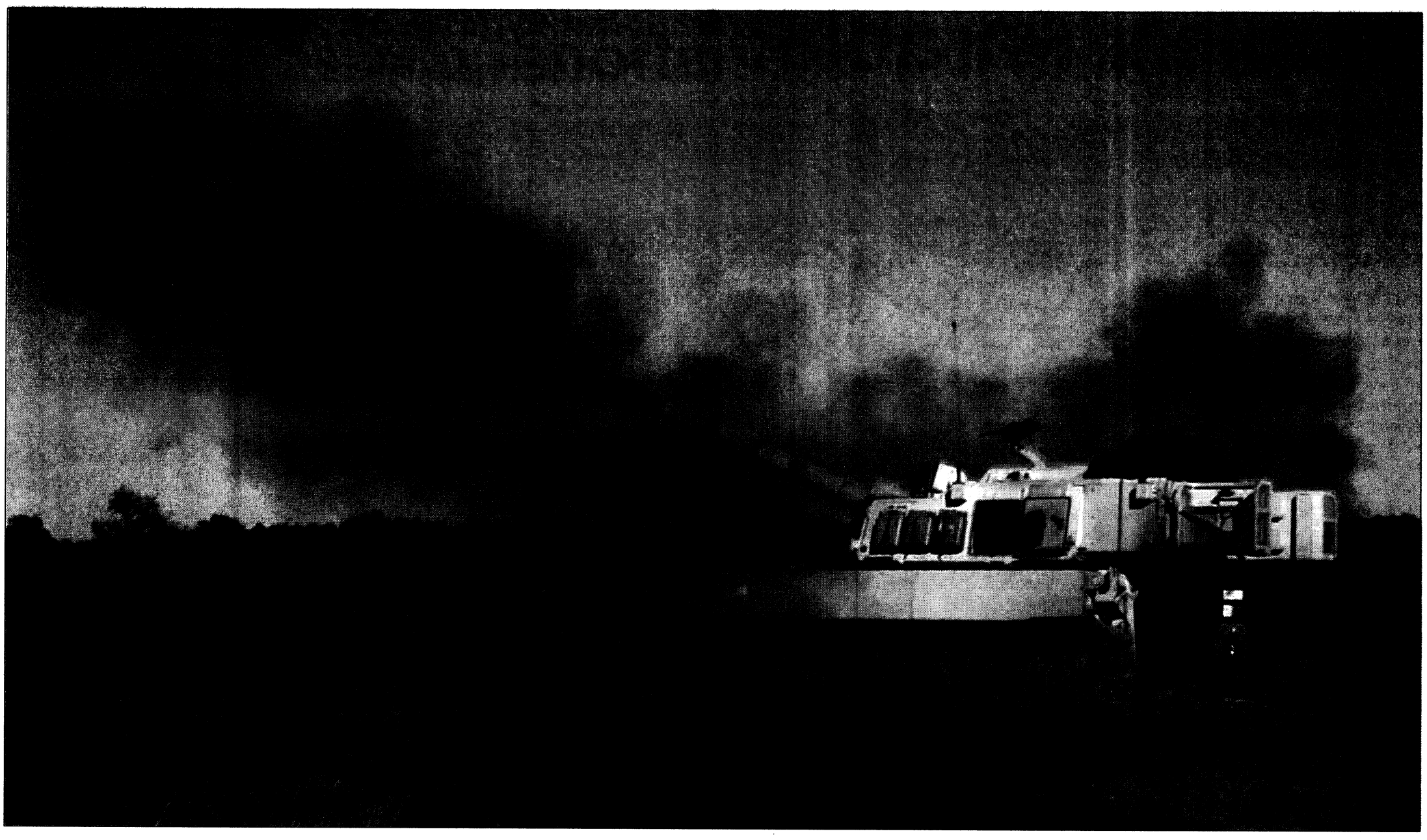
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The Paladin Operators Leader Course Class 01-02 engages in a live-fire exercise, firing high-explosive rounds from the Paladin M-109 at Bowman Range.

Students wrap up class with big bang

Paladin course students perform live-fire

Pvt. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Paladin Operators Leader Course class performed a live-fire exercise with the Paladin M-109, a fully-tracked, armored vehicle with a 155 mm Howitzer, Tuesday at Bowman Range.

The class is an 80-hour course geared for NCOs and officers to familiarize themselves with the equipment and give hands-on experience to take back to their crew.

"It is definitely a great class," said Staff Sgt. Anthony O'Baner, an instructor for the course, with 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment. "It is set up for people who have never used a Paladin before. We give detailed instruction on how everything works, so the students will learn all the major aspects of the equipment."

Students seem to enjoy the course.

"I think the class is pretty good overall," said Sgt. John Cruz, student in the course with 1st Bn., 10th Artillery Regt. "We get trained on the basics of the system."

During the class, students learn the history of field artillery, how to use the computer and other equipment with the Paladin, and the safety standards of operation.

"When they leave here, they will have the knowledge and confidence to take back to their crew," O'Baner said.

During the live-fire exercise, the students received coordinates of the target, adjusted aim and fired 99-pound, high-explosive rounds at the target during several aiming scenarios.

"The live-fire exercise is the best and most exciting part of the course," O'Baner said. "They put to use everything they learned over the week, and the students use that to shoot down range."

Cruz said he was glad to get out of the classroom.

"I think the hands-on experience is great," Cruz said. "Anyone can read books about doing this, but here we get the natural feeling how to use it."

Expanded Javelin course meets needs of Army

More soldiers will be able to attend gunners course

Sgt. Samantha M. Torres
Bayonet staff

The Army is stepping up its transformation to a faster, more lethal force. Part of that mission is fielding more trained Javelin gunners. The Javelin is a medium range, portable, shoulder-launched, fire and forget, antiarmor weapon system.

"The (Javelin) is relatively new to the Army," said Nelson McGahee, 29th Infantry Regiment training specialist.

His office is currently working with the Department of the Army to increase the number of student gunners in the Javelin gunners course, conducted at the U.S. Army Infantry School, in an effort to fill the growing number of gunner positions becoming available throughout the Army.

Last year, officials from the USAIC talked to DA to establish training loads for fiscal 2003 and 2004, McGahee said.

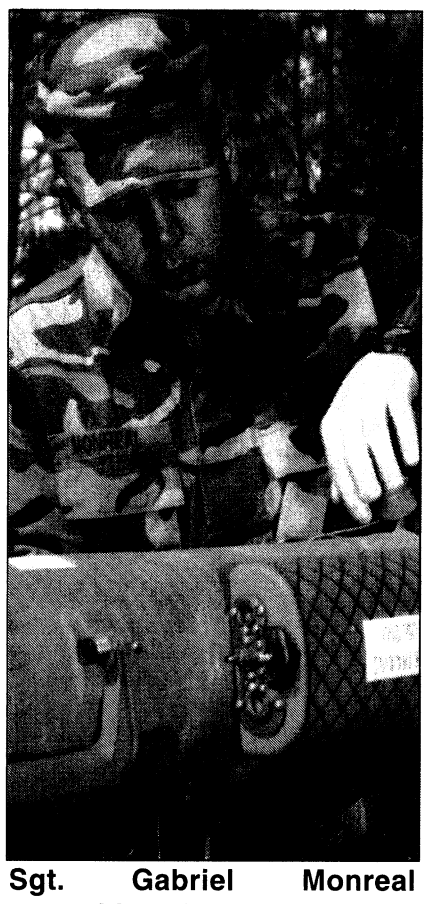
The final statement for the FY02 is 132 students. That breaks down into four classes, each with 33 seats, he said.

USAIC Javelin course leaders also anticipate the approval of an increased training load to 190 seats, adding five classes, each consisting of 38 students, later this fiscal year.

"DA recognizes the need for the increase in classes and for the facilities and equipment," McGahee said. "We are just waiting for the approval for the course increases."

During his visit to Fort Benning last year, Brig. Gen. William Webster Jr., director of training, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans from Washington, was briefed by Javelin course leaders and agreed to work with the USAIC leaders to help the school receive adequate resourcing for the course.

It is just a matter of time before Staff Sgt. Daniel Duval and other Javelin gunner instructors see an increase in student numbers.



Sgt. Gabriel Monreal assembles the Field Tactical Trainer of the Javelin.

"This increase should have happened several years ago to help the Army fulfill its mission of fielding qualified and certified gunners and instructors," Duval said.

After all the meetings, school official are hopeful that they will receive the support.

"There is a growing need for trained gunners," McGahee said. "The school's mission is to support and train gunners."

"The number of weapons systems being fielded is growing," McGahee said. "More divisions are fielding the weapon system and that is just in the active duty component. The numbers are growing in the reserves, too."

Javelin course instructors are not discouraged nor are they slowing down their tempo. Courses are continuing as planned despite the current lack of funding and instructors.

There are still only 12 months in the year. More courses and larger classes will only help the Army meet its goal of filling gunner positions, Duval said.



Photos by Sgt. Samantha M. Torres

Staff Sgt. Rafael Rodriquez fires the Javelin weapon system during a simulated firing exercise. The Department of the Army is working to fill gunner positions Army wide.

Training enough soldiers as gunners is not the only problem the Army is having in filling gunner positions. Once soldiers earn their additional skills identifiers, 2C, signifying them as Javelin gunners, Duval is concerned units may not put them in a gunner position.

"The leadership of the Army needs to use a soldier appropriately," Duval said. "Until there is more trained Javelin gunners in the Army, units need to place trained Javelin gunners in Javelin gunner positions, not in a rifleman or SAW gunners positions."

Infantrymen, engineers and scouts who successfully complete the gunners course receive the ASI, 2C, that can be confused with the Dragon gunner's ASI, C2.

McGahee warns soldiers to pay close attention to the difference in the identifiers.

"If a soldier is Javelin qualified, he should not fill a Dragon gunner or any non-Javelin gunner slot," McGahee said. "By doing so, the soldier and his command are defeating the mission of the Army by not filling the Javelin positions and using the soldiers' valuable skills."

TF 1-30 trains in multinational environment

Soldiers help Austrians in Kosovo

Spc. Molly Jones
Task Force 1-30

Ramjan Range, controlled by Task Force Falcon, is the only qualification range in Kosovo where large caliber weaponry can be fired.

Task Force 1-30 coordinated with the Austrians for the unit's weapons qualification. Master gunner Staff Sgt. Edward Westveer began planning with the Austrians in December shortly after they asked TF Falcon to help.

TF 1-30 provided personnel to help run the range for the Austrians.

"The main reason behind this is because their radio system does not talk to Falcon," Westover said. "They do not have the same frequencies that we do, so radio communication was just easier if we were working it."

"Task Force 1-30, being the heaviest unit here, with Bradley's and whatnot, we were chosen to assist in the process," said Capt. Matthew Neumeyer, assistant operations officer for TF 1-30. "We are only here to facilitate communications with Falcon. This is an Austrian range for the day; they are responsible for the set up, conduct, and tear down of the range.

Part of the Austrians requirement is to qualify their sections, but they combine the armored personnel carrier's qualification with their dismounted troops, Westveer said.

Their training scenario is to move two vehicles, the APC's, with personnel mounted in the back. Make contact, dismount and move to an over watch position, while the APC's move into their position and fire on their targets. Then they will break contact.

Neumeyer said this type of scenario is very much like the type of action that could happen in Kosovo "if we were ever under fire, maybe an ambush, but the same type of thing: return fire and break contact."

Westveer runs the targets for the 50-caliber machine guns in the control tower by a remote control box that controls the target lifters that are down-range. This is the first time this equipment has been used, which gives Westveer a good day to practice and time to work out any problems before his gunnery begins the next week, he said.



Spc. Molly Jones

An Austrian soldier trains in a Pandur 6 by 6, all-wheel-drive armored personnel carrier. The soldiers are training in Kosovo with Fort Benning's TF 1-30.

Overcrowding causes BCTB to train infantry soldiers

ITB transfer uncommon but necessary

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

One Station Unit Training soldiers started basic training with the Basic Combat Training Brigade in late November because the Infantry Training Brigade did not have enough resources during a two-week period to train the soldiers.

Two hundred and nine infantry soldiers began basic training Nov. 26 with BCTB's A Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, before being transferred to ITB's A Co., 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt.

The soldiers did not begin their training with the ITB company because the ITB company had not finished its training cycle. Soldiers trained for three weeks with the BCTB before being transferred to ITB.

"ITB is really busy and backed up with soldiers at 30th Adjutant General Replacement Battalion," said 1st Lt. Kevin Gallatin, executive officer of the ITB company. "It worked out really well because BCTB slowed down with its amount of people."

ITB soldiers are assigned to one station unit training, which is 14 weeks of training, the first eight being common task training.

"Our soldiers in ITB learn how tasks are applied to the infantry," Gallatin said.

That's what makes this different because BCTB drill sergeants are from non-infantry military occupational specialities, he said.

> "The soldiers came to us exactly where I expect them to be."
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> **1st Lt. Kevin Gallatin**
> 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

"The BCTB drill sergeants are great," Gallatin said. "The soldiers came to us exactly where I expect them to be after three weeks of training."

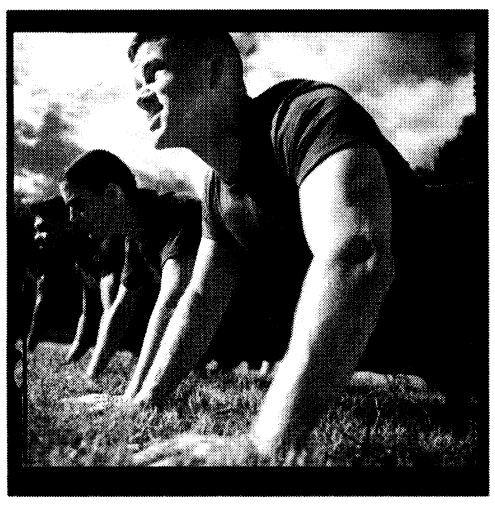
The soldiers' transition from BCTB to ITB was well organized, said Staff Sgt. Peter Black, drill sergeant at ITB.

"We had all their TA-50 laid out for them when they came, which sped up the process, and we kept their roster number the same," Black said. "The transfer was smooth, and the soldiers already were familiar with their drill sergeants.

"I think the only difficult part about the transition is our standard operational procedure is different from BCTB's SOP."

"We keep our boots on top of our lockers rather than underneath our bunks," Pvt. Rodney Dean said. "And here we only call out at ease for the first sergeant, rather than for a drill sergeant who walks out of the office."

Overall the ITB company is very pleased with the training and transition, Black said.



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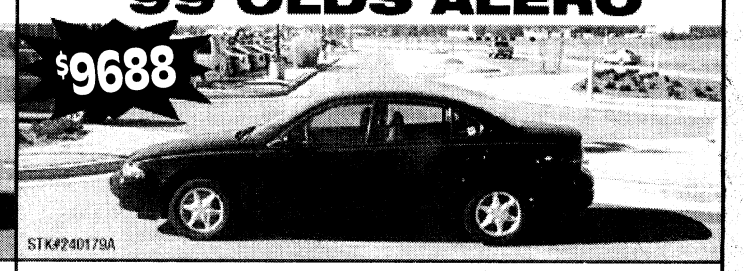
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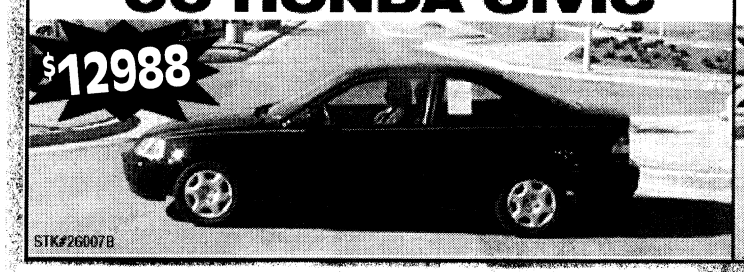
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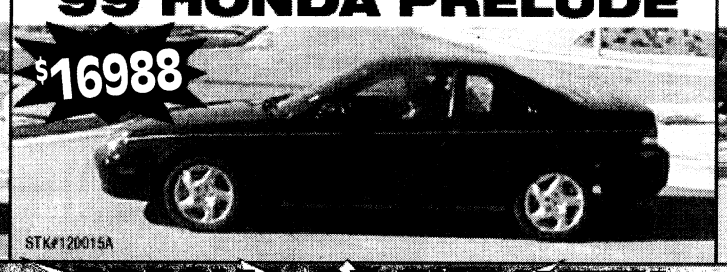
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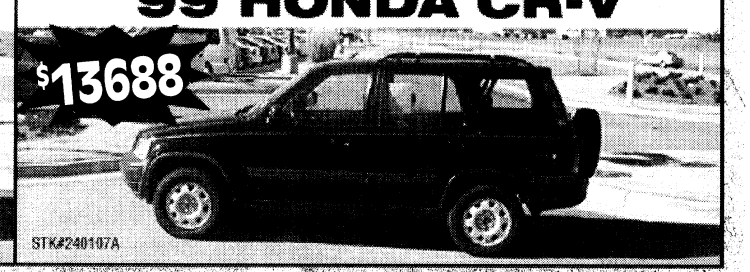
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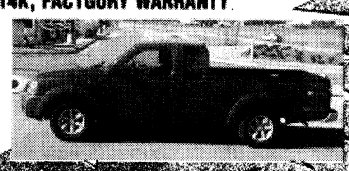
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SECTION B

G.I. Joe earns ranger tab

Fort Benning soldiers serve as models

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Way to go Joe. America's favorite soldier has finally earned the ranger tab.

Since his debut in 1964 — the first action figure in the world for boys, with "21 moving parts and a Kung Fu grip" — G.I Joe has survived more conflicts and earned more medals than any soldier in history. But it's taken him 38 years to earn the tab.

"It's about time," said Staff Sgt. Christopher Jones, the assistant operations NCO for the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Jones and Sgt. Aaron Russell, the regimental schools NCO, served as "model" rangers for Hasbro, Inc., the producers of G.I. Joe.

Larry Selman, a free-lance illustrator contracted by the toy company, visited Fort Benning Jan. 10 to get a close look at the rangers in action with assorted weapons, uniforms and equipment.

He took pictures of Jones and Russell in various poses, and from the photos he'll paint the battle scenes that will appear on the Ranger Joe boxes.

"I like to get out and talk to these guys and learn how they work," said Selman, who frequently travels from his home in Waynesboro, Pa. "If I stay in the office all the time, I'd miss the details I need to make my work realistic. There are some things you can't get from books."

Selman, whose work has appeared on 65 G.I. Joe packages since 1986, including the recently released Pearl Harbor edition, said Russell and Jones will recognize

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Sgt. Aaron Russell applies "make-up" during a photo shoot for Hasbro's newest edition of G.I. Joe, a series of rangers in various uniforms and battles, including a World War II and a sniper action figure.

Diaper derby gets down and dirty

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Babies, start your, uh, engines! Such was the battle cry heard Saturday morning at the Main Mall Post Exchange.

And crying there was as creepers, crawlers and some sure-footed walkers became junior competitors at the PX baby race.

"Each month we try to promote excitement for the store, and this was just another way to do it," said Jerry Shugart, PX manager. "I was a little apprehensive, because I'm not a parent, so I'm hoping for feedback from those who are."

The children were divided into two age groups, 2 to 11 months, and 12 to 18 months.

The younger group of crawlers were judged by how far they got, while the older group, all walkers, were judged by how fast they made it to the finish line.

Parents, grandparents and big brothers and sisters hovered about the finish line with everything from favorite teddy bears, to a set of car keys, hoping to bribe their baby to leave fellow toddlers in the dust.

"We've got a pacifier, her favorite doll and mom at the finish line," said Spc. Thomas Fogger, 71st Military Police Detachment.

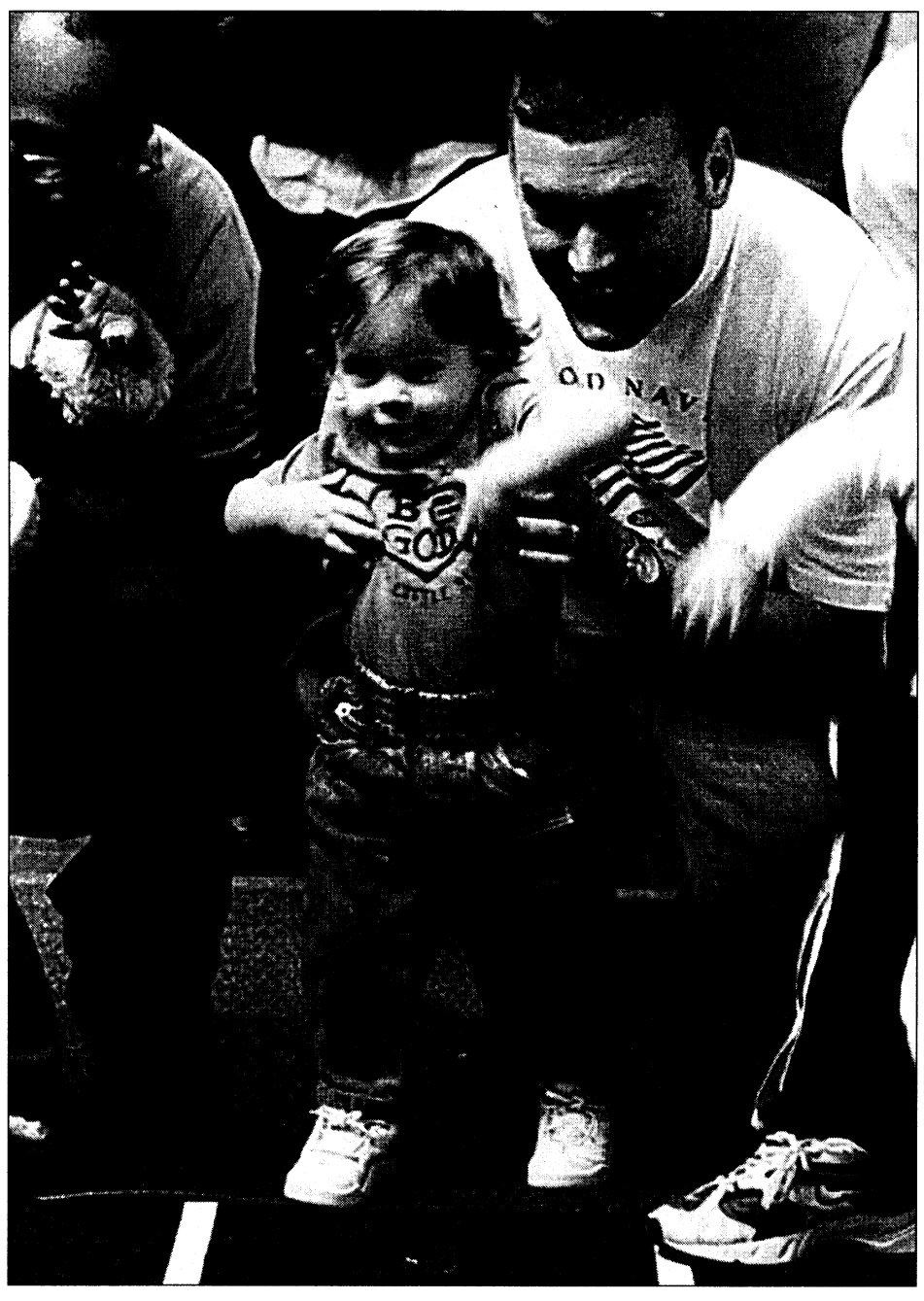
And their strategy worked, as baby Ana Kathryn, 15 months, darted straight for the goods to win the walking race.

Blake Pierce, 10-month-old winner of the crawling race, got a pep talk from dad, Sgt. Colby Pierce of 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, before the contest.

"I told him to win, and we did a little 'go, team, go' chant," Pierce said.

Winners received a plaque, a $25 gift certificate to the PX and a stuffed animal. A car seat was raffled, and every baby walked — or crawled — away with a box of baby wipes just for participating.

Amanda Brown heard the announcement while shopping in the PX and decided to enter daughter Emerald, 18 months. Although many parents were excited at the prospect of a little competition, Brown said, "It's just a way to have a little fun on a Saturday."



Laura Martinson

Spc. Thomas Fogger preps baby girl Ana Kathryn, 15 months, for the baby race. Ana Kathryn won the walking race Jan. 11.

Schools sponsor contest

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Fort Benning Schools want to see if you've been paying attention.

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The CSP was the subject of a five-part series that ran in *The Bayonet* during December and January. The contest, which will be published next week, is based on the articles, the CSP handbook (available at all post schools), and the DoDEA Web site, www.odedodea.edu.

The contest, which will run for three weeks, is open to all Fort Benning residents, employees, military, retired military and family members, with the exception of employees of Fort Benning Schools and *The Bayonet*.

A list of prizes will be published next week, along with an entry form, which can be returned to any Fort Benning school, the administration office on Custer Road or *The Bayonet* office in Infantry Hall.

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Magazine features students worries

Students' essays express fears, faith following crisis

Bridgett Siter
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A Faith Middle School seventh-grader's concern for the crisis in America has caught the attention of a national magazine.

Brittany Tyson's response to a classroom assignment — "What are you thinking about during this time of sadness?" — following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the U.S., earned her a place in Sunday's *Parade* magazine feature article about America's youth.

"We think what she had to say will interest teen-agers and adults," said Lynn Minton, editor for the magazine's "Fresh Voices" column.

Tyson's seventh-grade language arts teacher, Lisa Madler, makes a point of having her students respond to the weekly queries *Parade* poses to teens across the country.

Madler submitted Tyson's reply to the "Crisis in America" assignment in September and received a reply earlier this month.

"Brittany has deep feelings, and articulates those feeling very well in her writing," Madler said. "I think she's just now beginning to realize she's good at it."

Tyson's essay focused on her concern for her family in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 tragedy.

She expressed fear for the safety of her mother, Sgt. Constance Brown, a petroleum, oil and lubricants NCOIC for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, and dread over the possibility of deployment.

"My fears are that we'll have to go to war, and they'll take my mom away, and I'll never see her again," she wrote.

Tyson's essay also expressed sympathy for children who lost their parents in the attack.

"My mom was in Korea for a year," said Tyson, who has three sisters.

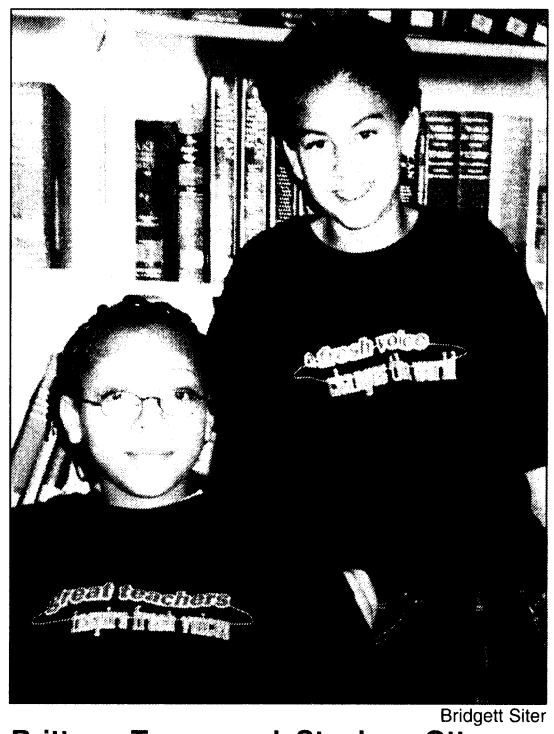
"That was a really hard time for us, especially my little sister. There were a lot of tears. I don't want that to happen again."

Tyson expressed hope that "everything will go back to the way it was before this happened," and faith that the American people will "come together and rebuild."

Parade also recognized Tyson's classmate, Stephen Ott. Minton lauded his essay as "so special," but space restrictions kept it from making the final print.

"I fear that my father will be needed to help (fight) terrorism, because if he does go, I (may) never see him again, and my dad means a lot to me," Ott wrote.

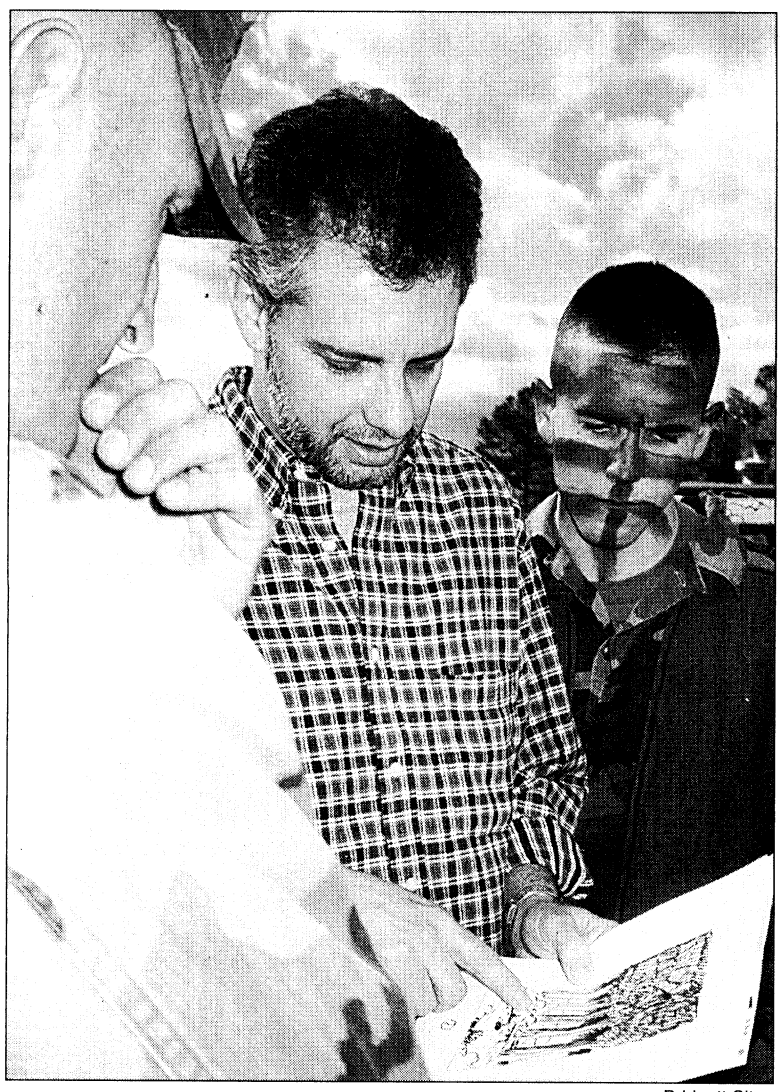
Tyson and Ott received T-shirts from the magazine for their contributions.



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Brittany Tyson and Stephen Ott were given T-shirts for their contributions to *Parade Magazine*.

G.I. Joe: Earns ranger tab



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Larry Selman, center, confers with rangers, on sketches for a G.I. Joe ranger action figure.

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themselves in the finished product.

"I come here to learn about the uniforms and the equipment, but I don't change their faces," Selman said. "They'll know themselves when they see it."

Russell found the prospect of being immortalized on a G.I. Joe box humorous.

"I like to think I'm representing the regiment," he said with a chuckle. "But, yeah, it's pretty cool to think I'll be the face of G.I. Joe."

One of the packages will depict Ranger Joe in a ghillie suit and face paint. Russell and Jones vied for the honor of *not* wearing the suit, and they settled the matter diplomatically.

"Paper-rock-scissors," Russell said. "I lost."

The new G.I. Joes, tabbed and tanned, will hit store shelves in the next few months, Selman said. They will be released in a series of six, including a World War II ranger, a long range surveillance ranger, a sniper, a "midnight mission" ranger, a "tank buster" and a ranger on a motorcycle.

Lead leads to long-term health problems

Chipping, peeling paint can pose risks

Mignon Clarke
Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

Our society faces significant health and environmental problems as a result of lead pollution.

People are familiar with the use of lead in paint. Lead was a major ingredient in most interior and exterior oil house paints prior to 1950. Lead was still used, although in lesser quantities, until 1978 when the Environmental Protection Agency banned its use in house paints.

However, lead-based paint remains a top environmental concern because it continues to pose a potential health hazard to communities throughout our nation, including Fort Benning.

Because of their age, most housing and buildings on Fort Benning contain some form of lead-based paint.

Over the years the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics has removed lead-based paint in a number of units, however there is still a long way to go.

Lead-based paint is often found on the interior and exterior wood trim and windows, but it has also been found on floors, stairs and walls. Lead-based paint that is in good condition is usually not a hazard. It becomes a hazard if it peels, chips, or cracks. The resulting paint chips or lead dust can be serious health hazards.

We come into contact with lead everyday, mostly in our homes, yards and in the workplace. The lead must find its way into the body in order for it to cause health problems. The most common way is ingesting lead contaminated-dust or paint chips.

Lead contaminated dust can be created when lead-based paint is sanded or when lead-painted surfaces are bumped or rubbed together. The opening and closing of doors and windows painted with lead-based paint are examples of how lead dust can be made.

Lead-contaminated dust like any other dust tends to accumulate on horizontal surfaces, such as windowsills and floors.

Infants and young children commonly play in these areas and are very likely to put their hands and toys into their mouths after touching the dust.

Lead effects virtually every system of the body. These effects are more dangerous to children under the age of six than adults. At low levels lead may effect developing brains and nervous systems causing reductions in IQ and attention span. In adults, lead can lead to reproductive problems, nerve disorders, and muscle and joint pain.

Fort Benning Family Practice and Pediatric clinics conduct lead screening for children under the age of six. Beginning at about 6 months of age children brought to the clinics for a well-child visit are given a questionnaire to determine if the child is at high risk for lead exposure. Children found to be at high risk for lead exposure then receive a blood test for lead.

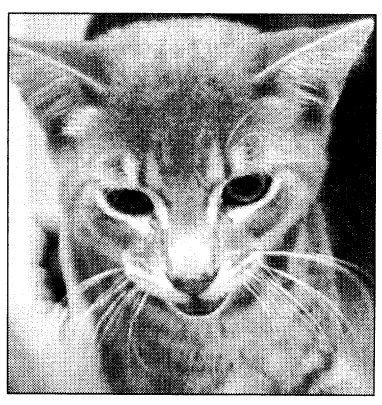
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A CLOSER LOOK

There are some things that you should do on your own to protect your family:

- Report all peeling, chipping, or cracking paint in on-post housing to the DFEL Family Housing Office (545-8323) or Work Order Desk.
- Do not attempt to repair, scrape or remove paint in your quarters if you live on post. However, paint chips that have fallen onto exterior porches, decks and steps should be removed. Routinely clean these areas with a mop or sponge and warm water and a general all-purpose cleaner.
- Wash children's hands often, especially before they eat and before naptime or bedtime. Keep play areas clean. Wash bottles, pacifiers, toys and stuffed animals regularly.
- Make sure children eat nutritious meals high in iron and calcium. Children with good diets absorb less lead.

Pets of the Week





The kitten and puppy pictured here are just two pets available for adoption at the Fort Benning adoption clinic. For more information, call 545-4444.

Pet Tips:

Now that the weather is colder, it is important to remember our outside pets. Put an old blanket in their doghouse to help keep in the warmth. If the weather dips below freezing, bring them inside. Try getting a carrier for those pets who aren't house trained. This will help keep your house clean.

David L. Roberts
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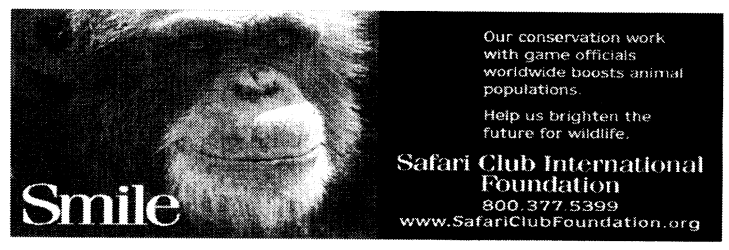
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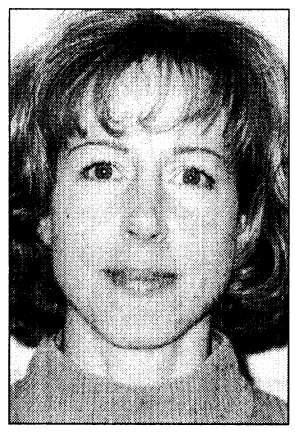
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The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Lisa Madler



a seventh-grade language arts teacher at Faith Middle School

Personal: Madler was commissioned in the Army in 1983 and served at Fort Benning until 1987.

"A lot of my friends in college were ROTC, and they talked me into taking a few classes," she said. "I went to jump school and loved it. I liked the discipline and structure the military offered, and I got to run a lot, which I loved.

"It just seemed to offer everything that I'm all about, and I looked good in green," she said with a chuckle.

Madler met her husband, Gerald, also a soldier, while stationed at Fort Benning. He's now a counselor at Faith.

Education and career: Madler was raised in Hendersonville, Tenn., and Tuscaloosa, Ala. She earned a degree in geography from the University of Tennessee and worked for the State of Georgia as an environmental health specialist after leaving the Army.

As an environmental health specialist, Madler spent a lot of time in schools, educating children and adults about health and environmental issues.

That's where I decided education is where I needed to be," she said.

So when restructuring threatened her job with the state, Madler went back to school for her teaching certificate.

She earned her master's degree from Troy State University and is currently working towards her education specialist's degree.

She taught at Baker Middle School for two years before coming to Faith last year.

"I've never looked back," she said. "This is where I need to be, and I love it."

Why middle school?: "I just seem to relate well to this age," Madler said. "There's so much give and take at this level. At the youngest grades, teaching is all about presenting information.

"Here there's so much communication, more interaction," she said. "They're limitless."

Hobbies and interests: Madler has been an avid runner since high school. Though she has competed in triathlons and half-marathons, she's training for her first marathon next month in Birmingham.

She also has a weakness for "pound puppies."

"I have three already, all terrier mixes, so the pound is off limits to me now," she said.

On teaching military children: "It's so different than teaching out there," Madler said. "In other schools there's such a 'sameness.' If you're different, you're ostracized.

"But it's not like that here. Every student brings something different to the classroom, and it's all acceptable.

"They don't put each other down for being different, because they've been all over the world and they accept cultural differences," she said.

"They also look out for each other — something you don't see in other schools. They readily accept the new kid and make him feel welcome, because they remember being the new kid themselves.

"In military schools, everyone 'fits.' It gives you hope when you look at the world as a whole," Madler said.

Plans for the future: "I'm looking forward to finishing my six-year degree," Madler said. "I'm learning a lot of exciting things, and I'm networking with teachers from all over who bring new ideas into the classroom.

"I want to make school fun. I think we've gotten away from rote learning, and our students are excited about participating, sharing their opinions and ideas and hearing their own voices."

The rewards of teaching: "That's when they begin to realize that one person can make a difference, and when they learn to work together," Madler said. "I'm most proud of them when they acknowledge each others' opinions and thank them for contributing — when they can see both sides of an issue and step outside their own little boxes."

What others are saying: "She makes everything seem exciting," said Brittany Tyson, one of Madler's students. "Now I like language arts, and I enjoy writing a lot. She's a good teacher."

***The Bayonet* welcomes your suggestions for the teacher feature. Call 545-4622, or e-mail us at fbbayonet@mindspring.com.**

births

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Jarman La Re'es Harold Jr. — born Dec. 1 to Pfc. Martina and Jarmon Harold Sr.

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John Michael Martes Olmeda — born Dec. 5 to Yeira and Staff Sgt. Carlos Martes.

Levi Norman-Dale Annan — born Dec. 14 to Beulah and Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Annan.

Christian Adrian Horn — born Dec. 14 to Pertrilla and Staff Sgt. Aaron Horn.

Deion Ray Stutheit — born Dec. 15 to Pfc. Trineisha and Spc. Kyle Stutheit.

Isaiah Devante Lamar Springs — born Dec. 17 to Victoria and Staff Sgt. Shawn Springs.

Sean Michael Nunn — born Dec. 19 to Lisa and Capt. Darin Nunn.

Girls

Tanja Jean Garner — born Nov. 30 to Sgt. Lakesha Garner.

Nadia Christine Schalow — born Dec. 1 to Jennifer and Pfc. Justin Schalow.

Chermes Shantiarra White — born Dec. 1 to Cherilyn and Staff Sgt. James White.

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Kayla Rashawn Chisolm — born Dec. 5 to Monique and Sgt. Darren Chisolm.

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community notes

on post

OSC Scholarship Applications— The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning is offering scholarships for both traditional and continuing education students for the 2002-2003 academic year.

These scholarships are available to any family member with a current military I.D. card residing in the Columbus and Fort Benning area.

Applications will be accepted until March 22, 2002 and awardees will be announced in May.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Thrift Shop, Sayers Library and in guidance offices of area high schools.

For information, call Catherine Herold at 682-5636.

Medical in-processing program — The Family Medical In-processing Program provides medical assessment through the use of the Health Enrollment Assessment Review, blood pressure and cholesterol screening, counseling and timely access to medical care. The program is designed to maximize soldier readiness by minimizing medical concerns and providing family members with timely medical care.

Screening is Jan. 28 at Youth Services, Building 1056, McIver Street. Certified child-care providers on the premise will provide child-care services. The FMI program time is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.

To register for the program, call 545-1987 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

OSC nominations sought — The Officers' Spouses' Club is seeking nominations for the 2002-2003 Executive Board.

If you are interested in being considered for a position or know of someone who would be interested, call Michele Linton, parliamentarian, at 687-2080 or e-mail to mlinton@sprintmail.com.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Care car — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

Preschool registration — Patch Preschool is now accepting registrations for 2001-2002.

For more information, call 687-2404.

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Mom's group — The Columbus Mothers' Group is a not for profit organization of moms from the nearby communities including Fort Benning.

Our main purpose is to provide playgroups for our children to gather with other children, while the moms enjoy fellowship with other moms. We also organize outings for the moms, and do charity work in the community, mostly for the Childrens Miracle Network. We are sponsored by St. Anne's Catholic Church, but we are a nondemoninational group.

In the past many of our moms have come to our group from Fort Benning and we want to welcome other military families to the Columbus area. Please take a minute to look at our web site, www.geocities.com/columbusmothersgroup.

For more information, email or call Kelley Smith at 562-1304.

"No Call" list cutoff — Feb. 1 is the cutoff day to register for the Georgia "No Call" List to be included on the updated list for the calendar quarter beginning April 1.

Since becoming operational in 1999, the Georgia "No Call" List has dramatically limited the number of telemarketing calls that can be placed to the homes of individuals who have registered their objections to receiving these types of calls.

A Georgia resident may subscribe or receive additional information about the "No Call" list by calling the toll free number (877) 426-6225.

School lunch menu

Fort Benning schools will be serving the following during lunch:

- **Monday:** no school, Martin Luther King Jr. Day holiday
- **Tuesday:** corn dog with ketchup and mustard, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, fruit, milk or soup of the day
- **Wednesday:** stuffed crust pizza, pasta salad, broccoli with cheese sauce, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** chili mac, grilled cheese sandwich, peas and carrots, fruit, milk, brownie
- **Friday:** baked chicken, squash casserole, green beans, yeast roll, fruit, milk

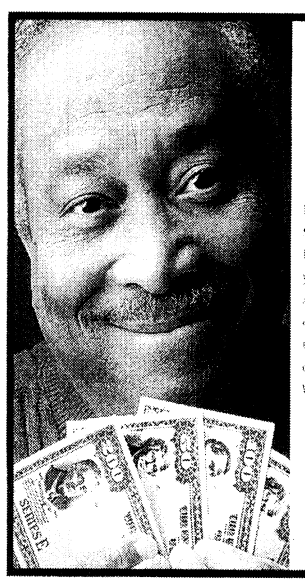
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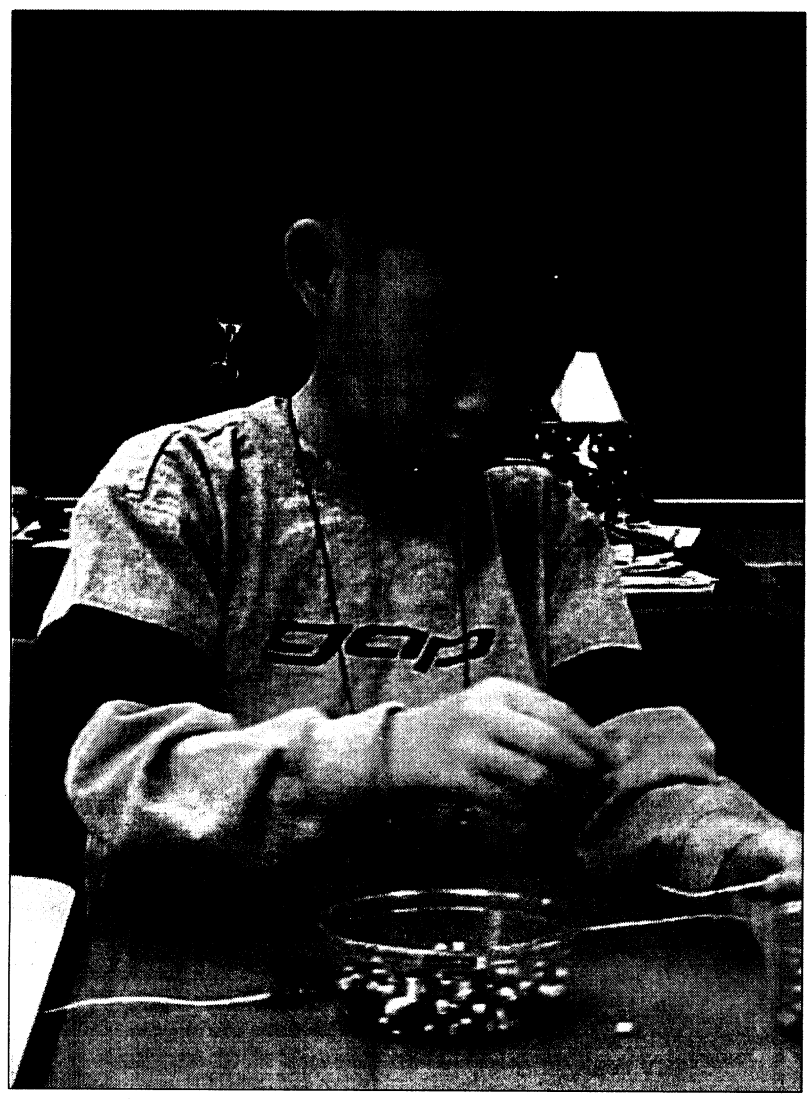
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Thomas Kim makes an Army values necklace in school.

Values taught

White Elementary School

Around White and in every classroom there are posters encouraging the building of good character.

"Character education is being taught to the whole group for the entire year and not in isolation," said Debbie Morgan, counselor, at White School.

"We want our students to develop good character through education, so we teach them what good character is and when they know the expectations they will be more successful," Morgan said.

Character words are introduced daily on our televised morning announcements. Teachers also have a list of character words for their classroom planning.

At the end of the seven-week lessons, each student earned an Army values card and a tag for knowing all seven Army values and their definitions.

In art, the students made creative use of their Army value tags.

"We used the tags to make necklaces," said Janie Pride performing arts specialist.

Dr. Tommy Lee, Principal at White School said this is a program he is proud of and students are, too.

"They are quick to show their Army value cards and necklaces," Lee said.

Buddy reading encourages students

White Elementary School

Reading orally, sharing books and engaging in active listening are all being used during "buddy time reading." Ann Lucas' first-grade and Shelia Brown's fifth-grade classes are working together to make reading fun.

Fifth-graders are excellent role models and provide positive reading experiences for the first-graders, Brown said.

They enjoy working together on sight words, oral reading for fluency and expression, all while increasing their reading skills.

The fifth-graders are also mentoring their buddies as they take computer generated level tests on selected books.

"I love reading with my buddy," said Hannah Randall, first-grader.

"She tells me I'm a good reader," Randall said.

Interacting between the two grade levels is rewarding for the fifth-graders as well.

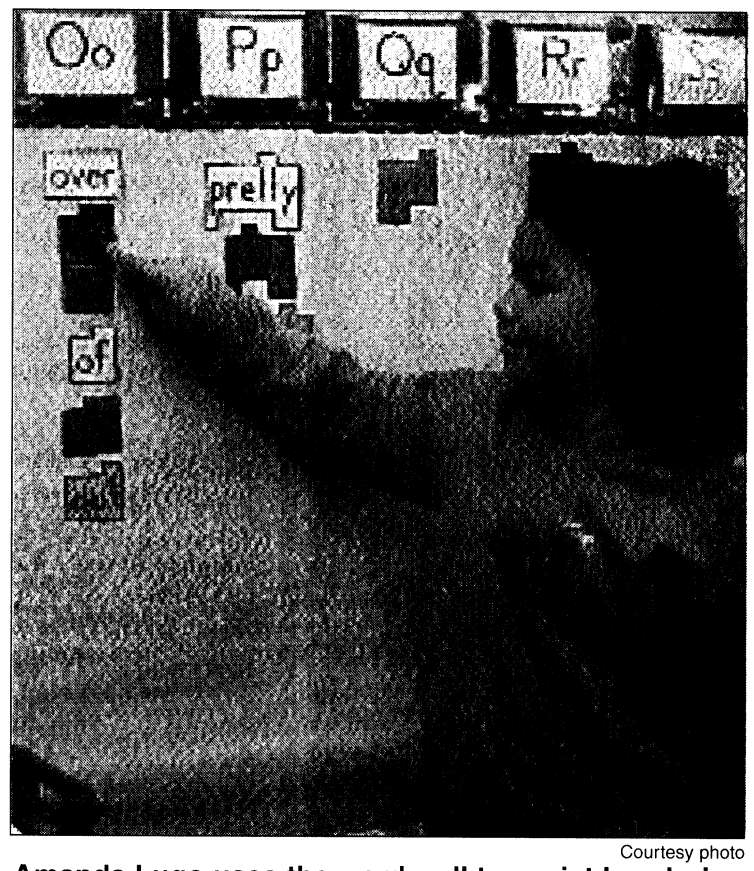
Students are constantly asking when they are going to read with their buddies, again, both teachers said.

Lucas is thrilled with the impact the older children have had on her students.

Not only has their self confidence increased in reading but in their writing abilities, as well.

They are becoming better risk takers in their thinking as they do journal entries and creative writing.

Using their word wall is now a natural part of their daily writing activities.



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Amanda Lugo uses the word wall to assist her during creative writing skills class at White Elementary. The word wall helps teach word association.

Scrumptious snakes

Blayne Stine, left, and Steven Hobson, right, are learning about snakes and amphibians in Pam Anthony's pre-K class as they roll peanut butter play dough in cornflakes to create "scales" for their "snakes." This was especially enjoyable for Anthony's class because when they were finished, they could eat their creations. M & M's were added last to create eyes for their snakes.



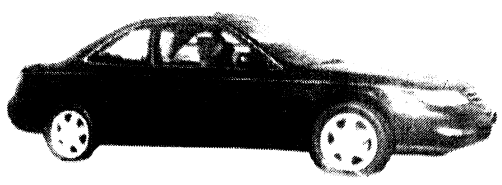
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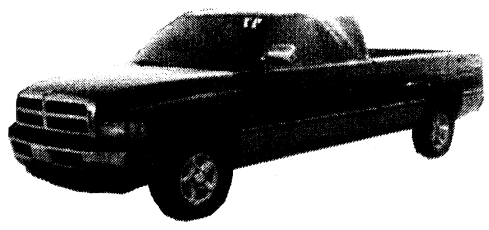
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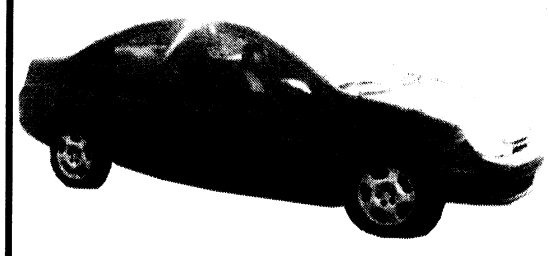
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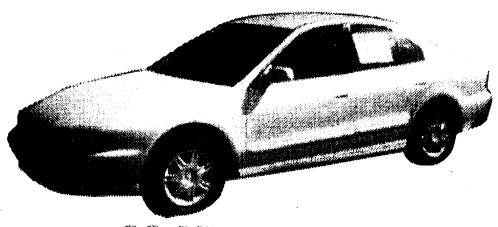
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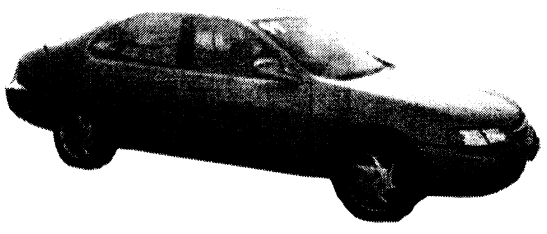
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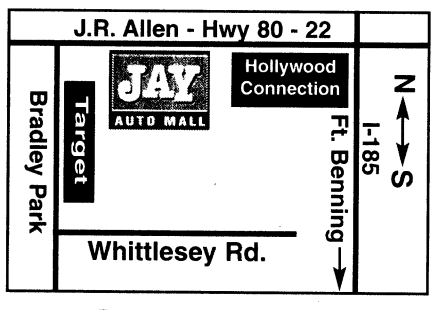
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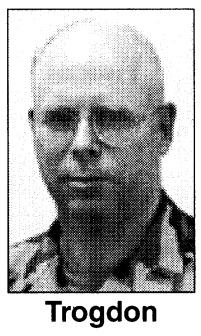
Sticking to resolutions takes commitment, strength

Faith, relationships give meaning to life

Chaplain (Capt.) David Trogdon
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

What's the maximum effective range of a new year's resolution? For most, our best intentions for 2002 will last about three weeks. Those renewed commitments to lose weight, quit smoking, get out of debt or for more time with our families may already be in danger of falling by the wayside.

How can we stay committed and turn our resolutions into reality? The answer may not be more sweat, less sleep or greater sacrifice, but in a commitment to spiritual fitness.


Trogdon

"Spiritual fitness" is the Army's recognition of the importance of faith in the lives of soldiers and their families. Faith and a relationship with God give life meaning and purpose and sustain us through the hard times. Spiritual fitness impacts every area of life as God helps us to "be all that we can be." Trying to make life changes without God's help often leads to frustration and failure, but, with God's blessing, we can make changes and commitments that will truly last.

God provides us with a "guaranteed satisfaction or your money back" spiritual fitness program in his word. "Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you both to will and to act according to his good purpose," (Philippians 2:12-13).

In this passage, "salvation" means spiritual fitness and includes all the implications of spiritual life in Christ. This spiritual fitness program includes three steps that will lead to success in 2002.

The first step toward spiritual fitness is a commitment to "work out." Spiritual fitness does require effort on our part. The apostle Paul encourages us to keep on doing the right things that make us spiritually stronger. This "work out" includes daily prayer and meditation, Bible study, public and private worship and living in a manner that reflects the character of Christ. Just as physical fitness requires effort and physical training, spiritual fitness requires discipline and determination as well. Don't stop working out.

The next step in our spiritual fitness program is God's promise to "work in you." Jesus said, "The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak," (Matthew 26:41).

God knows that no matter how hard we try we often fall short of the mark. God knows our weakness and provides us with strength to succeed. God is at work on us and in us. He is our energy and energizer. God motivates us and then empowers us toward spiritual fitness and positive changes.

The final step in God's spiritual fitness program involves having confidence that God's purposes will work for us. Does God want us to lose weight, get in shape, quit smoking, get out of debt or strengthen our faith and families? We are guaranteed success in all that we set out to do or be whenever our desires match God's will for our life. We can say with confidence, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," (Philippians 4:13).

We may fail occasionally, but we will succeed eventually as God works in us and with us to accomplish His will for us. Our commitment to spiritual fitness provides us help for today and hope for 2002.

Editor's note: *Chaplain Trogdon is endorsed by the National Association of Free Will Baptists and received his master's of divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is married and has two children.*

chapel notes

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings.

Stop by the chapel teen center in Building 239. Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for middle school students and 6 p.m. for high school students.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of willing persons to support the various religious programs as musicians and child-care workers.

Anyone interested, call the TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

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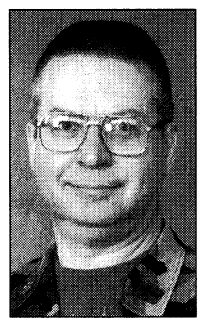
Americans grateful for new beginning

Nation turns grief into generosity, thankful for life

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Have you noticed Americans are giving thanks? As in the past, we are grateful for life, health, family, friends and freedom. This year, however, we are not taking these treasures for granted.

Americans have always given thanks to God. This year is different. Our lives changed Sept. 11.


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Faced with international terrorism and fear of a long and difficult fight against it, Americans chose instead to live life and to give thanks.

Our grief turned to generosity. We opened our hearts and our pocketbooks to give to widows and orphans, who suffered and lost so much.

Our sadness turned to pride. We were reminded of the heroes: the firefighters, police, port authority, security guards and armed forces. New York City Mayor Rudy Gulianni and President George W. Bush symbolized our nation's tireless efforts to right the wrongs.

Our temporal worries turned to eternal concerns. Americans are turning to God, the giver of life and the provider of all our needs.

Yes, Americans are giving thanks to God. Are you?

Are you troubled and worried? Do you find it difficult to give thanks? If you are, contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza for assistance. Call the center at 545-1760, or e-mail me at USArmyChaplain@aol.com.

The Army is looking for chaplains.

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11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023, Soldiers' Sledgehammer Service
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel, Building 10800, Traditional

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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5 p.m.	TIC Chapel

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Pratt Hall, WHINSEC
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5 p.m	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

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Friday Sabbath Service

6:30 p.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

Sunday Torah Study

9:30 a.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

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SPORTS

76ers squeak by Wizards at Y.S., 13-9

Children learn fundamentals, have good time

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet staff

There was plenty of nail-biting tension during the 8- to 9-year-olds' 76ers and Wizards game Saturday at Youth Services Gym.

The 76ers led, 11-9, with 49 seconds left when Wizards' coach Lee Wagner called time out.

"There was a lot of sweating going on out there," said 76ers' coach Charlie Conners.

The two teams had gone the entire period without a point. After the time out, the Wizards charged up the court to try and tie the game. However, as the 76ers did most of the game, they stole the rock and countered with a Lewis Faust fast-break lay-up at the 34-second mark to seal the game.

"It was the toughest game we've played so far," Conners said. "The Wizards challenged us the entire game."

Turnovers plagued both teams. Traveling, double dribbling and bad passing kept the score low.

"Next time, we'll have to be more patient and look for better passes," the coach said.

Despite the sloppy play, Sixer Tony Davis managed all 6 of his points in the first half to help give his team an, 8-5, halftime lead.

"I took my time and had good shots," Davis said.

Sixer Katia Vaars also invigorated her team in the first half when she pick-pocketed two balls from the Wizards.

"I never did that in my other games," Vaars said.

The Wizards' play reminded her of a vital, basic principle of the game.

"You never hold the ball out in front of you," Vaars said. "You hold it tight and guard it."

Davis learned lessons, too.

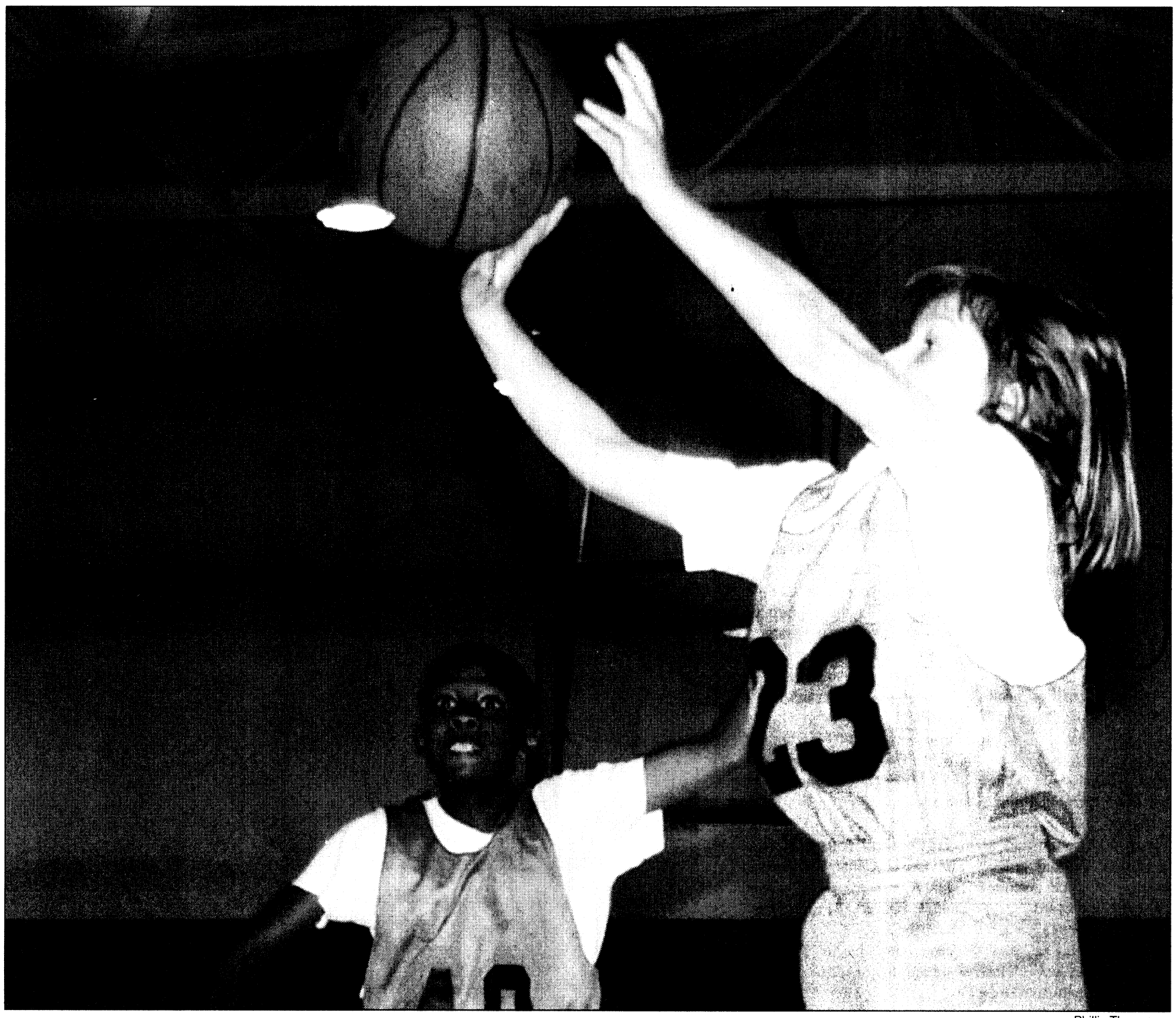
"You shouldn't always be a ball hog," Davis said. "Coach preaches teamwork, defense and rebounding in practice," Davis said. "That's what won the game for us."

The victory almost slipped away when the Wizards changed their game plan in the third period.

"They started to play man-to-man defense," Conners said. "That threw us off, but we stayed focused and kept up our defensive pressure."

The pressure resulted in more hard work for Vaars — this time on offense. She took the ball hard to the basket before a Wizard fouled her. She made an important free throw to give her team a 2-point lead.

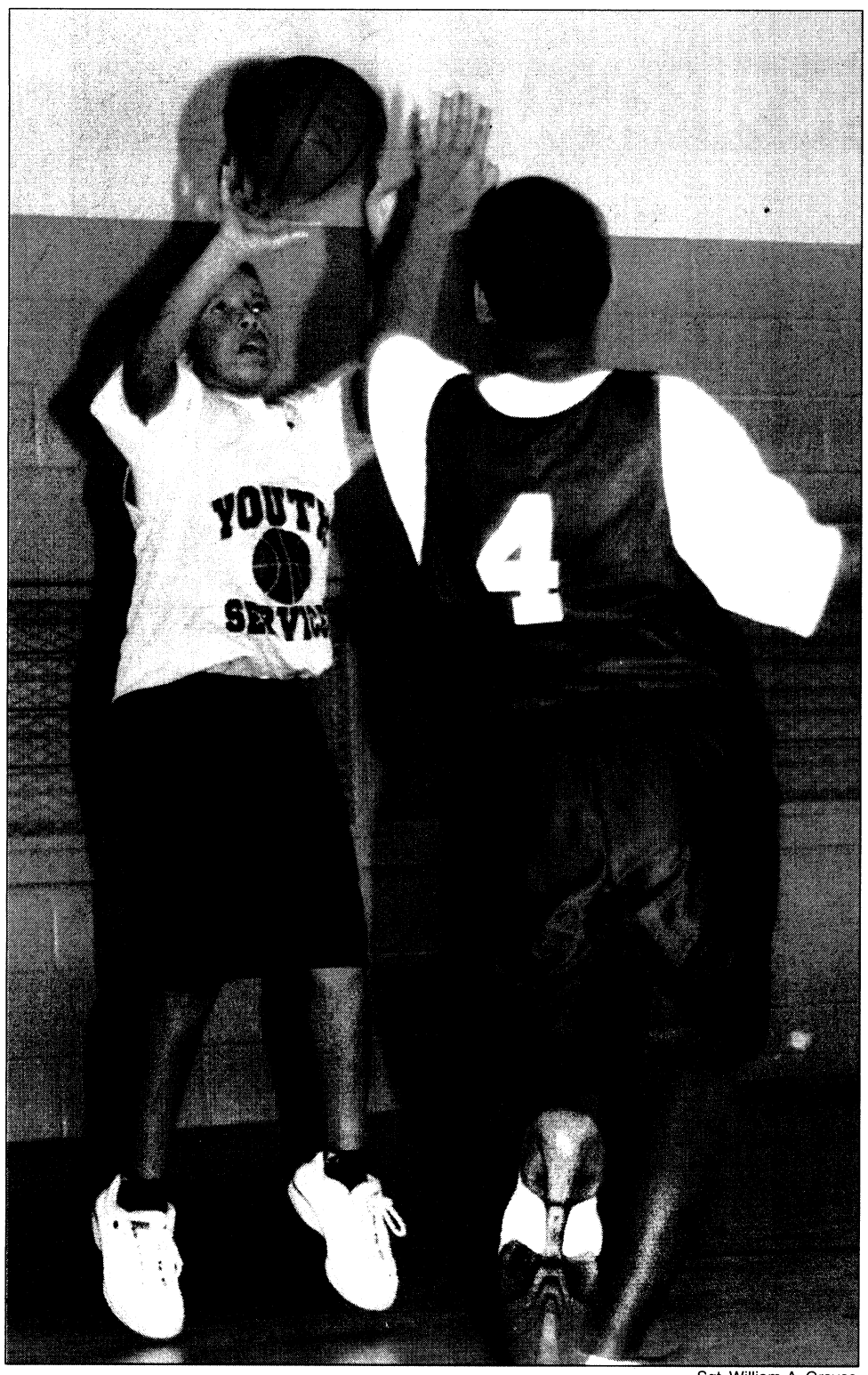
Conners said he was proud of his 2-0 team and hopes they continue to improve.



Phillip Thompson

76er Katia Vaars shoots a jumper as Wizard Jamael Smith closes in Saturday at Youth Services Gym.

Ballers overcome 3s, sting Hornets, 29-23



Sgt. William A. Graves

Baller Edsardo Rivera shoots a jumper over Ronald Maheia Saturday.

Player scores 6 points late to help team win

Phillip Thompson
Bayonet correspondent

Andrew Rodriguez propelled the Ballers to a 29-23 win over the Hornets during their 10- to 11-year-old Youth Services basketball game at Y.S. Gym Saturday.

"I thought the other team was really good," Rodriguez said. We had to pull together at the end to pull out the victory."

The game was deadlocked at 19 at the end of the third quarter when Rodriguez stepped up in the fourth to give his team momentum.

"Early on, we had trouble guarding the three point shot," the center said.

Hornet Jeffery Todd sank two shots from downtown to help send his team to the half up 11-10.

Tremell Tyson extended the 1-1 Hornets' lead, 16-13, early in the second half, but key rebounds and steals by the Ballers kept the game close.

The stage was then set for Rodriguez's fourth quarter heroics.

The fourth quarter did come with its share of challenges for the star, though.

"I missed a lot of layups and had trouble concentrating," Rodriguez said. "We needed to pass the ball better, too."

Overcoming the struggles, he pounded in 6 of his game-high 17 points in the final period.

Trailing 29-23, the Hornets called timeout at the 2:15 mark to regroup, but neither team could score after play resumed.

"I'm proud of the team," said Ballers' coach Melvin McCullom. "They did a good job and kept playing hard on both sides of the court."

Still, there is plenty of basketball education remaining for the players.

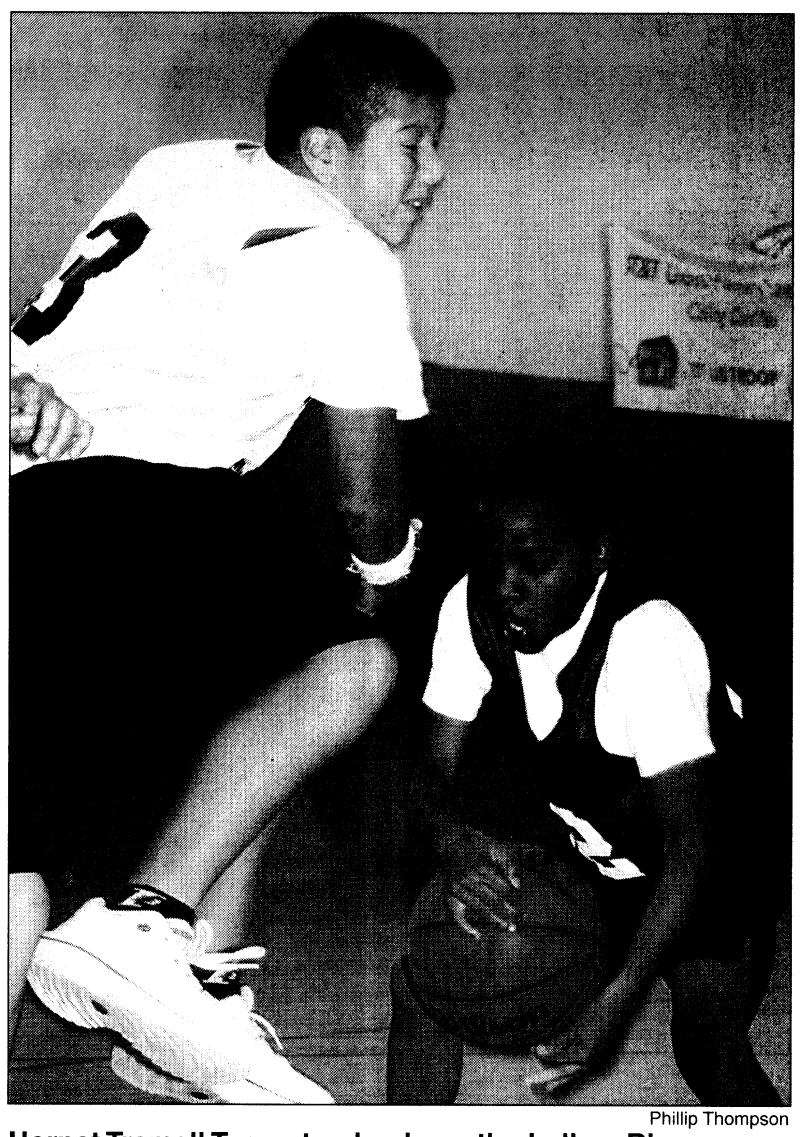
"Our team continues to learn the fundamentals of the game," McCullom said. "For instance, we need to do a better job handling the ball."

If they continue to learn the basics, the 1-1 Ballers will go far," he said.

"We still have a tough schedule," the coach said. "The competition comes ready to play. We'll have to be at top form to do well this season."

The game also reminded Johnathon Hair of an important aspect of the game.

"You have use teamwork and have fun out there," Hair said.



Phillip Thompson

Hornet Tramell Tyson tracks down the ball as Rivera goes airborne to defend him.

sports briefs

MLK Tournament — The U.S. Army Infantry Center's MLK, single-elimination, intramural basketball tournament will be Saturday through Sunday at Briant Wells Field House.

For more information, call 545-9987.

Intramural Basketball – The USIAC intramural basketball season begins Jan. 28. For more information, call Nancy Hadley at 545-9987 or 545-4388.

Cookie Run — The 2002 Cookie Run, Fun Walk and Carnival is scheduled for Jan. 26 at the Regions Bank in Phenix City.

The event consists of a 5K and 10K run and a 2-mile fun walk. Wheel chair participants are welcome for all events.

The pre-registration deadline is today by 5 p.m.

Cost is $10 for children 17 and younger and $12 for adults. A $2 discount will be applied to groups of 10 or more.

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For more information, call the Girl Scouts of Concharty Council at 327-2646.

Rugby Club — The Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Club will kick off its spring season with registration and a training session Saturday at the club grounds at 22nd Avenue and Blanchard Boulevard.

Training continues each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. throughout the season. The spring season features five league matches, the St. Patrick's Day Tournament in Savannah, Ga., the Mardi Gras Tournament in Mobile, Ala., and culminates with the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Fun Run and Walk — The Fort Benning Chapter of the NCOA will sponsor the Fun Run and Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday at the corner of 10th Street and Bay Avenue in front of the Riverwalk Park.

The route is 3.5 miles through downtown historic sites. Trophies will be awarded.

For more information, call 545-2233.

Basketball Camp — The Ten-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp is evaluating applications for its camps, one of which is in Gainesville, Ga.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter.

For a free brochure, call (704) 568-6801.

Play baseball in Australia — The Coast to Coast Baseball Stars is now seeking 11- to 18-year-old players from Georgia who would like the opportunity to represent the United States at a two-week summer 2002 tournament in Australia.

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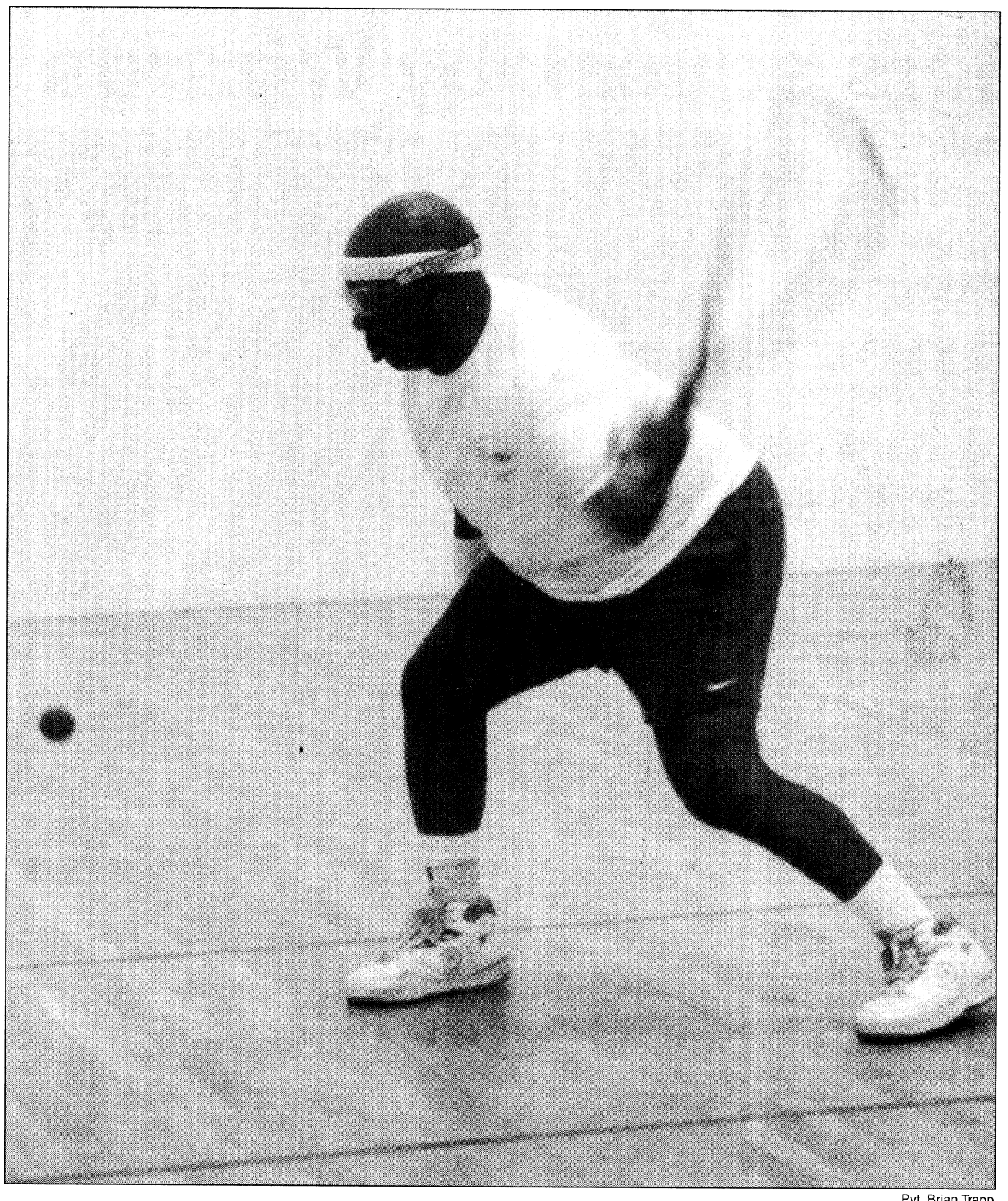
For more information,call (740) 373-4455, visit their Web site at www.coasttocoast athletics.com

Basketball Tournament – The Crisis Center of Russell County is holding its second annual Basketball tournament March 16.

The entry fee is $100 per team and the deadline is March 1.

For more information, call Elizabeth Nason at 291-8545.

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Pvt. Brian Trapp

William Holmes fires a serve down the court in a racquetball tournament Dec.15 at Briant Wells Gym.

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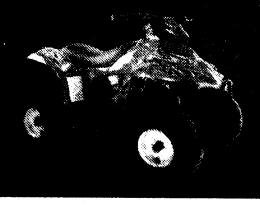
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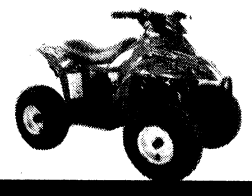
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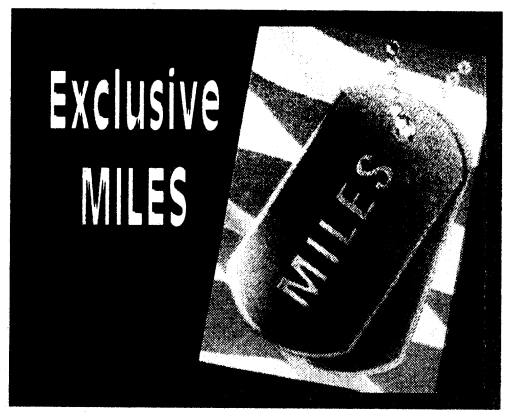
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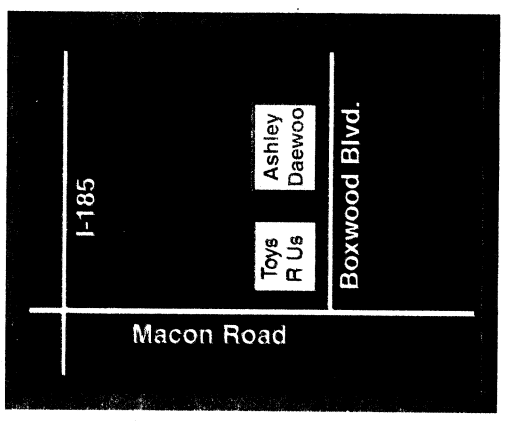


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99 Yamaha YZF600R. Completely customed, must see, piped, jetted, 2 helmets, cover $5,300 o.b.o. 464-0257 or 682-2742. (F18)

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Truck bed liner with tailgate $75. 689-4499 leave message. (F25)

Soft top for Jeep Wrangler fits 97-02, tan with tinted windows sells for approx. $700 sell for $250 o.b.o. off a 01 Wrangler contact Kevin at 593-2952 to make an offer. (F25)

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Maytag dryer, 5 years old, $200. 563-8479. (F25)

2 window unit ACs. 366-2725. (P18)

19"Emerson TV, Sanyo VCR, $125 for both. Call 706-718-3095. (F8)

Furniture

5 piece bedroom set, sold seperately or all together, without mattress $150 o.b.o. Table with 4 chairs. Didnt finish resanding. $125 o.b.o. 689-5795. (F18)

Large sectional sofa/sleeper, non smoking adult owner. Purchased three years ago, cloth fabric, beige base color with mauve/green patchwork pattern. Asking $1000. Call 569-5705 Rita. (F18)

Queen size bed, wooden headboard, footboard and rails $150. Queen size sleeper sofa, green and beige with burgundy accents $300. Both in excellent condition. Day Bed, white with porcelain floral print accents, mattress spring included. $75 o.b.o. Toddler Bed, white wooden, hand painted floral. Purple and pink tones. Crib mattress included. $100. o.b.o. 689-6009. (F18)

Rugs for sale different sizes & colors. Annette 683-0114. (F18)

3 seat living room couch, off white color with light beige stripes. Excellent condition. $350. 596 8460. (F18)

Gold spider lamp $60, 5 pc bedroom set hunter green with wood trim, uncludes headboard, 2 night stands, dresser, chest of drawers, $300 o.b.o. Livingroom set burgandy and gold includes sofa and loveseat $600 o.b.o. Sofa with floral design, hunter green, burgandy ivory $70. Call Maria at 683-0931 or leave message. (F18)

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Solid wood daybed with 2 twin mattresses, trundle, and comforter set with matching valance. Great condition. $250. 682-3982 after 6 p.m. (F25)

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200+ feet of fence 2 gates. $250. 683-9103. (F18)

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Sports & Fitness Equipment

Ladies Tigress Golf clubs with bag. Will make a great starter set! $100 o.b.o. 689-5172. (FTFN)

Miscellaneous

Getting out of Tupperware sales. Must sell inventory CHEAP! Call 689-6845. (P18)

Action Building 8X10, only 2 years old $500. 683-9103. (F18)

10 Gallon Fish tank with all accessories including two fish, $50. 682-8125 Carrie. (F18)

Wedding Gown for sale. Size 12/14. Worn once, off white, lovely. $400. FIRM. 682-6600. (F18)

Brand new BDUs. Sizes Medium and Large. $10 each. 562-9627. (F18)

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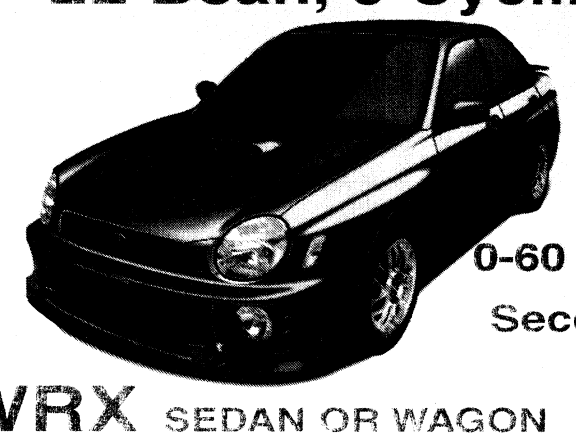
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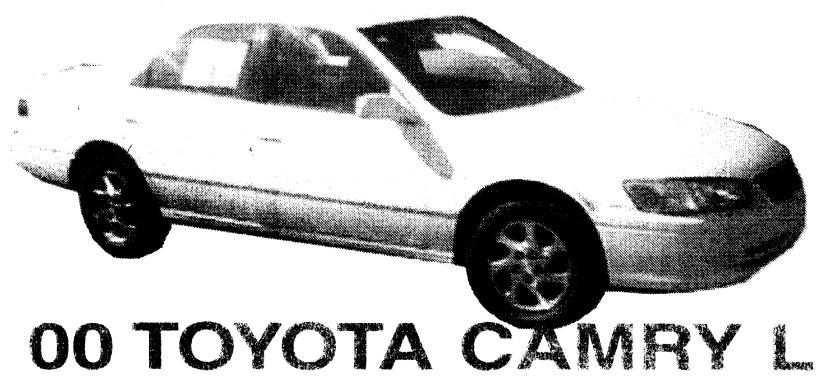
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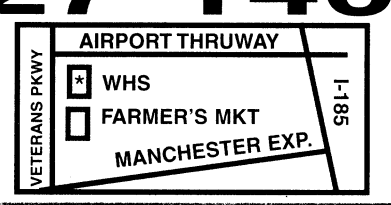


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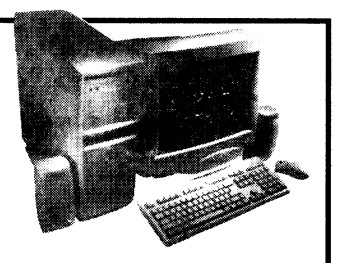
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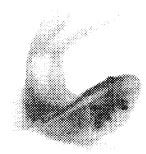
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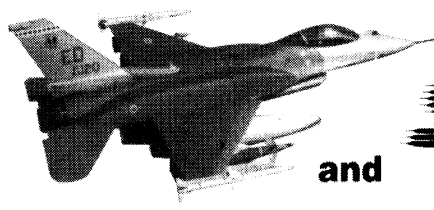
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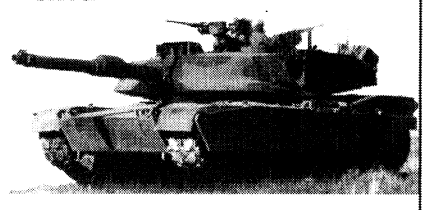
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This past August when "Repo Joe" was at Carl Gregory Dodge the response was overwhelming. "Repo Joe" is back and better than ever with extra, extra big savings!

"Repo Joe's" story is simple. After nearly two decades in the car business, Joe has seen everything a dealer has to offer. Yet he noticed there were always two types of vehicles that were far and away the best bargains: repossessed vehicles and vehicles that had been leased. The problem was, they were often hard, if not impossible, to find.

Fast forward to 1998. Utilizing relationships and contacts he had made with repo men, banks, credit unions and auto auctions over the past twenty years, Joe decided he would scour the nation looking for these vehicles. Now, he criss-crosses the country looking for the best buys out there. Then he chooses locations in each region of the U.S.A. to dispose of them. For Georgia, the exclusive location is Carl Gregory Dodge. In addition to the initial savings, Carl Gregory Dodge has secured financing that lets qualified buyers drive home by simply making a $27 down payment, then start making the payments.

General Manager, Jason Gregory of Carl Gregory Dodge, explained his store is prepared for the expected crowds.

"We have a fantastic selection of not just cars, but trucks, minivans, and yes, even sport utilities," said Gregory. "Plus, our sales consultants took days off earlier in the week so we'll be staffed to the fullest for this event. We just had a meeting where they were all briefed with a bit of history on each vehicle we'll offer for sale. We're ready!"

"Repo Joe will mark the payments you'll make on these vehicles right on the windshield of each vehicle Friday morning," added Gregory. "You'll know right away how much the payments you'll start making will be."

"And not only will you find repos at huge savings, we've accumulated and acquired dozens of lease terminations," said Gregory. "These '98 and '99 models have low miles and at least a year or two of the warranty remains. If you think Program Cars are a bargain, wait until you see these."

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Gregory warned that selection is good but limited. "We want everyone to know that this is a first-come, first-served sales event. At these prices, there will be a lot of great buys, but the really great buys will go fast!"

Realizing many car buyers use their current vehicle as a down payment, Gregory and his team have taken steps to make the trade-in process easy. "Extra appraisers will be here each day and have been given the order to pay any and every reasonable price for local trades," Gregory explained. "If a customer then chooses to use that cash as a down payment, their monthly payment could be even lower than the ones we've got marked on the windshield! Plus during this special event customers can use their W2's as a down payment."

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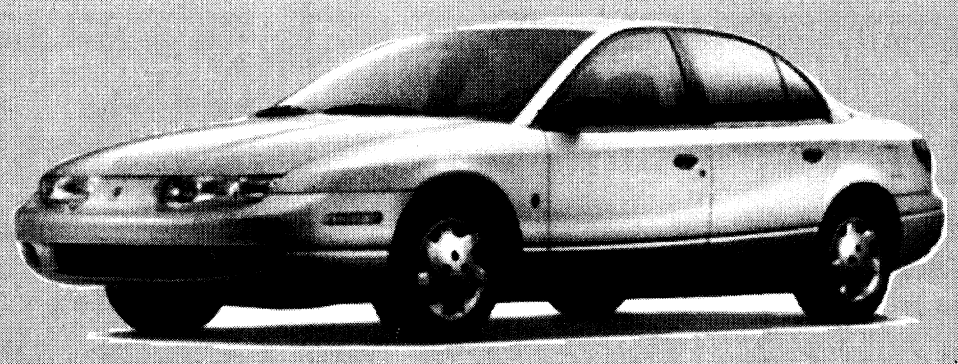
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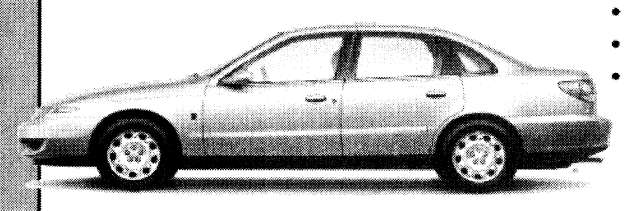
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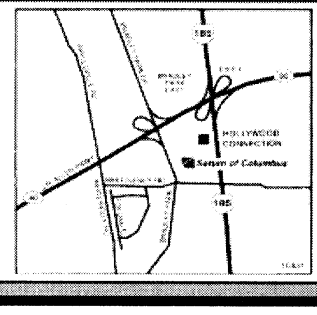
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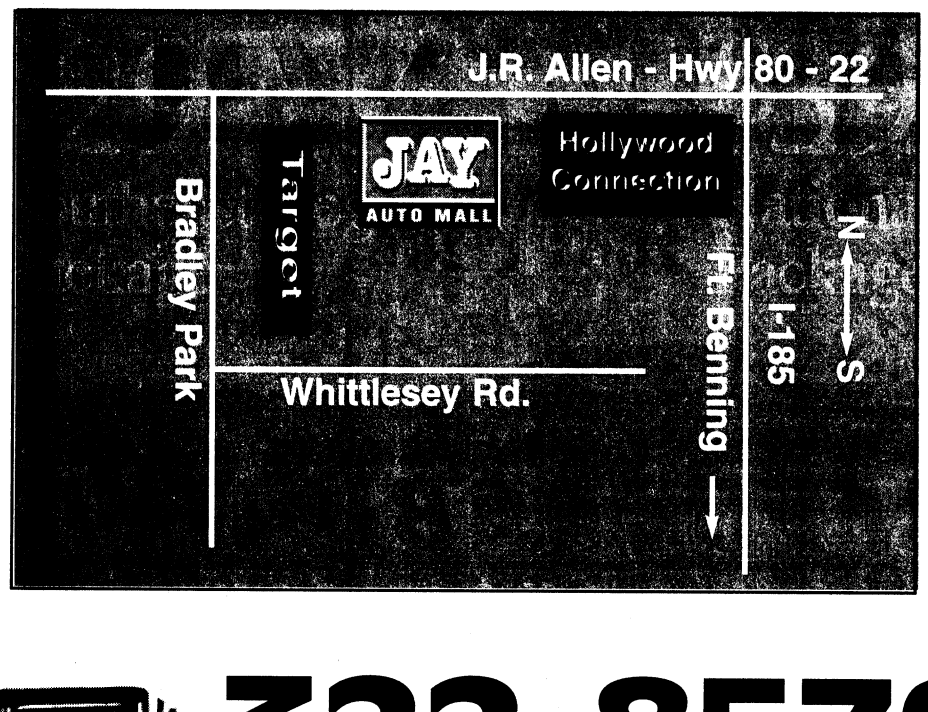


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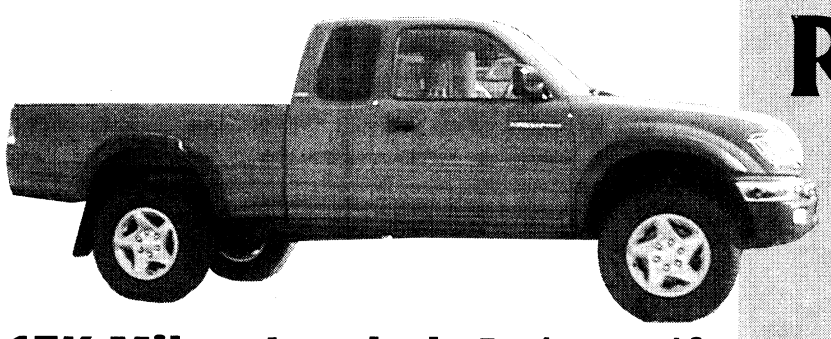
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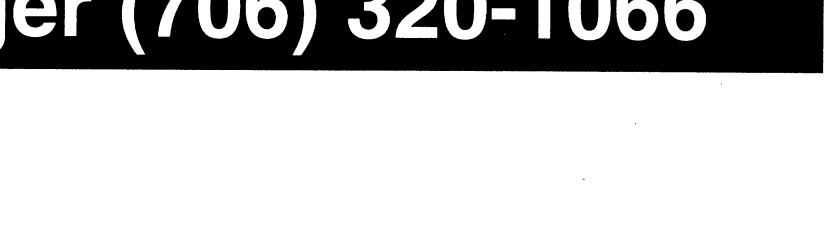


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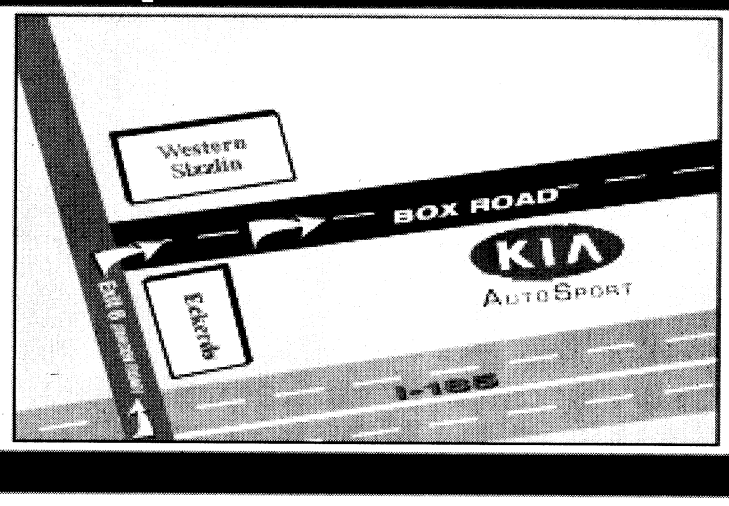
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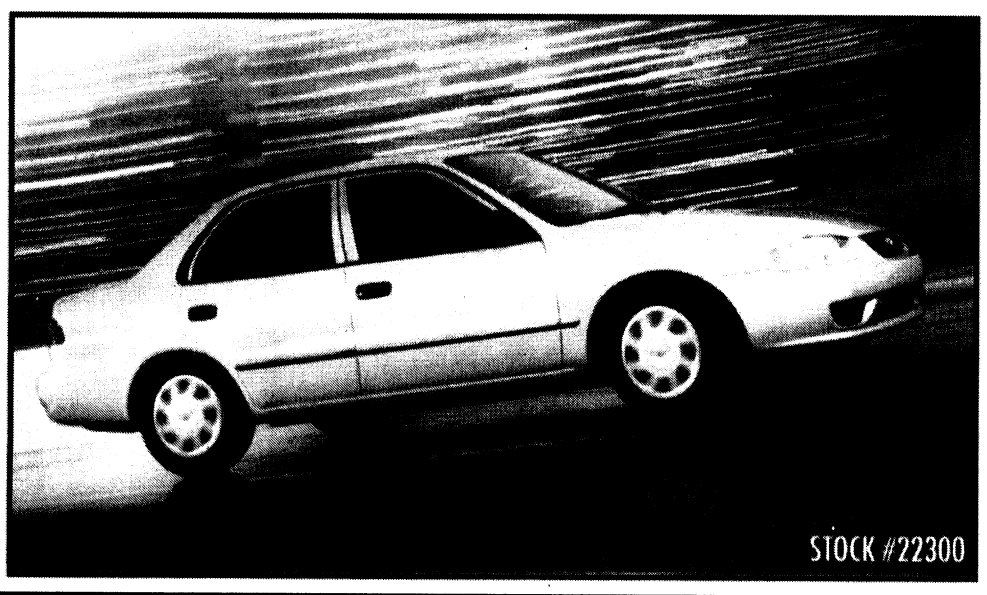


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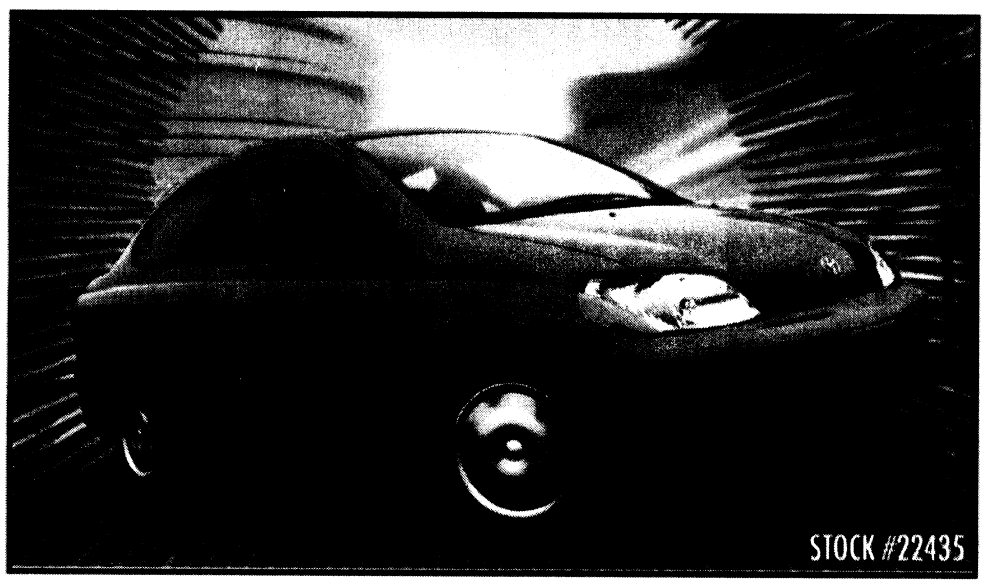


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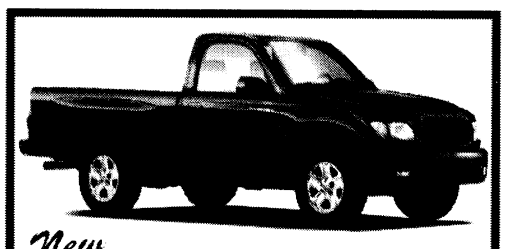


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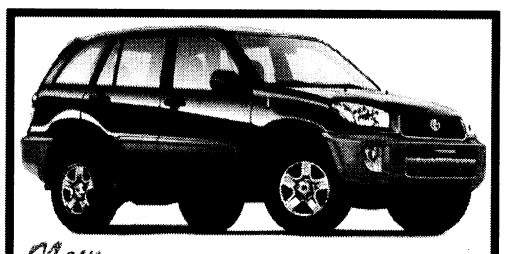
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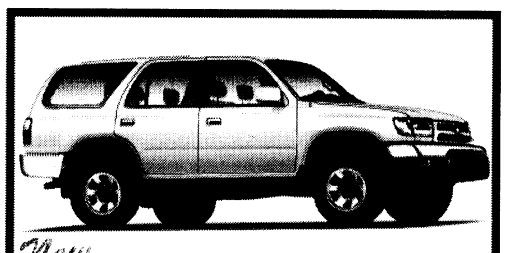


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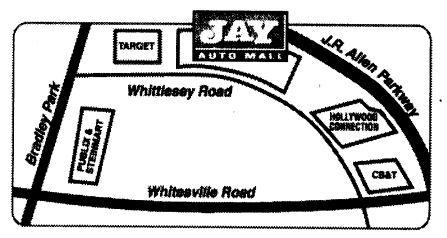
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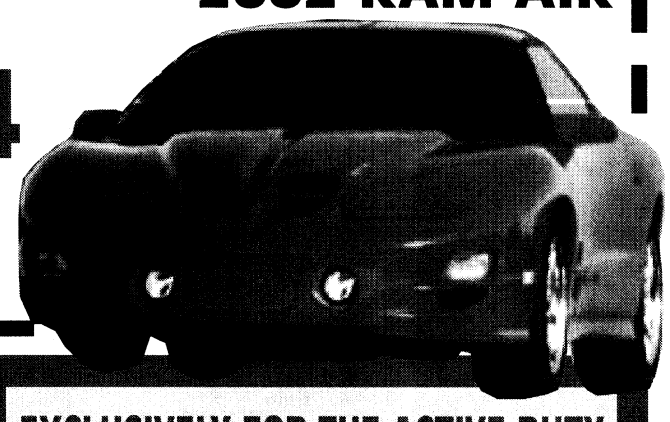
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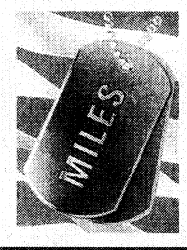
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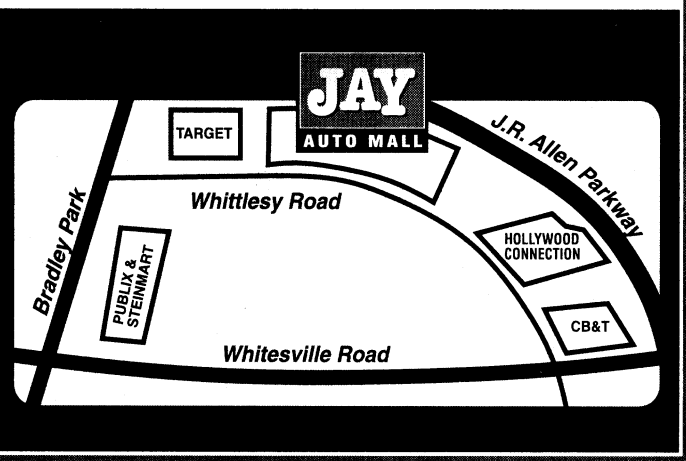
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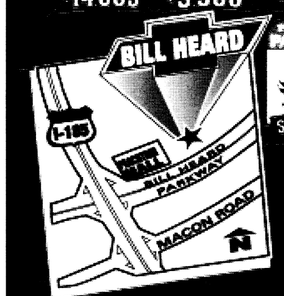
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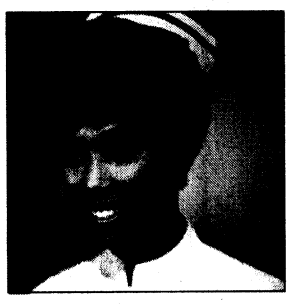
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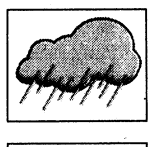
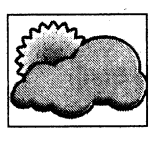
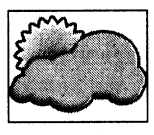
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Officer Candidate School grows

OCS to add fourth company June 2

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
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Officer Candidate School at Fort Benning is expanding from three to four companies.

"It is a go," said Lt. Col. Daniel Kessler, battalion commander for 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (OCS). "The target date for the first class is June 2, 2002."

The fourth company will be housed in what was the Headquarters and Headquarters Company barracks for 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Inf., 11th Inf. Regt. The building is located behind OCS's C Co. barracks.

Modular barracks will be built to house HHC.

"We're moving units around to renovate the required billeting space for the OCS company," said Maj. Keith Robinson, executive officer for the 11th Inf. Regt.

The expansion of OCS comes at a time when the Army needs junior officers.

"OCS is expanding because the Army has increased OCS's mission to produce lieutenants for the Army from 1,040 to 1,485, per year," Kessler said. "To do that, we need another company."

Even though the mission is for more lieutenants, requirements for admission to the school will remain the same.

"OCS has always been looked at to produce officers in times of

See **OCS**, A-3

Course required for all new officers in 2003

Fourth program still in test stages

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

In 2003, all newly commissioned officers, regardless of their commissioning source will be required to attend the six-week Basic Officer Leadership Course held at Fort Benning.

Until then, the program is currently in the pilot stages. The fourth pilot started Jan. 14 and is run by A Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

The course takes newly commissioned second lieutenants from all branches and all commissioning sources and brings them together for common skills training.

2nd Lt. Oliver Grover was commissioned as an infantry officer through the Oregon National Guard Officer Candidate School. "We're learning the new PT, which is really good and our instructors are great. We're working on refining basic skills."

B Co. ran the first pilot program using all males to determine the program of instruction. The second pilot program was run by C Co. and integrated males and females.

The third pilot incorporated something the first two pilots did not, living in the barracks. BOLC will use Building 2836, barracks previously used by the rangers, to house the new lieutenants.

Living in the barracks will also make a dining facility and a physical training field available to the students. The barracks have also had a lot of recent renovations, especially to the day room. The students can now enjoy a new TV and pool table when they're not training.

2nd Lt. Sha-Tamara Goldsby was commissioned a finance officer through ROTC.

"A lot of things are familiar, but this is a totally new experience, bringing all the branches together before OBC," she said.



2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy

2nd Lt. J.M. Phillips takes a swing on the horizontal bars as he works his way through the "Tarzan" obstacle at the Bolton Obstacle Course Tuesday afternoon.

A Co. is organized into six platoons with six cadre assigned to each platoon. Either a captain or a lieutenant colonel is assigned as a senior trainer. Majors are not assigned as senior trainers because captains and lieutenant colonels are responsible for training lieutenants when they are in company and battalion command positions. A senior sergeant first class is assigned as a platoon sergeant and four staff sergeants are assigned

See **BOLC**, A-3

American Indians visit post

Parties build relationship, discuss issues

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning continued its relationship with representatives of sovereign, federally recognized American Indian nations with ancestral roots to Fort Benning properties and consulted with them on current and future post projects Jan. 16-17.

Throughout the year, new projects and circumstances come up, and the consultation provides insight to which ones the parties may need to address or modify, said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

"The consultation is a process," Torres said. "It is a process today, and it will be a process 10 years from now. It's important we work together as partners to maintain and protect Fort Benning's many cultural resources as we do our training mission."

Cultural resource laws require Fort Benning to have these meetings. The Army alternate procedures were discussed as implementation of several federal laws that describe how Fort Benning could interact with the federally recognized tribes and conduct future consultations.

Still, the consultation between Fort Benning representatives and 11 tribal governments means more than the post's legal obligations, John Brent, chief, Environmental Management Division, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

"As stewards of this installation, we work with the tribes and other interested parties as part of community outreach," Brent said.

See **VISIT**, A-3

ATM scams prey on unsuspecting users

Simple steps can reduce chance of fraud

Laura Martinson
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At first glance, the culprit appears to be making a simple ATM transaction.

But in actuality, he's setting up the next customer for certain swindle. With the skills of a picklock and the appearance of a Good Samaritan, the crook quickly gets the job done.

Whether an actual occurrence or an urban legend, the idea is out there. E-mails containing videotaped footage of such card sharks in the act are circulating as a warning to the general public.

A series of video clips shows the perpetrator rigging the card slot of an ATM to physically capture a person's bankcard. The scammer, posing as a helpful passerby, then suggests the victim repeatedly enter his secret PIN in order to recover the stuck card from the machine. When the effort fails, the victim walks away frustrated, leaving the con artist to retrieve the card and use it with the now disclosed PIN code.

"We haven't heard of anything like this happening at Fort Benning, but that's not to say it hasn't happened," said John Mitchell, regional manager for military banking at Columbus Bank and Trust. "This particular scam does not seem very viable because it requires a face-to-face contact with the thief."

Mitchell recently alerted the local bank security staff to see if any additional measures to protect the post's ATM machines need to be implemented.

Lt. Col. Terry Kelley, chief of Law Enforcement, Directorate of Public Safety, said rigging the ATM machine requires an isolated, well-hidden area similar to the one in the clips.

"That's essential to pull this thing off," Kelley said. "As far as I know, we don't have an ATM machine that isolated on post."

There are several ways to illegally obtain someone's ATM card or personal identification number, said Mike Paul, fraud and forgery investigator for TIC Federal Credit Union.

See **ATM**, A-3

Bond forged by tab, creed

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commentary



I remember the first time I realized how strong are the bonds of the ranger brotherhood.

My husband took a two-year break in service after his first enlistment. But he kept that ranger tab on the front of the car. And one day, while driving through a busy intersection and a sea of coeds at the University of Florida, Tom slammed on the brakes and threw up his hand at a total stranger in an oncoming car who did the same.

"What are you doing?" I yelled over the din of horns and irate pedestrians, as I peeled myself off the windshield.

"He's a ranger," Tom said as he pointed to the tab on the other fellow's front bumper, as if that explained or even excused their erratic behavior.

I've come to realize that rangers are a brotherhood as surely as this thing called motherhood creates a sisterhood. In fact — pay attention now — graduating ranger school is one of very few experiences that trump childbirth.

"Oh, honey, did you get a paper cut?"

"It's nothing really."

"You know last week I nearly sliced off my finger with a paper."

"Yeah, did I tell you I broke my arm delivering newspapers in high school?"

"I broke my ankle once running."

"I suffered a compound fracture playing football."

"I went through six hours of hard labor four times."

"I made it through ranger school."

"OK, I quit."

There was a time when I thought tab envy meant coveting a diet cola. But I've learned since that the fraternity of rangers share a common bond that is, and rightly so, enviable and desirable.

"It's a real close bond," said Shane James, who served with the rangers who fought in Somalia in 1993. "But it's more than that. It's hard to put into words."

But he tried.

Rangers don't just learn the creed, they live it. It's drummed into their heads from ranger school — "52 days of hell," he called it — and every weekday thereafter, when they stand in formation at 6 a.m. and repeat the words that define their purpose, ending with "I will never leave a fallen comrade."

That doesn't just apply to the battlefield, James said. Nearly eight years after leaving the Army, he's confident he could turn to any of his brothers for help at any time.

"Other people talk about stepping up if needed, but very few will really put forth the effort," he said.

James said he took the ranger you-can-count-on-me attitude for granted, till he left the Army.

"I've come to realize that's not something the general public lives by," he said. "But neither is it something you can forget when you leave the Army. It's a way of life."

It's planted in your head and takes root in your heart," James said."You just don't shake it off when you get out."

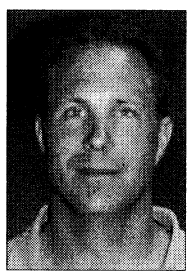
Rangers are not a touchy-feely bunch, and they can be very unforgiving of failure when it comes to duty, but life, like combat, seldom goes as planned. Rangers are willing to make allowances for their brothers who err or fall on hard times, as long as they remember the creed they live by — "don't pervert it or lie" because it "cheapens the sacrifice" all rangers make, James said.

"The bond isn't easily broken, except by misuse of trust," he said. "'You can count on me' means you can count on me *regardless*."

Soldiers share more than uniform

Cliff Hughes
Directorate of Community Activities

commentary



The things that inspire us aren't always unique. Nothing was particularly special about this good deed on a chilly January morning. After all, I work on post and seeing soldiers in uniform every day is commonplace.

I was driving to work one morning, when I noticed a vehicle parked along side the highway. As I approached, a soldier jumped out dressed in battle dress uniform and a black beret. He quickly stuck his thumb in the air. Without hesitation I pulled over, rolled my window down and asked him if there was anything wrong.

He explained he had just run out of gas. I had a gas can in the back of my truck, so I told him to jump in.

We proceeded to Cusseta where he filled the can at a gas station.

When I returned him to his vehicle, he emptied the fuel from the can and said, "Thank you, sir. I hope I can return the favor someday."

I replied, "You are welcome," and was on my way.

Nothing really special about helping a fellow soldier, right? As I continued my drive to work I thought to myself, "Would you have done the same thing had this person been wearing civilian clothes?" Possibly not in this day with so many stories of people who are robbed, mugged or shot attempting a similar good deed.

I recently retired, and although I am enjoying civilian life, there are many things about the Army I miss.

I have always been concerned that people would be critical and judge me by the uniform I wore, and so I should have been. In many places I was stationed, people did not like soldiers, the uniform they wore or the sacrifices soldiers make everyday for their country.

This time I was the civilian — what was significant about this situation was I did not hesitate to pick him up. I knew that because of his uniform and appearance this stranger would do no harm.

I was not always proud of the uniform I wore because of the reaction I got from some people. Soldiers should be proud of the uniform they wear and that people do judge them by it.

The uniform and the person in it stand for many things and some day you will have to take it off. I only hope that when you take your uniform off as I have, seeing a soldier wearing the uniform will still mean the same thing.

Newest American warriors up to task

Lt. Col. Mark Fields
6th Ranger Training Battalion

commentary

Recently my command sergeant major and I had the honor of attending two reunions of some of our very best Americans and soldiers: the Alamo Scouts Association and the Florida Special Forces Association.

Men shared stories — bold reconnaissance missions in the Philippines, the daring POW rescue at Cabanatuan, direct action missions in North Vietnam and Cambodia and firebases defended to the last handful of men.

These stories were shared in an atmosphere of exclusive camaraderie — the kind forged by shared hardship and intense personal sacrifice for the greater good.

I couldn't help but think that I stood among giants — men who had taken on the prevailing evil of their generation and, at great personal sacrifice, defeated it.

Each veteran, using different words asked a single question: "Is the present generation of American soldiers better than the evil that confronts us? Are they tough enough, disciplined enough, trained enough for the challenges of ground combat? Are they capable of destroying our enemy on his own ground, in his lair?"

In each case absolute silence followed, neighboring conversations halted abruptly.

We have some experience regarding this present generation. We watch them endure the harshest training and conditions that exist in a peacetime Army.

We train Army rangers to lead men in ground combat. We give each platoon a very demanding task, offer some coaching and turn them loose to succeed or fail of their own accord.

Having seen them at their worst and best, I can report that this generation is up to whatever obstacle is placed in its way.

They are SPARTAN — physically and mentally. They know how to work together. They are ingenious.

Perhaps most importantly, since Sept. 11, they are angry, and mixed in with some of that anger, they seem to recognize their place in history.

Are they up to the challenge — absolutely, unequivocally!

The fundamental reason for their success is the fact the blood running through their veins was forged by veterans of more senior generations — veterans who recognized evil and vanquished it.

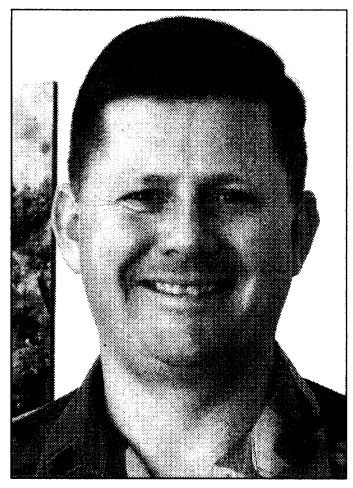
Don't worry about the youth who defend our country today. We could not be in better hands. They will vanquish evil.

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VARIOUS VOICES

What are your fondest memories of the Main Post Catholic Chapel?



Lt. Col. E.J. Herold, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "We've been here three years, and from the first, the chapel was a very welcoming place. The building itself was warm, with lots of light streaming in through the stained glass windows. It was always a place of comfort."



Dianne Heckathorn, family member — "I'm going to miss the crucifix with the risen Christ. When I would sing the *Our Father*, I would always look into his face, and it seemed to help me sing better. When my son was in the hospital, I would kneel at that altar and find comfort."



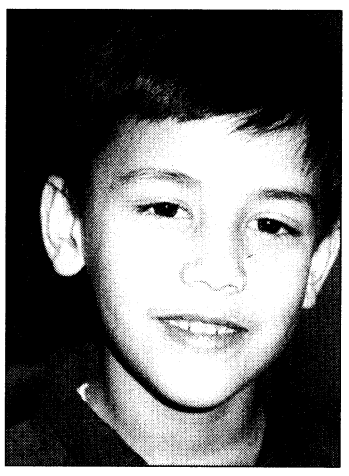
Noelle Fox, family member — "Easter, two years ago, my kids and my husband were baptized there. The boys made their first communion and were confirmed there. We also had our marriage blessed last year. Those were the kind of memories that made it a sacred place."



Marielise Hiner, family member — "I'll miss the whole church. I had a special spot for my wheelchair next to the organ, and I took my first communion there."



Jean Campbell, family member — "There was a chalice there in memory of my father. I guess that's lost forever. My husband was buried from there in 1988. My youngest son was confirmed there. "



Anthony Schmoll, family member — "I helped decorate the Christmas tree, and I helped my mom decorate the inside. I was Joseph in the Christmas pageant."

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as squad leaders.

There are approximately 40 students per platoon. Students for the course come from the International Student Training Detachment as well. Hossam Omran is a captain in the Egyptian army. Even with 12 years of service, he said he's always learning.

"I think this is a good idea, to bring all the branches together for one course," he said. "I will try to transfer this experience to my country's army."

Instruction received during the six-week course includes basic rifle marksmanship, individual movement techniques, land navigation, squad situational training and much more.

The focus of the course is fieldwork and FM 7-8. Four weeks are spent in the field. FM 7-8 is being used as a tool to evaluate the leadership of the lieutenants. Troop leading procedures are focused on rather than tactics.

2nd Lt. Patrick Levier was commissioned through West Point and is branched Armor said, "It's a good learning experience. I'm trying to learn all I can before I get to my first platoon."

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> **Capt. Hossam Omran (Egypt)**
> International Student Training Detachment

OCS: Fourth company will be added to battalion in June

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need," Kessler said. "If you go back and you look at mobilization efforts during WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam, the bulk of the officers produced to support those efforts came out of OCS," Kessler said. "Right now with things the way they are in the world, and trying to meet assession goals, OCS is being looked upon again.

"It's again needed to produce the same quality of leader it has in the past to meet the challenges of the Army," Kessler said.

The will to accomplish the mission may be there, but the funds and personnel haven't completely arrived yet.

"We're still pushing to get the money to get the required furniture and other necessities for those billets," Robinson said.

"Now, we're just really pushing Training and Doctrine Command and Personnel Command to get the required manning.

"We've been told to do a mission faster than the Army system, so we're pulling resources from other areas to fill this company. We haven't waited for the money or the people. We're just continuing to drive on with the mission," Robinson said.

Progress on the project is coming at a steady pace, even with a lack of sufficient funding.

"The installation's got a pretty good handle on it, they just need the money," Robinson said.

Visit: Post, American Indians meet to exchange ideas

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Fort Benning and the tribes have had an outstanding relationship with each other, and they have made much progress in the past, Torres said.

One of the major accomplishments the two made last year was at the land exchange signing ceremony, he said. It consummated the memorandum for agreement, discussed the desires of the tribes and the rules and regulations Fort Benning and Columbus will abide by.

The participants had to reference that agreement at the consultation due to inadvertent discoveries of cultural resources in December on the land the two parties exchanged, said Col. Keith Stelzer, DFEL director. Much of the meeting dealt with those discoveries. If they cannot be preserved, it is the tribes' desire they be reinterred at Fort Benning.

Participants also discussed the Lawson Army Airfield's black ramp expansion. It cost more than $1 million to conduct archeological surveys and excavation of the site.

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commander, kicked off the consultation and told the tribes members he was glad to be back and involved with the dialogue. He had worked with them closely as assistant commandant during his last tour at Fort Benning. He stressed the importance of the parties' relationship and offered the required resources to enhance it.

The event continued with various discussions of important issues and culminated in a field trip to some of the sites referred to in those discussions.

Representatives from six of the 11 tribes participated in the consultation. The tribe members, representing the Alabama Coushatta, Alabama Quassarte, Chickasaw, Kialegee, Muscogee (Creek), and the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, had began their discussion with Columbus representatives Jan. 15 at the Officers Club. They, too, discussed aspects of the land exchange. All 11 tribes will receive minutes of the meeting and other information the attending tribes requested.

"(The consultation) went well," Stelzer said. "It's a continuation and has grown through the consultation of the land exchange and has gone far beyond that in dealing with everything we do at Fort Benning. The post looks forward to continued progress and continued consultation."

ATM: Clever crooks use high-tech know-how to swindle

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"In most cases, there is no way of knowing this type of crime has happened until the damage is done," Paul said.

One scam reported in New York, Florida, California and points in Canada involves 'cloned' debit cards, an ABC news report stated. The crooks use publicly available software to copy the account and PIN numbers temporarily in the machine, and then insert a blank card to copy the information. The card is then used to illegally access the bank accounts.

"The 'cybercrooks' technique is so clandestine that consumers often don't know they've become victims until they check their monthly bank statements, or when checks start to inexplicably bounce due to lack of available funds," the report stated.

"People using ATM machines need to exercise common sense," Kelley said. "If something doesn't seem reasonable and prudent, then it probably isn't."

All sources give basic precautions to take to reduce the chances of being a victim.

• Always keep your PIN secure. Never reveal the number to anyone, and do not write the PIN on the back of your ATM card.

• Always go to an ATM in a well-lighted, high-traffic area.

• Be wary of nearby strangers that offer to help you if you are having difficulties with a particular ATM.

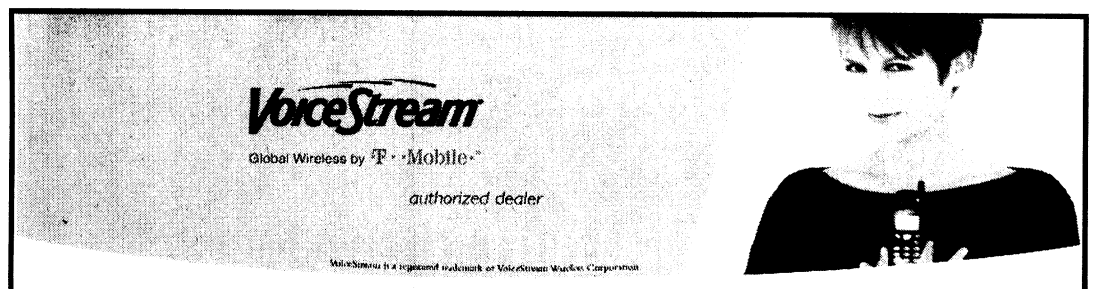
• Carefully examine an ATM before you use it. If you see something suspicious, like a discolored card reader or an unresponsive keypad, use another ATM. Also, report your suspicions to the bank or owner listed on the ATM.

• If an ATM machine "eats" your card, call your bank immediately and put a stop on the account.

• Check your bank statements regularly, even daily, if possible. The sooner you spot and report suspicious account activity, the better.

"The local community should remain security conscious," Mitchell said. "As long as there are people, there are going to be people trying to rip others off."

"Many people think these things can't happen to them," Paul said. "But they can happen to anybody."



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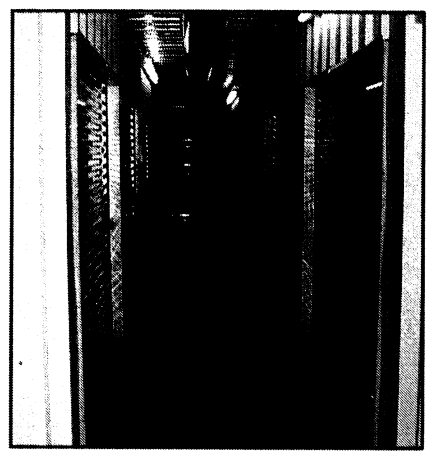
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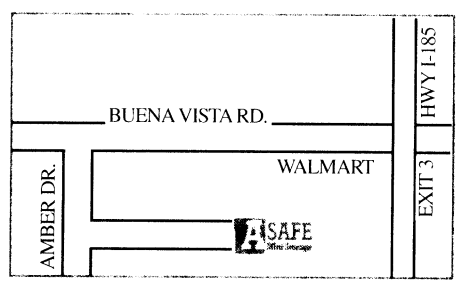
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Parish finds purpose in aftermath of fire

'We have to move forward,' priest says

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As a Fort Benning fireman sifted through the smoldering remains of the Main Post Catholic Chapel, he found a plaque among the rubble and charred debris of Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe's office.

When he wiped away the soot, the words remained clear and legible: *"Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice. But for those who love, time is eternity."*

"I've been thinking why this plaque — one of 40 in my office —was saved," said O'Keeffe, as he stood before nearly 175 Saint Maurice parishioners at Sunday's 11 a.m. mass in Pratt Hall. "I've decided our time here is short. Our time is also precious. How will we use it — the time we have left on earth?

"We can flee — find another parish. Or we can wait for something to happen, for a new chapel to be built. We can grieve for the old days and rejoice with the memories of what has been," he said. "But all this keeps us looking backward, and it won't help us deal with the present and plan for the future."

So where do those in Fort Benning's Catholic community find a vision for the future?

"In the gospel," O'Keeffe said, referring to Luke's gospel, chapter 24, where two of Christ's disciples met the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. So consumed were they by their own grief over the crucifixion, they failed to recognize Jesus.

"When we focus on our own pain, we don't recognize others' pain," O'Keeffe said. "In the midst of our pain, can we recognize our purpose, to share the good news of the gospel with others?"

When the disciples took communion with Jesus, they began to recognize him and rejoice, O'Keeffe said.

"They returned to Jerusalem with the good news. They were changed forever. Can we be like them?" he asked.

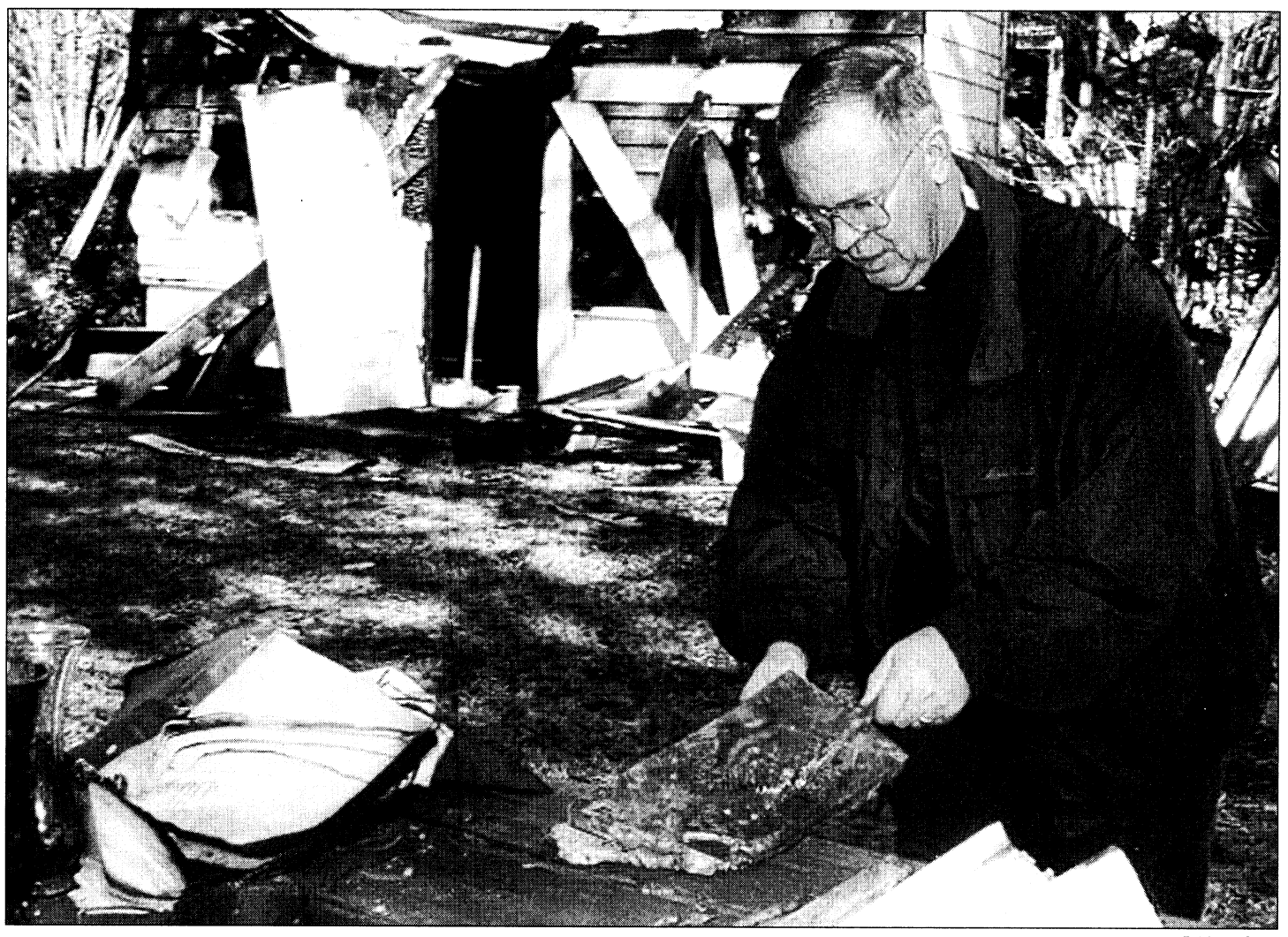
"Hopefully, we'll go back to the world we live in and share the news — we have faith. We have hope. And we'll continue to be his followers."

One week after the 60-year-old Main Post Catholic Chapel, home to nearly 1,000 Saint Maurice parishioners, burned to the ground, the Catholic community counted their blessings in the midst of what O'Keeffe called "overwhelming total destruction."

"I came into this world with nothing, and the only thing I'll take with me is my faith in the Lord Jesus Christ," he said. "Everything else is just stuff. That's not to say it doesn't hurt, but we realize the church is not the building, the church is the body of believers, the family of Christ.

"We may have lost a building, but the parish is alive and well and continuing."

Deborah Donald has been a member of the parish for 12 years. She said she'll miss the structure that housed her church family, but she agreed with O'Keeffe.



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Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe examines the site for anything that can be recovered from the electrical fire that ripped through the Main Post Catholic Chapel in the early morning of Jan. 12.

"We, the people, are the church, not the building," she said. "But we'll miss it. It was such a warm, peaceful place. Everything was wood, and when you walked in, there was a sense of comfort and peace."

Ironically, the wood that added aesthetic warmth also fueled the fire that continued to smoke more than a week after the blaze. The World War II era building was constructed of oak and pine, which was "bone dry and brittle," said O'Keeffe, who received encouragement and consolation from the chaplain of Fort Leavenworth's Saint Ignatius Chapel, a 102-year-old structure which was destroyed by fire just four weeks ago.

O'Keeffe, who lives in Auburn, kept his military uniforms and church vestments in the church office. He often slept there when he worked too late to make the drive home.

"So you can see it could have been worse. There were no lives lost," he said.

Father Lawrence Lucree and the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes, in Columbus, provided vestments, sacramental wine and bread and other items for Saint Maurices's weekend mass.

Lucree said Fort Benning soldiers were instrumental in constructing Our Lady of Lourdes Church in 1958, and Fort Benning families were the first to attend the church's school in 1960.

"To this day, the soldiers and families of the Fort Benning community are an active part of our parish family," Lucree said. "You were there when we needed you 43 years ago. It's our privilege and honor to help you in your time of need. We are one faith and one family."

O'Keeffe said parish activities will not be hindered by the loss of the church.

"Just because we lost the chapel doesn't mean our parish comes to a halt. We have to move forward," he said.

Mass will be celebrated Saturdays at 5 p.m. at The Infantry Center Chapel and at 8:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sundays at Pratt Hall in the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Regular mass celebrations will continue at 5 p.m. Sundays at Martin Army Community Hospital.

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Couple cherish memories, mourn loss of chapel

Loss of Catholic chapel like 'losing family'

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Though Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe mourns the loss of the "stuff" he's accumulated in nearly 27 years of ministry — the stoles and diplomas and mementos of assignments around the world, he believes there are those whose loss outweighs his own — those whose memories were validated in the chapel he called "the spiritual home of the Infantry."

"For the elderly who retired here and have made this their center of worship for many years, the loss is incredible," he said. "I can replace diplomas and records and such, but their memories are directly connected to that chapel. There are those who came and sat in the same pew year after year and felt the presence of the loved ones they've buried from here.

"And as long as it's been here, spouses have turned to this chapel as a source of comfort and solace when their soldiers were deployed," O'Keeffe said. "Because it was on a military installation, it represented so much more than Sunday worship. It sent a message of peace, hope and strength in the midst of military operations. It said, 'You can be a soldier and a Christian — a patriot and a believer.'"

Retired Col. Robert and Frances Nett have many memories tied up in the little church. It's been their spiritual home since 1951, when Nett was attending the officers' advanced course here. It was a source of comfort for Frances when her husband was sent to Vietnam in 1963, and a place of celebration when the couple baptized their first grandchild in 1964 and celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1993.

"That was our only real wedding," said Frances, who converted to Catholicism in 1977, more than 20 years after making the chapel her home.



Courtesy photo

The Netts were married in 1943 in a simple ceremony in his parish priest's house. "Our 50th anniversary was really our wedding," He said.



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The Netts celebrated their golden anniversary at the Main Post Catholic Chapel in 1993.

"We weren't of the same faith, so we couldn't be married in my hometown church the first time," Nett said. "We had to be married in the parish priest's house. So our 50th anniversary was really our wedding. We renewed our vows."

After a distinguished career as an infantry officer — Nett was awarded the medal of Honor for courage under fire as a company commander in the Philippines in 1944 — the couple retired in Columbus and returned to the chapel that "had always been home," he said.

From the beginning, Nett ingratiated himself into the parish, serving first as an usher and then the chapel's first Eucharist minister. He constructed a large cross for the front of the church, and on it was mounted a figure of the risen Christ with arms outstretched, considered by many parishioners to be an irreplaceable treasure.

Nett recalled the early days of his family's association with the chapel.

"Back then it was really small. It didn't have the wings on either side. People stood at the back of the church and sat on folding chairs in the aisle. Then we had to put a speaker on the outside because there was always 25 or 30 people outside who couldn't get in," he said.

Nett said the church has always been a "family of very special people," who embrace newcomers, students and retirees.

"We seem to blend together as one, with common goals and expectations," he said. "Airborne students, OCS and ranger students, retirees — it doesn't matter. Everyone fits, and the chapel was always the focal point of that unity."

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> **Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe**
> Catholic priest

News of the chapel's destruction was a blow to the Netts — "like losing a member of the family," he said. They'll miss the little white church on the corner that "magnetized you whenever you went by it."

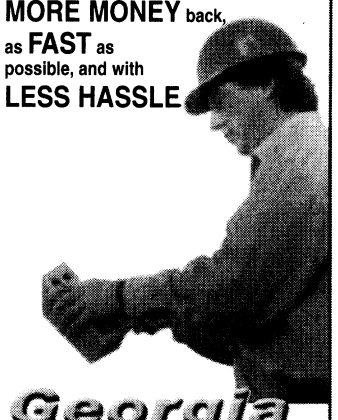
"You couldn't pass it without feeling like you wanted to stop and go in, if nothing more than to say hello to the priest," he said.

And though he's confident the parish will rebuild, Nett said nothing can replace what was lost.

"Sure it was just a building, but it was a very special building. What wasn't possible 50 years ago when we were married was made possible in that chapel," he said. "Did I tell you they gave us an honor guard out front?"

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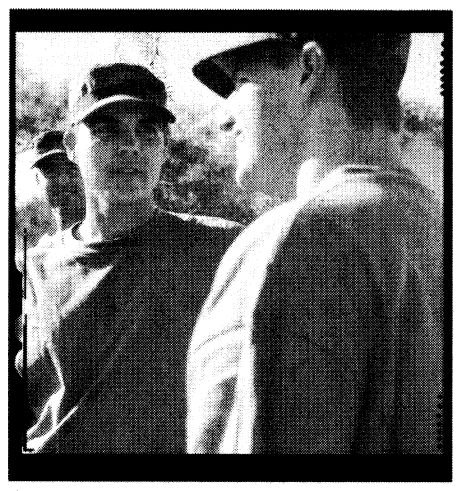
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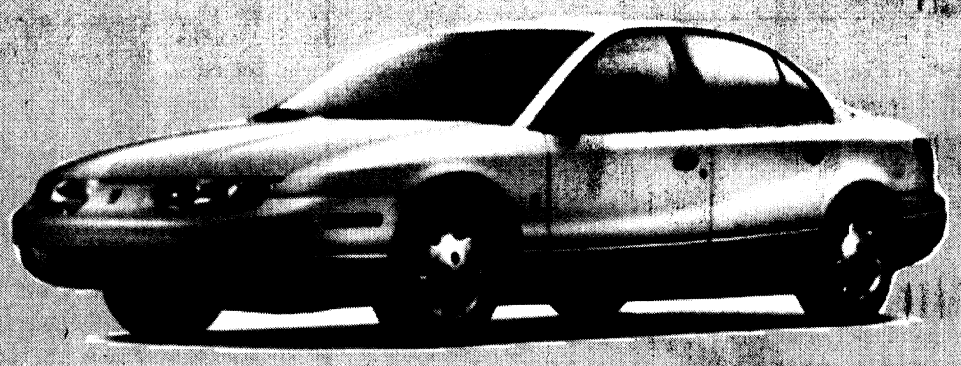
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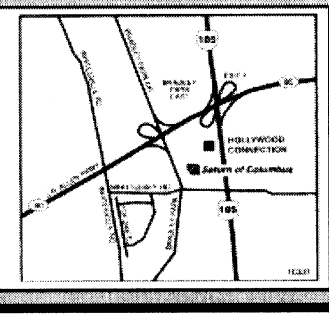
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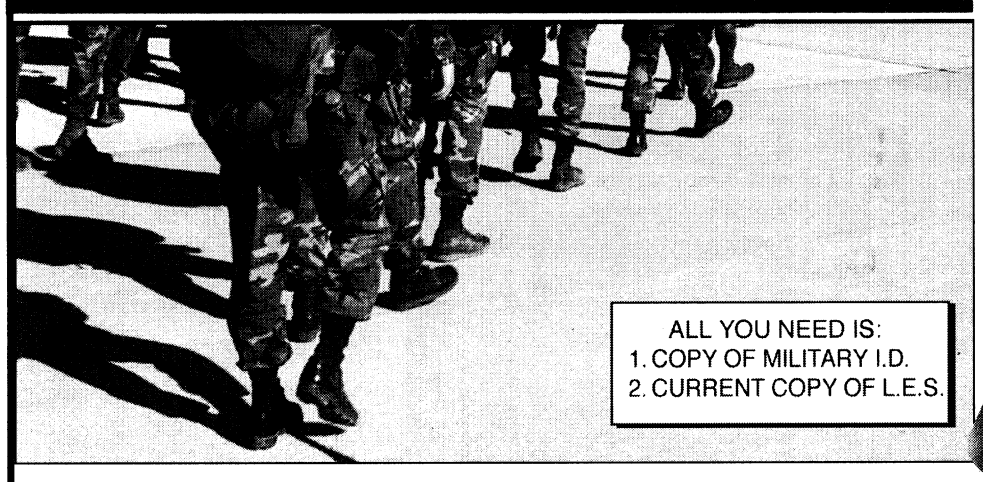
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Hollywood's version of Mogadishu 'satisfactory'

Ranger says fighting 'part of the job'

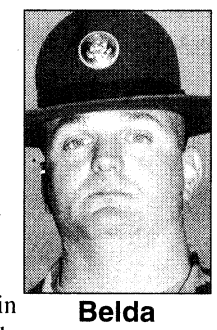
Bridgett Siter
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Black Hawk Down, Paramount Picture's version of Mark Bowden's 1999 best-seller by the same name, opened last week at local cinemas, including Fort Benning, where three Wynnsong theaters accommodated hundreds of soldiers for a 2 p.m. showing, Jan. 18.

But those who were there — on the streets of Mogadishu during the bloody 15-hour battle between U.S. forces and a mob of Somalis, Oct. 3, 1993 — were invited to a private screening earlier in the week.

Sgt. 1st Class Mark Belda was among the former soldiers and family members of B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, on hand to see for themselves if Hollywood could accurately relay the story of the battle of Mogadishu — a battle that left 18 U.S. soldiers dead, including six rangers.

Sgt. 1st Class Mark Belda had given up hope of ever seeing combat when he was sent to Somalia, and he carried his disappointment like "a great big weight on (his) back."


Belda

He'd dreamed of being a soldier since he was a young boy growing up in Myrtle Beach, S.C., listening to his dad tell of exciting far-off places the Air Force had sent him. But he'd missed Panama and Desert Storm and figured the chances of another conflict were slim.

"I gave up on ever seeing any real action," Belda said. "I remember thinking the only way we'd get used was if it hit the fan. Well it did, and we got just what we wanted."

Belda was assigned to help secure the site of the first helicopter crash in the middle of Mogadishu. He crouched in an alley all afternoon, firing at anything that moved behind buildings and in windows.

"I couldn't even tell you if I killed anyone," he said. "All I can say was, when I fired they weren't there anymore."

After dodging a couple of hand grenades, he and a handful of rangers with him moved to a secure building to ward off an incessant onslaught of Somalis until the rescue convoy arrived the next morning.

Belda recalled feeling a strange kind of detachment during the heat of battle, "like my mind went into limbo, and my body just did what it was trained to do.

"I knew all the guys who got killed. I helped raise most of them from privates," he said. "So I had to detach myself from what was going on around me and what I had to do."

Belda employed the same tactic when he attended an early screening of the movie with his wife, Laura, the young bride he left behind in 1993.

"At the beginning of the movie, it said, 'Based on true events.' It should say, 'Very loosely based on true events," Belda chuckled. "But the discrepancies made it a little easier to detach myself from what I was seeing. It was just a movie — a good movie."

Though Belda was satisfied with the movie, he was quick to voice his disappointment with the book, *Black Hawk Down*, and earlier accounts of the battle.

"War stories are like fish stories. They sometimes get exaggerated," he said. "I didn't make it past chapter four because of the inaccuracies. It was frustrating."

Frustration, occasional bouts of sadness for his friends lost and irritation over what he called "too much Monday-morning quarterbacking" are a few of the emotions Belda has experienced over the years. Guilt is not one of them.

"I still feel we were justified in being there. As far as I'm concerned, I was where I needed to be and doing my job," he said. "There are things I think should've been handled differently, but I don't feel any guilt, and I'd do it again if they asked me. The Army's all I ever wanted to do. I always expected fighting to be a part of the job."

Belda feels there's an unspoken "don't ask, don't tell" policy among soldiers regarding the residual effects of war.

"My wife used to say I was heartless," he laughed. "I didn't show a lot of emotion, didn't feel the need to talk it out. (Rangers) get together and talk about what happened, but we don't talk about how we feel about what happened. That might get you punched."

Now Sgt. 1st Class Belda works as a drill sergeant on Sand Hill and uses his experience to help trainees "understand what they may have to face when they leave here." Otherwise, he's accepted the events of Oct. 3, 1993, as "a part of my history, not my everyday reality," and chooses to focus on the things he values most.

"Certainly it made me appreciate my family more," he said. "And of course my brothers. It is a brotherhood. I fought for them — they fought for me. I'd do it all over again if I had to."

Wife finds strength in support

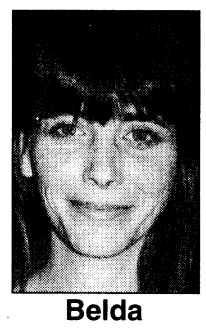
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Laura Belda was still a newlywed when her husband was deployed the first time. She hadn't had time to get accustomed to the Army way of life and she knew none of her husband's coworkers or their wives.

But when B Company's Family Support Group got wind of their husbands' deployment to Somalia, a civil war-torn country on the east coast of Africa, the news spread like wildfire. The women came together to encourage and assist one another, and they claimed Laura as one of their own.

"Everybody was so friendly," she said. "It didn't matter who they were or what rank their husband wore, they were genuinely concerned about what was happening and how we were all handling it. We leaned on each other."

Laura said the wives of her husband's platoon became a very close-knit group, sometimes talking on the telephone until the early-morning hours. She counts those women who helped her weather the worst during the early months of her marriage as life-long friends.


Belda

After their husbands returned from Somalia, they continued to be a strong, active FSG. And when Laura's daughter was suddenly taken severely ill and underwent heart surgery, the wives of B Co. were by her side.

Laura said she hasn't encountered another FSG as strong and active as that first one.

"That was my first experience, so that's what I expected to find everywhere. I was really disappointed," she said.

"But then I realized that group was so successful because of what we'd gone through together. So I believe, when it gets down to it, when it's needed the most, the support group comes through."

Soldier trains actors for accuracy

Black Hawk Down is good, realistic, ranger says

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CNN's Larry King called it "gripping ... maybe the most talked about war movie ever," and "one of the most extraordinary war movies ever made."

Herb London, a professor of humanities at New York University, said it's attempts to "reposition the events in Somalia as a heroic tale" misleads the nation about a tragic misadventure.

Could it be they're both right?

The movie *Black Hawk Down* is receiving rave reviews and festering old war wounds as the media dredges up the whys and wherefores of U.S. involvement in Somalia.

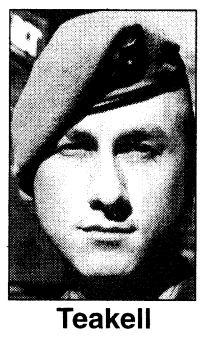
London called it a "tragic occasion that could have been avoided."

Staff Sgt. Reese Teakell is willing to concede the point. But he's a soldier, and it's not his place to question orders.

"It was my job, and it was their job," he said, referring to his friends and fellow rangers from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, who died in Mogadishu. "They were doing what they trained to do and what they loved. I wouldn't disgrace their memory by saying we shouldn't have been there."

Teakell doesn't feel the need to question U.S. foreign military policy, past or present — "I'm not a politician. I'll leave it to them," he said. But he does feel compelled to set the record straight about the men who died and the brotherhood of rangers they represented.

To that end, he was in on the movie from the beginning, training the actors who would play the parts of Sgt. Dominick Pilla, Sgt. Lorenzo Ruiz, Cpl. Jamie Smith and others.


Teakell

Several actors, including Ben Foster, Ewan McGregor and Josh Hartnett spent a week last year, Feb. 12-16, with cadre from the 75th Ranger Regiment's Ranger Training Detachment, learning very basic soldiering skills, such as the correct way to address an officer or NCO, and various ranger skills, like marksmanship and MOUT training.

"It was a generalization of training," Teakell said. "We knew we couldn't make rangers out of them in a week. They just wanted to get enough training to assimilate the mannerisms of a ranger. There's a definite air about a ranger."

The actors wore desert BDUs with the names of the soldiers they were playing.

"I walked into the classroom and saw someone wearing Pilla's name, and it was a raise-the-hair-on-the-back-of-the-neck kind of experience — very unsettling," Teakell said.

"The last time I saw someone wearing that name tag was October 3, 1993."

Teakell said he had "to come to terms with those feelings" in order to do his job.

"Personally I wanted them to portray these guys as accurately as possible. To the rest of the world, this is who the 75th Ranger Regiment is."

Besides a few inconsequential inaccuracies, the finished product, the movie, does a pretty good job of representing the rangers, Teakell said.

"The realism was excellent, minus a few changes for cinematic reasons," he said. "They referred to each other on a first-name basis. That would never happen. And they use 'hooah' like it's religion. Rangers don't do that.

"But it was a good movie. It's very hard to portray the intensity of the fire fight in a book, but it came across on screen."

Teakell admitted watching the movie was not easy.

"It was unsettling to watch them die again." he said. "I don't mull over those feelings, but it took me back to those pictures I've stored away. It brought back a lot of memories."

He said he won't see the movie again, though he'll probably buy it "and put it on a shelf."

But he has no desire to forget about what happened in Mogadishu.

"I have to use what happened as a training tool, or I'm not doing my job," he said. "I have to pass it on to other rangers, so when they find themselves in that kind of situation, they'll know what to expect."

As for public opinion, Teakell believes the rangers understand something society may never understand. The rangers were there "for the greater good," he said, to help Somalis overcome the warlord responsible for the deaths of thousands of Somalis each day.

And though he admits to ambivalence about the events following the clash in Mogadishu — namely the withdrawal of U.S. troops — the battle itself was a success, he said.

"(Society) accepts the media's portrayal of what happened as a failure," he said. "For the rangers on the ground that day, it was an extraordianry success. We made it out against incredible odds."

Movie's perspective mirrors the book's

Erin A. Nash
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Just about three years ago, in *The Bayonet* office, I was handed an unedited copy of the book *Black Hawk Down* by Mark Bowden. The editor gave it to me because the book is about soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, and the fierce 15 hours of fighting they endured in Mogadishu, Somalia, on Oct. 3, 1993.

My husband has been in 3rd Bn. since 1996 so no, he wasn't there, but he does have buddies and co-workers who were.

I loved the book, and last year when I found out it was being made into a movie, I was thrilled. This is strange for me because I'm a total bibliophile and not a movie person, and I frequently am frustrated after watching a movie after I read the book.

Still, I wasn't quite sure I was ready to see the movie. My husband and his unit were the first combat troops on the ground in Afghanistan, and although it all went smoothly, I wasn't sure I wanted to see what could have or might have happened to him.

But I reminded myself this did happen, and that my husband is home safely, so I screwed up my courage and was actually very drawn to the movie.

The movie follows like the book — fairly confusing to a non-military person or even to a military spouse.

The best word to describe *Black Hawk Down* is "action," which, in reality, was what the 15 hours the soldiers had to endure was. The movie focuses on a few main characters, but mainly follows Staff Sgt. Matt Eversmann, portrayed by Josh Hartnett, who was the squad leader for one of the chalks doing the mission.

The best thing the producer did was focus most of the movie on those 15 hours, so if you're looking for romance, forget it. If you are looking for a dose of reality, this is for you. There are many graphic scenes, including Cpl. Jamie Smith's gunshot wound that Eversmann and a medic try to fix. If blood and gore makes you queasy, you may want to avert your eyes several times. If you enjoy seeing men do extraordinary things, be extraordinary soldiers and friends, I definitely recommend it.

The main difference between this and other war movies, is that it did happen, and those men involved in any aspect of it will never forget it. As someone who was not there, I cannot tell you how accurate it is. I can't tell you if that's how everyone felt, or how everyone reacted.

But, being a wife in 3rd Bn. now for almost six years, I was very surprised the actors actually looked like rangers and talked like them, down to their favorite curse word.

The real heroes are not the actors, but the men they are portraying, and even though it's a very watchable movie, I don't feel any movie or book can ever do justice to what these men went through and continue to live with, to this day.

around post

Excellence Recognition Day

The CG Excellence Recognition Day will begin with the CG's Two-star Excellence Breakfast at 7:30 a.m. at the Officers Club today.

Then the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Awards Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. at the NCO Club.

The day will end with the Commander's Award Ceremony at 3 p.m. in front of Infantry Hall. For more information, call 545-4729.

METRA service

The METRA buses will continue to service Fort Benning. For more information, call the Transportation Division at 545-4788.

Free Cultural Awareness Field Trip to Tuskegee U

As part of Black History Month activities the Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office presents the second annual trip to Tuskegee University. The trip is 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Feb.7. The trip will leave from Building 2059. Transportation is provided.

For more information, call 545-6665.

CID Brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of a set of golf clubs and bag, two Treelounge tree stands and a MTX car amplifier.

The property was stolen from a storage shed in Building 2888 between Sept. 12 - 30.

The assistance of the local community is being requested. Anyone with information, call the CID duty agent at 545-8916 or the Military Police at 545-5222.

The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Branch interviews

PERSCOM's Officer Personnel Management Directorate will send a team of branch assignment officers to interview resident officers and warrant officers on career management and assignments from Feb. 5-7.

The OPMD team visit will begin at 8:30 a.m. Feb. 5 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall, with a command brief by the director of OPMD, Brig. Gen. Dorian Anderson.

All Fort Benning resident officers should attend.

Branch interviews will begin at 1 p.m. Feb. 5. A schedule of interview times will be sent to all units.

For more information, call Chuck Gantner at 545-3736 or e-mail GantnerC@benning.army.mil.

Green to gold brief

Enlisted soldiers with at least 60 college credits may be eligible for Fort Benning Commanding General's Hip Pocket scholarship. A Green to Gold brief will be held 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday in Infantry Hall, Classroom 32B. For more information, call 568-2449.

Physical readiness training program on the way

PT emphasizes endurance, strength, mobility

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

The U.S. Army Physical Fitness School has written new doctrine on how to help soldiers achieve or maintain their physical readiness.

"Over the past several years, fitness training has evolved to a point where leaders at all levels have taken actions they have deemed appropriate to meet the needs of the Army," said Stephen Van Camp, chief of doctrine at the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School.

"The result is a less than optimized approach to fitness training and one that has caused considerable frustration throughout the chain of command," Van Camp said.

The Physical Fitness School came to the conclusion that basing physical training on Army Physical Fitness Test scores did not prepare soldiers for the needs of combat or for improving performance of critical soldier tasks.

Physical readiness is now being emphasized over physical fitness. The guiding theory behind physical readiness is the ability to meet the physical demands of any combat or duty situation, accomplish the mission and still have a reserve of strength.

Capt. Dennis Edwards, operations chief for the Physical Fitness School, said the goal of the Physical Fitness School is to align physical readiness training and the Army's current training doctrine.

"It will be more performance oriented, more 'train as you fight,'" Edwards said.

New doctrine is regularly introduced to keep the Army's training current, Van Camp said.

"Every time a major conflict occurs, we learn lessons to make training a little smarter," Van Camp said.

What we're focusing on is training harder and smarter, without hurting people. Too much, too soon hurts people, Van Camp said.

The three components being concentrated on for physical readiness training are strength and endurance and mobility.

There is a tendency to perform at greater intensities and duration than some soldiers are prepared for and that invites overuse injuries, Van Camp said.

The three principles to physical readiness training are progression, variety, and precision, Edwards said.

"The fitness that you gain is going to be governed by your precision," Edwards said.

"Precision prevents injuries," Edwards said. "It's not just throwing weight around. It doesn't leave things to chance."

Current Army training focuses mainly on long distance running. Physical readiness training looks to two types of running to develop cardiovascular fitness and neuromuscular and musculoskeletal balance in the total conditioning of the soldier. The two types of running are sustained running and speed running. Speed running is also known as intervals.

Physical readiness training is divided into two phases. The toughening phase is designed to increased mobility, strength and endurance. The sustaining phase is designed to maintain that level of readiness.

"You can get as fit and physically ready as you need to be," Edwards said. "This training is for everyone."

Editor's note: *For more information on the physical readiness training program, see A-10.*

Institute celebrates, unveils gallery of liberators

Windows into history unveiled during first-year celebration

Sgt. Daniel Monroy
WHINSEC Public Affairs

Windows into history were unveiled and a promise of hope was made to celebrate democracy at the first anniversary ceremony of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Jan. 17.

Representatives from the 19 nations of the Western Hemisphere, including the U.S., uncloaked murals that captured icons and key events pivotal in their nation's independence, during the inauguration of the Gallery of Liberators.

"This is a special event that gives them (foreign students and staff) the opportunity to display the histories of their democratic nations," said WHINSEC Chief of Staff Lt. Col. Thomas J. Kee III.

Following the inauguration, Dr. Jorge Santistevan de Noriega, Peruvian human rights advocate, was presented the Simon Bolivar Democracy and Human Rights Award and Lecture Series for a lifetime devoted to the defense of civil liberties, support for democratic causes and conflict resolution in both Peru and Central America.

"I accept this award on behalf of my country, which has made tremendous strides in developing a democratic government, more than an award for my accomplishments," Santistevan said.

Santistevan was nominated by the Carter Center, in Atlanta, former President Jimmy Carter's organization for world peace.

"I will always support a promise of hope over dwelling in past accusations. I wish the School of the Americas Watch leadership would have accepted their invitations to this event and witnessed for themselves this promise of hope," Santistevan said.

The award is the highest honor bestowed by the institute, and selection of the lecturers is based on a lifetime achievement in promoting human rights, rule of law, hemispheric cooperation, humanitarian actions, peace-keeping and the virtues of democracy, said Joel Cassman, the institute's Department of State chairman.

During the academic year, students attending a number of courses at the institute tour Columbus and view various examples of local industry and government in action.

"We are very proud to be able to show them how it works and were very grateful to Mayor Bobby Peters and the City of Columbus for that opportunity," said Col. Richard D. Downie, institute commandant.

Peters, City Councilman Robert Poydasheff and Salvador Diaz-Verson, local businessman, were recognized as Honorary Ambassadors of Good Will for WHINSEC.

"This is our way of saying thanks," Downie said.

Soldiers, civilians gather to pay tribute to MLK Jr.

Leader's birthday observed at Infantry Hall

Pvt. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The post observed Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday with an annual commemoration ceremony Jan. 17 in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium.

"I would like to commend the stunning talent of all of the performers here today," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commander. "We are very fortunate to have Reverend Johnny H. Flakes as the guest speaker."

Flakes has been the pastor of the Fourth Street Missionary Baptist Church in Columbus since 1961.

"Let us remember the quintessential leader of African Americans, Doctor King," Flakes said. "We must not forget his sufferings and sacrifices, and today we must celebrate his life."

The commemoration reviewed the life, work and legacy of King.

"The ceremony was awesome," said Shirley Jarrett, from the Civilian Personnel Center. "Everyone played their role really well."

Horace Wilson, with the Southeast Civilian Personnel Center, read his original poem *Keep the Dream Alive.*

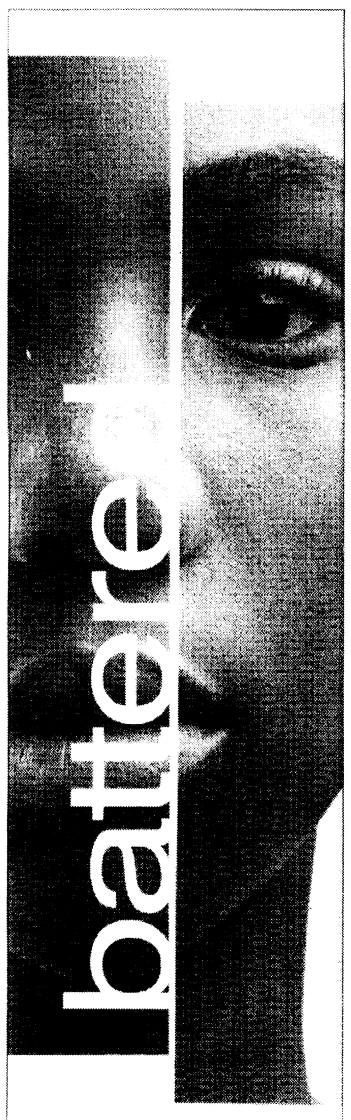
Sgt. Dorothy Bess-Moore with 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, sang *Don't Move the Mountain.*

The World Change Tabernacle choir also sang at the ceremony.

Staff Sgt. Charles Gregory Sr., with the 283rd Army Band, gave a rendition of King's *I Have a Dream speech.* The emotional speech was set to patriotic music, and the audience's standing ovation was proof of an excellent performance.

Before his death, April 4, 1968, King was awarded a Nobel Peace Prize for his use of nonviolent protests for civil rights.

"We have made a lot of progress, but the mission is long and more can still be done," Eaton said.



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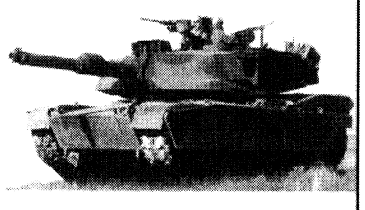
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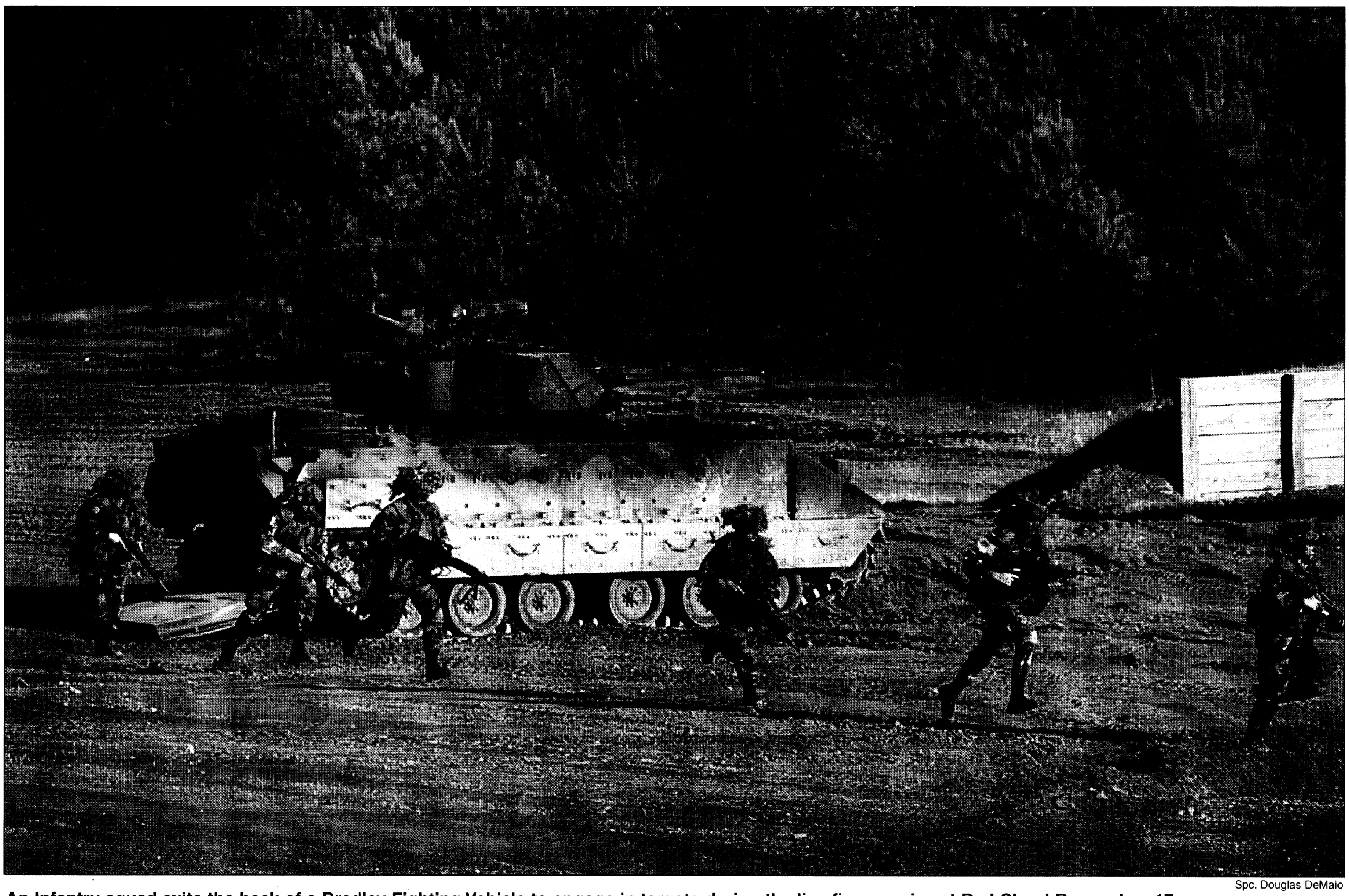
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An Infantry squad exits the back of a Bradley Fighting Vehicle to engage in targets during the live-fire exercise at Red Cloud Range Jan. 17

Soldiers conduct live-fire exercise Jan. 17

Families get hands-on experience

Pvt. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment gave a live-fire demonstration Jan. 17 at Red Cloud Range.

The exercise is part of the Infantry Precommand Course, which trains infantry officers to get to the next level.

"This offers an opportunity to see the various tools of the infantry fired down range and for future brigade commanders and family members to get hands-on experience with the weapons," said Lt. Col. Christopher Lockhart, commander, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

"Some of the officers are coming from staff positions where they spent a lot of time in the office," Lockhart said. "This gives them the chance to familiarize themselves with some things they may have been away from and hands on training with equipment they may have never seen before."

Both students and family members seemed to enjoy the demonstration.

"This gives family members not only the opportunity to see what we do but also to get hands-on experience with the weapons," said 1st Sgt. Anthony Patriarca, organizer of the demonstration with 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

After the demonstration, everyone in the audience was given the chance to fire the weapons, including the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

"I've never (fired the Bradley's 25 mm cannon) before, so it was a really good experience," said Cheryl O'Dell, family member.

"It was very impressive, well choreographed, informative and professional," said Scott Youngblood, a father of one of the squad leaders in the infantry squad. "I absolutely recommend others to come out here. I think most people aren't aware of the demonstration."

The demonstration started with an introduction from two speakers, then four Bradleys sped onto the range.

Information was given about the capabilities and characteristics of the Bradley. Then the infantry squads exited the Bradley and were introduced and the weapons they carried were described.

The squads reentered the Bradley, and the firing exercise began. It showed various firing scenarios and capabilities of the Bradley.

"It takes a lot of coordination," Patriarca said. "It's not something that you can just throw together. There is a lot involved. We have been rehearsing this for more than a week."

Basic trainees get 'ready' with revised physical training



Photos by 2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy

Lt. Col. Bill Rieger demonstrates why a soldier needs strong quadriceps as he carries Staff Sgt. Matthew Billet "to safety."

Old PT manuals lay groundwork

Laura Martinson
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Old Army manuals, WWII references, and extensive historical reports sound like the ingredients for a thorough American history research project. In essence, that's exactly what it is. But the end result is a physical training program suited to meet the needs of the entire Army.

C Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, is the first training company to implement the physical readiness training at Fort Benning. The company began its new cycle Jan. 16.

"In the past, the mentality of physical training was to break the body down and then rebuild it," said Sgt. Matthew Mobley, drill sergeant. "But now, we're taking what's there, building upon that, and using activities and movements soldiers will see on today's modern battlefield."

The physical readiness training is just what it says it is — readiness training. But Stephen Van Camp, chief of doctrine, U.S. Army Physical Fitness School, said the question remains, what are we getting ready for?

"There's a long-standing assumption that the more fit you are, the better you'll be at your job," Van Camp said. "But the real question is, 'Fit for what?'"



Lt. Col. Bill Rieger and Staff Sgt. Matthew Billet demonstrate part of physical readiness training. Shown here is the "power squat."

"We're focused on enhancing common tasks that every soldier has to do in basic training. The best way to do that is to develop exercises that will train soldiers to better perform those activities," Van Camp said.

"Soldiers have to move quickly, over, under and around objects and they have to be able to manage their own body weight. They need a balance of strength, endurance and mobility to meet any combat situation," he said.

The PRT is nothing new, Van Camp said. The balance comes from a variety of exercises similar to those used in the pre-World War II era such as calisthenics, vertical and lateral drills, and more explosive movements like power skipping.

A new physical training manual gets turned over about every decade.

Efforts to revise the physical readiness training stemmed from the basic premise of injury reduction. Injuries have indeed decreased in test groups, and performance has increased.

The PRT is ramped, meaning there are logical progressions for people at different fitness levels. A phased approach, beginning with the "toughening phase," lays the foundation for future physical advancements in the "sustaining phase."

"For a long time, soldiers have focused primarily on PT test scores," Mobley said. "We've concentrated less on battle skills, and that means we're neglecting other necessary aspects of physical fitness. Variety is lacking."

That's exactly what basic physical fitness studies are stating.

"All research points to giving the soldiers the body strength they would need in a battle situation," Van Camp said. "We follow the basic Army principle, 'Train as you fight.' It just makes sense."

"We won't be able to evaluate the end product until the end of the cycle," Mobley said.

"People are usually resistant to change, but we are all motivated and anxious to see results."

C Company Cobras win Dragon Challenge

Soldier games culminate busy months

1st Lt. William D. Chesher
1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment

The Dragons of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, assembled on Essebagger Field to participate in the Dragon Challenge, a one-day competition that the Dragons hold each quarter to determine which is the best company in the battalion.

It was the culmination of a very busy past few months, between deployments for B Company, all three companies completing gunnery, and A and C Co. conducting day and night live-fire exercises — all while maintaining a two-hour recall to deploy anywhere in the world.

The games began with a 6-mile battalion run in battle dress uniform complete with combat boots. The events the Dragons participated in were the Army Physical Fitness Test, combat football, the Humvee push, stick wrestling and "King of the Pit." All participants, with the exception of the APFT competitors, participated in BDUs combat boots and ballistic armor. This added dimension provided the Dragons with a challenge but did not dampen their fierce spirit of competition.

The competition was close as Headquarters and Headquarters Co. took the APFT, followed by the Bushmasters, Gators and Cobras respectively. The Gators of A Co. were crowned the "Kings of the Pit."

As the day progressed, the lead changed hands a number of times. But, in the end, it was the Cobras of C Co who took home the honors. This makes it two in a row for the Cobras who also took top honors at the Dragon Smoker in September.



The Dragons of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment engage in the pugil stick fight to determine who is the "King Of The Pit."

Pfc. Jacob Mercer

Father and son hope to jump together

A family who trains together stays together

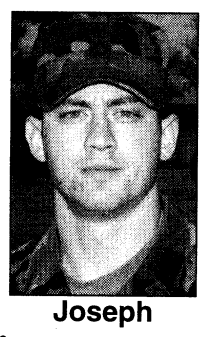
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Maj. Robert Breeding, 42, has always wanted to attend airborne school throughout his military career. After spending eight years as an enlisted soldier in the Army, Breeding was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1985. He was in his mid-20s and stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., with his wife and two children. While at Fort Bragg, he saw an opportunity to attend airborne school. However, this opportunity quickly ended when his unit couldn't grant him leave to attend the course.

Twenty-four years in the Army and 17 years after his spoiled opportunity, Breeding is finally getting his chance to attend airborne school, this time with his son.



Robert



Joseph

Pfc. Joseph Breeding, 19, completed his advanced individual training in December, just in time to attend the course with his father.

The major inquired with the U.S. Recruiting Command to see if it would be possible to go airborne, he said.

"It took divine intervention and planning," the father said. "Somehow, it all came together."

Joseph grew up familiar to the military environment, and attended the Virginia Military Institute. He knew he would eventually join the military, but never thought he would be training with his father, Joseph said.

"I didn't think I would be jumping out of planes with my dad," Joseph said.

Robert was involved with his son's decision to join the military and even accompanied him to the Military Entrance Processing Station, he said.

The two would spend time at the dinner table discussing Army stories, politics, occupations and military stations, they said.

Joseph enlisted in civil affairs and made sure he could get assigned to an airborne unit.

He will attend the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, Calif., to study Arabic.

Robert said his son plans on taking advantage of the educational benefits the military offers and to become a commissioned officer, a similar career path his father took.

Both of the men said they are in 'great shape' and excited to begin training.

Robert spent nine months preparing himself for airborne school, he said.

"I'm in better shape now than I was in my 20s," Robert said.

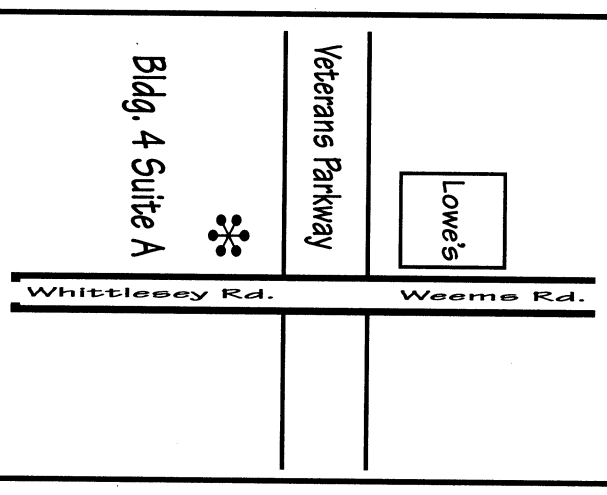
Training together adds a new dimension to their father and son relationship.

"I'll behave because he's around," the son said. "It's strange because I need to look at him as a 'sir' more than a father."

Robert sees it as a great way to build upon their relationship, he said.

"I think we can play that role," Robert said. "A lot of bonds have changed between us. He's a man now and sees this as a passing of the torch."

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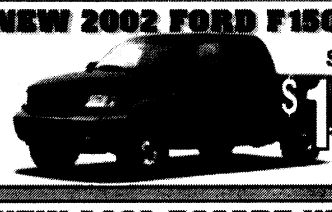
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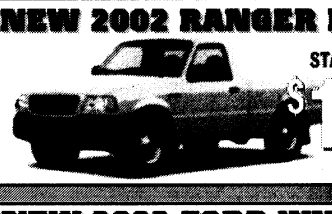
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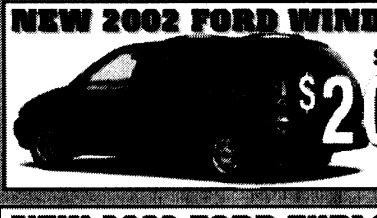
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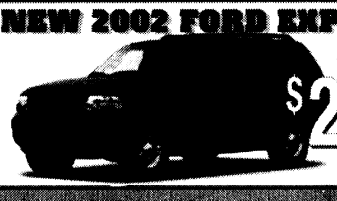
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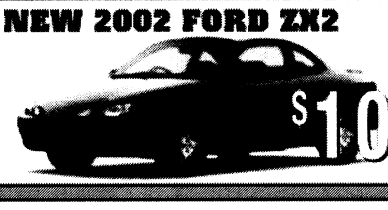
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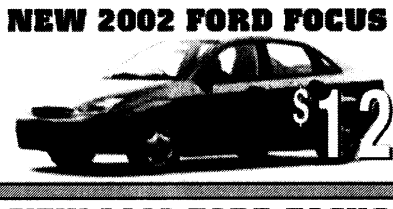
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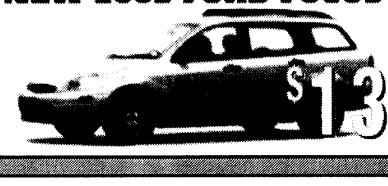
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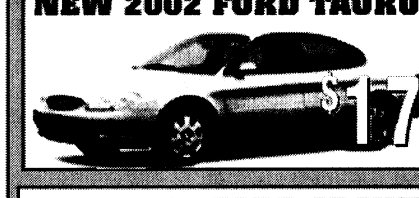
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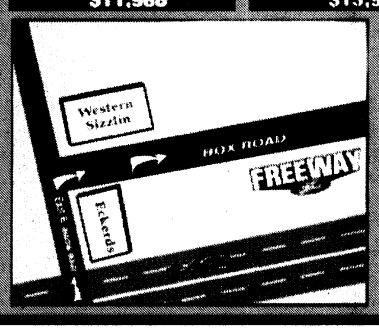
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Retiree becomes victim of urban legend

Identity theft is fastest growing crime in America

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WASHINGTON — An e-mail circulating about a retiree who had his identity stolen after filing separation papers at a county courthouse is no urban legend, according to Transition Center officials.

Soldiers separating from the military are now being advised to ignore the old recommendation to file their Department of Defense Form 214 (Military Discharge) with their local county courthouse. Instead, transition counselors are advising soldiers to safeguard their personal information to guard against credit fraud, said Deborah Snider, Transition Center personnel analyst at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

Between 600,000 to 700,000 cases of identity theft were reported by the Federal Trade Commission in 2000. Identity theft is the fastest growing crime today, according to the FTC, and many victims don't find out that their personal information has been stolen until they are trying to buy a house or get a loan.

"I don't think anyone ever thought about this happening, which is the reason there are no provisions to 'unfile' records," Snider said. "This is a serious problem, and soldiers are a prime target because everything is tied to the soldiers' Social Security number."

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The victims of identity theft suffer tremendously because the burden of proof is on them, Snider said. It's hard to believe that a person's life could be destroyed by this, she said, but it happens.

A Navy retiree learned that someone had stolen his personal information and established credit in his name when he received a phone call from a

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Tall tower jump starts family memories

Family reconnects with memories of its late father

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Tricia Hall is only 7, and her memories of her father are few and fleeting, sometimes more of a sensation than a concrete picture.

"Like once we were in a swimming pool, and he tossed me up in the air," she said. "We have a picture of it, so I don't know if I really remember it or if I've just seen it a lot, you know?"

2nd Lt. Kelly Hall died when the reconnaissance plane he was piloting crashed in Germany in 1998. His wife and five children traveled to Fort Benning last week to visit old friends and recapture the Airborne spirit of the man who "loved the Army big time."

Shelly Hall and her daughters, Tyler, 9, Tori, 8, and Tricia, and her sons, Tony, 5, and Tanner, 4, flew from Muskegon, Mich., to spend the weekend with Staff Sgt. McKinley and Helen McWhorter, whom they met 12 years ago when McWhorter and Hall attended Airborne School together.

When Shelly and her children expressed an interest in jumping from the 34-foot jump towers on Eubanks Field, McWhorter made arrangements for the Saturday morning jumps.

"It was cool. It was sooo cool," said Tyler, who recalled a similar experience watching her father jump from a plane and parachute to the ground five years ago. "That was cool, too."

Shelly said her girls are "holding on to whatever memories they have," of their father.

"But the boys were too young," she said. "So this is a way of connecting with their dad, keeping him alive in their hearts. This morning one of them said, 'You know he'll be jumping with us today.'"

Hall enlisted in the Army in 1983 and attended Airborne School in 1990. After a two-year break in service, he served in Desert Storm before attending Warrant Officer School in 1992 and OCS in 1998.

In September of the same year, his family moved to Germany and Hall began preparing for deployment to Bosnia in November. While on a routine training flight two weeks before leaving, his plane went into a spin it couldn't recover from.

"I tell the kids we'll never forget him or replace him, and we're better people because we knew him," said Shelly, who now works as a victims' advocate for the Michigan Court System.

Tricia admitted to being scared before her first jump, but flushed-faced and grinning, she went back for more.

"I did it five times. It was fun," she said. "I think Dad's proud of me."



Bridgett Siter

Tori Hall, 8, jumps from the 34-foot jump tower on Eubanks Field Saturday. Tori and her siblings traveled from Michigan to visit friends at Fort Benning.

System improves for patrons at hospital

Callers reach 'live' person in minutes

Terry Beckwith
Martin Army Community Hospital

Tired and frustrated with the phone appointment system at Martin Army Community Hospital?

Don't despair — the hospital purchased and installed a new Automated Call Distribution system, which started Jan. 17.

The new system will enable patients seeking an appointment to reach a "live" person within two minutes, using the central appointment concept.

"Under the old system, patients calling in for an appointment often were caught up in a loop or placed in a hold pattern, and many times dropped out of the system," said Maj. Patrick Barrett, chief of the hospital's Healthcare Management Division.

Barrett said the new system was purchased to improve patients' access to care. Additionally, all primary care appointments will be made in the central appointments office except for Victory Clinic. The hospital's primary care clinics are Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Family Practice, Winder Health Clinic and Aviation Medicine.

"We are quite confident that the improved system and equipment will increase timely access to the Primary Care manager for all appointments," said Carol Cain, chief, Beneficiary Services Branch. Appointments will be categorized as acute care (patient will be seen within 24 hours), routine (patient will be seen within seven days) and preventive (patient will be seen within 28 days).

"The new system will help support our promise to our Tricare Prime patients," Cain said.

"This will help MACH to meet the Tricare access standards," she said.

Patients are advised when calling in to listen closely to the new instructions, as some of the prompts have changed. Those with rotary phones will be instructed on how to access the system. The phone number will remain 544-CARE (2273).

Patients are also reminded to use the Primary Care manager toll free number, (888) 293-2148, for those times when they are traveling outside of the 50-mile Fort Benning area. The Health Care Information Line is also available at (800) 333-5331, and provides medical advice 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Post youth honor MLK Jr., dream for which he stood

CDC celebration exposes children to new cultures

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Even the youngest of children have a dream.

The toddler group at the Main Post Child Development Center recently echoed that point by reciting with their teacher Martin Luther King Jr.'s famous "I have a Dream" speech.

The group recital, also including a birthday song for King performed by the pre-toddlers, was a tribute from the children to the man's life's work.

"We are doing this today to celebrate our differences and our diversity, and to remember Dr. King," said Mollie Floyd, lead education technician at CDC. Floyd has headed the celebration for the past 11 years since the center's opening.

"Martin Luther King Jr. reminds the children of the American system, because he spoke out for freedom, equality, and justice for everyone, " Floyd said.

Twanna Tyler, child and youth program assistant, sang *Walk on* and *The greatest love of all* to an attentive audience of youngsters. Ernestine Perry, child and youth program assistant, donned traditional African garb to add to the cultural experience.

"It's not always easy to get a group of children this age out into the community to take part in bigger events, so this is how we celebrate," said Meta Bush, CDC director.

Floyd said it's important to teach such lessons even to very young children.

"We try to teach children there are people in this world with different traditions," Floyd said. "We want to show them the joy of sharing other cultures."

The center boasts teachers and students from a variety of cultures, such as Germany, Thailand, and Spain. The youngsters will continue to study different cultures in February.

Parade picture



Sgt. Daniel Monroy

These children wear traditional apparel on the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's display of nations float in the annual Columbus Phenix City Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Parade of Excellence.

ID Theft: Threatens retiree's security

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clerk at American Express saying that someone was trying to cash a $9,000 check in his name made out to a Muslim or Arabic-sounding name.

The clerk was suspicious and called the retiree because the address she had on file for him did not match the address on the check. After the retiree's case was investigated, he found out that a lawyer stole his identity. The lawyer also had a laptop with several thousand military names, Social Security numbers and other information on it. The common link between the veterans on the list was that they had filed their DD 214s with their county courthouse.

"Someone stole my identity, now I feel I am no longer me," said a victim of identity theft. "I reside in the pocket of a felon who can see that she is allowed to steal me without penalty. She carries me casually, and each time she pulls me out a small piece of me falls away."

To help guard against identity theft the Transition Center is no longer placing Social Security numbers on discharge and retirement certificates, Snider said. Anything that might be hung for display will not have a soldier's Social Security number on it.

When soldiers separate from active duty, Snider said the most vital document they receive is the DD 214. It contains their Social Security number and birth date. In the past, soldiers were advised to file the form with their local courthouse to ensure that they would always be able to get a certified copy. They need a certified copy to receive any Veterans Administration benefits.

Once the DD 214 is filed at a local county courthouse, however, it becomes a public record. Some courthouses have put this information online, and even more plan to do so in the future, Snider said.

"Our recommendation is to safeguard the form as you would any vital papers such as a will, marriage license or insurance papers," Snider said.

"A safe deposit box would be a good investment."

Forty-six states now have identity theft laws, up from just three in 1996, according to the Federal Trade Commission. And many state lawmakers are considering toughening laws already on the books.

Under a new Montana law that took affect in October, the maximum penalty for identity theft involving more than $1,000 in gains is a $10,000 fine and 10 years in jail. In Missouri, identity theft is punishable by up to six months in jail for the first offense; up to one year in jail for the second offense; and one to five years imprisonment for the third or subsequent offense.

Teachers build team skills

Bridge-building exercise encourages communication

Bridgett Siter
Special to the Bayonet©

There's no "i" in teamwork. That's the message a former Fort Benning soldier brought to Faith Middle School teachers Jan. 18, during a three-hour team-building exercise designed to encourage cooperation and communication.

Retired Col. Randy Buck, the former director of Public Works, now the district manager for Flint Energies, the company that owns and operates Fort Benning's electrical system, led the interactive activity, which focused on recognizing strengths and overcoming differences in personalities, opinions, values and agendas within a group.

"The bottom line is to build relationships that will help us better achieve our mission, which of course is in our students' best interest," Buck said. "By developing teamwork skills, or at least recognizing the skills they possess and need to channel, they're working toward fostering the kind of atmosphere that promotes learning."

Nearly 45 teachers and administrators participated in the activity, which Buck developed as a leadership training course for employees of Flint Energies, Faith's partner in education since 1999. This was the first time the course has been offered outside the company.

"It's not rocket science. Leadership, teamwork, communication — it's all common sense. It's a shared responsibility," said Buck, who taught a LEAD course for three years at Fort Benning. "I took a lot of what I used there and incorporated it into this course. The same principles of leadership and teamwork the Army uses can be applied in any business or corporation or classroom."

Following a two hour give-and-take dialogue about effective communication and teamwork skills, Buck led the group in a bridge-building exercise. Seven teams, each composed of staff members who wouldn't ordinarily work together during the school day, were given 40 minutes to design and construct a table-top bridge out of construction paper, tape, paper plates and paper cups, and design an advertisement for their "construction company."



Bridgett Siter

Robin Hughey, counselor, steadies a bridge support during the Jan. 18 team-building exercise.

Each bridge had to be free-standing, at least 48 inches long and 24 inches high and able to support and transport a light-weight ball from one side to the other. Each team presented a 30-second "commercial" about their company and product.

With names like SPAN — Superior Products Among Novices — and slogans like *"We've been building bridges for 20 minutes,"* they cheered their successes and laughed at their failures as they presented bridges both top-notch and toppled.

"We're blaming it on substandard material," shouted one team, as their bridge crumpled under the weight of the ball.

During a short after-action review, the teams discussed the reasons for their successes and failures and recognized the qualities that strengthened or sabotaged their team.

"The bottom line is trust," said Gerald Madler, counselor. "One person or two couldn't do it all. No one took on the role of leader. Instead we concentrated on our job and trusted our teammates to do the same. If you don't have trust, everything else is irrelevant."

Though some of the bridges couldn't pass muster, Buck gave Faith's teachers and administrators an "A" for their final results.

"They arrived on their own at the real crux of the project," he said. "The bottom line is trust in any team activity."

The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Kirven Boyce



a third-grade teacher at Loyd Elementary School

History: Boyce is a native of Columbus and lives near her parents, brother, sister-in-law, niece and nephew. When she was about 8-years-old, she thought she knew exactly what she wanted to be when she grew up.

"First I wanted to be a librarian, and then I decided I wanted to be a teacher. I even wrote it in my Dr. Seuss book," she said with a laugh. "But when I got to college, studying education never crossed my mind."

Education: Boyce went to college a little unsure of where her education might take her.

"A lot of people were going into business, and it seemed like a good field to get into," she said.

She earned a business degree in marketing from the University of Georgia, but after graduation, she returned home to Columbus, not quite sure of her career choice. She ran a tennis shop in town and began giving tennis lessons to children, which led to a change of heart.

"That's when I figured out what my true calling was," Boyce said. "I loved helping the children so much. It was like a light bulb went off."

She got her teaching certificate and later her master's degree in early childhood education from Columbus State University. She did her student teaching at White Elementary, and has taught in Fort Benning schools for the past 11 years. She has taught kindergarten, third and fourth grade, and has taught at Patch preschool and White, Wilson and Loyd Elementary Schools.

On transition: "Moving from kindergarten to the fourth grade was a huge change," Boyce said. "My work load changed and the children were far more independent. I had to remind myself that they were capable of more. Ella Jones was a teacher then and she took me under her wing and guided me through my first year. I surprised even myself."

Why she loves teaching: "I simply love helping children. It's so awesome to see the light go on when they understand something," Boyce said. "Just knowing I can make just a little bit of a difference every single day makes me happy."

Hobbies: Boyce still plays a little tennis, and enjoys walking and spending time with her niece and nephew.

Future plans: "I plan to keep on teaching the children and educating myself. I like to keep up to date so I can offer the best tools to the children," Boyce said.

Boyce said she's going to take it "one year at a time."

"You never know where your path might lead you," Boyce said.

Test your knowledge of CSP

Fort Benning Schools want to see if you've been paying attention. They're sponsoring a contest to see how much you know about DoDEA's Community Strategic Plan, and specifically how it's being implemented on Fort Benning.

The CSP was the subject of a five-part series that ran in *The Bayonet* during December and January. The questions on the contest entry form, below, are based on the articles, the CSP handbook (available at all post schools), and the DoDEA Web site, www.odedodea.edu.

The contest, which will run for three weeks, is open to all Fort Benning residents, employees, military, retired military and family members, with the exception of employees of Fort Benning Schools and *The Bayonet*.

The form can be returned to any Fort Benning school, the administration office on Custer Road or *The Bayonet* office in Infantry Hall.

Prizes include a weekend stay at Uchee Creek, Brunch Royale for two at the Officers' Club, free cart rental and greens fees at the Follow Me Golf Club and a free quick lube, tire rotation and balance at the Automotive Skills Center.

Name_____

School _____

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1. What does DoDEA stand for?

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2. List the CSP's seven guiding principles.

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3. Goal One of the CSP is Highest Student Achievement. What standardized test does Fort Benning Schools administer annually to measure student performance in grades 3-8?

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4. What is Goal Two of the CSP?

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5. Name Fort Benning Schools' emergency plan of action.

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6. On a weekly basis, how does *The Bayonet* recognize the dedicated men and women who serve Fort Benning students?

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7. Name your school's Partner In Education.

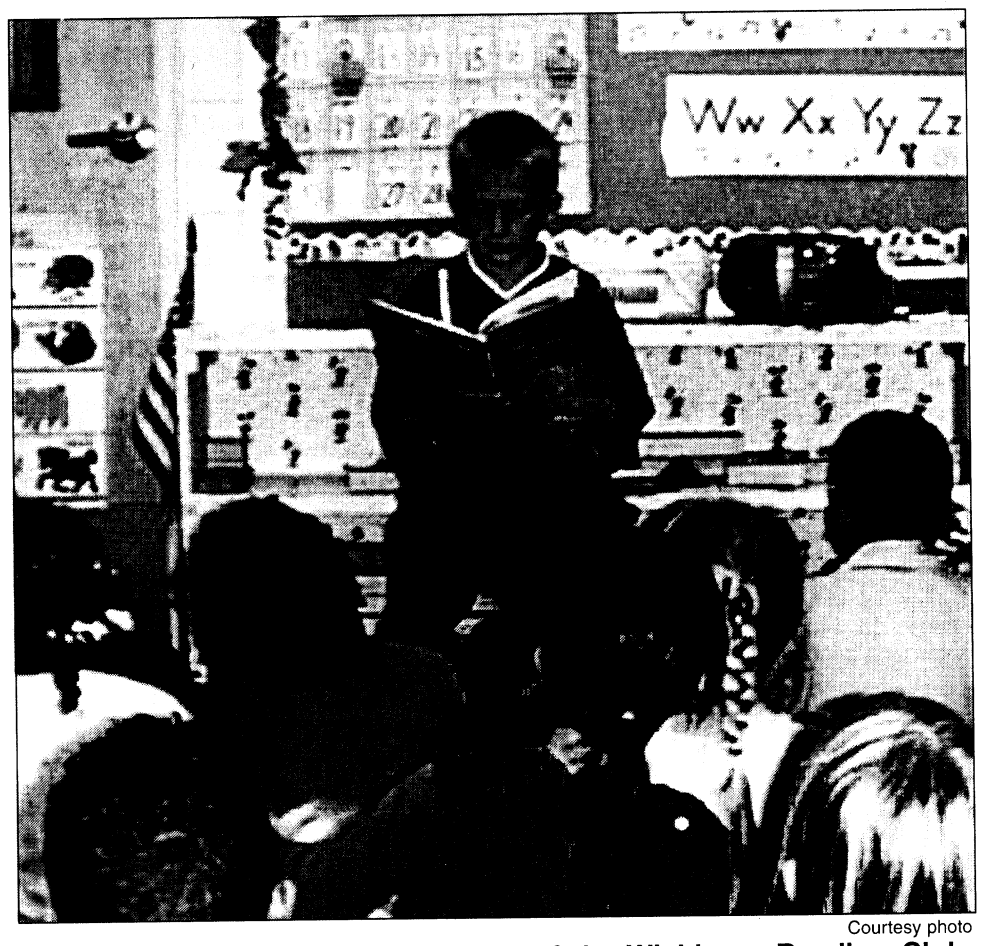
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8. Though PIE has always focused on literacy, this year there's an added emphasis on _____ _____, which ties into the schools' character education.

After-school reading aids classroom learning

Wishbone Club promotes peer interaction

Wilson Elementary School



Courtesy photo

A.J. Swienhagen, who is a member of the Wishbone Reading Club, reads to younger students at Wilson Elementary School.

The Wishbone Readers at Wilson Elementary School are helping to realize the Fort Benning School System's goal — Every Child a Reader, Every Child a Writer.

Students in grades three through five meet after school each Monday to practice their reading and writing skills.

The club, named in honor of the Jack Russell terrier on the popular PBS children's television program, is comprised of a group of dedicated students who are participating in a variety of activities to help improve their reading and writing skills. In addition, the students donate their free time by tutoring and reading to younger students in the school.

The purpose of the Wishbone Reading Club is to promote fluency and to provide a setting in which the love of reading is fostered and students are encouraged to learn about texts in various ways. The club helps to build a community of readers as students receive support from their peers and interact with others to develop good literacy habits.

Teacher sponsors Michelle Allen and Terra Good are instrumental in making the club a success. Carefully planning a number of stimulating activities each week for the students is vital to the overall success of the program. Students regularly engage in expressive and oral reading, author studies and interactive on-line sessions with authors. In addition, students are taught how to make appropriate book selections and are actively involved in book extension activities such as creative writing and book celebrations.

Sponsor Michelle Allen believes that the Wishbone Reading Club is a perfect complement to a balanced reading program.

"The research has repeatedly shown that for students to become better readers, they must be given many opportunities to practice reading and to do so in a setting where they are able to select books that are of interest to them," Allen said.

Having the club available as an extension to the regular reading class has proven beneficial for the students involved.

Phyllis Parker, principal, sees the benefits of the program.

"The club is not intended to replace the classroom-guided reading groups where specific needs are addressed," Parker said. "All students at Wilson have opportunities to meet in guided reading groups for explicit instruction with new learning. The Wishbone Reading Club just helps to extend that learning and to reinforce what the teachers have taught the students."

The best endorsement of all comes from the students.

"I love to be in Wishbone," said third-grader Morgan Jackson. "It's fun and I get to do lots of neat things with books."

Crafty kids make fun out of work

Students use imagination in Craft Club

Wilson Elementary School



Courtesy photo

Craft Club members at Wilson Elementary put the finishing touches on their projects. The club meets every Wednesday afternoon.

Add a little glue, a little paint and a little ribbon together and what do you get?

If you're in Wilson's Craft Club, you might end up with an angel, a flower pot or a picture frame.

Each Wednesday afternoon, fourth and fifth grade students gather in the school's media center to create useful and decorative items that have one main item in common — imagination.

Grounded in the belief that children learn best when they are actively participating in a learning project, the Craft Club began this year to encourage children to be involved in problem solving, design and construction while engaged in creating attractive projects that can be used as decorations or gifts.

At a glimpse, it may appear that students are simply cutting and pasting. But in reality, they are learning to measure, estimate and evaluate properties of materials, and other important skills.

Club sponsor Dr. Wanda Person said through crafts, students have a real-life outcome for the skills they use in class.

"In math class, students may learn to measure — in craft club, measuring takes on a whole new meaning."

"They are very careful with their work because they know that it's going to be a gift for someone or it is going to be used as a decoration in our school or in their home," Person said. "Our members take their work seriously, and they are very proud of their accomplishments."

So far this year, students have created patriotic flower pots, friendship photo frames, pumpkin treat bowls, falling leaf wind socks, clay pot turkeys and angels and faux stained glass sun-catchers.

There are lots of exciting, innovative craft projects still to come in the new year. Person said future projects will involve learning about other cultures through the crafts of different countries as well as more holiday-themed projects.

Teachers set example of good health

Faculty step out for wellness

Wilson Elementary School

A recent report published by the National Center for Health Statistics reported that 55 percent of American adults are considered to be overweight.

A similar report issued by the surgeon general stated that during the past 20 years, obesity has increased dramatically in the United States.

According to this report, more than half of all U.S. adults are considered overweight, defined as having a body mass index of 25 or more.

Keeping these findings in mind, a group of teachers at Wilson School decided to become proactive and make some positive changes in their lifestyles in 2002.

The Wilson Wellness Group was formed immediately after the teachers returned from winter break. The group, which meets after school four times per week, is dedicated to focusing on all aspects of getting in shape and living healthier, more productive lives.

The members of the wellness group, comprised of teachers, educational aides and administrators, participate in a variety of fitness related activities, from power walking to step aerobics. The focus of the group is to establish and maintain routines that will promote well being and result in higher energy levels among the participants.

Sherrie Nelson, pre-K teacher, and one of the initiators of the group believes that healthier teachers make better teachers.

"The job of a teacher can at times be very physically and emotionally draining," Nelson said. "It is important to remember that we can only be our best when we take good care of ourselves."

Phyllis Parker, principal, agreed.

"There are days when we all feel like going home and collapsing on the couch. We know, however, that the best thing to do when we experience that mental exhaustion is to engage in some type of physical activity," Parker said.

The Wellness Group will help teachers to do just that. Goal setting and accountability have been built in as part of the criteria for membership. There is even talk of exchanging the usual vending machine snacks for healthier choices such as vegetables and fruit.

The real test of the success of the group will come in time. For now the group of 21 committed educators are excited about getting back in shape and feeling great in 2002.

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DeCA scholarships still available

Application deadline is Feb. 5

Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Don't delay, download your Scholarship for Military Children application today. And if it's still sitting on a computer somewhere, better hurry, the deadline to have completed applications to the nearest commissary is Feb. 5.

Dependent children of active duty, Reserve and Guard and retired U.S. military personnel are eligible to apply for $1,500 scholarships. Students must be graduating seniors who will be enrolled in a four-year program in the fall of 2002 or college students already enrolled in a four-year program. Just click on "What's New" at www.commissaries.com and access the scholarships page to get complete information on eligibility and to download the application.

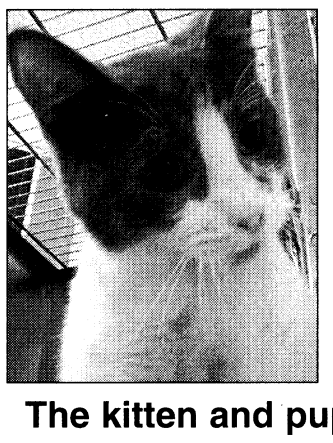
The Defense Commissary Agency/Fisher House Scholarships for Military Children program is administered by Fisher House Foundation and funded through the generosity of industry members supplying commissaries worldwide. In its inaugural year, the program awarded nearly 400 scholarships worldwide to deserving recipients.

"I am eagerly anticipating awarding a record number of scholarships to deserving young students this year," said Defense Commissary Agency Director Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr. "The first year of the program was extremely successful in cementing the role of the commissary in military community life. These scholarships go a long way toward enabling young students to take the next step in their pursuit of excellence."

Students must have at least a 3.0 grade point average and must describe in an essay how his or her activities have enriched the community. Applications may be dropped off, or mailed, to the nearest commissary, but all applications must be complete and arrive at the commissary by close of business Feb. 5, to meet the deadline requirements of the independent scholarship management firm that will screen and determine scholarship recipients.

Applicant eligibility will be verified through the Defense Enrollment and Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) prior to award of scholarships. Applicants should check to make sure they are registered with DEERS.

Pets of the Week





The kitten and puppy pictured here are just two of the pets available for adoption at the Fort Benning adoption clinic.
For more information, call 545-4444.

ask the judge

Capt. Angela L. Crisp
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: After the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, I donated money to a relief organization, and I donated blood to the Red Cross to help with the efforts in New York and Washington, D.C.

I did not think about this when I made the donations, but I recently heard that charitable contributions can help people lower their tax liability. If this is true, and how do I document these donations on my tax return?

A: The terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C., caused many people to reach into their bank accounts and donate incredible amounts of money to the relief efforts. Like you, most people made a donation without thinking of the tax benefit they will receive for their generosity.

The tax code provides incentives to encourage people to give to charities. However, under the current law, charitable donations are only deductible if you itemize deductions on your tax return. If you claim the standard deduction, you will not receive a tax benefit for your donation.

Most military personnel will not itemize their deductions because the standard deductions are fairly high. If your itemized deductions do not surpass your standard deduction, then you will not itemize. For tax year 2001, the standard deduction for a single person is $4,550. The standard deductions significantly increased from tax year 2000, and will continue to increase through tax year 2006.

If you do itemize, the amount of your contribution you can deduct next tax season will depend on the type of donations you make and whom the gift is made to. As you will see, some contributions can be deducted while others cannot.

Cash contributions can generally be written off for the full amount on your tax return. Cash contributions include anything from giving a few dollars to your church on Sunday morning to writing a large check to a relief organization. The only catch is that you must make the cash contribution to a "qualified charitable organization." Except for churches and governments, most nonprofit groups need to receive IRS approval to be qualified to receive tax-deductible donations.

Because of the Sept. 11 tragedies, the IRS expedited the process to provide tax-exempt status to new charities formed to assist relief efforts. To verify if an organization is qualified to accept tax-deductible contributions, you can check IRS Publication 78 on the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov/bus_info/eo/eosearch.html.

In the aftermath of the terrorist attacks, many people donated items needed to help rescue efforts, including medical supplies, tools, food and clothing. Contributions of property are eligible for charitable deductions. If the property is new, you can generally deduct what you paid for it. It is a good idea to keep your receipts with your records so you can easily reference how much the item cost. If the donated property is used, your deduction is generally limited to how much the item would sell for in a thrift shop.

Many Americans donated blood to the Red Cross and other blood banks in response to the terrorist attacks. Unfortunately, donations of blood are not eligible for charitable contributions.

If you volunteered for the relief efforts, your service is appreciated, but no tax deduction is available for the value of your time and labor. You also cannot deduct the cost of income you lost from your job while you worked as a volunteer. However, if you had to spend any money to complete your volunteer work, your out-of-pocket expenses are eligible for the deduction. Just make sure you keep good records of all your expenses.

A lot of people attend fund-raising events to help out with good causes. When you are calculating your itemized deductions, you will need to subtract the value of any benefit you received when you participated in the fund-raiser. Such benefits could include a dinner at a fund-raising banquet. Charities are required by law to supply donors with a written estimate of the value of benefits to be provided when selling fund-raiser tickets that cost more than $75. For more information, see Publication 526, Charitable Contributions.

The Fort Benning Tax Center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Customers are seen on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, call the Tax Center at 545-4267.

community notes

on post

School board meeting — The Fort Benning School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday at Stowers Elementary School, 7791 Stowers Drive. The agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today.

For more information, call 545-7276.

Medical in-processing program — The Family Medical In-processing Program provides medical assessment through the use of the Health Enrollment Assessment Review, blood pressure and cholesterol screening, counseling and timely access to medical care. The program is designed to maximize soldier readiness by minimizing medical concerns and providing family members with timely medical care.

Screening is Monday at Youth Services, Building 1056, McIver Street. Certified child-care providers on the premise will provide child-care services. The FMI program time is from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. To register for the program, call at 545-1987 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Nurses Corps 100th Anniversary brunch — Fort Benning will celebrate the 100th Army Nurses Corps anniversary with a brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 2 at the Officers' Club. The guest speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Bettye Simmons.

Tickets are on sale 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Martin Cafe in Martin Army Community Hospital. The cost is $15.

For more information, call Capt. Toddy Ingram at 544-1179 or Capt. Scott Rush at 544-2102.

OSC scholarship applications— The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning is offering scholarships for both traditional and continuing education students for the 2002-2003 academic year.

These scholarships are available to any family member with a current military I.D. card residing in the Columbus and Fort Benning area.

Applications will be accepted until March 22 and awardees will be announced in May.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Thrift Shop, Sayers Library and in guidance offices of area high schools.

For information, call Catherine Herold at 682-5636.

OSC nominations sought — The Officers' Spouses' Club is seeking nominations for the 2002-2003 Executive Board. If you are interested in being considered for a position or know of someone who would be interested, call Michele Linton, Parliamentarian, at 687-2080 or e-mail to mlinton@sprintmail.com.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Car care — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

Preschool registration — Patch Preschool is now accepting registrations for 2001-2002. For more information, call 687-2404.

off post

"No Call" list cutoff — Feb. 1 is the cutoff day to register for the Georgia No Call List to be included on the updated list for the calendar quarter beginning April 1.

Since becoming operational in 1999, the Georgia No Call List has dramatically limited the number of telemarketing calls that can be placed to the homes of individuals who have registered their objections to receiving these types of calls.

A Georgia resident may subscribe or receive additional information about the "No Call" list by calling the toll free number (877) 426-6225.

Turkey banquet — A National Wild Turkey Federation banquet and auction will be Feb. 2 at the Old Russell County Courthouse in Seale. Activities begin at 7 p.m. Eastern (6 p.m. central) with dinner at 8 p.m. Eastern (7 p.m. central).

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Faith remains constant in world of change

Believers rely on 'the rock' for peace of mind

Chaplain (Capt.) Florio Pierre
2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment

If you were asked to name a few things that are constant, what would you say? Certainly you would not want to state the Army as one of your options. Within the fabric of this mega-organization, the only thing that is constant is change. This is no novelty to a soldier who glances at this article. But really, how do we cope with changes?

Our world is constantly changing. Every 365 days, save a leap year, we face a new one. Like that of a turning calendar, changes take place in all of our lives.


Pierre

For instance, the arrival of a new baby changes the lifestyle of the parents radically. When our daughter Abigail was born in France, we had to adjust how and when we slept, how to handle the fragile little angel, etc. The nurse handed the little 5-pound bundle of joy to my wife and our lives have not been the same since that day. Like Abigail, changes often come with many responsibilities.

In his book, '*Who Moved My Cheese?*' Spencer Johnson depicts in a very simplistic way this very issue of how resistant we can be to changes. Cheese is a metaphor for what we want in life, whether it is fortune or happiness, a long lasting relationship, or spiritual peace of mind.

In this story, the characters are placed in a maze of unexpected changes. One of them deals with the changes victoriously through a positive attitude about the prospective to begin anew on a blank page.

Many soldiers get a chance to begin on a new page when they join the Army. However, the initiation process quickly gives them a rude awakening that there is, for many of them, a standard that is required of them that they never had before. Now that they are here, they must conform to that change.

Although all around us is changing, there is something that remains constant. Moses in Genesis 15:6 uses the Hebrew word "righteousness" to illustrate the principle of conforming to a standard.

How amazing it is that even in the evolution of ideas and books on how to deal with changes, we find one precious word and one savior that remain constant.

The author of the book of Hebrews states, "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, today and forever" (Hebrews 13:8). Can such statement be true considering that not too many ideas and writings remain the same over a long period of time? Such is the question begged by a new mother who just lost her boy.

Will we allow the changes to rock our faith or will our faith demand that the instability of life be conformed to the stable word? Yes, the Psalmist in Psalms 46 does give us enough reasons to be still and know that He is God in the midst of all the changes that we will face this new year.

Resolve to know your God better this year, and you will find stability in an unstable world.

Editor's note: *Pierre serves as the chaplain in the Infantry Training Brigade on Sand Hill. He is married to the former Helen Esmonde and they have a 16-month-old daughter.*

chapel notes

Club Beyond — The chapel youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings.

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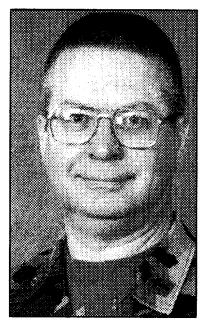
Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

The importance of friendship was drilled into me from my childhood. I grew up in a factory town but worked during the summers on my uncle's farms.

Work on the farms was labor intensive, especially during harvesting. A farmer could not do it alone. Farming required the help of friends and neighbors to bring in the harvest.

During an injury, illness or death or after the tragedies of flood, fire or storm, the assistance of friends and neighbors got farmers through difficult times.

Payment was never accepted for services rendered. The words that were usually spoken during those times were, "I'm glad I was able to help a friend," or "I know you would do the same for me."


Koop

Friendships forged in battle are no different. Bonds are formed in war that are stronger than that with a brother or spouse (II Samuel 1:26). Such friendship endures and grows even in adversity though companions may fade away (NIV, Proverbs 18:24).

Making and developing friendships are still important qualities today and well worth the investment. To make friends requires you to be a friend to others (KJV, Proverbs 18:24). Friendship is more about giving than it is about getting.

As you move from post to post, take the initiative. Be a friend. Make lasting friendships with co-workers and neighbors. Don't let former friendships fade.

Friendships are priceless.

Do you desire to reach out and make new friends? Have you been hurt by past friendships? If you do or have, contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza for assistance. Call the center at 545-1760, or e-mail me at USArmyChaplain@aol.com.

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Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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5 p.m.	TIC Chapel

Sunday Mass

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5 p.m	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

11:30 a.m.	Airborne Chapel, Building 2766

JEWISH

Friday Sabbath Service

6:30 p.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

Sunday Torah Study

9:30 a.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

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Friday Prayers

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SPORTS

Outlaws win post MLK tournament

Technical foul helps team survive, stops late comeback

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Everything was going the Outlaws' way at the end of the first half of the post's Martin Luther King Jr. basketball tournament championship game Monday at Briant Wells Field House.

Leading the Rock Force, 42-27, the team from 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, had its inside, outside game working to perfection.

"We have a good combination of big men and guards," said Outlaw Adrian Lewis, the tournament's most valuable player. "Every time they focused on guarding our perimeter shooters, we went inside, and, when they keyed on the inside, we popped it out for the three."

Then adversity struck. The 2nd Bn., 49th Inf. Regt. Rock Force gradually chipped away at the lead, and, with 41 seconds remaining, coach Timothy Edwards went downtown to cut the score to 59-57.

The Rock Force immediately fouled and stopped the Outlaws from running out the clock. However, the referees said it was intentional, which meant the Outlaws would shoot two foul shots and receive the ball back. The Rock Force became irate, and a verbal attack on the referees resulted in a technical foul.

Outlaw coach Thelonious McLean-Burnell hit three of the four resulting free throws to extend the lead to 62-57. However, he missed two after another quick foul by the Rock Force.

Edwards then came up big again with his fourth 3-pointer of the game. His team tried to stop the clock with another foul but to no avail. McLean-Burnell took advantage of the Rock Force's over pursuit of the foul and nailed the door shut with an easy lay up with 14 seconds left.

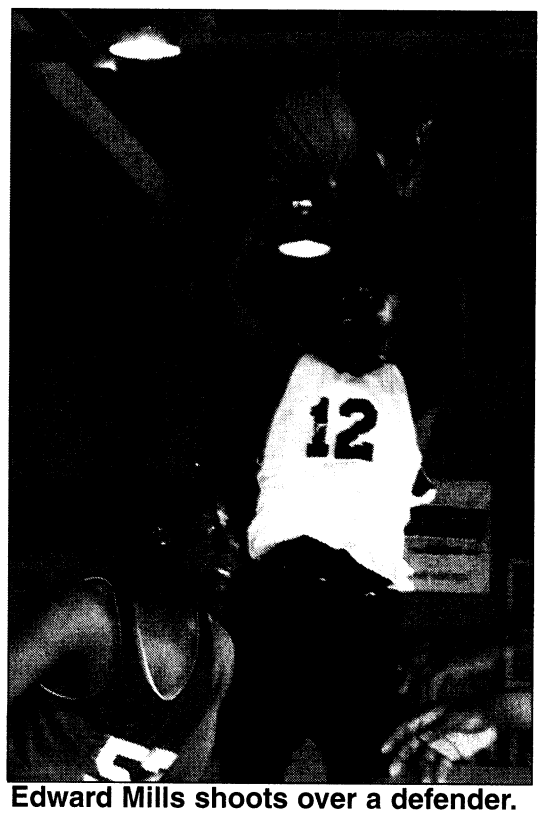
The 64-60 victory was the most challenging game the Outlaws played, Lewis said.

"We could have played better as a team in the second half," Lewis said. "But when things got tough, we didn't quit," he said. "We came together as a unit and had the determination to win at all costs."

After a slow start plagued by turnovers and the inability to box out, the Rock Force came together, too, in the second half and spread the ball around well.

The Rock Force's Edward Mills knocked down four 3-pointers and led all scorers with 19 points. Edwards finished with 14 and Vincent Jones scored 9.

Lewis and Adrian Fleming combined for 29 Outlaw points, 15 of which came via the three. Big man Edward Thomas pounded in 11.



Edward Mills shoots over a defender.

The game prepared the Outlaws for the intramural basketball regular season that starts Monday, McLean-Burnell said.

"We claimed our rightful place at the top," he said. "If any team had a question about who we are, we answered it today. Our challenge to the rest of the teams on post is to put it all out on the court — no more talk. They're going to have to come through us."

The coach's team has won four of the last six post tournaments.

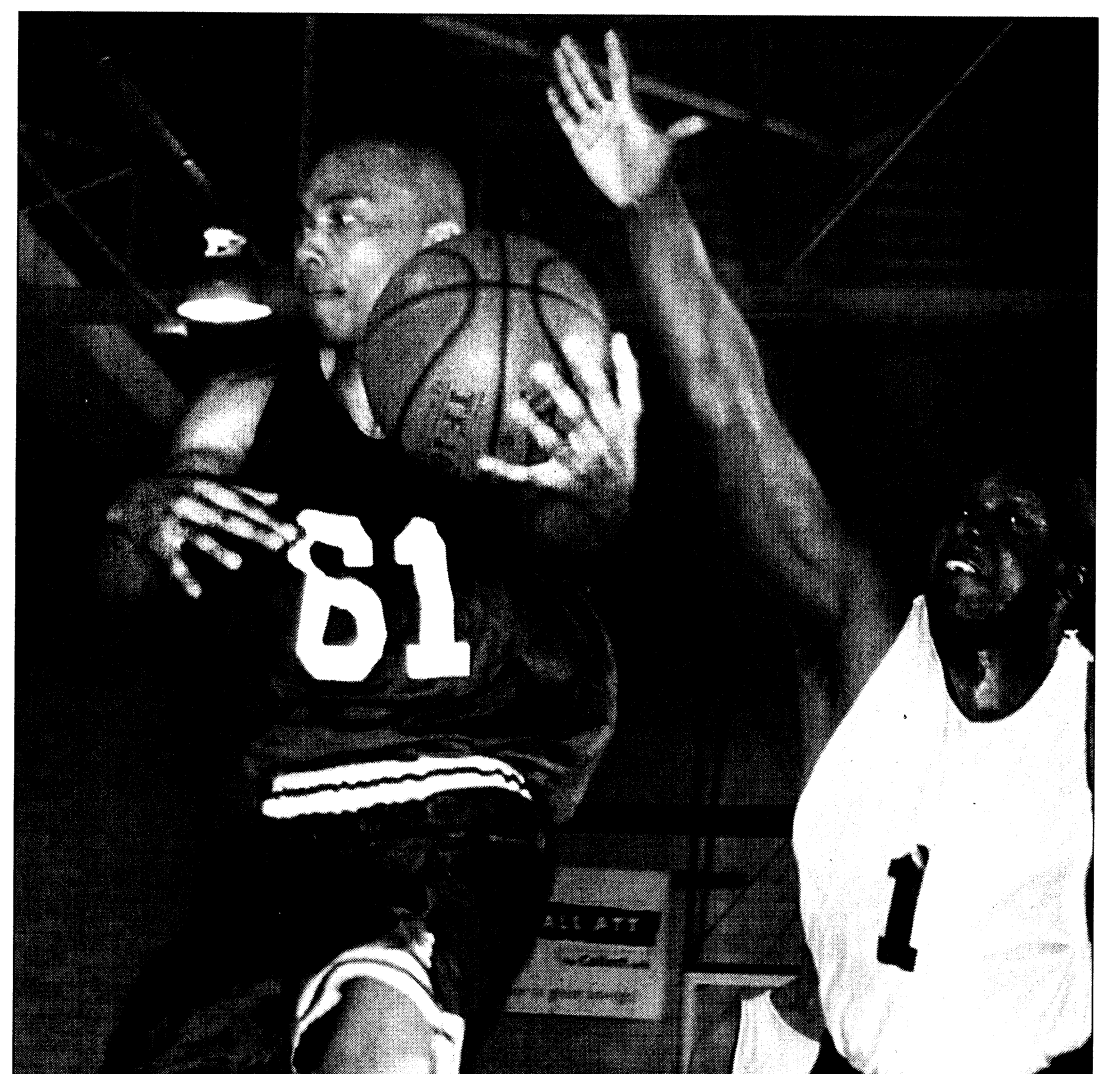
"You need teamwork and leadership to win championships," the coach said. "We got lackadaisical in the second half, but that's when true leadership comes into play. We know each other's strengths and weaknesses and can go to someone and address problems before they snowball."

The ability to comfortably approach teammates helped the Outlaws fend off the Rock Force's rally, he said.

The bond and good times the men share transcend the basketball court and, ultimately, help the mission of the battalion, McLean-Burnell said.

"(Basketball) is another professional extension of the unit," the coach said. "Each one of us works hard in different places around post, and it's good to come together and do something positive for the battalion."

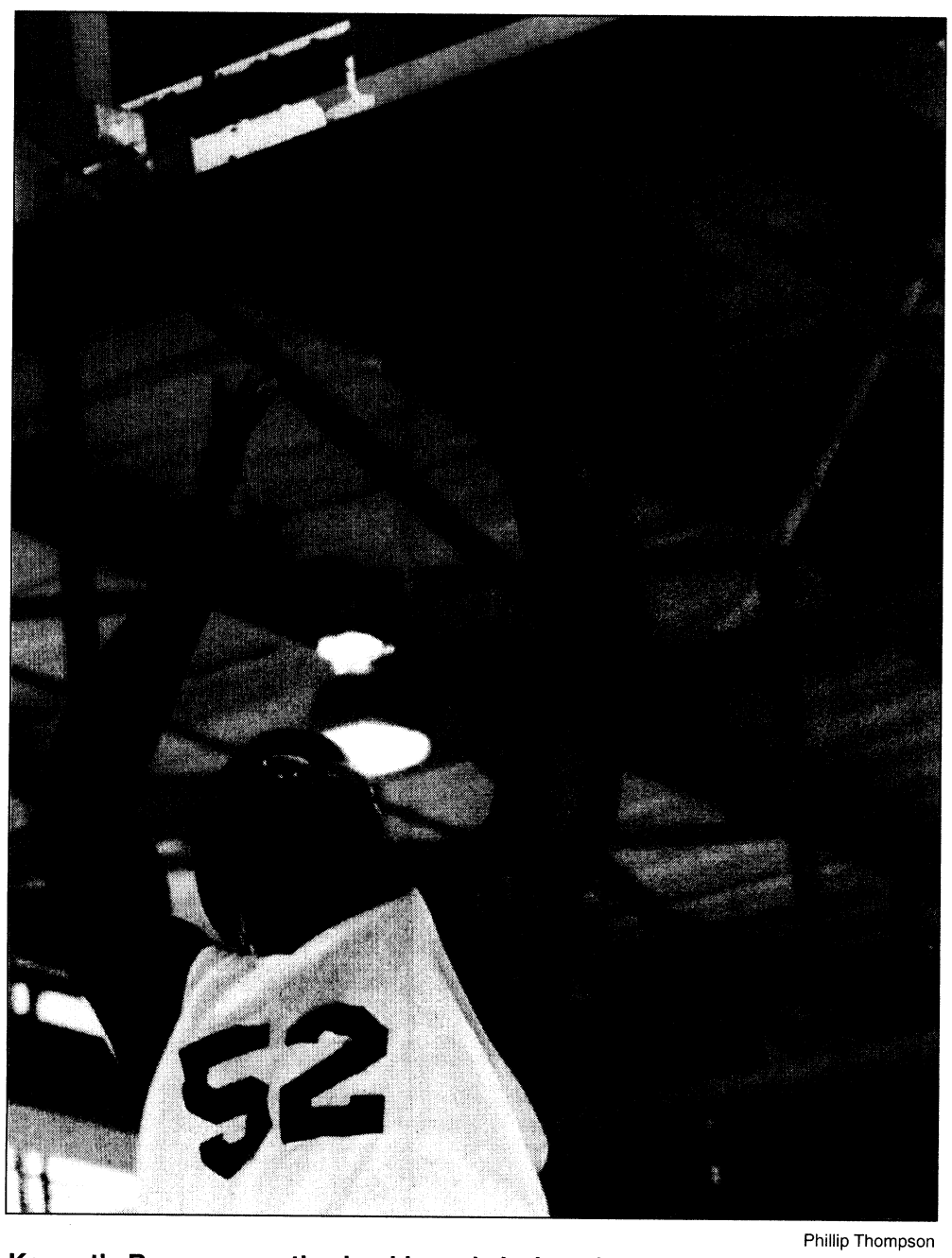
The resulting cohesion and esprit de corps is the beauty of all sports, he said.



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Outlaw's guard Adrian Lewis, 61, draws a Rock Force defensive player, Dwayne Blackmon, to him before he dishes the ball to one of his teammate.

Use the glass



Phillip Thompson

Kenneth Burns uses the backboard during the post MLK tournament. The Outlaws from 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. won the tournament.

Outlaws defeat Bandits

Aggressive rebounding beats Bandits

Phillip Thompson
Bayonet correspondent

The Outlaws from 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, pulled off a come from behind victory, 56-41, over the Bandits from B Company, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., at the post Martin Luther King Jr. tournament Sunday at Briant Wells Field House.

"We are used to playing these kind of games," said Outlaw Adrian Fleming. "We've been doing this all year."

That was the case Sunday when the Outlaws went to the half trailing, 25-19.

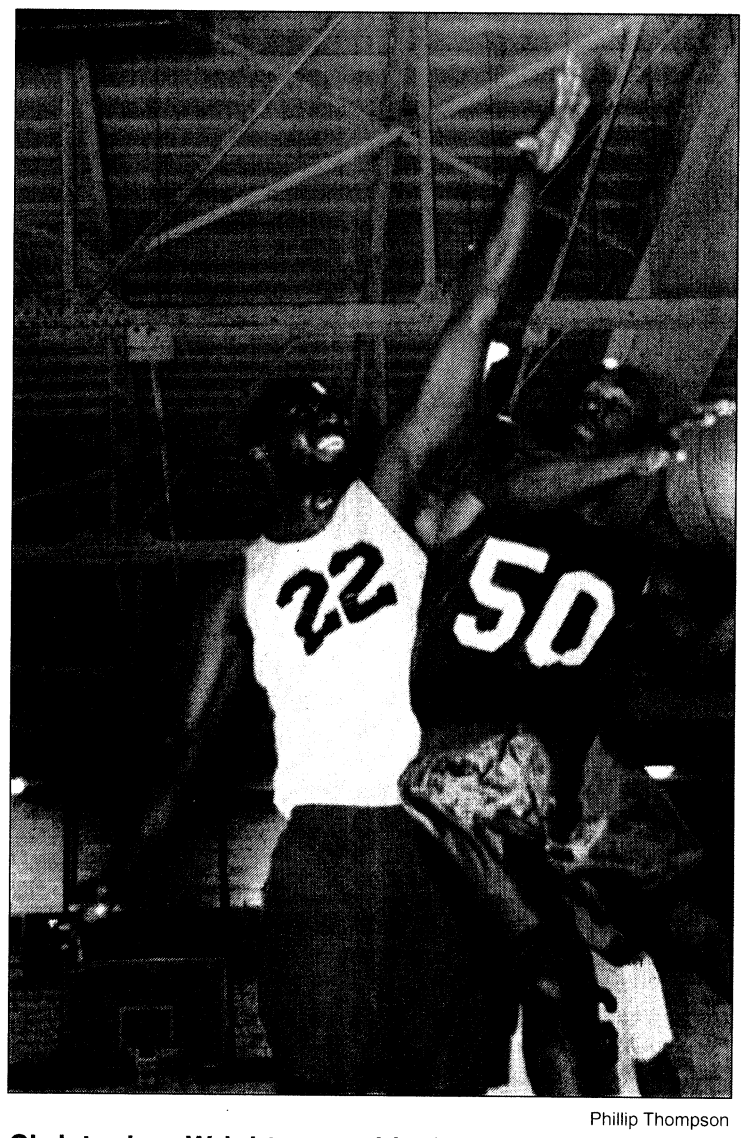
The second half was totally different.

The Outlaws showed poise to overcome the deficit. They controlled the tempo and unleashed a barrage of rock 'em, sock 'em fast breaks.

Eventually they wore out the Bandits by spreading their defense around the court and keeping their opponents running back and fourth.

"That shows how we play," Outlaw Adrian Lewis said. "We showed endurance wins games, not pretty looking shots."

With 6:15 on the clock, the Outlaws took the lead, 40-39, and went on a 16-2 run to win the single-elimination game.



Phillip Thompson

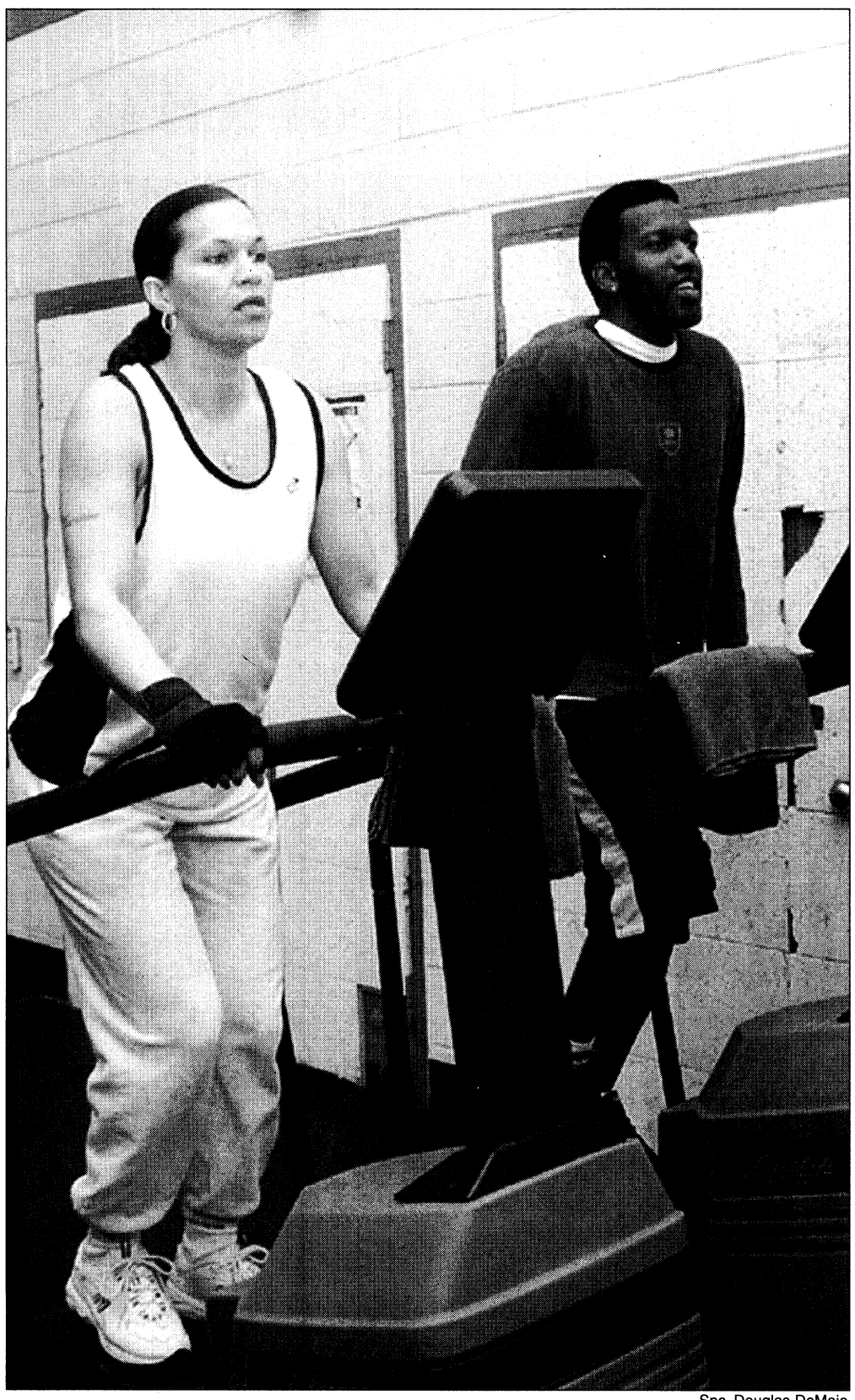
Christopher Wright uses his body to draw a foul during the post Martin Luther King Jr. tournament.

"I was really proud the team didn't give up," Outlaw Thomas Tucker said. "You could tell the other team wasn't ready for this kind of game at the end. They just started to give up and fade away like a fart in the wind."

The Outlaws had a fun time and were eager for the rest of the tournament, he said.

"We played our kind of basketball — fast paced, rough, no mercy kind of ball," Fleming said.

Staying fit



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Horace Wilson exercises with his wife Christy during their lunch break.

sports briefs

Intramural basketball – The USIAC intramural basketball season begins play Monday.

For more information, call Nancy Hadley at 545-9987 or 545-4388.

YS gymnastics registration — Youth Services is taking registrations for gymnastics 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Youth Services, (Building 1056) on McIver Street.

Classes for different age groups will be held Mondays through Thursdays. Parents who are interested in the program can pick up a class schedule from Youth Services prior to registration. Classes are limited to seven slots per time frame and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Special Mom and Me classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Classes are open to youth family members ages 1 through 8 of active duty personnel. Participants must be a member of the Child and Youth Services Program.

For more information, call Youth Services at 545-3070.

Pistol shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team is recruiting soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2002.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years service who obtain approval from their commanders can be attached to the marksmanship unit to participate in the initial advanced marksmanship training.

The best shooters will be selected to compete in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July. Upon completion of the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units.

For more information, call 545-3893.

Rifle shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good rifle shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in rifle competitions in the summer of 2002.

Proof of sharpshooter or expert M-16 rifle qualification is required, and soldiers must be sergeant first class or below with less than 15 years of service and at least two years retention.

Every year, the USAMU Service Rifle Team holds a try-out. This year the try-out will be April 15-21. During the try-out week, soldiers are trained and evaluated in advanced marksmanship skills. Once that is completed, rifle team officials select shooters who will remain from April 22 to Aug. 19 to compete at the Interservice and National Championships. At the end of the four-month tour, soldiers will return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training.

Interested soldiers can contact Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614 or e-mail kyle.ward@usarec.army.mil. For more information, visit the unit's Web site at www.usamu.com, click on The Shooting Teams, select Service Rifle and click on "Joining the Team."

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Ruby club — The Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Ave. and Blanchard Blvd.

Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. throughout the season. The spring season features five league matches, the St. Patrick's Day Tournament in Savannah, Ga., the Mardi Gras Tournament in Mobile, Ala., and culminates with the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, contact Gary Kent at 324-4924.

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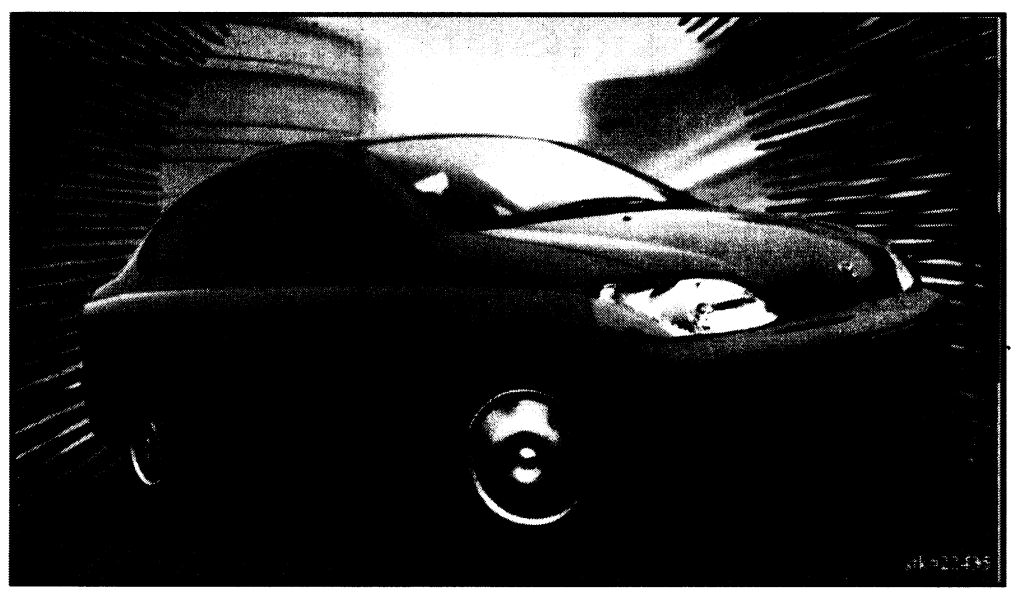
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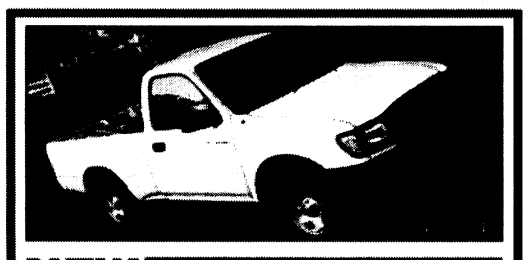
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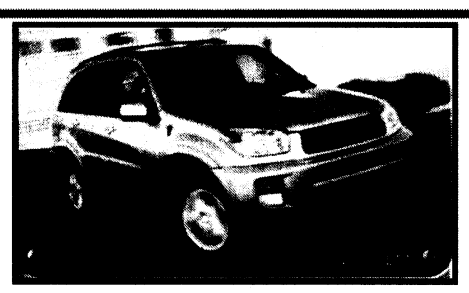


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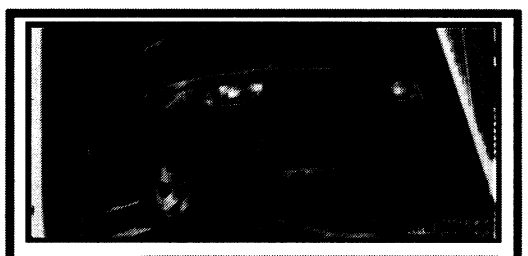


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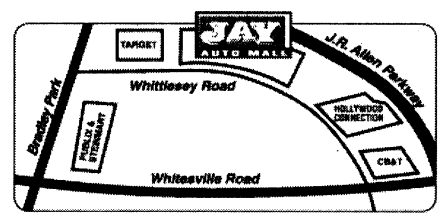
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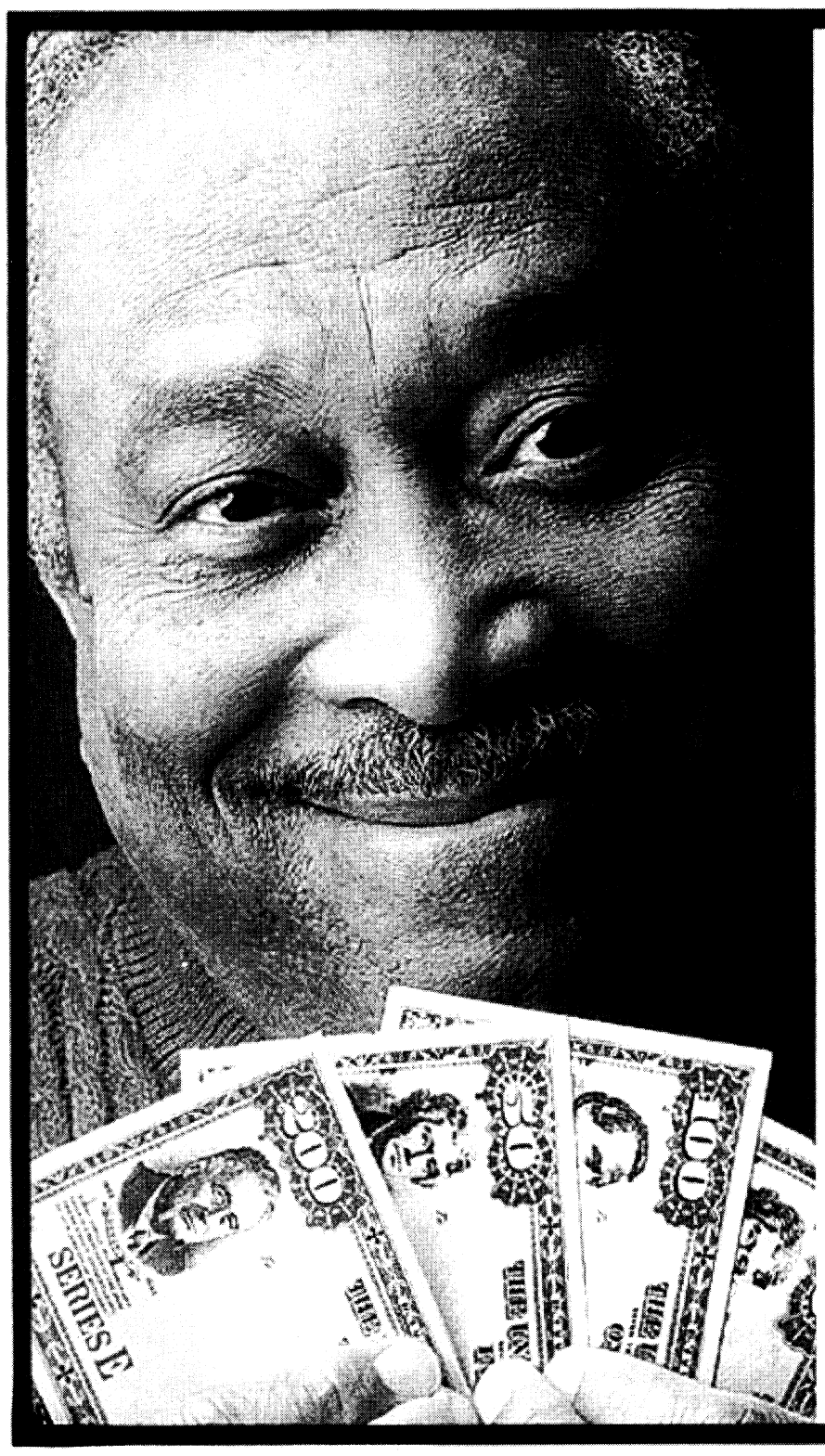
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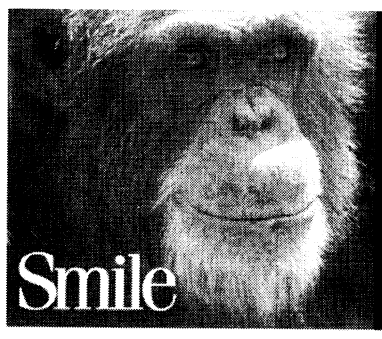
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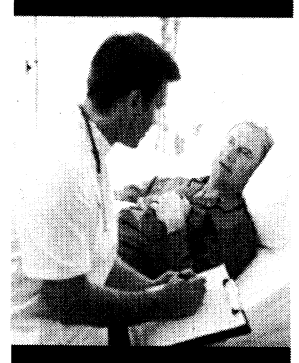
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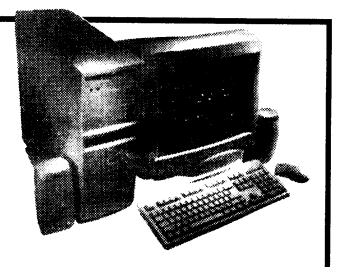
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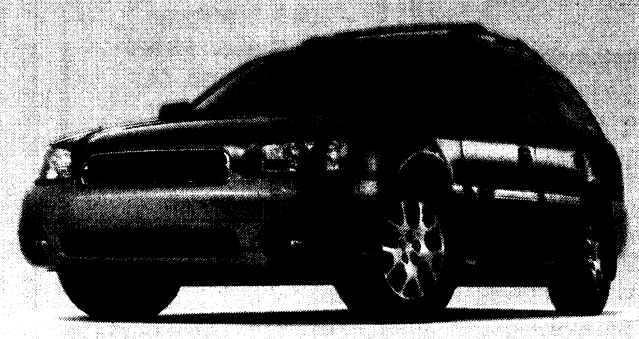
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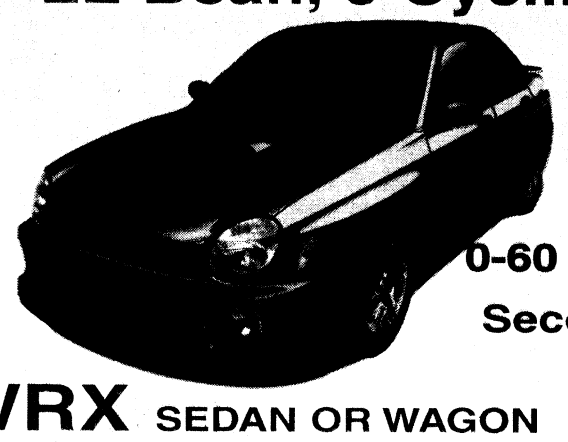
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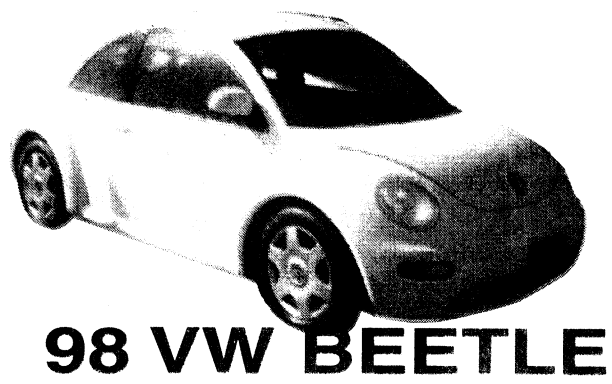


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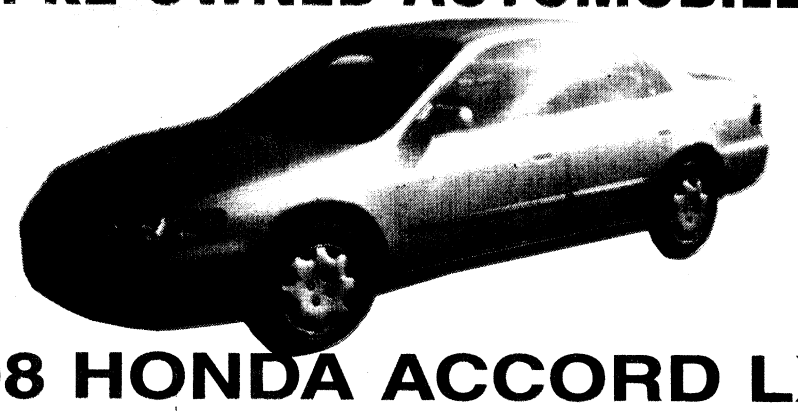
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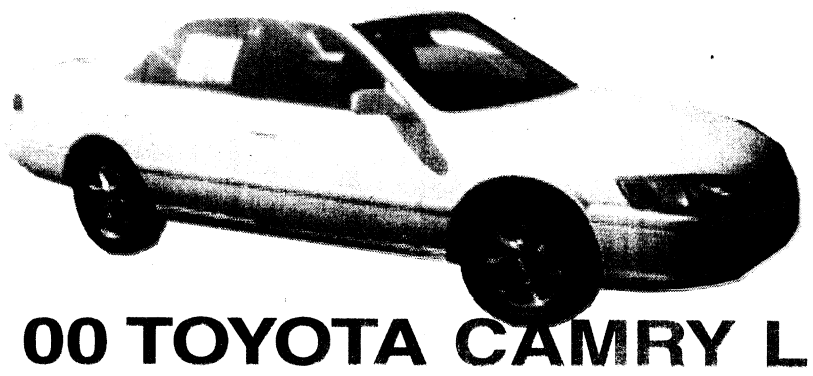
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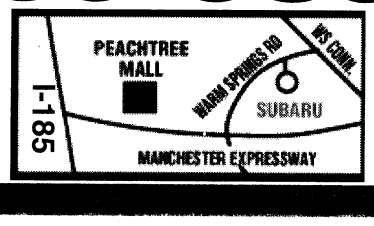
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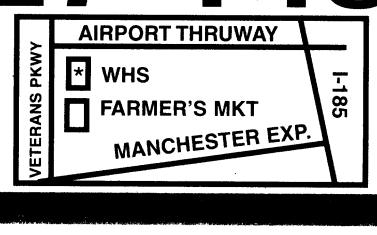
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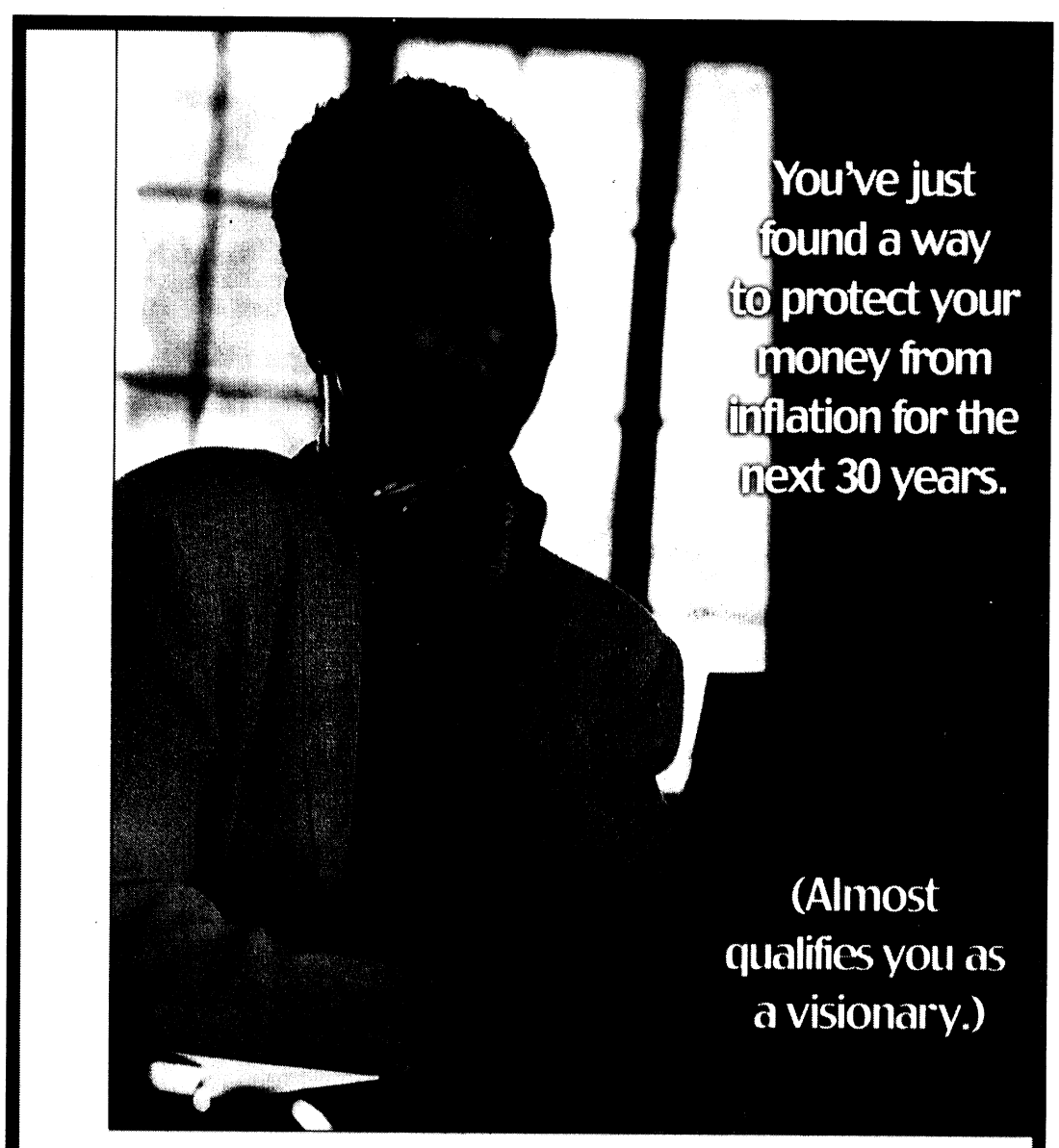
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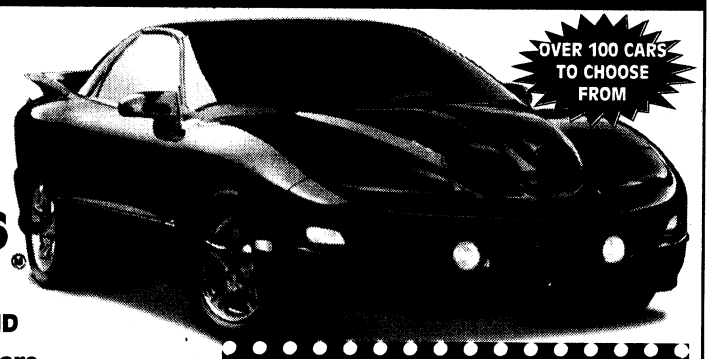
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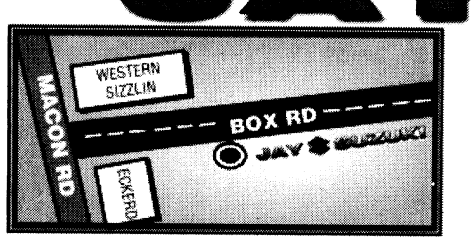


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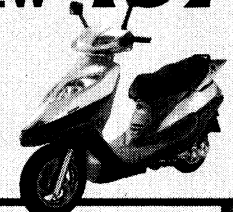
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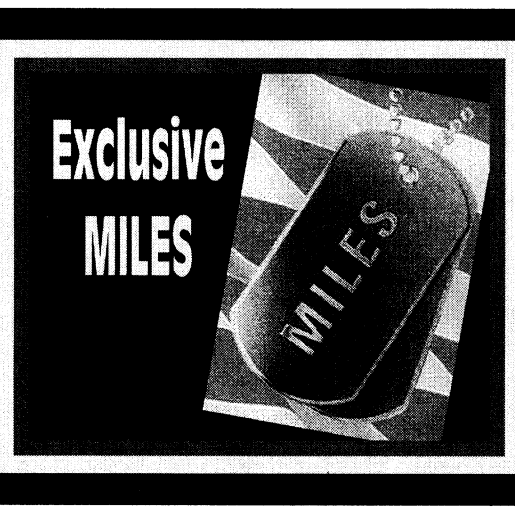
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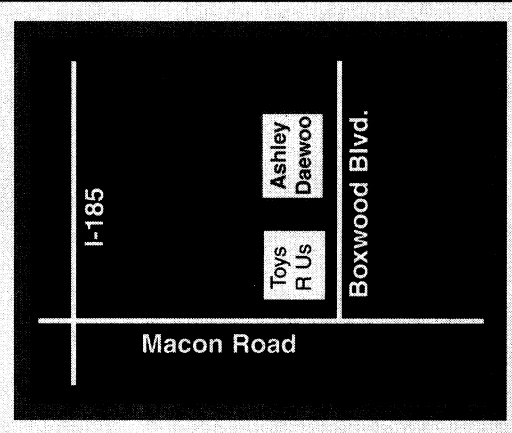


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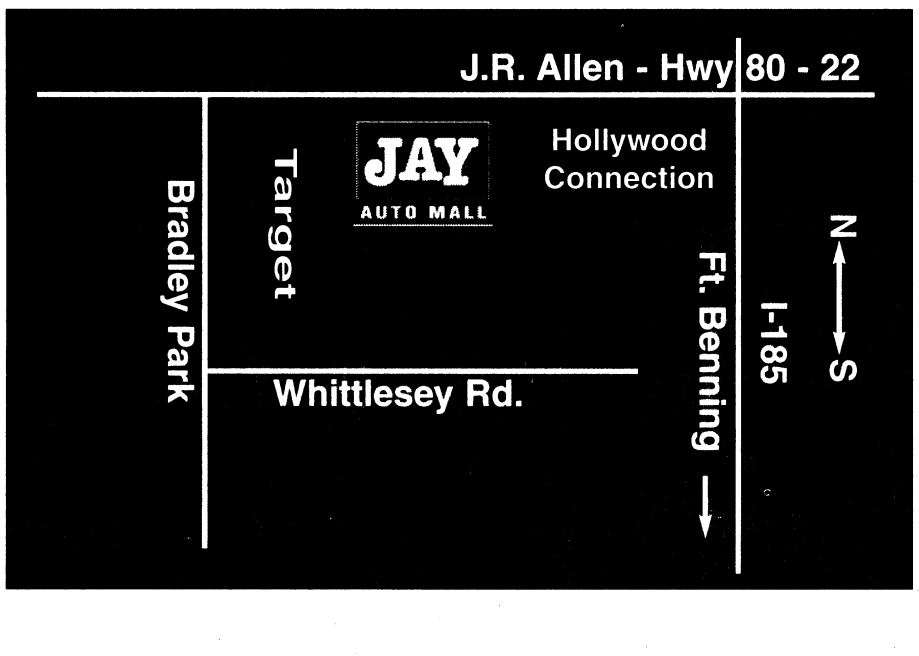


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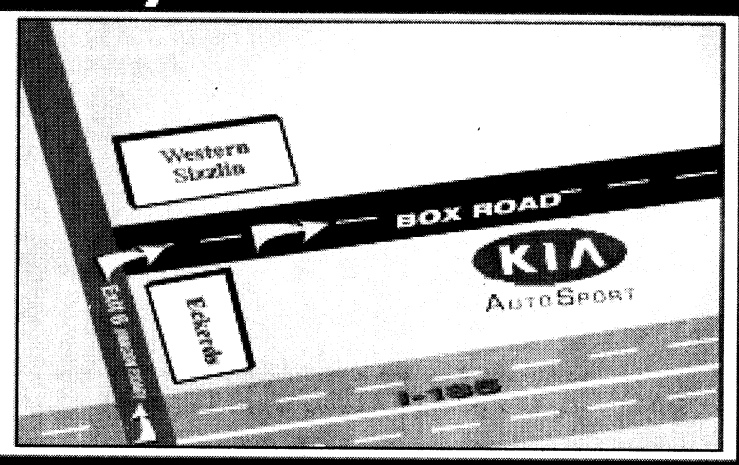
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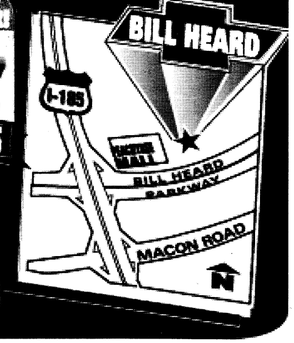
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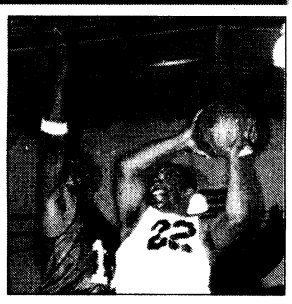
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988th deploys to Guantanamo Bay

MPs to join operations at Camp X-Ray

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Nearly 80 soldiers from the 988th Military Police Company arrived in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba last week.

"We can say where they're going, but not what they'll be doing once they get there," said Col. G.T. Myers, Fort Benning's provost marshal, as a plane carrying the troops taxied the runway at Lawson Army Airfield Jan. 24. "They're going to be there until the job's finished or until they're replaced."

More than 150 al Qaeda, Taliban and other detainees from Afghanistan are now being guarded by military police units at Camp X-Ray, and that number was expected to increase by the time the 988th arrived in Cuba.

Donald Rumsfeld, secretary of defense, quelled any notion that detainees were being treated inhumanely.

"The allegations that the men and women in the U.S. armed forces are somehow not properly treating the detainees under their charge are just plain false," Rumsfeld told reporters Jan. 23.

Soldiers say they are prepared for the challenges ahead.

"I'm ready," said Sgt. Robert Eastman. "The biggest thing right now is getting my soldiers in line so they'll be ready to react."

Deploying in support of his country is nothing new to Eastman. He has served in Panama, and twice in Bosnia and Croatia. He once

See **988th**, A-4



Laura Martinson

Spc. Ryan Borem, 988th Military Police Company, kisses 4-month-old son Nathaniel goodbye before boarding the last plane for Guantanamo Bay, Cuba Saturday night.

Army to realign headquarters

Average soldier won't see any difference

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

> "The average soldier, the average family will not see any deviation in the level of support they are receiving."
>
> **Col. Joe Torres**
> Garrison Commander

The Army will change the way it manages money Oct. 1.

Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White announced the change during a Pentagon press conference.

Instead of being channeled through major commands, moneys for the running of installations will come straight from the Pentagon.

White said the purpose behind the change is to standardize the amount of money each installation receives, and to allow MACOMs to focus on their primary missions.

"The average soldier, the average family will not see any deviation in the level of support they are receiving," said Garrison Commander Col. Joe Torres. "If anything, what we hope this does is improve what they see right now. What will be different is some of the management functions and administrative type activities that are done at the staff level; but those will be invisible to almost everybody on the installation."

The way money is distributed and accounted for are the areas that will be affected.

"If you take a look at what we have now," Chuck Walls, garrison manager, said, "An installation commander has the ability to take dollars that are intended for any number of things on the installation and use those as he feels appropriate. They can be used to either support training, or for infrastructure, like improving roads or barracks.

"He (the post commander) is the overall decider of how all those monies will be used on an

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Soldiers injured in training

Hand lost, burns suffered by infantrymen

Bridgett Siter
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A Fort Benning soldier lost his hand in a training accident on Malone Range Jan. 24.

Sgt. Roger Keith Boaz's right hand was severed while conducting misfire procedures, after a 120 mm round failed to fire during a training exercise. The 23-year-old D Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment soldier also suffered perforated eardrums and gunpowder burns on his upper body.

Another soldier, Staff Sgt. Ricky Johnson, 37, also of D Co., suffered lacerations and a perforated right eardrum. Johnson was assisting Boaz at the time of the accident.

Preliminary reports indicate the soldiers were using correct misfire procedures with the weapon on "safe." The round slipped back down the tube and fired. As the round exited the mortar tube, it struck Boaz and shattered his hand.

Both soldiers were air medevaced to the Columbus Regional Medical Center, where Boaz remains in stable condition.

Johnson was released from the hospital Sunday and is expected to make a complete recovery, said Capt. Brian Schmanski, the battalion's personnel officer.

Purple Heart awarded 34 years late

Lost paperwork caused lengthy, upsetting delay

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Retired Sgt. 1st Class John L. Wright received his Purple Heart Jan. 25 in front of Infantry Hall, nearly 34 years after earning it.

Wright was assigned to the Military Assistance Command Vietnam as an infantryman.

While he was near the city of Duc-Hoa, Vietnam, his unit came under attack in July 1968.

"I was posting guard on our perimeter, when they suddenly started firing rounds at us," Wright said. "I was hit in the left hip by fragments from a rocket propelled grenade. I didn't go to a hospital. They just cleaned out the wound and bandaged me up. Then, I went back out on duty."

After some time, a doctor discovered the fragments were still in his leg. They still are to this day.

His records were lost somewhere along the line and caused the long delay in receiving the Purple Heart.

"I didn't feel too good about it," Wright said. "I was upset about being passed over. It was definitely worth the wait."

Wright medically retired from the Army in 1983, after serving 21 years, due to complications from his injuries and other problems.

"I would like to add I really enjoyed my military career," Wright said.

He finally received the Purple Heart Decoration at the Command Awards Ceremony.

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commanding general, presented Wright the Purple Heart in front of the gathered crowd, which included congressman Mac Collins, (D) 3rd District of Georgia and Wright's 33 personal guests made up of friends, family and former platoon members.

"This is long overdue recognition for a man who was fighting over in Vietnam when I first swore an oath to serve in the Army," Eaton said.

Wright offered this advice to young soldiers.

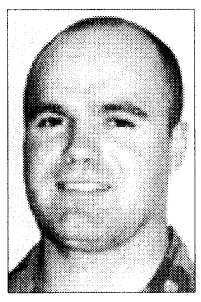
"Never give up," Wright said. "Just hold on."

Patriots, patriotism are picks

Fitting end with Patriots in the final

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

commentary



What a bizarre and unpredictable National Football League season this year!

Fans in Cleveland disgraced themselves by throwing bottles out on the field.

Most of them were empty, if you catch my drift.

San Diego led the American Football Conference West through the beginning quarter of the season and fell to the bottom of the pack by season's end.

The Chicago Bears defense lead them to a first-round bye in the playoffs, and the Raiders lost because of a rule change that took away the referee's ability to make on-the-spot judgment calls.

The Pittsburgh Steelers re-emerged and rode the whole season on the back of Kordell Stewart.

Last year, the fans didn't even want him around. They booed him for the past three seasons and when he finally had the opportunity to lead his team to the promised land, he threw the ball like Neil O'Donnell did in the Steelers' last Super bowl appearance.

Who would have thought New England would have won the AFC with quarterback Tom Brady?

They came back from a 10-point deficit to miraculously beat the Raiders. They scored two touchdowns on special teams against the Steelers and seemingly had everything go their way.

What's even more amazing is Drew Bledsoe is the Patriots' backup quarterback.

The Patriots certainly deserve to play St. Louis in the Super bowl.

St. Louis is about the only prediction sports magazines correctly made.

They are so stacked offensively, it would be hard not to pick them as a Super Bowl team.

Not only do they have the league's best running back in Marshall Faulk, but they have the league's most valuable player in Kurt Warner.

Since this season has been so unpredictable, I'm going to go out on a limb and predict the Patriots will win the Super bowl.

Why? Because I'm a Raiders fan, which makes me an AFC fan. Not only that, but if the Patriots win the Super bowl, it would be a fitting end to a year of patriotism.

One tooth lost, lesson learned

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

commentary

At the first sign of a wiggle, my 6-year-old was ecstatic at the prospect of losing her first tooth. It seemed as though every child she knew was missing at least one or two, and she couldn't wait for her turn.

"All I want for Christmas is to lose my two front teeth," she sang.

So last week, while sitting in a warm bath, she poked and prodded at the most likely candidate, one of two loose bottom teeth, until it seemed it was about to give.

She pushed, pulled, wiggled, and jiggled. She twisted and wriggled that thing and finally performed the tongue under tooth test. According to her dad, a tooth is not ready to come out until you can touch the bottom of it with your tongue.

Although she said she wasn't getting out of the tub until she had one less tooth, I finally convinced her to get out, get dressed and let an apple finish the job.

After a few bites, it was time. She couldn't bear to pull it herself, so she asked me to give it the final yank. I figured there might be a little bleeding, so we headed to the sink for the final showdown.

One last tug, and there it was, between my fingers. But not for long. That slippery little sucker jumped right for the drain, and I frantically tried to pull the stopper and retrieve it, but to no avail.

Of course, even a lost tooth in my house must be surrounded by some added melodrama.

My babe stood crying, not because of the pain, but because the coveted tooth went down the drain. All she wanted was to lose that first baby tooth, but I don't think this was the type of loss she was hoping for.

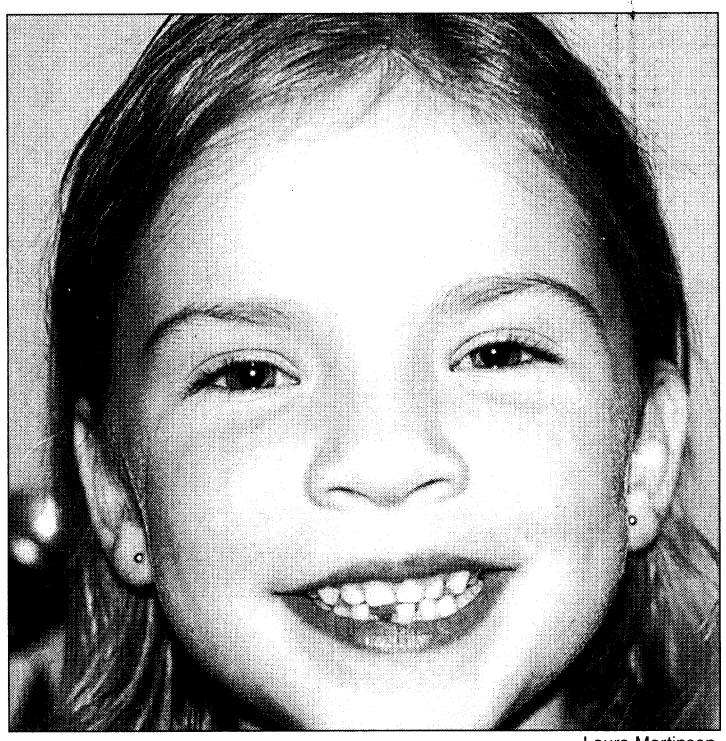
My husband rushed in with salt water for her to gargle, and stared at me in disbelief, asking why I hadn't closed the drain in advance.

Well, isn't hindsight 20-20? My response was as rational as could be expected in that situation.

"Thanks for your support! I feel bad enough as it is!"

After all, the only teeth I had ever lost before were my own, and back then, it wasn't my job to worry about where they landed!

So, as I made a promise to my daughter to get that tooth back, I examined the pipes beneath the sink, and knowing the limits of my plumbing skills, I soon gave up hope. I was just imagining DFEL's response to a request for an emergency tooth retrieval, when something on the side of the drain pipe caught my eye.



Laura Martinson

Kaitlynn Martinson, one tooth down, 12 to go.

Could it be?

Right there, nestled comfortably, miraculously, in a little groove an inch down the pipe, was the tooth.

I tried first with my finger, but realized I only had one final chance to get it back without dropping it into the murky abyss below. I got the tweezers from the other bathroom and took a few practice shots before raising it from the pipe and making my daughter happy once more.

As they say, all's well that ends well. I reclaimed hero status in my daughter's eyes, and found a soft velour pouch to put the prized tooth in. As my husband and I tucked her into bed later that night, I asked what she thought the tooth fairy would bring. She said the tooth fairy would probably bring her three quarters.

Her prediction was right, and she awoke to a pouch with 75 cents in it and a missing tooth. She later informed me that three quarters is what everyone who loses a tooth gets.

Well, we both lost a tooth that night, but, for 75 cents, I got something far different, a hard learned lesson in parenting — pull the plug before you pull the tooth.

Considering the circumstances, I got off cheap!

letter to the editor

The Army Emergency Relief will celebrate 60 years of "Helping the Army Care for its Own," Feb. 5, 2002.

AER is a private nonprofit organization, incorporated in 1942, by the Secretary of War and the Army Chief of Staff. It was organized to provide for the Army community.

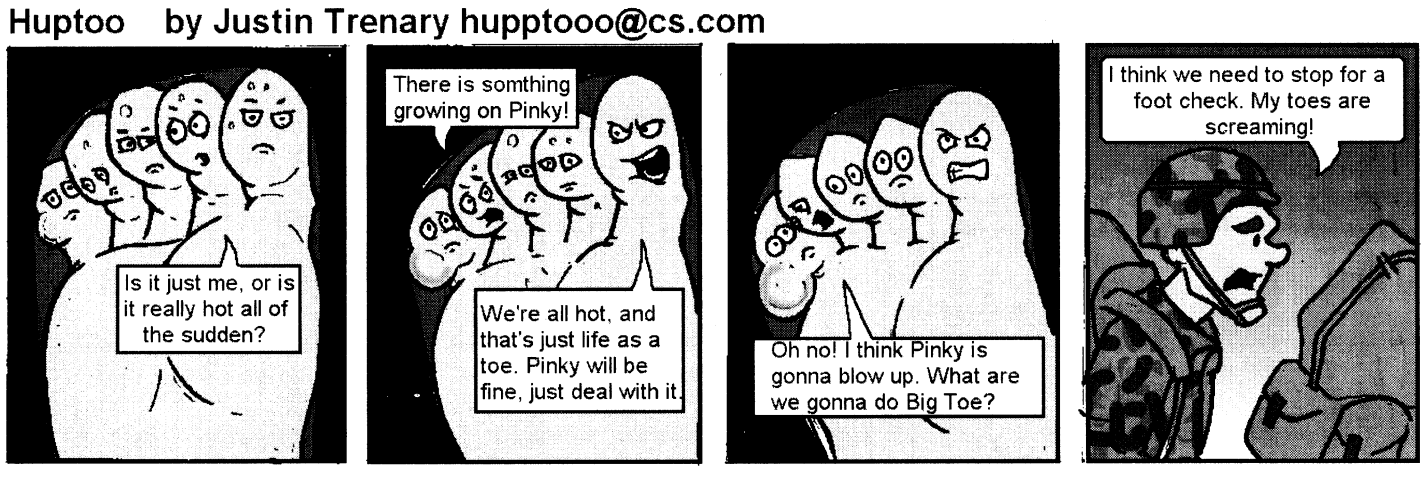
The AER missions are: to provide emergency financial assistance and provide scholarships to children of active duty soldiers, soldiers who died on active duty, and retirees.

The AER also gives commanders an important asset in helping accomplish their basic command responsibility for the morale and welfare of their soldiers and families.

Please visit the installation's AER in Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, Feb. 5, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for a piece of delicious birthday cake in celebration of "AER, Helping the Army Take Care of Its Own."

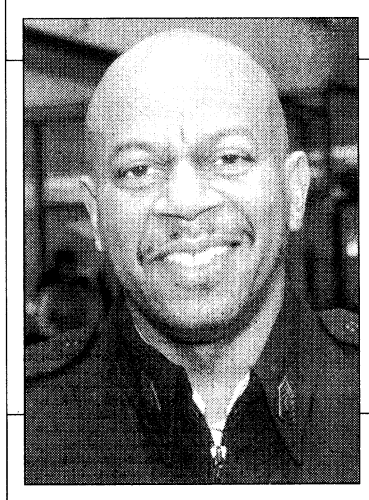
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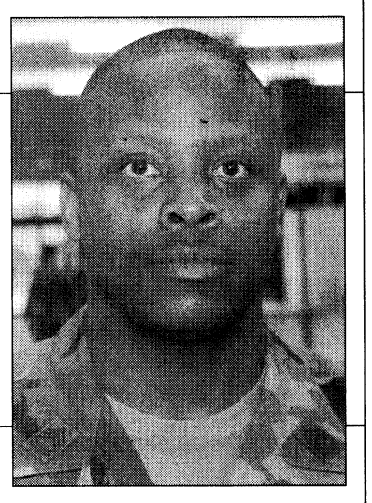


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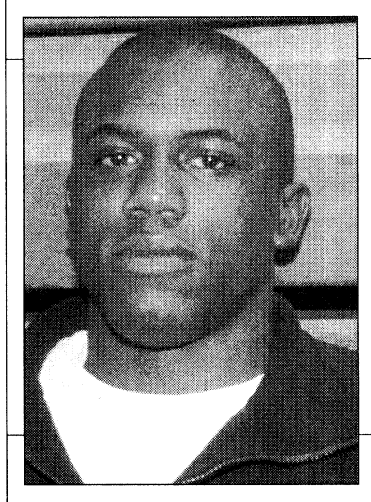
Who's your pick for the Super Bowl and why?



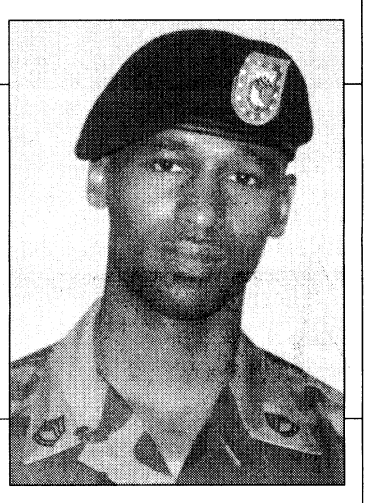
Jim Armstrong, retiree — "St. Louis, because they're a dome team, and they're playing the Super Bowl on astroturf. They've been there before, and they know how to win."



Sgt. 1st Class Willie Harris, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "St. Louis, because they are the best of the best."



Spc. Dexter Henderson, 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment — "St. Louis, because New England is to much of an underdog. They aren't ready to be in the Super Bowl yet."



Sgt. 1st Class Demico Loper, 36th Engineer Group — "New England is going to win because they haven't been there in so long. They're young and hungry. St. Louis' defense saved them."



Natalie Woods, family member — "Rams are going to win because they are from St. Louis, and that's in the show me state."



Gwen Pleban, administrative assistant — "The Rams. I'm from Missouri, and it's an unwritten rule to root for St. Louis or Kansas City."

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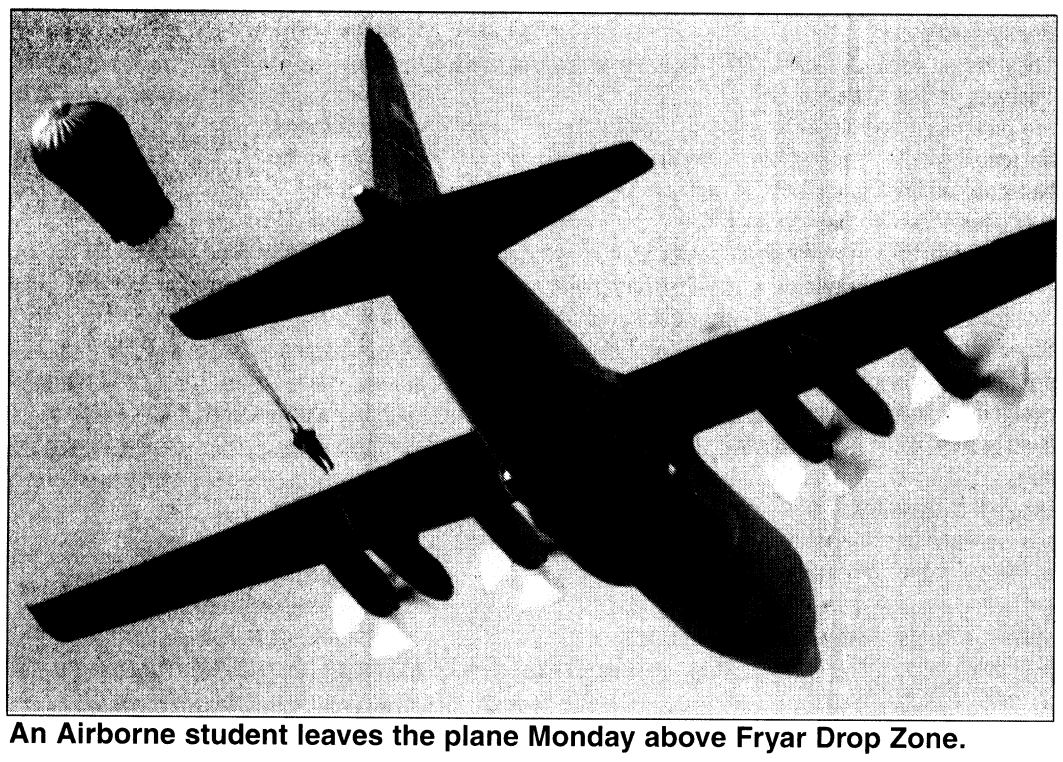
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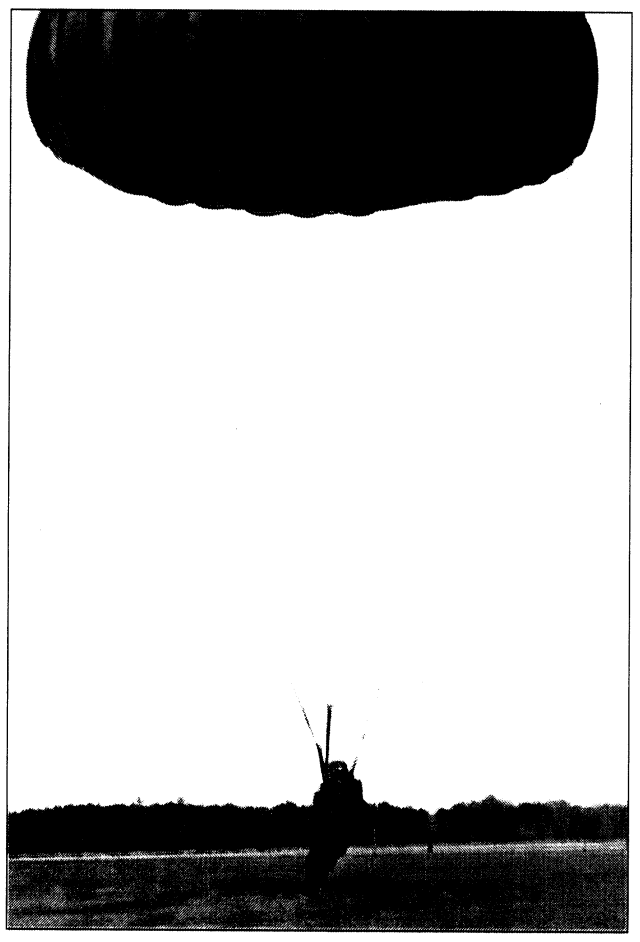
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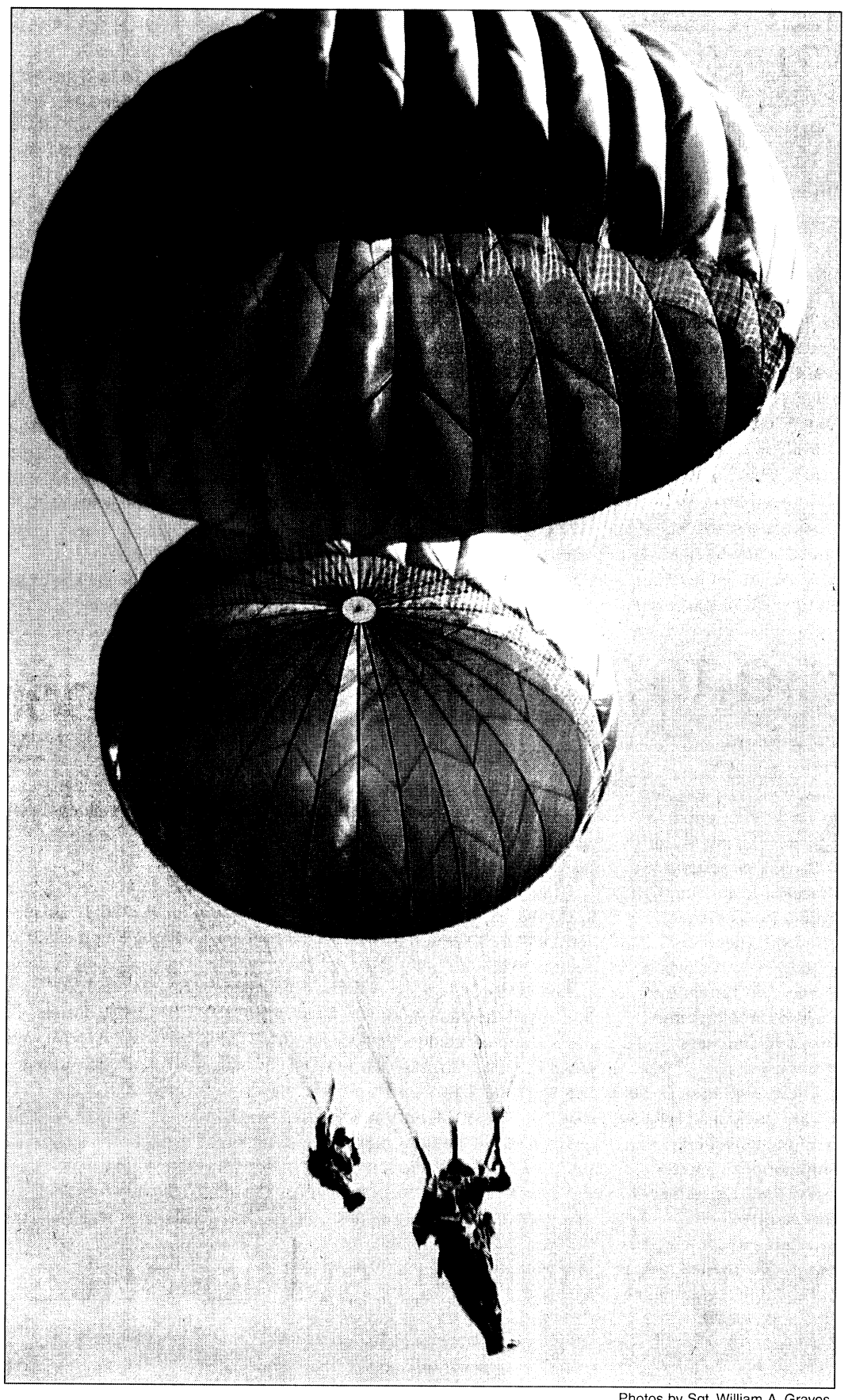
Airborne!



An Airborne student leaves the plane Monday above Fryar Drop Zone.

Pvt. Tae Lee, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, prepares for landing after his first jump with B Company Monday at Fryar Drop Zone.
"It felt a little queasy at first because I don't fly much," Lee said. "But after you jump, that's it. It was awesome — very peaceful coming down."
The jump seemed heady to many other soldiers, too. There were many "hooahs!" and other screams of excitement as soldiers dropped to the Alabama red clay.
Lee said he learned from the experience and hopes he'll perform better, especially on the landing, next time he jumps.





Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Jumpers perform evasive maneuvers near the end of their jump.

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AER scholarship forms available for students

Awards based on financial need for families

Army Emergency Relief

Active-duty soldiers and Army retirees with college or university-bound children often wonder how they can afford the education cost. Many people don't realize that part of the answer may be found at the Army Emergency Relief.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund administered by AER is a secondary mission to help Army families with the cost of undergraduate level education, post secondary vocational training, and in preparation for acceptance by service academies for their dependent children.

Scholarship Program Eligibility

Applicants must be:

• Dependent children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of soldiers on active duty, retired, or deceased while on active duty or after retirement.

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• U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident.

• Under the age of 22 on June 1, 2002 based on 2002-2003 academic year.

All eligible persons are encouraged to apply.

AER Scholarships

• Applicant must be enrolled, accepted, or pending acceptance as a full-time dependent student for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions approved by the U.S. Department of Education for Title IV funds.

• Scholarship applicants must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA) on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed.

Scholarship Applications

• Order form, AER 9R, for applications will be available for pickup at the installation AER Office, Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Thursday. Forms will be available until supplies have been exhausted.

• The actual application is also available by mail from HQ AER through March for the 2002–2003 academic year.

• Applications may also be printed from the Web site www.aerhq.org until March 1.

• Completed applications with supporting documents must be mailed to HQ AER and postmarked not later than March 1.

• To be considered, the scholarship application must be complete, accurate and contain all required documents.

• New applications must be submitted for each academic year.

Scholarship Fund Uses

• The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books and supplies, and school room and board either on or off campus.

Scholarship Awards

• Scholarship awards range from $700 to $1,800 per academic year.

• Primarily based on relative financial need, as evidenced by income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances.

• Academic achievements and individual accomplishment are considered.

• Scholarship fund awarded will not be disbursed if cumulative GPA falls below 2.0.

• Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis for up to a maximum of four years of undergraduate study.

• The student must attend as a full-time student for the entire academic year.

• Students must apply each year.

For more information regarding the AER scholarship program, call the installation AER Office at 545-2536, 545-4043, or 545-7517, or access the AER Web site at www.aerhq.org.

988th: MPs left Saturday, bound for Guantanamo Bay

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again said goodbye to his wife, Bianca, Saturday night.

"I'm not afraid. We're well trained, and that's what it comes down to," Eastman said.

Beverly and T.C. Hamby watched their son, Pfc. Raymond Williams, go through the U.S. Customs Service training Jan. 23. The training focused on prisoner escort techniques.

"I'm worried because he's 21 and he's my baby, but he's tough. He can handle it," Beverly said. "This is one of the hardest jobs in the country right now. I feel proud, because he is part of a noble cause."

Williams has been in the Army for two years, and returned from a six-month tour in Saudi Arabia just five days before the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We've been watching the news since we heard he was leaving. It makes you tense, when that's all you can see," T.C. said. "It's nerve racking, but we don't want anything like 9-11 to happen again. These people need to be controlled, and that is what we're doing. I think we're doing a good job, and I think they're going to learn that we, as a country, won't back down."

The MPs took the time to advance one of their own before leaving. Sgt. Theodore Taylor was promoted to staff sergeant Saturday night in the company of family and fellow MPs. After his new rank was pinned on, Taylor credited God, his family, and the men and women he works with for his accomplishment.

Two platoons and a headquarters company from the 988th will join two other MP units in Cuba, the 401st Military Police Co. from Fort Hood, Texas, and B Co., 1st Battalion, 2nd Marine Regiment, from Camp Lejeune, N.C. The three units make up Joint Task Force-160.

1st Sgt. Joseph Vitale, 988th, said his soldiers will align with the other MP units in support of operations at Camp X-Ray.

The uproar over the 158 detainees held at the U.S. naval base culminated last weekend with media reports that Secretary of State Colin Powell had asked President George Bush to reconsider a decision not to classify them as prisoners of war.

Rumsfeld, who recently got a firsthand view of the camp, dismissed the suggestion.

"They are not POWs; they will not be determined to be POWs," he told journalists.

Human rights groups and foreign politicians, including some of Washington's allies, criticized the United States for refusing to designate the men as prisoners of war, according to a Jan. 25 report by Reuters.

The designation would give the prisoners certain rights under the Geneva Convention.

But Rumsfeld assured reporters the detainees' needs are being met.

The detainees have warm showers, toiletries, water, clean clothes, and blankets.

They have regular, culturally appropriate meals, prayer mats, and the right to practice their religion.

"They are being provided modern medical attention far beyond anything they could have expected in Afghanistan," Rumsfeld said.

Military guards at Camp X-Ray reported Saturday that the detainees may be plotting within the camp. Guards say they've noticed a command structure emerging among the terrorist suspects being held at the camp, and the leaders seem to emerge at prayer sessions. Prayer sessions are allowed five times daily.

Post recognizes stand-out soldiers

Soldier, NCO of Quarter named Jan. 25

Pfc. Brian Trapp

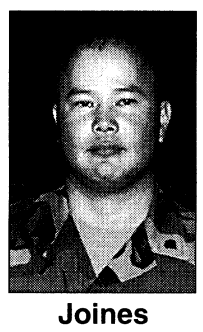
Bayonet staff

Post officials named the soldier and NCO of the first quarter at the Main NCO Club Jan. 25.

Command Sgt. Maj. Miles Retherford was the guest speaker for the ceremony.

"It's very important to recognize soldiers and NCOs," Retherford said. "We're developing the next generation of leaders."

Spc. Sakon Joines, a motor vehicle operator with the 104th Transportation Company, was named the Soldier of the Quarter.



Joines

"My initiative set me apart," Joines said.

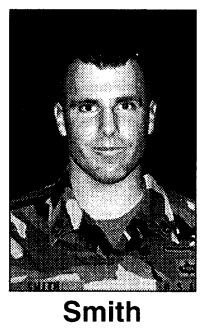
"I volunteered to go to the board instead of waiting to be picked," he said. " You have to step up when the opportunity arises."

Joines said his platoon helped him prepare for the board.

"He is an outstanding soldier and represents all of the Army values to the fullest," said Staff Sgt. Ronnie Davis, Joines' squad leader.

"It's an excellent accomplishment for him," Davis said. "He set his goal and achieved it."

Joines' initiative and the way he presented himself set him apart, said Sgt. Kevin Shepherd, Joines' team leader.



Smith

"When I first met him, I knew he would excel," Shepherd said.

Staff Sgt. Greg Smith, a ranger instructor with the 6th Ranger Training Brigade, was named NCO of the Quarter.

"Every candidate had their strengths, but I was confident and assertive at the board," Smith said.

"The help and guidance from my NCOs set me apart," Smith said.

"He has a great work ethic and is a fine NCO," said Sgt. 1st Class Eric Bradely, Smith's team leader. "I wish I had 10 more like him. He's a credit to NCOs and excellent selection for NCO of the Quarter."

Realignment: Same support

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installation," Walls said.

The restructuring is a way to keep track of how money from the Pentagon is being used.

"Because of diminishing dollars, compounded by aging infrastructure over the last 10-15 years, the Secretary of the Army has decided to get a better accounting of the money he has allocated out," Walls said.

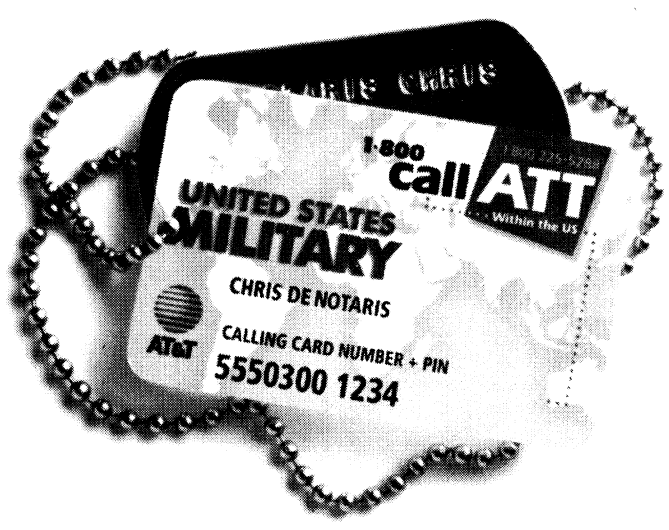
Torres said the new organization will balance out installations in terms of available money.

"You won't have the have and the have nots," Torres said. "It won't be dependent on what type of mission you have."

The way business is conducted on Fort Benning will be slightly different, but the finished product will remain the same.

"I don't see any big change in our day to day operations and the way we do business," Torres said.

"People are still going to get the support they expect and they need."



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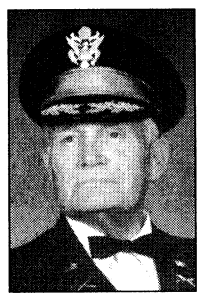
Sgt. Bjiourn Bugayong
29th Infantry Regiment

Recently the 29th Infantry Regiment suffered the loss of their honorary commander, retired Col. John Cecil Hughes.

Hughes, 79, of Herrin, Ill., passed away Jan. 20, at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Boulder, Colo.

Until late September, when he became ill, Hughes remained active in the 29th Infantry Regiment Association and a fixture at the unit's functions.

"He was, and still is, a source of pride for soldiers. They were attracted to him as a leader and a person," said Lt. Col. Arthur Tulak, 29th Regiment deputy commander.


Hughes

Through the support and admiration of his peers, Hughes was selected Sept. 23, 1996, as the honorary colonel of the regiment.

Tulak described the combat veteran of three wars as a humorous, outgoing and personable man armed with stories, frightening or funny, he would share with soldiers and their families.

He said, when Hughes was a commander in the Korean War, his soldiers called him "Corn Cob 6" because he smoked a corn cob pipe. It is only suitable that the colonel was buried with his pipe.

Hughes entered military service Oct. 19, 1942, as an enlisted infantryman. He was later commissioned as a second lieutenant in the infantry Oct. 23, 1943.

Then Sgt. Frank C. Plass first met then Lt. Hughes in Okinawa and served with him in Korea as part of the 29th Inf. Regt. from 1949 to 1950. After Hughes was promoted to captain and became commander of B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Inf. Regt., Plass sustained an injury and left the unit to recover.

Until Hughes' death, Plass again served alongside his old friend. Plass is the honorary sergeant major of the regiment.

"He is like a brother to me. He was an honest, giving man who loved his troops," Plass said.

Even while receiving enemy fire, Plass said, the commander would not stay at the command post.

"He would jump from foxhole to foxhole, acting as a radio operator and making sure his men did not need anything," Plass said.

Plass echoed the voices of past and present 29th Inf. Regt. soldiers by saying Hughes was an outstanding leader and soldiers would follow him "... to hell and back."

"As soldiers, we did not have to worry if he knew what he was doing. He was a leader," Plass said.

During his service, Hughes saw combat in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He received many awards including two Distinguished Service Crosses, three Silver Stars, a Purple Heart with four oak leaf clusters and other numerous awards for heroic actions and meritorious service against an armed enemy of the U.S. during military operations of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War.

But it was the 29th Inf. Regt. where Hughes stabled his heart.

"He lived, breathed and slept the 29th Regiment," Tulak said. "He shared that enthusiasm with the soldiers."

Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Johnson, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., praised the devotion Hughes gave to the unit.

"He was an inspiration to our soldiers, and I am proud to have had the good fortune to have known the man — a veteran from the greatest generation, as our honorary commander," Johnson said.

Capt. Robert S. Whittinham, battalion personnel officer, said Hughes will be deeply missed by the soldiers and families of the 29th Inf. Regt.

Funeral services were held in Hughes' hometown of Herrin, Jan. 25. Col. Gordon Mereness, 29th Inf. Regt. commander, Plass, Chaplain (Capt.) Shawn Connors, the regiment's chaplain and soldiers from the 29th Inf. Regt. attended the service and provided full military honors.

Plass said he had never before witnessed a whole community coming together to pay their last respects to one man.

"There were flags on every corner. People stood along the streets as he passed by," Plass said. "I knew he was a leader before he arrived in Korea. He was a hero when he came home.

71st MP Detachment earns top honors at ceremony

MP detachment named Stem award winner

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The 71st MP Detachment was named the recipient of the annual Brig. Gen. David H. Stem Memorial Award Jan. 10 for the best company-sized military police unit in the Training and Doctrine Command for 2001.

"I think it's a great honor," said Capt. Beth Diaz, detachment commander. "This just confirms what I had believed was true all along.

"We were set apart by our everyday law enforcement and the amount of training we've done," Diaz said.

Every military police soldier receives annual training on selected areas to include blood-borne pathogens awareness, first aid and first responder certification, field sobriety and certification for the Intoxilyzer 5000.

"It's a huge award for them to win for how long they have been activated," said Maj. William J. Hoy, executive officer for the directorate of safety.

The 71st MP Det. was activated as a deployable asset in June 2000 as support for Fort Benning's provost marshal

The 71st MP Det. helped in the police force during the SOA Watch demonstration against Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Last year, more than 10,000 protesters demonstrated at Fort Benning's front gate.

During the last 45 days of each year where they increase the number of patrols on the road to catch DUI violators, they apprehended 71 DUIs.

The detachment also has encouraged all eligible personnel to enroll in Fort Benning's eArmyU program.

More than three-quarters of the unit took advantage of the program.

Soldiers need to update DEERS

Current data needed to keep care flowing

Army Community Services

Did you know that you or a family member could lose medical benefits if you do not update your information on the Defense Eligibility Enrollment Reporting System?

DEERS stores medical benefit data for military personnel, retirees, and eligible family members. Service members and retirees are the sponsors for their family members' medical benefits and are responsible for the accuracy of the DEERS information. Correct, up-to-date DEERS information is essential, since this data defines your medical benefits.

When an eligible family member receives a uniformed services identification and privilege card, or ID card, that information is deposited in DEERS.

However, the sponsor must ensure the information is correct. If you marry or re-marry, move, have a new baby, have an older child who becomes an adult, you must make sure that DEERS data reflects those changes, as well as any others.

If you marry but neglect to register your spouse in DEERS, that person is not eligible for medical benefits until the sponsor updates the information.

If you move but don't submit the current address of each family member to DEERS, your family may not receive essential messages regarding medical benefits, such as information about the mail-order pharmacy.

If you forget to register a newborn in DEERS, after 365 days, the child is not eligible for medical benefits until you complete the registration in DEERS. In addition, newborns can lose eligibility for Tricare Prime medical coverage after 120 days. In this case, you must enroll the child in Tricare Prime, as well as register the child in DEERS.

How to Update DEERS

Making changes to DEERS is easy to do. You can make changes through your military support office, the same office that assists you with your ID card.

If you are making changes, it's a good idea to take documentation with you, such as a marriage certificate or birth certificate.

You can locate your nearest military support office at RAPIDS Site Locator http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/ on the Web. To make address changes or to verify data, log on to the Defense Manpower Data Center https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/swg/owa/webguard.login?appl=9012&rule=02.

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Tax Center is open

The Tax Center is open for business, and it is free. The center has tax forms, offers assistance on filling them out and can also electronically file returns.

Bring the following to the tax center to facilitate filling out tax forms: W-2 forms, 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, Form 1098, power of attorney, social security card, voided check and ID card.

The tax center will process 1040EZ tax returns through the end of the month. All federal and state income tax returns, including 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040, will be processed beginning Feb. 1.

When visiting the center, park only in designated parking lots. Parking in the circular drive in front of the center will result in a $45 fine.

The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be extended hours on the following dates:

- Feb. 9 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Feb. 23 — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 6 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 13 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 15 — 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The center is located on Ingersoll Avenue at Building 880, Room G131. The building is across from the Wynnsong 10 Theater.

For more information, call 545-4267.

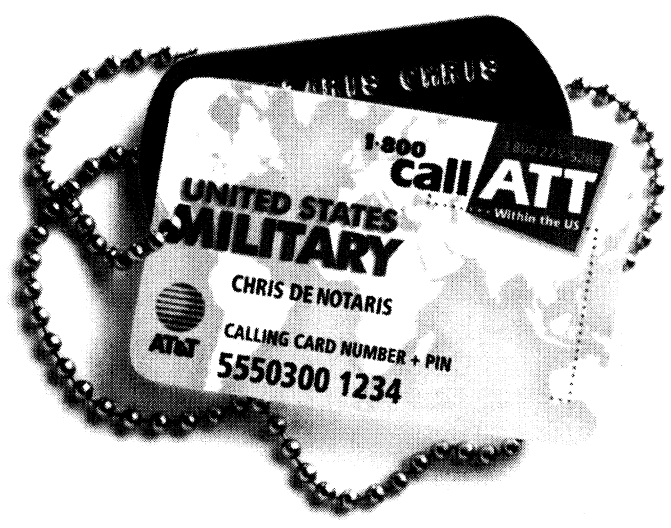
Branch interviews

Personnel Command's Officer Personnel Management Directorate will send a team of branch assignment officers to inform and interview resident officers and warrant officers on career management and assignments Tuesday through Thursday.

The OPMD team visit will begin at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall, with a command brief by the Director of OPMD, Brig. Gen. Dorian Anderson.

Branch interviews will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday. A schedule of interview times will be published before Tuesday and sent to all units. Officers are encouraged to ask questions, review accuracy of their records and discuss career progression.

For more information, call Chuck Gantner at 545-3736.



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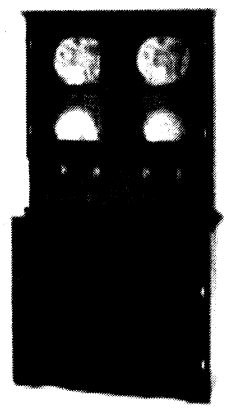
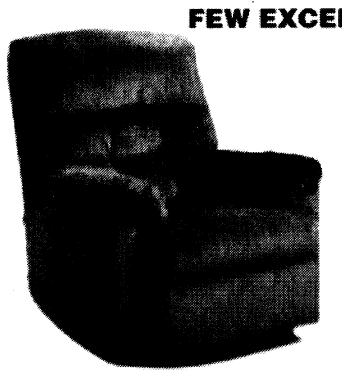
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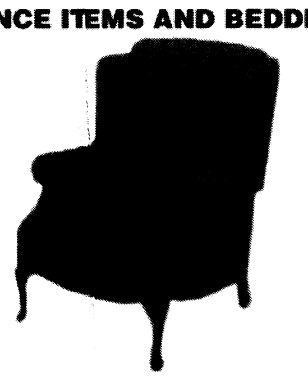
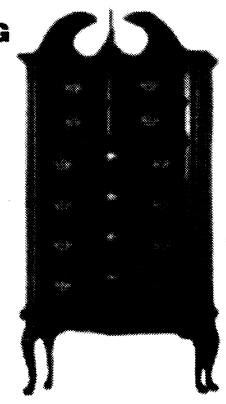
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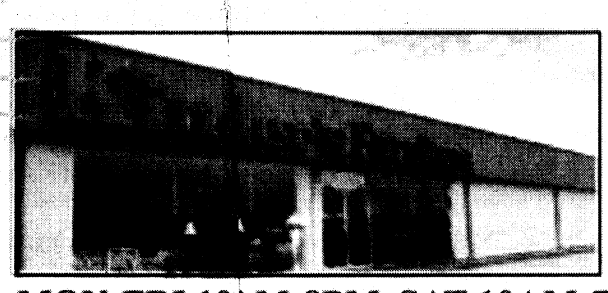
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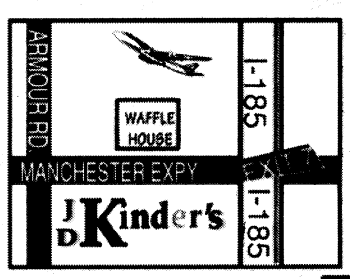
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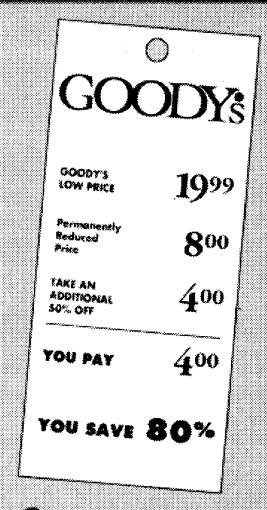
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PEOPLE'S PARABLE

Local bell replicates original

Laura Martinson
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On Market Street in Philadelphia, the same street that echoed the weighty footfalls of Benjamin Franklin and George Washington, resides the Liberty Bell. Part of the inscription at the top of this icon of independence tells the mission of the bell itself — to "proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof."

When the steeple work of the newly constructed Independence Hall was completed in early 1751, a bell was hung in the new tower. Unfortunately, it could not be heard throughout all parts of Philadelphia.

So the Liberty Bell was ordered for purchase by the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1751 to be hung in its place. The Assembly requested their London agent, Robert Charles, to purchase "a good bell of about two thousand pounds weight."

Charles commissioned the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in London to cast the bell. It arrived in America in late August 1752, nearly one year later.

The new bell was set up in Independence Square to be tested prior to being hung. But to much dismay, the bell cracked on its very first test.

Philadelphia founders, John Pass and John Stow, were commissioned to recast the bell and strengthen its composition. The original bell was broken down and recast with additional metals added to it.

In March 1753, the newly recast bell was tested and hung in the tower of the State House. But when unsatisfied Philadelphians did not like the sound of the new bell, Pass and Stow completed a second recasting in June 1753.

The new bell was still of questionable sound in some minds. However, it was deemed acceptable, and it is the one that eventually became known as the Liberty Bell.

When the Liberty Bell, as we know it today, cracked is a much debated story, and one with many renditions. There is no document that definitely dates when the Liberty Bell cracked, but historians believe it was sometime between 1817 and 1846.

Several claims have been made as to when the damage was done. One report states the bell cracked while sounding for a fire, yet another stated it cracked when it was rung to announce the passage of the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1828 in Britain.

Perhaps the most popular and widely accepted story is that the bell cracked when being rung on Washington's birthday, Feb. 22, 1846.

The Liberty Bell was tolled for many historical events. It was rung upon the ratification of the Constitution, at presidential inaugurations, on D-Day, and during America's bicentennial celebration.

Frank Hanner, director of the National Infantry Museum, said bells were often used during Civil War times to make announcements for events such as funerals, celebrations, an attack on a city, and to indicate war had been declared or ended. In fact, local church bells were rung to warn the city of Columbus of the oncoming attack of Wilson and his raiders April 16, 1865.

The museum houses one such bell, cast in New York in 1860. The full history of this particular bell is unknown, but it was acquired through the museum at Fort Meade, Md. Each year the bell is wheeled outside of the museum where Fort Benning students take turns ringing it in honor of the signing of the Constitution.

"Bells Across America is a way to ring in the anniversary of the Constitution and our way of honoring the document that governs us," Hanner said.

In the belfry of the Infantry Center Chapel is the Liberty Carillon, presented to Fort Benning by Harvey Firestone Jr. A carillon is a set of fixed bells. In early times, the set usually consisted of four. Each bell is tuned to harmonize with the others. The inaugural playing of the carillon was during the Victory Day celebration Aug. 14, 1946.

"The carillon has been playing at services from the end of WWII through Korea, Vietnam, Panama, and now while we have troops in Afghanistan," Hanner said. "It is a symbol of our freedom to worship as we please, or not to if we don't want to."

In 1950, the Department of the Treasury and several private companies commissioned a foundry in Annecy-le-Vieux, France, to cast 54 full size replicas of the Liberty Bell. The bells were intended as gifts to each state, U.S. territory and the District of Columbia to be displayed and rung on special occasions.

But what many may not know is that Columbus is the home of Georgia's Liberty Bell replica. The bell is nestled in a riverfront gazebo in downtown Columbus.

"The bell demonstrates the difference between our society and other countries and the progress we have made," Hanner said added. "You can try to be anything you want to be in America."

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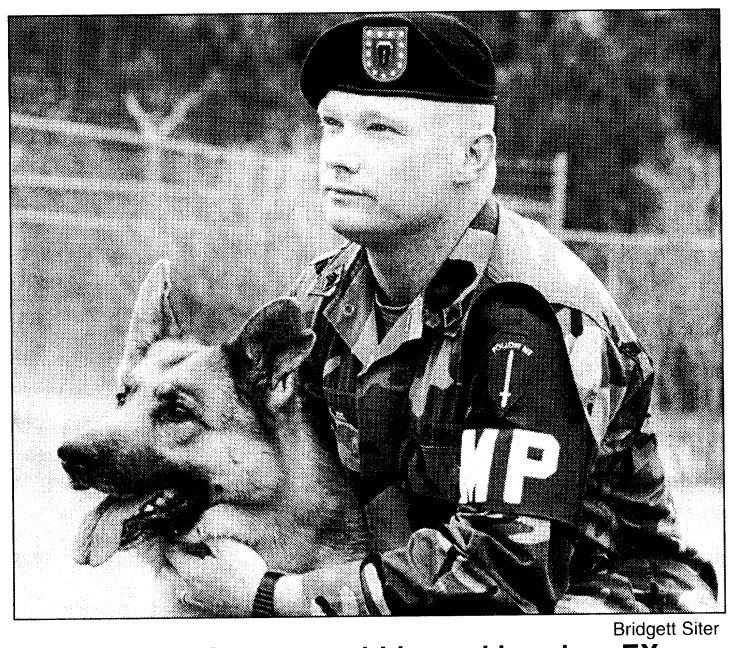
■ On April 1, 1996, a full-page Taco Bell advertisement appeared in The New York Times announcing that Taco Bell had purchased the Liberty Bell in an effort to help reduce the national debt. The fast-food chain stated that they were renaming the Bell to the "Taco Liberty Bell." It is not surprising that many citizens found the hoax to be in bad taste.

■ Recognizable as the theme music for the Monty Python Show, the Liberty Bell March was written by John Philip Sousa for the Liberty Bell's visit to the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893.

■ The Bell weighs 2,080 pounds. The circumference around the bottom is 12 feet and around the top is 7 feet 6 inches. The yoke weighs 200 pounds.

■ The Liberty Bell is owned by the City of Philadelphia — not the National Park Service.

■ On April 6, 2001, a hammer-wielding tourist attacked the Liberty Bell with a hand-held sledgehammer. The attack caused only superficial damage, which was immediately repaired.



Bridgett Siter

Sgt. Matthew Slusser and his working dog, EX, are headed to the Super Bowl in New Orleans.

Working dog goes to Super Bowl

MP takes his EX to bowl game

Bridgett Siter
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A Fort Benning soldier and his dog will attend the Super Bowl Sunday.

Sgt. Matthew Slusser, an MP with the 209th Military Detachment, and his working dog, EX, are tasked to help with security at the Super Bowl in New Orleans.

EX, a 6-year-old German Shepherd, is an explosives detector and patrol dog. The two will be checking bags and equipment entering the Superdome.

"We're there to work," said Slusser, who's handled EX for nearly two years. I probably won't get to see much of the game. But that's OK, I'm a Steelers fan."

This is the biggest event the team has participated in, Slusser said, though they're frequently tasked to patrol post and provide security at various events. They work together every day to hone their skills.

"It's not a five-days-a-week kind of job. We're together a lot," Slusser said. "Are we best friends? Gosh, yes. When we travel together, he gets the bed."

Slusser has been a dog handler for 13 years and has teamed with six dogs. He said he's never gotten accustomed to saying good-bye.

"You just have to do it. I guess it's like making any friend in the military," said Slusser, who expects to work with EX for two more years. "It's hard to say good-bye, but when the Army says go, you go."

For now, the Army says go to the Super Bowl, and neither is complaining.

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Spc. Melvin Burgess guides Spc. Samuel Cox's use of a bucket loader.

63rd Engineers bring down Catholic Chapel

Old building conjures up old memories

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. — **II Corinthians 4:17.**

Oswaldo Maxwell celebrated mass at the Post Catholic Chapel when he lived here with his family from 1987-1990.

Today, the 63rd Engineer Company second lieutenant is the officer in charge of the demolition of the chapel's burnt remains.

"(The chapel) meant a great deal to a lot of people," Maxwell said. "It hurts to see it like this."

Tearing down the church may be even more emotional for him.

"I have many fond memories and can relate to why it's high on the list of priorities the post has to accomplish," he said. "I remember when I came with a friend of mine and brought in the new year here. It was a special time for a 13-year-old."

Still, there is a mission to accomplish.

"It's a big task, but I'm confident we're up to the challenge," Maxwell said.

The company always performs superbly and saves the post many dollars in the process, said Glen Todd, chief, Work Coordination Section at the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

"Their proven track record shows the professional standard by which they operate," Todd said.

There are three phases to the chapel demolition. The engineers removed everything above the chapel floor, but will have a contractor remove the floor because it is made of asbestos, and will remove the foundation of the church.

"Because we're working in a sacred place, there's a feeling of reverence," said 1st Lt. Darren Fraser, executive officer of the company. "We take particular pride in this project because it allows us to contribute to the religious community and the overall quality of life at Fort Benning."

As with all the missions the soldiers do for the post, it is mutually beneficial.

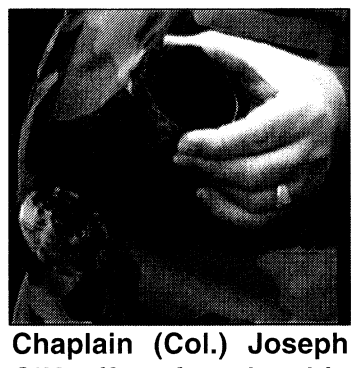
"It's an excellent opportunity for soldiers of the 63rd to work outside of their MOS (military occupational speciality) and learn new ways to use their equipment," Fraser said.

The company's mission is horizontal construction, which makes demolishing a vertical structure challenging, he said. The time soldiers spend using cranes, bucket loaders, bulldozers and other equipment in uncharted environments will help the soldiers combat readiness.

"We're trained, motivated and ready to do the mission," said Staff Sgt. Leon Williams, section sergeant and NCOIC of the chapel project. "In fact, the 63rd and entire 36th Engineer Group are here to do whatever the post needs us to do. We are skilled to build."

He said his soldiers are glad to have the chance to help the church.

"We want to show the Catholic community that someone cares," Williams said. "If we clear this place for them, it may pave the way for another place of worship."



Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe found this communion cup from the chapel's scorched remains Tuesday.

It seems like he'll receive his wish.

Post leadership hopes to obtain congressional approval for the required funds and break ground for a new chapel within a year, said Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe, garrison Catholic pastor.

Community members understand what the engineers are doing, said retired Col. Robert Nett, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient and member of the chapel.

"We have to look at things realistically," Nett said. "(The chapel) is ruined, and we have to demolish it. It is a very dangerous thing for young exploring children, and this precludes them from being injured."

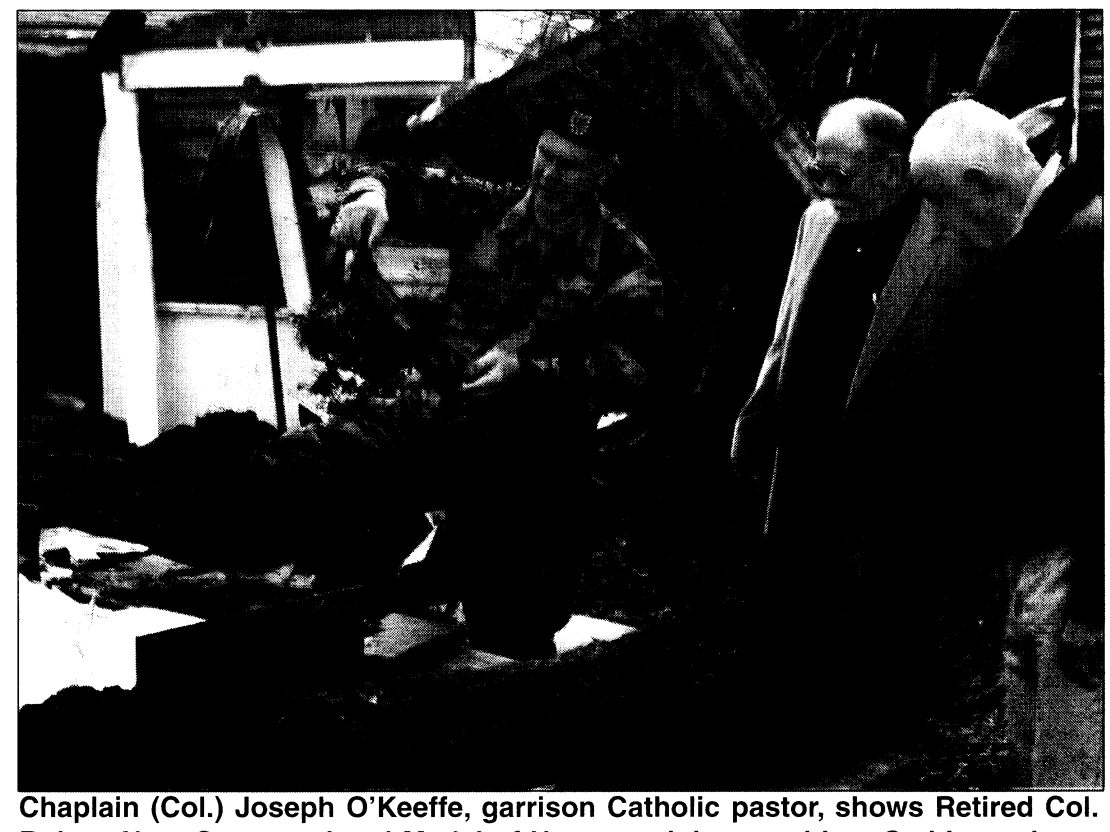
Nevertheless, Nett and many others will miss the old building. Many veterans who had reunions at Fort Benning celebrated mass there. Catholic graduates of Officer Candidate School celebrated after their graduation, too. Some widows even came to the chapel to feel closer to departed spouses.

"It's part of the family of thousands of people," he said. "I'm surprised how people came back here and reminisced. They were magnetized to this place."



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Spc. Bernard Wade, 63rd Engineer Company, picks up debris left by the fire.



Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe, garrison Catholic pastor, shows Retired Col. Robert Nett, Congressional Medal of Honor recipient, and Lou Smith, engineer coordinator at the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, a communion platter the 63rd Engineers recovered from the chapel. A burnt wooden figure of Jesus lies in the left front of the men.



Spc. Samuel Cox operates a bucket loader Tuesday at the demolition.



Spc. Melvin Burgess dumps remains of the burnt chapel into a dumpster.

Airborne school NCO retires after 24 years

sergeant major trades BDUs for suit and tie

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

After 24 years of service in the Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Efrain Hernandez is retiring.

Throughout his life, he has been a mentor to both soldiers and his family.

Now that he has retired, he says nothing has changed except for his military status.

"I'll always be a soldier," Hernandez said. "Once you're a leader, you will always be one."

Once again, Hernandez will find himself adapting to a new environment, he said.

"This is not the end of his mission," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Pickering, command sergeant major of 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment. "There's just a change in the mission."

Influencing soldiers is something for which Hernandez is well known.

"He's done a lot not only for the Army, but the country as a whole," Pickering said. "His influence on the Army is not going to stop because he's retired. The standards he has set for soldiers will be followed by all the soldiers he has trained. And those soldiers will hold their soldiers to the standards he set.

"Although he may not physically be in front of soldiers, his ghost will still be out there," Pickering added.

Hernandez felt his assignment with the airborne school was his best, he said.

"We had new soldiers every week, Hernandez said. "It was a great chance to influence many of them."

Pickering enjoyed when Hernandez gave his weekly speech to incoming airborne students.

"The in-brief he gave to every class would motivate the soldiers," Pickering said. "He has a great way of energizing soldiers who are coming into a tough situation."

When soldiers needed advice or moral support, Hernandez has been available for them, Hernandez said.

"I've been there to help soldiers when they have needed me," he said. "And I am still helping soldiers."

Hernandez is now an area manager for a financial service, Military Installment Loan and Educational Services, he said.

The service helps soldiers finance their education or purchase a vehicle.

It has always been important for Hernandez to make soldiers feel comfortable in their environment and confident with their surroundings, he said.

"I wanted to make soldiers feel special," Hernandez said.

The soldiers' role at airborne is to conquer fear, he said. When they face it, they feel good about themselves and they know, if they need to, they can do it again.

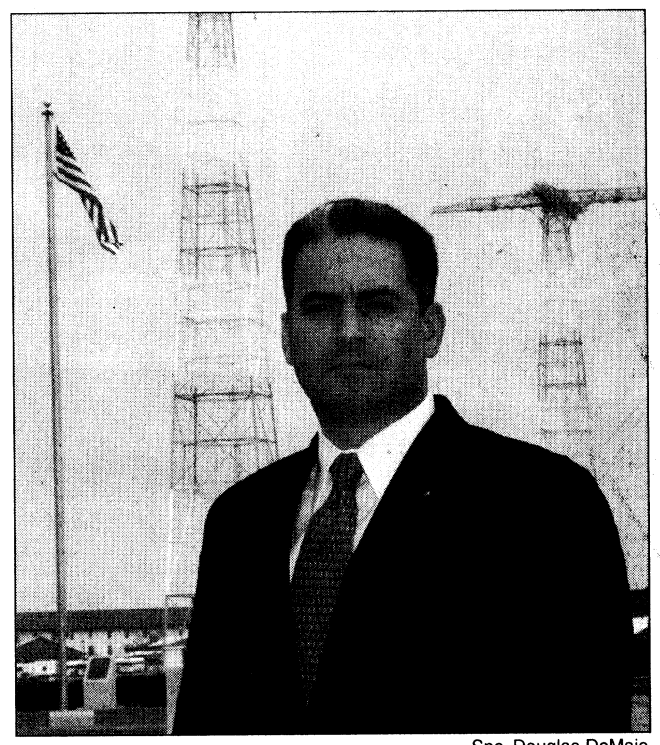
"The most influencing person in my career is my wife," Hernandez said. "She was always there for me and she is still. She is my strength.

"And, my daughters are the most important people in my life."

Pickering said he believes Hernandez will continue his path of success.

"He is transitioning into another phase of life," Pickering said.

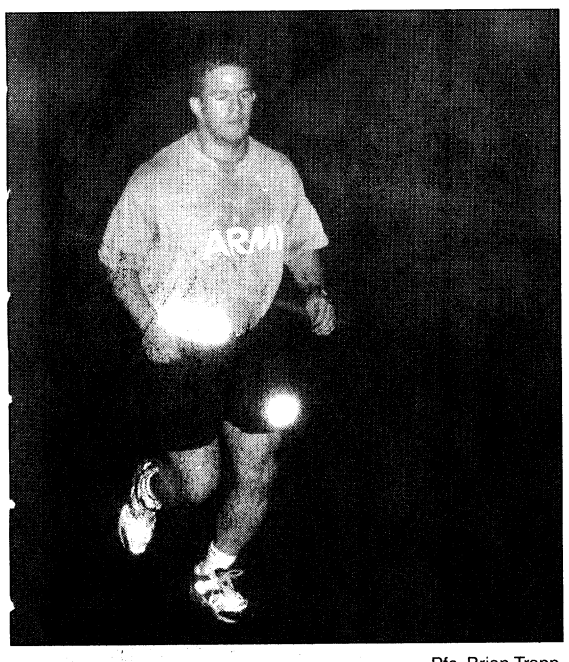
"And he'll go into it with the same enthusiasm and dedication as he did in the Army."



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Command Sgt. Maj. Efrain Hernandez puts his airborne experience behind him and begins his new career as financial manager.

Post officials urge caution on roads during PT hours



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Capt. Ben Marlin runs along Eckel Street for his morning workout.

Joggers must train with safety in mind

Jennifer Sztalkoper
Bayonet correspondent

The U.S. Army Infantry Center's chief of staff issued a safety alert for Fort Benning runners and joggers.

Col. Lonnie Vona emphasized post guidelines, under Operation Slow Down, that define the proper way to conduct unit runs and rules for individuals and groups.

Whenever possible, PT runs should be conducted in areas of little or no traffic, according to the guidelines.

Soldiers running in formation should only block one lane of traffic, and everyone should wear regulation safety gear.

Road guards must wear reflective vests and be positioned at the front and back of the formation by 50 meters. They should also have flashlights during dark hours.

A reflective waist belt or vest must be worn by anyone running to the left of the formation.

Regis Beighley, safety manager for the Directorate of Public Safety, said Operation Slow Down is simply a matter of common sense.

Beighley believes that some soldiers are "concentrating on (their) responsibilities and not themselves getting hurt."

He encouraged runners and joggers to stay in areas strictly designated for running. The best areas for running or jogging are housing areas, the track near Infantry Hall, the Riverwalk and Doughboy Stadium. He recommended staying in large groups because a single person is more likely to get hurt.

Vona requested commanders to notify their soldiers, family members and civilian employees about speed restrictions during PT hours. Between 6 and 7:30 am, the speed limit is 15 miles per hour, 10 miles per hour when approaching or passing a troop formation.

Solitary joggers, runners or walkers must stay on sidewalks or the shoulder of the road. They must wear reflective or high-visibility clothing, travel facing traffic, and never wear any type of headphone or earpiece.

Staff Sgt. Robert Burch, of the Directorate of Operations and Training, said Vona's safety alert reinforces rules soldiers and civilians should already be following.

"If drivers follow Operation Slow Down correctly, there would be no need for a safety alert," Burch said, pointing out the military police sometimes stop as many as six people a day during PT hours.

PT activities are prohibited in the following areas: Victory Drive, 10th Mountain Division Road, Sigerfoos Road from 10th Mountain Division Road to Vibbert Avenue, Lawson Army Airfield, including runways and taxiways, Sunshine Road, Sightseeing Road from Dixie Road to Sunshine Road, Dixie Road, except for the portion from Sightseeing Road to the airfield, Lumpkin Road from Dixie Road to Custer Road, Custer Road from Benning Road to Eisenhower Exchange and I-185.

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Bumpy ride ahead for speeders

MPs use portable speed bumps to deter law breakers

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

The people have spoken. And they said "Slow down."

"We get a lot of feedback from residents in the neighborhoods on post," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager. "And the issue which continues to come back to the front is speeding."

The military police purchased moveable speed bumps to encourage drivers to obey the speed limit. The 300-pound units require two people to set up and cost over $1,000 a piece.

"These are going to be under supervision when we use them," said Lt. Col. Terry Kelley, chief of law enforcement. "When we put one of these in place, we'll have an MP somewhere close with radar."

Fort Benning has 4,000 homes in six housing areas. While they are all unique, they are all also family housing areas, especially Custer Terrace and McGraw Manor, which are home to younger soldiers, many of whom have small children. Speeding through these areas can be particularly dangerous.

"We're doing this (using speed bumps) to protect our citizens, the members of our military and their family members," Kelley said.

"One of the problems we have is that all of us have very busy schedules and distractors that causes some of us to be in 'hurry-up mode,'" Kelley said. "I can not over emphasize traveling at excessive speed can not be justified when considering the dangers associated with speeding. When you are traveling on post, the time saved by speeding can be measured in

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2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy

Spc. Larry Fowler and Staff Sgt. Kyle Jenkins demonstrate the removable speed bump Wednesday in the Battle Park housing area.

Quiltin' like crazy

BDU scraps recycled into treasured gifts

Bridgett Siter
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Barring any unforeseen problems, 2nd Lts. Neil Hilderbrand and Jason Hansen will graduate from Ranger School Feb. 15.

But their wives were the first to pin on the tab.

Sally Hilderbrand and Nicole Hansen spent more than two weeks cutting, pinning and stitching Army quilts for their husbands and topped their work with *Rangers Lead the Way*.

The quilts will be graduation presents for their husbands.

"He'll be surprised, all right, especially when he finds out I cut up his BDUs," Nicole said.

Nicole and Sally work at TSYS and have known each other since their husbands attended West Point. They took a quilting class together in the fall and have worked nonstop on the ranger quilts to have them ready in time for graduation.

They took a lot of needling from their friends about their new hobby.

"They were like 'Quilting? What are you, 90-years-old?' Nicole said. "But it's really a popular art. A lot of people are doing it now."

Their instructor, LeAnn Volesky, said the two are enthusiastic and dedicated, necessary qualities for anyone undertaking such a task.

Quitters don't make good quilters, she said.

"It takes commitment. Most of their work was done on a machine, but it's still tedious and very time consuming," Volesky said.

"It's hard work," Sally said. " And you have to keep Band-Aids close. I stabbed myself a lot. You really don't want to get blood all over it."

Volesky offers quilting classes in her Fort Benning home and donates a portion of her profits to the Officers' Spouses' Club.

She said flag quilts and ranger quilts have surged in popularity since Sept. 11.

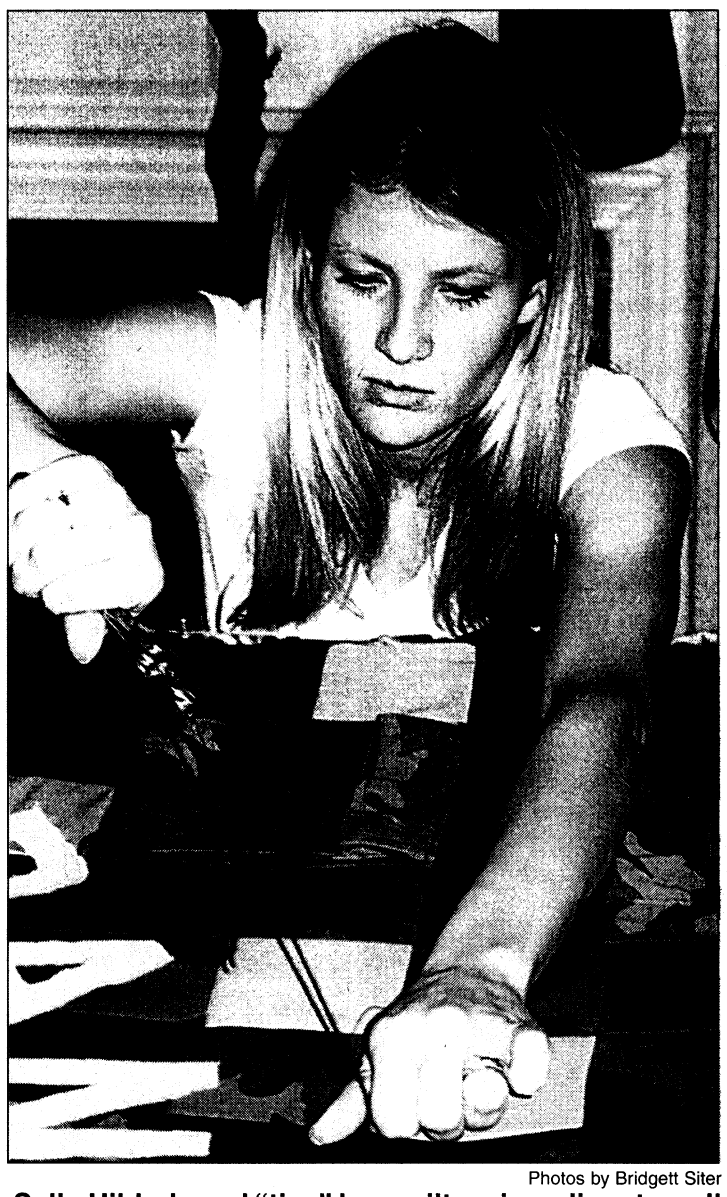
Ranger quilts are usually pieced from old BDUs, though some quilters prefer to purchase a camouflage-patterned material. Most of her students use unit patches, crests, buttons and pockets to personalize their work.

"It can be as unique and individual as you want to make it," she said.

Though Sally's quilt bears the ranger motto, with the word "ranger" arched like a tab, she decided against adding an actual ranger tab until after graduation.

"I don't want to jinx him," she said.

For more information about quilting, call Volesky at 682-7890 or e-mail usdream@msn.com.



Photos by Bridgett Siter

Sally Hilderbrand "ties" her quilt, using pliers to pull yarn through the heavy BDU material.



Sally Hilderbrand attaches the quilt top to a fleece lining. She chose a red, white and blue material for the backing of her ranger quilt, which was made from her husband's uniforms.



Nicole Hansen shows the product of two-weeks labor. Hansen's husband is scheduled to graduate from Ranger School Feb. 15. The quilt will be a surprise present for him.

Deserted dogs, forsaken felines present post problem

GC addresses pet problem on post

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Pets are being abandoned on post, and it's a problem the garrison commander intends to solve.

According to a memo from the garrison commander, about 20 to 25 pets are being held at the veterinarian clinic on post waiting adoption or euthanization.

"Everyone who brings a pet into their family should keep that pet with their family," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "There are certain circumstances where a person may not be able to care for their pets. When that occurs, they need to make every effort to find that pet a home, or take the responsible action and take them to the veterinarian, so they can be put up for adoption."

It's more humane to take the pet to the clinic than allow it to become a stray, he said.

"If they do survive, the dog will become wild, which poses a threat to everyone on post," Torres said.

According to the memo, the pets are being abandoned by military members who are moving.

Because of this behavior, the post is developing control measures to prevent pets from being abandoned, Torres said.

"We're putting pet ownership as part of our in and out processing," he said. "As a mandatory in and out processing, we will emphasize pets be registered and tagged."

When a pet is tagged, a microchip is inserted beneath the pet's skin with information about the pet's owner and shot records for the pet programmed on it, he said.

The microchip is a tool to trace the dogs owners or to identify a pet who is lost or abandoned, said Melissa Locke, an employee with the clinic.

"It's wrong to abandon pets," Locke said.

The clinic offers a kennel service for a small fee, she said. The service allows the pet owner and the clinic to determine what shots the pet has and what type of home is suitable.

"The pet could be held there until the pet is adopted," she said. "We'll let them go to the first people who would like to adopt the pet."

It is important to do the responsible thing, Torres said.

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The clinic receives 62 strays on average per month:

- 15 percent are returned to their owners.
- 55 percent are adopted.
- 23 percent are euthanized.
- The clinic spends on average $300 a month to euthanize abandoned pets.
- The clinic spends between $900 and $1,000 a month to care for abandoned pets.

The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Carolyn Phillips, a kindergarten teacher at White Elementary



History: The Columbus native earned a teaching degree from Auburn University and a master's and education specialist's degree from Troy State. She taught in Pensacola, Fla., for a year before transferring to Fort Benning, where she's been teaching "a long time."

"Let's just leave it at that," she said.

Why kindergarten: "I love kindergartners. I could talk for hours about this age," she said. "It's exciting. It's spontaneous. It's unpredictable. There are never two days alike. That's what makes it so much fun. You do have to be flexible and creative to teach kindergartners. I guess I am, because I love it.

"These children are curious and fearless and anxious to learn. And they learn in a million different ways."

Teaching military children: "Here we have tremendous parental involvement," Phillips said. "You don't find this degree of involvement in a public school. But the greatest asset is that we have children from all over the world, students who've travelled far more than me. They bring so much into the classroom. That's the joy of teaching."

Hobbies and interests: "I love the beach all year round," said Phillips who frequents the gulf coast. "I guess I love it as much in the winter as I do in the summer."

Phillips has dabbled in many art forms and enjoys needlepoint and painting china. She's an avid reader, though she has no favorite author.

"I like it all. I know when it grabs my attention. And I need variety in my reading, just like in my classroom," she said.

Future plans: "I plan to continue teaching kindergarten as long as it's fun," Phillips said. "Eventually, who knows? Remember, I'm a spontaneous kind of person."

Housing receives repairs

Family Housing

For soldiers and their families residing in Family Housing, the government is responsible for two working phone-jacks in the quarters; one in the living room or kitchen, and one in the bedroom. If two or more jacks are working, the government is not responsible to pay for repairs to others.

Your local service provider and you are responsible for maintenance of the line that serves your home.

Generally, your local service provider maintains the telecommunications lines and related network outside your premises at no charge to you. You are responsible for maintenance of any additional lines inside your home and the telephone set or other equipment.

Many local service providers offer an optional plan or "phone insurance" to help maintain the inside wiring and jacks and to isolate problems inside your home.

It is a Family Housing occupant's choice to get the option or not. It is not required by the Family Housing office.

Since the government covers repairs to those basic lines provided within the quarters, the insurance is not necessary, except for additional lines that have been requested by the occupant.

Family Housing occupants who experience problems with their telephones not working should do the following:

• If the problem is in the telephone line outside your home, call your local service provider. For example, if Bell South is your provider, you call 611 for repair service 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

• If the problem is in the telephone line, wiring or phone-jacks inside your home, contact the Family Housing Office, Inspection Section, Building 1836, Mitchell Avenue, at 545-7312, 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday on duty days.

• If the problem is in your telephone or other telecommunications equipment, call the equipment supplier.

How do you determine what is causing the problem?

If you call your local service provider and your repair problem cannot be diagnosed over the phone, your local service provider may dispatch a technician to your residence to determine whether the problem is inside or outside your home.

If the problem is outside and in your local service provider's network, usually you will not be charged for the service call, but you should ask just to confirm.

If the problem is in the wiring, phone-jacks or telephones inside your home, you will be charged if you authorize the local service provided to do the repairs. The government will not reimburse you for charges you authorized because contractor repair services are provided through the Family Housing office.

Helpful list for checking problems.

• Are all phones out? The problem may be in the telephone line outside your home. Call your local service provider.

• Does the phone work in one phone-jack, but not another? Problem may be inside wiring or the phone-jack itself. Call Family Housing office.

• Is one phone out, but another one works in the same jack? Problem may be in your phone equipment. Call the vendor or manufacturer of the equipment.

• Do you have a cordless phone? Unplug it then try your other phones. The cordless phone could be the problem.

• Do you have a problem with your caller ID display unit? Check batteries first.

MP: Use new speed bumps

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seconds, not minutes."

The speed bumps are not large, but they do serve to remind drivers to obey posted speeds.

"They're not huge," Walls said. "They're not six inches tall, so they won't bottom out a car, but they do serve as an attention getter."

In the past, the use of speed bumps on post was discouraged, Walls said, because they can have a negative effect on the mobility of emergency and public safety vehicles.

However, these new speed bumps are removable, and the problems associated with permanent speed bumps are eliminated.

"The MPs do a wonderful job patrolling the housing areas, but there are only so many MPs," Walls said.

"I'm very encouraged about the possibilities associated with these new speed bumps," he said. "It's one more step to help slow people down."

Kelley was encouraged about reducing accidents on post.

"Everyone should consider the consequences of their actions.

"It only takes a second, one moment, to change someone's life forever," he said.

"In a contest between a vehicle and a person, the person will lose every time. Speeding restrictions are there to protect everyone, not as a personal inconvenience," Kelley said.

"Be responsible; don't speed ... the life you save may be that of a child."

The speed limit in housing areas is 15 mph.

Dental hygiene important for tots

U.S. Army Dental Activity

New parents sometimes don't realize the importance of caring for an infant's teeth. Army dentists say serious tooth decay can affect very young children.

Although a child's primary teeth will eventually be replaced by permanent ones, the primary teeth are critical for proper chewing, speaking and appearance. Care should be taken to keep them clean and healthy.

The primary teeth of an infant or young child can be affected by baby bottle tooth decay, also called nursing bottle mouth.

This condition develops when a baby frequently receives a bottle of milk, formula, fruit juice or sweetened liquids, which are meant to serve as a pacifier.

Prolonged breastfeeding may also cause this condition. Although the teeth most likely to be affected are the upper front teeth, others may be affected.

Tooth decay is caused by bacteria, which are present in a thin film of plaque that constantly forms on teeth. The bacteria use sugar as an energy source and they produce acids that attack the tooth enamel. Frequent, lengthy exposure to sugary liquid can result in acids attacking the child's teeth. After many attacks, tooth decay can occur.

All types of sugar, including those in bottle and breast milk, formula, fruit juice and sweetened liquids can cause plaque bacteria to produce decay-causing acids. How often a child receives a bottle containing these liquids and for how long a time the child's teeth are exposed to decay-causing acids are two important factors.

Parents can help protect their baby's teeth by doing the following:

After each feeding, wipe the child teeth and gums with a clean, damp washcloth or gauze pad to remove plaque. Begin brushing your child's teeth as soon as the first tooth erupts (usually around 6 months).

Don't put baby to bed with a bottle of milk, formula, fruit juice or sweetened liquid.

If your child needs a comforter between regular feedings, at night, or during naps, fill a nursing bottle with cool water or give the child a clean pacifier recommended by your dentist or pediatrician. Never give a child a pacifier dipped in any sweet liquid.

Avoid filling a nursing bottle with liquids such as sugar water, sweetened gelatin or soft drinks.

Make sure your child gets the fluoride needed for decay-resistant teeth. Ask your dentist about recommended methods for obtaining the proper amount of fluoride.

Schedule regular checkups beginning by the child's first birthday.

Editor's note: *February is National Children's Dental Health Month.*





Army Family Action Plan encourages open dialogues

Program helps solve issues

Angie Bellamy
Army Family Team Building

In military life, there comes a time when issues arise concerning Army policy or quality of life.

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AFAP handles many issues of concern from entitlements, family support, housing, education, childcare, employment, medical and dental care, relocation, youth and numerous other issues.

There are many great ideas that have come out of this program. The Thrift Savings Plan now being offered to soldiers is just one example of the results of AFAP.

Every installation is required to have an AFAP Symposium every year and the one for Fort Benning is scheduled for Feb. 13. This symposium will be attended by a variety of soldiers of every rank, family members, retirees and DA civilians.

These groups of individuals discuss issues and brainstorm ways to improve the quality of life of the Fort Benning community. Some issues are handled on a post level. If this is not possible, it will be passed to the Training and Doctrine Command AFAP Conference. After review at that level, if the issue needs further review, it is forwarded to the Department of the Army AFAP Conference. This year's HQDA AFAP Conference is scheduled for March 11-15.

Would you like to make a difference? Would you like your voice to be heard? Fill out this issue form and return it to the AFAP office, Building 359, Ingersoll Avenue, on Main Post, or call 545-5377 for more information.

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Anders Justin Wilkison — born Jan. 5 to LaShundra and Cpl. Jerry Wilkison.

Xavier Nathanial Garfield — born Jan. 5 to Tanisha and Capt. Willie Garfield III.

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Daniel Connor Chatman — born Jan. 13 to Kimberly and Capt. Brad Chatman.

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Spencer sponsors quiz bowl

Spencer PTSA

Spencer High School's Parent, Teacher, Student Association will give students an opportunity to make studying for the Georgia high school graduation test challenging and fun.

The purpose of the educational quiz bowl is to stimulate and motivate students to study for the test, which students are required to pass in order to graduate from high school.

The quiz bowl will feature questions from various academic curriculums and will have a written and oral exam.

It will be similar to the game show "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," with questions starting off easy and gradually becoming more difficult.

The final round will be in the school auditorium at 6 p.m. Feb. 21. The final participants will be asked questions, much like a spelling bee, with the winner being determined through the process of elimination.

Prizes will be given to the top three finishers. Parents can help students study for the quiz at home. This event is free and open to the general public.

Students interested in participating in the quiz bowl can sign up on posters displayed throughout the school.

community news

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Mardi Gras dance at Youth Services — Youth Services will have a Mardi Gras dance for students in first through fifth grades from 7 to 9 p.m. today.

The students are asked to wear Mardi Gras colors of purple, gold and green to the dance. Members who present a valid Youth Services, Tot Town or Child Development Services card pay $2 for admission. Without the card, the admission is $3. For more information, call 545-3070 or stop by Building 1056.

Nurses Corps 100th Anniversary brunch — Fort Benning will celebrate the 100th Army Nurses Corps anniversary with a brunch 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Officers' Club. The guest speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Bettye Simmons.

Tickets are on sale at the Martin Cafe in Martin Army Community Hospital. The cost is $15. For more information, call Capt. Toddy Ingram at 544-1179 or Capt. Scott Rush at 544-2102.

Citizenship classes — The International Wives will sponsor Citizenship Classes at Building 2682 on Kandle Drive.

Classes are free and will begin Feb. 29. For more information, call Olga Kelly at 687-6471 or 689-1739.

OSC scholarship applications — The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning is offering scholarships for both traditional and continuing education students for the 2002-2003 academic year.

These scholarships are available to any family member with a current military I.D. card residing in the Columbus and Fort Benning area. For information, call Catherine Herold at 682-5636.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Turkey banquet — A National Wild Turkey Federation banquet and auction will be Saturday at the Old Russell County Courthouse in Seale. Activities begin at 7 p.m. Eastern with dinner at 8 p.m. Eastern.

Banquet tickets are available to singles ($45) and couples ($55). The price includes dinner, a one-year NWTF membership and card, window decal, a one-year subscription to the *Turkey Call* magazine and *The Caller* newsletter along with opportunities to win door prizes. Tickets purchased by Thursday will be eligible for an early bird drawing.

For more information, call Johnny Rankin at 855-2337.

Airborne club plans Laos, Cambodian jump — Friendship Airborne will jump and earn official wings and certificates in Laos and Cambodia April 12-22. The jump in Laos will be the first jump by foreigners since "the secret war in Laos" in the 1960s. Friendship Airborne jumped in Cambodia twice in 1994, once in 1997 and once in 2001. The combined two-country jump trip will cost $3,400 from Los Angeles.

For more information, call (262) 639-0780, fax (262) 639-7686, visit the Web site www.geocities.com/ friendship_airborne or e-mail DocFATsInc@aol.com.

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School lunch menu

- **Monday:** pizza, tossed salad, broccoli with cheese sauce, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hamburger steak with brown gravy, steamed rice, glazed carrots, yeast roll, fruit, milk
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- **Thursday:** turkey noodle soup, grilled cheese, peas and carrots, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** drummettes, tater tots, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk

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Students learn to send teachers packing

Travel research gives children job training

Dexter Elementary School

"Rain or shine, your trip will be fine!" is the promise of Vacation Paradise, just one of six newly created travel agencies at Dexter Elementary School. Fifth-graders at Dexter are taking their roles as travel agents quite seriously, and when you listen to one of their commercial jingles or sales pitch, you just might find yourself booking a vacation with them.

Teachers Joyce Flatt and Carroll Thebaud came up with the idea as they planned for the Voyagers Unit in the Literacy Place Reading series.

"The unit integrates curriculum standards in reading and language arts, math and social studies, and involves students in a performance-based task," Flatt said.

To prepare students for the project, they invited a travel agent to share with them the various aspects of his job.

"The agent offered tips on how to plan a trip — everything from booking flights and hotel reservations to planning an itinerary," Thebaud said.

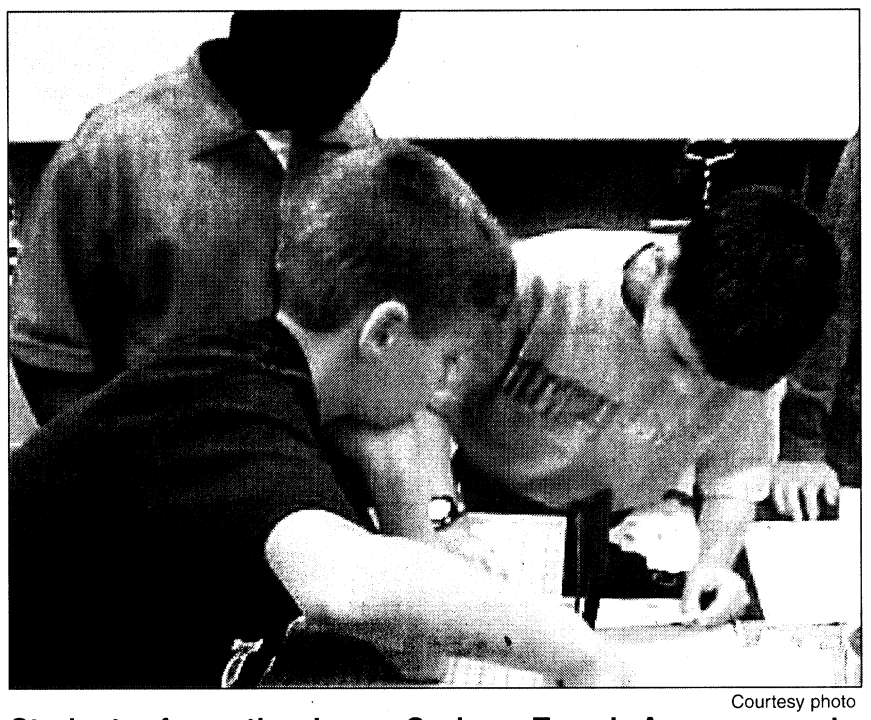
Students divided into groups to form their agencies. They created business cards, complete with the company logo, designed banners and a company jingle to promote their agency.

The goal of the unit is for each agency to develop a proposal for a prospective group of teachers interested in taking a three-day weekend trip. Students first investigated possible destinations by polling the teachers to find out what kinds of trips most interested them.

Once each group decided on their destination, they spent time researching the weather and the appropriate clothing that would be needed, as well as locating sites of interest for tourists, and obtaining prices on lodging, transportation, dining and entertainment.

Using the information gleaned from online sources, each agency then developed a detailed itinerary for their clients.

When asked about how they planned the itinerary, Malia Fredrick, whose agency was featuring a trip to New York City, said her team looked for "good restaurants and museums."



Courtesy photo

Students from the Luau Cruises Travel Agency create business cards promoting their agency.

Katie Rakow, who was researching affordable hotels for the NYC trip, said, "The Best Western President's Hotel had the best price to fit the budget."

Devon Humphreys, an agent with Luau Cruises, was planning the itinerary for the Washington, D.C., trip. "We found the Lincoln Memorial, the Holocaust Museum and the Vietnam Memorial to be among the most interesting in our research," he said.

"It was fun," said Haley Moore. "I really liked it when we did our travel agency jobs because we could go online and do research."

Gigi Casselman agreed. "Yes, we get to find interesting sites and work as a team." she said.

Flatt agreed, noting the children got so involved in their roles as a travel agent that she frequently had to provide "reality checks."

"I would find myself reminding them that they could not actually book the flights and the hotel rooms," she said.

After doing their research for the various destinations — Boston, New York City, Washington, D.C., Denver, New Orleans, and Orlando, each agency created brochures to promote their sites.

Students are looking forward to the culminating activity for the unit, when they will do their sales presentation incorporating PowerPoint, student-created brochures, business cards and company jingles.

"Students were given a rubric (checklist) prior to starting the project to ensure that each component of their presentation had all the necessary requirements," Flatt said. "Their final presentation will be graded according to that rubric."

Students barter bracelets for bucks

Activities teach business world lessons

Dexter Elementary School

Fourth- and fifth-graders at Dexter Elementary have been experiencing another world of mathematics. They have been learning about business and economics by designing, manufacturing, marketing and selling friendship bracelets for BIZBucks.

Teacher, Marjory Brasfield, described the activity as a means to connect knowledge learned in core school subjects to the real world.

The advanced math students have been participating in the BIZWorld simulation, which teaches business, entrepreneurship and economic concepts as it reinforces math, science, art, language arts and communication.

Fourth grader Jacklyn Baillergeon said, "I was president of the company called Buddy Bracelets. I have learned a lot from what I did. If I ever do it again, I will try to know when to buy and sell stock. I really liked BizWorld because it teaches you about business and it's fun."

BIZWorld is team-based and encourages cooperation among students. The class was divided into companies and each chose company officers.

"Each officer had specific responsibilities within the company," said Brasfield, "and they learned to do business with venture capitalists, stock brokers and bankers while keeping business and personal financial records."

Members of the Buddy Bracelet team; Jacklyn Baillergeon, Mehgan McKinney, Matt Melhado, Adam Spencer, Danielle Terhune and Michael Upton won this year's competition by earning a total company equity of $2,093 BIZBucks.

Adam Spencer was the individual winner. He manipulated his company salary and stock transactions into a profit of $92.32 BIZBucks.

When asked to evaluate the activity, Jeffrey Terhune from Biz Bracelets summed up the activities with this statement.

"I loved BIZWorld. It helped me learn how to buy stock and use it wisely. We learned how to handle money and how to convince people to buy from our company. I was president, so I had big responsibilities to help other team members. That's why I love BIZWorld."



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Buddy Bracelet company members (from left) Michael Upton, Adam Spencer, Matt Melhado, and Danielle Terhune check their inventory during the BizWorld friendship bracelet sale.

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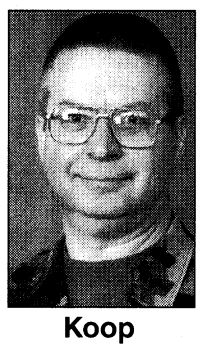
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Soldiers encouraged to respect traditions

Chaplain calls for religious tolerance

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

commentary


Koop

Recently an Islamic man entering a local business was asked to remove his prayer cap, kufi, or leave. He chose to leave. Maybe he was confronted out of ignorance of Islamic dress and religious beliefs and practices. Maybe, but it seems incredulous the security guards confused the kufi with a do rag or a kind of cap worn by gangs.

If a college freshman wore a secular beanie cap, if a Jewish man wore a yarmulke or kippah, if a Christian cleric wore a zucchetto, or if an Amish or Mennonite woman wore a prayer cap, would a business ask these individuals to remove it or leave?

Some may argue that a prayer cap should only be worn during worship services. Such thinking contradicts common sense. People pray outside of worship services. Devout believers of all faiths pray quietly throughout the day when the opportunity or need arises and immediately and without notice to others. Jewish men and Anabaptist women wear their prayer caps throughout the day. Muslim men should not be treated any different.

The military policies permit the wear of religious clothing, such as prayer caps (DDD 1300.17; AR 600-20; AR 670-1; and AR Pam 600-75). Soldiers should consult with their command concerning religious accommodation. Not all items of religious clothing are approved for wear while in uniform.

Soldiers must meet the "neat, conservative, discrete, subdued and nonpermanent" criteria listed in AR 600-20, paragraphs 5-6.

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> **Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop**

Articles must not substitute for, replace or interfere with the normal wear or appearance of items of the Army uniform, AR 670-1.

Prayer caps, when worn while in uniform, should fit under military headgear without showing. Usually prayer caps worn by soldiers are black in color or camouflage in markings. Soldiers are not required to remove prayer caps while inside a building.

Have you been hurt by religious discrimination? If so, contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza. Call the center at 545-1760, or e-mail USArmy Chaplain@aol.com.

chapel notes

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings. Stop by the chapel teen center in Building 239. Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for middle school students and 6 p.m. for high school students.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of willing persons to support the various religious programs as musicians and child care workers.

For more information call the TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

Sunday school — There are classes for all ages who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9:30 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The group meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Custer Terrace Chapel. Women from across post meet for fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For more information, call 685-0739.

Hope springs from faith in goodness

Chaplain (Capt.) Leslie Forbes-Mariani
13th Corps Support Battalion

commentary

So often in our culture we use the term "hope" in a wishful negative. For example we say, "Well, I hope you feel better,"or "I hope it works out."

When used in the way it was originally intended, hope has depth and meaning. It communicates a confidence in the future, with the highest degree of success without a concrete basis. (Romans 8). Hope is not seen, it is not in sight. It is closely related to our faith, our expectation of the future and God's word.

Where does hope come from? It comes from the source of our belief. So what is the source of belief? Is it found in our accomplishments?


Forbes-Mariani

Hope that has confidence in the future has its source in something bigger then ourselves. It is what fuels us and helps us continue.

Our source of hope must come from God (Jeremiah 2:13). Hope in the future, in success, in the confidence that events will happen. It is not just a holy wish when the source is God. If hope comes from a belief in God, it is an acceptance to God's promises. Hope is for good in the promises of God to trust in the success of the expected event (Jeremiah 29:11). Hope in the blessings of God, your faith, the desire of God for you (Hebrews 11).

Life in the spirit of God proclaims the hope that Christians have of salvation found in Christ Jesus.

Hope helps enable Christians to endure suffering, witnesses to God's grace and guides the faith that preserves. In Romans 8, all creation is waiting in eager expectation, hoping for the fulfillment of God's promises.

What are you eagerly expecting?

Editor's notes: *Forbes-Mariani is a native of California. She is an ordained minister of the International Church of the Four Square Gospel and is a graduate of Fuller Theological Seminary. She is married to Ronald Mariani who is also an ordained minister.*

Fort Benning Religious Services

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11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820, Gospel Service
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023, Soldiers' Sledgehammer
11 a.m.	Service, Custer Terrace Chapel, Building 10800, Traditional

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

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5 p.m.	TIC Chapel

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m., 1:30 a.m.	Pratt Hall, WHINSEC
5 p.m	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

11:30 a.m.	Airborne Chapel, Building 2766

JEWISH

Friday Sabbath Service

6:30 p.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

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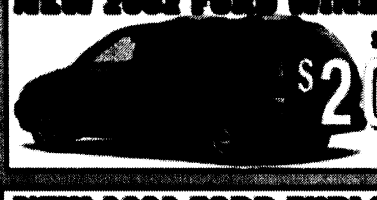
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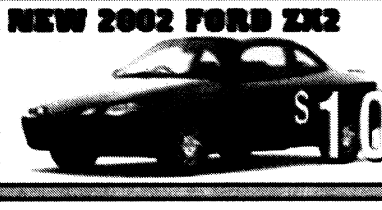
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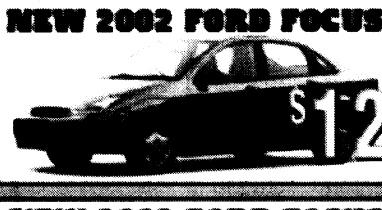
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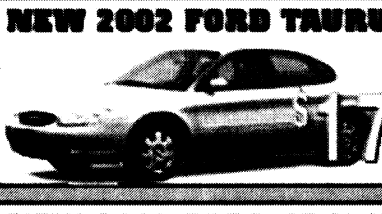
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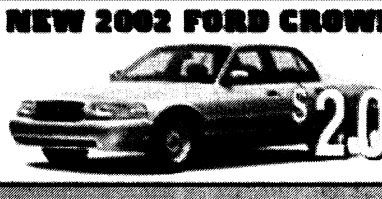
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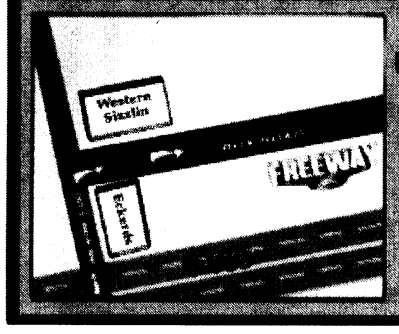
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SPORTS

SECTION C

Deathstalkers start season with bang

Second half heroics secure victory Tues.

Phil Thompson
Bayonet correspondent

The Kefurt Gym Basketball League began Tuesday.

A last second three by 3rd Brigade Dining Facility's Blakley Jones tied the game 53-53, and sent its game with the Deathstalkers into overtime.

The fired up Deathstalkers went to overtime looking exhausted.

Still, the Deathstalkers scored the first three points, and it seemed they were pulling away with 1:04 on the clock.

A fast-break steal by DFAC's Blakley Jones closed the gap to 56-55, but that was the closest they would get. The Deathstalkers pulled away and went on to win, 58-55.

"I think the team performed pretty well even though we had only two practices," said Deathstalkers coach Jesse Ruffin.

"We need to work on our inside game and passing abilities, too, but we still won," he added.

The B Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, Deathstalkers started the game with a whopping 10 - unanswered-point barrage over DFAC.

However, sloppy passing skills and a lack of a strong inside game allowed DFAC to bounce back and bring the score to 10-5.

"We needed to pass and rebound better and also play harder defense," said Deathstalker Garnet Taylor.

That was the case in the first half. Even though they went to halftime with a nine point lead, 29-20, the game was a lot closer than it looked.

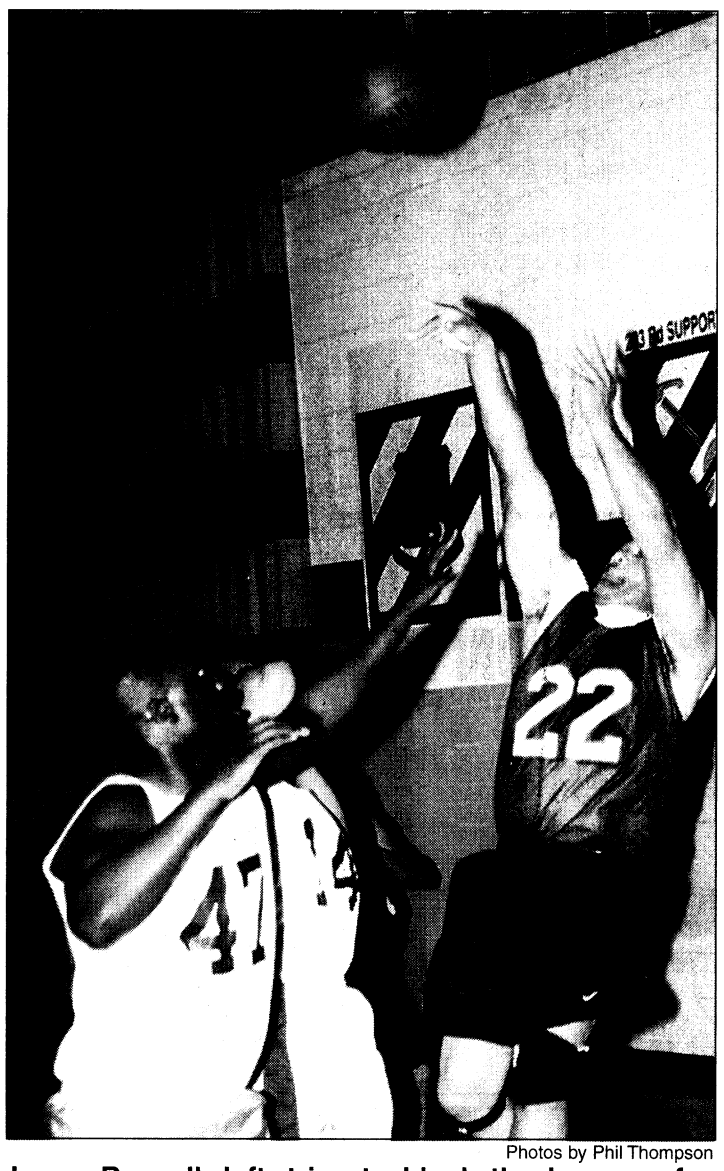
"We came out flat and weren't performing the way we needed to, but we just needed to get warmed up," said Deathstalker Walter Battle.

The second half brought more of the same. The Deathstalkers came out slinging shots everywhere. Still they couldn't pass the ball, and they gave up many defensive rebounds.

The Deathstalkers compensated with back to back fast breaks to remedy their lack of strength in the middle and surged to an 11-point lead, 51-40.

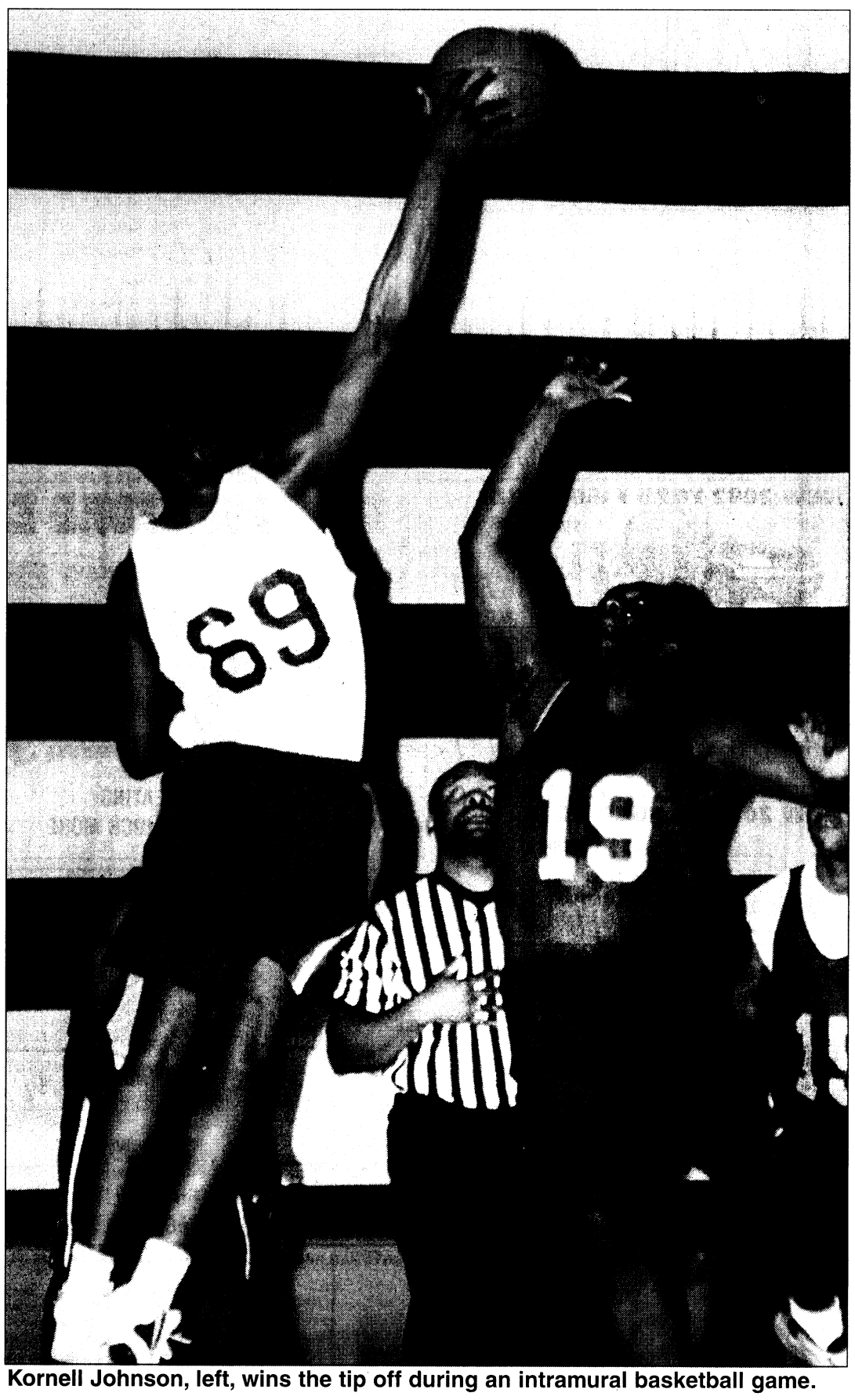
The lead was short lived. DFAC sucked the lead up like it was a cool cup of water on a hot, June day in Death Valley. They produced eight points and held the Deathstalkers scoreless until 2:10 remains on the clock.

"I'm disappointed in the loss. I feel we should have beat these guys, but we had a lot of should of's, could of's, and would of's, but we couldn't execute,"said DFAC coach Jones. "All in all, I'm proud of my team. Better luck next time."



Photos by Phil Thompson

Leroy Russell, left, tries to block the jumper of a DFAC player during the game Tuesday night.



Kornell Johnson, left, wins the tip off during an intramural basketball game.

Hellcats sting Cobra Strike

Free throws prove key in late victory

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The Hellcats of Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, champions of the Post Christmas Basketball Tournament, continued their winning streak Tuesday with a 31-30 victory over Cobra Strike of Charlie Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment in the second game of the Kefurt Gym basketball league.

"Everyone gave a good effort, and we were able to pull off the victory," said Hellcat Mario Parker.

The game began with a lot of turnovers and missed opportunities around the basket, but both teams settled into their offense and put the ball in the basket or got fouled.

The Hellcats made 6 of 14 free throws in the first-half. The Cobra Strike took advantage of the mistakes and led at half-time, 13-12.

Early in the second-half, the Hellcats went on a 5-2 run to take a three-point lead.

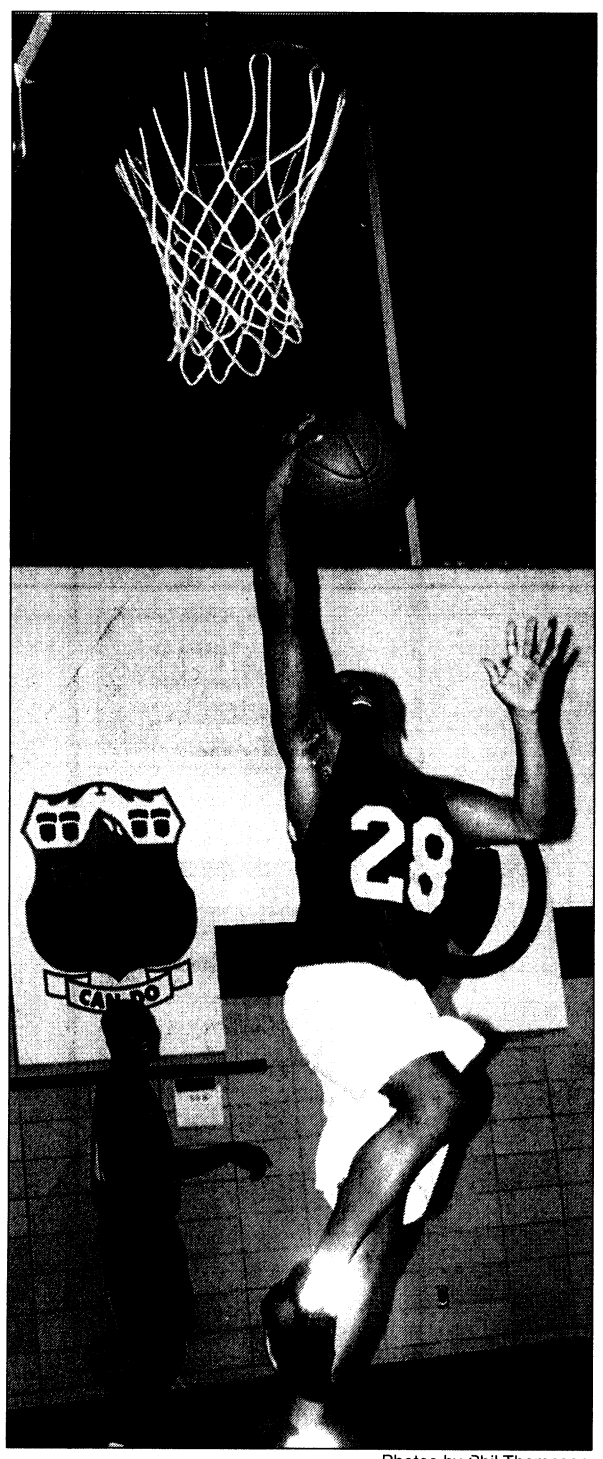
Cobra Strike answered with a 6-0 run of their own to take a 25-22 lead.

With 4:37 on the clock, the teams were tied at 28.

Cobra Strike converted on a layup to take the lead by two.

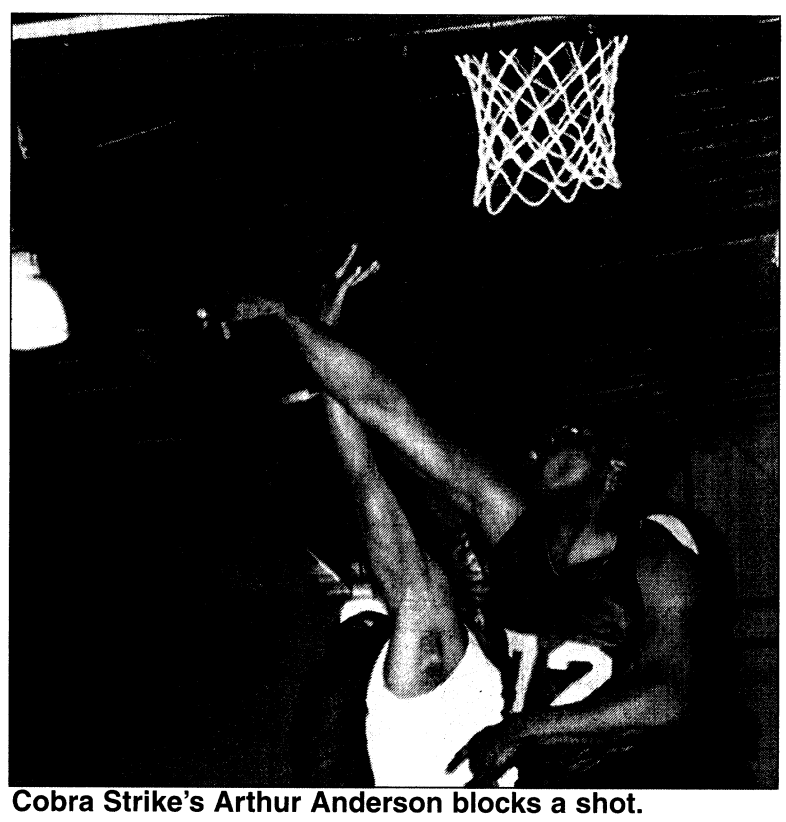
The Hellcats then had an opportunity to tie the game when Parker was fouled.

But he missed the front end of a one and one.



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Cobra Strike's Marcus Jackson goes up for layup Tuesday versus the Hellcats.



Cobra Strike's Arthur Anderson blocks a shot.

However, Preston Scott stepped up big and tied the game when Cobra Strike failed to convert off their possession.

The game was coming down to the wire when Cobra Strike's guard, Marcus Jackson, drew a player-control foul on one of the Hellcats' guards.

With about a minute left in the game, it seemed as if the momentum switched into the hands of Cobra Strike, but Jackson turned the ball back over to the Hellcats with a player-control foul of his own.

This gave the Hellcats the opportunity to hold for the last shot.

With eight seconds left on the clock, Parker drove the lane and was fouled.

"I knew I had to knock it down," Parker said. "I had been missing free throws all night."

Parker hit the first and missed the second, but that was enough to give the Hellcats the lead and the victory.

"It was a close game, but we did our best," said Hellcats' coach Ronald Cummings.

The Hellcats' leading scorer was Alonzo McCracken with eight points.

"We didn't play the way we should as tournament champs," McCracken said. "We still played team ball through out the whole game.

"We can play better," he added.

Thierry Miley of Cobra Strike was the game's leading scorer with 10 points.

USAMU soldiers excel

Unit tops competition around world

Paula Pagan
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

• Shotgun World Cup Finals, Doha, Qatar, Sunday and Monday — USMU shotgun shooter Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Buffa won the Bronze Medal in the Skeet Match.

• Rogaland Open, Stavanger, Norway, Jan. 18 and 19 — USMU international rifle shooter Sgt. Jason A. Parker won two Gold Medals in the Men's Air Rifle competitions; his scores also beat the current world's record in both matches. Spc. Grant E. Saylor won the Gold Medals in the two Air Pistol competitions. Spc. Mary K. Elsass received the Bronze Medal in the Women's Air Rifle match.

• Grand Prix, Pilzen, Czech Republic, Jan. 11 to 13 — Parker won the Gold Medal in the Air Rifle Grand Prix Jan. 12. Parker also took the Silver Medal in the Jan. 13 Air Rifle match out of 35 competitors from 11 countries; he finished just 7/10ths of a point from the Gold Medal.

sports briefs

Ranger lacrosse – The Ranger Lacrosse Club is starting its spring season.

For more information, call Shelley Carey at 568-1671

Pistol competition – The Rifle and Pistol Club will hold an International Defensive Pistol Association close quarter match 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rifle and Pistol Club. The entry fee for new shooters is $12. Pre-registration is $15, and registration the day of the match is $20.

For more information, call Jim Graham at 689-3371 or visit www.mindspring.com/~brpc.

YS gymnastics registration — Youth Services is taking registrations for gymnastics 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Youth Services, Building 1056 on McIver Street.

Classes will be held Mondays through Thursdays. Parents who are interested in the program can pick up a class schedule from Youth Services prior to registration. Classes are limited to seven slots per time frame and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Special Mom and Me classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Classes are open to youth family members ages 1 through 8 of active duty personnel. Participants must be a member of the Child and Youth Services Program.

For more information, call Youth Services at 545-3070.

Pistol shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team is recruiting soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2002.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years service who obtain approval from their commanders can be attached to the marksmanship unit to participate in the initial advanced marksmanship training.

The best shooters will be selected to compete in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July. Upon completion of the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Gibbs at 545-3893.

Rifle shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good rifle shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in rifle competitions in the summer of 2002.

Proof of sharpshooter or expert M-16 rifle qualification is required, and soldiers must be sergeant first class or below with less than 15 years of service and at least two years retention.

Every year the USAMU Service Rifle Team holds a try-out. This year the try-out will be April 15-21. Soldiers are trained and evaluated in advanced marksmanship skills during try-out week. Once that is completed, rifle team officials select shooters who will remain from April 22 to Aug. 19 to compete at the Interservice and National Championships. At the end of the four-month tour, soldiers will return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training.

Interested soldiers can contact Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614 or e-mail kyle.ward@usarec.army.mil. For more information, visit the unit's Web site at www.usamu.com, click on The Shooting Teams, select Service Rifle and click on "Joining the Team."

Bass club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly membership allows full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Rugby club — The Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Ave. and Blanchard Blvd.

Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm throughout the season. The spring season features five league matches, the St. Patrick's Day Tournament in Savannah, Ga., the Mardi Gras Tournament in Mobile, Ala., and culminates with the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Run benefits local scouts

Girl Scouts run sets off sales season

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The 22nd annual Girl Scouts Cookie Run kicked off the Girl Scout cookie sales Saturday in Phenix City.

The event involved a 5K, 10K, 2-mile walk and a carnival to raise money for the Girl Scouts.

"It's been a pretty long running event, and we usually get a pretty good turn-out," said Lori Finch, assistant race director. "We had a lot of involvement from soldiers this year."

A special grouping just for military members was made so they could also compete against each other.

About 530 people entered the race and approximately 15 of those entered in the military category.

"The reason for the new category was to get more participation from Fort Benning," said Rosimar Melendez, race director. "The 10K was added to attract soldiers because they were saying a 5K wasn't far enough. We definitely had a few more soldiers than last year, and there was an overall increase in participation."

The overall winner of the 5K was Tim Cornett, 17, a student at Columbus High School.

The 10K winner for the 35-39 age group and second place overall was Capt. John Detro, with the 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

"I run it every year. It's a great race to start the year off with," Detro said. "I come here to support the Girl Scouts and try to win some cookies; because, I'd rather win the cookies than a trophy."



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Capt. John Detro, a 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment soldier, participates in the Girl Scout Cookie Run Saturday held in Phenix City, Ala.

Wendy Olsen was the female first place winner in the 10K military category, and Min Choi took 1st place in the 5K military category.

"I hope we can continue to increase the military involvement over the coming events," Melendez said.

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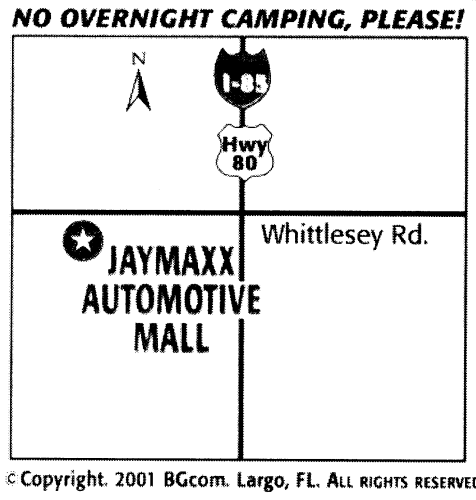
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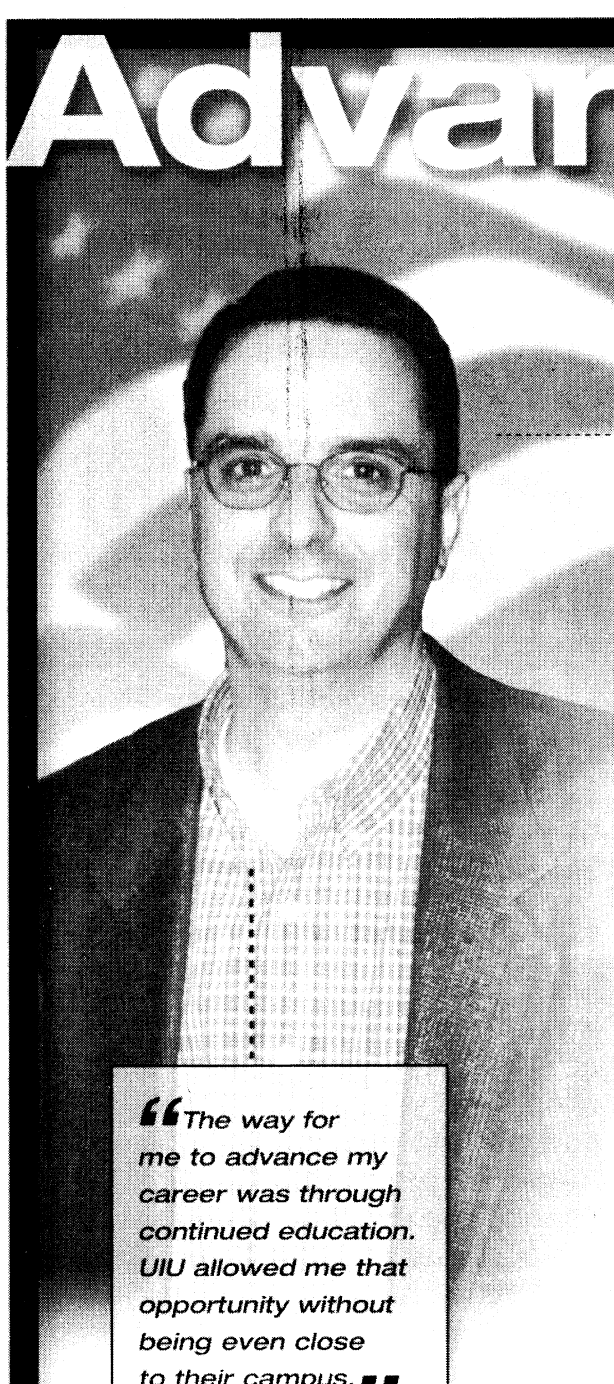
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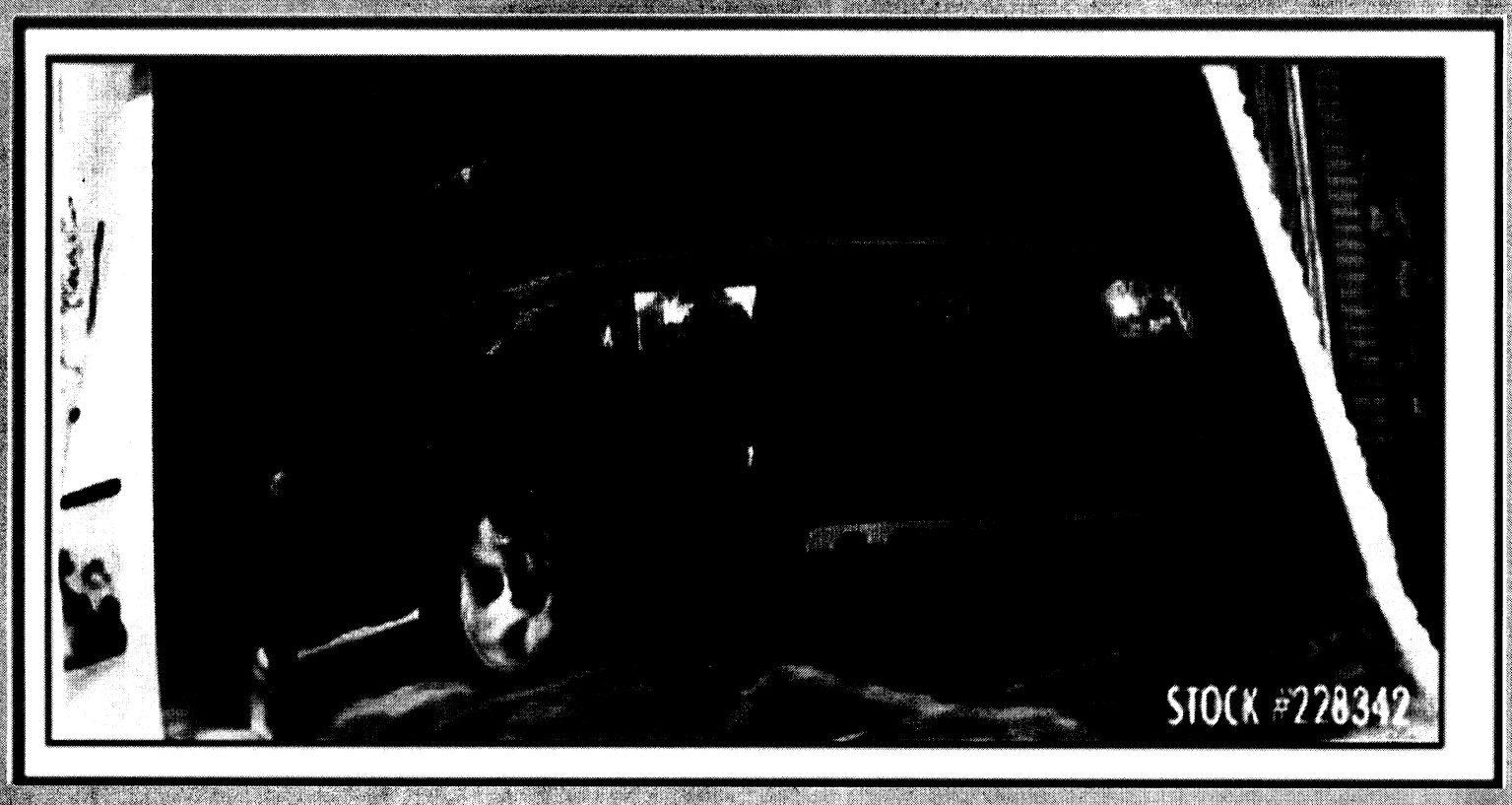


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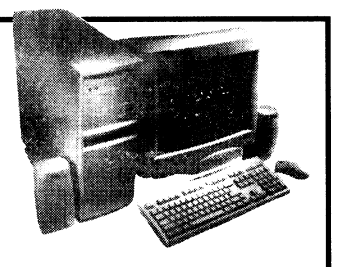
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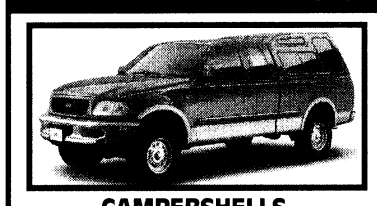
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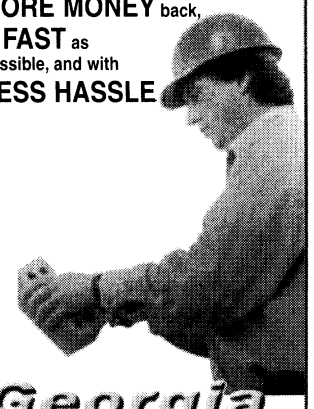
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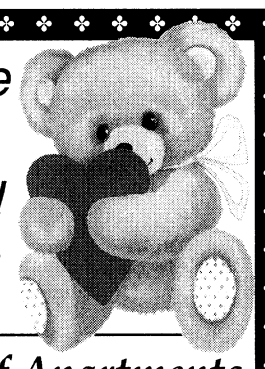
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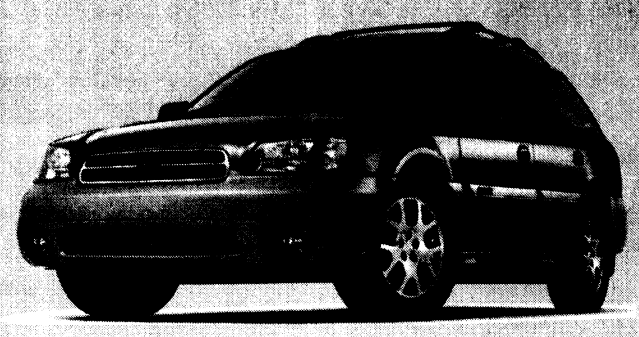
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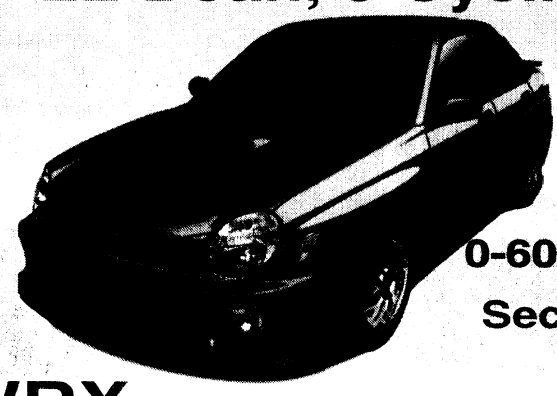
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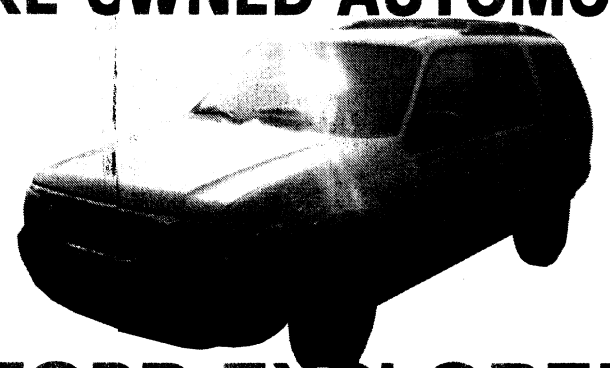
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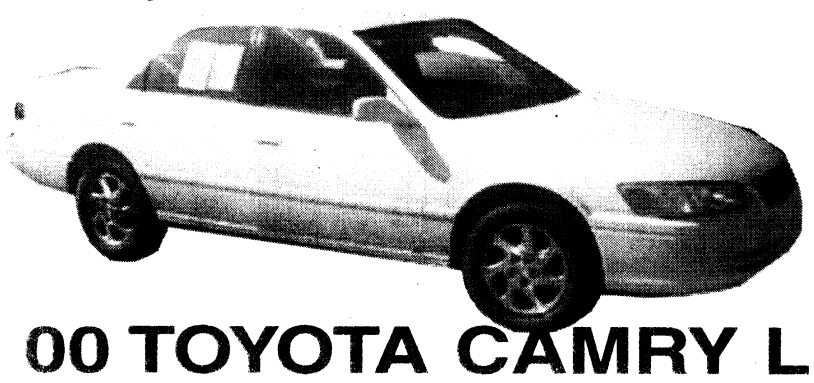
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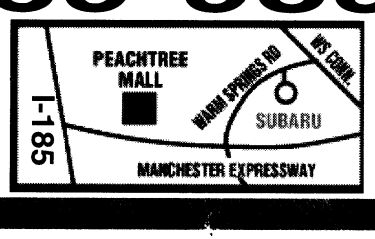
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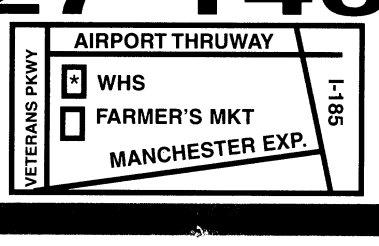
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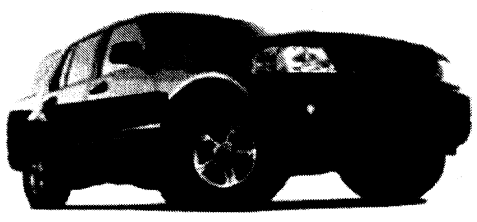
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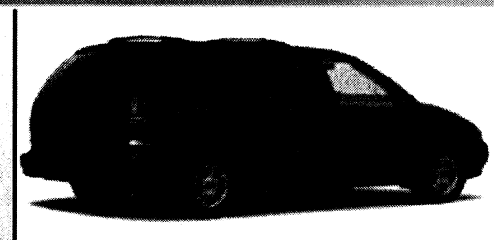
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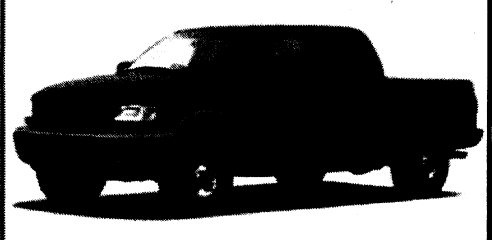
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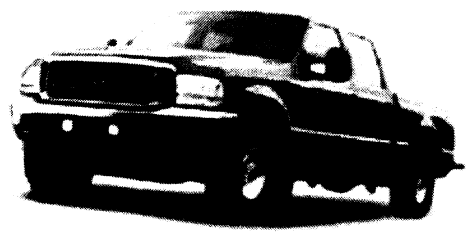
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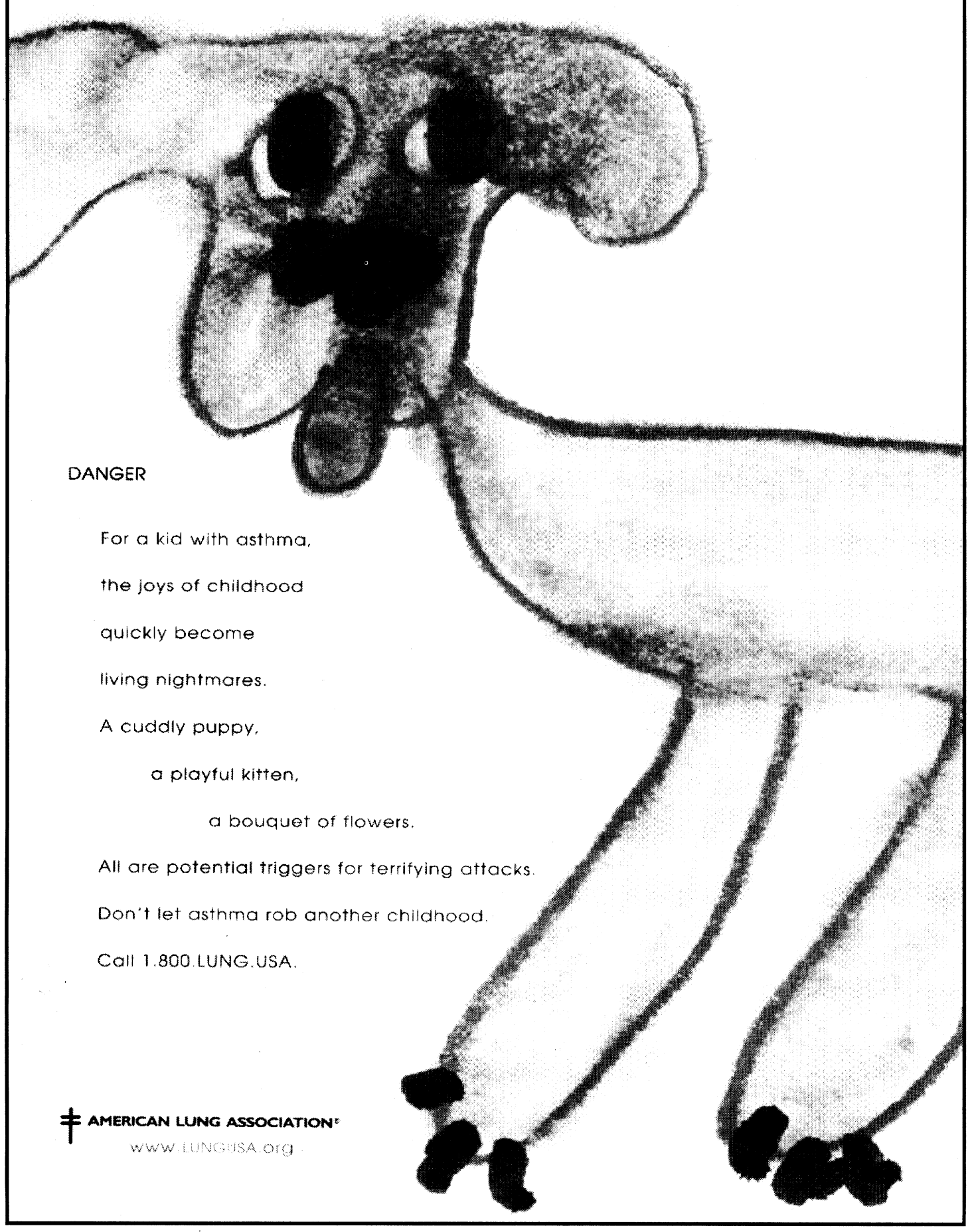
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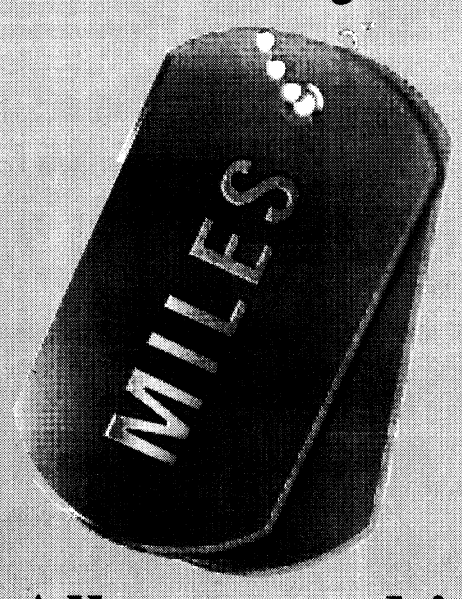
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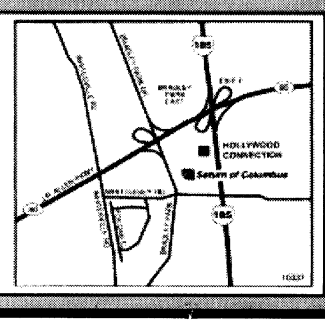
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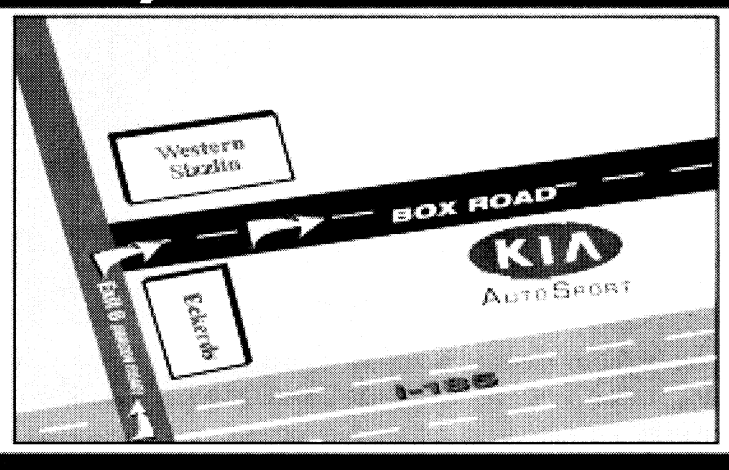
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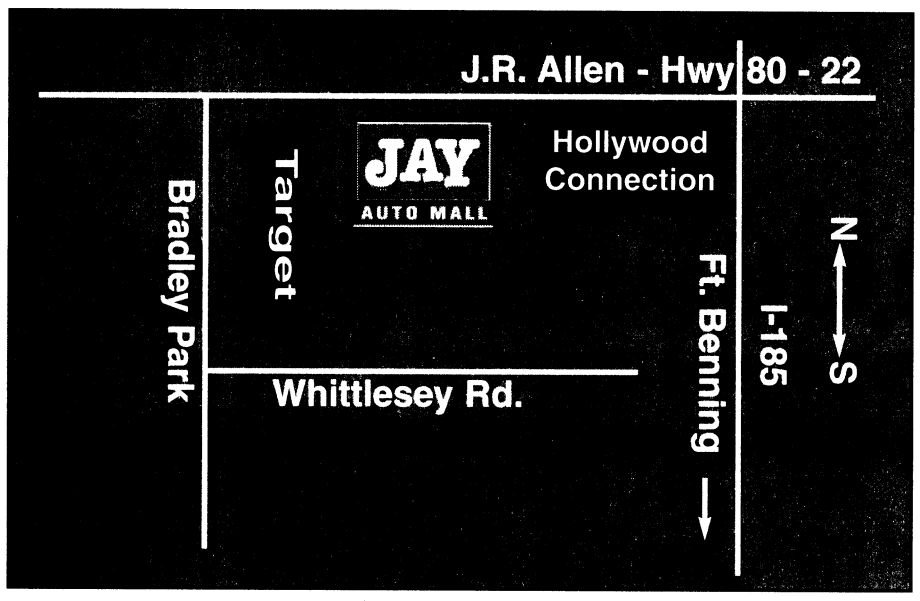


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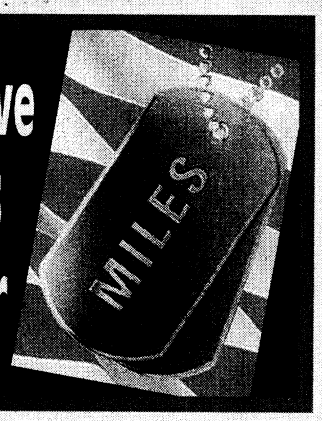
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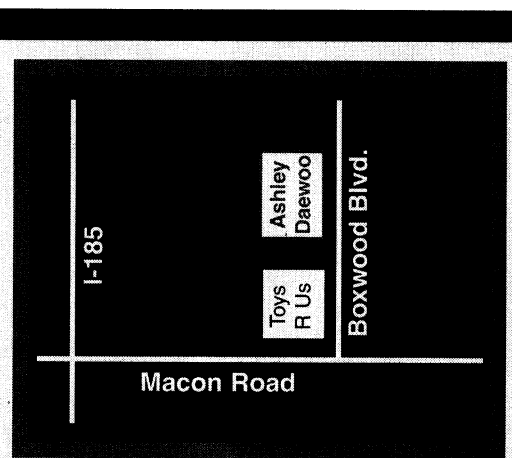
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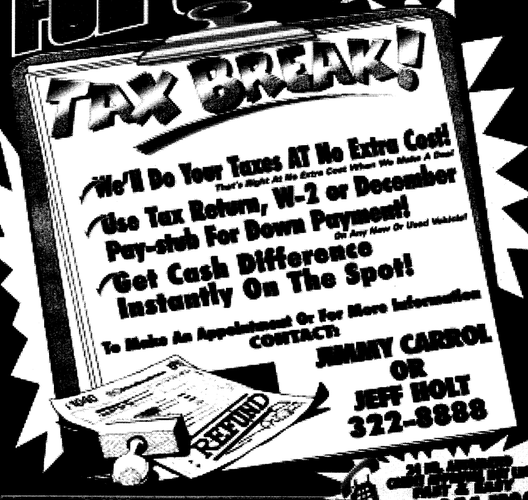
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Prevention plan deters shoplifters

Police tell thieves to think twice or pay high price

Laura Martinson
Bayonet staff

A new loss prevention plan is being implemented at the Main Mall Post Exchange, and post officials are warning shoplifters to think twice before tucking away unpaid merchandise.

"Shoplifting is a crime, and there are people watching," said Donald O'Reilly, general manager, Fort Benning PX.

The deterrence action plan includes a monitor installed at the entrance of the PX, where the customers can see themselves coming into the store.

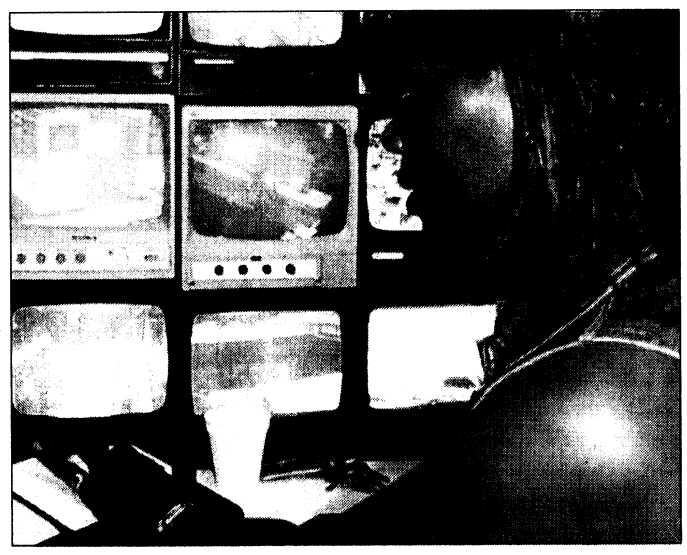
"This is just a reminder of what our detectives can see on their monitors," said O'Reilly, who said secret shoppers and plain clothed detectives add to the camera surveillance in the PX. "Some of our cameras are as small as a pen tip, so thieves never know when they're being watched."

Additional signage was placed throughout the store in high theft areas and at the PX entrance to serve as a reminder to potential thieves.

"Many of the adults who we catch don't even need what they're taking, but they steal," said O'Reilly, who said the demographics of the crime may surprise some.

Adult family members made up 55

See **SHOPLIFTING**, A-8



Laura Martinson

Patricia Maynor is one of several detectives who surveys the Main Mall PX for shoplifters.

690th Medical Co. returns



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Spc. J Vanteslaar, 690th Medical Company greets his wife, Julie, after his return from a five-month deployment to Kosovo.

Post welcomes soldiers

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A platoon from 690th Medical Company returned to Fort Benning early Tuesday morning from a five-month deployment to Kosovo.

They were sent for Task Force Med Falcon and connected with the 86th Combat Support Hospital from Fort Campbell, Ky., as part of Task Force Falcon, a routine peacekeeping mission in Kosovo.

Returning home elated soldiers and family members alike.

"I'm very happy to see my family again," Spc. J Vanteslaar said. "It's the greatest feeling, there's nothing like it."

The feeling was the same on both sides of the ocean.

"I'm really excited my dad is coming back," said John Vanteslaar, 9. "Now that he's back we're going to go do cool stuff like go fishing."

Family members and fellow soldiers waited at the 690th Medical Co. Headquarters, into the early hours of the morning for their soldiers who haven't been home since Nov. 4.

Quality time with family will be very special after the separation.

See **690th**, A-9

Fort Knox steps into future

Branches responsible for team effort

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The Army's transformation is relatively uncertain when looking at the Future Combat System. Nevertheless, there are defined plans as to how the Army's Legacy, Interim and Objective forces will be structured 20 years from now.

Fort Benning is a clear proponent for the interim forces and the Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab, said Col. Edwin Davis, deputy assistant commandant. Fort Knox, Ky., is the proponent for the objective force unit of actions, which is beginning to take shape.

Eight Fort Benning personnel will have temporary duty at Fort Knox to help with the Objective Force proponent and their mounted battle lab.

Fort Benning is supporting the efforts at Fort Knox by providing intelligence, temporary personnel and information about the land warrior as it may pertain to the development of the objective force warrior.

This will not affect the infantry and Fort Benning's responsibility for the individual equipment of all soldiers in a dismounted environment to engage the enemy, said Mike Tryon, deputy Training and Doctrine

See **PROGRAM**, A-9

New owner of Army posts to take over

Metamorphosis to enhance soldiers' lives

Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — When the Transformation of Installation Management goes into effect Oct. 1, the responsibility for maintaining installations not only passes to one of seven regional commands, but the ownership of the land and facilities will pass to the Installation Management Activity.

"It's a significant change from how we have done business throughout my whole career," said Phil Sakowitz, Training and Doctrine Command Deputy Chief of Staff for Base Operations Support.

The IMA is the parent command for the seven TIM regions.

But the TRADOC training centers and schools will not become tenants, as it has been traditionally when an organization is on another MACOM's installation.

"That word, tenant, denotes that you pay for service in kind from the garrison," said Diane Devens, assistant DCSBOS. "That whole tenant-landlord relationship, in my opinion, will go away because those 'tenants' will not pay for services. They will get a standard level of service that is the garrison's mission to provide and is supported by (base operation's) funding."

At first some formal agreements between an organization and the garrison command may be required for services that exceed the standard level of services, Devens said.

She used an example of a notional standard: 90-minute periods for breakfast, lunch and dinner in dining halls. A TRADOC organization may require 120-minute dining periods to feed all of its students, ranging from basic combat training soldiers up through those in leadership courses. An agreement may be required initially to support the extra 30 minutes.

"Eventually that should be greatly minimized," she said. "A garrison's reason for existence is to be a base of support for all missions that are on installations."

While the senior commander on an installation is not responsible for running it, he or she will be the senior rater for the garrison commander on services provided.

Army leadership said the TIM regionalization will enhance quality of life for soldiers and their families. It will ensure that they receive the same high quality of services at nearly every installation.

TIM supports Army Transformation by allowing installations to become flexible enough to respond to any requirement. Mission commanders can now focus on the mission readiness, but still have some influence over support by the installations.

The four TIM regions in the United States are the Northeast, headquartered at Fort Monroe; the Southeast at Fort McPherson, Ga.; Northwest at Rock Island, Ill.; and the Southwest at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

There are TRADOC training centers and schools in all four of those regions.

See **TIM**, A-9

SPRING BREAK

Teens still too young

Bridgett Siter
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COMMENTARY



A few years ago I was commiserating with a group of gal pals about the problems full-time working mothers face.

"Yeah, but mine are almost teen-agers now," one woman said. "By the time they're teens, you've really done all you can do for them. You can't babysit them all the time."

I heartily disagreed then and more so now.

I have two teens, and as I've watched them grow, I've come to realize they need me now more than ever. Certainly their needs have changed — they're less physical. Long gone are the days they needed help reaching the toothpaste. Now they're taller than me. And they never ask me to help them with their shoes anymore, though they frequently ask me to drive them to the mall to buy new ones.

Now their needs are far less obvious.

One day several years ago, my oldest son stormed home after school, slamming every door in his wake — intolerable behavior in our house. I opened his bedroom door, ready to launch into a lecture, and found him strewn across the bed fighting tears.

"A kid at school has cancer," he sobbed.

My little boy with the size 12 feet. Facing questions he couldn't answer and feeling emotions he couldn't quite articulate. My heart broke for him, but I was ever so grateful to be there for him at that moment.

He was certainly old enough and big enough to let himself in from school, do his homework and grab a snack. He even knew whom to call in an emergency. But who would he have called to share this kind of pain?

Many times since then I've had occasion to recognize my own relevance in my teen-agers' lives. They need to venture out and test their limits, and they need me to reel them back in when they reach them. They need me to say no when they're not emotionally mature enough to do so. They need me to remind them they are loved totally and unconditionally, no matter what society says about love, friendship, faithfulness and popularity. They need me.

My son recently asked for permission to join a group of his friends on a spring break trip. "Why not?" he begged. "Everyone's going. Their parents are letting them."

Now a lesser woman might feel a little pressured by that last subtle jab, a thinly veiled attempt at parental peer pressure. But not I.

I remembered the horrible case of Andrew Guglielmi, an Ohio student, whose really cool parents bankrolled his spring break trip to Panama City Beach, Fla. An honor student with a good head on his shoulders, Andrew's parents believed he'd make the right decisions about alcohol and drugs. They'd raised a good kid.

Andrew died after falling from a balcony. His father rushed to his side, and found him in an intensive care unit that looked like a war zone, jam packed with young partyers whose parents either didn't know, didn't care, or chose the passive road to parenting, hoping their children would make it out alive.

A fully grown body does not indicate a mature mind. Teens need guidance. They need parents to be parents, not "buds." Good kids can make bad decisions. But then, so do good parents. How can we expect our children to adhere to a "just say no" policy if we're afraid to say no to them?

"No, I won't pay for you to go to Florida. It's dangerous.

"Yes I trust you, but I don't trust everybody else.

"No, and that's final."

Eventually I'll have to cut this cord and let my children go. But not yet. They still need me. They're just teens.

Until that time comes, I'll be content to be the mean mom who loves her children enough to say no.

World needs innovative cleaning products, not better mouse trap

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



Whoever said, "Build a better mousetrap and the world will beat a path to your door" had a full-time maid. The world doesn't need a better mousetrap, that's what cats are for.

What I would beat a path to your door for are some new and improved housekeeping tools.

Forget mops, brooms and carpet sweepers. I need help, real help.

Something along the lines of a cross between a riding lawn mower and a backhoe. The deluxe model would be built over street cleaner brushes so you could shampoo your carpet as you bulldozed.

Or maybe, instead of the backhoe, a mulcher attachment that would crunch up last week's newspapers, last month's magazines and anything else smaller than a breadbox you choose to feed it.

You could bury the stuff from the indoor mulcher in your back yard and pass it off as a compost pile, earning yourself credit as an urban environmentalist.

And did I mention it was electric?

One overnight charge and you would be set for a whole day of heavy cleaning. Not that you'd need a whole day with that backhoe accessory pack.

If you didn't need a model quite that large, the economy version would be compact and operated by remote control. It would roll on tank-like tracks to help it get up and down the stairs.

Don't tell your kids they're vacuuming. Tell them they're playing with a remote control toy. Get two and let them race them around the house. The vacuuming would be done in record time.

Kitchen cabinets for storing dishes would be much more functional if they doubled as dishwashers. Clear the table, scrape the plates, put them right back in the cabinet, throw in some detergent and turn it on. Think of the time you could save if your cabinet did your dishes for you.

As for bathrooms, my vote is for watertight compartments with 100 percent ceramic tile on all surfaces and a drain in the floor.

Mounted in the ceiling next to the light fixture should be a sprinkler head. Seal the door and turn the sprinkler on for a minute or two. Then, as the water drained out the floor drain, flip an exhaust switch and let the room blow dry. Time crunch? Stand in there during the process to shower, shampoo and blow dry your hair while the bathroom got cleaned. Keep your houseplants in there and they'd be guaranteed a regular watering.

I know a self-cleaning house will never happen. I'll settle for serious modifications to appliances we already have.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Residents need to be part of solution, not problem

I recently attended the town hall meeting for my neighborhood. It's a great forum for residents to voice concerns regarding their community. I feel most of the residents and the community life panel are genuinely concerned about making the post community better. There are very few communities in the "civilian" sector that would give an ear to complaints.

Most complaints were about parking, trash, stray animals, speeding, and again, parking. These are concerns common to any neighborhood.

The next day the MPs had the portable speed bumps and an officer in front of the elementary school. Mark one concern off the long list.

But really, the MPs can only do so much. The responsibility of speeding lies with the individual. Once the speeders realize the MPs are no longer around, they will speed once more.

Parking is an issue in many areas. The newer dwellings were built during the 60s and 70s when families had two cars at most.

But in our neighborhood, there are some residents who have vehicles that haven't moved from the curb in more than a year and are filled with junk. Here's a tip: buy a storage shed.

Stray animals are always a problem in our area. People need to be held accountable for their pets and not be allowed to clear post until those responsibilities are met. And if they don't take care of them, well, send them to the pound to work for a day or two.

The past four duty stations we have lived off post, so this is my family's first time living on post. A few of the considerations that made us want to live here were convenience, safety and it being a bargain. I had heard that if you didn't mow your yard you got a nasty gram. If your garbage cans weren't put away, a nasty gram resulted. So we thought people had to follow the rules, and as long as you follow them, you'll be OK.

Well, it's just not like that. It seems there are not enough MPs, community life officers, and so forth to make people be responsible for what they should be. So, where does that leave us, those that are concerned and want to make a difference?

Those of us who don't care aren't going to be at the town hall meetings to hear the concerns of others. And if they were, would they realize they were part of the problem and not the solution?

Cecelia Arabinko
Fort Benning

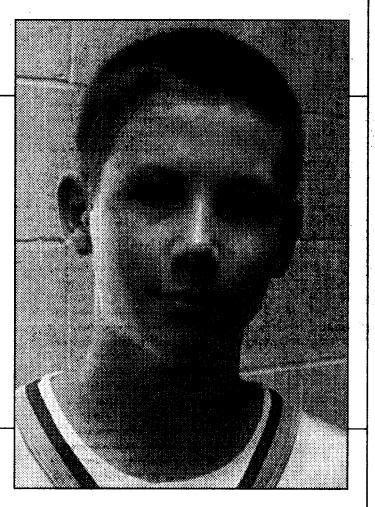
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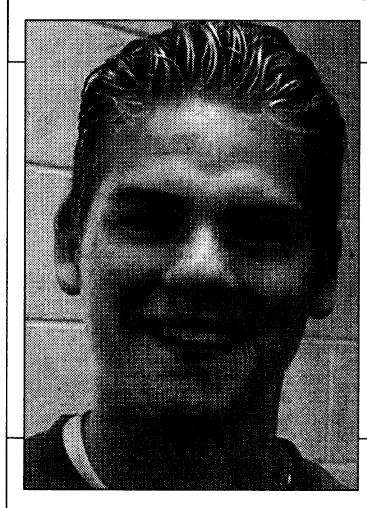
What are your plans for spring break?



Bridgette Colburn, sixth-grade science teacher, Faith Middle School — "We are moving from on post to our new home in the Double Churches area."



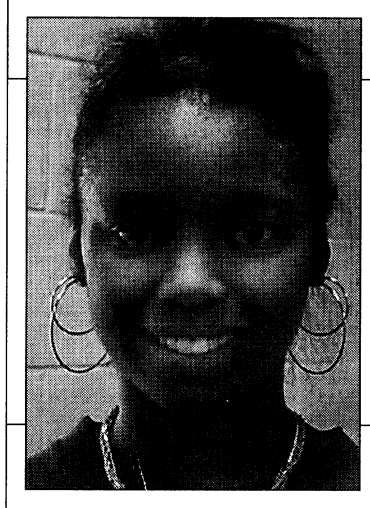
Dean Sando, sixth-grader at Faith — "I'm not going anywhere. I'll probably just play basketball with my friends and maybe go to a movie."



Corey Hill, eighth-grader at Faith — "I am going to Florida with my friend, his mom and little sister."



Pam Tate, sixth-grade math, social studies and science teacher, Faith — "I am going to Mexico Beach, south of Panama City. It is a quiet beach, no hotels, a place to relax. I am going for my soul."



Nasstassia Lambert, eighth-grader, Faith — "I am going to go to the Youth Services Carnival on Saturday, go to Hollywood Connection and spend the night with a friend. Oh, and my family is moving to Harris County."



Mary Matthews, seventh-grade science teacher, Faith — "I am going to paint my house and my deck. I am going to stay busy and catch up on spring cleaning."

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63rd Engineer Company completes walking trail



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Staff Sgt. Leon Williams, section sergeant, puts the finishing touches on one of the drainage culverts.

Post hospital receives shot of peace in arm

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Sometimes the work force of Martin Army Community Hospital may find themselves stressed out, and their patients may be concerned about a medical problem. Many of them need a little peace and tranquility.

Now, thanks to the 63rd Engineer Company, they need only to step outside and take a relaxing nature-filled trip down the new 8-feet wide, half-mile long walking trail.

The trail's ribbon cutting ceremony is at 1:30 p.m. today near the trail's entrance.

"There are plenty of people in the hospital who may need to get away every once in a while," said Staff Sgt. Leon Williams, section sergeant, who was one of the leaders of the three-week project. "I'm glad we could do this for them. Exercise is a great way to relieve stress, and this will definitely give you a little workout."

The trail, open during daylight hours and not to horses, will have eight fitness stations built at various places along the trail. It will also have a gazebo near the entrance.

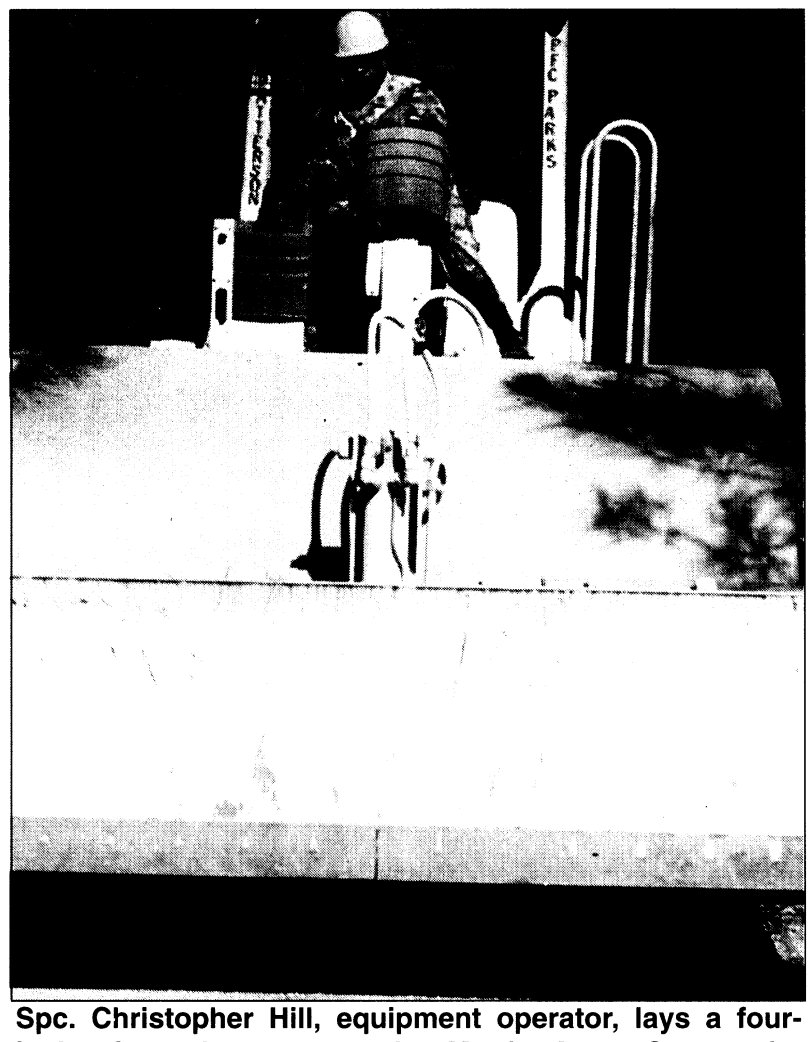
The engineers hope people will put the trail to good use, said Pfc. Stephen Ross, equipment operator.

"People who have a lot of problems can become one with nature here," Ross said. "It's a good place for praying and for God to talk to them."

Ross envisions many other uses for the trail, such as safe, quiet walks with dates and family outings.

Besides the internal satisfaction of knowing they made a beautiful addition to Fort Benning, soldiers also received good training in the process.

"The soldiers had a lot of hands-on manual labor and operator time on the equipment," Williams said.



Spc. Christopher Hill, equipment operator, lays a four-inch of crusher run on the Martin Army Community Hospital walking trail with a vibrating roller March 29.

The work may pay dividends in the future.

"When I get out in the civilian world, I can say I have plenty of experience and, hopefully, find a good job," Ross said.

Soldiers cut the trail, laid a four-inch lift of crusher run and installed drainage culverts.

"The 63rd Engineers did superb in working with our suggested design," said Lt. Col. John Collins, chief of Logistics, MACH. "They brought it to life."

"The Engineers maintained the naturalistic environment that we desired," he said. "Its construction is designed in a manner that has minimum physical and aesthetic impact on the existing environment."

Furthermore, they did it all without removal of trees.

A separate platoon from the 63rd Engineer Co. simultaneously completed a 50-spot parking lot for the Readiness Processing Center, Building 9224.

The hospital is appreciative to the 36th Engineer Group.

"Both projects were conducted with a perfect safety record and at low cost," Collins said.

"They added value to the relationship between the Medical Command and Forces Command units at Fort Benning. Without doubt, they have contributed to making MACH a better place to perform its function."

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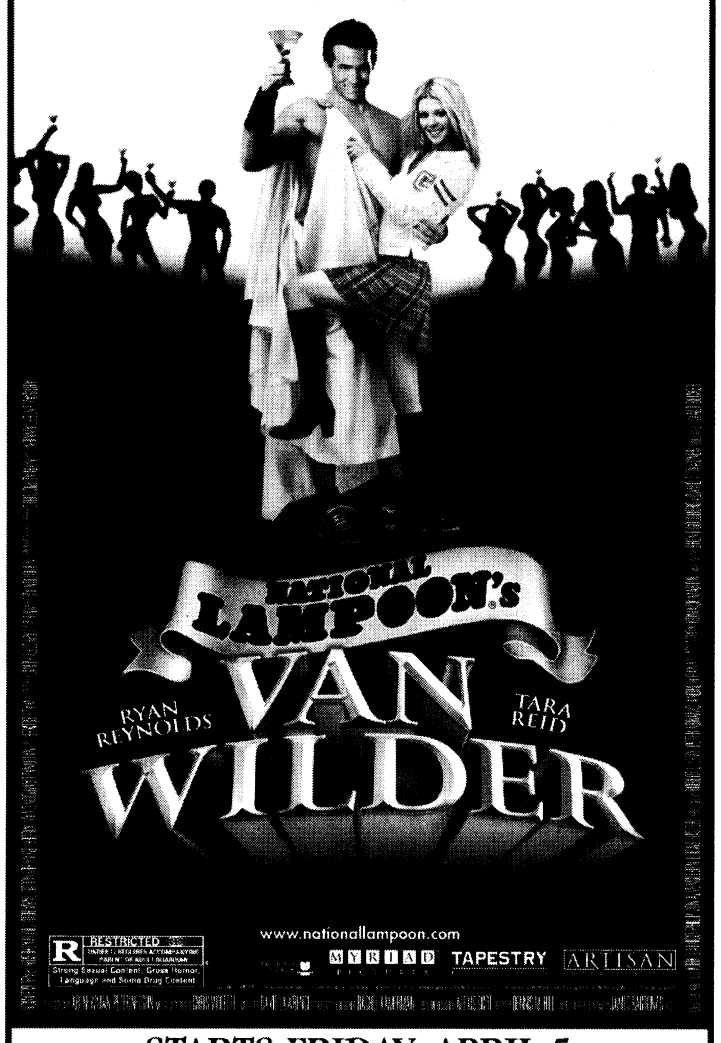
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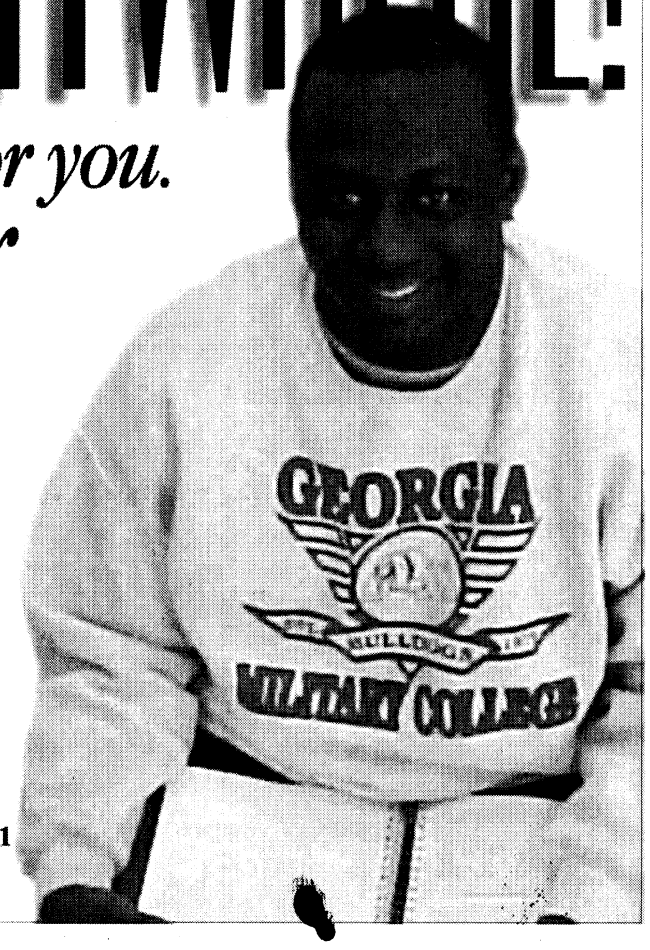
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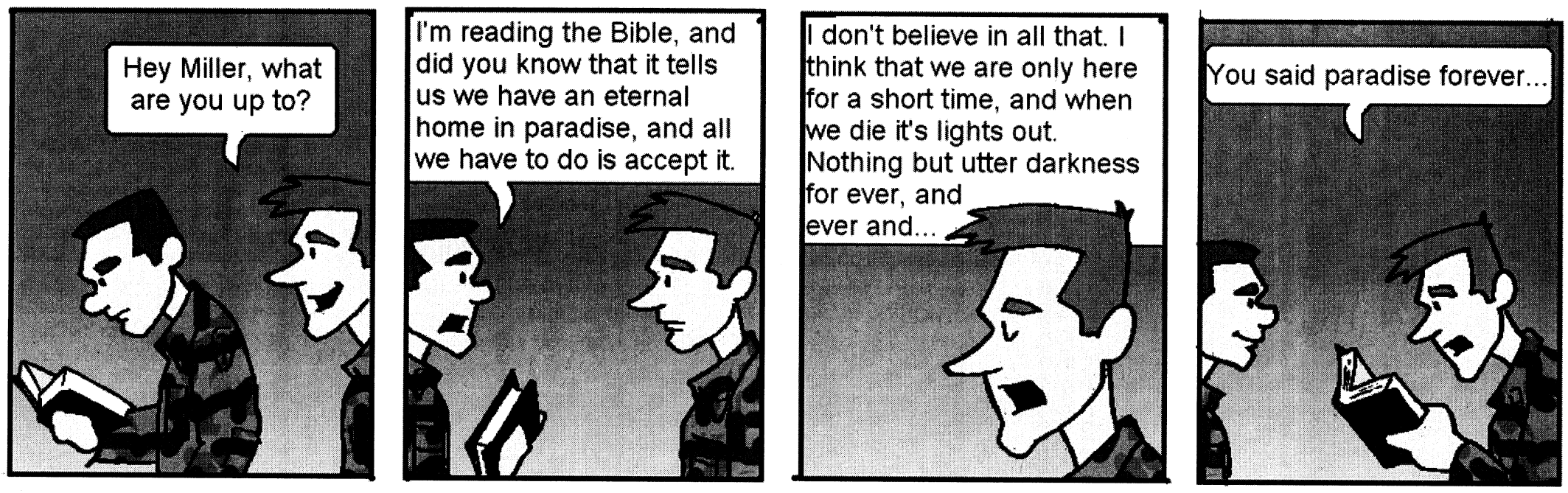
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The Bayonet to lose "Huptoo" cartoonist

Cartoonist to move to Rucker

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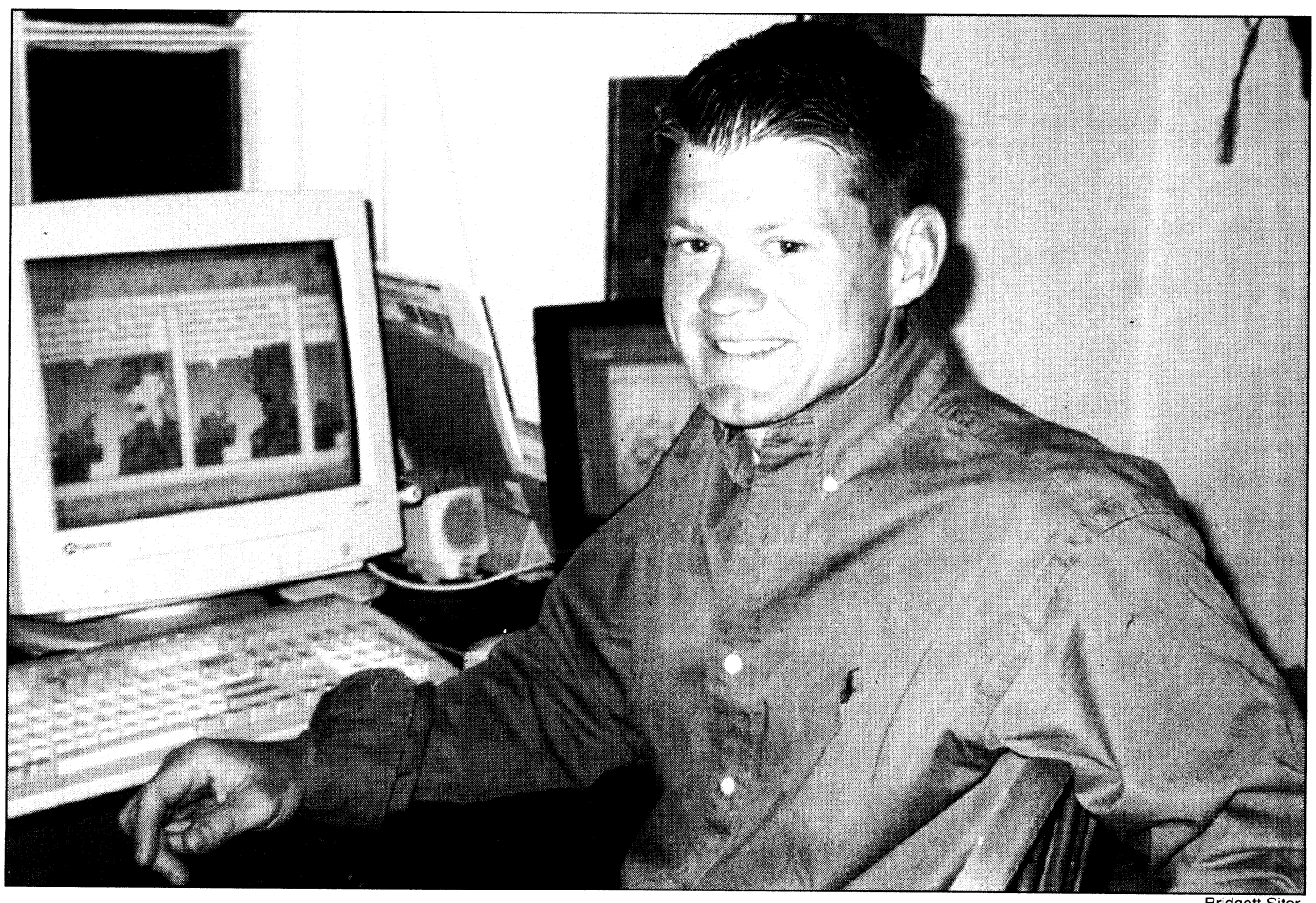
The creator of *The Bayonet's* "Huptoo" has his marching orders.

Staff Sgt. Justin Trenary, the self-trained artist responsible for the newspaper's regular comic strip, will be taking his talent on the road, perhaps even into the sky, when he leaves for flight school at Fort Rucker.

A ranger instructor and dive team supervisor at the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, Trenary (rhymes with greenery) has been penning spoofs about Army life for just over a year.

"I've accomplished what I set out to," Trenary said. "I committed to a year, and I wanted to see if I could consistently come up with material for that long. It's been a great experience — a learning experience, but it's also very demanding and things are kinda crazy right now, so it's a good time to take a break."

"Kinda crazy" means extremely busy, Trenary said. He's gearing up to compete in the Best Ranger Competition later this month and making plans to move to Fort Rucker sometime this summer.



Bridgett Siter

Staff Sgt. Justin Trenary says good-bye to Fort Benning, hello to new possibilities.

> "It's an easy way to convey my ideas about the Army, to poke fun at it sometimes. I enjoy being a soldier. I take it very seriously, but I tend to see the humor in situations or issues soldiers deal with everyday."
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> **Staff Sgt. Justin Trenary**
> "Huptoo" creator

And though he's taking a hiatus from his artwork, Trenary said he expects his Army career will continue to provide inspiration for Huptoo.

"I'll carry it on, eventually. It's too much fun not to," he said. "It's an easy way to convey my ideas about the Army, to poke fun at it sometimes. I enjoy being a soldier. I take it very seriously, but I tend to see the humor in situations or issues soldiers deal with everyday. There's a lot of humor in the Army."

Trenary grew up reading *Marvel Comics* and creating his own larger-than-life characters on paper. More than a year ago he began toying with the idea of creating a series of his own.

"I was in a really boring class one day and the idea hit me," he said. "That's when I do my best work I guess ... when I should be concentrating on something else."

For now Trenary plans to concentrate on his career, but he eventually hopes to see Huptoo published in other post newspapers and the *Army Times*.

"That's my goal, to be read regularly in the *Army Times*. And someday I think I'll try another venue, something that'll appeal to a larger audience," he said. "I don't know what that is, yet, but maybe I'll use some of my characters from Huptoo. The platypus was always my favorite."

The 26-year-old Oklahoma native, and his wife, Darcey, a Title One Reading teacher at Eastway Elementary in Columbus, look forward to "something new" at Fort Rucker, but they said they'll miss their friends and family at Fort Benning. Trenary's brother, Warrant Officer Chad Trenary, and his family are stationed at Fort Benning.

Anyone who wants to receive an e-mail copy of a Huptoo strip from the past year can e-mail Trenary at hupptooo@cs.com.

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Concept brought to life

Robot hangs upside down, climbs walls

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

What if a robot could secure, analyze and report changes in an environment to support soldiers in peace-keeping missions or objective operations?

The concept is nothing new to infantry soldiers who spend many nights securing an area thinking of gadgets to help them perform their duties. What's new, however, is technology is beginning to catch up with this strategic concept.

Lockheed Martin and Avionic Instruments Inc. demonstrated the capabilities of the Vortex Regenerated Air Movement vehicle, a robot with the above strategic concept, to members of the Directorate of Combat Development March 27 at McKenna MOUT site.

The VRAM, a robot prototype, can climb walls and maneuver while hanging from a ceiling. The suction motor and design allows air to regenerate through a sort of cylinder, creating a hovering suction movement.

"DCD is interested in the capabilities of the VRAM for the infantry," said Sara Faye Anderson, project officer of robotics for DCD. "We would like to use it in a MOUT environment."

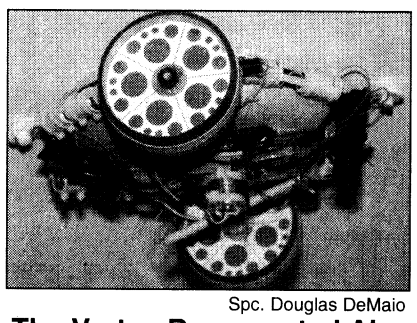
The robot has a lot of good concepts and capabilities, Anderson said. It's used for force protection, reconnaissance and security. It can be very useful to soldiers.

Lockheed Martin is developing the target acquisition system that will determine whether a vehicle is friendly or hostile and will then acquire the target for destruction, said Beth Whitmire, Lockheed Martin research and technology business development manager.

The acquisition system is a laser and guidance system.

"We like to put ordnance on targets," Whitmire said. "The software will filter all the excess clutter out and determine whether the object is a target or not."

The robot can do more than destroy the enemy, Anderson said. It can help save soldiers lives.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

The Vortex Regenerated Air Movement vehicle as tested at the MOUT site.

"Any time there is something developed to keep soldiers out of harms way, we'll be interested in it," Anderson said.

Officials with Lockheed Martin and Avionic Instruments Inc. said testing the prototype at McKenna has aided their abilities to improve the prototype by providing performance data, insightful feedback and points of contact to help improve the product.

"Being here and doing experiments have really allowed us to advance our project and has helped us come up with new ideas," said Bryce Wiedeman, vice president of operations for Avionic Instruments Inc.

AKO provides access to personal files

Site gives users chance to check, update info

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Imagine trying to connect all 4,500 of the Army's computer servers in one.

Sounds pretty mind-boggling. However, the Office of Personnel Management Division is trying to do it by October for the Army Knowledge Online portal.

"Right now, the AKO portal allows us to send and receive e-mail, chat online, get information on almost anything in the Army and search for friends in the white pages," said Capt. Brandon Newton, assignment officer for the Infantry Branch. "We're in the process of improving the portal to where a soldier can get travel vouchers, DA photos, preference their duty assignments or look at their individual file."

The strategy is to transform itself into a network-centric, knowledge-based force, according to the AKO Web site. It's an integral part of Army transformation. The intent is, by July, the Army will conduct the majority of its internal business through the AKO portal, according to the Web site.

"Accounts will keep increasing and more and more soldiers will do their daily business on AKO," Newton said.

Currently, there are more than 890,000 AKO accounts. With the transformation, estimations on the Web site predict that by the end of the year there will be more than 1.25 million accounts on AKO.

"The future AKO will allow soldiers to access anything they need to on the Web," Newton said. "The information age is upon us, and AKO is leading the way into the future."

With all of the new changes being made to AKO, more people will get connected to it. In a few years, everyone in the military will be doing their business over the AKO portal, he said.

For more information, go to www.us.army.mil.

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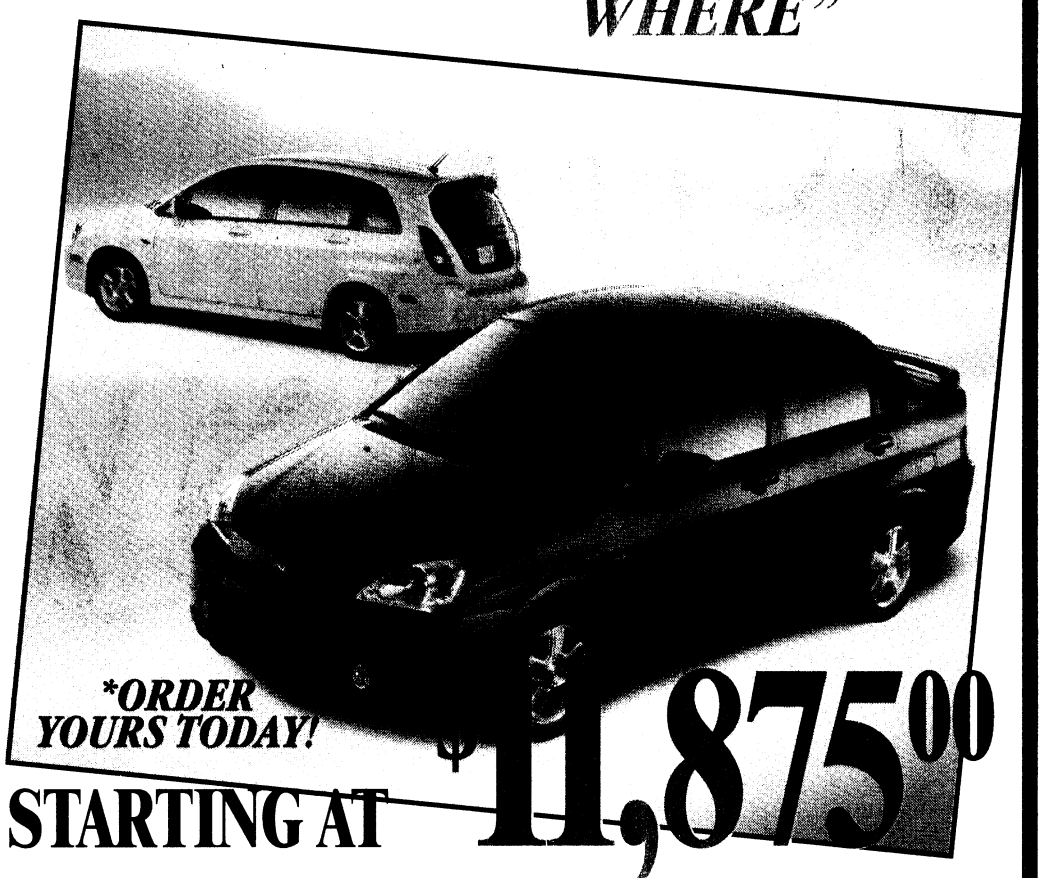


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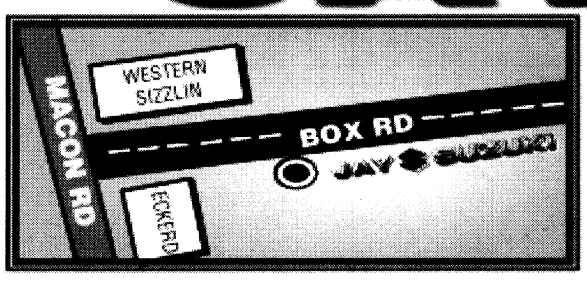
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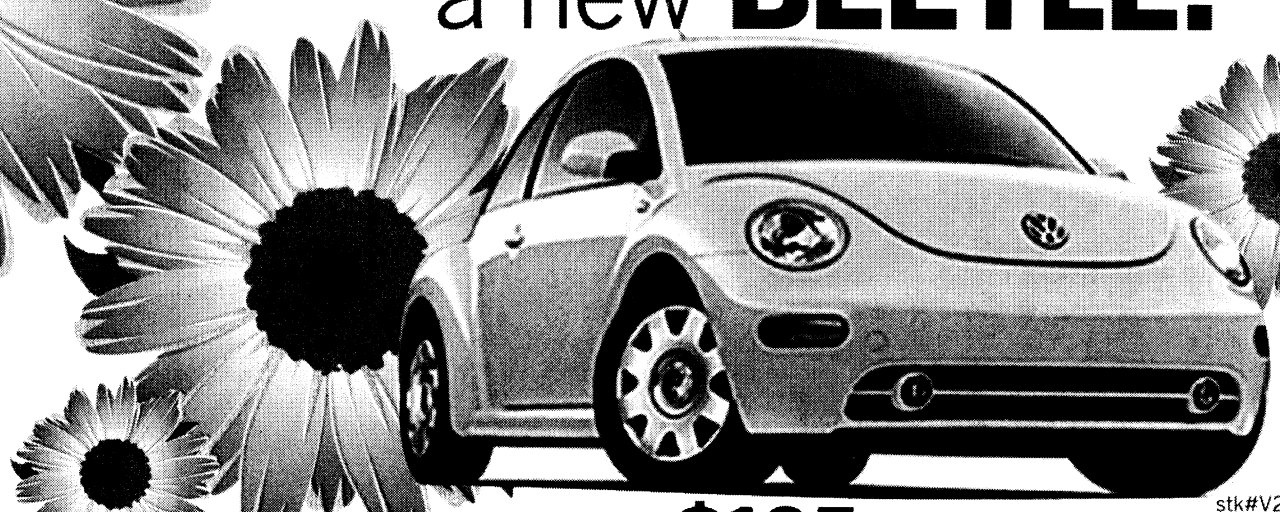
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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

eArmyU briefings

The eArmyU program will have a briefing at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 32B at Infantry Hall.

The educational initiative offers eligible enlisted soldiers the chance to work toward a college degree. The program is free and includes a technology package that consists of a laptop computer, printer and free Internet service.

For more information, call 545-1774.

eArmyU offices move

The eArmyU administrative offices have moved to 5820 Veterans Parkway, Suite 101. It is open Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 545-1774.

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's General Technical score. The skills learned are applicable to the individual's military duties. The remaining classes scheduled are as follows:

April 22-May 10; May 20-June 17; June 17-July 9; July 15-Aug. 2; and Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

Classes will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.). A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

Alcohol screening day

Fort Benning is participating in National Alcohol Screening Day 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday.

The day is a screening and educational program offered free during Alcohol Awareness Month. Soldiers who attend the screening can take a brief written self-assessment, review results with a clinician and receive a referral if appropriate.

The screening sites will be Main Post Office, 36th Engineer Group Dining Facility, pharmacy at Martin Army Community Hospital, Infantry Hall, Kelley Hill Truscott Center.

For more information, call the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-1138.

SJA closure

The Staff Judge Advocate Office will be closed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. April 15.

The Tax Center will remain open.

Special Forces brief

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta will hold a briefing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22-26 at Infantry Hall, Classroom 9. For more information, call 545-8771.

Holocaust survivors trip

The USAIC Equal Opportunity Office will pay honor to the victims, as well as survivors, of the Holocaust, at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and the Holocaust Memorial at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta April 25.

The trip is for Fort Benning soldiers and DoD civilians only. The bus will depart Building 2509 (EO office) at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m.

Cost is $4 per person (admission into the museum). There will be a guided tour of the museum and a lecture and story with a survivor of the Holocaust. Participants will need to provide their own lunch.

Tickets are available at the main EO office on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665 or 545-8452 or see your Equal Opportunity advisor.

NCO, Soldier of Quarter luncheon

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. April 26 at the Main NCO Club. For more information, call 545-1500.

AUSA job fair

The Association of the United States Army will conduct a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 23 in Infantry Hall. The Fair is for soldiers (active duty and retired), DA civilians and their family members.

Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews.

For resume assistance, call Army Career and Alumni Program at 545-2308 or the Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program at 545-6969 or 545-5516.

Asian Pacific Heritage Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers to provide cultural awareness activities during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Luau. The luau is 4 to 10 p.m. May 31 at Uchee Creek.

The deadline for registration is April 22. For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-5535.

OCS selection boards

Officer Candidate School selection boards will be May 13-17 and July 22-26. Applications must arrive in Personnel Services and Readiness Division for the May board by April 26 and by June 28 for the July board. Applications must be complete and applicants must meet all prerequisites. For more information, call 545-4702.

Army ball

The 227th Army Birthday Ball will be at 6 p.m. June 14 at the Columbus Ironworks Convention Center.

Tickets are $30 per person. Dress is formal. For more information, call 644-0425.

School registration

Spring registration for Vincennes University is now in progress. For more information, call 689-0098.

Free education

The HOPE Grant Program will pay all tuition and fees and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks for all active-duty military and their dependents 16-years old or older, stationed at Fort Benning and living in Georgia. Civilian employees working on Fort Benning who are residents of Georgia are also eligible.

After one fills out the required forms and registers for classes at Columbus Technical College, one can attend classes on post or at its main campus.

Upon request, a representative will visit units to explain the program. For more information, call 685-8549 or visit Soldiers' Plaza, Building 2614.

Fort Benning CRM receives Secretary of Army award

Post receives recognition for environment

Danielle G. Durante
Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

Fort Benning Cultural Resource Management won the Secretary of the Army Environmental Award for fiscal 2001. They are now competing at the Department of Defense level.

The award was a great honor for the installation, said Col. Keith Stelzer, director of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

Environmental stewardship is important to Fort Benning, Stelzer said. Through the consultation's with 11 federally recognized tribes, and the Historic Preservation Offices of Georgia and Alabama, the post has demonstrated it can meet its mission objectives while protecting, preserving and sharing the cultural significance of these historic lands.

Fort Benning will receive the award April 30 at the Pentagon.

Winning the award makes Dr. Chris Hamilton, Cultural Resource manager, proud.

"Receiving the highest award the U.S. Army can bestow for cultural resource management provides everyone with proof of Fort Benning's successful stewardship of our irreplaceable cultural heritage," he said.

Shoplifting: Doesn't pay

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percent of all shoplifters in 2001, up from 34 percent in 1999. The next highest group was juveniles at 12 percent in 2001, down from 29 percent in 1999.

Active-duty military members made up 27 percent of all AAFES theft, and retirees made up only 3 percent.

One trend in the shoplifting cases was found in the category labeled "other," which were mainly made up of unauthorized juveniles being signed into the PX by a juvenile military family member.

"We deal with this crime on a daily basis," said O'Reilly, who came to Fort Benning in 2000. Since then he enacted a rule banning all family members under the age of 18 from signing in another person.

The "hot" areas, or those most likely to be a thief's prey, are music, cosmetics, cologne and electronics.

"There's a common misconception that the PX makes up for shoplifting losses by upping the price of goods, but that is absolutely not true," O'Reilly said.

What the thief is actually stealing are the dividend dollars that go back into the community, he said. AAFES put $2.4 million back into the Fort Benning community in 2001.

Shoplifters also shortchange the money that goes back to the Department of the Army. Those moneys are used to fund bigger projects on post, for instance, building a new bowling alley.

In 2000, all AAFES facilities put a combined $260 million back into the DA pot. To reduce the effect shoplifting may have on either fund, a civil recovery policy was enacted less than one month ago.

A fee of $200 is charged to each shoplifter, in addition to any criminal fines or imprisonment.

In order for a shoplifter to be detained, he must leave the store with the stolen merchandise. An undercover detective will then approach the thief and return him to the store for questioning. The real embarrassment comes when the shoplifter is handcuffed and escorted out of the PX and to the MP station where he'll be formally charged.

The red flag also goes up when shoppers ask for repeated refunds or exchanges without a receipt.

"The crime generates a criminal record, and it stays there forever," said Capt. David Anglin, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

Shoplifters will be prosecuted by a local magistrate and incur fines up to $1,000 and could face imprisonment. Their shopping privileges at the PX are also suspended for six months, but their names go into the AAFES system as a shoplifter indefinitely.

A soldier's chain of command may also take its own sanctions against offenders.

"If you're thinking about shoplifting, think again," Anglin said.

"I don't tolerate stealing because of my upbringing," O'Reilly said, "but we also have a mission to improve the quality of life for the people of Fort Benning.

"Think twice," he said. "It's not worth it. Think about your future."

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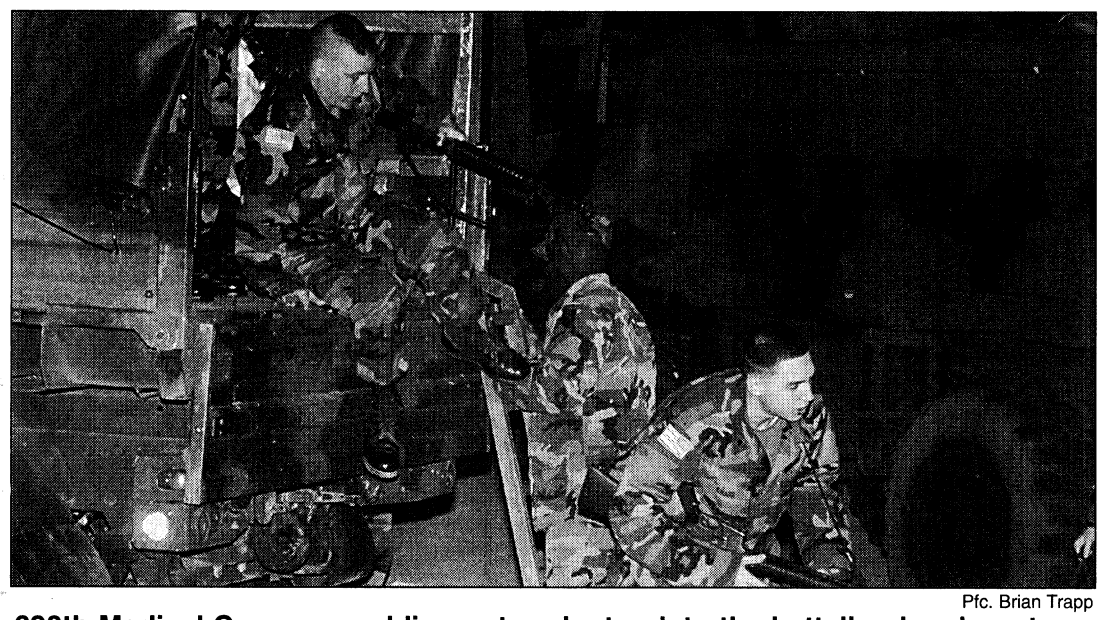
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690th: Comes home from deployments to Kosovo



Pfc. Brian Trapp

690th Medical Company soldiers return by truck to the battalion headquarters.

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This is our first deployment," said Julie Vanteslaar, family support coordinator. "It was very difficult in the beginning. Once we got through the holidays it flew by."

The deployment went great, said Capt. Derrell Humphries, company commander.

"We were a vital asset to the mission," said 1st Lt. Brande Campbell, platoon leader. "Without a ground ambulance unit there, you can't transfer the patients because it can rarely be done by air due to the weather conditions over there."

The soldiers also ran sick call and acted as emergency medical technicians. They performed ground evacuation missions and worked at a combat support hospital. They also logged 18,000 accident-free miles transporting between hospitals.

"We did a lot of good stuff and created new standards," Campbell said. "I think we have brought back a more mission focused group to help us on training for what's to come."

Before leaving, the platoon was part of Medical Proficiency Exercise, three mass casualty exercises and received advanced medical training.

"All of the training we did paid off," Campbell said.

"They all received a lot of hands-on training experience to take with them because you can't get that in garrison."

The soldiers trained with the United Kingdom, Sweden and Finland on a joint evacuation.

"The best part is when you brought a patient in close to death, then two weeks later take them back to their house because they received treatment and successfully recovered," Campbell said.

She said she was proud of her soldiers.

"My soldiers did a great job," Campbell said. "Everyone said they performed well, and I think the same standard will continue at the company."

Program: Explains how Fort Benning will lead Army

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System Manger-Soldier.

"Battlefield functions will not change for the next 10 to 15 years," said Jim Stone, director Combat Development. "The tactics we've taught for years and years will not change. We still need to be able to execute, and we (the Home of the Infantry) will be busy for a long time."

Fort Benning is the subject matter expert and lead for the future soldier, Stone said.

"We will work with Fort Knox to get things right for the future of the Army," Davis said. "We have a say so about developments and will make sure our concerns are expressed. We want to enter the battlefield with the best equipment, soldiers and technology."

The objective force is a great step toward the Army's transformation and the Future Combat System, a series of systems across the entire spectrum of military operations, Stone said.

Developing the Army's Objective Force will require information to be transmitted between many installations to organize experiments, technologies and doctrine for Fort Knox.

"We will stay connected with the various branches across the nation," Davis said. "We can link with them and provide information in support of the operation."

The eight Fort Benning personnel are part of a team of 40 from all over the Army who will support the overall effort of the team, Davis said.

"They're going to do a good job for us," Davis said. "The Future Combat System will be the outcome of a team effort, and we'll support it."

TIM: Goes into effect in October, will improve Army posts

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The three overseas regions are the Pacific Region at Fort Shafter, Hawaii, for Army installations there, Alaska and Japan; and in Europe and Korea.

TRADOC at Fort Monroe and Forces Command at Fort McPherson have large enough installation management staffs to transfer over to respective regional headquarters, Devens said.

However, the Northwest and Southwest Regions do not have those large staffs, so they will have to recruit those people.

The people working there at DCSBOS and Deputy Chief of Staff for Resource Management, whose positions are selected for transfer to the new organizations will, for the most part, become part of the region or the IMA without moving from their desks for the first two years. Devens said that's called "capitalizing in place," the Army's Assistant Chief of Staff of Installations' plan to minimize personnel turbulence.

Devens said the TIM Task Force is still working on Organization and Operations plan. That must be completed before personnel manning documents can be drawn up, and the functions that are considered to be installation management or mission are identified.

"The MACOM commanders still need staffs to carry out their missions," said Joe Jefferis, TRADOC DCSRM. "The mission organizations require many of the same functions as installation management. The question is how many people should be at MACOMs and how many at the training centers and schools to support the TRADOC mission."

One of the first things the regions must do is to prepare an operating budget for fiscal 2004-09, Jefferis said. "Until that is approved, the regions will be operating with money approved in the previous budget cycle."

The regions are supposed to be fully operable in two years after they're activated, Devens said.

While there will be opportunities for people who will move to compete for jobs at all regions, he urges patience.

"You'll see the bulk of the personnel actions after October," she said.

She also said that the current plan is for each stateside region to be led by a senior executive service civilian. The three overseas regions may be commanded by brigadier generals.

If an individual at TRADOC headquarters is working on a project for a former TRADOC installation in the Southwest region when he or she becomes part of the Northeast region, the project will move with the person, according to Jefferis.

"That prevents disruption and delays, and allows for control of the budget until the project is completed," he said.

> "The human resources plan will be employee friendly."
> **Phil Sakowitz**
> TRADOC base operations

"The human resources plan will be employee friendly," Sakowitz said. "It will probably include the traditional options of the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program and other programs."



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IOBC student 2nd Lt. Juan Aguilar, class 2-02, attempts to sink a choke on classmate 2nd Lt. Casey Galligan and, ultimately, cut the flow of blood to his brain and render him disabled.



2nd Lt. Daniel Bugbee, attempts to stabilize his position over 2nd Lt. Eric Field.

Everybody was Kung Fu fighting

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Pfc. Kyle Neller
USAIC Public Affairs



Photos by Pfc. Kyle Neller

IOBC student, 2nd Lt. Daniel Bugbee, attempts an arm bar from the guard while 2nd Lt. Brian Collins, attacks.

Many people who have seen *Saving Private Ryan* remember when the American soldier engaged in a hand-to-hand struggle with the knife-armed Nazi soldier and the scene's tragic outcome.

Hand-to-hand combat is still a realistic factor in Afghanistan, the Philippines and other areas of conflict, and soldiers in the Infantry Officer Basic Course hope to be victorious if they find themselves face-to-face with the enemy.

They are learning combatives at the 11th Regiment Combatives Center to help reach that objective.

"The Army has long seen the need for a combatives program," said 2nd Lt. Thomas Scaife, combatives instructor.

Classes start with ground grappling from Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

"Jiu Jitsu is learned with ease," said Scaife. "The basic techniques teach the strategies and movements required to learn more difficult standing techniques."

This training teaches soldiers what to do in any grappling situation, Scaife said.

"In time, they will know how to react on instinct, using what they have learned," he said.

The course is physically challenging, said 2nd Lt. Daniel Bugbee, a student in IOBC class 2–02.

"It makes a more well-rounded soldier, able to fight with his hands as well as his weapon," Bugbee said.

The course's goals are not only to make the officers better fighters, but to build their confidence as leaders.

"The reason these classes are important is it provides leaders with a fighting instinct that no other program can," Scaife said.

The classes are open to anyone who wants to hone their skills as a soldier, Scaife said. The course has staff on hand to provide technical support for soldiers during their free time.

"This unique combatives program is more effective than earlier programs," Scaife said. "It teaches a fighting strategy as well as technique."

The officers each receive 15 hours of instruction and more than 10 different classes, learning the fundamentals of combatives.

"Compared to old programs, this one is more believable," said 2nd Lt. Brian Collins, student. "Each move leads to another. It flows very fluidly."

Daily instructors try to improve the course.

"Combatives is a constantly evolving entity," Scaife said. "We are always open to new ideas."

Jiu Jitsu is not the only martial art with which the program trains.

It also uses techniques from other martial arts, such as Muay-Thai kick boxing, wrestling and Judo, to name a few.

Soldiers do not have to be in combat to use this training. They could be on duty in a garrison environment and need to detain an assailant, and this class sets them up for success.

"These skills can help in peace as well as in war," Collins said. "You can use them to restrain the enemy or take it further if need be."

This training is yet another example of why the American Army is the best prepared fighting force in the world, Scaife said.

"The defining characteristic of a warrior is the willingness to close with the enemy," said Sgt. 1st Class Mathew Larsen, master combatives instructor.

Basic trainees face challenges, defeat fears

Soldiers go through tough course

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Concentration is tough for soldiers when they are walking on planks 30 feet above the ground.

For other soldiers, it is harder to keep the nerve to complete the task.

For the soldiers of C Company 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, there was more to the confidence obstacle course than they expected, as they learned March 28.

"When you're 30 feet in the air, it's hard to focus on the obstacle," said Pvt. Jeremy Barnes. "You're too worried about falling."

"The hardest thing for the soldiers to do is take the first step," said 1st Sgt. Troy Bergeron, C Company first sergeant. "After they take the first step, it is easy for them to negotiate the obstacle."

Once soldiers were on the obstacles, their buddies coached them through.

"We have to cheer each other on," Barnes said. "There are a lot of egos and by helping each other out and cheering each other on, we will come together as a team."

Teamwork is an important part of basic training. It is one of the keys to getting through the training, Bergeron said.

"We like for the soldiers to cheer one another on," Bergeron said. "But, when their buddies' cheering isn't helping them, it is time for the drill sergeants to do the talking."

Whenever the drill sergeant takes over the talking, he will do everything possible to push the soldiers' buttons to get them to succeed, which in this case is to negotiate the obstacle.

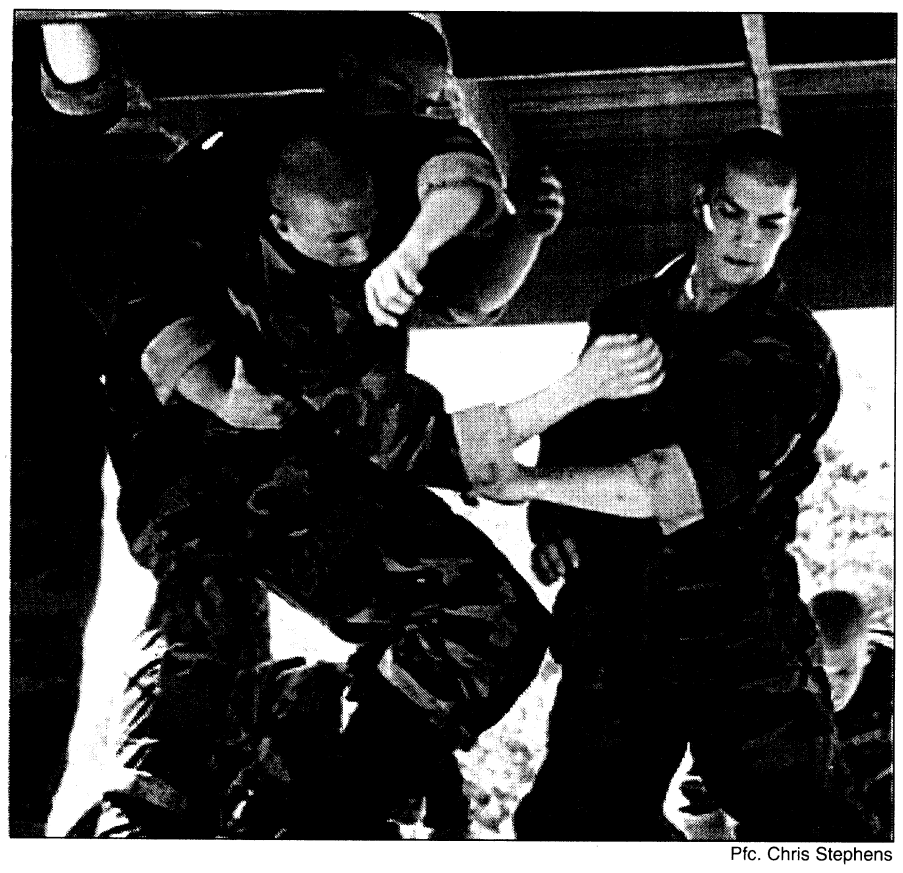
For the soldiers who complete the obstacles, there is nothing but pride.

"For some of us, we have a fear of heights, and when we can complete these obstacles, it feels good," Barnes said.

Some soldiers though, are not able to properly complete an obstacle because of physical or mental limitations.

However, it won't be their last chance at the obstacle course. They have two more chances later in training to finish what they started.

"We know what the course is like and what is expected of us next time we come out here," Barnes said. "We'll be ready to prove to the drill sergeants that we can do it."



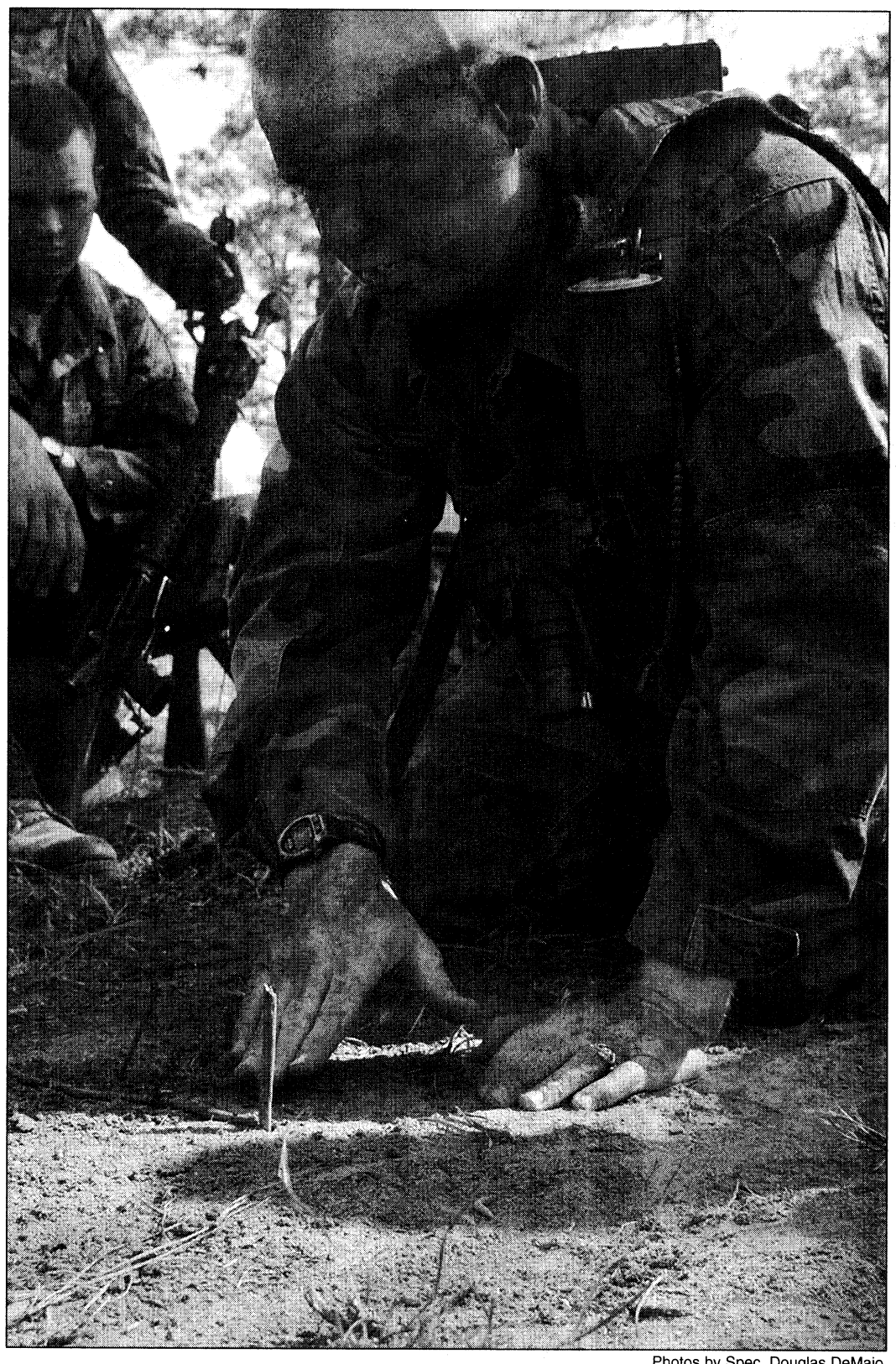
Pfc. Chris Stephens

Soldiers of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, pull in a teammate from the side of the Skyscraper, which consists of four-man teams safely getting from the bottom floor to the fourth floor, by climbing up the sides, and then getting back down.

OCS Field Exercise

Officer Candidates Benjamin Hester and Rory Bradford stalk through the field during an OCS field exercise where they will be measured on how well they perform their mission.





Officer Candidate Art Lowe applies camouflage before a field exercise.



Photos by Spec. Douglas DeMaio

Officer Canadiate Dennis Berry with his squad on how they will engage the enemy forces.

Community Oriented Policing

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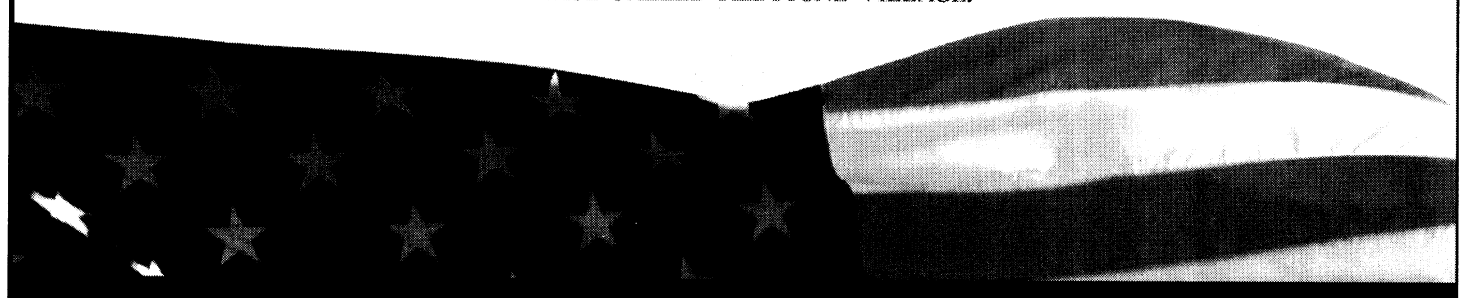
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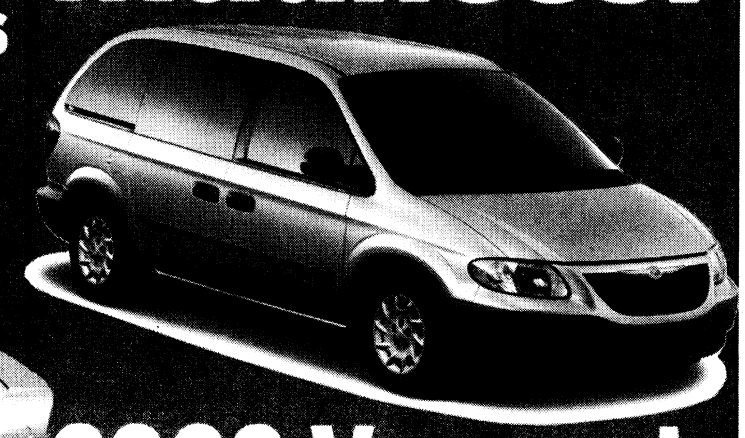
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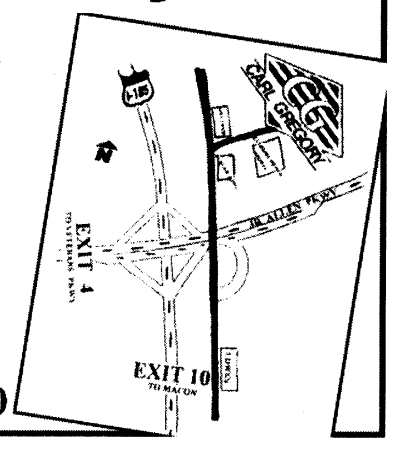
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SECTION B

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

'Keeping children safe is everyone's business'

Laura Martinson
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"That was a terrible decision for me to make. It was horrible, but I truly believed she was going to kill them," said one anonymous Fort Benning resident who called child protective services when the children she was baby-sitting showed blatantly obvious signs of physical abuse.

Of the three children living in the home, two were the woman's stepchildren, and both were objects of scorn in their stepmother's eyes, the source said. They were visiting their father for the summer, but he had gone away for a routine training mission.

"We were only vaguely acquainted when she asked me to watch her children, but I had heard rumors about the way she treated them," she said. She had, in fact, heard about the time the woman held her stepson's head underwater in the pool with her foot, and had also heard that the children, ages 2 to 6, were often left alone in the home, and that the home itself was all but unliveable. She had also heard, and thought absurd, that the woman had used some sort of sex toy to bind the children's ankles and wrists together as punishment.

But that was all hearsay. She had no real evidence, until the children came to her home.

"When she dropped them off at my house, the little boy had a sock duct taped to his arm to keep him from itching his ear," the source said. "She handed me a metal spoon and told me if he itched it to whack his knuckles with the spoon."

The 4-year-old boy had his ears pierced, and the obvious infection brewing there was causing him pain.

"They weren't at my house for an hour before I made the call," the source said. "They came and got the children almost immediately. When they questioned her, she said, 'Yeah, I did all of that, what's wrong with it?' She was crazy."

The end result was a woman, pregnant with her second child, in counseling, medicated and taking classes on how to keep a clean home. The father, returning early from his training, had to choose between a sick wife and custody of his children.

Beyond the mental and physical turmoil and a future of unknown memories for the children, the whole ordeal ended up costing a man his family, and some innocent children, their father.

While many people think that military communities are exempt from such atrocities, this happened at an Army installation.

More than 3 million children are reported abused or neglected each year, and three children die each day as a result of maltreatment.

And while many may think physical abuse is the only form of abuse, emotional and sexual abuse, as well as neglect can have lasting effects on a child as well.

Emotional abuse is the most difficult form to verify, said Becky Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager. It includes both verbal assaults as well as the withholding of positive emotional support.

"Although the scars may be invisible to the naked eye, emotional abuse wounds the spirit, frequently leaving its mark for a lifetime," Welch said.

The goal of the Family Advocacy Program is to educate families and direct them to services that will help the families solve their problems, not to create problems for them, Welch said.

"It's been assumed that parenting is instinctive and that people just 'know' how to take care of and raise children," Welch said. "It now seems clear that parenting is a learned behavior, influenced by personal history and experience, as well as the opportunity to observe and practice specific skills."

The FAP targets the needs of families in difficult situations by providing educational tools and other resources to get back on the right track.

"There are a lot of pressures that soldiers have to deal with," said Lt. Col. Reginald Pugh, chief of Social Work Services. "Neglect has been found to increase when soldiers are deployed, and when soldiers return there is a rise in spousal abuse.

"We are here to help families resolve whatever problem they're having without resorting to physical violence."

A parent education course teaches parents how to interact effectively with their children and to create a safe home environment.

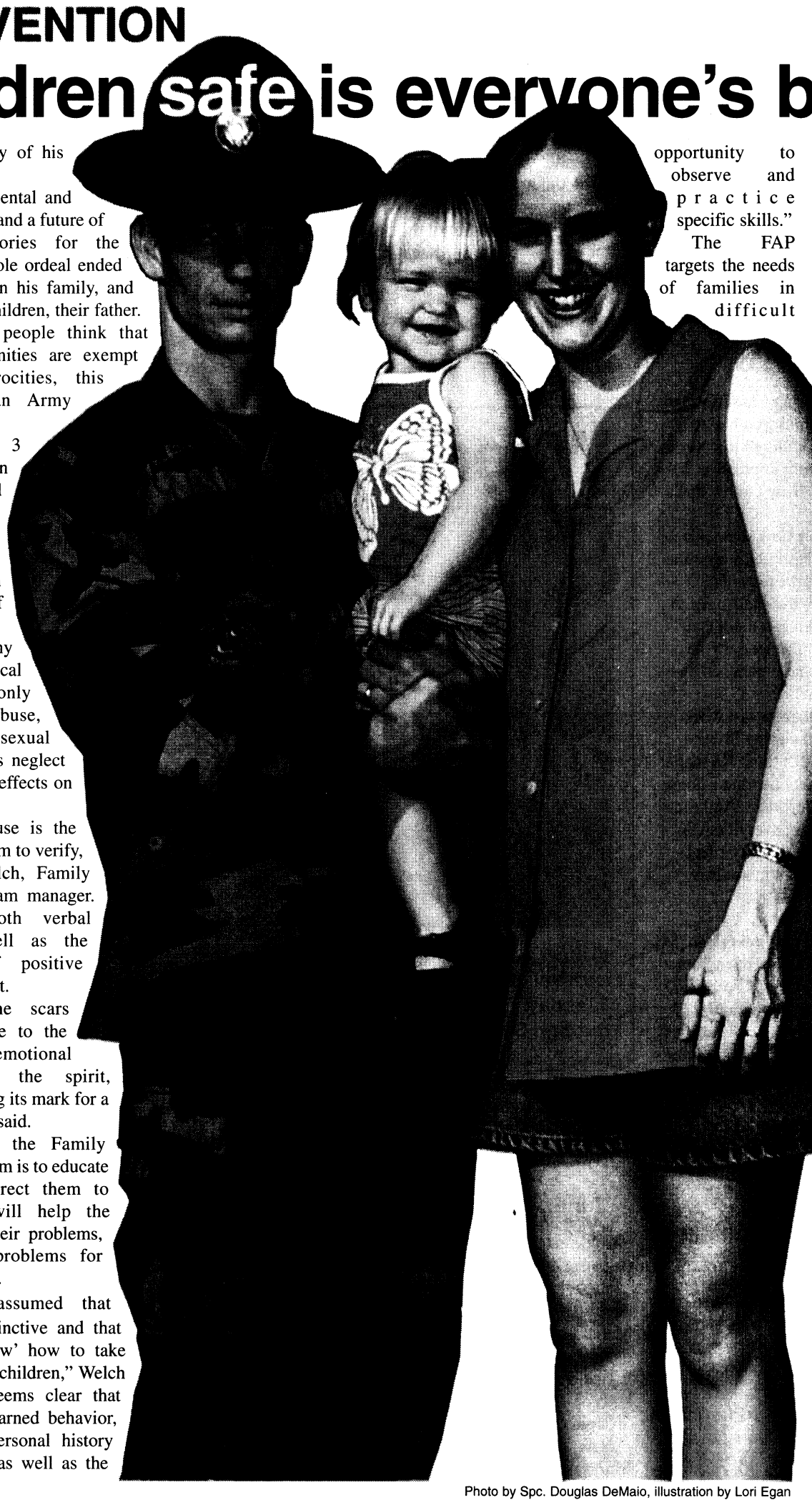
Respite child care provides temporary care for the purpose of relieving parental stress and providing a nurturing environment.

Spouse abuse shelters in the area provide 24-hour temporary accommodation to ensure there is a safe place for victims to stay. The shelters give emotional and material support to victims of spouse abuse and their children.

"A lot of people think we are out to punish soldiers and their families if an incident is reported or a call is made," Welch said. "This is a misconception."

"Keeping children safe is the responsibility of everyone," Welch said. "The more we know about the problem, the more we can do to prevent it. We must all do our part."

"Abuse that goes unreported can end up costing a life," Pugh said. "You never really know what's going on in a home, so make the call. It could end up saving someone's life."



Staff Sgt. James Vchulek, Audrey, 22 months, and Jennifer, who is expecting a son in August, are one of many military families taking a stand against child abuse.

Photo by Spc. Douglas DeMaio, illustration by Lori Egan

TYPES OF ABUSE

Physical Abuse

The term "child abuse" can be defined as any behavior directed toward a child by a parent, guardian or caregiver that endangers or impairs a child's physical or emotional health and development.

What to look for:

• Unexplained injuries, especially those located on parts of the body not usually affected by normal childhood activities (e.g. eyes, mouth, back, thighs, buttocks or genital areas).

• Repeated injuries such as bruises, welts or burns, especially those where the shape of an object used to produce them is visible (e.g. an electric cord, hair brush, belt buckle, board, cigarette).

• Unexplained fractures (e.g. to nose, face, ribs)

• Denial on the part of the parents that anything is wrong, unlikely explanations for the child's injuries, delay in obtaining medical care or inadequate care given, injuries which occur with increasing frequency or severity.

Emotional Abuse

Emotional abuse is the most difficult form of child abuse to verify. It includes both verbal assaults and the withholding of positive emotional support.

Victims of emotional child abuse are "hit" every day with the power of words which are demeaning, shaming, threatening, blaming, intimidating, unfairly critical, or sarcastic in nature.

What to look for:

• The child displays behavior that is extreme. For instance, the child may begin a pattern of lying, stealing, fighting, is overly aggressive, or acts out inappropriately.

• The child may appear defensive, shy or overly dependent.

• The child may be verbally abusive to others by using the same language and demeaning terms she has experienced.

Neglect

Child neglect is the continued failure to provide a child with necessary care and protection including adequate shelter, food, clothing and medical care.

Children left without appropriate supervision, especially young children, for extended periods of time are included in child neglect.

What to look for:

• Child appears poorly nourished or inadequately clothed.

• Child appears consistently tired or listless and always seems as though no one cares. Attendance at school may be inconsistent.

• Child evidences a consistent lack of good hygiene, or an obsession with cleanliness.

• Child is left alone regularly over long periods of time, or in dangerous situations.

• Child shows evidence that medical needs are not being met.

Sexual Abuse

Many sexual offenders are adults with whom the child is familiar, and they may repeatedly abuse the same child.

The abuse can be nonphysical, for example, indecent exposure, obscene phone calls or 'peeping toms'; physical, including genital or oral stimulation, fondling and intercourse or rape.

Incidents may occur only once or be repeated many times, sometimes over the a number of years.

A single seemingly minor incident such as indecent exposure, can cause embarrassment, fear, confusion, guilt, anxiety, and a distrust of adults. A more severe incident can have a lasting effect on a child.

What to look for:

• Behavioral problems such as withdrawal, difficulty at school, aggression, running away, nightmares, extreme depression, or anxiety may result.

• Physical signs of sexual abuse may include genital swelling, cuts or bruises, venereal disease, or pregnancy.

• Symptoms arising from emotional harm often do not surface until adulthood.

What to do:

First and foremost, do not deny the problem.

Control your emotions. Let the child know that your feelings are not directed at her. Seek counseling for you and the child.

Never blame, punish or embarrass the child.

Reassure the child that he is safe and it was right to tell you. Let the child ask questions, and give understandable answers.

Delicately find out as much as possible about the events leading up to, during and after the incidents.

Immediately contact a physician for treatment.

Get counseling for you and the child.

Who to call:

If there is a life-threatening emergency call 911.
Family Advocacy - 545-7517
New Parent Support - 545-2020
Social Work Services - 545-1661
After duty hours - 544-1123
Spouse Abuse Shelters - 324-3850 or 334-297- 4401

This information was provided by the Fort Benning Family Advocacy Program.

The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Tippie Ford,

a kindergarten teacher at McBride Elementary.



Personal: The Georgia native resides in Columbus with her husband, Eddie and her 16-year-old daughter, Tamara.

History: While in college, Ford was not sure of exactly what she wanted to do with the rest of her life, and changed majors several times. She had no plans to teach as a career until she took a job as a teacher's aide during her last year of college.

"I just took the job because it was something part-time that put a little money in my pocket," she said.

But when she was put into a classroom of what were then called "slow" seventh-and eighth-graders, her plans changed.

"These were kids who were all basically labeled as failures," she said. "One of them is a teacher now, and one of them was an eighth-grade nonreader, and I taught her to read. It was that experience that made me want to teach."

She graduated from Tift University with a double major in English and Spanish, and learned Arabic when she taught English as a second language to women from Saudi Arabia.

Ford later got her master's in early childhood education from Georgia Southwestern, and has taught kindergarten through eighth grade since she started teaching in 1978. She's been teaching at Fort Benning schools since 1984.

On small-town life: Ford's childhood was split between two small towns in Georgia, Butler and Reynolds, which are about seven miles apart.

"If you stuck your toe out the backdoor, it was on the front page of the newspaper," she said. "Everybody makes everybody else's business their own, and I'm a very private person.

"That's why I love the military community. People are so open-minded and less judgmental. In the little school I taught at before, a new child would be labeled as an outcast on the first day of school and remain that way for an entire school year. But I've seen new children come into Fort Benning schools, and the children welcome them and make them feel like they fit in by the end of the first day.

That's indicative of what the parents are doing.

"Education is teaching about life and respect for other people," she said.

On teaching kindergarten: "I used to think you had to teach older children in order to make a lasting impression," Ford said. "Now I know that's not true.

"I can see how some people might get frustrated from time to time, but the rewards overshadow the challenges, if you can even call them that," Ford said. "The longer I've taught, the more patience I've gained.

"I read a quote last week written by a teacher. It went something like this, 'No matter how bad I feel or what's going on in my life, when I walk into the classroom, everything is good.' That's the way I feel about it, but it's more than good, it's great."

Hobbies and interests: "My first love is children, and my second is animals," Ford said.

She has a 29-year old daughter, Angela, with whom she owns a local pet-grooming business.

"At one point in college, I thought I was going to be a veterinarian," she said.

"I also love poetry, and we use a lot of poetry in the classroom," Ford said.

"With my true profession of teaching, my second profession as a business owner, and running my 16-year-old around, most of my extra time is taken up."

Future plans: "I have no ambition of ever retiring," she said. "I just don't want to do that."

What others are saying about her: "My daughter is learning so much through Mrs. Ford," said Heather Jones, whose 6-year-old daughter, Miranda, is in Ford's class. "She takes the time and effort to work with each and every student. As she says, 'They are all my kids!'"

Red Cross recognizes volunteers

Red Cross sets example for helping others

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

In President George W. Bush's recent State of Union Address, he asked all youths in America to commit at least two years — 4,000 hours over the rest of their lifetime — to the service of their neighbors and their nation.

For the numerous volunteers at the Red Cross on Fort Benning, they take their duty seriously.

Ninety volunteers were recognized at Riverside, the home of the commanding general, last week for their efforts in keeping Fort Benning running.

"It's a chance to honor outstanding volunteers," said Lionel Grant, Red Cross station manager.

Martin Army Community Hospital is one beneficiary of Red Cross volunteers.

"It's a chance to help people who need help," said retired Col. Roy Brooks, the shuttle supervisor and driver at the hospital. His wife Reva is also a driver.

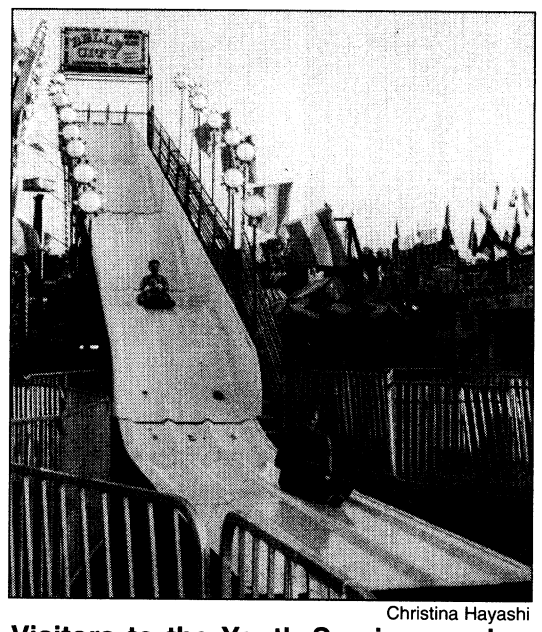
"It's one way to give back something after receiving so much," said retired Sgt. Maj. Calvin Morse, who is the hospital chairman.

First Steps is one program that relies on volunteers. First Steps provides mothers who give birth at Martin Army Community Hospital information and pairs them up with other women who have experience in raising children. These women follow up with the new mothers to see how they are doing, if they need assistance or just need to talk to someone who knows what they are going through.

"I like to volunteer (with First Steps) because it gives new moms a point of contact for comfort and support, especially for those who don't have anyone in the area," said Karen Nichols, family member.

After the ceremony, P.J. Eaton, the commanding general's wife, challenged the volunteers to bring one person on board to volunteer. For those interested in volunteering for the Red Cross on Fort Benning, go to Building 2626 in Soldier's Plaza from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Wheee!



Christina Hayashi

Visitors to the Youth Services spring carnival slide down the Super Slide Tuesday. The carnival is open through Saturday.

BIRTHS

Boys

Jordan Tyrik Keemer — born March 14 to Nichole and Pvt. Terry Keemer.

Xavier Alexander Jacinto Rosado — born March 14 to Gabrielle and Sgt. Jaime Rosado.

Nyshier Hunter Odell — born March 14 to Pfc. Shacole Odell.

Kai Kenyada-John Banks — born March 15 to Spc. Katrina and Pfc. Keith Banks.

Sean Karya Campbell — born March 16 to Tameka and Spc. Michael Campbell.

Zachary David Fortenberry — born March 17 to Candy and 1st Lt. Michael Fortenberry.

Isaac Alan Cook — born March 21 to Tina and Pvt. Mark Cook.

Girls

Ariana Milagro Gonzalez — born March 13 to Kimberly and Sgt. Jose Gonzalez.

Desanna Serenity McKenney — born March 15 to Sgt. Taishea and Sgt. Nicholas McKenney.

Jamyl Catrice Helm — born March 17 to Pfc. Shameika and Jemal Helm.

Naynett Yaire Hubble — born March 17 to Yanelza and Staff Sgt. Dale Hubble.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Spring carnival — The Youth Services carnival continues through Saturday on Stewart-Watson Field across from Infantry Hall. There are 25-30 rides, 15-20 skill games and various food concessions.

Sock hop at Youth Services — The next dance at Youth Services is a sock hop with music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The dance begins at 7 p.m. today and ends promptly at 9 p.m. The cost is $2 with a YS card and $3 without. For more information, call 545-3070.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Youth Services Discovery Weekend — Youth Services will have a Middle School and Teen Discovery Weekend April 12-13. This event will take place April 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and April 13 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 1056. Youth Services members ages 11-18 are encouraged to attend this free event. Advance registration is required. Registration deadline is Saturday.

The Discover Weekend provides an opportunity for youth to come together and discuss things that are of interest or concerns to the youth of the community and gives the youth the chance to have input into programs and policies. Activities are also available that encourage team building.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Youth Services Lock-In — Youth Services annual Regional Teen Lock-In is 1 p.m. April 20 until 8 a.m. April 21. The Lock-In takes place in Building 1056 and is open to members ages 11-18. Advanced registration deadline is April 12.

For more information about activities and cost, call Youth Services at 545-3070 or stop by Building 1056.

Commissary closure — The commissary will close April 22 for inventory and will reopen April 23 with regular store hours.

Car care — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

Teacher Recruitment Fair — The Muscogee County School District annual Teacher Recruitment Fair is 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. April 20 at Midland Middle School. Deadline for registration is Monday. Walk-ins are welcome the day of the event.

For more information, call David Jackson at 649-0529.

CVCC scholarships available — Full tuition scholarships in music and theater performance at Chattahoochee Valley Community College are available for vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, actors and theater technicians for academic year 2002-2003.

Auditions will be by appointment only April 20.

To schedule an audition, call Emily Davis, CVCC Music and Theatre Office, at (334) 291-4988.

Poetry submission — A $1,000 grand prize is being offered in a new poetry contest sponsored by Celestial Arts, free to everyone.

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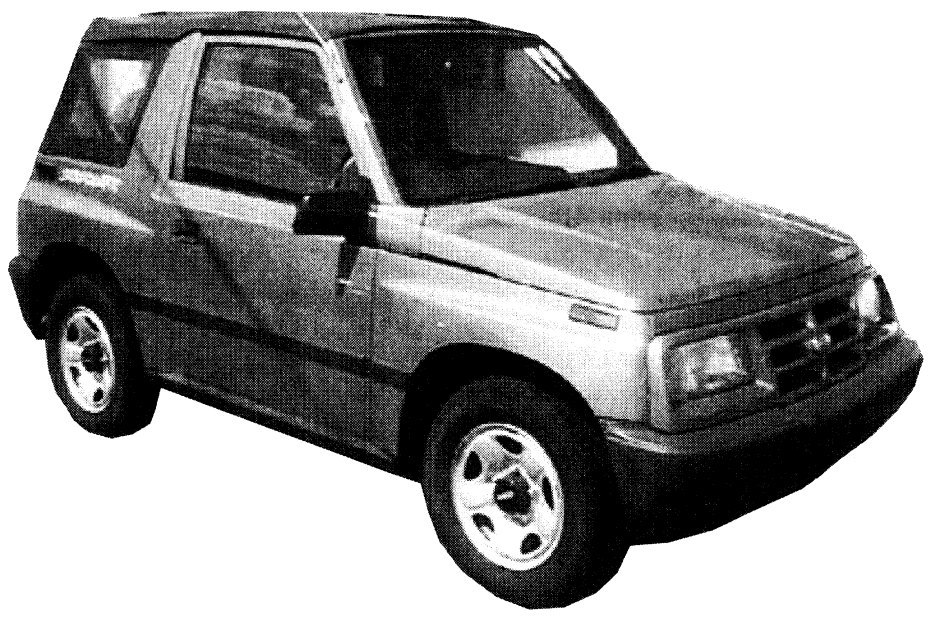
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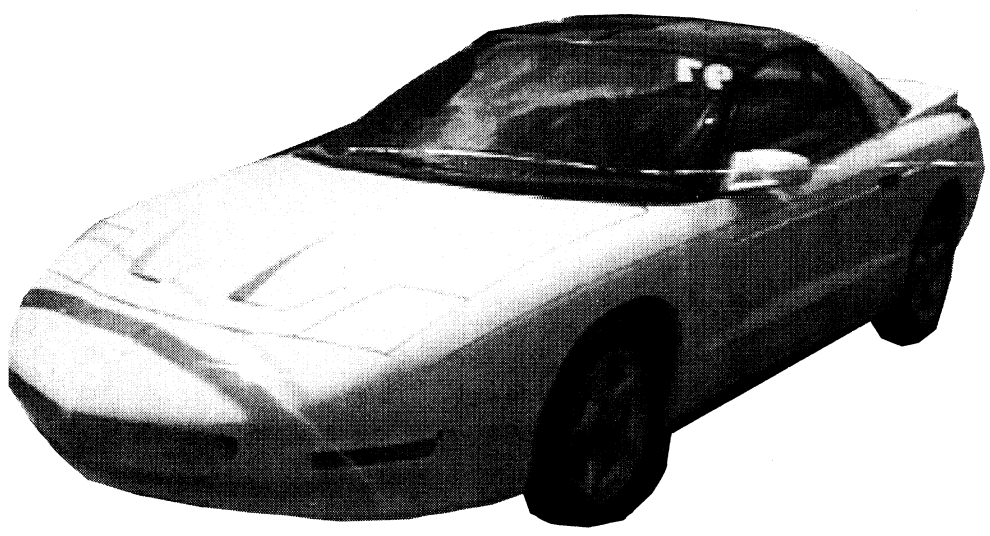
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CELEBRATING STUDENTS' SUCCESS

Students learn about disabilities



One of the students tries to play basketball with his arm in a sling.

Loyd Elementary School

The week of March 4-8 was Exceptional Children's Week on Fort Benning. The theme of the week was "Celebrating Students' Success."

At Loyd School, we had several events planned for the week. A bulletin board highlighted people who have succeeded by overcoming their disabilities. These individuals include Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Tom Cruise, Christopher Reeves, Stephen Hawkins, Whoopi Goldberg and Goya.

A quiz was also included to match people with their accomplishments and disabilities.

The PE classes were set up for students who pretended to have disabilities. Special education classes were mainstreamed into the PE classes. The students drew a card to see what type of disability they were to portray. The students partnered off with someone who had chosen the same disability. One activity included partners putting on a blindfold, moving around crates, picking up a beanie baby, describing the beanie baby by feel, then putting the beanie baby in a crate — all with the minimal help of their partner. Other activities involved students tying their arms in slings, walking with crutches, hopping with one leg, and rolling in wheelchairs while trying to shoot basketballs, jumping rope, riding a scooter or throwing a Frisbee.

The students did find it difficult to do certain activities with their disability. They discussed what happened at the end of each class. Most agree they are now more aware and sensitive to those with disabilities. Because of this, they agreed not to make fun of people with disabilities.

At the end of the week, the Dawson Side Sliders, from Dawson Elementary School, performed at Loyd School. This group of line dancers is composed of third-, fourth-, and fifth-grade students. Three-fourths of the students are exceptional students of varying disabilities, and one-fourth of the group is from the general education population.

The Side Sliders performed seven dances, some involving the teachers of Loyd School.



Courtesy photos

Students simulate disabilities by restricting their physical abilities during the Week of the Exceptional Child.

The students from Dawson Elementary School were an excellent example of students succeeding despite disabilities. Not only have they shown talent in music and movement, but they also consistently show tremendous growth in math or reading. Loyd students were not aware that these students had disabilities because their talent was so outstanding.

These events at Loyd School allowed the students to experience disabilities and see success in disabled children. Our celebration helped us realize we are more alike than different. It was a wonderful learning experience shared by all our students.

Students + parents = Loyd School math night

Loyd Elementary School

Whoever said math was boring was not at Loyd School's Math Night March 7.

Approximately 130 parents and students joined teachers, educational aides and the principal in an evening dedicated to math. There were hotdogs, chips, drinks, a variety of deserts. The cafeteria was filled with parents and children from kindergarten to second grade, while the media center was entertaining and educating parents and children in the third to fifth grade.

The younger children and their parents worked on solving unique math problems such as peanut addition. In one activity, children rolled dice to see what two numbers they needed to add together. Styrofoam peanuts were used to solve the problem, and answers were recorded on elephant shaped paper. After 15 minutes, the children and parents rotated to the next activity. By 7 p.m., they had an opportunity to complete four different and challenging math games.

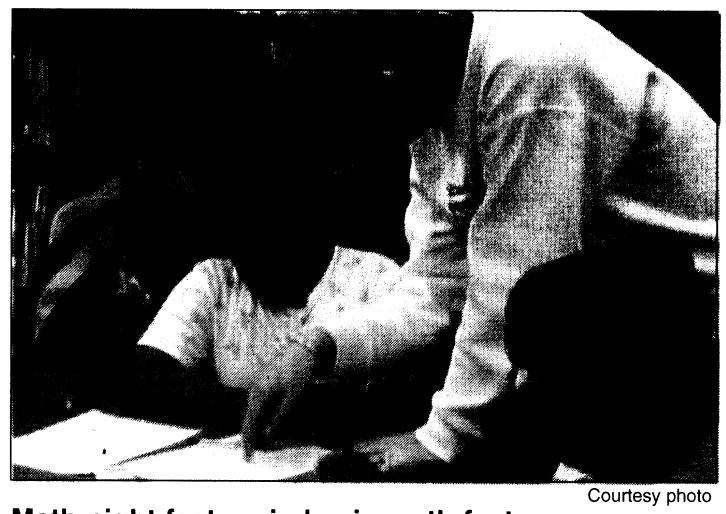
Meanwhile, the parents and older children were working on different, more difficult math activities. Many parents suddenly realized how much math they had forgotten since grade school and were given quick review lessons by their children.

These activities were also on a rotation basis. After 20 minutes, parents rotated to another activity.

An example of one of the upper grade activities was the construction of a floor plan for a space station. Parents and children used specific guidelines to complete the station correctly using geometry, measurement, fractions and basic math computation.

By the evening's end, three challenging activities had been completed.

If the laughter and excitement was any indication of success, then Loyd School's Math Night was a huge success. Everyone who attended agreed, this was fun.



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Math night factors in basic math facts.

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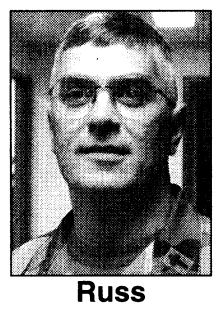
Chaplain (Maj.) Stephen M. Russ
11th Infantry Regiment

Each of us enjoys those moments when we receive praise. Those are uplifting times in our lives. They recharge our emotional batteries and give us a new spurt of energy. We reflect on that moment days or weeks later. It always feels good to be praised and thanked for anything we do. This is a neglected area in many of our lives.

How often do we praise our spouse, children, family, and friends for the unique things they do for us? We are impacted positively by the nurturing, providing and encouraging that is given to us each day by numerous people. Sometimes, it is the smile of a stranger, and at other times it is the arm on the shoulder and the words, thanks for the good job you did.

These small signs of praise bring joy into our lives. The military understands the impact of giving praise. We call them awards and promotions. Have you ever noticed how people will work harder after a few words of praise?

To receive is also to give, when it is needed. How are we praising others for the great things they do for us? We love to get praise, but how often do we return the favor? These are things to think about during this time of the year. What have you praised others for lately?


Russ

The front cover of the *Upper Room* for March-April 1995 provided a lovely picture of Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The people for one brief moment were praising God and looking forward to a new ruler. They did not understand the full implications of that moment, but they knew they wanted a new way of living.

God provides a new way of living. It begins by learning to praise God for who God is. Then, it is expressed in our world by praising and thanking people who care for us. The Scriptures teach us God inhabits the praise of God's people. What have you praised God for lately? Is your attitude one of praise or pessimism?

During Holy Week, we were encouraged to re-examine our lives in the area of praise. It was the week of praise and thanksgiving for what God did for the human race and the creation. It was a time to pause and praise God for the wonderful gifts of reconciliation and redemption.

We have celebrated Easter. We now move through the Easter season and will discover how God continues to bless the creation. This is the time of revelation concerning God's power and love.

Take time this Easter season to praise God for the opportunities in your life and the people God provides to send blessings your way. The next time you see someone doing something good take the opportunity to thank him or her. During our prayers this Easter season, let us praise God for God's mighty acts of love in our lives. If we take the time to praise and encourage others, we will understand another level to this season of the Christian year.

CHAPEL NOTES

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings, which are held in the chapel teen center in Building 239.

Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. (middle schoolers) and 6 p.m. (high schoolers).

Sunday School — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is held along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Need a time out with other ladies for some good company in a spiritual setting? The PWOC meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

Humiliation not goal of discipline

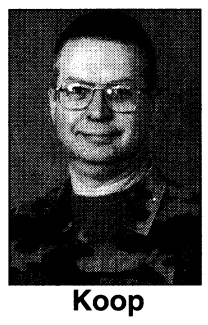
Abusing children not method to discipline them

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

The pictures I saw of the bruises, lacerations and broken bones that the child received contradicted the statements by the parents.

They indicated they punished the child to drive away rebelliousness. Spare the rod and spoil the child is a popular saying, but it is not found in scripture.

In fact, physical abuse of a child by a parent is grounds for removal of the child from the custody of the parents. If a dislodged tooth or a damaged eye inflicted by a master, brought emancipation to the person hurt (Exodus 21:26-27), then parents should realize, there are biblical and social limits to what they can do as parents in administering corporal punishment.


Koop

Scripture states the rod of correction is for imparting wisdom (Proverbs 29:15). The rod of correction is not for venting parental anger and frustration, nor is it for inflicting pain and suffering. Bite marks, blisters from scalding, burns, bruises, welts or lacerations; and the dislocation, fracture or broken bone are all signs of physical abuse.

Some forms of corporal punishment demean the child. Having a child drop their drawers or remove their pants before spanking is inappropriate. Slapping a child in the face and yanking on a child's ear are embarrassing and demeaning. Unfortunately, some parents will even engage their child in degrading acts, such as rubbing their child in feces as a form of punishment and potty training.

Discipline requires the use of more than just corporal punishment. Positive reinforcement, rewards, time outs, just rules, natural consequences and the withholding of privileges are just a few examples.

Do you desire help with parenting? Call the Chaplain Family Life Center for help, or call me at 545-1760.

It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon. — *Luke 24:34*

Fort Benning Religious Services

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

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Sunday Islamic Study

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Saturday Worship Service

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1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
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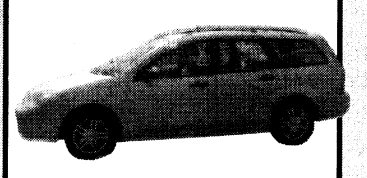
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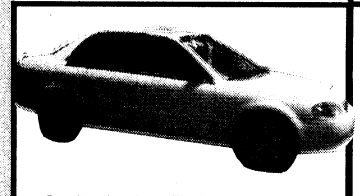


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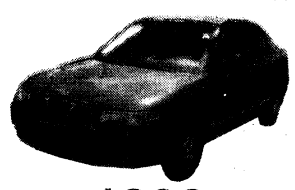
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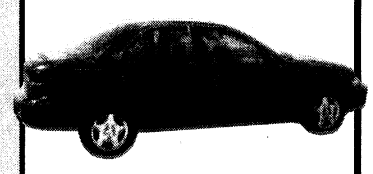
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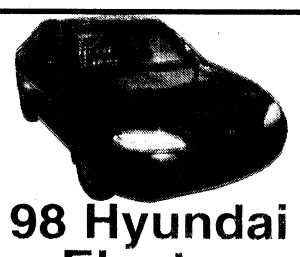
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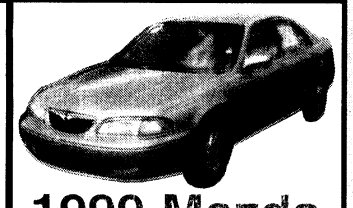
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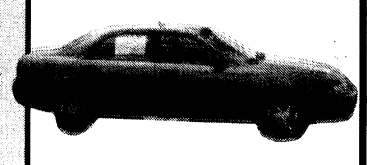
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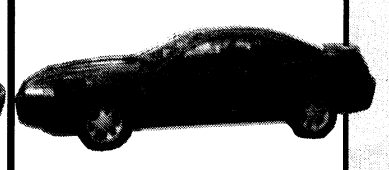
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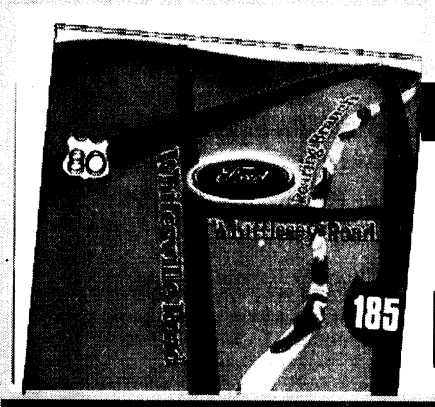
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SECTION C

Bulldawgs edge out Raiders to continue

Nailbiter game goes down to last second for team to remain in contention

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Bulldawgs squeaked out a 58-57 win over the Raiders in the postwide intramural basketball playoffs Monday night at Briant Wells Field House.

The B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Bulldawgs fought it out with the 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., Raiders in a blow-for-blow juggernaut battle for a chance at the championship title.

With 15 minutes left in the game, both teams played a more clean and concise game, fighting for every possession. The score continued to climb as they held it within one shot, the lead flopping back and forth like a fish on a dock.

"We always start strong," said Buford Grigley, Bulldawgs' forward and highest scoring player with 21 points. "Once we get about a 10-point lead, we need to learn to take better care of the ball and not allow so many turnovers."

Strong perimeter passing by the Bulldawgs held off the Raiders, and the non-stop pressure forced many turnovers and gave the Bulldawgs the lead, 43-38, with 5:30 left in the game.

Then Bulldawgs' Thomas Wright took advantage of one of the turnovers and made a breakaway run for the hoop, Raiders' Dennis Hughes answered throwing in a shot from downtown and shortened the point gap to 51-41 with 3 minutes left in the game.

After a timeout, the Raiders regrouped and came back, to cut the score to 54-47 with 1:47 in the game. Hughes was fouled and went to the line, putting one in. The free throw was followed by a shot from the paint by the Raiders to bring the game back within reach and only seconds left in the game.

Wright was fouled on the way down the lane and went to the line, throwing down one to increase the lead 56-53 with 38 seconds left in the game.

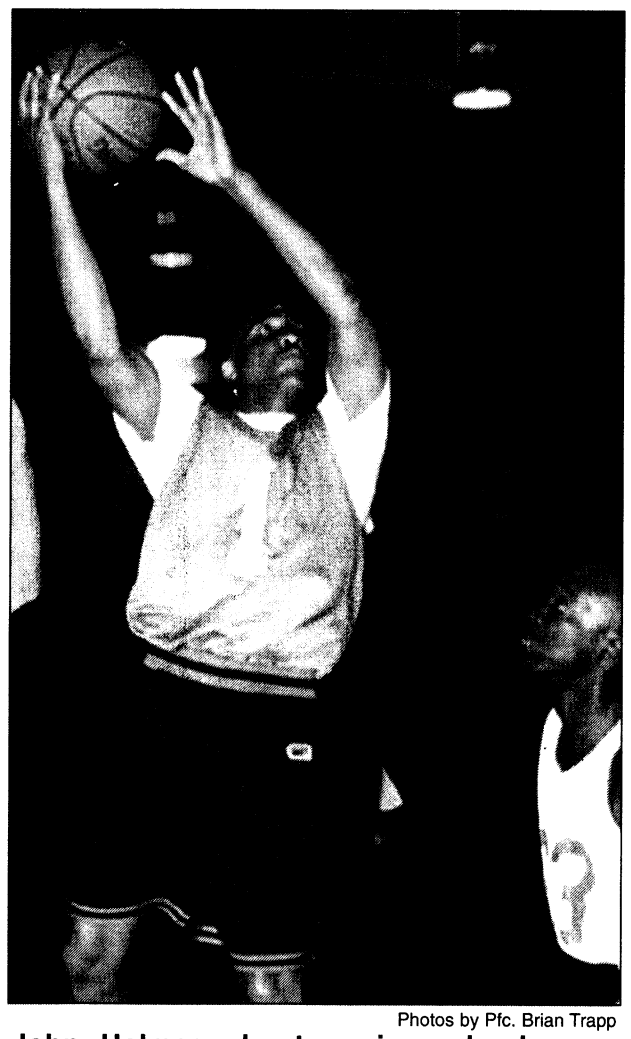
The Raiders called a timeout to build a strategy for the final seconds of the game. A foul on Bulldawgs' Tereska Wattkins took her to the line, where she put in one more and started to build a lead.

"Wattkins is the only starting female left in the league," Orr said. "She started slow, but she picked it up in the end, and her 3 pointer and defense helped us win the game."

Another foul added one more point taking it to 10 fouls by the Raiders compared to five by the Bulldawgs, leaving 5 seconds in the game and 58-55 on the board.

A final shot from the paint was thrown in after three unsuccessful 3-point shots leaving Raiders trailing by 1 as the buzzer went off.

"This game lets us know even if we're behind, we can come in and earn a win," said 1st Sgt. Marvin Orr, Bulldawgs coach.



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

John Holmes shoots a jump hook over Bulldawgs defender Thomas Wright.

Having Orr as the coach brings more support to the Bulldawgs than other teams get, Grigley said. "He is the best first sergeant in the battalion for supporting company sports."

"He has been to everyone of our games, and you can't say that about other first sergeants," Grigley said.

The game started out in the Bulldawgs' favor, although heavy defense from the Raiders slowed them down. Their intense coverage clogged the middle like a fat man's artery. Still the Raiders edged up and took the lead going into half, 24-19.

"We always come to win, but we're out there to have fun at the same time," Grigley said.

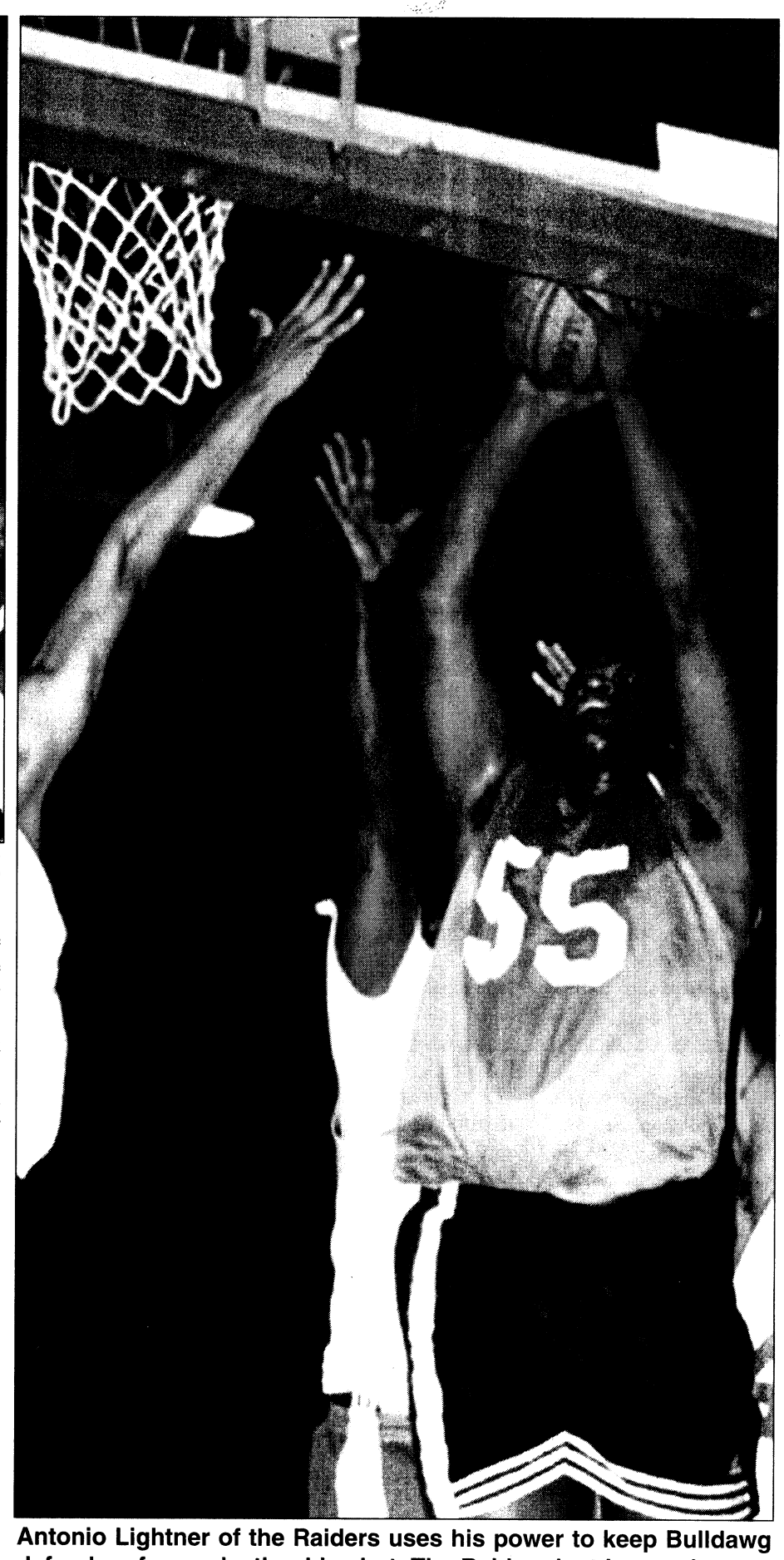
Championship dreams were both met and broke Monday night as the Bulldawgs advanced in the playoffs.

"The team brings NCOs and their soldiers together, builds cohesion, and that carries over to work," Grigley said.

The Bulldawgs face a sizeable challenge having to win three consecutive games to take the post championship.

"We just have to keep doing what we're doing," Grigley said. "We get a lot of fast breaks and pound the ball on the inside."

Editor's note: *See next week's edition for championship round coverage.*



Antonio Lightner of the Raiders uses his power to keep Bulldawg defenders from rejecting his shot. The Raiders lost by a point.

Roughriders overpower Aces

Steals, rebounds help team win

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Behind a great defense throughout the game, the Roughriders beat the Aces, 52-41, in post playoff intramural basketball action Monday at Briant Wells Field House.

The 63rd Engineer Company Roughriders used their quickness to create turnovers and rebound the ball to beat A Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Aces.

"Our defense was outstanding," said Michael Keys, Roughriders' forward. "We played defense as a team, and that put us on top."

The first half of the game went back and forth, neither team could put a run together to take a big lead.

However, at the end of the first half, the Roughriders got two quick steals on defense and converted them into two easy layups.

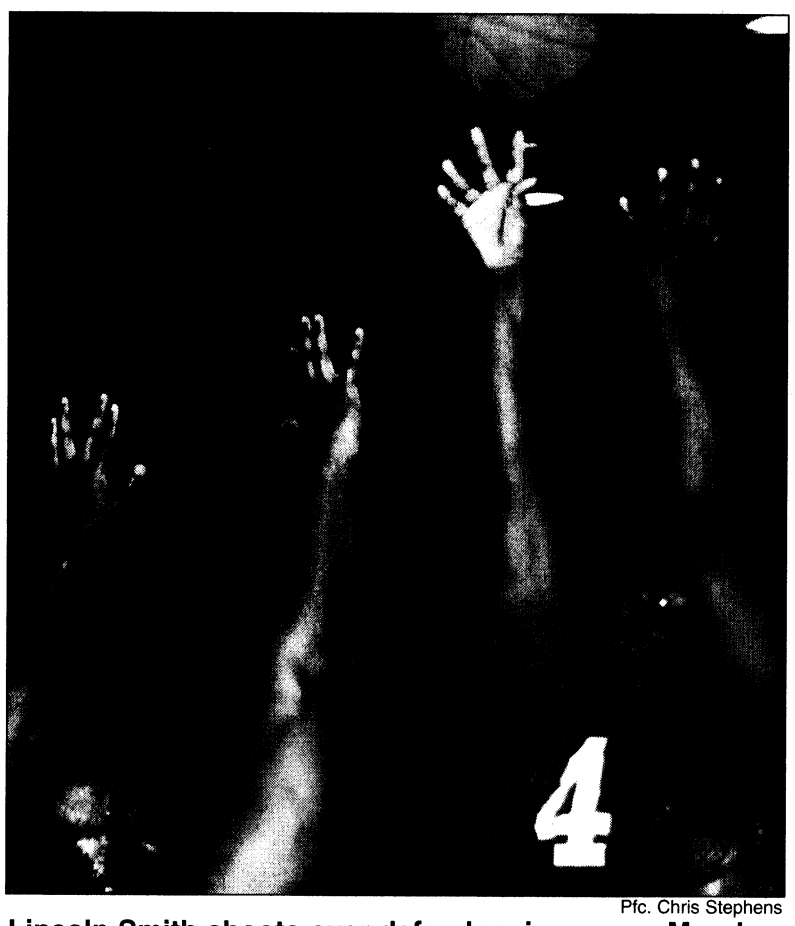
The Roughriders went into the halftime break with a 29-22 lead.

In the second half, the Roughriders came out with a 9-2 run.

The Aces answered the Roughriders and crawled back to within two.

It was the closest the Aces would get the rest of the game.

"We called a timeout when they were within two of us so we could get our heads back in the game," Keys said. "After the timeout, we just came back with a whole new burst of energy."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Lincoln Smith shoots over defenders in a game Monday.

After the timeout, Patrick Roublow, Roughriders' guard, sank two three-pointers to put them back up by eight. The Roughriders had a 42-31 lead with eight minutes to go in the game.

The Roughriders burned a lot of time off of the clock, and the Aces had no chance at a comeback.

Patrick Smith, Aces guard, hit a three-pointer with a few seconds left. But, it was too late.

"We didn't do our jobs," said Terrence Garrett, Aces' guard. "We didn't play defense, go after loose balls, and we had too many turnovers. Defense wins games."

Smith led the Aces with 18 points and Freddy Wahington, Aces' forward, added 10 points.

Roublow led the Roughriders in scoring with 17 points and Lincoln Smith, Roughriders' forward, put in 14 points.

"We have to just keep playing good inside and getting the rebounds," Keys said. "If we can do that and keep pressuring the opposition, I look to do well in the next rounds."

Season in full swing

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

COMMENTARY

It's spring time again. Time for the flowers to start blooming and time for the weather to get warmer.

The beginning of April also signifies something dear to the American public — America's favorite pastime, baseball season.

The season began Sunday and got into full swing Monday.

It looks to be a very interesting season this year.

There will be many surprises, but, in the end, there will be no surprise.

Starting off with the local team, the Atlanta Braves look to be the strongest team in the National League.

As always, the Braves will put forth a dominant starting rotation, and for the first time in years, a great bullpen. Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine lead the way with former starter John Smoltz closing the games.

The pitching staff is not the only thing to brag about. The outfield looks to be one of the strongest in all the majors.

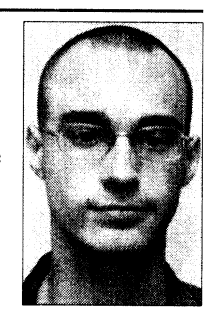
With the addition of Vinny Castilla at third base, Chipper Jones moves to the outfield. Joining him is Andruw Jones and All-Star right-fielder Gary Sheffield, who the Braves acquired in an off-season trade with the Los Angeles Dodgers.

I believe the main contenders for the Braves will be the New York Mets and the Arizona Diamondbacks.

The Mets have the best catcher in all of baseball. It's hard to out do Mike Piazza. I look for him to produce 40 homers and 120 runs batted in.

The Mets' Roger Cedeno is a prominent base-stealer and should steal another 50 bases this year.

The Diamondbacks have two outstanding pitchers in Curt Schilling and Randy Johnson. However, with Matt Williams on the disabled list, their offense is going to have to really pick up for them to do anything.



The American League is a race between two teams, the New York Yankees and the Seattle Mariners.

The Mariners are looking to better their record-setting 2001 season. With the return of Rookie of the Year Ichiro Suzuki and outstanding second baseman Bret Boone, the Mariners will have no problem repeating as the American League Western Division champs.

The Yankees are, without a doubt, stacked with talent.

George Steinbrener went out again in the off-season and bought an exceptional player in Jason Giambi.

Giambi is not the only weapon the Yankees will have. All-Star shortstop Derek Jeter will yet again dazzle crowds with his spectacular defensive plays.

Then, there is the Yankees pitching staff. Without a doubt, three of the best pitchers in all of baseball are Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina and Andy Pettite.

Clemens will continue to be a dominating force and looks to capture another Cy Young award. However, Mussina will be nipping at his heals for the award.

The Yankees will go onto the World Series to face the Braves, and my prediction is the Braves will win the World Series in six games.

I believe this is the year of the Atlanta Braves. They are a very strong team and have the weapons capable of taking it all.

Raiders advance in tourney

Zone 'D' stops Deathstalkers high-speed 'O'

Phil Thompson
Bayonet correspondent

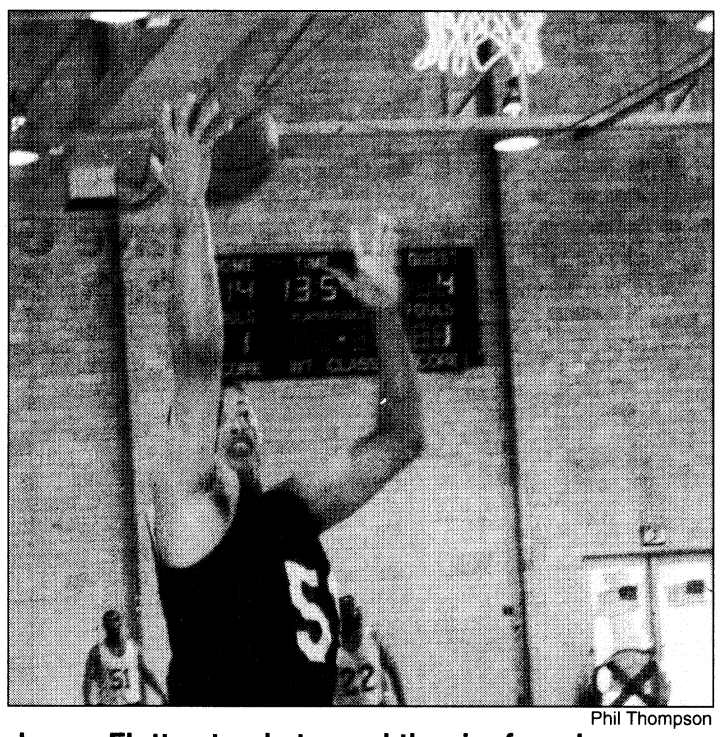
The 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, Raiders defeated 3rd Brigade Dining Facility's Deathstalkers, 68-62, March 29 at Briant Wells Field House.

The Deathstalkers quickly jumped to the lead and controlled the game with consecutive steals and defensive rebounds. Still, the Raiders hung around and gradually pecked away at the Deathstalker's lead.

With 1:09 on the clock, the Raiders took the lead 38-35.

"We started kind of sluggish, but we were just getting warmed up," said Raiders' coach Dennis Hughes. "We started to play our kind of basketball, using zone "D," and making the shots that needed to count."

The Raiders went to the half leading 49-41 and never turned back.



Phil Thompson

James Flott extends toward the rim for a lay up.

The Raiders' dominating zone defense completely shut down the Deathstalkers in the second half. The Raiders stayed one step ahead of the Deathstalkers, 54-50, never giving an inch. With 4:20 on the clock, the game was at a slow pace, but both teams were scoring. With less than one minute to go, the Deathstalkers staged a comeback to close the score to 64-60, but the Raiders closed the deal, scoring a lay-up as time ran out.

"Our defense needed to step up in the first half and grab more rebounds," said Raiders' Jonathan Holmes. "The team needed to hustle because we were kind of sluggish in the first half, but a win is a win."

Marksmanship team wins post medals

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

• Pistol Interservice Championships, Fort Benning, Ga., March 25-31 – USAMU international pistol shooter Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski won Gold Medals in the Mens Air and Free Pistol Championships and took Silver Medals in the Center Fire and Standard Pistol Championships.

Spc. Grant E. Saylor won the Gold Medal in the Standard Pistol Championship, the Silver Medal in the Rapid Fire Championship and the Bronze Medal in the Mens Air Pistol Championship.

Staff Sgt. Eric G. Daniels won the Gold Medal in the Rapid Fire Championship and Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose won the Gold Medal in the Center Fire Championship.

Sgt. Janet Cruz received Bronze Medals in the Sport Pistol and Womens Air Pistol Championships.

• 300-Meter National Championships, Fort Benning, Ga., March 20-24 International rifle shooter Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker won the Gold Medal in the Standard Rifle National Championship and Spc. Mary K. Elsass won the Gold Medal in the Sport Rifle National Championship.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas took the Silver Medal in the Free Rifle Prone Championship.

Maj. Michael E. Anti earned the Bronze Medal in the Free Rifle Three Position Championship.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball league — Intramural volleyball registration has begun. League play begins April 15.

For information and early registration, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595 or 544-9486.

Golf league — Intramural golf registration has begun. League play begins April 16.

For information, call Andrew Snoddy at 545-4300.

Softball tournament — The annual preseason softball tournament registration has begun. The tournament will be played at Engineer Field April 20-21. The deadline for registration is April 17. There will be a meeting at Gowdy Field April 18 at 3 p.m.

For information, call Carol Gearheart at 545-1940.

Stowers Stampede — The Stowers Stampede is planned for April 20. It will feature the 1-mile fun run, 5K run and 5K wheelchair race. The event has been an annual event for more than 20 years. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Stowers Elementary school.

Registration is $6 for children and $12 for those 15 and older. Participants will receive a T-shirt with the registration fee. Registration the day of the race will be $2 extra.

For more information, call 545-7793.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15 through 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman at 425-255-4645.

Pistol shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team is recruiting soldiers interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years service who obtain approval from their commanders can be attached to the marksmanship unit to participate in the initial advanced marksmanship training.

The best shooters will be selected to compete in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July. Upon completion of the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Gibbs at 545-3893.

Rifle shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good rifle shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in rifle competitions in the summer.

Proof of sharpshooter or expert M-16 rifle qualification is required, and soldiers must be sergeant first class or below with less than 15 years of service and at least two years retention.

Every year the USAMU Service Rifle Team holds a try-out.

This year the try-out will be April 15-21. During the try-out week, soldiers are trained and evaluated in advanced marksmanship skills.

Once that is completed, rifle team officials select shooters who will remain from April 22 to Aug. 19 to compete at the Interservice and National Championships. At the end of the four-month tour, soldiers will return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training.

Interested soldiers can contact Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614 or e-mail kyle.ward@usarec.army.mil. For more information, visit the unit's Web site at www.usamu.com, click on The Shooting Teams, select Service Rifle and click on "Joining the Team."

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Fitness Challenge — The Hughston Health's fourth annual Fitness Challenge will begin 8:30 a.m. May 4 at the Hughston Clinic Outdoor Track and Fitness Center.

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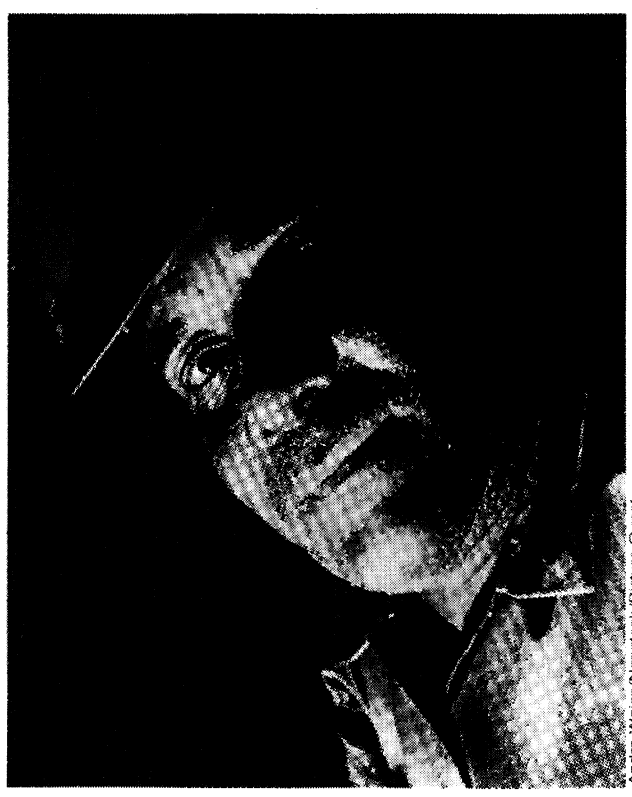
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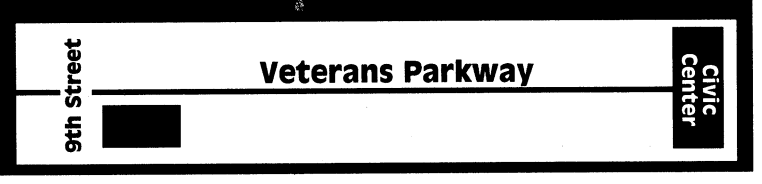
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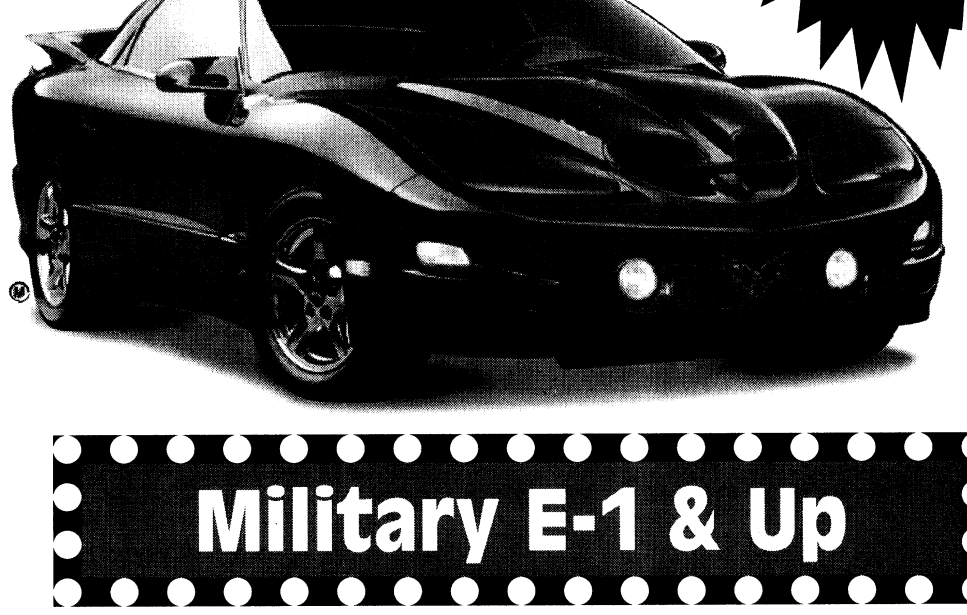
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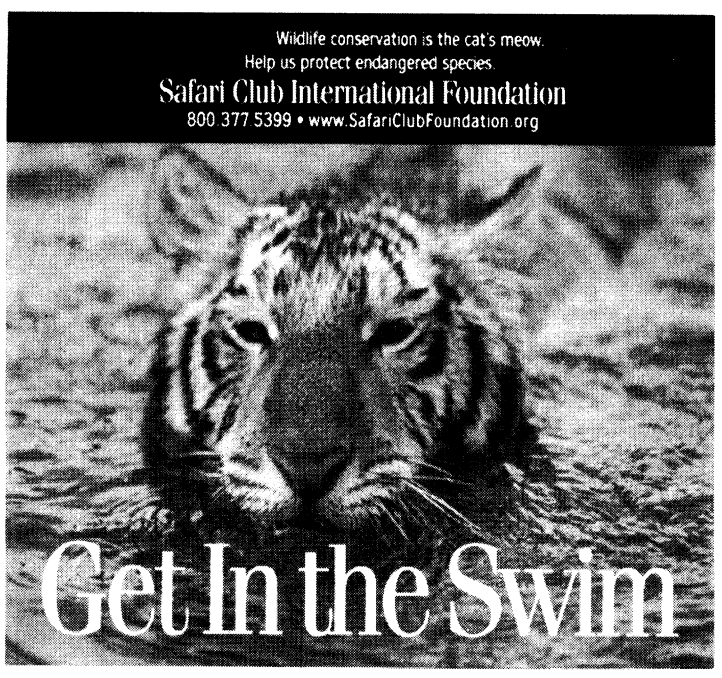
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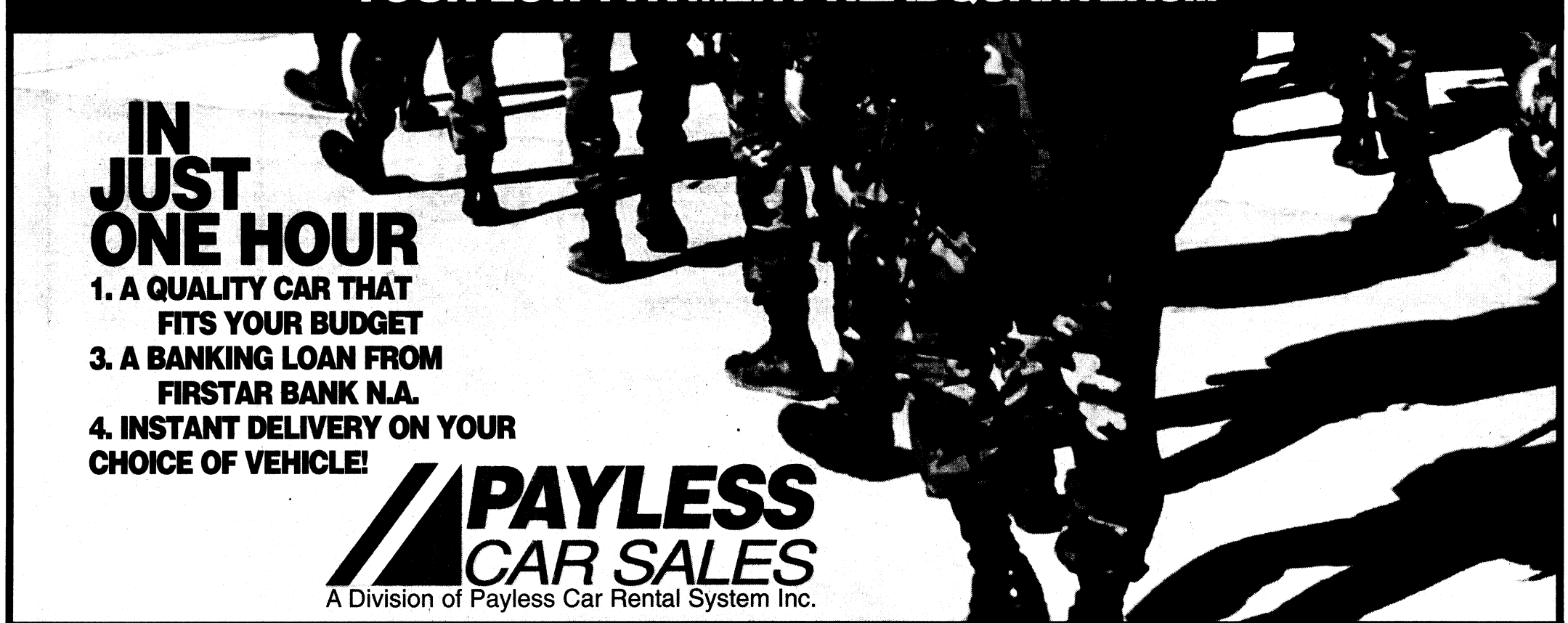
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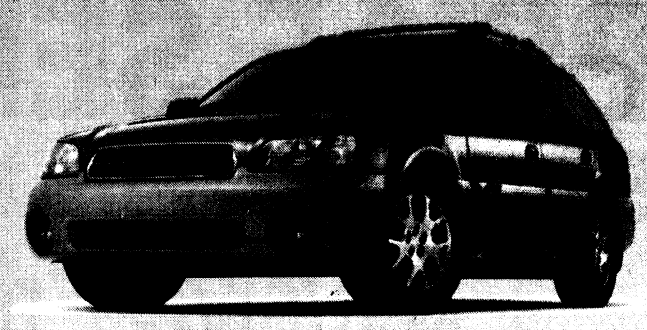
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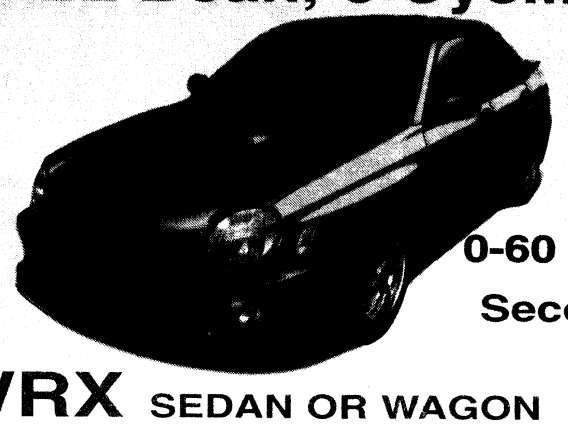
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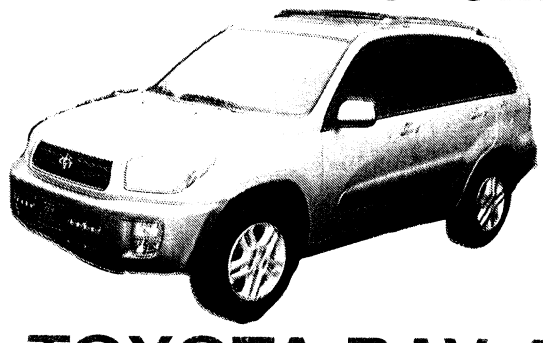
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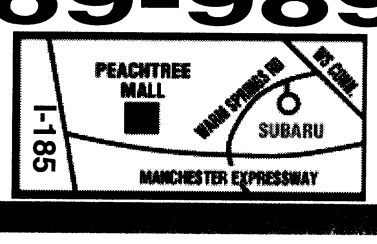
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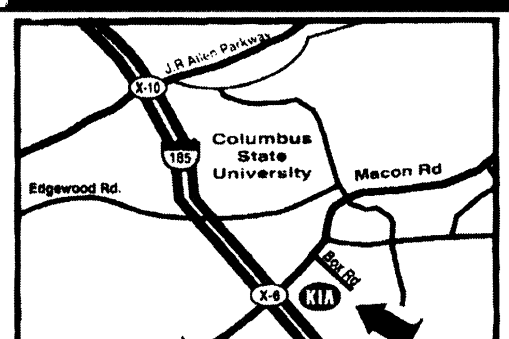
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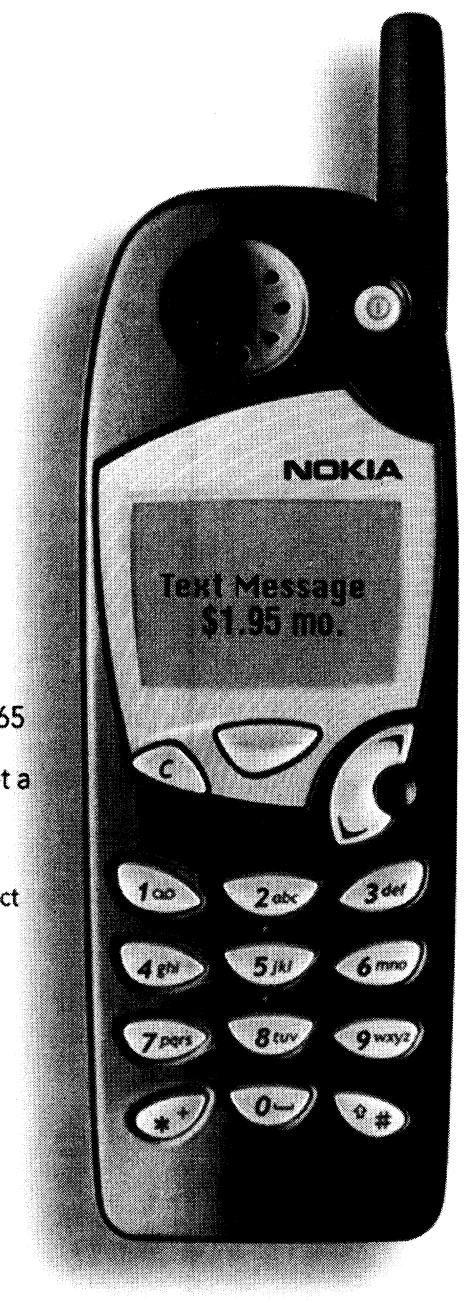
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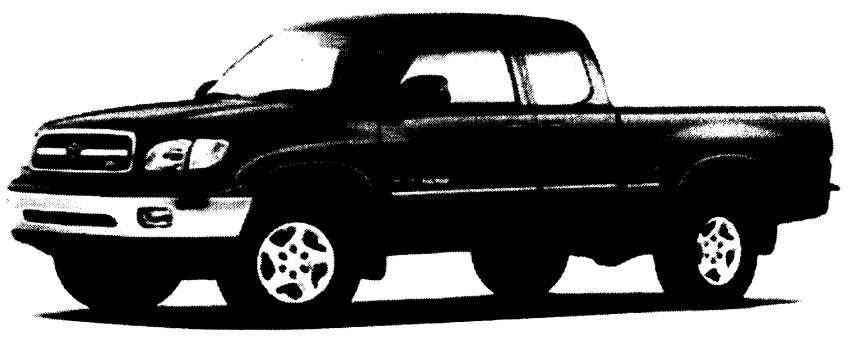
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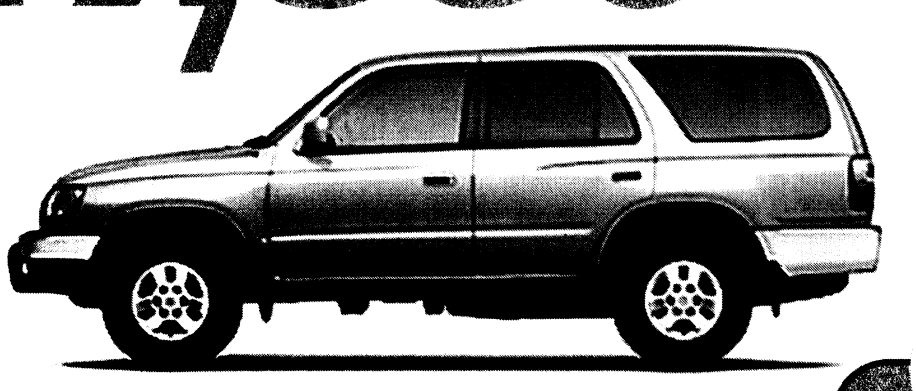
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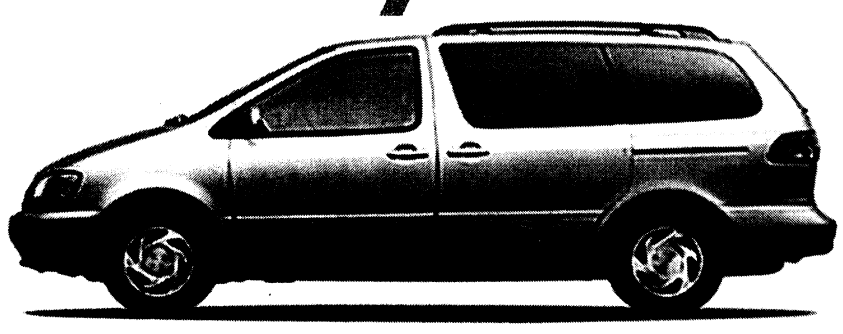
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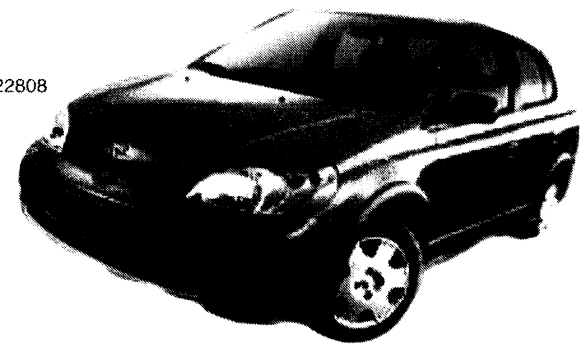
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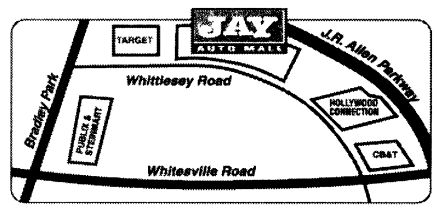
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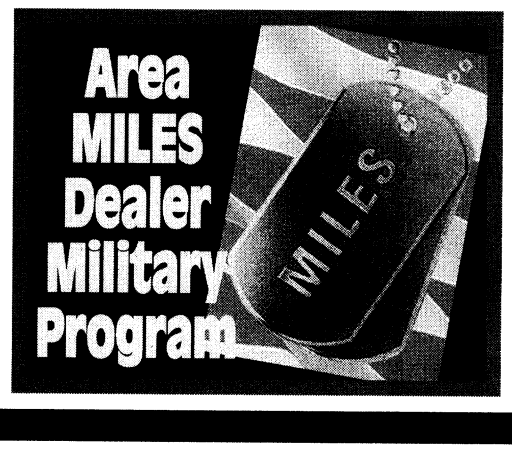


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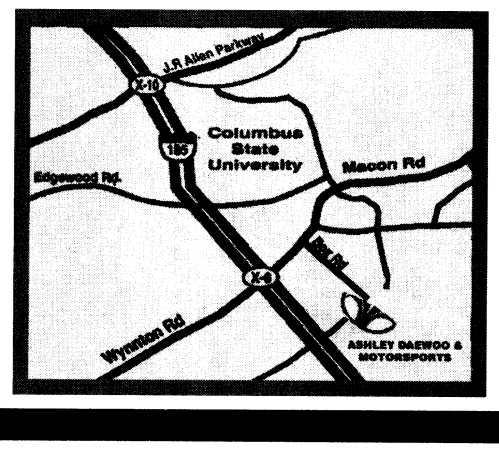


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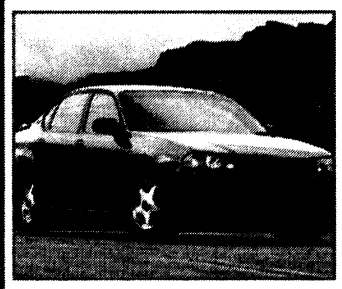


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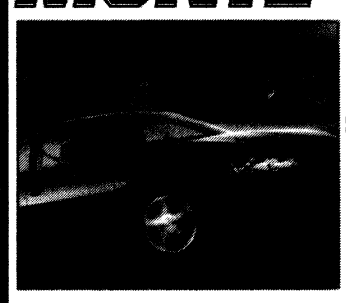


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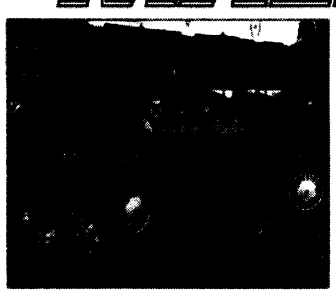


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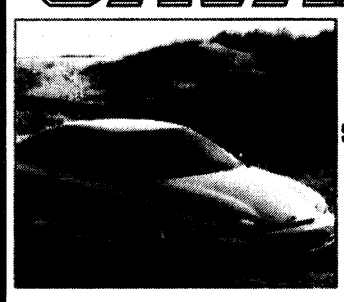


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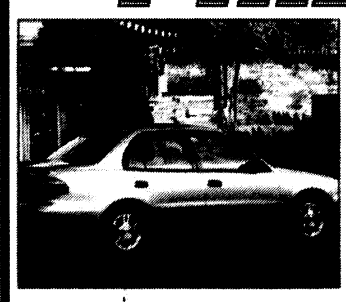


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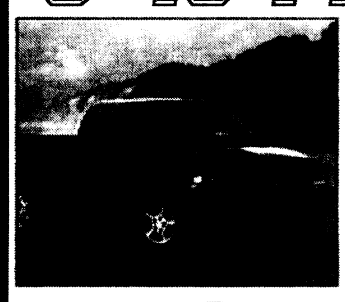


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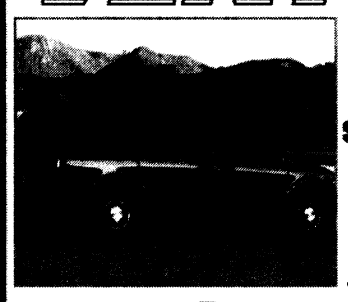


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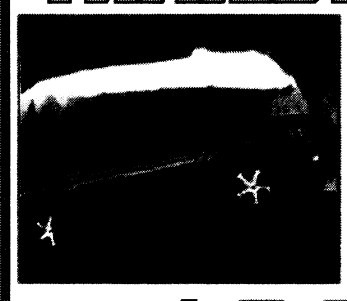


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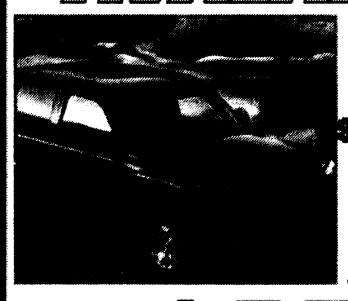


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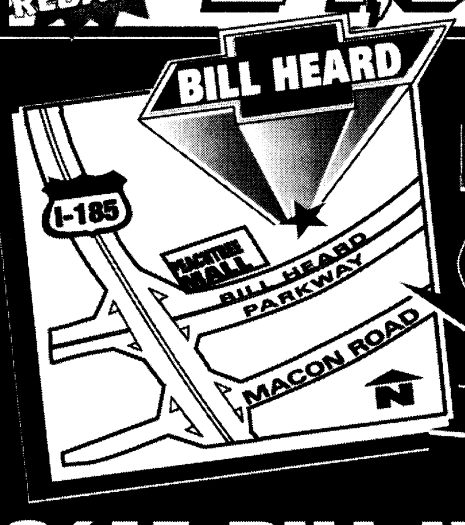
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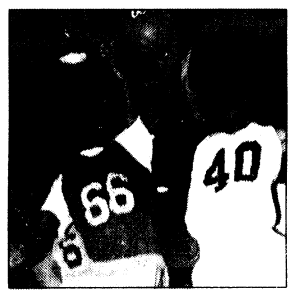
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Friday — high 62, low 28

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Army imposes stop-loss for some

Needs arise due to Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army has just added 38 more career-management fields and military occupational specialties to the "stop-loss" program.

The program was first implemented for selected active-duty soldiers in November and then expanded with additional specialties and to the reserve component in December.

Army officials announced Tuesday the third stop-loss increment, affecting selected active, Reserve and National Guard troops by stopping voluntary requests for retirement or separation, effective Feb. 22.

This expansion is the largest to date. It will impact approximately 2,630 active-duty, 3,920 Reserve and 4,190 National Guard soldiers, said Lt. Col Bob Ortiz, chief of Enlisted Professional Development for the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff. Those numbers bring the total affected by the three stop-loss announcements to about 3,330 active-duty, 4,450 Reserve and 4,760 National Guard troops.

"Stop-loss is necessary to retain the critical skills needed in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle," Ortiz said. "The key word is critical. These are skills where we have found a need to retain soldiers to support a myriad of operational requirements since Sept. 11th."

Stop-loss does not mean stop movement, Ortiz said. Normal personnel rotations for permanent changes of station and for schooling requirements will continue as scheduled, he said, unless individual soldiers elect to extend at their current duty stations.

Commissioned officers impacted by the latest stop-loss announcement are in the following CMFs:

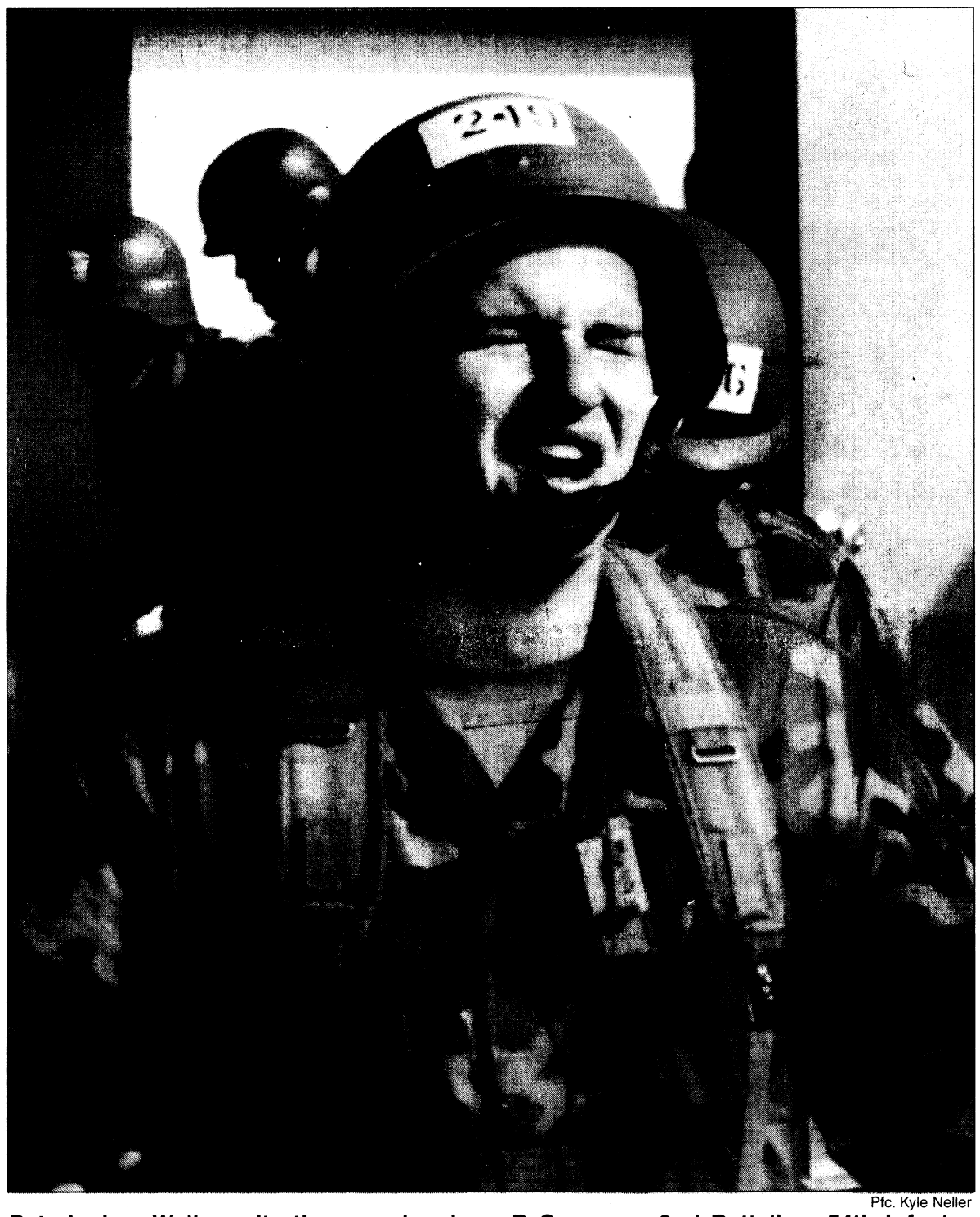
- 15C35, Aviation All Source Intelligence, 31, Military Police, 35, Military Intelligence
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- 51C, Contract and Industrial Management

Warrant officers affected by this stop-loss include those with the following specialties:

- 155E, C-12 Pilot, 155G, O-

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Gas, gas, gas!



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Pvt. Joshua Walko exits the gas chamber. B Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment spent Tuesday on NBC training. For more details, see page A-11.

Budget money brings barracks

Post will also build urban assault course

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

Fort Benning's soldiers will soon have a new barracks complex and an urban assault course. The proposed projects are part of the budget plan for fiscal 2003.

Details of the 2003 Department of Defense budget proposal to fight the war against terrorism, provide for homeland defense and accelerate changes to transform the U.S. military were released by President Bush Feb. 4. The budget proposes $369 billion for the DoD, plus an additional $10 billion, if needed, to fight the war on terrorism.

The fiscal 2003 DoD military Construction and Family Housing Program totals $9 billion and reflects the administration's emphasis on improving the quality of life for military personnel by providing better working and living conditions. The request includes more than 300 major construction projects at about 185 locations.

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War veteran speaks with ITB soldiers

Retirees pay respect to Merrill's Marauders, listen to Piazza speak

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
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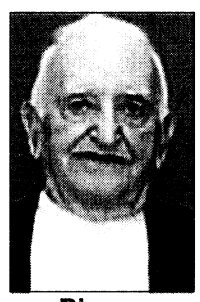
Philip Piazza, president of the Merrill's Marauders, spoke to soldiers from F Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, Infantry Training Brigade the morning of Feb. 8.

Piazza received a plaque of a replica black powder pistol as a gift of appreciation to the Merrill's Marauders for their selfless service and to thank Piazza for coming to speak.

The company finished "The Bayonet," a seven-day field training exercise. They listened to Piazza speak about his experiences when he served in 1944 with the 5307th composite unit, the Merrill's Marauders.

"Regular Infantry Training Brigade soldiers have not been able to be in his presence," said Pvt. Kwesi Hector. "He usually speaks to rangers, so I'm honored to hear him speak."

"I know he is in the Ranger Hall of Fame, so he had to do something special to receive that honor," he said.



Piazza

Piazza was lucky and blessed to be one of the few members of the Marauders to survive 35 missions, Hector said.

The Merrill's Marauders, a long range surveillance unit assembled during World War II for special operations, lost 90 percent of their men in the seven months they spent behind enemy lines in North Burma.

Many of the soldiers with whom Piazza served lost their lives to deadly diseases, Piazza said.

"Typhus killed a lot of our men," he said.

"I'm honored to be next to a man who went through what Piazza went through," said retiree Romie "Snuffy" McDaniel. McDaniel attended the speech with three other retirees he meets on the last Saturday of every month at the World wide Ranger Association meeting. "I think more people like him should be honored."

McDaniels said he and his fellow retirees attended the speech to show their appreciation and respect for the service of Piazza and the Merrill's Marauders.

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>
> **Pvt. Kwesi Hector**
> ITB soldier

"They won't be around much longer," McDaniel said. "They are a great source of education for these young soldiers."

Piazza shared some stories of combat education on survival tactics and informative combat experience with the soldiers. He said he was very impressed with the training the soldiers received.

The soldiers reminded him of what it was like to be prepared for battle, he said.

"I hope these men never have to go through what we did, but if they have to, they're ready," Piazza said.

"His men followed him because he's a leader," said Hector. "He can't stop a bullet, but he'll lead you in the best direction."

Tell-a-marketer to call me

commentary

Bridgett Siter
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I was a telemarketer once. There I said it. I'm not proud of it, but I was only 16 and desperate for mall money.

My sister and I responded to a classified ad for "phone-loving gals" willing to spend a couple of hours every evening harassing strangers from a safe distance.

We worked in a sleazy back-alley sweat shop hocking the *Kokomo Shoppers' Sampler* — *"For just $39.95, you'll get more than 320 discount coupons for goods and services you'll never use. Now if I can just verify your address, credit card number and hat size ..."*

It was an ugly job.

My sister, the soft-hearted, gave up on day three when a pitiful, lonely old man wouldn't let her hang up the phone. I knew her days as a phone solicitor were numbered when she called him back a second time, "just to check up on him."

Me, I'm made of sturdier stuff. I survived till day four, when some pervert with deep pockets agreed to buy one *Sampler* for every 10 minutes I stayed on the line and let him talk dirty.

So take it from me, one who's been to the dark side and back, telemarketers are people, just like you and me. (If we cut them, will they not bleed?) And truth be known, they do us all an invaluable service.

Case in point: Just the other evening, I cooked. That's cause for celebration around our house. So I set the fine china, dimmed the lights and lit some candles, put on some mood music (George Strait) and cattle-called the kids to dinner.

My Cleaver-esque evening was off to a good start.

Then Jake reached for the pickles, elbowed a candle and sprayed hot wax across the table and onto Brittney's plate.

She screamed.

The dogs howled.

Tom jumped up and knocked over his chair.

And George kept right on singing about all his exes in Texas.

Just as I was about to blow my top, the telephone rang, and salvation in the form of a broad named Bambi offered me a really good deal on children's magazines. (Now I ask you, would you buy children's literature from someone named Bambi?)

Bambi rambled on and on as the din in the dining room reached a fevered pitch, and my temper kept climbing.

And then a beautiful thing happened.

I exploded. I said some awful things to Bambi. Unforgivable things — totally out of character. It was fun. It was wonderful. It was cathartic.

"So, does this mean you're not interested in the magazines?" she asked, when I paused long enough to catch my breath.

"No, I don't want the magazine. But thanks for calling. I feel much better. Can you call back tomorrow, about the same time?"

So now I hear the Federal Trade Commission is proposing a national "do not call" registry for those who don't want to be bothered by telemarketers. I've got a better idea. Just give them my number.

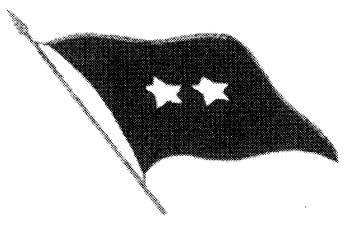
Tell them to call at 7 a.m., when Kenzie's lost her shoes, Jake's lost his homework and the dog's run off ... again.

Tell them to call at 6 p.m., when all the kids hate everything I've cooked, except dessert, which is burned.

Or better yet, tell them to call at 9 p.m., when the girls won't sleep, the dishwasher overflows and Tom tells me he needs three dozen cookies by morning.

Just, please don't take away my telemarketers. Or I'll have to start beating my kids.

Post celebrates diverse heritage



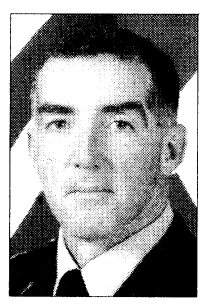
African-Americans have made an indelible impression on the fabric of our society.

They have played a central role in the development of our nation.

Through strength of will and unimaginable endurance, they survived the horror of slavery to become settlers, writers, artists and leaders in the religious, political and business world.

The traditions, values and strength African-Americans brought from their diverse countries of origin and difficult passages have not only reinforced the moral and political fiber of our country, but add beauty to our culture as well.

African-Americans today continue to enrich our culture and quality of life through contributions in every segment of society from business, education and politics to science, law and medicine.



They distinguish themselves and bring honor to our nation by serving admirably in its defense throughout the world.

As our African-American communities grow along with our nation, we share a deep pride in their culture, traditions and values; recognizing the key role they play in the progress of our democratic system.

It is important to recognize the contributions African-Americans have made to the social, political and moral strength of the United States.

I challenge each of you to learn more for yourself about the many accomplishments of our African-American citizens and to discover more about their rich culture and triumphant history.

In doing so, you will gain a greater understanding not only of the heritage of African-Americans but of our national heritage, which are one and the same.

In recognition of Black History Month and our nation's ethnic and national diversity, I proclaim the month of February as Black History Month for Fort Benning.

This year's theme is: "The African-American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense."

During our African-American Heritage Observance events, you will have an ideal opportunity to learn more about African-American culture. Enjoy the music, food and entertainment.

But, take time to learn as well. Look at the exhibits, read the material provided and ask questions of your African-American friends. Celebrate African-American Heritage!

Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton
Commanding General

Community celebrates contributions

Master Sgt. Kevin Elliot
Equal Opportunity Office

What began as Negro History Week in 1926 has become the celebration we now know as Black History Month.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson brought about this celebration of history, achievements and contribution. Woodson founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History (now called the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History) in 1915 to illuminate the history of African Americans. To bring additional attention to the contributions of blacks in American history, Woodson initiated Black History Week in February 1926.

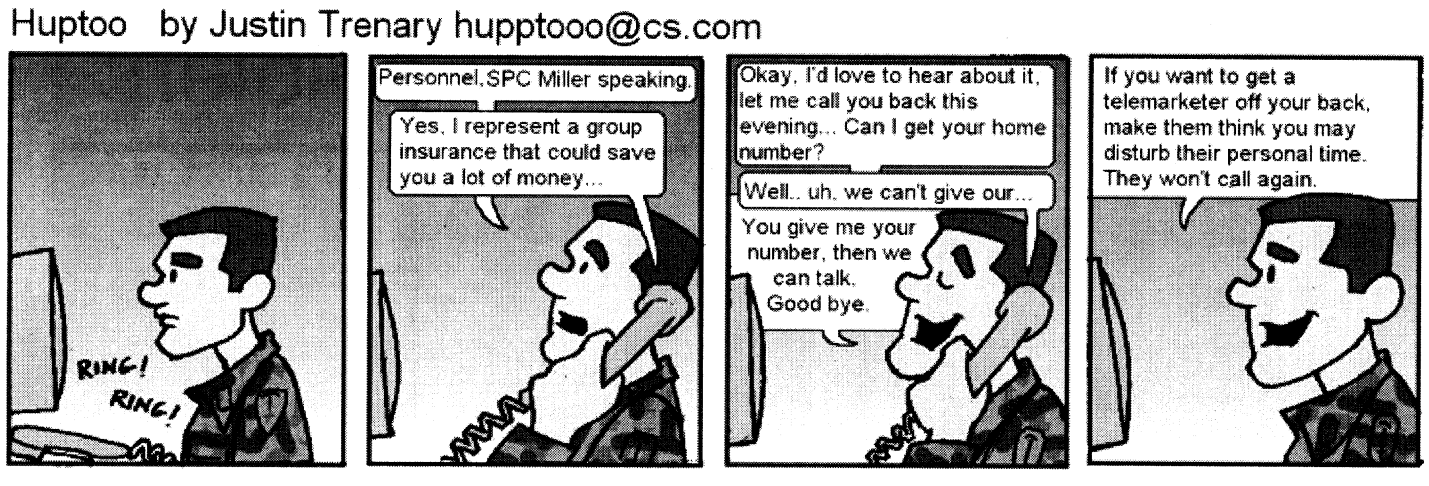
Woodson chose February for a number of reasons. February is the birth month of both Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, two men heavily involved in Black history. February is also the birth month of W.E.B. Dubois, a civil rights leader and co-founder of the National Alliance for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The NAACP was also formed in the month of February, 41 years later, in 1909. It is also the month that the 15th Amendment was passed, granting African Americans the right to vote.

In 1976, Negro History Week was expanded and renamed Black History Month. Every year since, by presidential proclamation, this month has been observed.

The theme for this year's observance is "The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense."

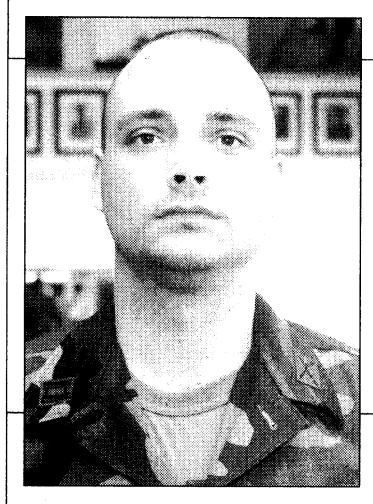
Join with the Fort Benning community as we celebrate Black History Month. The installation luncheon is 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club. The guest speaker is Senator Ed Harbison. Other observances include: the 29th Infantry Regiment breakfast at 7 a.m. Wednesday; the 36th Engineer Group will highlight events, music and clothing of the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s Feb. 26; the Basic Combat Training Brigade will rotate educational and informational displays during the month and have a luncheon (potluck) 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Regimental Chapel on Sand Hill.

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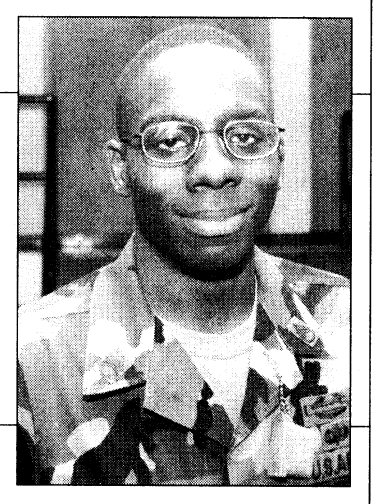


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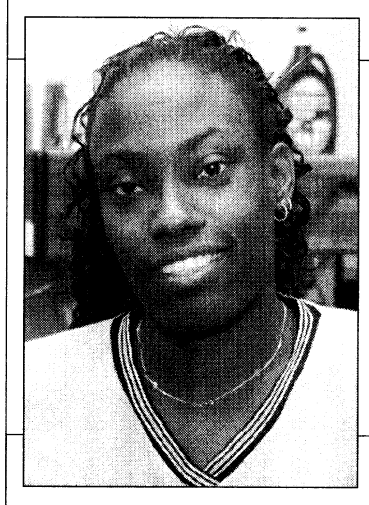
How do you deal with telemarketers?



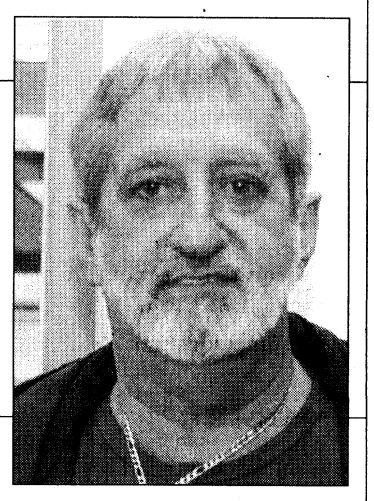
Capt. Jeffrey Jackson, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I just hang up as soon as they start talking. I don't even listen any more. I had one call at 2 a.m. one time. I said some choice words, and they hung up."



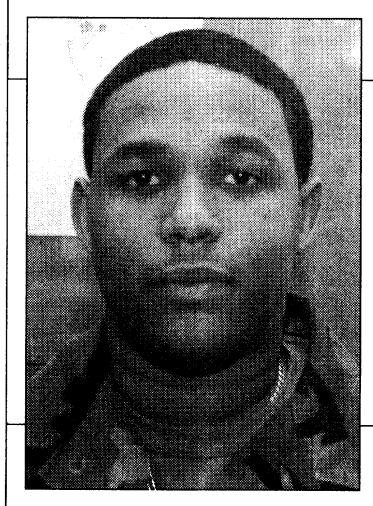
Staff Sgt. Jimmy Carswell, NCOA — "I'll listen to what they have to say. Mothers Against Drunk Driving called the other day, and I donated to them. I give everybody a chance, but if I'm not interested, I say so."



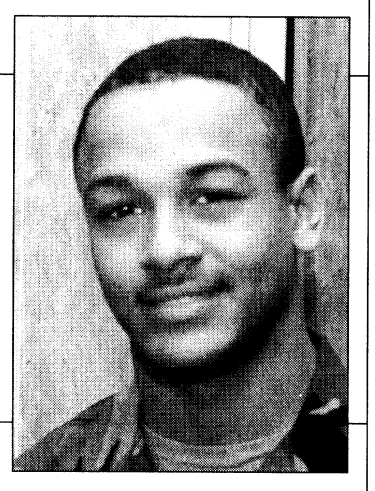
Tanisha Monroe, AAFES — "I try to be polite at first. See what they have to say, then hang up if I'm not interested. But I never give out credit card numbers or my Social Security number over the phone, especially not today when anyone can get the information."



Theron Ladner, Ia Drang veteran — "I just won't deal with them, and I ask them not to call anymore, if that doesn't work I just hang up."



Pfc. Lason Bowen, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I don't. I let my wife handle telemarketers. She'll talk to them if she's interested and if not — hang up."



Pvt. Joe McCampbell, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade — "I'll talk to them for a little but sometimes they say crazy stuff, so I say crazy stuff back. It can be pretty entertaining."

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'Hollywood finally got it right'

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"Hollywood got it wrong every damned time, whetting twisted political knives on the bones of our dead brothers,"

— Retired Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, in the prologue to *We Were Soldiers Once .. and Young*

Retired Lt. Gen. Hal Moore had plenty to celebrate Wednesday. It was his 80th birthday, and Hollywood presented him with a film version of *We Were Soldiers Once ... and Young*, the book he co-authored with journalist Joe Galloway about the first major battle of the Vietnam War.

Moore celebrated the occasion with hundreds of Vietnam veterans, friends and family members at a special retreat ceremony at Infantry Hall.

He was joined by Galloway and Randall Wallace, the screen-writer, director and producer who transformed the bloody Ia Drang battle into Paramount Pictures' big screen epic *We Were Soldiers,* which opens March 1.

Moore invited his guests to a sneak preview of the movie following the ceremony, but warned, "It's very intense, " and the "whup, whup, whup" of the Huey helicopter blades would "raise the hair on the back of the necks of every Vietnam vet in the audience."

"It's a multidimensional film. It will show you the intensity of ground infantry battle and the emotions back home when those heartbreaking telegrams arrived," Moore said. "Memories will come flooding back."

Moore said the release of the movie was the realization of a dream, and it accomplished what he once doubted Hollywood could ever do.

"When I was writing a chapter, *The Lost Platoon,* in 1985, I thought to myself 'This would make one hell of a movie one day.' But I never thought Hollywood would get it right," he said.

"But they did, and Randall Wallace was the only director in Hollywood who could do it."

Wallace, Moore and Galloway shared stories of their endeavor to capture the true essence of the struggle between less than 400 7th Cavalry Regiment soldiers and thousands of North Vietnamese forces.

And they spoke glowingly of the great respect they've developed for each other in the eight years since Wallace approached Galloway with a proposal for the movie.

"I got a call from Randall one day, and he said 'I've read this book, and I'd like to make a movie out of it,'" Galloway recalled. "I said to him, 'This book is our heart, so I have one question for you, Mr. Wallace. Do you believe in heroes?'

"And he said 'I do. I really do.' And from the start he was as passionate about this story as General Moore and I were," said Galloway, who did four tours in Vietnam as a war correspondent and now serves as a special consultant to Secretary of State Colin Powell.

> "This book didn't just speak the truth, it shouted it. For many it was a time of division and cowardice, but for the men of the 7th Cav, it was a time of courage, sacrifice and honor."
>
> **Randall Wallace**
> Producer, director *We Were Soldiers*

Galloway said Wallace "hewed fairly close to the book, choosing to see this more as a love story — the love that soldiers find for one another in the heat of battle — than a war story."

He said the film, which stars Mel Gibson as Moore and Barry Pepper as Galloway, is sometimes overwhelming.

"My wife Karen and I sat at a screening in November and saw her dad, Captain Tom Metsker, give up his place on a medevac chopper to another man," Galloway said. "Then he falls to a sniper's bullet as he stepped down, just as he did in real life."

Wallace said he was both honored and challenged by the co-authors faith in his ability to tell their story.

"This book didn't just speak a truth, it shouted it," Wallace said.

"For many it was a time of division, of cowardice, but for the men of the 7th Cav, it was a time of courage, sacrifice and honor.

"I was inspired by them, and every person who worked on this film, no matter what their job, was determined that it would be true and faithful to these men."

Wallace said the movie, much of which was filmed at Fort Benning last year, was meant to be a "moving monument" to the heroes of the 7th Cavalry Regiment's 1st Battalion and the heroes at home, the wives and children they left behind.

And the development of these hometown heroes is where the movie deviates from the book. The film spends a good deal of time developing story lines about the soldiers' families, much more so than the book.

"But it's not a documentary. It's important to show that not all the heroes were on the battlefield," Wallace said.

What veterans of the battle of Ia Drang are saying about the movie:

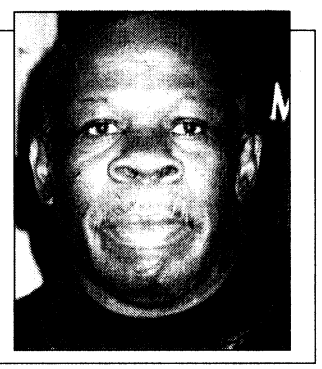
"It was a real good movie. He did an outstanding job of telling the story, but there was quite a bit of Hollywood in there."

— Retired Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley



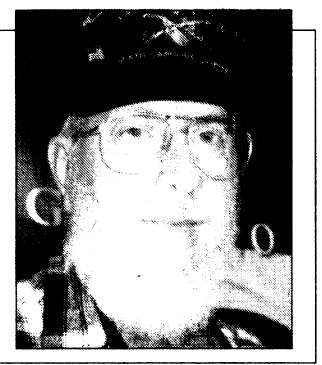
"It was gut-wrenching. Very factual. I'm so proud the true story was told. Let America be the judge, but we who were there know it was true."

— James Dubois



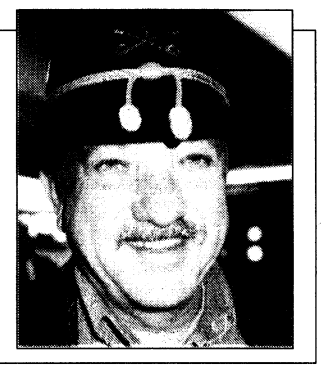
"It had a lot of Hollywood in it. But I was there, and I doubt there's anybody who could do it justice."

— James Comer



"Wonderfully good. The first time I saw it I was looking for my friends, the heroes, so I couldn't follow the story. It was much better the second time."

— John Wallenius



Movie review

Film delivers message, falls short on acting

Bridgett Siter
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It seems to me a movie review is both a pompous and presumptuous task. Who am I to say if the movie hit its mark? According to those in the know, the heroes who were there — at the preview and at Ia Drang — it was a qualified success. Qualified, I said.

"There was quite a bit of Hollywood in it." That's the refrain I heard time and time again. "But it was good. It told the story — got it right — finally."

I read the book and I cried. Me, the only person I know who *didn't* cry at *Saving Private Ryan*, didn't shed a tear at *Pearl Harbor* — I cried over Hal Moore's and Joe Galloway's very straight-forward account of the Ia Drang blood-bath. Sobbed like a baby as he recounted his wife's own personal hell back home.

So when Randall Wallace said "Better grab a hanky," I figured I'd better grab three.

Now here I sit wondering, *Is it me, or is it the movie?* I didn't shed a tear. I laughed out loud a time or two, but I didn't so much as sniffle. Call me heartless.

The book being my paradigm, I'll concur that the movie did tell the story. It spoke volumes about all that went wrong and all that went right in that battle. And if the overwhelming sense of chaos and confusion I felt during the battle scenes was anything like the reality, it did a good job conveying that war is hell, and this was a hell of a war.

There are moments when you have to go with the momentum of the battle. It's no use trying to keep pace. It's a relentless pummeling of gore and guts, as war must surely be.

And the cinematography! Three thumbs up (Somebody give me a hand here.) The special effects, the flashbacks, the slo-mos, the black and white and in-your-face battle scenes were awesome.

But, and here I go with the pompous, presumptuous part, the acting was a disappointment. Gen. Moore once remarked that, when it came to casting his character, since John Wayne wasn't available, "Mel Gibson will have to do."

Ironically there were moments in the film when I wasn't sure if Mel was playing Hal Moore or John Wayne.

There were frequent moments of brilliant, classic Mel. But there were also brief glimpses of this swaggering, drawling cavalry cowboy that didn't do Moore justice.

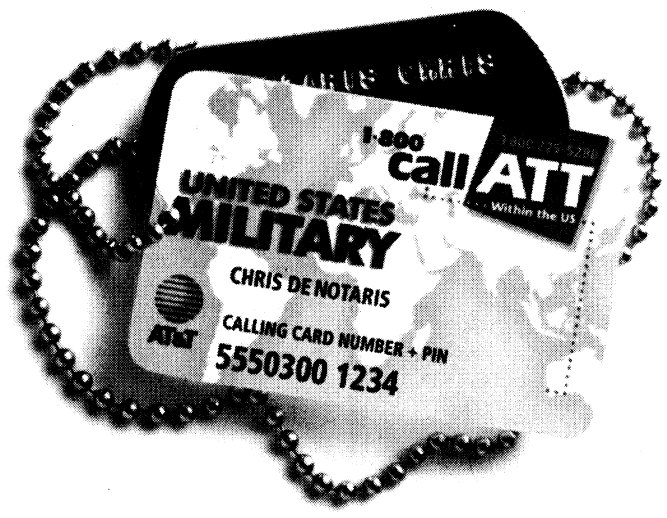
And the slack-jawed deer-in-the-headlights portrayal of Sgt. Ernie Savage was, well, savage. Unbecoming a hero.

At times the movie seemed hell-bent on portraying the men of the 7th Cav. as accidental heroes, instead of the brave, determined warriors they were.

And here's the crazy part. The one character that seemed outlandishly, illogically exaggerated — the hard-nosed, foul-mouthed bigger-than-life portrayal of Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley was right on the money.

Sam Elliot got it right. He captured the spirit of Plumley with his one-line zingers and no-holds-barred honesty.

So two out of three ain't bad. The movie told the story — got it right and the cinematography was excellent. It's all good, unless you happen to think character counts. And I was counting on those characters.



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Awareness key to stopping sexual harassment

Training focuses on defining, decreasing

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

There is no room for sexual harassment in today's Army, and current leadership is emphasizing training and awareness to decrease occurrences.

Last year on Fort Benning there were 10 formal EO complaints, according to Master Sgt. Kevin Elliot, NCOIC for the Equal Opportunity office. Five of these were sexual harassment complaints. One was a substantiated case.

All of these cases were females complaining about male subjects.

"To my knowledge, there hasn't been any cases at Fort Benning with a male complainant against either a female or male subject," Elliot said.

Training emphasis focuses on establishing what behaviors are considered sexual harassment, how to deal with it in the work place and steps to reporting it.

A survey conducted in 1995 by the Department of Defense polled active-duty members of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard. Fielded from February through September 1995, 41,900 surveys were completed.

According to the survey, between 1988 and 1995, the percentage of military women who reported they had received uninvited and unwanted sexual attention from someone at work during the last 12 months declined from 64 to 55 percent. The percentage for men dropped from 17 to 14 percent.

More than 80 percent of respondents reported being trained, and 60 percent indicated the training was moderately or very effective. Nearly 90 percent of respondents said they knew the process for reporting sexual harassment, and 60 percent said leaders were making honest and reasonable efforts to stop sexual harassment.

More than half, 52 percent of women said they experienced behaviors they considered to be sexual harassment. Of those who experienced unwanted behavior, 88 percent of said it occurred on base, 74 percent said at work and 77 percent said during duty hours. Military co-workers were the perpetrators 44 percent of the time, and 43 percent said it was someone of higher rank or grade.

In 1995, 40 percent of women and 17 percent of men indicated they chose to report an incident, compared to 1988 when 8 percent of the women surveyed and 10 percent of the men said they had done so. Of those who reported an incident, 83 percent said it would not affect their military career.

The survey came to several conclusions. First, that sexual harassment is declining, but it still happens much too frequently. Second, there is a perception that it isn't being taken seriously enough. Third, the effectiveness of training programs must be continually monitored in order to be successful.

According to figures from June 1, 2001, women are 16 percent of the Army. Of those, 15.3 percent of active duty, 24.9 percent of the reserves and 11.9 percent of the national guard are women.

In terms of Army occupations, 91.4 percent of jobs and 69.9 percent of all individual positions are open to women.

For more information, visit www-benning.army.mil/eo.

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Sexual harassment figures from a 1995 DoD survey:

- 52 percent of women said they experienced behaviors they considered sexual harassment.
- 60 percent said leaders were making efforts to stop harassment.
- According to figures from June 1, 2001, women are 16 percent of the total Army.

Stop-loss: Helps Army fight terrorism war, keep soldiers

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5A/EO-5B/RC-7 Pilot
- 311A, CID Special Agent
- 350B, All Source Intelligence Technician
- 350D, Imagery Intelligence Technician
- 351B, Counter Intelligence Technician
- 351C, Area Intelligence Technician
- 351E, Human Intelligence Collection Technician
- 352G, Voice Intercept Technician

Enlisted specialties affected include soldiers with the following MOSs:
- 33W, Intelligence Electronic Warfare Repairman
- 74B, Information Systems Operator
- 81T, Topographic Analyst
- 92R, Parachute Rigger
- 95B, Military Police
- 95C, Internment Specialist
- 95D, CID Special Agent
- 96B, Intelligence Analyst
- 96D, Imagery Analyst
- 96H Imagery Ground Station Operator
- 96R, Ground Surveillance System Operator
- 96Z, Senior Intelligence NCO
- 97B, Counter Intelligence Agent
- 97E, Human Intelligence Collector
- 97L, Translator/Interpreter
- 97Z, Senior Human Intelligence NCO
- 98C, Signals Intelligence Analyst
- 98G, Voice Interceptor - Cryptologic Linguist
- 98H, Communications Interceptor
- 98J, Electronic Intelligence Analyst
- 98K, Signal Collection Analyst
- 98Z, Senior Signal Intelligence NCO

The Army will evaluate stop-loss needs on a monthly basis and use it as a tool to maintain unit readiness, Ortiz said. Additional stop-loss actions for other officer, warrant officer and enlisted specialties are possible, he said.

While the Army evaluates stop-loss needs, it is also starting to plan for when the measure is eventually lifted.

"What we want to avoid 'bathtub effect' of a lot of soldiers being flushed out of any particular unit due to separations and normal PCSs when stop-loss is no longer necessary," Ortiz said. "We want to maintain unit readiness in a post stop-loss Army."

Prior to Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom, the Army last used stop-loss during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm in 1990 when President George H. Bush used it.

Stop-loss does not affect most involuntary separations or retirements, nor does it generally limit laws, regulations, or policies that may lead to involuntary separations, retirements, or releases from active duty.

Budget: Renders cash for new barracks, assault course

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The barracks project replaces the current soldiers' living accommodations found in Cuartel Barracks, Building 17, which was built in 1929 as an open bay and gang latrine barracks. It was renovated in the '70s to single room units. Building 17, once vacated, is planned for use as non-Airborne student billets.

The barracks complex will be the new Army's standard design for barracks and will be the new home for the 11th Infantry Regiment, Medical Department Activity, Dental Activity, 988th Military Police Company, 209th MP Detachment, 71st MP Detachment, U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit and Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation permanent party unaccompanied enlisted personnel. The project also includes one small battalion headquarters for the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment with a classroom and troop aid station and one small company operations facility for MEDDAC.

Location of the new barracks is on the south side of Dixie Road on McAndrews and Easley Ranges.

This is the eighth in a series of projects required to complete Fort Benning's long-range plan for barracks renewal and modernization. The intended maximum capacity of the barracks will be 492 soldiers.

To comply with the Army's current urban operations training strategy, an urban assault course is also scheduled for fiscal 2003.

The urban assault course consists of, five stations: individual and team trainer, squad and platoon trainer, grenadier gunnery station, urban offense and defense building and an underground trainer.

"The urban assault course will be used primarily for individual training, with some limited collective training," said Robert Jordan, deputy director of Operations and Training for the U.S. Army Infantry School.

"The intent of the combined arms training strategy is for the urban assault course to be like a step or a gate that soldiers go through before they do collective training at a MOUT (military operations in urban terrain) site," Jordan said.

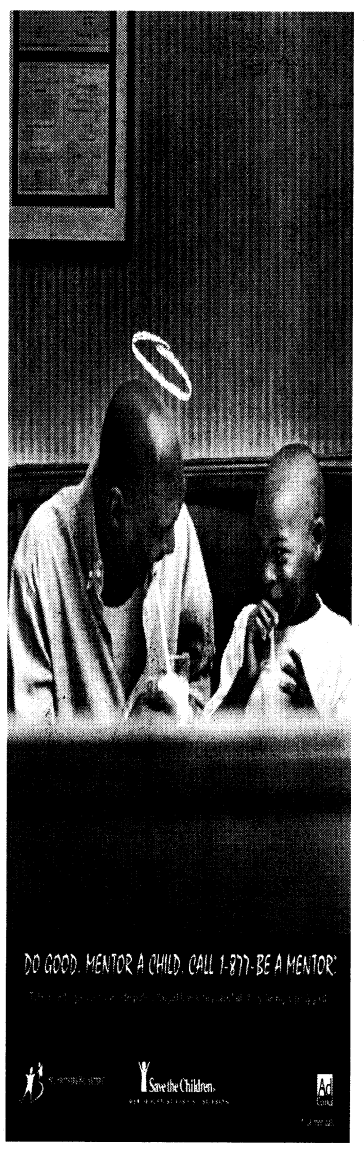
Part of the project includes a one story, bullet-proof structure to be used as a shoot house, with no ceiling, a catwalk mezzanine and a roof over the whole facility that will house a crane system to remove and replace wall panels as needed.

Support buildings for the urban assault course include an after-action review building and covered shelters. In all, the project includes five single-story wood buildings, (four of which are interconnected), one adjoining two-story wooden building, a two-story wooden facade, a two-story cinder block building with basement, an underground tunnel system with two access tunnels and four manhole covers, the shoot and three single-wall facades with doors and windows.

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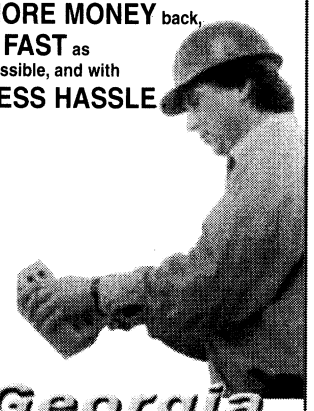
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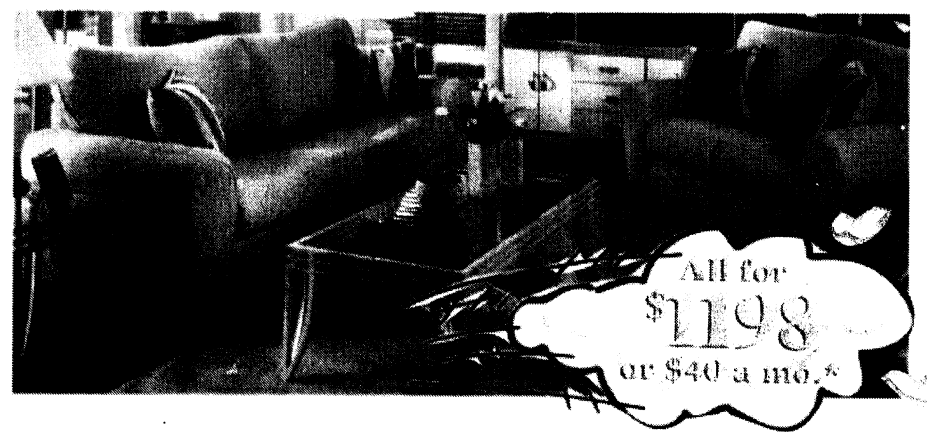
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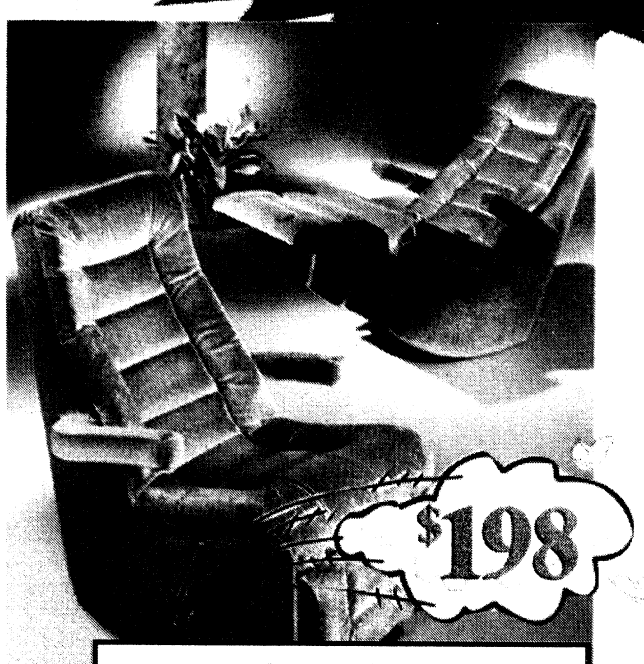


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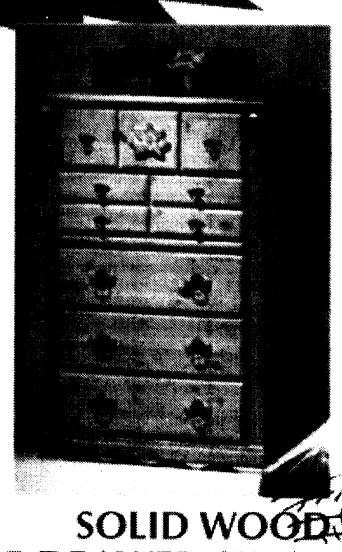


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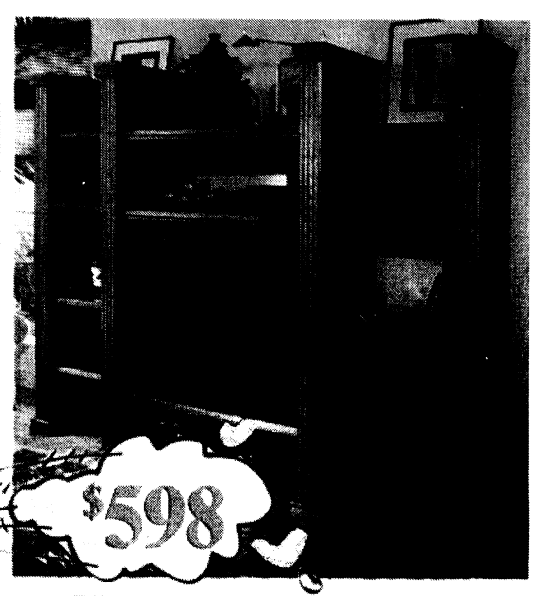
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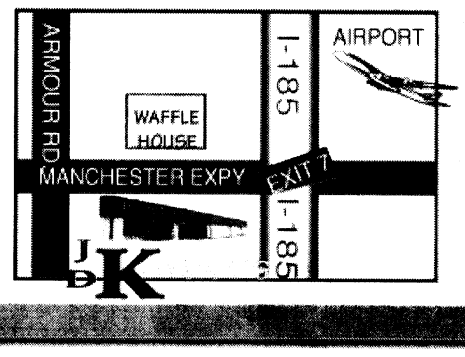


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- The Statue of Liberty stands 300 feet 1 inch from the pedestal to the tip of the torch, which is a symbol of enlightenment.
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- The seven spikes, or rays, on the statue's crown represent the seven continents and seven seas.

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The cornerstone for Lady Liberty was laid on then Bedloe's island Aug. 5, 1884. Her chains underfoot represent crushing the chains of slavery. She weighs in at a slim 225 tons. There are approximately 4,000 square yards of fabric in Liberty's dress. Her nose is four feet long, her index finger eight feet, and length of her sandal is 25 feet. That equals a U.S. women's shoe size of 879.

There are 354 steps from the base of the pedestal to the top of the crown. On a crowded day, the trip can take three hours.

What does it take to be an AMERICAN?

Changes to immigration laws speed up process

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Most Americans come by citizenship naturally. Naturally born, that is.

But a citizen of the United States can be a native-born, foreign-born, or naturalized person who owes allegiance to the United States and who is entitled to its protection, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

In addition to the naturalization process, the U.S. recognizes the citizenship of individuals according to two fundamental principles: jus soli, or right of birthplace, and jus sanguinis, right of blood. What this means to the layperson is if you're born in the U.S., you're a citizen because you were born here, or if you're born to American parents outside the U.S., you also have the right to American citizenship.

Information on who is a citizen or national at birth is defined in the Immigration and Nationality Act.

During fiscal 1999, more than 2.5 million naturalization applications were completed. Olga Kelley, president of Fort Benning's International Spouses Club, is one of nearly 6.9 million immigrants who applied for citizenship from 1993 to 2000, more than the total in the previous 40 years combined.

Kelley was a German national who had lived in the U.S. for nearly 15 years before applying for U.S. citizenship. The average wait time for an application is about six to nine months, but Kelley got her response back in only two weeks. She flew to Atlanta two weeks later to be sworn in. Total wait time — one month.

"I guess I was just really lucky," Kelley said.

Lucky and well-versed in American history, which is critical in passing the citizenship exam. The study guide for the exam has 100 questions for examiners to choose from. She had to answer only 10 of the 100 questions.

"The tricky one was about the legislative branch of the government," she said, laughing.

Kelley found some study buddies in her friends at the International Spouses Club. The club conducts citizenship classes as a service to its members and the community.

"I would never have been able to answer those questions if I hadn't taken that course," she said.

She also had the advantage of being in the U.S. legally on a regular visa, which changed her waiting status.

Attorney General John Ashcroft announced just last week a "reorganization" of current immigration laws to ensure better protection for the U.S. from terrorist attacks. Ironically, speeding up the process is one of the key elements in his plan.

"A critical part of our mission is enforcing our immigration laws — enforcing them fairly, deliberately and without delay," Ashcroft said.

Any questions?

What types of questions might I expect at the citizenship exam? Well, only the basics of American history and government, right? Judge for yourself. And for all you naturally born citizens, see how many you can answer.

1. What are the colors of the American flag? *Simple enough.*

2. Who is the president of the United States? *We better know this one!*

3. Who said, "Give me liberty or give me death?" *Is it Kenneth Lay?*

4. For how long do we elect senators? *100 years (Way to go, Strom!)*

5. Can you name the two senators from your state? *Uuuhhh, let me get back to you.*

6. Name the requirements a person must meet to be eligible to become president. *Are you qualified?*

There are currently more than 34,000 pending immigration cases over a year old, and more than 10,000 cases over three years old.

The backlog leads to further problems in the process, including frivolous lawsuits that "allow individuals who are here in violation of our laws to remain here even longer."

For more information on citizenship classes, scheduled to begin Feb. 26, call Kelley at 687-6471 or 689-1739.

Lady's light a beacon for freedom

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—"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free ... send these, the homeless, tempest tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

— Emma Lazarus,
Jewish immigrant.

Lady Liberty greeted twelve million immigrants between 1892 and 1954. She still stands as the hostess with the most, greeting just as many tourists each year.

"From her beacon hand glows world-wide welcome," says her inscription, written by Emma Lazarus in an attempt to raise money for its construction.

The statue was a gift from the French, who admired the American way of life enough to dedicate to the country this steel beauty.

Steel and copper were the chosen mediums because the statue needed to be light enough to be shipped to the U.S., and she was broken down into 350 individual pieces for shipment.

Liberty Island, originally the home of Mohegan Indians, was later used to house a New York hospital effective for quarantine. The statue stands on what was Fort Wood, used as a fortress for protection of New York Harbor in 1811.

1875 — Auguste Bartholdi began sculpting "Liberty Enlightening the World."

June 1884 — After extensive funding efforts, Auguste Bartholdi completed the statue.

July 4, 1884 — "Lady Liberty" was completed and presented to the U.S.

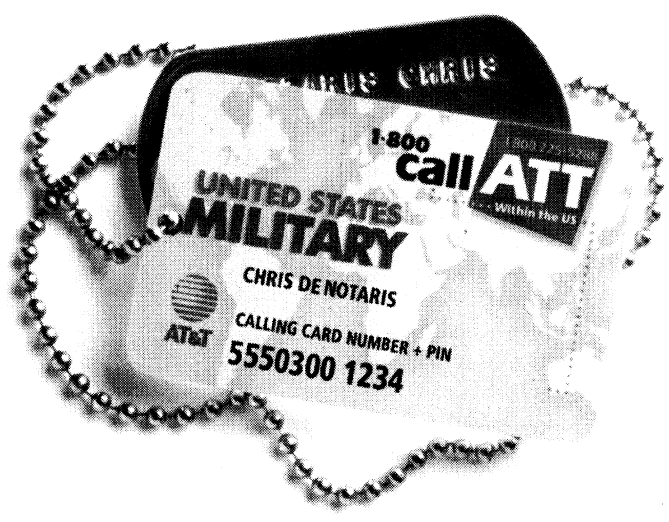
Oct. 28, 1886 — President Grover Cleveland officially accepted the statue on behalf of the U.S.

Oct. 15, 1924 — The statue was designated a national monument.

Oct. 28, 1986 — The statue was rededicated by President Ronald Reagan.

Sept. 11, 2001 — The Statue of Liberty was closed because of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center

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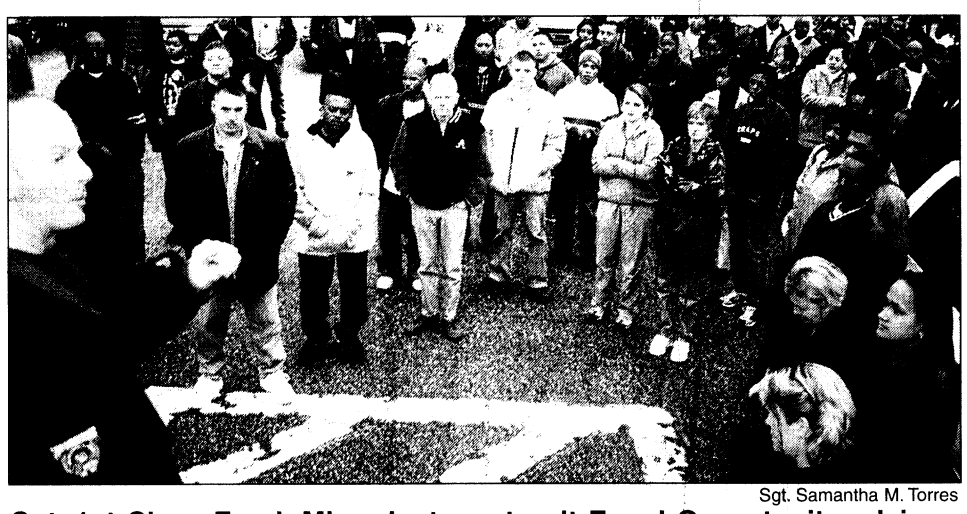
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EO takes awareness on road

Community visits local historical black university

Sgt. Samantha M. Torres
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Sgt. 1st Class Frank Miranda, tenant unit Equal Opportunity advisor, welcomes soldiers and civilians to Tuskegee Institute.

Four buses transporting 172 "road scholars," from Fort Benning made a trip to the first black institute of higher education Feb. 7.

The Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office staff sponsored a trip to Tuskegee Institute National Historic Site, Tuskegee, Ala., as part of the Army's program for cultural awareness and celebration of Black History Month. Private to lieutenant colonel, Department of Defense employees and family members made the trip to the school in Muscogee county for a glimpse at black American achievements during a time when blacks did not receive the same education opportunities as other Americans.

The EO staff schedules events like this to increase cultural awareness and educate the Fort Benning community, said Sgt. 1st Class Frank Miranda, EO advisor for Fort Benning Tenant Units.

This is the second consecutive year the EO office sponsored the trip to Tuskegee due in part to the overwhelming response of last year's trip, Miranda said.

After arriving at the home of the Tigers, visitors were divided into two groups. The first group was escorted by a Tuskegee student around campus and given a brief account of the school's leaders, architecture and academia. He told on-lookers the buildings were built by university students in the 1880s.

The second group began their visit at the George Washington Carver Museum with a viewing of a short video about the life and career of Carver, the institute's most famous and accredited instructor.

Carver, a noted scientist, botanist, artist and innovator, added to the curriculum agricultural studies for students whose academic studies comprised mainly of math, grammar and reading until he joined the faculty.

Carver once said success is measured in the service to others. He spent his life sharing his knowledge with students, the surrounding community and much of the South.

The EO staff hoped visitors would enjoy learning firsthand about the accomplishments of these famous Southern black educators.

"Coming to where it all happened means a lot more than just reading or hearing about it," said Lt. Col. James Larsen, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity. "Two years ago, my daughter did a report on Carver, so I am thinking of bringing my family here."

Sgt. Manuel Rodriguez, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, said his interest in the trip was sparked by the movie, *The Tuskegee Airmen.*

"I wanted to see if the treatment of blacks in the movie was accurate," he said.

Seeing truth in the movie's portrayal of treatment toward blacks, Rodriguez said he was surprised by the respect and friendships enjoyed by the school's founder, Booker T. Washington.

Washington regularly socialized with icons such as Andrew Carnegie, Collins P. Huntington and John D. Rockefeller at a time when most former slaves struggled to survive.

The group then made its way to Washington's home. Christine Biggers, National Park Service ranger, told visitors all about the rich history of "The Oaks." Like all of the original buildings on campus, Biggers said, it was built by students as part of the work-ethic curriculum and completed in 1889.

After lunch at Tompkins Hall, a cafeteria built in 1910 to accommodate 1,600 students and 185 faculty members, the two groups changed escorts and continued the tour.

In the early afternoon, visitors made their way back to the buses. Sgt. 1st Class Michael Simpson, Basic Combat Training Battalion, said he enjoyed the focus of the tour on accomplishments of black Americans, not on segregation or discrimination issues.

"We all have a lot to be thankful for to this foundation of black education and society," Simpson said. "We can learn what each of us can accomplish by learning from their struggles, their suffering, their dedication to be successful.

"This EO program proves it continues to give everyone the opportunity to learn about the proud heritage of different races, and, by not focusing on only one or two, we all benefit," Simpson said.

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Post gyms to ease sign-in process

New program aids in data access

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Bayonet staff

Fort Benning fitness facilities will begin using a recreational tracking system for electronic sign-in starting March 1.

"The way the Army is headed you need data at your fingertips, and this is a way of getting that quick access," said Debbi Addison, an information technology officer with Directorate of Community Activities.

The facilities affected are Audie Murphy Fitness Center, Briant Wells Field House, Infantry Center, Kefurt Fitness Center, Outpost Harry Fitness Center and Santiago Fitness Center.

Identification cards will be scanned upon entering a fitness facility.

The new system, or RecTrac, is an automated program that captures customer information. When people come in to a facility, it can track demographics — male, female and rank. This information will help justify program budget requirements and the need for new facilities, Addison said.

"The data gathered will help determine utilities and equipment upgrades based on usage," said Andrew Snoddy, DCA sports director.

In the long run patrons of the facility will see more improvements, he said

"The program was initiated by the Department of the Army a number of years ago, and now it's at the installation level," Snoddy said.

"The manufacturer recently upgraded the program to solve some of the security concerns we had."

Authorized facility users will complete a USAIC RecTrac data information sheet to be entered into the system. This will let them access all post fitness facilities.

The data sheet can be picked up at any fitness facility.

The new program speeds up the access process and will help fitness facility managers execute USAIC intramural sports and recreational programs, Snoddy said.

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What's happening around post

ITB Graduation

F Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 10 a.m. today at Kanell Field on Sand Hill.

For more information, call 545-8131.

Burning times

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place through Sunday. If weather permits, the following areas will be affected: AA, A-2, A-3, B-5, D-16, H-1, K-6, K-19, N-1, O-3, O-6, O-7, O-10, O-13, P-2, Q-1, Q-5, U-3, U-5, W-1, W-4, X-2, BB-3, BB-6, Main Post Cantonment, Harmony Church Catonment, and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

Burning will occur in pine stands within these compartments to enhance endangered species habitat, prepare sites for seedling plantings and improve training areas.

Personnel proposing to use these areas for recreational purposes must vacate these areas prior to 9:30 a.m. daily.

Training units using compartments adjacent to those listed above may experience drift or residual smoke and are reminded to exercise caution while traveling in these areas due to the potential for reduced visibility. Units using ranges and training areas are reminded to remove flammable debris, such as pinestraw, leaves and trash from around structures in accordance with regulation.

For more information, call Jack Greenlee, Land Management Branch, at 544-6120.

Black history luncheon

The Equal Opportunity Office presents the Fort Benning Black History Month luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday. This year's theme is "The African American Legacy: Contributions and Service in America's Defense.

Guest speaker will be Georgia Senator Ed Harbison. Cost is $7.50.

For tickets, see your unit's EO advisor or call the EO Office at 545-6665 or 545-3198.

SJA Closure

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate's Legal Assistance Office will be closed Thursday for training.

The tax center will remain open.

For more information, call 545-4611.

ITB Graduation

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 10 a.m. Feb. 22 on Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

For more information, call 544-8418.

ID Card Section Closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 2 p.m. Feb 25 to perform student ID card processing requirements. Normal operational hours will resume at 8:30 Feb 26.

For more information, call 545-1411.

Water sanitation

The Fort Benning Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics will continue purging the water distribution system through Feb. 28.

This program is a standard operating procedure utilized by water departments nationwide and greatly reduces the potential of bio-film developing in the water main.

Spring formal

The Basic Combat Training Brigade's Spring Formal is at 6 p.m. March 8 at Fort Benning Officer Club.

For more information about the formal, call 545-8564 or 545-8583.

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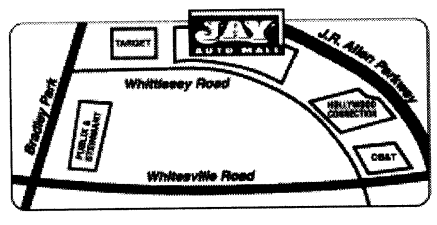
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Soldiers must choose retirement option by March 1

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The first soldiers eligible for a $30,000 bonus must decide by March 1 whether they want the new Career Status Bonus/REDUX retired-pay plan.

Under the CSB/REDUX plan, soldiers essentially receive $30,000 of their retirement pay early, at least five years before hanging up their uniforms, a personnel official said.

The March 1 deadline for the bonus applies to soldiers who began their service after July 31, 1986, and before March 1, 1987. They must select between either the High-Three or CSB/REDUX retirement options.

Many soldiers are unsure which retired-pay plan they are covered by, personnel officials said. They explained that three different plans are currently in use. The plan a soldier uses is determined by his or her DIEMS, or Date Initially Entered Military Service.

Soldiers with DIEMS before Sept. 8, 1980, receive a percentage of their final basic pay. Those with DIEMS on or after Sept. 8, 1980, receive a percentage of the average of their highest 36 months of basic pay, referred to as the High-Three formula. Soldiers with DIEMS after July 31, 1986, may choose between the High-Three and Career Status Bonus (CSB/REDUX) formulas.

Each formula begins with the number of years of creditable service, officials said.

A notice will appear on qualifying soldiers' Leave and Earnings Statements alerting them that they must choose a formula. The choice cannot be changed once made, officials said.

Soldiers choosing the CSB/REDUX option receive a $30,000 career-status bonus during their 15th year of service and agree to serve five more years.

Retired pay then equals the number of years of creditable service multiplied by 2.5 percent, minus 1 percent for each year of service under 30, multiplied by the average of the soldier's highest 36 months of basic pay.

At age 62, retired pay will be recomputed under the High-Three formula, but will not be retroactive. Under CSB/REDUX, the longer one stays on active duty, the closer the percentage multiplier is to what it would have been under the High-Three formula, up to the 30-year point at which the percentage multipliers are equal.

The $30,000 career-status bonus is subject to federal and state taxes. According to the Internal Revenue Service's elective deferral limit, citizens may shelter up to $11,000 in tax-free savings programs such as the Thrift Savings Plan in 2002.

Fort Benning Retirement Services conducts monthly briefings for soldiers approaching eligibility

For more information, call 545-2715, or visit the Web site www.odcsper.army.mil/directorates/retire/retire1.asp

Post conducts controlled burns

Burning helps prevent fires, causes smoke

Bob Larimore
DFEL

"Frequent burning enhances the ecosystem."

Bob Larimore
Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

The Land Management Branch's prescribed burning is in full swing. Most of the burning is between now and May.

The Land Management Branch currently burns 30,000 to 35,000 acres each year depending on the weather conditions and training activity. The goal is to burn each training compartment on a two- to three-year rotation. Frequent burning not only enhances the ecosystem and training areas but also reduces the amount of smoke generated when forest fuels or litter are consumed by wildfires.

Smoke is the biggest problem the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics' Land Management Branch encounters during our prescribed burns. Smoke is not only a health hazard, but it also reduces visibility, which can cause driving problems. Strict smoke management guidelines are followed to minimize smoke hazards.

The size of the area to be burned and the amount and type of fuel present are the biggest factors determining smoke production.

Weather conditions will influence where and how the smoke dissipates. Wind direction, wind speed, humidity, days since rainfall, changing temperatures, mixing height and transport wind speed all influence smoke dispersion. At night, due to temperature inversions, fog potential, calm winds and higher humidity, the ability for the atmosphere to disperse smoke is greatly reduced, causing smoke to settle in low lying areas.

The Land Management Branch considers all of these conditions to determine how far the smoke may travel and which areas may be impacted. Smoke impacts can not always be eliminated from personnel, roads, or cantonment areas due to their close proximity to the area being burned.

For this reason, when prescribed burns are conducted in areas that are within the smoke impact distance, the branch notifies those units or facilities of a potential smoke problem. When a main road or highway is within the smoke impact distance, smoke-warning signs are posted to alert motorists. These signs are strategically placed to alert motorists of the smoke ahead so they have time to react, slow down and exercise extra caution.

Even if there appears to be no smoke in the area during the day, nighttime weather conditions may cause the smoke to move into these areas.

The Fort Benning officials request that all personnel take precautions when they experience smoke in the area. The Land Management Branch is doing its best to minimize it or eliminate it.

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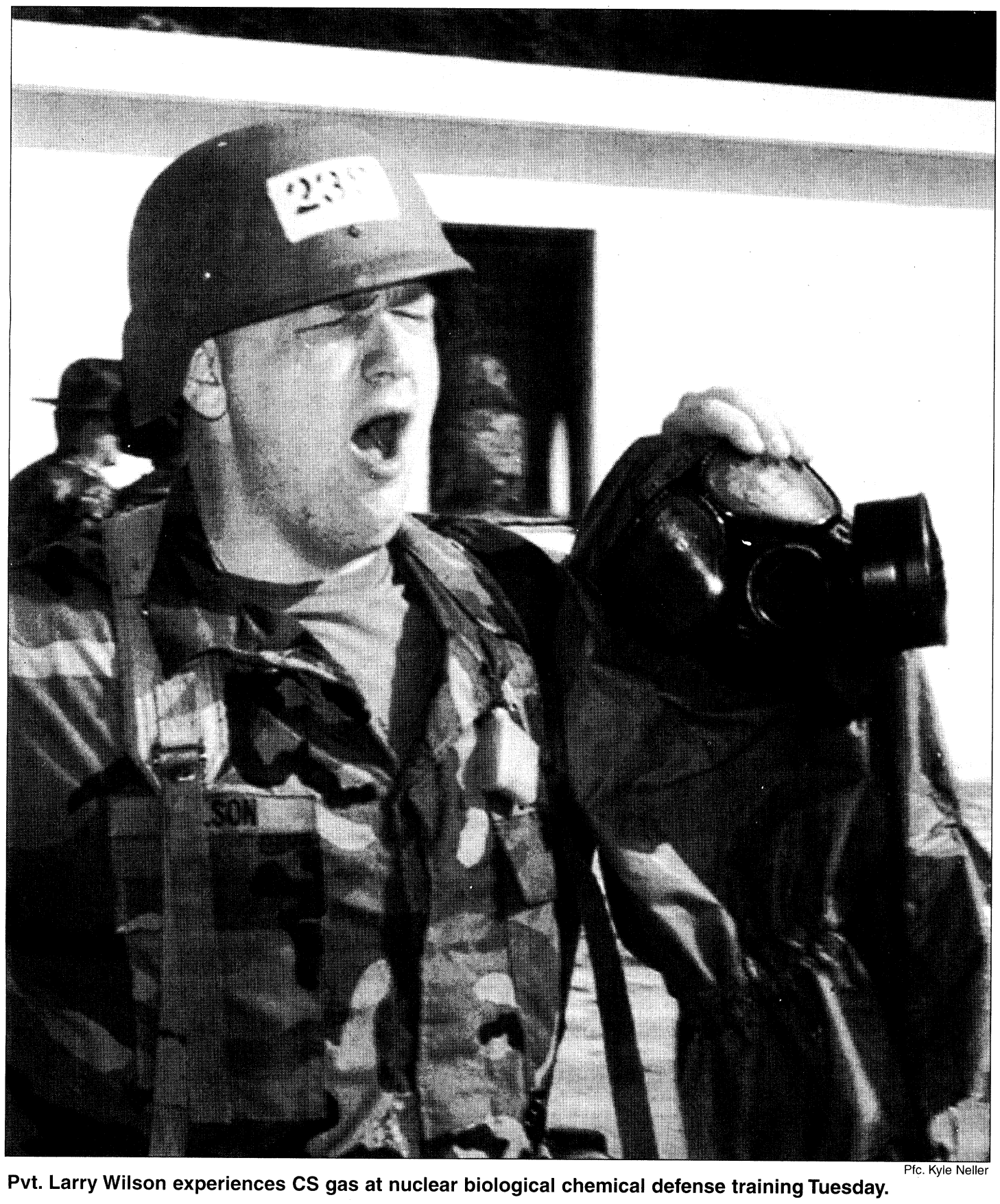
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Baptism by CS gas for new soldiers



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Pvt. Larry Wilson experiences CS gas at nuclear biological chemical defense training Tuesday.

Bushmasters taught to trust equipment

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Soldiers in their second week of basic training with the Bushmasters of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, were introduced to Nuclear, Biological and Chemical defense Tuesday at the gas chamber

This is the soldiers first introduction to any type of chemical training, said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Clegg, senior drill sergeant for the company.

The training is very relevant to soldiers in today's Army. More and more countries have chemical and biological capabilities, and the risk of an NBC attack for soldiers is very real.

The soldiers were exposed the effects of a possible chemical attack when they went through a gas chamber filled with CS gas. The chamber gave them confidence in their equipment and it also gave them a harsh lesson in how potent chemical warfare can be.

Soldiers exiting the chamber were red-faced, runny nosed and coughing.

"Some of these soldiers may be heading to Kosovo, Afghanistan or Kuwait and it will be for real, so they need to have a basic knowledge of NBC defense," Clegg said.

The experience is a clear message to the soldiers for why this training is vitally important, he said.

"I feel more knowledgeable about what this stuff feels like," said Pvt. Dave Wortman. "I feel we need this training in today's world."

> "This is only a taste of what could happen."
>
> **Pvt. Keith Collins**
> ITB soldier

The day in the gas chamber allows drill sergeants to show soldiers a valuable lesson about being proactive. By taking care of their protective mask, keeping it serviceable and making sure it is in working condition, they can protect themselves from a chemical attack, Clegg said.

As an instructor, it is important to make lessons as lifelike as possible, he said. Reactions in real-world situations will depend on the training received by the soldiers.

After coming out of the chamber, Pvt. Keith Collins said he felt really confident in his equipment.

"The faster you get your mask on, the better," Collins said. "This is only a taste of what could happen."

For Wortman, this day of training wasn't one he would soon forget. He said if he ever found himself in a similar situation he would avoid the effects learned in the chamber by putting on his protective mask as quickly as possible.

The gas chamber also showed the soldiers how a very small amount of a chemical agent can adversely effect their nervous system, and make them extremely uncomfortable in the process.

"This is an attention getter," Clegg said. "This is the real stuff, and if you don't pay attention, you may be a victim of a chemical attack."



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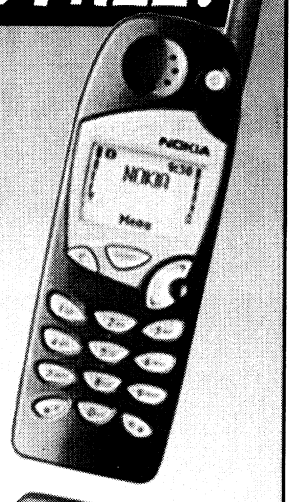
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13th CSB soldiers practice MEDEVAC



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Spc. James Hayes, left, and Spc. Jeremy Gregory apply a pressure dressing during the MEDEVAC.

Mechanics rehearse medical skills

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Members of the 598th Maintenance Company exchanged their wrenches and screwdrivers for litters and field dressings Feb. 7 near Lawson Army Airfield.

They and the other members of the 13th Corps Support Battalion conducted medical evacuation exercises during a mock scenario — some of their comrades became "casualties" when one of their trucks "exploded" during their mission on the island of Cortina.

The soldiers' mission was to establish and secure a local perimeter, evacuate the casualties and call for a MEDEVAC.

"Even though they were in the walking phase today, in the crawl-walk-run concept, they did great," said 1st Lt. Moises Ramirez, officer-in-charge of Supply and Services at the battalion. "It's a tribute to their leadership who did what they needed to do — lead from the front. There's no doubt in my mind these soldiers can walk into a situation and execute to standard."

Soldiers worked well together and knew the key elements of the mission — the security team, first aid and litter team, and command and control — even though it was the first time most of them performed a MEDEVAC, Ramirez said.

"We still have to get the cracks out, but practice makes perfect," said Pfc. Antwon Smith, a mechanic with the company. "We performed fine for it being our first time out."

One of the technical aspects of the mission soldiers learned was the nine-line MEDEVAC report, which gives the helicopter pilot such information as the soldiers' location, the type and amount of patients they have, the kind of special equipment they need, and how they will mark the landing site.

During the after action review, the 13th CSB leadership who organized the mission told the soldiers how they did. The soldiers used good procedures during the litter carries to the landing site. However, to improve for next time, they could set up their security and prioritize their casualties better.



Hands strap down a wounded soldier Feb. 7.

"Once the vehicle exploded, it took us too long to get to the casualties, but, after the litter team came in and accessed the casualties, it went like clockwork," said Spc. Kevin Power, a mechanic with the company. "I was on the security team, and we had the landing zone set up up before the (observer-controller) looked at it. We did pretty well."

A key focus of the mission was the "soldiers first" mentality.

"In order to save our soldiers in time of combat, we have to prepare for it," Smith said. "This was a good experience. You can read a book all day, but you don't get a true feel for it until you go out and do an actual mission. More units should do this."

Saving your fellow soldier is a terrific method to build team cohesion, he added. The mission also reminded him of the correct way to evaluate a casualty. He learned how he should and should not carry a litter and the right way to establish a 360-degree perimeter.

Not only did the mission teach the soldiers life saving skills, it afforded them the opportunity to get out of the motor pool.

"I had a good time," Power said. "It was definitely a good change of pace.

"Being in a maintenance company, this scenario probably won't happen to us in the real world," he added.

"But if it were to happen, I'm glad we did this mission. We'll be ready."



Spc. Jevron Burns pulls security for his team.



Pfc. James Pollard, left, Pfc. Fred Wood and Spc. Michael Nunley place a soldier on a litter during the exercise near Larson Army Airfield.



598th Maintenance Company soldiers, from left, Woods, Pollard, Sgt. Ronald Pettibon and Nunley, carry a fellow soldier to the MEDEVAC site.

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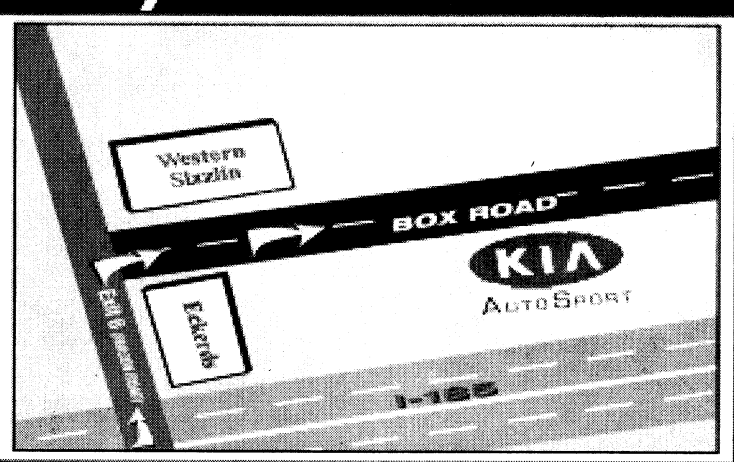
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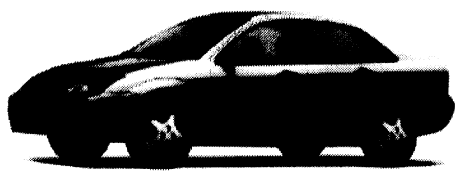
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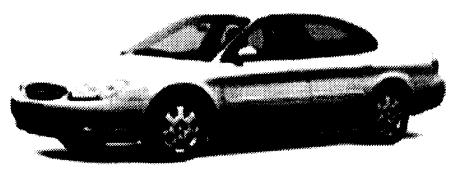


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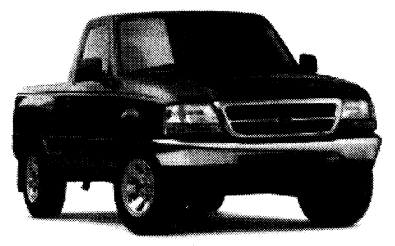
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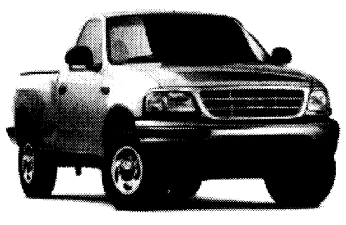
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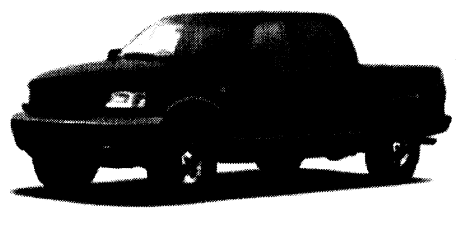
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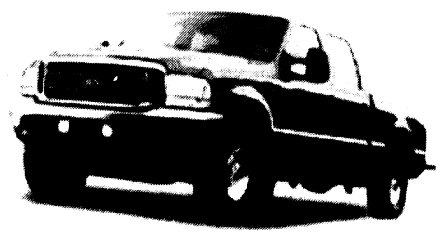
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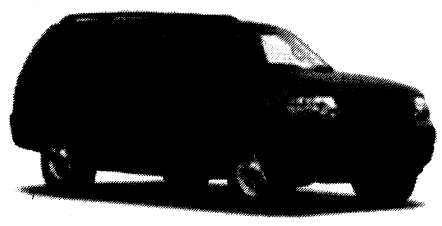
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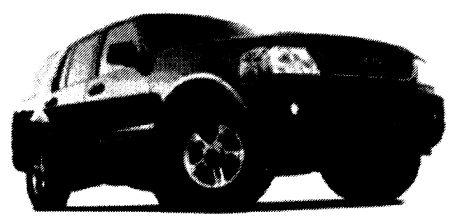
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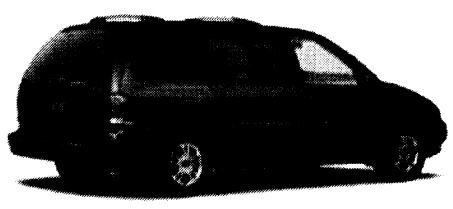
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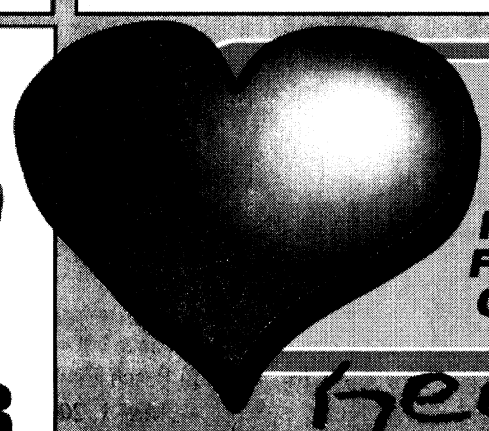
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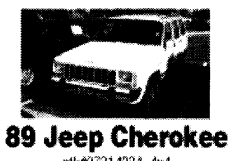
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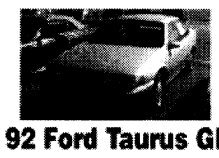


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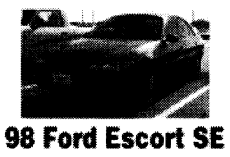
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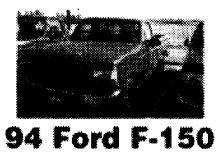
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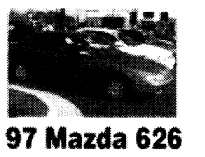
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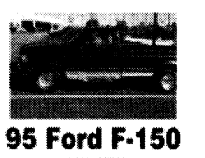
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Delegates seek resolutions to family issues

Volunteers address quality of life issues

Bridgett Siter
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Recreation is important. But then again it's not.

A panel of delegates from all walks of Army life sent a message to the garrison commander that playgrounds and youth activities are a major concern for Fort Benning folks. However, the golf course, Uchee Creek and the bowling center were among those services deemed least important to the quality of life on post.

Nearly 150 volunteers, including children, retirees, family members, officers, enlisted soldiers and Department of the Army civilians participated in the eight-hour Army Family Action Plan symposium Wednesday at the Officers' Club. By the end of the day, they hammered out possible resolutions from many of the issues they felt warrant a closer look by post officials and listed those services they consider invaluable or expendable to the Fort Benning community.

Those issues included: PX pricing policies, immigration and naturalization assistance, lack of activities for youth in housing areas, unsafe, outdated and inadequate playgrounds in housing areas, assignment of quarters by rank versus family size, work order procedures, educational opportunities for soldiers, outdated, undefined garrison regulations and overtasked, understaffed medical services.

"As community members, we're all really good at complaining, not so good at finding a solution," said Sarah Hertig, AFAP coordinator. "This is the forum for that kind of positive action. We've brought together a broad demographic of folks, all here in civilian clothes, addressed by first names, to keep all things equal and to give everybody an equal opportunity to voice their issues and opinions."

The event, which will be conducted annually at all installations according to new Army Community Services guidelines, is designed to identify and resolve community issues at a local level and forward information, when necessary or beneficial, to higher commands. A DA-level symposium will be conducted in March.

Hertig said the program, now in its 17th year, has had a major, far-reaching impact on Army policy. It was at post-level AFAP symposiums that issues like stabilization for high school seniors, Thrift Savings Plan and improved dental care were first broached.

"These are just a few of the ways AFAP has impacted the Army and the Department of Defense as a whole," Hertig said. "What we talk about here today, what we propose or resolve has the potential to affect the quality of life for all service members."

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The delegates were divided into workgroups, each assigned to prioritize issues in one of six areas: consumer issues, family services, housing and relocation, youth and education, community services and medical services.

Each group, chaired by a staff of volunteer facilitators, voted on the top three concerns and formulated three possible solutions for each problem. These conclusions will be presented to the post garrison commander and the post commander.

Any issues deemed unresolvable at a local level, or any proposals that may be beneficial to the whole will be forwarded to the Training and Doctrine Command or DA.

"So it's my only real chance, as a teen-ager, to help make decisions that could affect the whole post, or the whole Army," said 13-year-old Holly Bellamy, who lobbied for more sports-related activities in post housing areas.

This was the second AFAP for Isabelle Engeldinger, the wife of an Army retiree.

"After the last one I saw some real improvements in Uchee Creek," she said. "So I know this works. That's why I'm here."

As for Uchee Creek, it was one of several post resources delegates listed as "least valuable" to the Fort Benning community, including the florist and the BOSS program.

The five most valuable services included Martin Army Community Hospital, post schools, housing, commissary and medical services like United Concordia and Tricare.

Students send cheer overseas

Kids support deployed soldiers

Dexter Elementary School

Third-graders at Dexter Elementary School made and sent Valentines to soldiers deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

This isn't the only time the third-graders have shown their support.

In December "Operation Holiday Cheer" was a service project organized by parents and students in Dexter's third-grade class as part of the Giraffe Program, which is a service learning and character development program.

"The culminating activity of the Giraffe Program was for the students to do some type of helpful and caring project," Terri Bond, third-grade teacher, said.

"We chose our project because we knew the soldiers were away from their families for Christmas and needed to be cheered up," third-grader Kyle Gray said.

"All the kids at our school made cards and some gave us candy to send to the soldiers," said Elizabeth Hernandez. "Lieutenant Colonel Banach told us the soldiers really liked getting the boxes.

"I am glad we helped them feel better," she said.

The battalion commander, Lt. Col. Stefan Banach, presented the students with the certificate because of their participation in Operation Holiday Cheer this past December.

"It really meant a lot to the soldiers to receive the treats and cards from Dexter students," Banach said. "They were in a not-so-nice place where they didn't have the comforts of home. The treats really helped cheer them up."

"I'm glad the soldiers liked what we sent them," Gray said.

Rangers in the battalion recently returned from service in Operation Enduring Freedom.

Dexter students intend to continue sending cheer to deployed soldiers, said principal Vicki Rogers.

"There are still many soldiers participating in Operation Enduring Freedom so support from home is still needed," she said.

True love waits ... 25 years

Couple's nuptials a quarter of a century in the making

Bridgett Siter
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It was the day Faye had been waiting 25 years for — the day Faye Lewis Strong became Mrs. Wayne Boyer.

"Not Faye Boyer. Not Faye Strong-Boyer. Just Mrs. Boyer. That's all I ever wanted to be," she said.

The Faith Middle School music teacher married Maj. Wayne Boyer in a private ceremony on Valentine's Day.

The celebration that followed was anything but low-key. Hundreds of family, friends and coworkers helped celebrate the culmination of a star-crossed courtship that spanned three decades and finally required something akin to divine intervention.

Faye, the daughter of an Army sergeant major, was a freshman at Alexandria University in Louisiana when she first laid eyes on Wayne. He was an enlisted soldier from nearby Fort Polk, visiting the campus with friends to attend a gospel concert.

They spent most of the evening stealing glances across the crowded auditorium, but neither was willing to make the first move.

"I was so shy — little ol' introverted Faye. And he was the best-looking thing I'd ever seen," she said.

The two met several months later at an Easter Sunday worship. It was Spring break and Faye was visiting her parents at Fort Polk. A talented singer, she was asked to perform a solo with the post's chapel choir.

Wayne was in the choir.

This time he approached her, and for the next two weeks they were inseparable.

"Before I went back to school, he came to see me every day — walked seven miles to my house," Faye said. "We'd talk and talk and talk, 'til all hours of the night. Then he'd have to walk through the night to get ready for PT. It didn't matter. We just wanted to be together."

The following summer Wayne proposed and gave Faye an engagement ring he called "diamond dust" because the diamond was so tiny.

They decided to wait until Faye graduated. Wayne left the Army to attend Fort Valley State College in Georgia.

But time and distance took its toll on the relationship.

"Everybody wanted us to slow down, date other people — experience what was out there before we settled down," said Faye, who eventually returned to Columbus where she was born.

"And we bought into it. We didn't want to break up — we both cried. But we'd convinced ourselves everyone must be right and it was for the best."

Wayne continued to stay in touch with Faye's family, attending weddings, funerals and reunions. Faye even pinned on his bars when he was commissioned with the Army Reserves. But eventually he married and fathered two sons.

Faye did the same. She has twin sons, Abraham and Jeremiah, who are 10 years old.

Both marriages ended in divorce.

Then one day nearly two years ago, Wayne followed what he called "a hunch" — a response to his prayers for direction, and drove to Columbus to visit his former fiance.

"I was on the phone with a couple of friends, counseling this young lady about marriage," Faye recalled. "I told her 'Don't settle. Find someone who makes you laugh, someone who supports you, someone you know you really love.'

"And I said 'I had that kind of love once, with Wayne.'"

Faye abruptly ended the telephone conversation when she heard someone at the front door.

"And there he was — Wayne," she said. "He asked me out to dinner, and it was just like old times. It was like we were never apart. He still makes me laugh. He's still gorgeous. He's still the smartest man I know."

They renewed their relationship, despite the distance between her Columbus home and his in Peach County, and soon set a wedding date — May 1, 2001, Wayne's birthday.

"We knew it was right. It's God's will, and time is fleeting," Wayne said. "We'd already lost a lot of time."

But the road to wedded bliss took another detour.

Now a major with a Forces Command augmentation unit, Wayne was called up for special assignment, and the wedding had to be postponed.

"We called it off and had a big tearful good-bye. Had no idea where he was going or for how long," Faye said. "Then he showed up at my work one day. He'd been sent to Fort Benning of all places."

The couple rescheduled the wedding for June of this year. But Wayne finished the house he'd been building for his new family, and the couple "just plain got tired of waiting."

So they finally made it to the altar Thursday.

Abraham and Jeremiah lit the unity candle. The four of them exchanged rings to symbolize their commitment as a family. And then they joined the party at the Liberty Theater, where Mayor Bobby Peters proclaimed Feb. 14 "Wayne and Faye Boyer Day" in Columbus.

Teens reach out to younger students

Youngsters expand cultural knowledge

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

White Elementary school students recently got a lesson from their elders when the Kendrick High School Freedom Fighters visited the school Feb. 7.

"They're tremendous," said Judy Little, fifth grade teacher. "It's amazing what they can do."

The Freedom Fighters began in February, 1994, and use song, dance and character representation to celebrate African American heritage. The group puts on about 25 shows for churches and schools in February in honor of Black History month.

The group highlighted the historical journey of African Americans from slavery to freedom for a group of elementary school students.

"African Americans are just one group of people that have dramatically contributed to the success of our country," Chandra Roundtree, senior, told the young children.

The students' goal was to expose the children to events they may not get from their current history lessons, which they say have been written from a primarily white Anglo-Saxon point of view.

"We have produced our own history," Roundtree said. "But we've also been central in creating the history of the United States. African Americans have fought and died alongside white soldiers, and have earned the right to be called Americans."

Students from first to fifth grade competed in a poster contest, where the students picked a famous black figure to study and depict on the poster.

"I hoped the children would learn about a famous black person they didn't know of before," said Kathy Kirkland, second grade teacher at White. "There's a lot that's not in our text books, and I felt it important to have the children learn about the contributions African Americans have made."

Other teachers are integrating black history into their curriculum this month. Shelia Brown, fifth grade teacher at White, is introducing famous black Americans to her students by using a bulletin board. Her students will write descriptive paragraphs about the figures on the board, and then use clues from the paragraphs to play a mystery game.

The students will make peanut butter when they learn about George Washington Carver, and will do a 3-D book report of a famous black American.

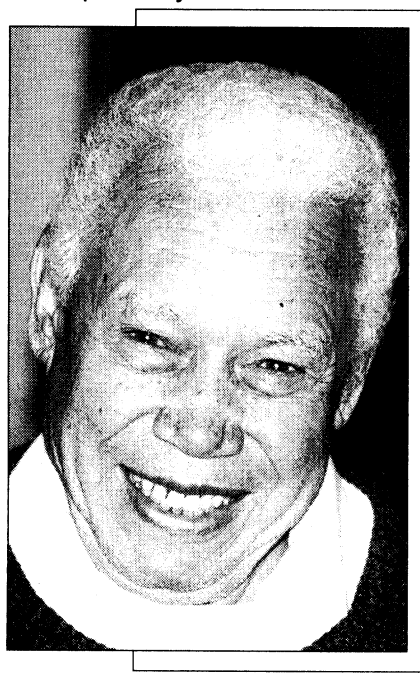
Jessica Plaut, first grade teacher at Wilson Elementary, is using a month-long calendar with a famous black American featured each day.

"These students are going to hear for their entire life about famous white figures. There are so few people who know about the accomplishments of black inventors because it was not publicized at the time," Plaut said. "Garrett Morgan, for instance invented the traffic light, which keeps us safe and the gas mask, used in World War II. Madame C.J. Walker was a self-made millionaire, and that was when it was hard for any person to be a millionaire. She did it in the midst of great oppression.

"There are 14 black students out of 20 in my classroom," Plaut added. "It's important they know the accomplishments made by people of their race, and be able to identify with them."

'Get in a line and follow me'

Compiled by Laura Martinson and Bridgett Siter



Some consider Alfonso Biggs Columbus' leading authority on black history. At 98, his hearing isn't what it used to be, but his eyes are sharp, and his smooth tan skin looks like that of a man half his age.

Most notable, though, is Biggs' memory, his knack for retelling the tales his grandmother told and reciting the names and dates and events that shaped the local black community.

Biggs' great-grandmother sailed on a slave ship from Africa to America. His grandmother learned to read in a local cemetery.

"Education was forbidden," Biggs said. "But there was a teacher, Miss Pauline Blackma, who wanted to teach. She got the children together and said, 'Get in a line and follow me,' and she took them up a hill to Linwood Cemetery, where there was one tombstone with all the alphabet on it. My grandmother learned to pick the letters of her name off that grave."

After the Civil War, Columbus' free blacks actively sought an education, and by law were permitted to do so. But whites were discouraged from helping in any way. Those who were willing had to do so surreptitiously.

"They had a password they'd use," Biggs said. "'Quaker.' It meant 'I am your friend. I've come to help.' White folks would use it to let blacks know they were there to help."

Biggs tells stories of his own schooling "in the piney woods," sitting on nail kegs and writing on cardboard. He was luckier than most. The third child of 15, he helped his mother in the kitchen when the field work was done, and he learned to be a good cook. At night he went to school and earned a certificate of college training.

His education and culinary talents led to work on Camp Benning and eventually Fort Benning, where he cooked for five post commanders at Riverside and presidents Roosevelt, Eisenhower and Truman.

"I was a master cook, the best there was. I had a rough life, but things got better. I've come a long way," said Biggs, who owned a catering company for 45 years.

Biggs keeps stacks of binders, each full of hand-printed articles he copied from newspapers, some dating back to 1836. Each documents milestones in the history of Columbus, and "Black Columbus" in particular.

"Yes, we had a Black Columbus," he said. "We had a volunteer fire department, a bank, doctors, schools, libraries, churches and a YMCA. We had everything the white people had, and we were happy. There was segregation, but we broke them bars a long time ago.

"I think some young people don't appreciate that. Can't they see the progress? Can't they see there's some white people tryin' to tell them the password — 'I am Quaker. I am your friend.'"

All they wanted was a glass of water. But not a single restaurant in all of Fayetteville, N.C., would oblige. More than 300 black students from Fayetteville State College staged a march on the city in the fall of 1962. Then 18-year-old Carolyn Thomas, now a Fort Benning schoolteacher, said every single student was turned away.

"We split up and went into restaurants and soda fountains and ordered a cup of coffee or a glass of water. They called us names, told us 'We don't serve coloreds here.' One store owner even pulled out a snake," she said.

But at the group's first meeting, kept secret, student leaders warned those who were scared to stay home.

"We were afraid of the unexpected," Thomas said. "But I felt brave enough. If Rosa Parks could do it, why couldn't we?"

After her first march, Thomas said the thought of anything bigger never crossed her mind, until she visited her sister in Washington, D.C. Her sister was making a poster to carry at the March on Washington.

"I was in awe," Thomas said of the prospect of marching with King. "I kept asking her, 'Are we really going to march with Dr. King?'"

And march they did, nearly three miles from Pennsylvania Avenue to the Washington Monument.

"There were people as far as the eye could see," Thomas recalled. "All colors, shapes and sizes, people from all walks of life, and there was such a feeling of unity."

"I don't think I breathed through the entire speech," she said. "I marched with him. I heard him. I was there, and all I could think was 'This is history.'"

Venice Kerr remembers Memphis as a city of great prejudice. There were areas where blacks were not allowed to live. Hers was the first black family to move into a white neighborhood.

"I'll never forget the little boy next door," she said. "He came over to play one day and said, 'My dad says we're moving out because the niggers are moving in.' I'll never forget that."

Kerr, a supply technician at Wilson Elementary School, remembers when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came to Memphis. She remembers his final march as starting peacefully.

"I was 8-years-old when Dr. King came to town. We were all holding hands and singing songs when we heard a window break. The next thing I knew a riot had broken out," she said.

Kerr was swept up in the crowd and separated from her mother and her sister. In the middle of the mayhem, women and children sought safety in a church, which was soon filled with police and then tear gas.

"I remember just crying because the gas was hurting my eyes," Kerr said.

She and her family did manage to reunite and later went to the Mason Temple to hear Dr. King give what would be his last speech, "I've been to the mountaintop."

"I was probably playing more than paying attention, but I still cry every



time I hear that speech."

It was after dinner the following night, April 4, 1968, that word of King's death began to circulate.

"Women were coming out of their houses crying, falling to the ground," she said. "My mother cried like it was her own brother. It was the only time I ever saw her cry."

The entire city was immediately put on curfew. Many felt it was intended to squelch any backlash from the black population.

"They said if he came to Memphis, they were going to kill him," Kerr said, "and they did."

Debra King was 16 when she first attended an integrated high school.

Her father enrolled her against her wishes. It was a matter of principle, he said.

"He always taught us that we were first- class citizens," Mabry said. "But I still didn't want to go. I was scared."

The day after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, two white classmates approached her.

"We got your man last night," they said.

"I didn't reply," said Debra Mabry, now Fort Benning schools' curriculum coordinator. "I was so hurt. I just didn't understand the hate."

Mabry recalled the day students across Birmingham "just got up out of their seats" and marched into downtown Birmingham.

"The momentum was so high because everyone knew Dr. King was coming to town," she said.

But fond memories turned sad as she recalled her classmates being attacked by police dogs. Many people were injured or taken to jail.

Mabry's memories of that era are detailed and many. But perhaps her most vivid is of the explosion at the 16th Street Baptist Church, and the death of her dear friend, 10-year-old Denise McNair, one of four young girls killed in the attack. McNair was in the basement getting her choir robe on when the bomb went off.

"We didn't go to church that Sunday, but my mother and I heard the blast from across town," Mabry said. "It was devastating."

Many churches were used to hold secret meetings, making them targets.

Black families moving into white neighborhoods were also targets of violence.

"A hill in our neighborhood got the nickname Dynamite Hill because there were so many bombings," Mabry said. "We had to set up neighborhood watch shifts from dusk until dawn."

Mabry remains optimistic, believing her trials to be part of a larger plan.

"I understood then there were those who didn't want us to have any rights," Mabry said.

"But we're here on this earth for a purpose, to fulfill a dream. There will be ups and downs, but we have a goal to meet."



"... you can be anything you want to be. And it's got nothing to do with the color of your skin."

Young black Americans were practicing the "just do it" philosophy long before it became the catch-phrase of athletes and advertisers, said LaMar Crittenden, a retired soldier who describes himself as a "bit of an artist, a bit of an educator."

Crittenden was a teen-ager in the 60s, when racism and riots made headlines daily. The Columbus native chose the path of passivity over activism, believing change would come eventually.

"Once you knew you couldn't ride up front, you just had to deal with it," Crittenden said, with a shrug. "I knew sooner or later things would change."

But by the time Crittenden enlisted in the Army in 1974, when black soldiers "still had a hard time achieving the goals and rank they desired," he'd made up his mind to face racism head-on.

"All I ever wanted to be was a soldier," he said. "So I went in with the attitude, if I studied and did my job well, I'd move up, or they'd have to give me a good reason why not."

Crittenden did "move up" though he occasionally encountered — and challenged — the issue of racism.

"One time I failed a mock promotion board for no reason at all. They said I didn't make eye contact. I knew that wasn't right — I was taught to look a person in the eye," he said. "I wasn't going to give them any excuse to fail me. I studied a stack of books a foot high. Then I went back and passed it with flying colors."

The 10th Special Forces Support Group soldier retired in 1994 after "20 short years" in the Army. But he continues to practice his second love — a combination of art and education. He creates folk art style posters designed to educate and entertain, each featuring famous and not-so-famous successful black Americans.

Each February Crittenden shares his work with area students. His posters rotate between local schools, libraries, churches and civic organizations. He believes he can help shape the future by teaching about the past.

"I want these students to know more than just Booker T. Washington and Martin Luther King," he said.

"I want them to know about people they can relate to — black military officers, athletes, community leaders, musicians — you name it. These are everyday people who accomplished great things.

"Maybe they didn't rock the world. Maybe you never even heard of them before. But they set out to do something and they didn't let anything get in their way — not the color of their skin or somebody else's prejudice," Crittenden said.

"That's what I want kids to know. If you put your mind to it, study and work hard, you can be whatever you want to be. And it's got nothing to do with the color of your skin."

Angela Seawright believes racism would be just another chapter in the history of black Americans "if the older generation would leave it alone."

"I do believe it's a big problem with the older generation, black and white. They can't let it go, can't get past what happened long ago or get past their old prejudices," she said.

Seawright remembers what it felt like to be a black student in a predominately white elementary school in Louisiana, where black children were held to a stricter standard than their classmates and "when one black child got paddled they all got it."

But the daughter of a minister, Seawright was taught to forgive and forget. She forgave past grievances and raises her own son, Bobby, to be oblivious to matters of race.

"I can't hold all white people responsible for what happened years ago any more than you can stereotype me because of the color of my skin," she said. "That's what I tell Bobby. Don't judge people by their color and don't assume people are judging you by your color."



Still, at 11, Bobby has already encountered racism — overheard racial slurs and disparity of treatment among classmates. But Seawright doesn't blame the children.

"Kids learn it from their parents," she said. "I believe our kids are much more color blind than we were, but there's always going to be racism if parents pass it on to their children. It's the parents and grand-parents, black and white, that carry it on."

Seawright said race is less of an issue in the military community, where common needs and experiences "make us one big family." But with the certain knowledge that her son won't always have this safety net, she's teaching him three principles she feels are critical to his success — "Life is not always fair, skin color doesn't matter, and nobody owes you anything — get a job and work hard."

"The bottom line is, there are white people out there who hate blacks simply because they're black," Seawright said. "And black people who think the white man owes them something because of what happened years and years ago. It's time to get over it and move on."

Tracey Youngblood enjoyed a special bond with her oldest brother. They were close, despite a 10-year age difference.

He even allowed Tracey to hang out with his friends, including Warren, a young black Army recruiter. But when Tracey married Warren, he didn't speak to her for more than five years.

"It was OK as long as we were friends, but he was angry that I married him," Tracey said. "Because he's black."

It took a brush with death to make Tracey's brother "realize what was really important," and the family has since reunited. But the experience was an eye-opener to Tracey, who grew up naively believing racism was a thing of the past.

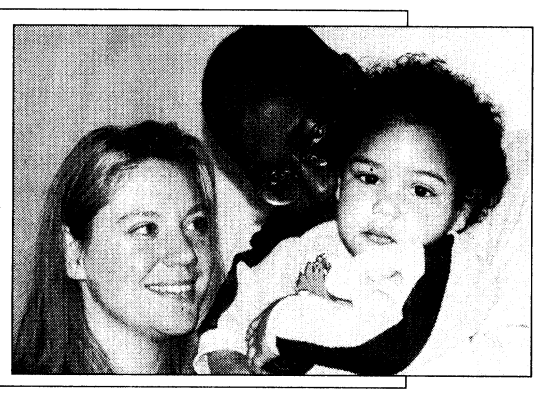
Warren, who works at the 30th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) Fitness Training Unit, was less surprised by the antagonism, though his own family supported the marriage from the start.

"My parents' parents were sharecroppers, so they had some stories to tell," he said. "I learned what racism was all about from them."

The couple is determined to raise their children to be "colorblind," Tracey said.

"Colby's 4. He asked me the other day 'Mommy, who do I look like — you or Daddy?' I told him, 'You have the best of both of us, and you're perfect,'" she said.

"I don't want them growing up seeing people as black or white, everybody is equal."



Sealants help protect teeth

Dentists apply plaque barrier to back teeth

U.S. Army Dental Activity

Dentists have long helped patients in the prevention of tooth decay. One of the tools in the war against decay is the dental sealant, a plastic material the dentist applies to the chewing surfaces of the back teeth — the premolars and molars. The sealant forms a barrier that protects teeth from plaque, a sticky film of bacteria that constantly forms on teeth.

The bacteria in plaque use sugar and starch in food as a source of energy. They convert this food into harmful acids that attack teeth and may cause cavities.

Thorough brushing and flossing help remove food particles and plaque from smooth surfaces of the teeth. Pits and fissures, however, are places that are extremely difficult to clean. Toothbrush bristles cannot reach all the way into the depressions and grooves to remove food and plaque. The normal flow of saliva, which helps clean food particles from other areas of the mouth, cannot adequately cleanse the pits and fissures. They become places that are especially prone to decay. Most cavities form in pit and fissure areas, and permanent molars are extremely susceptible to this form of decay.

Applying dental sealants takes only a few minutes for each tooth. Sealants hold up well under the force of normal chewing and usually last several years before a reapplication is needed. As long as the sealant remains intact, the tooth surface is protected from decay. The dentist checks the condition of the sealants during the dental examination and reapplies them as necessary.

Sealants are an investment in maintaining a healthy smile.

Hospital schedules screenings for families

Alfreta Gibson
Martin Army Community Hospital

The Preventive Medicine and Health Promotion Center initiated the Family Medical Inprocessing Program to provide medical assessment through the use of the Health Enrollment Assessment Review. It includes blood pressure and cholesterol screening, counseling, Tricare enrollment and timely access to medical care. It is a proactive program designed to maximize soldier readiness by minimizing medical concerns a soldier's family member may have and provide that family member with timely access to medical care, according to health care officials.

"It is imperative that a good balance is maintained with physical, mental and spiritual wellness," said Brig. Gen. Lester Martinez-Lopez, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine.

"The family is also an extension of the soldier and must be included when preparing soldiers for the new world Army mission."

The FMI Program is the first three Mondays of each month at Youth Services, Building 1056, McIver Street. The next one is 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Feb. 25.

Free child care will be provided. In-processing time is approximately one hour.

To sign up, call the Health Promotion Center at 545-1987.

births

Boys

Hasani Theodore Riley — born Dec. 30 to Stephanie and Pfc. Kendue Riley.

Joshua Alan Campbell — born Jan. 4 to Pfc. Patrika Campbell.

Anders Justin Wilkison — born Jan. 5 to LaShundra and Cpl. Jerry Wilkison.

Xavier Nathanial Garfield — born Jan. 5 to Tanisha and Capt. Willie Garfield III.

Fabian Renato Padin-Gonzalez — born Jan. 8 to Indira Padin and Sgt. 1st Class Pablo Padin-Gonzalez.

Reilly Michael Nuckols — born Jan. 8 to Erica and Spc. Royd Nuckols III.

Andre Jimeral Pope Jr. — born Jan. 10 to Sgt. Vanessa and Sgt. Andre Pope.

Daniel Connor Chatman — born Jan. 13 to Kimberly and Capt. Brad Chatman.

Eddie Lederer Holland Jr. — born Jan. 13 to Andrea and Sgt. Eddie Holland.

Zachary Kordell Evans — born Jan. 21 to Tiffany and Staff Sgt. Cornelius Evans.

William Augusto Trejos Tafur — born Jan. 24 to Magda Tafur Garcia and Maj. William Trejos Manrique.

Aaron John Baker — born Jan. 25 to Ina and Cpl. John Baker Jr.

Alexander Adcock Sassano — born Jan. 27 to Deborah and Maj. Michael Sassano.

Girls

Ariel Crystal Burmeister — born Jan. 3 to Alexandra and Staff Sgt. John Burmeister.

Jocelyn Rose Roundy — born Jan. 9 to Angela and Capt. Jason Roundy.

Savannah Leigh Peifer — born Jan. 9 to Tara and Sgt. Jason Peifer.

Aryana Michele Himle — born Jan. 9 to Chana and Pvt. David Himle.

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Adrianna Jade Morris — born Jan. 10 to Leigh Ann and Spc. Stuart Morris.

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Sarah Ann States — born Jan. 24 to Karen and Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey States Jr.

Halie Rebecca Kramer — born Jan. 29 to Julie and Spc. Joshua Kramer.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** Presidents Day holiday
- **Tuesday:** corn dog, mac and cheese, peas and carrots, fruit, milk, or soup of the day
- **Wednesday:** chicken nuggets with dip, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fresh roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** stuffed crust pizza, tossed salad, corn, fruit, milk, brownie
- **Friday:** patty melt, potato wedges, glazed carrots, fruit, milk

community news

on post

Youth Services needs instructors — Youth services is looking for instructors for the following class programs: piano, guitar, performing arts, English, Spanish, art, sewing, educational tutoring and computer. Individuals interested in a contract position should provide a resume to Youth Services, Building 1056. For more information, call 545-3070.

Garbage pick-up schedule — Because of the Presidents Day holiday, there will be no garbage or yard waste or recycling pickup in Family Housing Monday. Areas normally scheduled for garbage pick up Monday will be picked up Tuesday. Yard waste and recycling will be picked up Feb. 25.

For more information, call 545-4332.

Travel fair — Omega Travel is sponsoring a Travel Fair 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Officers' Club. Admission is free. Door prizes include two-night hotel stays in Florida, rafting trips, weekend getaway packages and passes to Busch Gardens and Sea World.

For more information, call 685-1511.

Citizenship classes — The International Wives will sponsor Citizenship Classes at Building 2682 on Kandle Drive.

Classes are free and begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 26. This is a change from Feb. 29.

For more information, call Olga Kelly at 687-6471 or 689-1739.

CFC applications — Applications will be received by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee of the Combined Federal Campaign at the Office of the Garrison Commander, ATTN: LFCC Chairman, Fort Benning, 31905-5000, no later than close of business Feb. 23 for the position of the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign's Principle Combined Fund Organization. Applicants must be eligible in accordance with Federal Register, vol. 60 No. 226 Part 950.105, dated Nov. 24, 1995.

OSC scholarship applications — The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning is offering scholarships for both traditional and continuing education students for the 2002-2003 academic year.

These scholarships are available to any family member with a current military I.D. card residing in the Columbus and Fort Benning area.

Applications will be accepted until March 22 and awardees will be announced in May.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Thrift Shop, Sayers Library and in guidance offices of area high schools.

For information, call Catherine Herold at 682-5636.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Care car — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

Fashion Fair — The Ebony Fashion Fair returns to Columbus, sponsored by the Greater Columbus Urban League Guild at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Three Arts Theater.

The Ebony Fashion Fair is unique among fashion fairs in that from its inception, the fair was designed to expose African Americans desiring to pursue a career in fashion designs, modeling and related industries involving dress and appearance, including efforts to assist local organizations to raise funds to help youth in local communities to pursue their respective interests.

Ticket prices are $25 for adults and $15 for students. Tickets can be purchased at Upshaw, Brown and Associates, Nail Designs, Hair in Motion, Rose's Caribbean Food #2 and the Heads Up Salon.

For more information, call the Metro Columbus Urban League at 323-3687.

Free trees — Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Feb. 28.

HOLA needs volunteers — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's sponsorship program, Host of Latin Americans (HOLA), needs sponsors for students, instructors and their families.

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The Bayonet's

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Miriam Aiken



a first-grade teacher at Stowers Elementary School

Personal: Aiken, a native of Orangeburg, S.C., went to school in her hometown from the first day of kindergarten until her last day of college. She graduated from Claflin College with a degree in elementary education.
Aiken is the second of six children, four of whom are now teachers. She has four children. and "25 new grandchildren every year."
Aiken began her teaching career in 1969, and has taught first grade at Fort Benning for 25 years.

On first graders: Aiken considers herself "blessed" to teach first grade.

"I'm so excited to meet my students each year," she said. "They want to read. They want to learn.

"It's like getting a blank sheet of paper and watching it fill up through the school year."

Her teaching style: "I'm not one of those traditional teachers who does it by the book," she said. "If the students show an interest, we're going to talk about it. We can make a lesson out of anything."

"I don't think of teaching as a job," she said. "It's just so much a part of me."

Aiken firmly believes that children need lots of love, and has no problems with stopping class to resolve hurt feelings.

"Children this age are so hard on each other," she said. "In our classroom, we apologize to one another."

What others are saying: "She is phenomenal," said Jessica Plaut, first-grade teacher at Wilson Elementary. Plaut did her student teaching in Aiken's classroom.

"She really meets the children's needs," Plaut said. "I don't know how she does it, but her parents are so involved in the classroom."

"My parents know I expect a lot from them," Aiken said. "I let them know I will do all I can in the classroom, and they do all they can at home."

Reading counts at Loyd Elementary

Angie McPherson
Loyd Elementary School

Loyd School uses reading to make its students famous. (Well, at least they are famous at Loyd School.) The children get an 8" by 10" glossy placed on the Reading Counts Wall of Fame whenever they reach a reading milestone.

The Reading Counts program allows children to earn points for each book they read independently and demonstrate comprehension by passing a computerized test. Books are assigned points according to their difficulty, with points ranging from 1 to 22, with the average point range being 2 through 8.

To reach the first milestone, a student has to achieve 25 points, the second milestone, 50 points, third milestone, 75 points, etc. Out of approximately 225 students (first through fifth grade), 133 have already earned their first milestones and their pictures and points are displayed. There are 12 students pushing the 200 mark.

The remarkable aspect of the program is how eager students are to have their pictures displayed on the Wall of Fame located just outside the media center for the whole school to see. They meticulously keep up with their points and immediately inform the media specialist, Mitzi Crow, when their points change so they can move to the next level.

When children were asked how it felt to see their pictures on the Wall of Fame, Chris Campbell responded, "It makes me feel famous."

Malik Turner said, "Seeing my picture on the wall makes me feel powerful."

"It's exciting, " answered Toya Carter.

A second aspect of the program is that children can convert the points they earn from reading into tangible rewards. During designated "shopping days" throughout the school year, children trade the points they have earned for jewelry, toys, school supplies, no homework passes, and the most popular prize (and costly in terms of points), is Lunch with the Principal.

Lunch with the Principal is no ordinary lunch. It is a catered affair with pizza, drinks, and dessert.

"One of the rewards of this job is being part of the children's excitement about Reading Counts," said Angie McPherson, principal. "The Wall of Fame, the shopping days, the certificates, and lunch with the principal have fired up independent reading at Loyd School. I am proud to be part of the literacy momentum that is happening in our school."

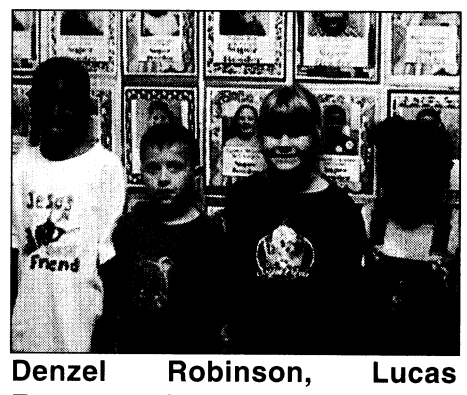
The Reading Counts program keeps the Media Center hopping. Students are constantly checking out books, returning those after they pass the Reading Counts test for each book, then checking out more books.

"I love seeing children develop a love for reading and will do whatever it takes to foster it," Crow said. "Hopefully, reading will become a lifelong passion for these children."



Courtesy photos

Baunica Wallace, Caleb Maloy, John Burnmeister, James Mich, Corven Alexander and Christopher Pouncie pose in front of their reading wall.



Denzel Robinson, Lucas Freeman, Stephanie Aker and Monisha Carter pose in front of the wall.

F.B.I. promotes dads reading to kids

Fathers' involvement comes together with literacy focus

Angie McPherson
Loyd Elementary School

A new program at Loyd Elementary School this year is F.B.I., Fathers Being Involved. The purpose of the program is to get dads more involved in their children's education by volunteering their time at school. The focus this year for the F.B.I. program is reading, which meshes with Loyd's focus on literacy.

Jan. 25 was proclaimed "F.B.I. Day at Loyd." Dads were invited to come anytime between 8:30 and 3 p.m. to read to students. After signing in, they chose books they thought students would enjoy and headed down the hallway to a classroom to read. Some of the dads had so much fun that they read to several classrooms. In all, 25 dads spent time reading at Loyd on F.B.I. Day. One day per month for the remainder of the school year will be designated as F.B.I. Day. February's F.B.I. Day for grades pre-K through second is today.

Sheila Cousin, a first-grade teacher at Loyd who spearheads the F.B.I. program, was elated with the response.

"I was afraid we wouldn't have much response since the program is so new, but the turnout was overwhelming," she said. "We even had several dads show up who had never attended a school function because of their work schedule. They were a little nervous at first, but once they began reading and saw how much the children were enjoying it, they became comfortable with being in the spotlight."
Students whose dads read to their class beamed with pride.

Having fathers come in to read coincided perfectly with the sleepover in Gail Stafford's pre-kindergarten classroom. The class read *Ira Sleeps Over* last week and decided to have their own sleepover. Students (and Mrs. Stafford) were dressed in pajamas and cuddling with their favorite stuffed animal or blanket. Dads dropped in throughout the day and read "bedtime" stories to them.

The best thing about their sleepover was that they enjoyed several dads reading some of their favorite books to them, and they didn't even have to go to sleep!

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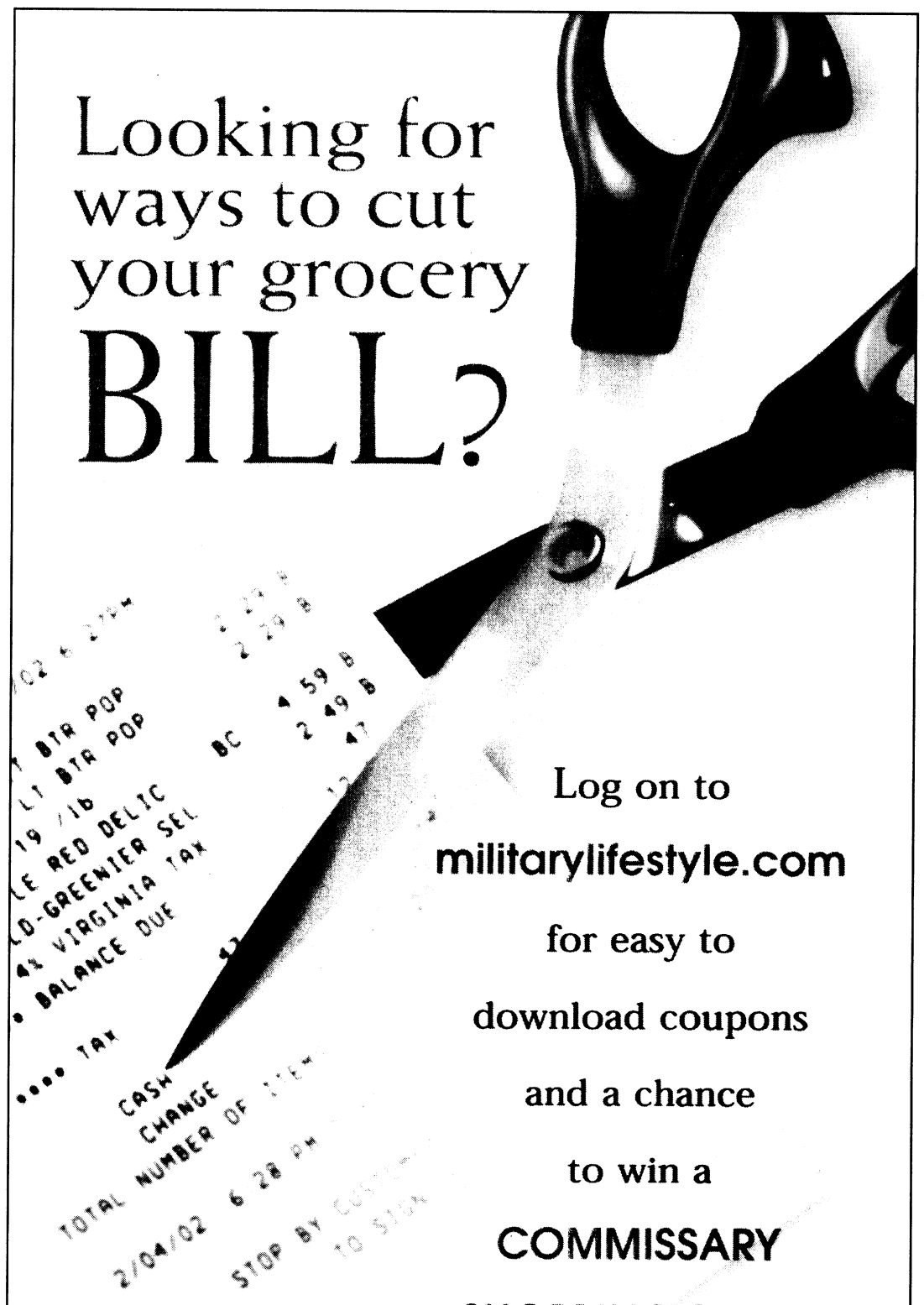
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Confession of sins helps bring absolution

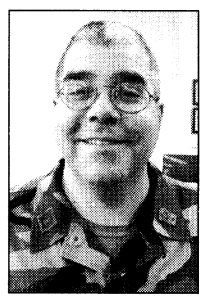
Chaplain (Capt.) Joseph Angotti
Basic Combat Training Brigade

commentary

As a Roman Catholic priest, I am frequently asked about why we have the tradition of confessing our sins to a priest or bishop.

I find a good answer is found in John 20:21-23.

In this passage of scripture, Jesus says to his apostles, "Peace be with you. As the Father sent me, so I am sending you." After breathing on them, he says, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven; if you retain men's sins, they are retained."



Angotti

During the holy season of Lent, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and even some Protestant Christians frequently take advantage of a ritual whereby sins are confessed and absolution (forgiveness) is granted.

While many people think of confession as a "Catholic thing," both the Lutheran Book of Worship and the Book of Common Prayer (Anglican) offer rites for the private confession of sin and absolution by the confessor.

So what are the benefits of confessing one's sins?

Personally, I always feel like a load has been lifted from my shoulders after I have gone to confession. I feel more free and energized.

But sacraments are about more than feelings. They are methods by which we encounter a living God who desires to make contact with humanity.

After making a good confession, I am more conscious of my need for his grace in my life.

I am also made more aware of how free and unearned this grace really is because it comes through no merit of my own, but completely through his generosity.

A popular TV nun named Mother Angelica once had some advice for people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Penance.

Like most religious leaders, she recommended a thorough examination of conscience and firm purpose of amendment to avoid future sins.

The zinger comes after the penitent leaves the confessional.

"After you've confessed your sins," she said, "go out and treat yourself to a great big ice cream cone."

This year, I think I'll take her advice.

Editor's note: *Angotti is a Catholic Priest from the Diocese of Gary, Ind., and was ordained in 1991.*

He entered active duty June 2000, and is currently serving with 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, Basic Combat Training Brigade.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101.
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820, Gospel Service
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023, Soldiers' Sledgehammer
11 a.m.	Service, Custer Terrace Chapel, Building 10800, Traditional

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

11:30 a.m.	Airborne Chapel, Building 2766

JEWISH

Friday Sabbath Service

6:30 p.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

Sunday Torah Study

9:30 a.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

7 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
9 a.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
12:15 p.m.	Episcopal-Lutheran Service, Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220

chapel notes

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The group meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Custer Terrace Chapel. Women meet for fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For information, call 685-0739.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of people to support the various religious programs as musicians and child-care workers.

For information, call TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

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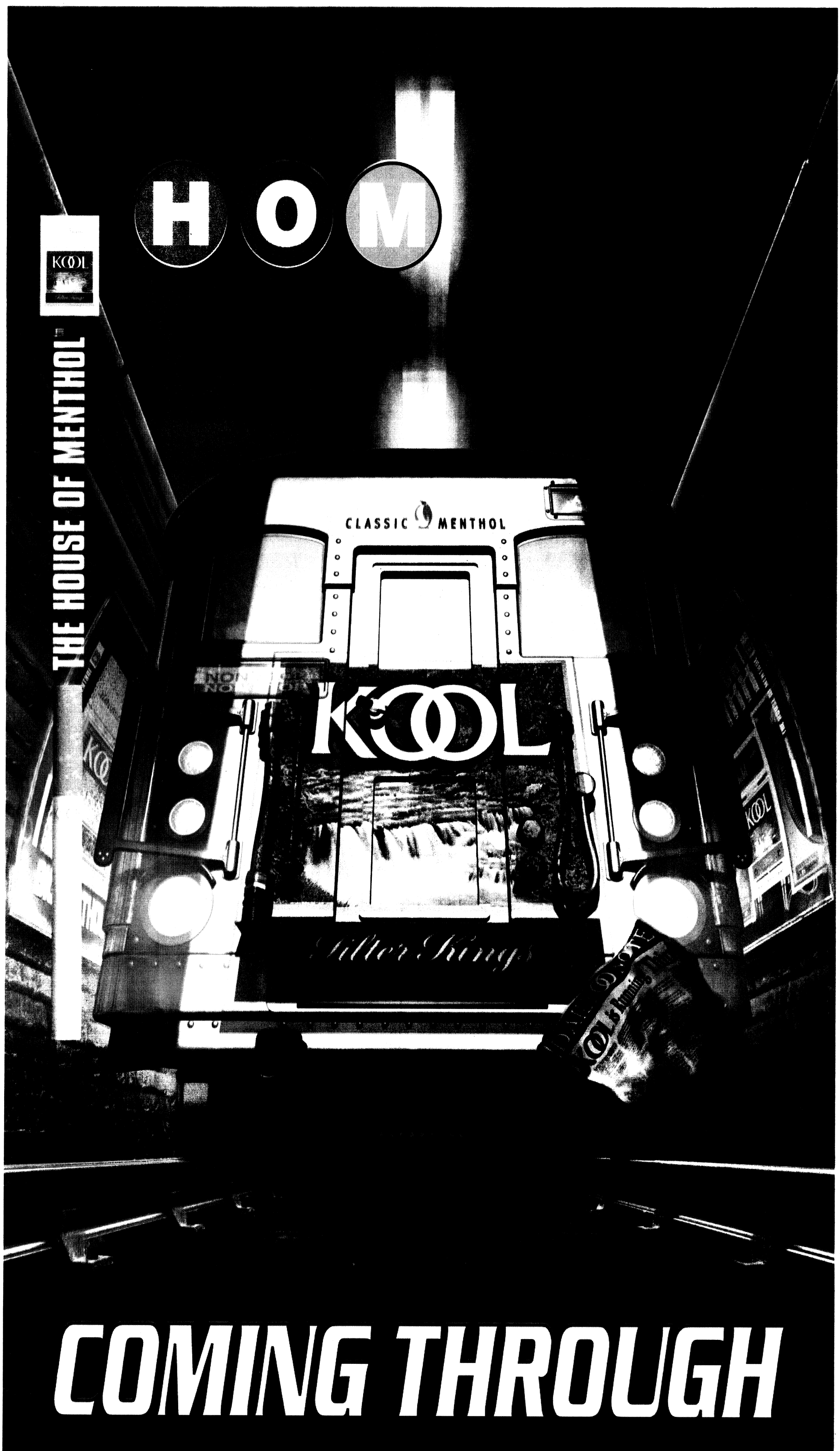
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Post soldier named Army Athlete of Year

Sharp shooter to receive award in March

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Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit has been named as the 2001 U.S. Army Male Athlete of the Year. Parker will receive his award at the Pride of the Nation banquet hosted by the U.S. Military Sports Association March 22 at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, Va., along with Spc. Kara Salmela, a 2002 Olympic biathlete with the Army National Guard of Duluth, Minn., who won the Female Athlete of the Year title.

Parker, a 2000 Olympian and world-record setter, won the World Military Rifle Championship at the 2001 Conseil International du Sport Militaire Shooting Championships in Lahti, Finland, as well as being a member of the overall winning U.S. CISM Team.



Parker

He was also a member of the CISM Rifle Team that won the Gold Medal for the USA and set a new world record in the Standard Rifle Three Position Match and the team that won the Silver Medal in the Military Rapid Fire Match, in which Parker was awarded the individual Silver Medal.

Some of Parker's other accomplishments this year included: a Gold Medal in Free Rifle at the Milan, Italy, World Cup; a Team Gold Medal in Free Rifle at the National Championships; individual and team Gold Medals in Air Rifle and Free Rifle at the Masters de France; Gold Medals in Air Rifle and Free Rifle at the Rocky Mountain Shooting Championships; two Silver Medals in Air Rifle at the Stavanger, Norway, Championships; and a Silver Medal in Air Rifle at the National Sectionals. He was also named as the 2001 Military Marksmanship Association Soldier of the Year.

"It's a nice feeling to be chosen as Army Athlete of the Year," Parker said. "I know a lot of the past recipients, and it's an honor to be thought of in the same class as they are. This award ranks among the best awards I've received."

Parker, who attributes his success to his parents, was raised in Omaha, Neb., and graduated from Bryan High School of Omaha in 1992.

He received a degree in psychology from Xavier University of Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1996, where he shot on the university's rifle team. He enlisted in the Army in January 1997 and was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit International Rifle Team in April 1997 after he completed Basic and Infantry Training at Fort Benning.

"I couldn't be where I am today without the Army or the Army Marksmanship Unit," Parker said. "They provided every resource I needed to be where I'm at. To me, being a soldier means doing the right thing, and I would recommend the Army as a career to others."

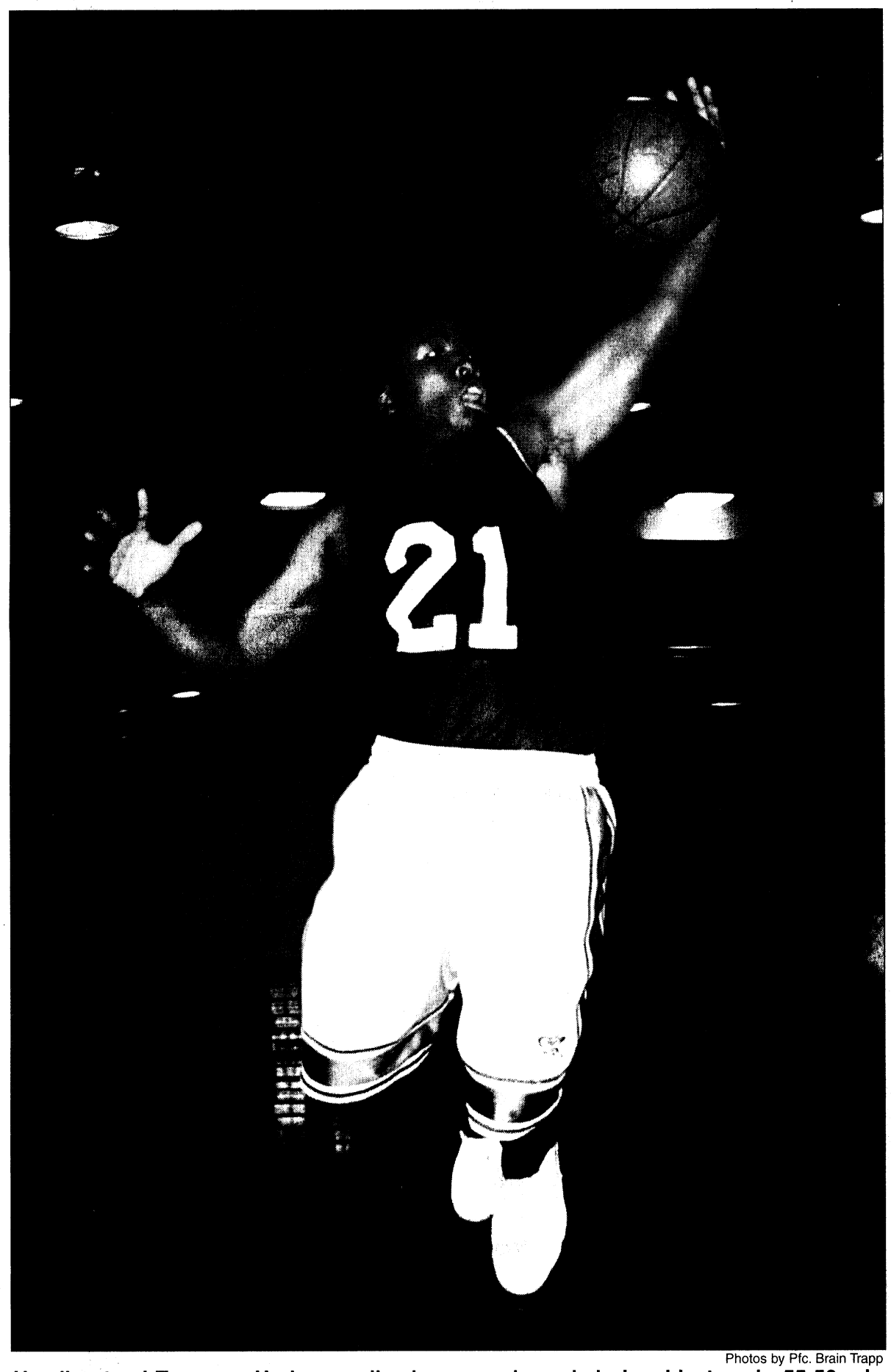
In 1998, Parker set two world records in Air Rifle and was listed in the Guinness Book of World Records.

At the 2000 Olympics, he competed in the Air Rifle competition and was one of the few shooters to make it to the finals. He ended up in fifth place, just missing an Olympic medal by seven-tenths of a point.

"My three greatest shooting achievements are setting two world records, being the best CISM shooter and becoming an Olympian, and my present goal is to make the 2004 Olympic Team," Parker said. "Becoming an Olympian had been a dream of mine since I was a teen-ager, and the Army gave me everything I needed to attain this goal.

"I tell young people who want to make it to the Olympics, 'Once you have a dream of what you want to be, make a plan and stick with it, and remember it takes hard work and a lot of discipline.'"

Headhunters take Warriors down in last 30 seconds



Photos by Pfc. Brain Trapp

Headhunters' Terrance Hudson pulls down a rebound during his team's 55-50 win Monday night game against the Warriors at Briant Wells Field House.

Last minute run defeats Warriors in close battle

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Headhunters beat the Warriors, 55-50, in an intramural basketball game Monday night at Briant Wells Field House.

With 3:18 left in the game and the Headhunters leading by 1 point, the Military Police Activity Warriors called a time out to regroup and stage a come back.

After the break the Warriors hit a basket to take their first lead of the game. A rebound and a fast break by the Headhunters, from with Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, almost took the momentum away from the Warriors.

The Warriors made a shot from downtown and forced a turnover taking the ball in for another 2 points, leaving the score 49-48 with 1:41 on the clock.

"The team really pulled together, we pulled it out by working together," said Chris Allen, Headhunters point guard and team captain.



The Military Police Activity Warriors' Jason Cooley makes a shot for the basket.

Allen got the ball on the outside and had time to knock down a shot from downtown leaving the score 51-50 with one minute left on the clock.

"We kept playing hard, and we switched from a zone defense to man-to-man, and that seemed to turn it around," said Eric Williams, the Headhunters' highest scorer of the game with 22 points.

A last second steal by Allen and a Warrior foul put the Headhunters' Robert Furr on the line where he put in one shot.

With the game still in reach for the Warriors and less than 30 seconds on the clock, Allen grabbed another rebound. A quick foul sent him to the line again, and he sank both baskets to clench the game for the Headhunters.

"In the last part of the game, we put in our heavy guns and closed it out," Allen said.

He gave them the time for Furr to knock down the final basket to end it for the Warriors.

"I took my time and focused on the game, and the free throws at the end of the game gave it to us," Allen said.

The Headhunters came out to an early lead with an overwhelming amount of rebounding and strong inside passing.

"Last game, we came out with a slow start, so this time we came into this game ready to attack," Williams said.

The Warriors' Jerry Sonnier was a strong 3-point threat, but the Headhunter defense held him to only 1 shot from outside the line.

Quick defense from the Warriors forced a few turnovers to keep the score close, but the Headhunters surged to the half with a seemingly comfortable 29-20 lead. Williams led all scorers with 10 points.

The Warriors started to grab more rebounds at the start of the second-half , and closed the gap to 2 points 43-41, with five minutes left in the game.

The Warriors may have had more points in the half, but the free throws broke up the momentum of the game and didn't allow the Warriors to stay in the groove they needed.

Warriors' Dion Weaver was the high scorer for the Warriors, blowing up in the second half and ending with a 20-point game.

They made 9 points on fouls, but sloppy play in the final minute also brought 7 points from the line to the Headhunters.

"We're coming with a vengeance. The Headhunters are going to take the championship this year-no questions asked," Williams said.

Three Falcons' players earn all-tournament, one earns MVP

Faith places first, second in tournament

Faith Middle School

Chattahoochee Middle School, Faith Middle School and Webster Elementary School joined Marion County Elementary School in the Marion County Elementary School Invitational Basketball Tournament Feb. 1 - 2.

Game one featured the Faith Lady Falcons against the Chattahoochee Lady Cougars. The Lady Falcons were able to hold off the Lady Cougars for the win.

Game two featured the Chattahoochee Cougars against the Faith Falcons. This game was very exciting with the Falcons coming out victorious.

The third game of the evening matched the Marion Lady Eagles with the Webster Lady Eagles. The game was close through the first half, but the Marion Lady Eagles went on a 17-to-8 run in the third quarter and went on to win over a competitive Webster Lady Eagles team by a score of 35-29.

The final game of the evening matched the Marion Eagles with the Webster Eagles. This was a very good game from start to finish. The Marion Eagles won the contest by a score of 38-25.

On the second day of the tournament, game five featured the Lady Cougars against the Webster Lady Eagles. This game was close from start to finish. There were several lead changes throughout the game. The Lady Eagles had an opportunity to tie the game in regulation, but the Lady Cougars managed to hold on for the victory and took third place in the tournament.

In game six the Webster Eagles were matched up against the Cougars. The Cougars managed to build an early lead and held off the Eagles to take third place in the tournament.

Game seven was the championship round featuring the Marion Lady Eagles against the Lady Falcons. This game started off very competitive with the Lady Eagles holding on to a four-point halftime lead.

In the second half, the Lady Eagles managed to pull away from the Lady Falcons to win by a score of 44-34 and take first place in the tournament.

Game eight featured the Falcons with the Marion Eagles. This was an exciting game with several spectacular plays and three-point shots. In the end the Falcons managed to hold on to win by a score of 37-33 and place first in the tournament.

The sportsmanship trophies went to the Webster County Eagles and Lady Eagles. Both teams played very competitive games. They worked hard from the start to finish.

The tournament's most valuable players, as selected by the coaches, were Pamela Jackson of the Marion Lady Eagles and William Mackey of the Faith Falcons.

The all-tournament team selections were: Pamela Jackson and Laquashia Greene (Marion Lady Eagles); Jameisha Todd and Amber Hansen (Faith Lady Falcons); Curdenial Johnson and Courtney Flemings (Chattahoochee Cougars); Ebony Ellington and Myshalanta Crimes (Webster Eagles); Reiko Williams and Darrell Neal (Marion Eagles); William Mackey and Eric Tyler (Faith Falcons); Julius White and Corey Bryant (Chattahoochee Cougars); and Lionas Andrews and J.C. Fuller (Webster Eagles).

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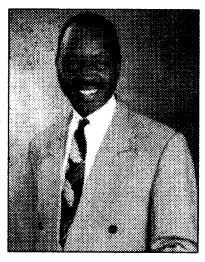
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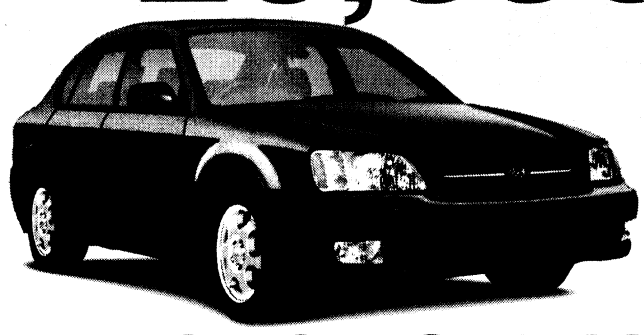
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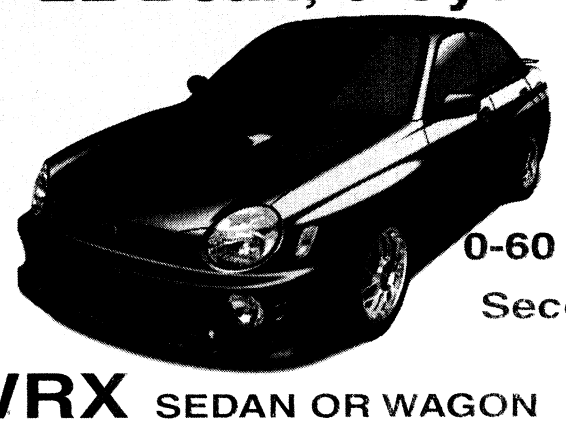
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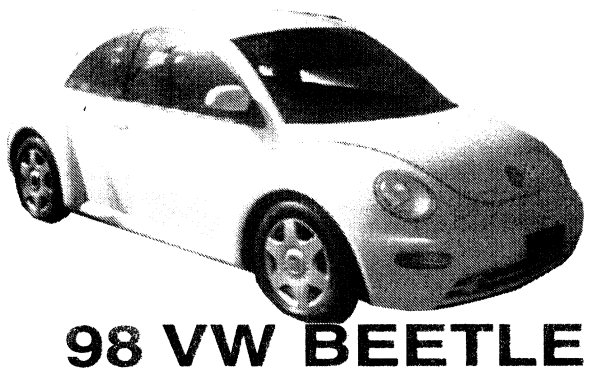
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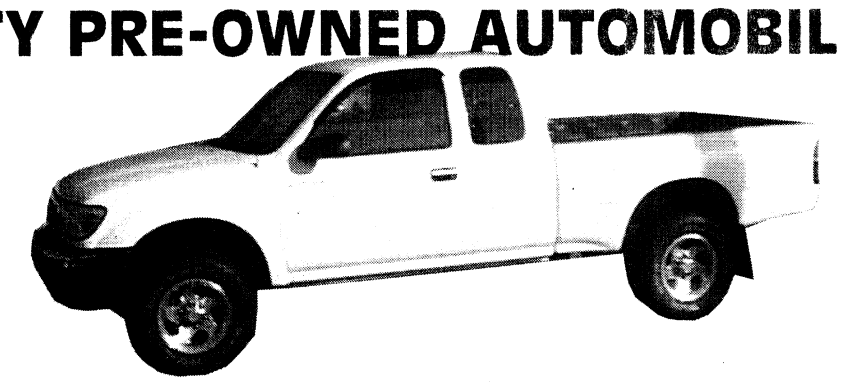
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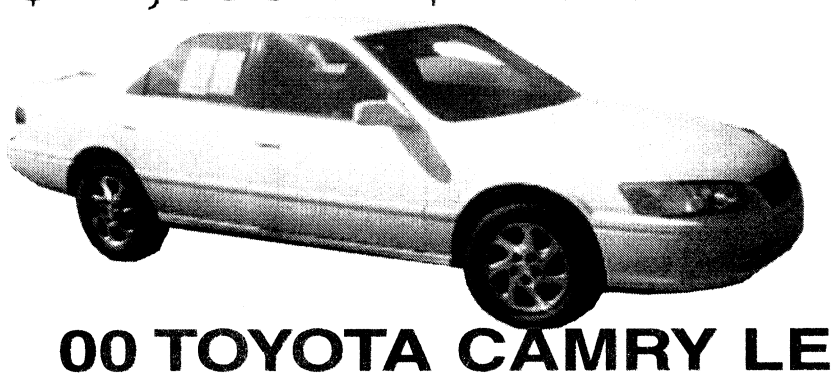
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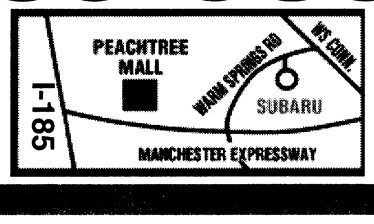
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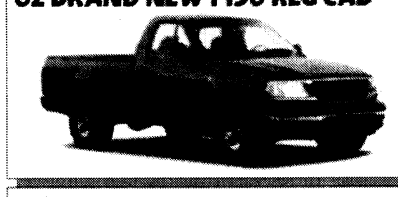
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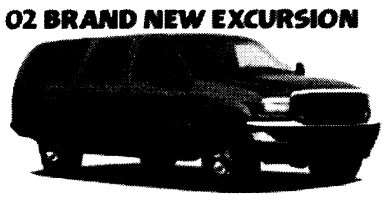
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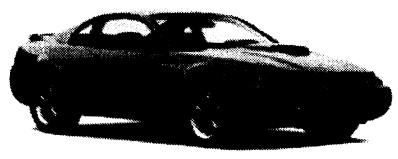
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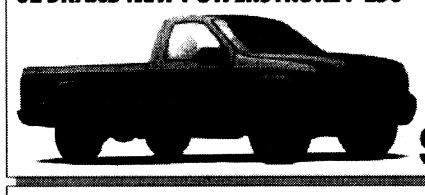
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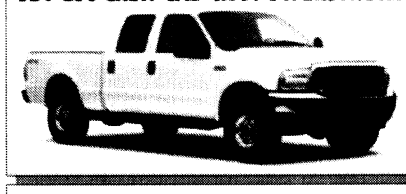
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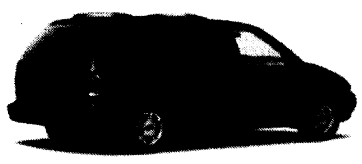
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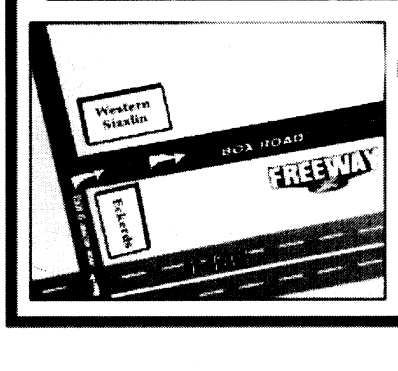
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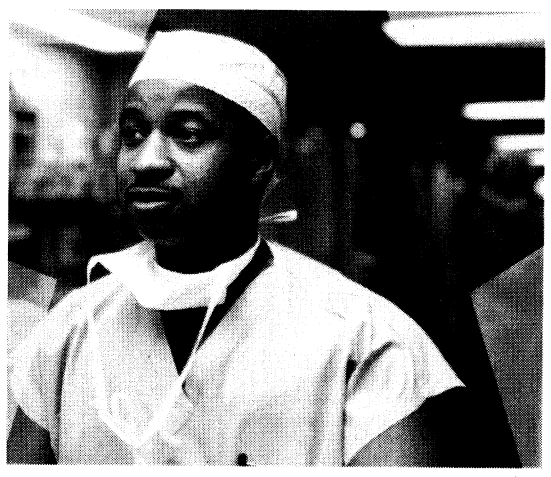
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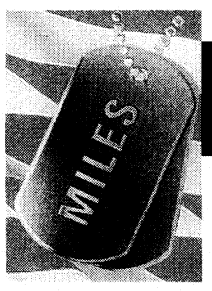
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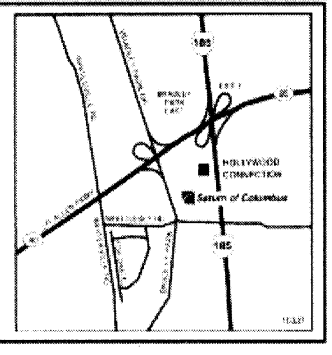
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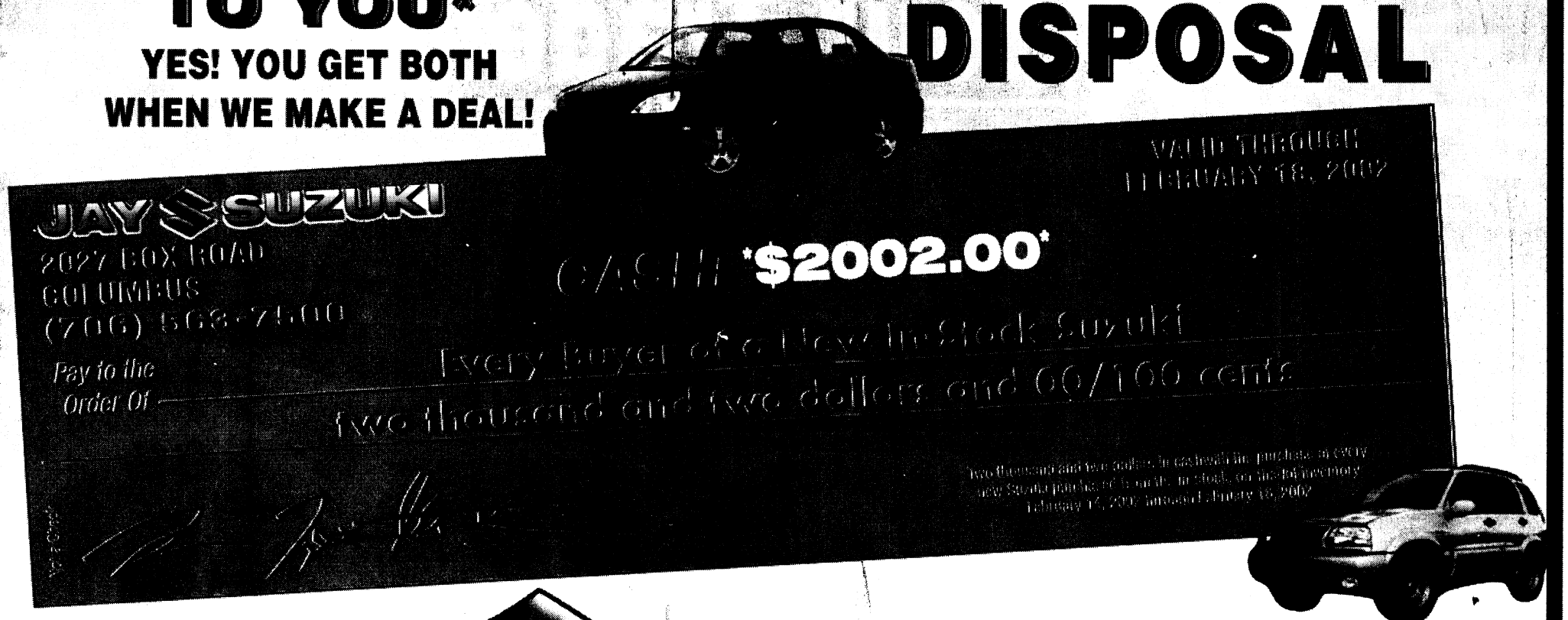
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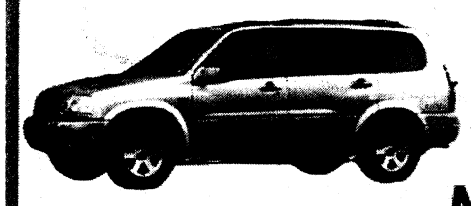
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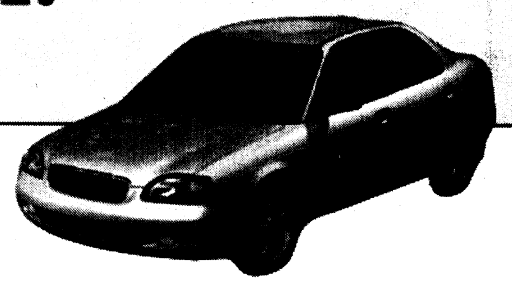
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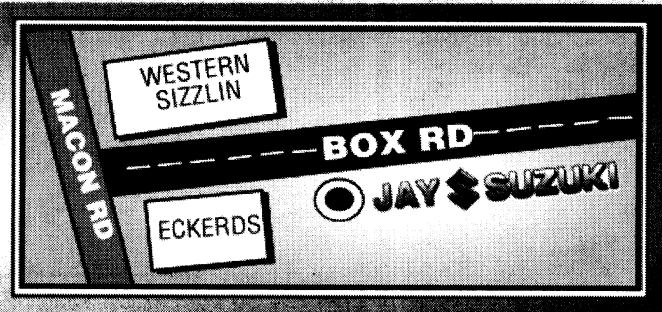


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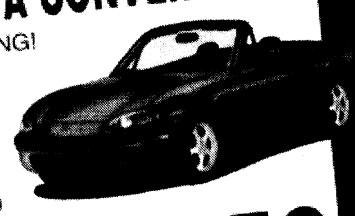


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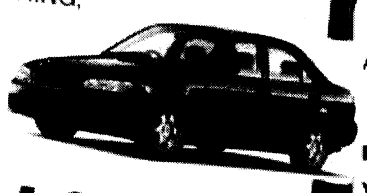
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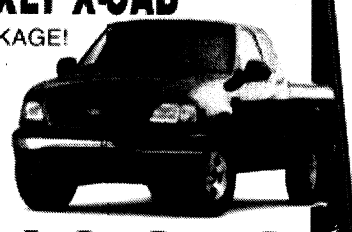
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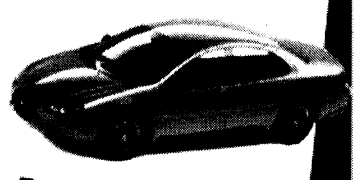
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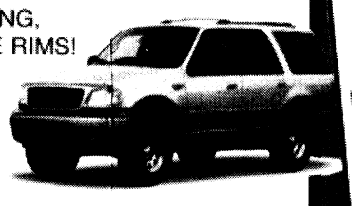
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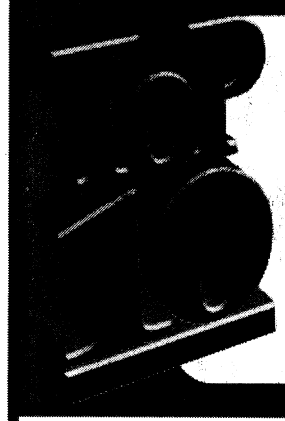


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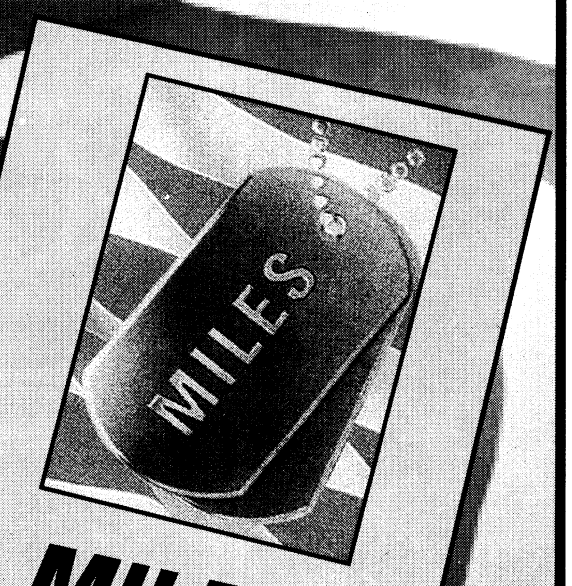
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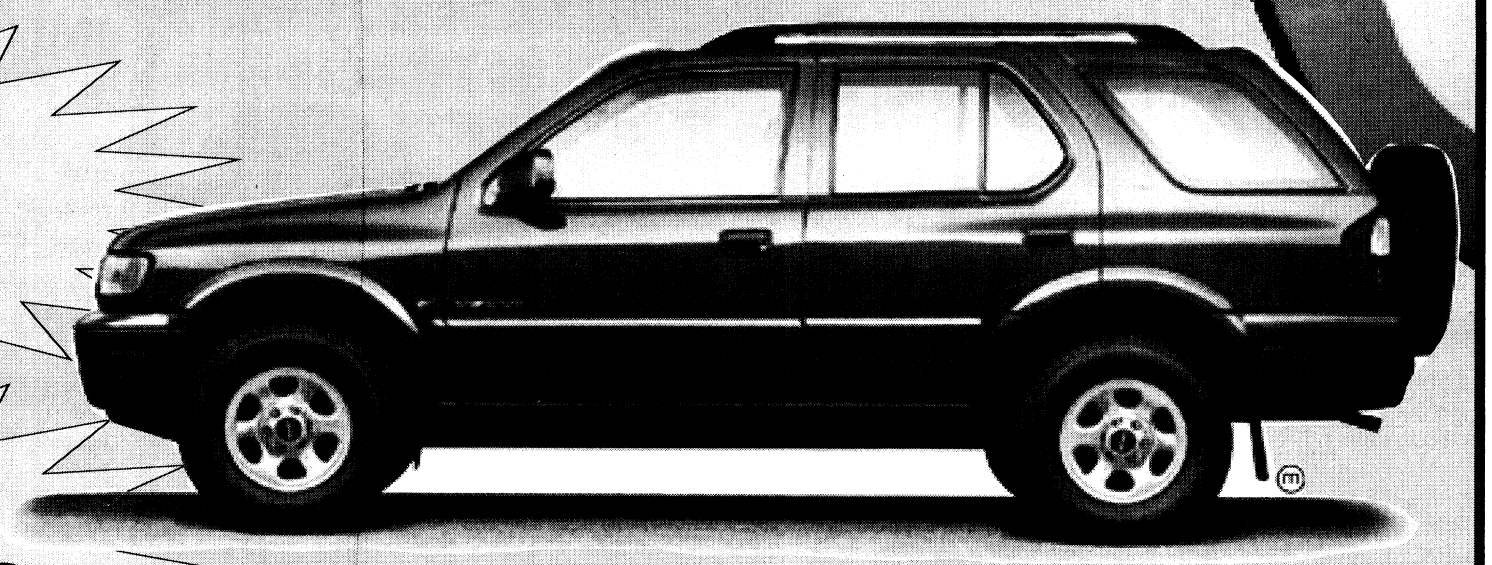
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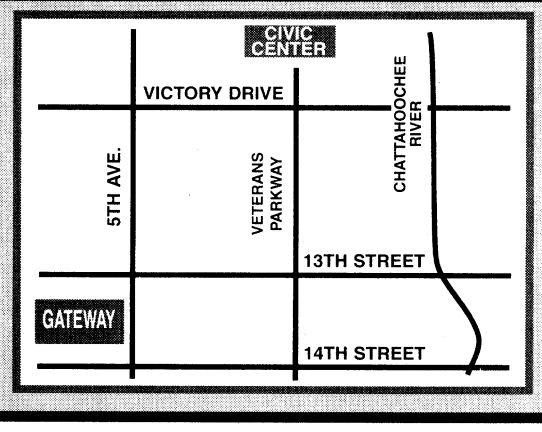


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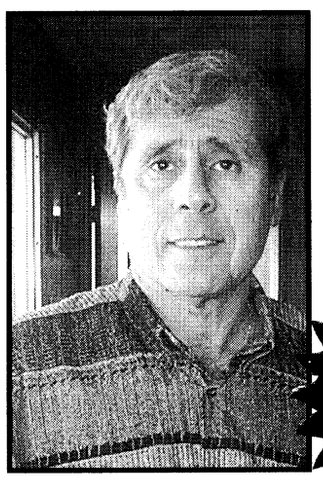
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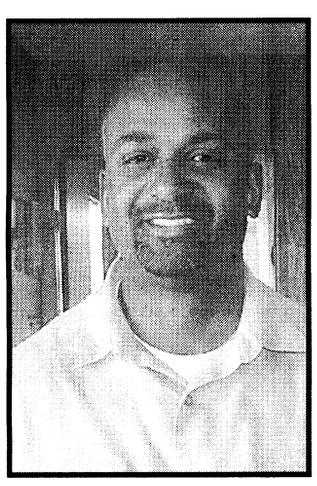


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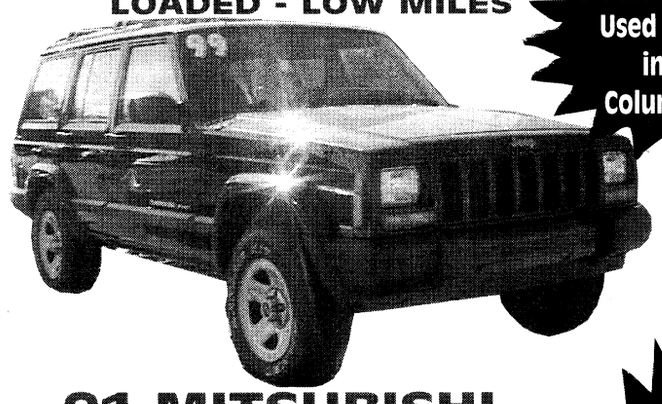


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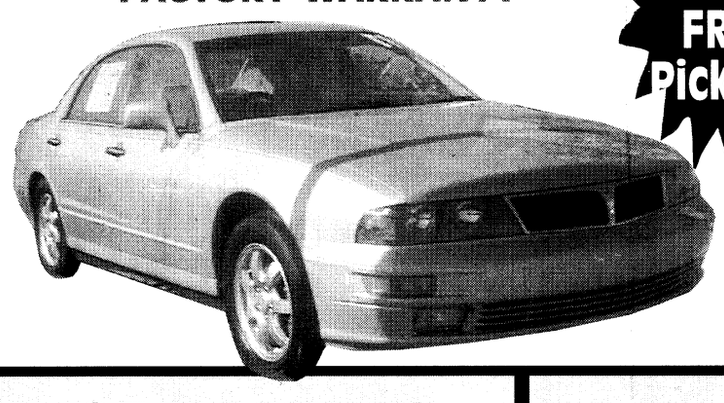
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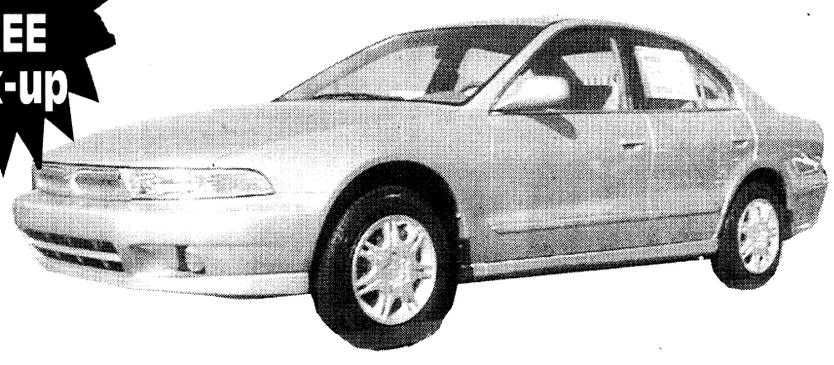
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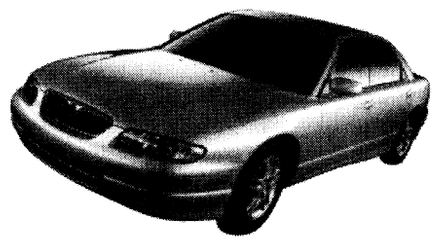


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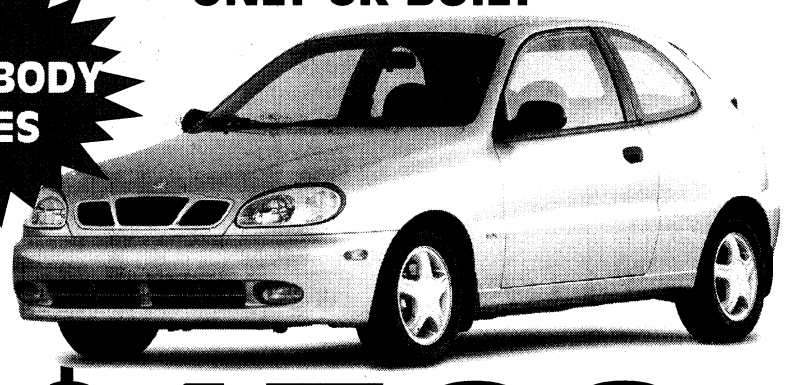
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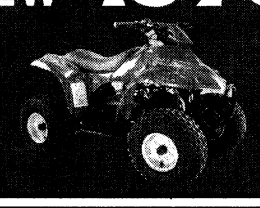


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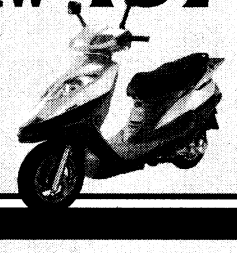
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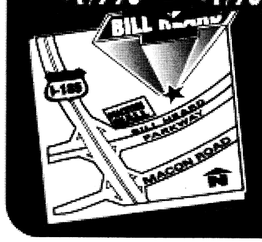
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Soldiers ready for Kuwait mission

Deployment to gulf region regular rotation

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, and the 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, are deploying to Kuwait along with several other units from Fort Stewart's 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized) as part of Operation Desert Spring.

The operation, once called Intrinsic Action, is part of a regular rotation that has been ongoing since the Persian Gulf War. It maintains security and stability in the gulf region against any future aggression.

Operation Desert Spring provides a continuous U.S. presence that rotates about every six months, said Lt. Col. Joseph Southcott, the 3rd Brigade's executive officer. The troops will be part of Camp Doha, a forward presence that exercises command and maintains control and force protection in Kuwait.

"I have no doubt in my mind we are trained and ready to execute our mission," he said.

Pfc. Jack Jackson, 2nd Bn., 69th Armor Regt., said he has mixed emotions about deploying and looks forward to the experience.

"It will be a good experience for me," Jackson said. "I'm excited, but I also have a few jitters."

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> **Lt. Col. Joseph Southcott**
> 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt., executive officer

The troops have prepared for their deployment by receiving mandatory preparation classes, Southcott said. They have received hands-on training in both the field and the classroom.

The battalion leadership is helping all soldiers with their financial matters, he said.

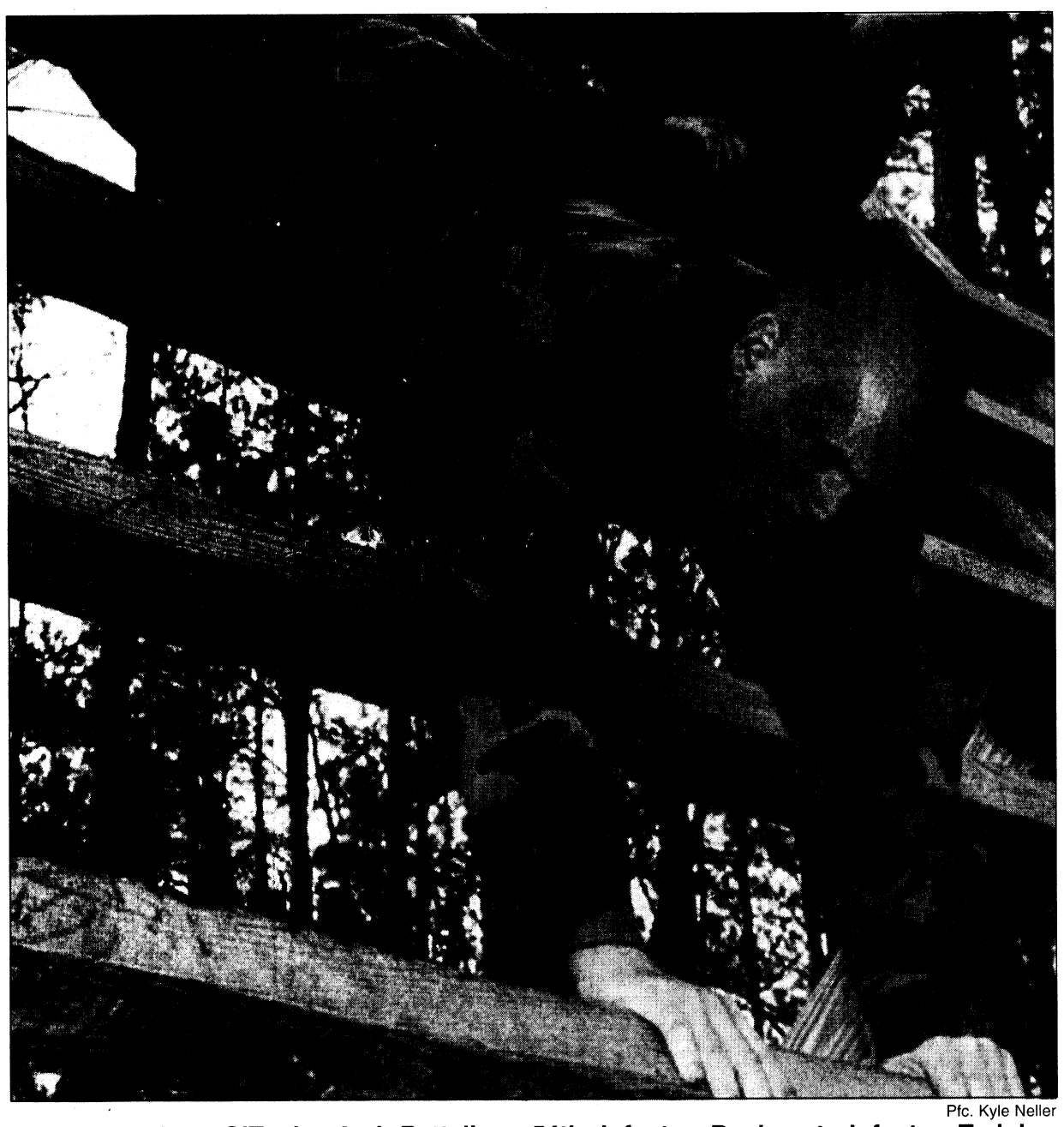
Some of the training the troops are doing focuses on hot weather and cultural awareness to better prepare the soldiers for their change of environment.

"The cultural awareness class taught me a little of what to expect about the people there and certain things I should avoid while I'm there," Jackson said.

The command is providing the

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Face first



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Pvt. Johnathan O'Toole, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, Infantry Training Brigade, overcomes the weaver obstacle on Sand Hill's Confidence Course Tuesday.

Re-up

Deployed soldiers opt to extend

Master Sgt. Sally Toomey
USAIC Public Affairs

CAMP MONTEITH, Kosovo — Kosovo was to be the last adventure in Sgt. Balthasar Lopez' time in the Army. The Bradley turret mechanic planned to leave the Army in April, as soon as he returned to Fort Benning after his six-month deployment in the NATO peacekeeping mission.

But Lopez is one of more than 75 soldiers in Task Force 1-30 who have re-enlisted since the unit arrived in Kosovo in October. The re-enlistment will move Lopez and his family to Fort Hood, Texas, closer to their home near Dallas. It also earned him a tax-free bonus.

"This is the best move for my family at this time," Lopez said. "Units at Fort Hood are highly deployable, but it's closer to home and whenever I have the chance, that's where I'll be."

One of the benefits for service members serving in Kosovo and other designated areas is that re-enlistment bonuses earned while deployed are exempt from federal taxes. This tax exemption has been a big incentive for deployed

See **RE-UP**, A-4

Demand for dogs more than doubles

K-9 teams face steady travel since Sept. 11

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If this is a dog's life, it ain't half bad.

EX, a 6-year-old German Shepherd, is an explosives detector and patrol dog assigned to Fort Benning's 209th Military Police Detachment. The pay's not much, but the perks are great.

EX recently attended the Super Bowl in New Orleans where he was fawned over by the athletes and entertainers. And he's frequently called on to assist in Secret Service operations, like protecting the vice president, in various parts of the country.

But wherever he goes, along with his handler, Sgt. Matthew Slusser, he's greeted with gratitude and treated like top dog.

"Wherever we go, people stop us to say thanks," Slusser said. "They're always glad to see us around. I guess it makes them feel more secure."

K-9 teams are a hot commodity since Sept. 11.

"There's been a great increase in the demand for dogs, especially explosives detectors, since the attacks," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Dawson, the military working dogs program manager for the Training and Doctrine Command at Fort Monroe, Va.

In fact, requests for dog teams have more than doubled.

"At first it took off like wildfire. All the dogs were overworked," he said. "But now it comes and goes. We had 15 missions in January alone. That's the same number we had for the entire first quarter."

Army K-9 teams are typically called on to assist the Secret Service, protect visiting foreign dignitaries and provide security at

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Though Army K-9 teams have been overworked since the Sept. 11 attacks, "it ain't all that bad," said Sgt. Matthew Slusser, left, who met his favorite football player, former Steeler quarterback, Terry Bradshaw, at the Super Bowl game in New Orleans.

A UNIVERSAL TRANSFORMATION

Getting older not easy

Master Sgt. Jon Connor
Army News Service

commentary

One constant of the universe is change. For most things that's good. But for human beings, this translates into getting old if we live long enough.

I've now reached a point in my life that from a physical standpoint, my best days have passed.

That doesn't mean I've given up trying to improve myself. It simply means my body is changing, but not for the better.

For my peers aged 40-45, these are significant times of change. It's a time of self-realization and begrudging acceptance.

For people in their 20s, the concept of ever being in their 40s is nonexistent.

For people in their 30s, getting "older" wasn't any big deal because they're wiser, have more disposable income and still look young.

But, when you actually hit the 40s, the aging process can't help but show its negative signs.

At 42, I'm coming to terms that I don't look the same anymore.

It's not that I'm looking for that fountain of youth. It's just that being middle age brings with it certain things that I never looked forward to.

While I don't wear bifocals yet, my hair is graying on the sides and I have some puffiness underneath my eyes that gives a tired appearance.

And, despite that I'm well within Army weight standards, I long for the days in my 20s when I weighed 155 pounds.

On my last Army Physical Fitness test I scored a respectable 261. I felt satisfied, as the average American my age probably couldn't even run one mile, let alone two for time.

Besides, at this point in my life, achieving a 300 isn't my goal.

What matters most now is being fit and healthy. In that arena, I have been truly blessed.

I don't smoke and the days of partying are over. When I do drink, the alcohol is probably doing me some good, as recently publicized medical studies have indicated.

A look at the 2002 *Soldiers* magazine almanac reveals that the average enlisted rank, age, and service time upon retirement is sergeant first class, 41, and 22 years respectively. For officers, it's lieutenant colonel, 43 and 22 years.

Another interesting statistic is those soldiers ranked from sergeant to sergeant first class make up 92.1 percent of the active-duty NCO Corps.

And, out of the 482,000 active-Army personnel, 221,765 are ranked specialist and below.

Not surprisingly, I find no comfort in the fact t that I'm in the senior 8 percent of the force.

We've all heard that age is a state of mind.

However, I remember my mother when she was in her early 60s telling me that she didn't recognize herself in the mirror anymore, but that she internally felt the same. I'm starting to "see" what she meant.

Another thing about aging is that it's all a matter of perspective.

Standing next to a 20-year-old, I don't look so young. Standing next to a 60-year-old, I'm "young" again.

With 4-year-old twin daughters, my life has been a three-ring circus since they were born.

My wife and I find peace only when they are asleep. But, all this craziness of raising a family I believe helps me stay young.

The good news about aging is that it's not all a lost cause. Aging is both genetic and environmental.

Since there's not a lot we can do about genetics, environmental changes are our last line of defense against time.

This means having a lifestyle that involves eating right, working out and reducing stress.

It also includes wearing sunscreen and protective clothing from the harsh aging effects of the sun, and getting enough sleep.

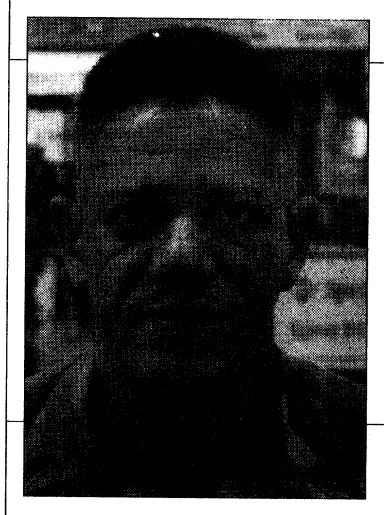
Some people, usually those who have extra money, will gladly pay thousands of dollars for cosmetic surgery. For some celebrities, it seems their careers depend on it.

Remember, you reap what you sow.

Likewise, there's a saying that goes something like this: The face you have at 20 is the face God gave you. The face you have at 50 is the face you deserve.

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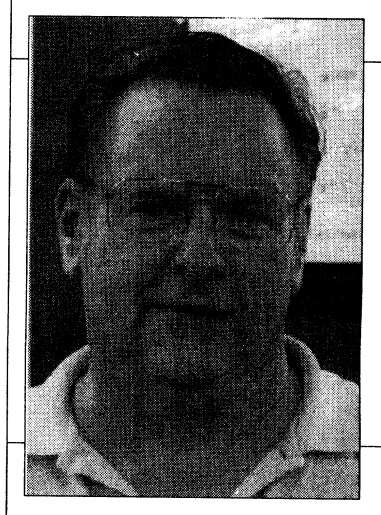
What is the best advice you ever received from someone older?



Spc. Gregory Hodge, 157th Military Police, West Virginia National Guard — "My mom told me to have honor, integrity, and the willingness to stand up for what you believe in."



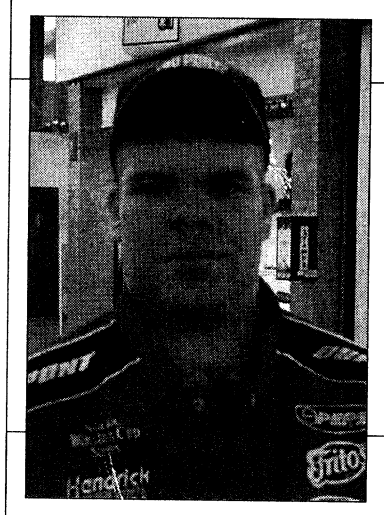
Julie Lewandowski, family member — "My grandmother always told me to be true to myself, and I try to teach that to my son, Shane. I tell him to always be his own person."



Richard Maehr, Four Star Photo — "My grandfather was a philosopher and he told me on the 32nd day of the 13th month of the eight day of the week, on the 25th hour and 61st minute, we'll find all things that we seek."



Mayda Willis, Fort Benning Flower Shop — "My pastor is a woman of wisdom. She told me when I bought my first flower shop to be consistent in life and pursue my goals, and I will get where I want to be."



Pfc. Jason Lee, CONUS Replacement Center — "My platoon sergeant told me to always live by the seven Army values, do what's right, and when I do PT, don't cheat my body."



Dymond Gatlin, family member — "My mommy always tells me to do good in school, and to be nice to other people."

Interviews and photos by Laura Martinson. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

What a drag!

Someone's totin' trash to the trees

Bridgett Siter
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commentary

Psst. Come closer. I'm going to let you in on Fort Benning's dirty little secret.

The best Army post in the world has a nasty problem.

I didn't go looking for it, didn't even want to know it was there, but I stumbled on it quite by accident.

We're talkin' trash here.

Not the stray candy wrapper variety, either.

No sirree. This is big stuff — major appliances, automotive parts, screen doors and recliners. Dumped all over post, but well-hidden, in the wooded areas one might never visit unless one happens to be trailing a 13-year-old with a nose for adventure.

My son Jake has explored every nook and cranny on Fort Benning that hasn't been posted off limits, and probably a few that are.



He brings home coke bottles dated 1925 and rusty old keys that make for great conversation.

And he tells me tales of "really cool" old trees and beaver dams, someplace called "Rainbow Canyon" and, of course, exploring Russ Pond.

So, last week I finally asked him to show me, to take me on a tour of Fort Benning's great little getaways.

I was amazed at what I found.

There really is a cool old tree. If the graffiti carved in it is to be trusted, it's nearly 200 years old.

And there's a massive beaver habitat less than a mile behind what was once known as the Cambell King Bowl.

Then we went to Rainbow Canyon. I have no idea who named it, but I suspect it was the kids who discovered it there, right smack dab in the middle of the wooded area beside the golf course, encircled by the fitness trail.

Venture in a little ways and you'll find a canyon indeed, deep and wide, carved out of thick, gooey Georgia clay that sparkles and shines with iridescent purples and pinks. The rainbow effect.

The canyon is awesome. The garbage is awful.

Why would anyone bother to drag a washing machine basin or a car muffler or a screen door out to the middle of the woods rather than drag it to the curb?

Dropping a gum wrapper by accident is forgivable. Dragging garbage to the woods is unacceptable.

Kids, you say? Well, who's minding them?

And then there's the recliner we found in the thicket that borders the River Walk on Main Post. A real conversation piece.

Jake and I spent a good deal of time speculating how it might have gotten there, and most of our suggestions started with. "Well, some idiot must have ..."

Jake's not one for discussing the ramifications of polluting our ecosystem or the benefits of ecological conservation — it's all "tree-huggin' hippie crap" to him.

But loving nature is second nature to Jake. And somebody's polluting his playground.

"There should be a jail for those kind of people," he says. "And it should be a garbage dump."

I guess that's one way to put trash where it belongs.

CORRECTION

In last week's Bayonet, the wrong phone number was listed in a story for soldiers to call for more information about their retirement options.

Soldiers should call their battalion personnel clerk or visit the Web site www.odcsper.army.mil/directorates/retire/retire1.asp.

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Luncheon marks successes of nation



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Members of the Fourth Street Baptist Church drill team perform at Wednesday's Black History Celebration.

Black history intricate part of Army history

Laura Martinson
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"Stay busy and be obedient."

Such were the words of advice from Alfonso Biggs, Columbus resident and well-known black historian, to Chuck Walls, Fort Benning garrison manager at the Black History Luncheon Wednesday.

Biggs' tips for a long and happy life came at an appropriate time, as the local community gathered to celebrate the history and successes of a nation. The theme of the luncheon was "The African American legacy: contributions and service in America's defense."

"It was kind of like a birthday party," said Biggs, who turned 98 Feb. 14.

"Black history is not a separate event, but is a part of our nation's history," said Senator Ed Harbison, guest speaker at the luncheon. "Race and nationality doesn't matter. And it didn't matter on Sept. 11 when we all came together as one. We are a strong and vibrant nation because of all races' contributions."

Harbison, a former Marine with five tours and 22 months in Vietnam, recalled how the people of his hometown, Montgomery, Ala., overcame segregation.

"Those were dedicated people with nothing but dignity to live for," he said. "You can't find that kind of dedication today except in our military units.

"In combat, it doesn't matter what race you are. All that matters about the man next to you is his proficiency as a soldier," Harbison said, calling his own combat comrades "brothers."

Miriam Berry and Lawrence Davis, eight-grade students at Faith Middle School, entertained the crowd with the story of the Tuskegee Airmen.

"They were battling two wars, one against the enemy and one against segregation," Berry said.

The Fourth Street Baptist Church drill team, ranging in age from 11-17, delivered a stomp and slaphappy message about overcoming obstacles.

Col. Lonnie Vona, Fort Benning chief of staff, told the crowd he has witnessed changes in race relations during his career.



Alfonso Biggs, 98, shares his secret to longevity with Chuck Walls, garrison manager.

"I'm proud to say the Army has been a leader in interracial relations for a long time," Vona said. "But we must remain vigilant and not take any steps backward. We all need to rely on one another."

Vona thanked Harbison for his continued service to the nation.

"You who fight for this country are all that stands between us and terrorists," Harbison told the crowd. "And we thank you. We know you'll take care of business."

Black History Month began as Negro History Week in 1926, when Dr. Carter Woodson began to write black Americans into the nation's history.

He established the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History in 1915, and a year later founded the Journal of Negro History.

In 1926, he started Negro History Week to bring national recognition to the contributions of black people throughout history. Woodson chose the second week of February for Negro History Week because it marks the birthdays of two men who greatly impacted the American black population, Frederick Douglas and Abraham Lincoln.

WHINSEC students tour Columbus, Atlanta

Latin Americans tour Georgia, learn history

Sgt. Daniel Monroy
WHINSEC Public Affairs

To familiarize international students with the workings of city, county and state government, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation conducted a two-part tour of Atlanta and Columbus Feb. 13-14.

Facilitating the tours, Cecilia Alexander, WHINSEC Information Programs coordinator, said the tour is an education lesson outside the classroom, imparting structures and fundamentals of American civics.

The tour began in Columbus as students from the institute's Command and General Staff Officer Course met with Mayor Bobby Peters and other city council members. Students were made honorary citizens of Columbus and were given a tour of the Columbus Public Safety Center.

"We here in Columbus are unique in the fact that we have a consolidated government. Actually we're Georgia's first consolidated government," said Peters, explaining the benefits of having county and city government centralized.

"It was very informational, especially for the Latin American students learning the workings of a fairly large city," said U. S. Army Maj. Alcides Lugo, CGSOC student.

At the Columbus Public Safety Center, students observed how local and state law enforcement and emergency services work together to serve the public.

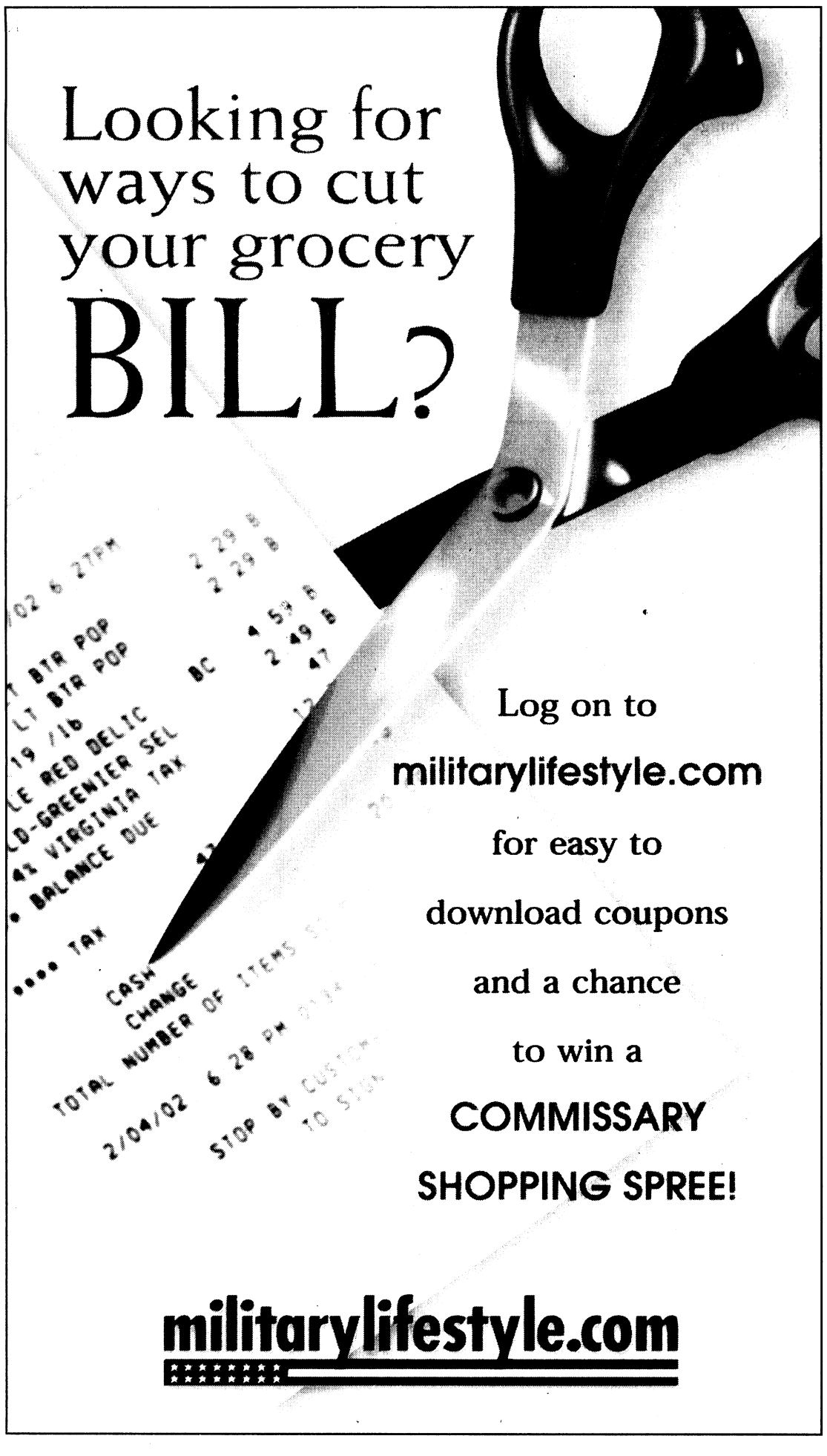
"We learned about the workings of the 911 computer systems and how they route everything," said Lugo.

On Feb. 14, the CGSOC class was bused to Atlanta to tour the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center and was given a history of the American Civil Rights movement and the legacy of Dr. King.

"Most of us were very enlightened, especially the 'Pool of Reflections' where he (King) is buried," said Maj. Rami Rodriquez, a student from Venezuela.

After touring the monument, students were given a guided tour of the home that King was raised in, just blocks away from the Center.

Downtown, Georgia Governor Roy Barnes posed with CGSOC students for a photo opportunity at the state capitol. A guide briefed students on the construction of the capitol building and the history of Georgia. The tour ended with a visit to the Atlanta City Council Chambers and a briefing from city representatives.







Army transformation needed for infantry

Fort Benning leads way for future

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The Army's transformation to strategically respond and dominate every point of the military operations spectrum is now in full stride and ready to expand.

The initial two Interim Brigade Combat Teams, a major part of the transformation, are located at Fort Lewis, Wash., and four more are preparing to form in Alaska, Hawaii, Pennsylvania and Louisiana.

These brigades are known as interim forces, said Ross Goode, chief of Transformation Task Force, part of the Directorate of Combat Development. They will bridge the gap between today's Army, legacy force, and the ultimate goal of an objective force - one that is responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable and sustainable.

The interim brigades possess many of these characteristics, but, for the most part, are light, agile, combat capable task forces capable of deploying in 96 hours.

"They are an early entry force," " Goode said. "One that can exit a C-130 and immediately perform a combat mission.

"Gone are the days of movement to contact," Goode said, referring to search and destroy missions from the Vietnam era and movement to contact through Desert Storm. "Soldiers will know where their team members are, where the enemy is and what is around them.

"They'll be able to choose the best time and place to attack and defeat the enemy."

These soldiers are called land warriors, the infantryman of the interim force, said Maj. Jason Stine, chief of Concepts, Analysis and Integration Division.

The reason why the transformation of the infantryman is so important is because the infantryman will evolve into the objective warrior, the successor to the land warrior.

"The warriors are provided more fire support and information than they have access to in today's warfare," Stine said. "There will always be a need to close in on the enemy and defeat them man to man.

"In the short-term, Fort Benning is the proponent of the IBCT and the Infantry of the future."

This means the post will play a major part in training the soldiers for the interim force and eventually the objective force, he said.

"Fort Benning will play the lead role of the infantryman," Stine said.

The Directorate of Operations and Training submitted the paperwork for new courses and to adjust courses on Fort Benning to meet the interim force needs, Goode said.

"I have no doubt it will be funded," Goode said.

"I feel comfortable we will have the people to train and adjust the soldiers for the mission." Goode said.

> "Gone are the days of movement to contact. Soldiers will know where their team members are, where the enemy is and what is around them. It's the proudest day when we hand over the keys to the homeowners. They're usually speechless."
>
> **Ross Goode**
> Directorate of Combat Development

Deployment: Family brief

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The command is providing the soldiers an additional way to relate with the people of Kuwait.

"The soldiers will receive a sort of smart book to give them phrases and greetings," Southcott said.

Each unit will also have a linguist to help the soldiers communicate effectively, he said.

"A lot of the life support is done by the local nationals," Southcott said. "And, if there is an issue, the linguist will be able to effectively communicate the issue needing to be resolved."

Along with communicating needs effectively, the units deploying at Fort Stewart and on Kelly Hill are effectively addressing the needs of family support groups, Southcott said.

"Our families will be well cared for because we have the best family support and readiness groups in the Army," he said

"We have a great amount of historical knowledge to effectively support our family groups.

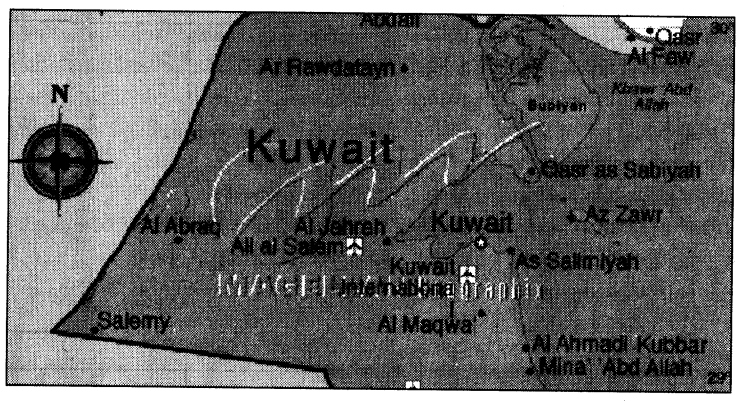
"We have monthly meetings we sustain throughout the year, and now we are preparing for deployment briefings."

Jackson's wife will move home with her family while he is deployed, he said.

"She's not really comfortable about me deploying, but she understands we have a mission to do," Jackson said.

He and other soldiers said they will communicate with their wives as often as they can and would write them often.

The soldiers who are deployed will be able to communicate with their families by telephone, e-mail and mail.



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Some 3rd Brigade units will deploy to this region.

Re-up: No tax on bonus

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soldiers to re-enlist, said Sgt. 1st Class Anthony Jackson, TF 1-30 career counselor. The relevance of their peacekeeping mission has also been a factor, he said.

"Retention doesn't stop just because we're deployed," Jackson said. "Here, soldiers have the opportunity to do their jobs and they get away from the details and taskings we have in garrison.

"Some were thinking of (leaving the military), but changed their minds. They have job satisfaction and time to think; and this influences their decisions."

Sharing a room with Lopez on the U.S. base camp near Gnjlane, Kosovo, Spec. Steven Moore echoed his roommate's feelings on staying in.

"I wasn't planning on re-enlisting, but I did for job security," Moore said. January's pay raise also sweetened the pot for Moore, a light truck mechanic who will report to Fort Irwin Calif., as part of his re-enlistment deal.

So far, re-enlistments within TF 1-30 have paid more than $400,000 in bonuses for eligible soldiers Jackson said. With a little less than three months to go until the unit returns to Fort Benning, Jackson hopes to re-enlist more than 100 soldiers during the deployment.

The events of Sept. 11 also made soldiers want to continue serving in the military said A Company first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Nelson Johnson.

"Soldiers who had their minds made up to get out have been knocking on my door. They tell me they would re-enlist if they knew they were going to Afghanistan or Kuwait," Johnson said.

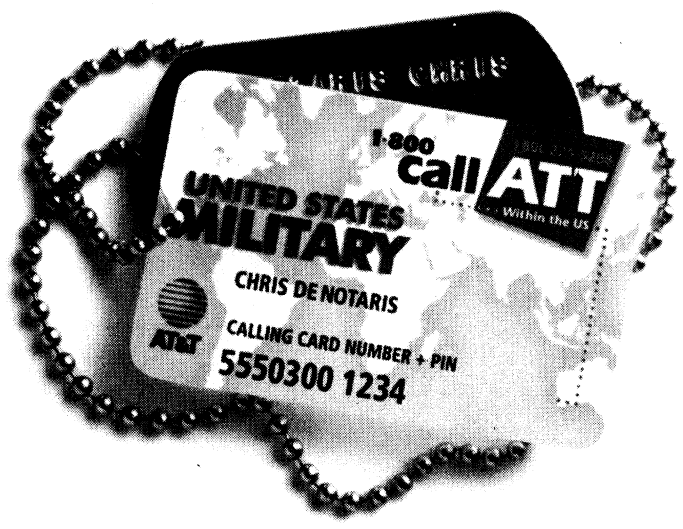
"All of this makes them feel like they are doing a real world mission and that has paid great dividends in our re-enlistment programs."

Fuel handler Spec. Rodney Pugh planned to re-enlist, but waited until he was deployed to raise his right hand. He may have wintered over in the Balkans, where 72 inches of snow have fallen since the beginning of the mission, but he will soon be moving with his wife and two children to sunny Hawaii, with a hefty bonus to boot.

"This was the best decision for me and my family. I had no plans to get out, but I had no time to re-enlist (before we deployed) so I did it here," Pugh said. "It's really nice for the bonus to be tax free."

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Army to contract recruiting duties to civilians

Former soldiers, recruiters sought by contractor

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Military veterans will be suiting up in civilian attire to recruit for the Army beginning this spring.

This month the Army awarded two civilian companies contracts totaling $172.4 million to hire and manage recruiters for 10 different areas across the nation. The civilians will recruit for the active Army and reserve components in Jackson, Miss.; Oklahoma City; Dayton, Ohio; the Delmarva Peninsula or Eastern Shore of Delaware; Tacoma, Wash.; Harrisburg, Pa.; Wilmington, N.C.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Granite City and Homewood, Ill.

Neither the companies nor the recruiters they're hiring are strangers to the military. Both companies — Military Professional Resources Inc. and Resource Consultants Inc. — are located in Virginia and have been recruiting for the Army reserve components since 1999. They are currently looking to hire recruiters who have honorably served in the Army.

Former soldiers who were recruiters by military occupational specialty are the most sought after in the hiring process, said Don Tarter, recruiting operations vice president for MPRI. Next are veterans who spent three years as detailed recruiters, or recruited for any of the other military branches. Finally, he said all individuals who have served in the Army and who are sharp, smart and energetic would be considered.

In May, recruiters for MPRI will take over companies in Delmarva and Tacoma and recruiters for RCI will take over recruiting companies in Wilmington, N.C., and Homewood, Ill. Vice presidents at both companies said that they are still in the process of hiring recruiters, and training for those hired will be conducted by the end of March. Station and company managers will be trained by the end of February.

Training for station and company managers may be similar, but both companies operate independently of each other, said Cardell Hunter, recruiting operations vice president for RCI.

Besides the initial training, which will include enlistment eligibility, current enlistment incentives and U.S. Army Recruiting Command policies and procedures, recruiters will have sustainment training to meet the needs of the individual recruiter, Hunter said. They will also receive annual refresher training to stay abreast of Army and USAREC policies, he added.

The contracts were awarded in accordance with the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, said Douglas Smith, the public affairs officer for U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

"The Department of Defense has said that we will conduct this multi-year test, and we are complying," Smith said.

The contract recruiters, which will be referred to as community-based recruiters by RCI because of their planned visibility in the community, will occupy the remaining stations by the end of October. The test will run through Sept. 30, 2007.

The biggest challenge for the recruiters will be to convince the skeptics that civilians can successfully recruit for the Army, Hunter said. His company's past success should prove that it can be done, he said.

"We have demonstrated excellence in a number of Army programs," Hunter said. "In 1990 the Army awarded us a $168 million Army Career and Alumni Program contract. We also have provided transitional counseling to 1.1 million soldiers. We have recruited over 20,000 young men and women into the Army Reserve or National Guard. Our help desk, which provides counseling to soldiers who are leaving one state Guard unit to go to another, has reduced the attrition rate of Guard soldiers from 16 percent to under 2 percent."

MPRI also claims success in its recruiting efforts for the Army Reserve and National Guard. Since 1999, MPRI has peaked at 85 recruiters augmenting efforts at the U.S. Army Recruiting Command, Tarter said. And the company retains about 60 guidance counselors, who are responsible for qualifying the recruits, he added.

Past success got both companies in the door, but they know that the non-believers will watch their recruiters closely.

"Initially we will lose the advantage of the advertisement that the uniform gives, but once initial contact has been made with our recruiters, the Army experience and sincerity will show through to the prospects," Tarter said. "Then the differences between our recruiters and the traditional recruiters fade.

"We will be responsible for the same quotas and we will recruit the same qualified people," he said

Another benefit the community-based recruiters will have is administrative assistants to help eliminate paperwork distractions.

"Our recruiters will be afforded the opportunity to make sales presentations at high schools, colleges and stay deeply involved in the community," Hunter said. "They will know the educators, moms, dads, clergymen and other centers of influence in the community. When the town's sons and daughters go off to basic, our recruiters will still be there when they get back to help facilitate their transition back into the community."

Meeting recruiting quotas and being successful as civilian recruiters are inherent, Hunter said, because failure is not an option.

"The Army realizes that there are a number of jobs that can be outsourced to civilians, and done successfully," Tarter said. "It doesn't have to take well-trained NCOs out of their primary military occupational specialty for detailed tasks."

More guardsmen arrive to help at Fort Benning

Unit deploys for homeland security

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

The 178th Military Police Company of the Georgia Army National Guard from Monroe, Ga., arrived at Fort Benning Feb. 14 to support Noble Eagle and Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 159 soldiers of the National Guard unit were sent to fill in for the post's 988th MP Company, which deployed to Cuba. The 178th will eventually take over the 190th MP Company's job of controlling the access points and law enforcement because the 190th is going to Fort McPherson,Ga.

Members are expected to help in various aspects in keeping the base running, like traffic control and community oriented policing.

"Between a third and half of them (the National Guardsmen) are civilian police officers," said Capt. Matthew McKinney, who is in charge of personnel. "They have a lot more experience. These guys are well trained not just in the military aspect but in the civilian aspect as well. "

1st Lt. Jonathan Adams, acting commander of the 178th MP Company and the 3rd platoon leader was supposed to graduate law school in May from Mercer University School of Law and works at the Districts attorney's office in Macon, Ga.

Adams said that his civilian job will help him in his job at Fort Benning,

"Being a student teaches you to listen to those who know more than you and try to develop your own sense of how to do what ever they are trying to teach you," Adams said.

"Being a prosecutor, you learn the dangers of not learning well."

1st Lt. Pervis Brown, platoon leader for 2nd platoon, will leave with his platoon in a few weeks to Dahlonega, Ga., to help with access control.

Members of Guard and Reserve units are usually called for duty for one to two years.

> "These guys are well trained not just in the military aspect, but in the civilian aspect as well."
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> **Capt. Matthew McKinney**
> 178th MP Company

Dog: K-9 teams provide homeland security, post patrol

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events where their presence is deemed vital to national security.

Five Army K-9 teams are currently working with 35 teams from the Navy, Air Force, Marines and civilian sector at the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah.

When they're not "tasked out," teams train daily and conduct random check-point patrols.

"It's not a five-days-a-week kind of job," said Slusser, who has worked with EX for two years.

"You get to know your partner real well. You have to because you depend on each other, and everybody else is depending on you."

EX and Slusser are one of 14 dog teams at Fort Benning, eight explosives detectors and six drug detectors. Dawson would like to see at least 16 teams here.

In fact, Dawson expects to see an increase in the number of working dogs everywhere.

He currently manages 70 teams from nine installations, but hopes to see those numbers increase to 94 dogs at 16 installations within a year.

The Army's move to increase the number of working dogs mirrors that of the private sector, Dawson said. Customs agencies and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms are also beefing up their K-9 programs.

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Army working dogs, like EX, are not typically used for crowd control.
Their visibility is simply a "psychological deterrent, a show of force," said Sgt. 1st Class Timothy Dawson, the military working dog program manager for the Training and Doctrine Command in Fort Monroe, Va..

Dawson said dogs are "the last line of defense against violent crowds or individuals."

Working dogs are trained to respond passively when they detect explosives or drugs.

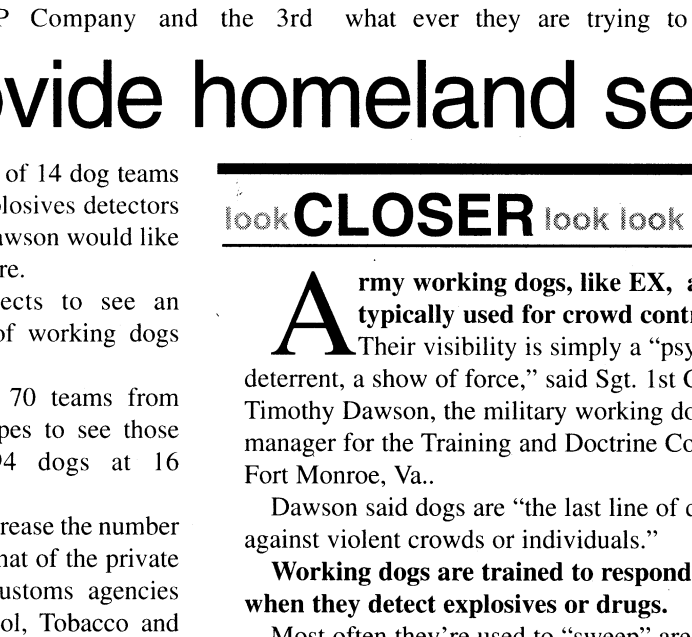
Most often they're used to "sweep" areas where bombs or drugs could be hidden, such as parking lots or stadiums, and they sit when they encounter a tell-tale odor.

When traveling by plane, they're accompanied by an MP, muzzled and led by a military police harness.

However, dogs can be aggressive when they feel threatened, so it's never a good idea to approach a working dog without consent, said Sgt. Matthew Slusser, a dog handler with the 209th Military Police Detachment at Fort Benning.

"Always ask if he's social, if it's alright to pet him," Slusser said.

"In fact, you should keep a 6- to 8-foot distance until you know it's OK to approach."



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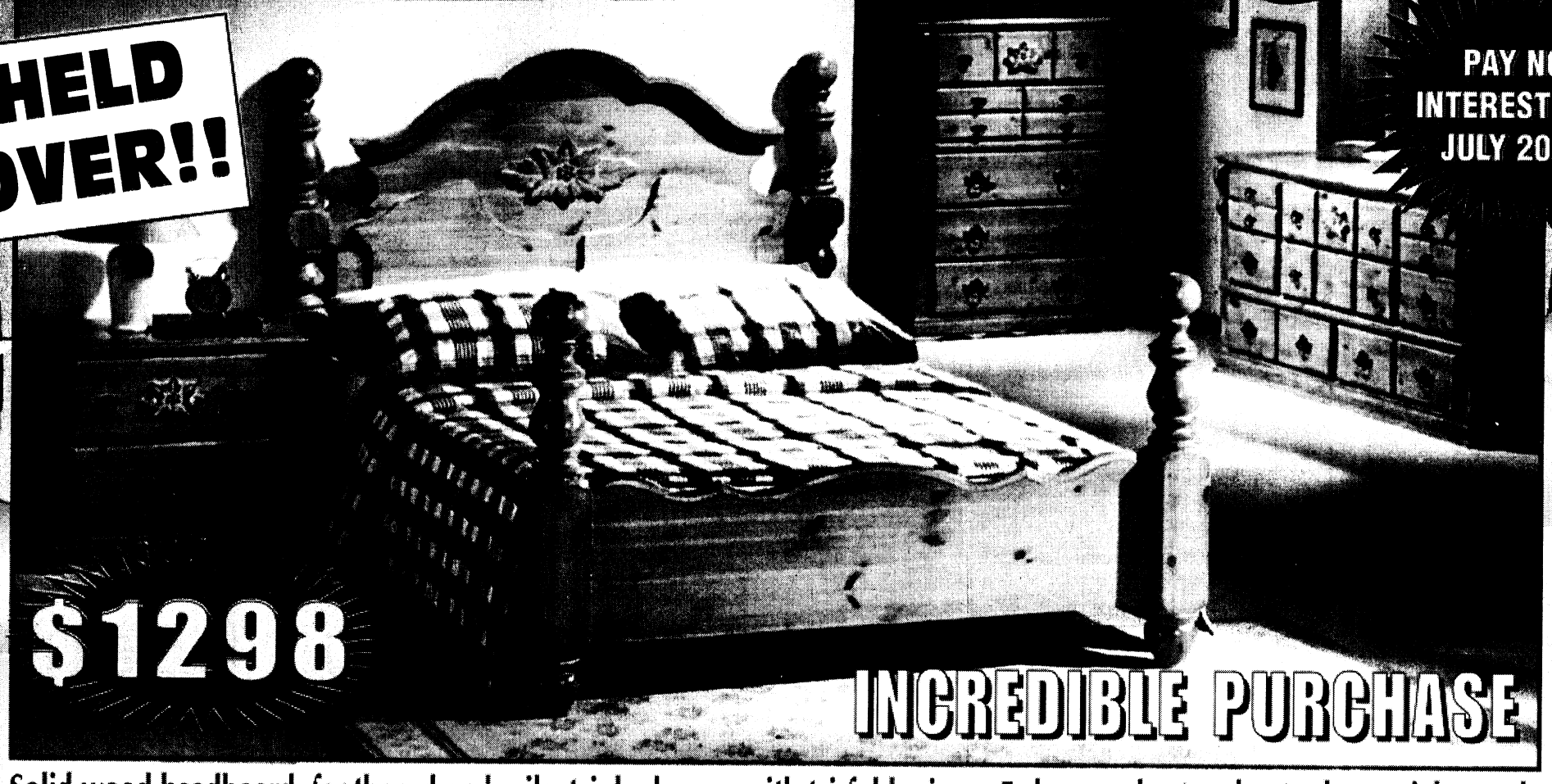
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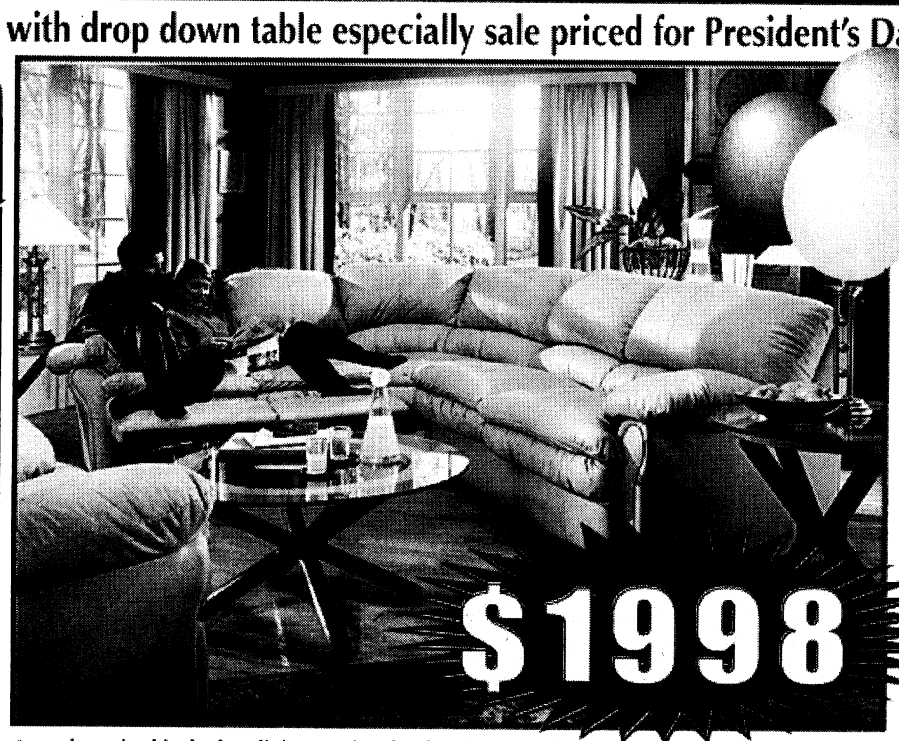
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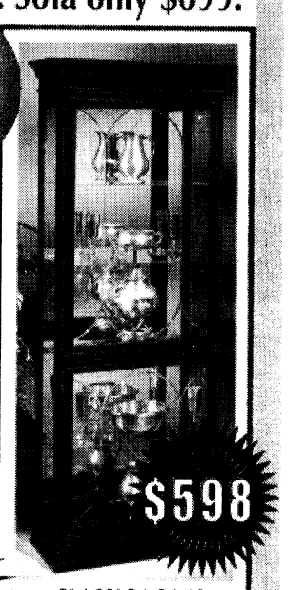
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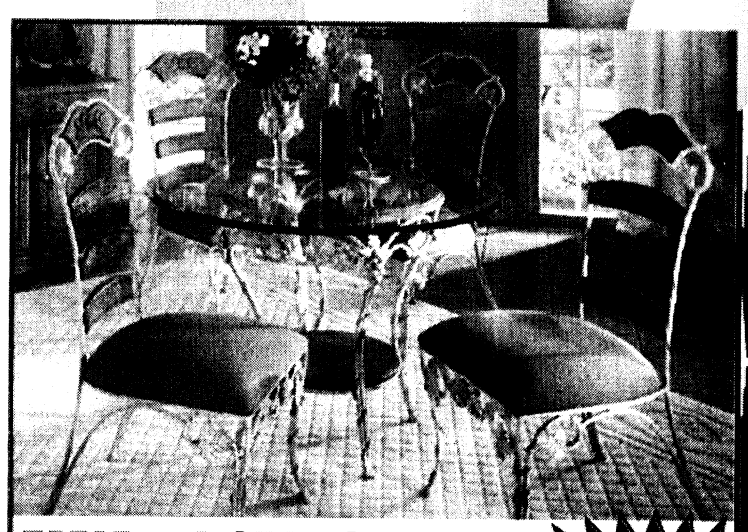


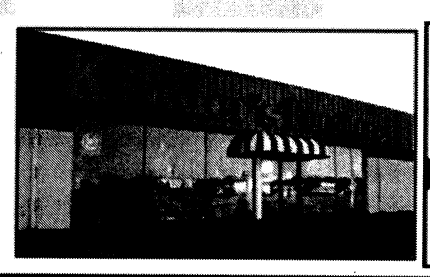
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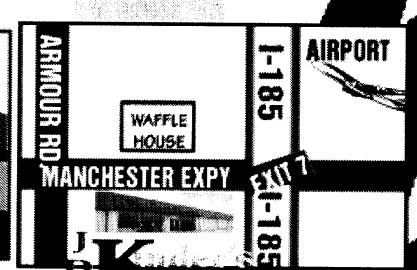
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Keeping the peace in Kosovo

Soldiers mission keeps peace, supports ideals

Master Sgt. Sally Toomey
Bayonet staff

Soldiers serving in the NATO peacekeeping force in Kosovo learn quickly that bringing peace to the region doesn't come easily or swiftly. But they do know that their efforts, no matter how small they seem, contribute to a huge international effort to restore political and economic stability following years of struggles and bloodshed between the ethnically divided people of Kosovo.

Every day since leaving Fort Benning in October, soldiers in Task Force 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry routinely go about their business in Kosovo. Daily patrols, convoy escorts and other military tasks allow the Kosovars to rebuild their lives knowing that their towns and villages are safe and secure.

But not all missions are routine for soldiers. They also visit local schools and even teach classes in English, math and physical education.

They train the newly established Kosovo Protection Corps in disaster response and rescue operations. Medical personnel bring basic medical care to local civilians, particularly those in remote villages.

Those actions and many more allow NATO and the United Nations to guide Kosovo to establish functioning government institutions, rebuild its economy, reduce crime and violence and heal wounds that divide its citizens along ethnic lines.

"Our presence here and our military missions support democratic principles and soldiers understand that they are important to this process," said Lt. Col. Audy Snodgrass, TF 1-30 commander. "The local perception is that U.S. soldiers are disciplined, fair in how they administer justice, respectful and diligent in their daily tasks."

Approximately 700 Fort Benning soldiers serve in Task Force Falcon, the U.S. contingent of the NATO's Kosovo Force. They serve in a force of 50,000 men and women from 30 nations. The U.S.-led Multinational Brigade-East operates in the southeast sector of Kosovo which borders Serbia and the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Since NATO airstrikes against Serbia in 1999 brought an end to the violence in the region and allowed the Kosovo Force to establish peace and security, U.S. soldiers have served in the mission. KFOR's presence has enabled hundreds of thousands of refugees to return to their homes. KFOR supervised the demilitarization of the Kosovo Liberation Army and contributes to the retraining of former combatants to serve as emergency response, rescue and civil police. Crimes such as murders, arson, smuggling and looting have declined tremendously.

Programs to collect and confiscate illegal weapons are administered by KFOR soldiers as well as the disposal of mines and other explosive ordnance.

KFOR's presence allows non-governmental organizations to rebuild schools, utilities, medical facilities and distribute humanitarian aid.

But the average soldier isn't thinking of those issues while patrolling in a village or running a basic sick call for local civilians.

"I'm glad I got the opportunity to come here. It makes me appreciate what we have in America," said Pfc Baxter Tisdale, a TF 1-30 medic.

Tisdale and other medics regularly visit local civilians through the Medical Civil Assistance Program, or MEDCAP. They communicate through local interpreters who help explain the patient's aches and pains to the medics and physicians assistants. Most often the complaints are routine. The soldiers hand out supplies of pain relievers, children's and pre-natal vitamins, cold medications and antibiotic ointment.

"People here treat us like we're heroes, but we're just doing our regular missions. Anyone who complains about all that should come here and see how much these people don't have," Tisdale said.

At a Forward Operating Base near the border with Serbia, Pfc. Jeffrey Latimer, A Co. TF 1-30, describes his daily presence patrols through villages that dot the hilly terrain…"like going back in time."

"As long as they know we're here, we are making a difference," Latimer said. "We impress upon them that if we just up and pulled out, things could easily go back to what they were."

The battalion is scheduled to return to Fort Benning in May.



The flags represent where each of the five multinational brigades are supporting NATO and the United Nation in its mission to guide Kosovo.

Personnel chief shares vision

Former post CG reveals goals for transformation

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — When terrorists flew a commercial jetliner into the Pentagon Sept. 11, the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel suffered about 20-percent casualties in dead and wounded, yet the surviving personnel work force was back functioning the next day and its sections working 24/7 within a week at the Hoffman Building in downtown Alexandria, Va.

That was the first thing Lt. Gen. John Le Moyne had to say about his organization during his first press interview since becoming the Army's top personnel chief in November. The interview was given to Army News Service Feb. 4.

Le Moyne assumed the duties of Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, the most senior officer to die during the Pentagon attack. The Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel has recently been renamed the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, under a Headquarters, Department of the Army reorganization plan.

"Most combat units suffering 20-percent casualties would be pulled from the line immediately," Le Moyne said. "It is a source of pride for me, and at the same time humbling, that the G-1 staff sections are filled with heroes — compassionate, quiet and sincere. Look at the casualties and you will find the Army of One well represented. They are soldiers, Army civilians, contractors and retirees of varying ages, ranks and religions."

One of the goals the G-1 has set for himself is to get Personnel Transformation so far down the road that its momentum cannot be stopped.

That transformation includes keeping the warfighting force fully manned, meeting all recruiting goals and completely revamping an outdated personnel information technology system.


Le Moyne

The Army's combat units — its divisions and armored cavalry regiments — have been manned at 100-percent strength and at about 93-percent by military occupational specialty and grade this past year, Le Moyne said. The disparity between the two figures is good news, he explained, as it reflects grade imbalances due to healthy promotion rates.

Keeping the warfighting force at authorized strength hasn't come without losses in other areas, he continued, as other Army units and organizations were manned between 83- and 96-percent strength last year.

"There has been some pain in places, but we didn't break the Army to man the force," Le Moyne said.

The personnel chief said he is proud of the recruiting force that has accomplished its mission during the past two years. To those who question the Army's policy of recruiting some young people who have not graduated from high school, Le Moyne said he would point them to a brigade commander he knows who entered the Army without a high school diploma and yet now holds two graduate degrees and continues to serve the nation well.

"Our goal is to recruit quality people and keep quality people," he said.

With about 320 different personnel automated systems running more than 1,100 personnel programs — many of which cannot "cross-talk" with each other – modernizing personnel information technology is a big challenge, Le Moyne said.

"Some of the programs are written in outdated computer languages nobody has used in years," he continued. "We want to move to more efficient systems without degrading what we currently have in place. Ideally, the IT Personnel Transformation will be invisible to the rest of the Army."

The IT Personnel Transformation has already started. Soldiers who will be considered at the next sergeant first class and lieutenant colonel promotion boards can now review their official records online under a test program. Eventually, the program will expand to all soldiers and save the Army about $300,000 a year in administrative costs, Le Moyne said.

About 4,600 computer servers have recently been consolidated down to 43 centralized super servers. The G-1 estimated this eliminated about 50,000 errors a day across the Army caused by changes as information came up through several bureaucratic layers.

"The estimates of cost savings are up to more than $20 million during the budget life cycle," Le Moyne said. "Most important is the better service this means to units and soldiers."

As far as his leadership philosophy goes, Le Moyne said he will continue the ethos of service and caring for the Army and the people in it he learned from when he first enlisted as an Army Reserve Special Forces soldier in 1964.

"This is a damn good Army, filled with good people, doing good things for good reasons," he said.

Commissioned in the Infantry out of the University of Florida ROTC program, Le Moyne has served in command positions from platoon to brigade level and served as the commander of the Infantry Center, Fort Benning, just prior to assuming his current duties as the G-1.

He previously served on the Army Staff as the assistant deputy chief of staff for Personnel from 1997 to 1998.

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Graduation

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 10 a.m. today on Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

For more information, call 544-8418.

ID Card Section Closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 2 p.m. Monday to perform student ID card processing requirements. Normal operational hours will resume at 8:30 Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-1411.

CATD brown bag lecture

This month's CATD lunchtime presentation will be at 11:30 Feb. 27 in Infantry Hall's Classroom 10. The topic will be the Black Hawk War.

It will include a historical video on that conflict which emphasizes the namesake for the conflict, Chief Black Hawk of the Sac and Fox Native American tribe. Those attending will have an opportunity to learn the origin of the name for today's workhorse helicopter and Chicago's hockey team. The guest speaker is Dr. Roger T. Zeimet, command historian. For more information, call 545-5610.

Water sanitation

The Fort Benning Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics will continue purging the water distribution system through Thursday.

Graduation

A and D Companies of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 10 a.m. March 1 at Kanell Field.

For more information, call 545-8131.

Tax Center is open

The Tax Center is open for business, and it is free.

The center has tax forms, offers assistance on filling them out and can also electronically file returns.

Things to bring to the tax center to facilitate filling out tax forms are: W-2 forms, 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, Form 1098, power of attorney, social security card, voided check and ID card.

The tax center processes all federal and state income tax returns, including 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040.

When visiting the center, park only in designated parking lots. Parking in the circular drive in front of the center will result in a $45 fine.

The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be extended hours on the following dates:

- Saturday — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 6 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 13 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 15 — 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The center is located on Ingersoll Avenue at Building 880, Room G131. The building across from the Wynnsong 10 Theater formerly housed the NCO Academy.

For more information, call 545-4267.

Burning times

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place through Sunday. If weather permits, the following areas will be affected: AA, A-2, A-3, B-5, D-16, H-1, K-6, K-19, N-1, O-3, O-6, O-7, O-10, O-13, P-2, Q-1, Q-5, U-3, U-5, W-1, W-4, X-2, BB-3, BB-6, Main Post Cantonment, Harmony Church Cantonment, and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

From Feb. 25 through Mar. 3, the area are AA, A-2, A-3, B-5, D-3, D-10, D-16, E-3, H-3, K-6, I-2, J-2, J-6, K-6, K-19, M-1, M-3, N-1, O-3, O-6, O-10, O-13, Q-1, Q-5, U-3, R-2, T-4, T-6, U-5, W-1, W-4, X-2, X-4, BB-3, BB-6, Main Post Cantonment, Harmony Church Cantonment, and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

Personnel proposing to use these areas for recreational purposes must vacate these areas prior to 9:30 a.m. daily.

Training units using compartments adjacent to those listed above are reminded to exercise caution while traveling in these areas. Units using ranges and training areas are reminded to remove flammable debris, such as pinestraw, leaves and trash from around structures in accordance with regulation.

For more information, call Jack Greenlee, Land Management Branch, at 544-6120.

Spring formal

The Basic Combat Training Brigade's Spring Formal is at 6 p.m. March 8 at Fort Benning Officer Club.

For more information, call 545-8564 or 545-8583.

Blood drive

The MACH will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 8 at the SRP Building 9224.

For more information, call 544-4276.

CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of numerous Snap On brand tools and other tools from the motor pool of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, between Dec. 13 - 17.

The assistance of the local community is being requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s). It is requested that anyone with information concerning this individual call the CID duty agent at 545-8916 or the Military Police at 545-5222. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Classes at Troy State

Solutions Technology, in partnership with Troy State Fort Benning, is now offering a variety of computer training courses. Two new curriculums, the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator course along with Comptia's A+ service technician are now available. Also, a program known as Top-Up Tuition Assistance is available to cover any costs that tuition assistance does not pay.

For more information, call Solutions Technology at 317-4500 or visit the Web site www.solutionstechnology.com. Troy State Fort Benning and the Army education office also have more information available.

Army Learning Center

The Army Learning Center, Infantry Hall, Classroom 32A, will no longer be open Sundays.

The new hours are: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 545-7677.

Wanted prior duty soldiers

Contact the local Reserve guidance counselor for prior service soldiers to fill shortages within the Reserve units on and around Fort Benning.

The office also provides Life Cycle Management of Prior Service Soldiers. It assists in updating prior service records, placement, re-enlistments, etc. to update the USAR database in AR-PERSCOM, St. Louis, Mo.

For more information, call 545-0317, 544-7198, or 545-0696.

AER procedures

Over the past two weeks, the AER office received several phone calls regarding the availability of AER personnel after regular operating hours — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — and on weekends and holidays. AER personnel are available for recall for the following categories of emergencies: emergency leave, food and imminent eviction or foreclosure.

Phone the USAIC staff duty officer at 545-2218 and request to be put in touch with the person on-call for AER. Reminder all AER requirements remain the same, that is, AER application completed with commander's or first sergeant's signature, DA-31 (if applicable), LES, etc.

For more information, call Al Deane, AER officer, at 545-3530 or 545-2536.

Special Forces recruiting

The Fort Benning Special Forces Recruiting Team wants professional enlisted and officer volunteers seeking their next challenge in the Army. If you are an enlisted soldier in pay grade E-4 thru E-6 with a GT score of 100 or higher, or you are a commissioned officer in year group 1999 thru 2000, you can apply for Special Forces training.

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For more information on Special Forces, access the web page at: www.benning.army.mil/specialforces or contact your Special Forces Recruiting Team at 545-3079 or DSN 835-3079.

QMP board

The Department of the Army selection board will consider soldiers for promotion to master sergeant and will also review for possible elimination under the Qualitative Management Program Wednesday.

Zones of consideration for promotion to master sergeant — all sergeants first class with a date of rank July 31, 1999 and earlier with a basic active service date between Jan. 1, 1979 and Jan. 1 1994 (both dates inclusive). For QMP — all sergeants first class with a date of rank of July 31, 1999 and earlier and basic active service date of Jan. 1, 1979.

Soldiers who meet eligibility criteria must have a current official photo. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

NCO Evaluation Reports: Complete-the-record evaluation reports are authorized. Eligibility criteria must be met.

Those NCOs who meet eligibility criteria must review their personnel record and authenticate their personnel qualification record, which goes to the selection board. Call your personnel sergeant or call the Adjutant General Personnel Services and Readiness Division at 545-8861, 545-5640 or 545-2872 for an appointment.

Korea ... 50 years ago

Jim Caldwell
Army News Service

Feb. 21 — President Harry Truman tells a group hosting a luncheon in his honor in Washington that "just between you and me and the gatepost, I like" being president. And that's despite taking political and sometimes personal verbal abuse and the presidency being "an all-day and nearly all-night job."

French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman tells the NATO Council meeting in Lisbon that Viet Minh guerrillas in Indochina are using American weapons captured by the Chinese in Korea.

Feb. 21-27 — The communists begin a new propaganda campaign, charging the U.N. with germ warfare.

North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Hon Yong says on a Pyongyang radio broadcast Feb. 22 that the U.N. has dropped "fleas, lice, bugs, ants, grasshoppers and spiders" on North Korea.

There had been rumblings before from the reds about alleged germ warfare by the U.N., but this time it appears to be a stronger, longer lasting campaign. Chinese Premier Chou En Lai joins in on Peking radio Feb. 25, saying the U.N. has used "callous, brutal germ warfare" against North Korea.

A statement from the U.N. Supreme headquarters in Tokyo Feb. 27 claims the communists' germ warfare propaganda is an attempt to cover up the fact that wounded red soldiers are dying because the enemy is using contaminated bandages, has a shortage of medical supplies and issues its soldiers spoiled food.

The communists also charge the U.N. Feb. 23 with committing "massacre and brutal inhumanity" in putting down a prisoner of war riot Feb. 18 on Koje Island, where a new camp is located. The camp, originally meant to hold 30,000 people now contains 150,000 Chinese and North Korean soldiers, South Koreans captured and pressed into the North Korean Army and civilians.

The communists in the north have a method for directing orders to their captured soldiers. North Koreans allow themselves to be captured and imprisoned with POW camp leaders. Information is exchanged in the medical clinics, as well. The goal is to embarrass U.N. negotiators and put them on the defensive at the truce talks.

South Korean officials have been screening and classifying the civilians until only those in Compound 62 are left. Communists dominate this group, and it refuses to let the ROK screeners in the compound.

So Feb. 18, 3rd Battalion, 27th Infantry Regiment, are in position early in the morning. The four companies enter the compound with bayoneted rifles and divide the compound into four areas. Then between 1,000 and 1,500 prisoners, unimpressed by the American soldiers, rush out of the barracks using tent poles, rocks, pick handles, axes, flails and knives made in the machine shop built for the prisoners.

The GIs try to stop them with concussion grenades, but it doesn't work. Then they open fire, immediately killing 55 rioters; another 22 will later die in the camp hospital. Around 70 others are wounded. One American is killed and 38 wounded.

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Ann Pratcher
Financial Readiness Center

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First, read all the small print that is flashed on the television screen prior to calling to order.

Second, check out the company. Contact the local Better Business Bureau at 324-0712 to see if they have any information on the company. Checking with the Better Business Bureau in the city where the company is doing business is also a good idea. Other resources for checking on a company's record are the Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs, the state attorney general's office, and the Federal Trade Commission.

Third, when ordering, give only the personal information necessary to place the order. One of the fastest growing types of fraud is identity theft. Though most people who work in call centers are honest, there are those out there who will take your information and use it maliciously.

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If one has problems with mail or phone order purchases, one can contact the Georgia Governor' Office of Consumer Affairs, the consumer protection office in the state where the company is located, the postal inspector, the Federal Communications Commission, and the Federal Trade Commission. One may also contact the Direct Marketing Association at DMA Mail Order Action Line, 1101 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

Often, when one responds to one ad, one will start to receive mailings and telephone calls from other telemarketers. If one wants to be deleted from receiving unsolicited calls and mail, there are things you can do. To reduce telemarketers' access, one can ask the members of the Direct Marketing Association remove one's name from telephone and mail lists. Simply send one's name, address, telephone number, and the request to:

Direct Marketing Association, Telephone Preference Service, Mail Preference Service, Post Office Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735-9014.

One can contact one's credit card companies and request that they not sell one's credit information to other entities. One can also call 1 (888) 5-OPT-OUT (1 (888) 567-8688) to stop the (all three) credit reporting agencies from selling one's information to telemarketers for a period of two years. This will stop those pesky pre-approved credit offers from coming to your mailbox.

Of course, when one responds to television ads, one accepts the risks involved. One's best protection is to do one's homework.

Above all, pay attention to one's own information. Check credit card and bank statements monthly to ensure that no erroneous charges or debits have been made. Check one's credit report from each of the three credit reporting agencies AT LEAST once a year EVERY year to ensure that it contains accurate information. That will give one early warning to any mistakes or fraud.

The three major credit reporting agencies are Equifax (800) 375-2500, Experian (888) 397-3742, and TransUnion (800) 888-4213. Because ones live in Georgia, one is entitled to two free copies of one's credit report each year from each credit reporting agency. Take advantage of one's Georgia address, and do something good for oneself.

If one has any questions or feels that one has been the victim of fraud, one can contact the Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program at Building 2633, Soldiers' Plaza, or call 545-5485.

Al Qaeda still threat, but hurt in many ways

Al Qaeda suspects more difficult to find after breakdown

Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Coalition actions in Afghanistan and around the world have hurt the Al Qaeda terrorist network in many ways, but the organization remains a threat to America and its allies.

Al Qaeda was most severely hurt when the coalition forced them from Afghanistan, its safe haven.

"That was the one place it could do basically all of the business it wanted to do in one safe, controlled spot," a defense official explained. "(Al Qaeda) had freedom of action, freedom of training, freedom of movement, freedom to meet (in Afghanistan)."

The official spoke to Pentagon reporters on the condition of anonymity. He said it would be next to impossible for Al Qaeda members to set up a new centralized command and control element such as they had in Afghanistan.

"They have not found a spot that would give them the same support as Afghanistan," he said.

Osama bin Laden set up his terrorist organization in Afghanistan in 1996 and basically had free rein to run terrorist training camps and to direct global terrorist operations. Bin Laden hasn't been caught, but he and his key deputies have a harder job of directing Al Qaeda operations while they're on the run, the official said.

This will force Al Qaeda to spread out many of its key operations.

"We believe the leadership is going to be more decentralized, ... more of a franchise-type thing," the official said.

But bin Laden's propensity to plan ahead makes it harder for law enforcement and intelligence officials to get a handle on how dangerous Al Qaeda still is to the United States.

"Bin Laden basically always thought three steps ahead. He'd have plans in the works, multiple plans, not just one," the official said. "Some of those plans, we believe, are still out there."

Forcing the organization to decentralize may, in some ways, make it harder for law enforcement officers to foil Al Qaeda's plots. The official explained that lower-level groups tend to be less organized and their plans less grand, but they tend to leave smaller footprints, which makes them harder to find and track.

The U.S. response to the Sept. 11 attacks had many other less obvious effects on Al Qaeda as well.

"Shutting down the Taliban and Al Qaeda in Afghanistan has ... put on notice some countries that may have been (considering) supporting Al Qaeda," the official said. "It's put those countries on notice that basically that's not a good idea."

He also said he thinks it will be harder for Al Qaeda to recruit. After a string of "victories," including the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in East Africa, the 2000 bombing of the Navy's USS Cole in Yemen, and the Sept. 11 attacks, Al Qaeda may have been feeling pretty invincible.

The defense official said he thinks coalition successes in Afghanistan have taken away some of that "air of invincibility." The effectiveness and speed of coalition military actions knocked the terrorists down a peg or two, he said.

He said some potential recruits may think twice. "The ones who were borderline thinking of joining the organization may back off a little bit, saying, ... 'I don't want to end up in a body bag,'" the official explained.

U.S. officials believe Al Qaeda won't go quietly, but will try to "reconstitute" in a form different from before. In whatever form they end up, Al Qaeda will be a threat to Americans for some time.

Senior Al Qaeda leaders are on the run, the official said. Killing and capturing others has disrupted the organization, he added, but not shut it down or killed it.

"This is a long-term process," he said. "It's not going to be done in a month or two months."

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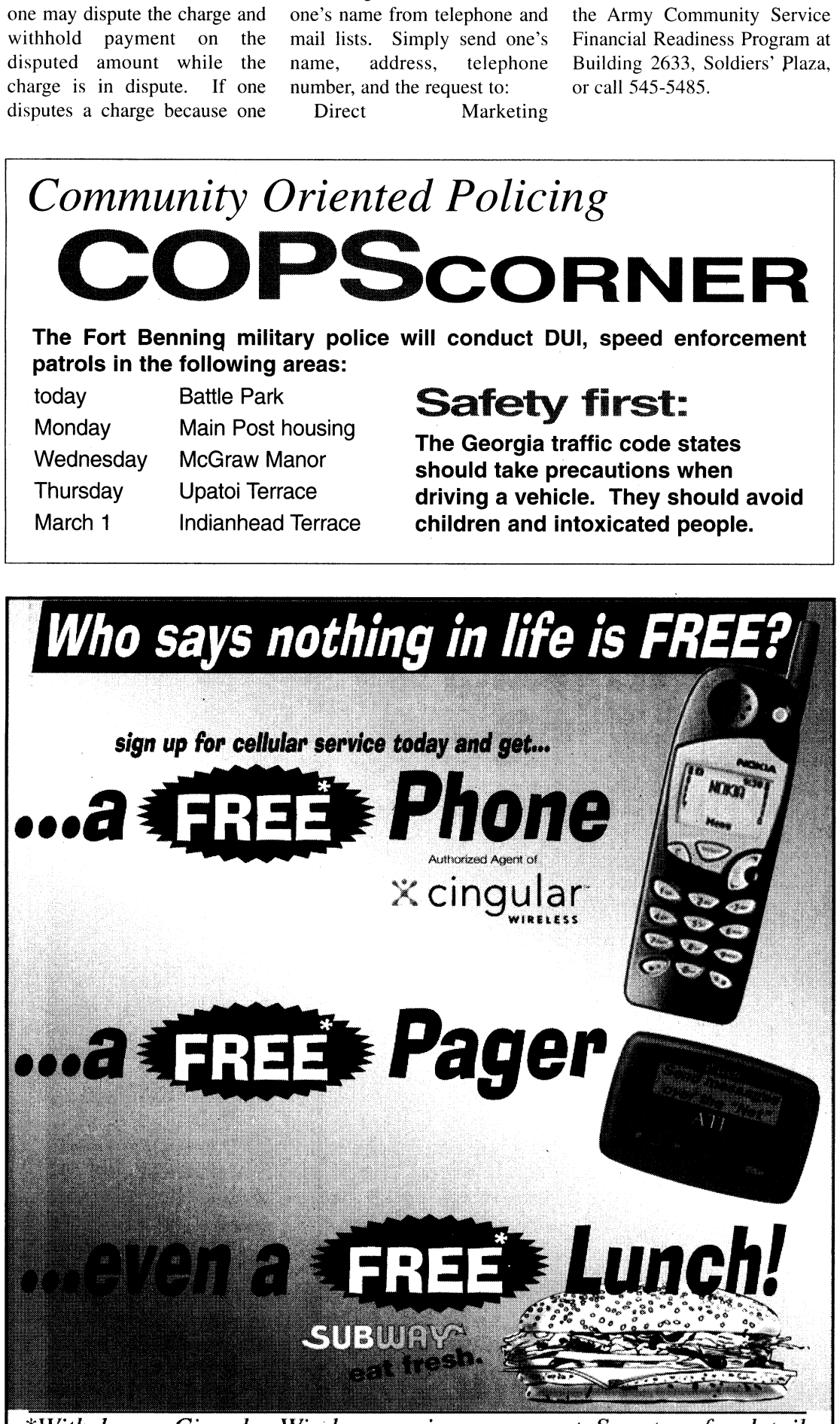
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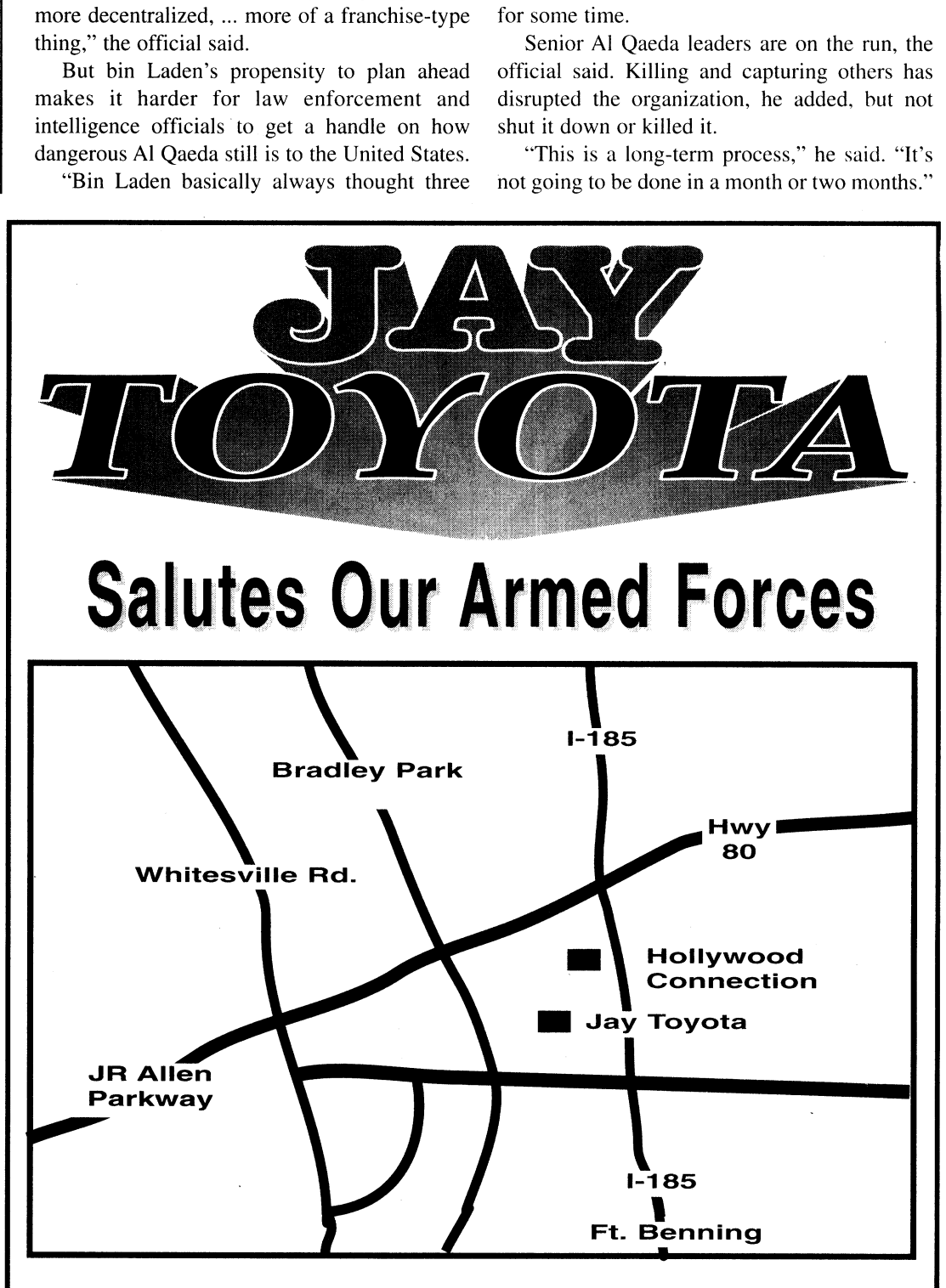
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USAIC demonstrates weapons

Soldiers show new weapon system

Sgt. John Lewis
1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment

The Infantry Center showcased a 30mm cannon live-fire and transformation technology demonstrator exhibition during the B Co., 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment Hands-On Training Exercise, also known as a HOTEX, at Red Cloud Range.

With the support of the Marine Corps, the Directorate of Combat Development and the TRADOC System Manager-Bradley teamed with the defense industry to view a 30mm Gun Weapon System that had been integrated onto the Bradley Fighting Vehicle. During the live-fire exercise, a team of experts from United Defense Limited Partners, demonstrated the lethality the new system could provide the BFV. Currently, all Bradley Fighting Vehicles use the 25mm Bushmaster II weapon system. Whereas, the 30 mm is the next generation Bushmaster III Chain Gun system, manufactured by Boeing and being evaluated by the USMC.

The new weapon system employs munitions equal to or greater than the current 25mm ammunition in current warstock.

Rounds fired during the exposition were the 30mm target practice round currently in warstock for the GAU-8/A weapon system on the A-10 Thunderbolt II Air Force aircraft.

In addition, soldiers were able to observe a UDLP TTD, a design prototype track vehicle. Demonstration rides were made available to showcase the urban enhancements the vehicle provides. First in its class, the TTD implements "band track" technology, which aims to yield smoother rides comparable to privately owned vehicles. Operating on its batteries or diesel generator the prototype has no need of an engine. This allows more passenger room and storage capacity inside the vehicle. When running simultaneously on its batteries and diesel generator, at a maximum weight of 20 tons, the TTD delivers 450 hp, making it faster than any combat vehicle in its class.

> "Soldiers are able to prepare and accomplish the mission on short notice."
>
> **Staff Sgt. William Dixon**
> HOTEX NCOIC

Taking advantage of advanced weapon station technology, the new vehicle offers a sophisticated weapon system that can adapt to the M-240 machine gun, M-249 machine gun, M-2 machine gun, or MK-19 Grenade Launcher. Once a weapon is mounted atop the vehicle the gunner inputs the applicable ammunition type. Using a joystick, the gunner sits inside the vehicle under armor protection, viewing a display screen scanning for enemy objectives. Upon sight of enemy targets the gunner uses the joystick to lock the reticule (cross-hairs) on to the target and the weapon system automatically creates a firing solution by calculating all firing variables, to include: weapon characteristics, range and elevation of target and weather conditions.

Meanwhile, the company rehearsed and conducted a BFV live-fire HOTEX where shooting crews demonstrated the Bradley Fighting Vehicle's capability of engaging targets with the current 25 mm cannon.

"Soldiers are able to prepare and accomplish the mission on short notice," said Staff Sgt. William Dixon, HOTEX NCOIC.

Included in the display were soldiers executing BFV drills and infantry soldiers firing their weapons. Officers in the Infantry Pre-Command Course observed the HOTEX and dignitaries viewed the exercise, with the chance to participate and fire various infantry weapons.

Soldiers continue to prepare for deployment

Kelley Hill tankers ready to go

Pfc. Kyle Neller
USAIC Public Affairs

Members of 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, continued preparation for their upcoming deployment to Kuwait by conducting preventive maintenance checks and services and other concurrent training Tuesday at the battalion motor pool.

The battalion is ready to go, said Staff Sgt. Curtis Watson, tank commander.

"I feel confident in my crew and company," Watson said. "There are a lot of new soldiers, but there is also a lot of experience and good training."

The training has paid dividends, he said. The battalion has qualified new crews to accomplish its mission.

While in Kuwait, soldiers will take part in Operation Desert Spring, which provides a continued U.S. presence that rotates about every six months.

The operation, once known as Intrinsic Action, is part of a regular rotation that has been ongoing since the Persian Gulf War.

Given the importance of the operation, soldiers understand the need of accomplishing simple tasks, especially the PMCS, said Spc. Theothilus Nah, driver.

"Every day we conduct preventive maintenance checks and services," Nah said. "But, now, it's even more important with the deployment coming up."

He said he is confident he will perform his mission in Kuwait to standard.

"We have a great company, and our NCO leadership is excellent," Nah said.

"They have led from the front and set us up for success."

Battalion soldiers are prepared for any circumstance they may encounter while in Kuwait, said Pvt. Lanis Roberts, loader.

"As a company, we are motivated and ready to fight," Roberts said.



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Staff Sgt. Curtis Watson, right, observes while Pvt. Lanis Roberts, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, checks fluid levels on equipment.

TF 1-30 teaches Kosovo children

Soldiers leave legacy with children of Kosovo

Spc. Molly Jones
131st MPAD

STUBLINA, Kosovo — 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, (Task Force 1-30) plans to leave an impression on the children of Kosovo, one that will last long after these soldiers have returned to Fort Benning.

The soldiers visit the schools, interacting with the Kosovars, teaching them trust and English along the way.

Capt. Scott Anderson, commander of A Company, TF 1-30, said that it is very important to be present at the schools as often as possible so the children can know that a KFOR soldier is someone they can trust if they need help.

"We focus on English and some kind of activity. But the main thing is to stay engaged and to interact with the kids," Anderson said.

Lt. Col. Audy Snodgrass, the battalion commander, got the idea going of the school program, he said.

A Company has nine schools within the sector, and they are divided into three areas of responsibility for the three platoons.

"Each platoon will get the chance to go to every school. That gives the kids a chance to be exposed to all of my soldiers, as well as the soldiers to all of the kids," Anderson said.

The largest school has 400 students and the smallest school may have only 20 students, Anderson said.

"We go to each school every other week, five one week and four the next," Anderson said. "I'd like to go to all nine every week, but that's very hard to do."

A curriculum has been designed to carry them through the rotation, but Anderson encourages the soldiers to come up with their own ideas.

Recently Anderson and a few of his platoon leaders had the opportunity to give the children at a school near the Serbian border new school supplies that were donated by a church in Tennessee.

"You know, Americans are all so generous. So many have heard that we were in need of school supplies and have been more than happy to send things over," Anderson said.

Anderson said he loves to watch the joy that comes over each child's face when he or she receives new items.

"Although we are here to provide a safe and secure environment, and are doing much political good, putting a smile on a kid's face makes the whole six months worthwhile," he said.

"Kids are kids no matter where you go, and they just want some attention. They respond so positively to that, and that's one thing we are here for, to leave a positive and lasting impression on these children, the future of Kosovo," Anderson said.

"We could come over here and do the same thing, rotation after rotation, with patrols and check points, although it's all necessary and good to do.

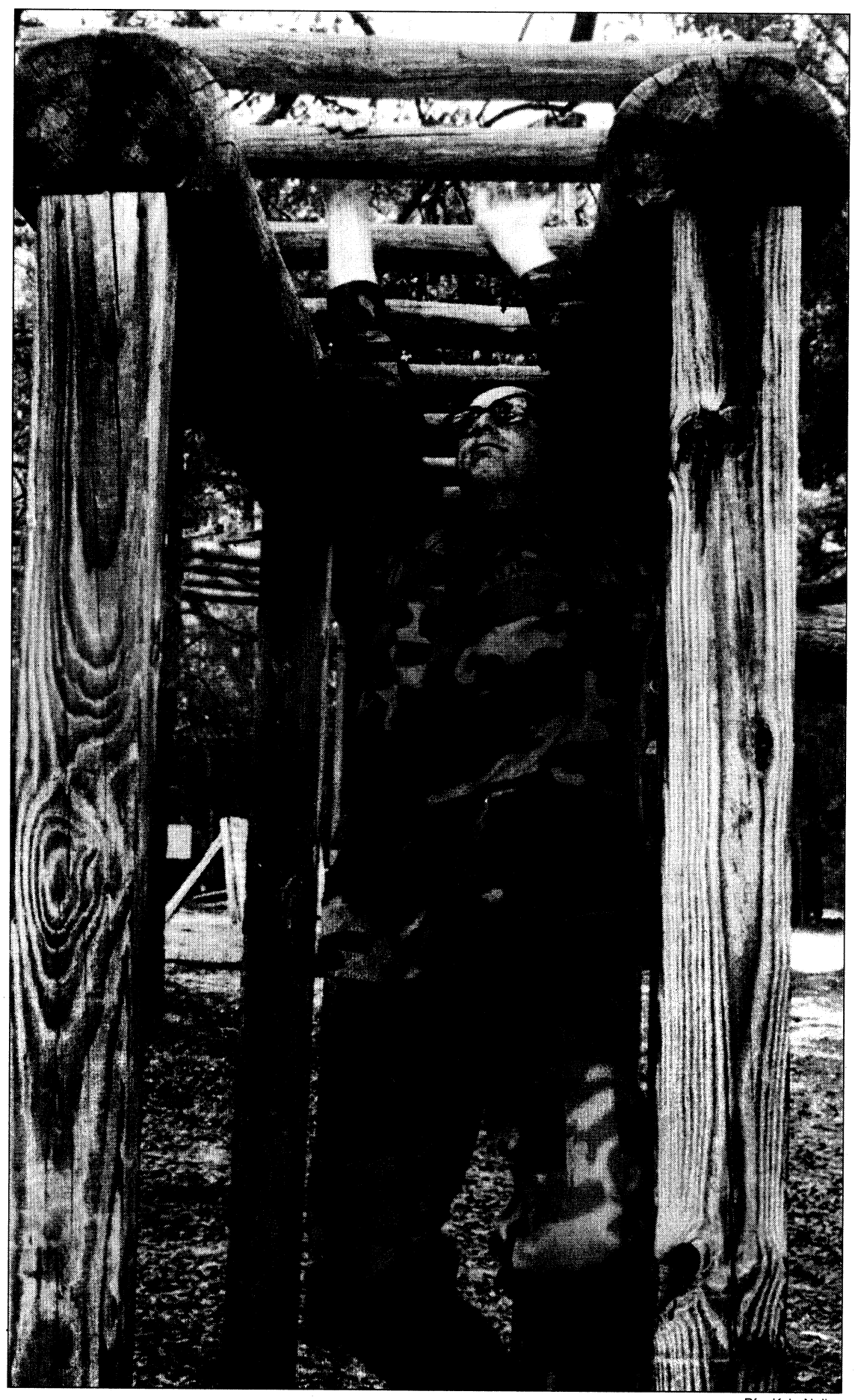
"But some of these kids have been exposed to horrors we can't imagine, and if we can bring some of that innocence back and let them be kids, then I feel like we've accomplished something."



Spc. Molly Jones

A Task Force 1-30 soldier interacts with students in Kosovo.

Maneuvering bars



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Spc. Thomas Housewright with 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, Infantry Training Brigade navigates the confidence course on Sand Hill Tuesday.

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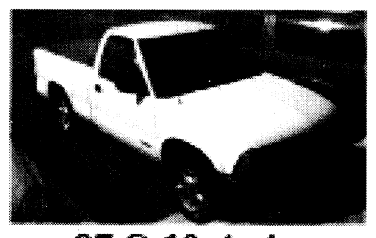
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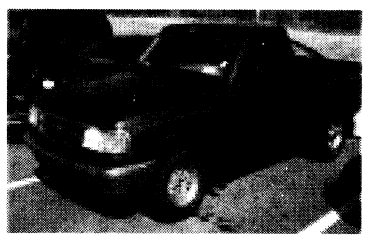
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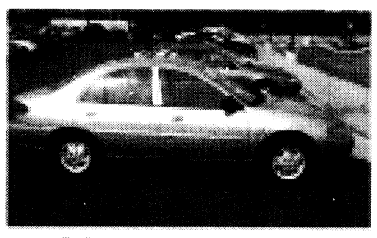
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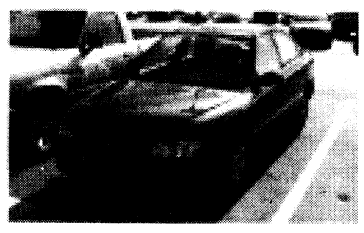
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SECTION B

Top teacher tackles training, shortages

Teacher of the Year visits post schools

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It's a great day to be a teacher. That's the message Michele Forman, the National Teacher of the Year, delivers across the country.

As a spokeswoman for America's teachers, Forman travels the nation advocating stricter teaching requirements and encouraging potential teachers.


Forman

"As the National Teacher of the Year, I am a symbol, a stand-in for all of you," she told a group of nearly 300 teachers gathered at Fort Benning's Faith Middle School Tuesday.

"I've had the opportunity to see how important and how critical is the role we play in our students' lives.

"I've seen the fruition of our hard work and dedication, and I'm here to tell you, today is a great day to be a teacher."

Forman said teachers are "given the opportunity and the ability to make a real difference" more than any other time in history.

"We live in a time of rapid transformation in the classroom. There are deep changes taking place in the way we educate," she said. "We are leading and living the educational reform movement of the turn of the 21st century. How exciting to be blazing trails."

Forman was named teacher of the year in a White House ceremony in April.

She was selected from a pool of 5,000 local and state teachers in the 50-year-old competition, sponsored by Scholastic, Inc.

The Middlebury,Vt., high school history and social studies teacher was a 21-year-old Peace Corps volunteer when she discovered the rewards of teaching.

"I'm going to come clean and tell you, I never got a degree in teaching the way most of you did," she said. "Oh, I'm not a total fraud — I've taken those courses since, but my introduction to teaching came in Nepal in the 60s.

"I didn't know how to teach Nepali, but they said they'd teach me, Forman said. "I didn't know a thing about health, but they said they'd teach me. And I didn't know how to teach, but they said they'd teach me,

"That's how I came to teach health in Nepal, and that's how I discovered the rewards of teaching I never knew existed. And that's how, two years later, I knew I was meant to be a teacher."

Forman will return to the classroom next fall, but for now "she's a full-time spokesperson for educational issues," said Dr. Dell McMullen, Fort Benning Schools superintendent. "She shares her enthusiasm with teachers and students and parents all over the nation."

Forman said she's been called "the

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Students read for fun, points

Riverdragons congratulate third-graders

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

Third-graders at McBride Elementary School piled into the school cafeteria Valentine's Day to see the Columbus Riverdragons basketball team.

The team visited the school to congratulate the students on reading more than 10,000 books since September for the Reading Counts program.

"Our goal is not just how many books you can read, but how well you understand what you have read," said Principal Del Hicks.

The Riverdragons were pleased to be there as well to show their support of the reading program.

"It feels good to be a positive influence," said small forward Tremaine Fowlks.

During the question and answer session the team told the students what they liked reading.

Newspapers, said guard Nate Johnson who is currently reading a book by Michel Basiden.

The Reading Counts Program tests students on their reading comprehension. Students score points for each book read.

Teachers incorporate the program into their curriculum by giving their students time in class to read and use the Reading Counts books to help illustrate lessons in other subjects. The books are also part of the Literacy Place reading program.

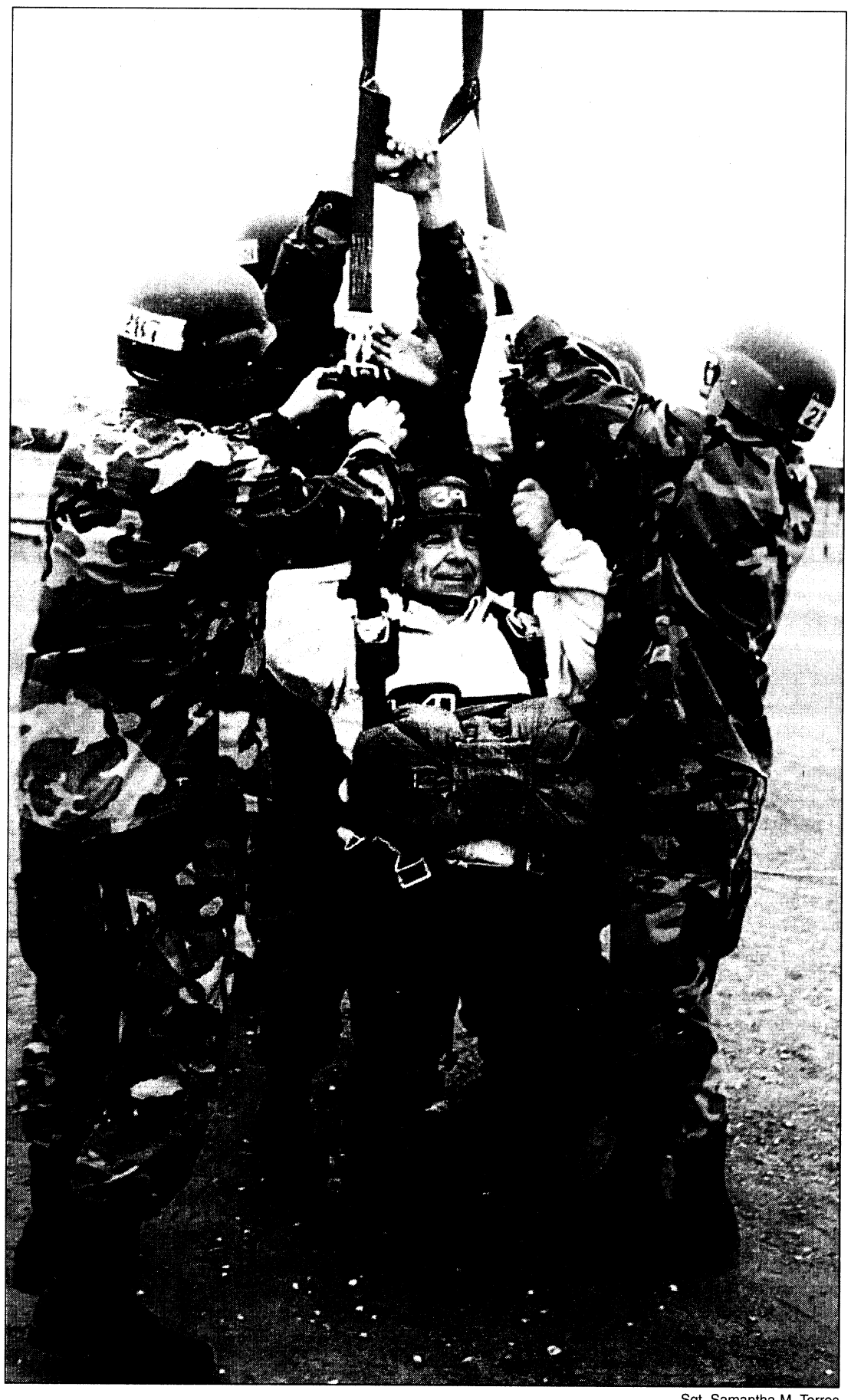
At the beginning of the year second-grade teacher Karen Martz's students had to read one book a week. They now average five books a week.

"My favorite part is just reading and enjoying the book," said third-grader Michael Young.

Third-grader Jorge Cintron has read more than 674 books. His ultimate goal is to read almost all of the books in the program by the end of the year and receive a trophy for reading the most books.

"I like reading a lot!" Cintron said.

Teens, teacher shadow soldiers


Sgt. Samantha M. Torres
David Funderburk, a career focus instructor at Central High School in Phenix City, fulfills his childhood dream of being an infantryman ... for just one day.

Students live one day in the life of an infantryman

Sgt. Samantha M. Torres
Bayonet staff

Like many young men, David Funderburk dreamed of defending his country. But family and other responsibilities led him down another path. So when officials at Fort Benning agreed to participate in a nationwide job shadowing day, the career focus instructor joined students for a day in the Army of One Feb. 13.

Helping to make that dream a reality for a day, members of the 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, invited the counselor and five local high school students to live one day in the life of a Fort Benning infantryman.

National Ground Hog Job Shadowing Day is an opportunity for students nationwide to visit job sites, such as Fort Benning, to get a firsthand look at a job to help them decide if it is something they would like to pursue.

These teens are some of the 400 students from Phenix City, who took part in the job shadowing day.

"Many students wanted to visit Fort Benning," said David Funderburk, Central High School career focus instructor. "But we brought a small group, this way they could get a closer look at the infantry."

He said he knows the visit will have a positive impact on the students, two of whom are already considering the military as a career.

Bringing students to experience a day in the Army's infantry was not the instructor's only goal.

"It was selfish of me, too. I wanted to join the Army when I was young," Funderburk said. "I love the Bradleys, and today we will all get to ride in one and see them fire."

Students were escorted by Capt. Robert S. Whittinham, battalion personnel officer, to Red Cloud Range where soldiers from the 29th Inf. Regt. were participating in a live fire, hands-on training exercise.

The students had the opportunity to see eight BFVs fire and maneuver toward targets as 175 mounted and dismounted soldiers engaged their targets while supported by and attacked by snipers from 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

After receiving a briefing, on the Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle, visitors were given a chance to take the gunner's seat. Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Ivey explained how to zero weapon on the targets downrange.

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Spaceman invades Fort Benning schools

Astronaut visits, talks about NASA

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Retired Col. Jim Voss, a NASA astronaut, visited Fort Benning schools Wednesday.

"I really enjoy speaking with children," Voss said. "They are very receptive to learning different ideas."

He spoke to pre-K through fifth grade at Dexter Elementary school and students at Faith Middle School.

In his presentation, he showed a video of his experience at the International Spacestation and talked to the students about what it is like to live in space.

The speech was designed to encourage the students to study hard and do the best they can, because they are capable of accomplishing whatever they want, Voss said.

After the presentation, Voss answered questions about being an astronaut and what it was like to live in space.

"We are really thrilled to have a real astronaut come here and speak with the children," said Viki Rogers, Dexter principal.

The children prepared for the visit in their classrooms.

The visit correlates with their lessons on space, Rogers said.

The students seemed to really enjoy the presentation, and the colonel's visit gave them something to think about as a career.

"I think it was a great visit because I got to learn more about space," said Brittany Starr, 9.

"Now that I know more about it, I want to be an astronaut when I grow up," said Liz Lockhart, 10.

This was not Voss's first visit to Fort Benning.

He attended several military courses here, including the Infantry Officers Basic Course and the Airborne and Ranger Schools.

"Fort Benning was a very important part of my life," he said.

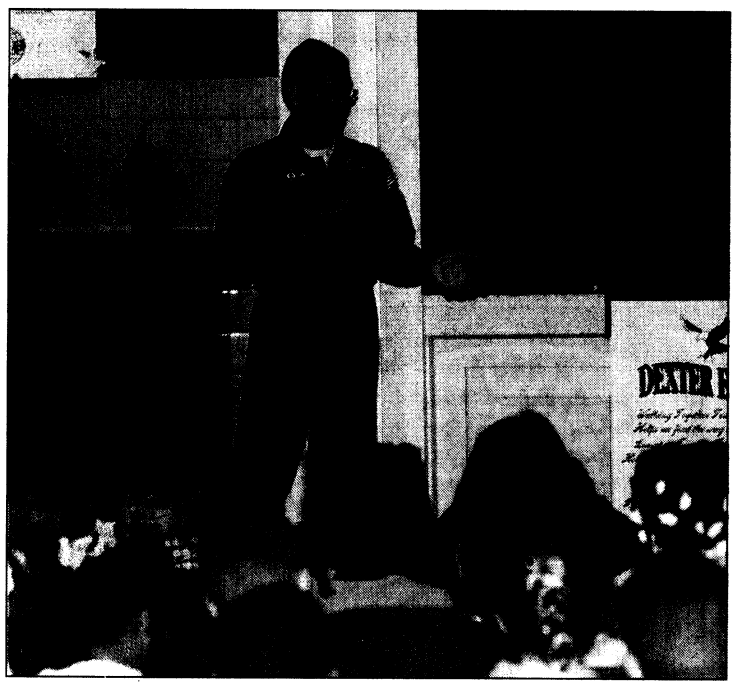
"I had some wonderful times and very fond memories of this place. I was an infantryman and always will be.

"Going to space can be physically and mentally challenging, and the Army prepared me for that with the schools I attended," said Voss, who served as a back-up crew member for two missions to the Russian space station Mir.

He also lived and worked on the International Space Station as a member of the Expedition-2 crew.

A veteran of five space flights, Voss has logged 201 days in space, including four space walks.

Later in the day Voss presented framed crossed rifles and a ranger tab he took into space to Fort Benning's assistant commandant, Col. David Rodriguez.


Pfc. Brian Trapp
Retired Col. Jim Voss captivates Dexter Elementary students with tales of outer space adventures.

ask the judge

1st Lt. Richard Topping
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: What is identity theft and why should I worry about it?

A: Identity theft is when personal or financial information about you is stolen in order to take your money, purchase goods or receive credit in your name. It is a crime in Georgia and most states. Personal and financial information includes your date of birth, social security number, driver's license number, credit card numbers and billing addresses and bank account information and PIN numbers.

Once a thief has stolen this information, he can use your existing credit by charging goods and services to your credit card over the phone or the Internet.

He can steal your cash by using ATM machines to make withdrawals, or even in person at a bank, if a teller is not paying close attention. He may also use your information to apply for new credit cards and or checking accounts in your name.

Most victims are unaware this has even happened until the thief is long gone and creditors start trying to collect from the victims.

In yet other cases, the thieves have obtained driver's licenses when arrested for other crimes. Imagine not only receiving bills for thousands of dollars worth of items you never bought, but also getting arrested on a warrant for a crime you didn't even know occurred.

Q: How can I protect myself from becoming the victim of identity theft?

A: The State of Georgia and consumer credit watch groups recommend that you do the following in order to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft:

• Do not display your social security number on your personal checks.

• Do not use your social security number as your driver's license number.

• Shred or destroy any credit card application you receive in the mail, even if you are just throwing it away. Thieves can obtain the application with preprinted information about you from the trash and then submit it for credit.

Consumers can "opt out" or request credit reporting agencies to cease selling their names to companies who sent them unsolicited credit card applications. To inform the credit reporting agencies of your desire to have your name removed from lists of consumers sold to telemarketers, call the toll-free number (888) I OPT OUT (888-567-8688).

• Be cautious about disclosing your credit card, checking account or social security numbers over the telephone.

• Keep PINs a secret. Statistics show that in one-third of ATM card frauds, cardholders wrote their PINs on their ATM cards or on slips of paper kept with their cards. Also, do not hesitate to ask a person to step back if you feel he is too close behind you at an ATM machine or a pay phone.

If you have questions about how to protect yourself from identity theft, call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Legal Assistance Division, at 545-3281.

births

Boys

Cameron Ray Adams — born Dec. 30 to Shiann and Staff Sgt. Raymond Adams.

Andru Jay-len Richards — born Jan. 31 to Pfc. Kimberly and Jade Richards.

Mason Stephen Shrader — born Feb. 1 to Tiffany and Capt. Samuel Shrader.

Javonte Damario Waldo — born Feb. 2 to Spc. Kijuana Baskin and Carlos Waldo.

Joshua Maurice Thomas — born Feb. 3 to Karen and Staff Sgt. Trevor Thomas Sr.

Andrew J. Stephens Jr. — born Feb. 5 to Martha and Sgt. Andrew Stephens II.

Alexander Matthew Bateman — born Feb. 6 to 2nd Lt. Aimee and 1st Lt. Kenneth Bateman.

Chance Anthony Erik Locklear — born Feb. 7 to Pfc. Heather Norris.

Lotan Joshuay Matthew Jones — born Feb. 8 to Tara and Spc. Lotan Jones.

Girls

Sophia Victoria Clements — born Jan. 31 to 1st Lt. Jacqueline and Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Clements.

Kelsey Elizabeth Lester — born Jan. 31 to Valerie and Capt. Jason Lester.

Ari Latisha Emae Stout — born Jan. 31 to Sharon and Sgt. Franklin Stout Jr.

Adonica Sharmaine Roland — born Feb. 2 to Latashia and Spc. Jason Roland.

Madelyn Faye Louviere — born Feb. 4 to Kaycee and Spc. Casey Louviere.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

community news

on post

Community clean-up — The Magraw Manor housing area is sponsoring a community clean-up 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday — meet at McBride Elementary School. Lunch will be provided. Trash bags will be provided. Bring gloves if you have them.

School board meeting — The Fort Benning school board meeting is 1 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the Administrative Building on Custer Road. The agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today.

For more information, call 545-7276.

Youth Services needs instructors — Youth services is looking for instructors for the following class programs: piano, guitar, performing arts, English, Spanish, art, sewing, educational tutoring and computer. Individuals interested in a contract position should provide a resume to Youth Services, Building 1056. For more information, call 545-3070.

Early Intervention screening — There will be an early intervention and exceptional family member program screening 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13 in Building 392. Children, newborn to 3 years of age, will be screened for growth and development to include vision, hearing and dental screen.

For more information, call 545-3835 or 545-1161.

Citizenship classes — The International Wives will sponsor Citizenship Classes at Building 2682 on Kandle Drive.

Classes are free and begin at 7 p.m. Feb. 26. This is a change from Feb. 29.

For more information, call Olga Kelly at 687-6471 or 689-1739.

CFC applications — Applications will be received by the Local Federal Coordinating Committee of the Combined Federal Campaign at the Office of the Garrison Commander, ATTN: LFCC Chairman, Fort Benning, 31905-5000, no later than close of business Feb. 23 for the position of the 2001 Combined Federal Campaign's Principle Combined Fund Organization. Applicants must be eligible in accordance with Federal Register, Vol. 60 No. 226 Part 950.105,,dated Nov. 24, 1995.

OSC scholarship applications — The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning is offering scholarships for both traditional and continuing education students for the 2002-2003 academic year.

These scholarships are available to any family member with a current military I.D. card residing in the Columbus and Fort Benning area.

Applications will be accepted until March 22 and awardees will be announced in May.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Thrift Shop, Sayers Library and in guidance offices of area high schools.

For information, call Catherine Herold at 682-5636.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Care car — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

Fashion Fair — The Ebony Fashion Fair returns to Columbus, sponsored by the Greater Columbus Urban League Guild at 8 p.m. Thursday at the Three Arts Theater.

The Ebony Fashion Fair is unique among fashion fairs in that from its inception, the fair was designed to expose African Americans to a career in fashion design, modeling and related industries. The fair also assists local organizations in raising funds to help youth in local communities pursue their respective interests.

Ticket prices are $25 for adults and $15 for students. Tickets can be purchased at Upshaw, Brown and Associates, Nail Designs, Hair in Motion, Roses Caribbean Food #2 and the Heads Up Salon.

For more information, call the Metro Columbus Urban League at 323-3687.

Free trees — Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Redbuds have cluster of rosy pink flowers in spring and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Feb. 28.

HOLA needs volunteers — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's sponsorship program, Host of Latin Americans (HOLA), needs sponsors for students, instructors and their families.

HOLA is a hospitality program that enlists families from throughout the Tri-City community to adopt WHINSEC students, guest instructors and their families and introduce them to the American way of life.

Volunteers will act as guides for guest families as they participate in home and community activities throughout the year. The culture exchange and lasting experience can be very rewarding for both volunteers and the international families they befriend.

WHINSEC's HOLA program is always looking for local sponsors.

Interested in extending American hospitality to an international student, instructor or their families?

Call José A. Recio, Chief International Student Division or Cecilia Alexander, Information Program coordinator at 545-1285, 545-3754 or 545-8522.

Airborne club plans Laos, Cambodian jump — Friendship Airborne will jump and earn official wings and certificates in Laos and Cambodia April 12-22.

The jump in Laos will be the first jump by foreigners since "the secret war in Laos" in the 1960s. Friendship Airborne jumped in Cambodia twice in 1994, once in 1997 and once in 2001. The combined two-country jump trip will cost $3,400 from Los Angeles.

The price is less for those paratroopers who are linking up with Friendship Airborne in Bangkok, Thailand. The price will cover all non-personal expenses, including special operations demonstrations and "prop-blast" party.

For more information, call (262) 639-0780, fax (262) 639-7686, visit the Web site www.geocities.com/ friendship_airborne or e-mail DocFATsInc@aol.com.

School lunch menu

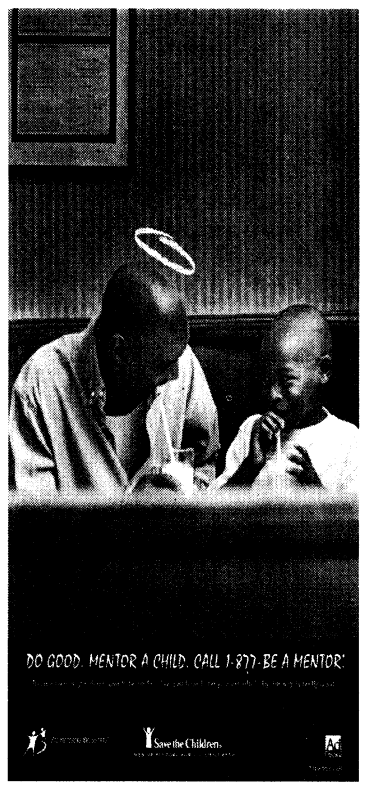
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■ **Tuesday:** barbecue sandwich, mac and cheese, glazed carrots, fruit, milk, or soup of the day

■ **Wednesday:** hamburger on a bun, potato rounds, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** oven fried chicken, turnip greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread, fruit, milk, sweet potato pie

■ **Friday:** Steak sandwich with lettuce, tomato, mayo, oven fries, catsup, green beans, fruit, milk



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The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Joyce Flatt

a fifth-grade teacher at Dexter Elementary



Personal: The Columbus native lives in Stewart County with her husband Curtis, who is a gardener at the school. She has two sons and three grandchildren.

History: Flatt always knew teaching was "something she could do," but she didn't go back to college to finish her degree until her children were grown.

"It was probably best that way," Flatt said. "Teaching and child development made a lot more sense to me then."

She earned bachelor's and master's degrees in elementary education and an education specialist degree from Columbus State University. She has been teaching at Fort Benning for 11 years.

On change: "I don't stay in the same role for very long," said Flatt, who has taught third, fourth, and fifth grade and gifted education. She was also the education technologist at Dexter for two years.

"I don't like change for change's sake, but I do like to start fresh and new every year," said Flatt, who returned to the classroom to prove that the suggestions she made as an education technologist could be used effectively.

On technology: "The computer is a tool, just like a pencil," Flatt said. "It's not a novelty. It's so much a part of what the students do. Sometimes the best tool for them to use is the computer, and sometimes it's a pencil. "

Several Dexter students are now involved in a Web-design project called ThinkQuest. Students worldwide compete to create the best educational Web site, which requires her students to be able to work together.

"Working together is important later in life, and in any job setting," Flatt said. "They're going to have to work with people they don't like, so they should learn to move beyond that now."

Her philosophy: "You can't just teach content nowadays. It changes every minute," Flatt said. "We need to teach students how to find the answers, so we can make them life-long learners."

Hobbies: A self-proclaimed homebody, Flatt enjoys gardening and spending time with her grandchildren.

Future plans: "I'm going to teach until it's not fun anymore," she said. "I love Fort Benning. I'm going to stay until they make me leave."

What others are saying: "She is the kind of teacher who's willing to stay after school to help her students," said one parent.

Oral piercings can be health hazards

Mouth jewelry can lead to serious injuries

U.S. Army Dental Activity

It's not a surprise these days to see some people sporting a pierced tongue, lips or cheeks. The surprise for some of these folks, however, is that piercings can be dangerous. Visits to the emergency room or doctor's office are not usually on the minds of those who are electing to have piercings.

There are some things that should be considered, however. The human mouth contains millions of bacteria, and infection is a common complication of oral piercing. Other side effects include pain and swelling. The most popular piercing site in the mouth — the tongue — could swell enough to close off an airway. Regardless of how "experienced" the person doing the piercing claims to be, piercing can cause uncontrollable bleeding and nerve damage.

Piercing can be extremely painful and result in swelling and increased saliva flow and even drooling. Healing may take six weeks or longer, especially if there are complications.

Even if the piercing injury doesn't cause any trouble, you should be aware of the potential hazards that mouth jewelry presents:

You can easily choke on any studs, barbells or hoops that come loose in your mouth.

The jewelry can chip or crack your teeth.

Jewelry worn in the mouth can hinder your ability to eat, not to mention your speech. It's hard to be cool when you can't pronounce your words or when pieces of your lunch are stuck to that tiny barbell.

Piercing is a fashion statement that involves more than just deciding what jewelry will be attached to the body and where. This decision could have major consequences for your oral health, too.

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For other questions, the applicant may e-mail: edassist@troa.org.

Infantry: Students visit soldiers

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After the briefing, the group was treated to a ride in the Bradley by soldiers of Bravo Company, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

"This is great," said high school freshman, Josh Hallmark. "I didn't think (the Bradley) would be fully automatic."

Hallmark, a weapons enthusiast, said he enjoyed seeing the BFV but was more excited seeing soldiers use their M-16 A2 rifle.

Derrick Lawson, a high school junior, asked soldiers about the Bradley.

"Today is a real chance to see everything and get a better idea of what it is like to be in the Army," Lawson said.

The students' day in the Army continued with a visit to the Airborne Walk to get a crash course in airborne training. After a briefing by airborne instructors, Staff Sgt. Robert Carlisle and Sgt. 1st Class John Styron, each one, including Funderburk, who admitted he is afraid of heights, leaped out of the 34-foot tower several times.

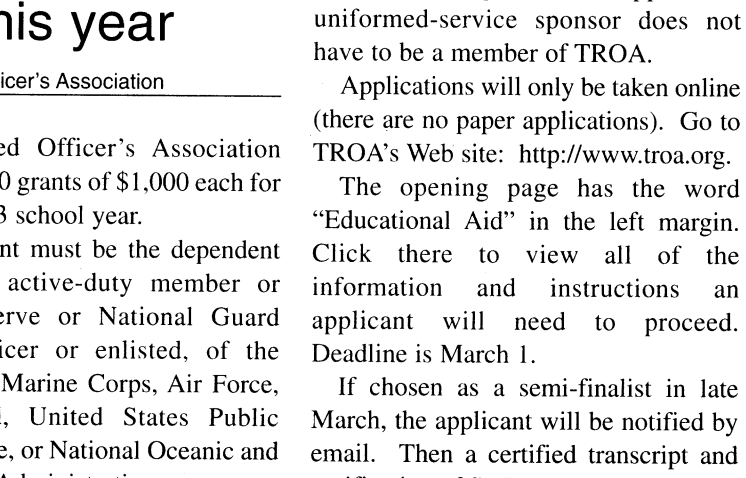
"The harness was extremely uncomfortable," said Sam Ny, high school freshman. "But it was not too scary."

After all this training, the "Day Soldiers" stopped for chow with soldiers at the 30th Adjunct General (Reception) Battalion dinning facility.

Afterward, they traveled to 29th Inf. Regt. headquarters to use their knowledge of the Bradley on the close combat simulator.

After honing their skills, the youths made full circle as they returned to Red Cloud Range where they were met by other students and instructors to witness the HOTEX in full scale and real-time operational tempo.

"Today was an opportunity to show them, today's youth, tomorrow's soldier, what we really do," said Staff Sgt. William Dixon, range NCOIC. "When there is an opportunity when they can interact with Fort Benning, we like to be a part of it."



Sgt. Samantha M. Torres

Students from Phenix City get a crash course in becoming soldiers.

Teacher: Advocates strict standards

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plain-spoken teacher from rural Vermont," and asked her audience for the opportunity to speak plainly about the issues and rewards of teaching.

"To be a teacher is to be an optimist, because every day we stand in the presence of the very best of what (students) can be," Forman said. "We serve as a catalyst. Research shows teachers are the single greatest variable in student learning."

Forman said schools face a severe teacher shortages across the nation. Half of all teachers, kindergarten through grade 12 are older than 45, and 20 percent of new teachers will leave the profession within three years.

"We need between 2 million and 2.4 million teachers in the next 10 years, and we have no idea where they're coming from," she said.

It will take an aggressive initiative to resolve the shortage, Forman said, and teachers can help by promoting public awareness of the "important, complex and demanding job they do."

But lowering standards is not the answer, said Forman, who is alarmed at the national trend to recruit teachers and substitute teachers who aren't qualified.

"We must insist every young child deserves a caring, qualified, competent teacher," she said. "Do you know that 54 percent of all history teachers don't even have a minor in history? It is critical that we have standards and work to eliminate wavers for those teaching with inadequate training.

"I don't want to drive across a bridge built by an engineer who is working on a waver, and I believe our students deserve to know their teachers have the correct credentials."

Forman encouraged teachers to "remember the idealism that led you to choose teaching as a profession."

"We are part of something momentous, and I wouldn't trade my job for anything in the world," she said. "It's up to us to educate others about the importance of the work we do."

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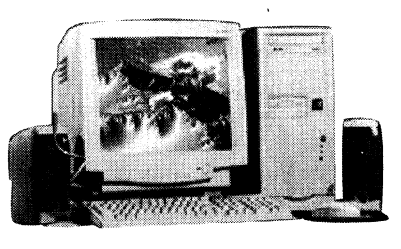
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MCBRIDE

Students celebrate 100th day of school year

Kids reflect on what they have learned

McBride Elementary School

The Fort Benning schools reached yet another "Day 100" of a school year. McBride used the event to reflect on the 2001-2002 school year as well as celebrate the wonderful things still to come Jan. 30.

"The first 100 days of this school year have been outstanding," said Principal Del Hicks. "I am so proud of our students' accomplishments in reading this year. They have read more than 10,000 books and passed tests on them using the Reading Counts Program."

"The second- and third-grade students have worked hard on reading and we are looking forward to rewarding them with a special ceremony that involves representatives from the Columbus RiverDragons."

Hicks also commented on how well the kindergarten and first- grade classes decorated the hallways for the Day 100 celebration using the many skills that they have accomplished this year.

Hicks said, "This school year is going very well due to our wonderful teaching staff, students, and parents all working as a team.

I am looking forward to the rest of the year."

The following are some comments made by students either about the Day 100 celebration or a reflection of the first 100 days of this school year:

"I had lots of fun at our 100th Day celebration. It was fun to make glasses shaped like the number 100."

Anthony DeMarco

"I liked our 100th Day projects. We stacked 100 blocks on our desks and it almost touched the ceiling!"

Danielle Hood

"The 100th Day of school was so much fun. We wrote about what we would do with 100 dollars. I would buy a house, a car, and every kind of pet."

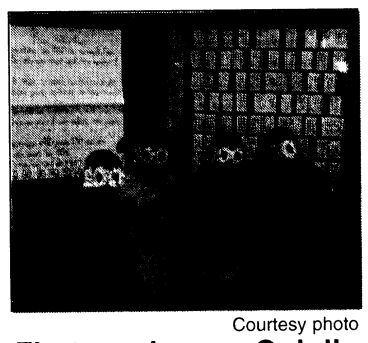
Nathan Hattfield

"In the first 100 days, I learned how to count by 5's and I can read better."

Mark Camillo

"Now I know what a compound word is."

P. J. Larkin



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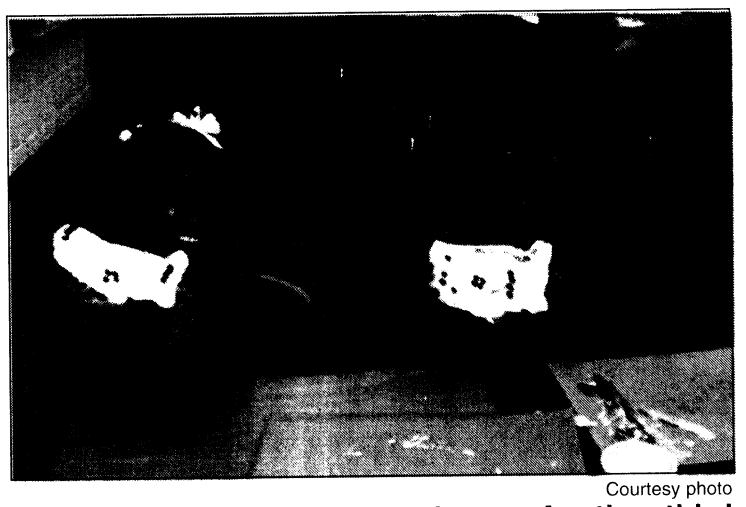
First-graders Quinlin Plaut, Johnecia Gaillard, Lavonte Rand, and Justin Finch pose with their 100 day glasses.

"The first 100 days I was able to earn over 500 points on Reading Counts. It is so cool. Mrs. Kimbley lets us read a lot."

Jorge Cintron

"I have learned so many things on the computer this year."

Kiana Vives



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Jalesa Reynolds and Dominque Austin, third graders from McBride, show off their map skills using cookies and candy to create land forms that can be found in the United States.

"I liked popping popcorn on Day 100 and counting out the kernels."

Emily O'Berry

"Day 100 was fun when we did different things for 100 seconds. We whistled, jumped, balanced on one foot and rested."

Jennifer Fussell

"I liked counting out 100 gummi bears and then eating them."

Sheryon Sydnor

McBride students write about their future careers

Third-graders research dream jobs

McBride Elementary School

The third-grade classes at McBride have been busy thinking about their future while learning about the many career choices they will have as adults. Using the theme, "Today's Children Are Tomorrow's Leaders", the students have used the Internet, books, magazines, and newspapers to research careers that they may want to pursue in the future. Once the students completed their research, they turned their notes into paragraphs about that particular career. Samples of the career choices for these students are below:

My Future

By Hugo Sanchez

When I grow up, I want to be a baseball player. Baseball players play games. To become a baseball player, I may have to go to college to learn how to be the greatest baseball player ever. I want to be a baseball player because it is fun. By watching professional baseball players and my Dad always practicing with me, I decided that I want to be a baseball player.

My Future

By Nakeidra Devereaux

When I grow up, I want to be a lawyer. Lawyers are smart. He or she must use computers to find the facts they are looking for to help with their cases. Lawyers work mostly in offices. About half of all lawyers work 50 hours a week or more. To get a license the person must go to college for 4 years. The person must then go to law school for 3 years. I would like this marvelous job because it sounds like so much fun and sounds very interesting. I want to help people that are in trouble. I've wanted to be a lawyer for a long time. I think that I would be very good at this job because I am smart and I like to help people.

My Future

By Susan Strickland

When I grow up I want to be a librarian. Librarians help people find facts. They organize information and help people locate what they need. Librarians generally work in nice places. They spend most of their time at their desks or computers. Librarians help people find the books that they want. Some times they can't help people because the library doesn't have what the people want. In that case, the librarian can help the people find another library that may have what they are looking for. Being a librarian should be a lot of fun. I like to read and I think it would be neat to be around books all day.

A Zookeeper

By Jacob Colvin

I want to be a zookeeper because I like animals a lot. Most zookeepers that work in larger zoos have a college degree in biology, animal science, or something similar. Animal caretakers feed, water, brush, bathe, and exercise animals. They check on them to see if they are sick or hurt. I think it would be a fun job to be a zookeeper and get to be around animals all of the time.

Singer

By Jessica Zapata

I want to be a singer because I like to sing. Singers can make between $13,980 and $54,200 a year.

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Believers can find peace with God

Slow down, give some time to God

Chaplain (Capt.) Shawn Connors
29th Infantry Regiment

We live in an ever-changing society filled with many demands and responsibilities.

Society demands much of our time that we are pulled and stretched in many directions. We place demands and responsibilities on ourselves that make it seem as if society is the culprit, but in reality we are to blame.

Then we begin to wonder is there any peace or contentment anywhere. As I observe people, they remind me of ants. Ants seem to be always moving and staying so busy that I wonder if they ever rest.

Some people even think while they are sleeping.

Why is it that we as a human race find it hard to take time to smell the flowers, or to look at the beauty that is everywhere around us? Maybe it is because we let people and things control our lives to the point that we are living just to fulfill their wishes instead of fulfilling ours.

Everybody should, from time to time take a step back and reflect upon what is going on and who is in control.

Can peace be found?

Yes! Peace can only be found in God. God is the only source of true happiness, contentment and peace.

The Apostle Paul was a person just like anyone of us in today's society. If we were to look at his life, before his conversion experience, we would find that it was the influence of people and rules that controlled his life.

It was not until his conversion experience that he could truthfully say, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am to be content." (Philippians 4:11)

This is when Paul began to understand that he could truly be at peace within himself, knowing that God who made this universe is now the controlling agent in his life.

The reason he could be at peace was now he was no longer controlled by people or rules.

It is not until we come to the understanding that there is one greater than us who is able to lift us out of our circumstances. Only when we recognize who is truly in control will we be able to speak like Paul and say, "In whatever state I am I have learned to be content." Our trust will then change from things and people to God and when once that has been established we will be able to rest knowing that everything will work out right. It reads in Romans 8:28: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." Then and only then will we be able to find true peace and happiness in the meaning of life. Peace cannot be found in things or people, only in God.

> "Peace can only be found in God."
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> **Chaplain (Capt.) Shawn Connors**

Editor's note: *Connors is a native of Dayton, Ohio. He graduated from the Interdenominational Theological Center of Atlanta. He is married to the former Cheryl M. Freeman and they have two boys.*

spirit briefs

Student recital — The Chattahoochee Valley Community College will host a student recital Feb. 22 at Lakewood Baptist Church, 4011 Lakewood Drive, Phenix City.

The recital will feature performances by CVCC voice, piano and instrumental students. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Emily Davis at (334) 291-4988.

Truth Seekers Women's Conference — The Fort Valley State University Gospel Choir will appear on the annual Black History Celebration Program at the Franchise Missionary Baptist Church at 5 p.m. Feb. 24.

The Church is located at 1000 Dillingham, Phenix City. Dr. Raymond Cochran is the pastor.

For more information about the conference, call 298-2803 or 568-1301.

Truth Seekers Women's Conference — The Truth Seekers Women's Conference is April 26-27 at the Columbus Civic Center.

Guest speakers include Priscilla Evans Shirer, Esther Burroughs and singer Vernessa Mitchell.

For information, call Sissy Hines at 569-6778 after 5 p.m.

chapel notes

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The group meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Custer Terrace Chapel. Women meet for fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For information, call 685-0739.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of people to support the various religious programs as musicians and child-care workers.

For information, call TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

Sunday school — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings

Stop by the chapel teen center in Building 239. Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for middle school students and 6 p.m. for high school students.

Fort Benning Religious Services

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9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101.
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820, Gospel Service
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023, Soldiers' Sledgehammer
11 a.m.	Service, Custer Terrace Chapel, Building 10800, Traditional

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

11:30 a.m.	Airborne Chapel, Building 2766

JEWISH

Friday Sabbath Service

6:30 p.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

Sunday Torah Study

9:30 a.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

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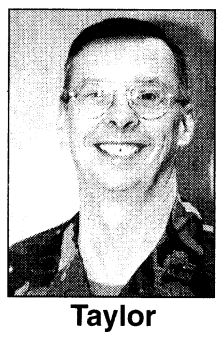
7 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

E-mail offers simple lessons

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor
11th Infantry Regiment

Life can be hard! The responsibilities, the pressures, multiple duties — all pulling us in varying directions. And then there are the people: some with demands, some with needs and some just acting foolish that get in our way. Life is surely complicated.

Sometimes we make it even harder by doing dumb things ourselves to muck it up. A leading radio talk show personality has written a couple of books dealing with dumb things people do to mess up their lives. Forgetting the simple rules and lessons of life usually gets us into more complicating situations than life deals us on a regular basis.


Taylor

Some time ago, a friend e-mailed me an analogy based on the life experiences of Noah from the Old Testament. I have no idea where it came from and I cannot take credit for it, but I liked it nonetheless. It is called *Everything I need to know I learned from Noah's Ark.*

One: Don't miss the boat.

Two: Remember, we are all in the same boat.

Three: Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the ark.

Four: Stay fit. When you are 600 years, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Five: Don't listen to the critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six: For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Seven: Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Eight: When you're stressed, float awhile.

Nine: Remember, the ark was built by amateurs. It was the professionals that built the Titanic.

Ten: No matter the storm, when you are with God there is always a rainbow waiting.

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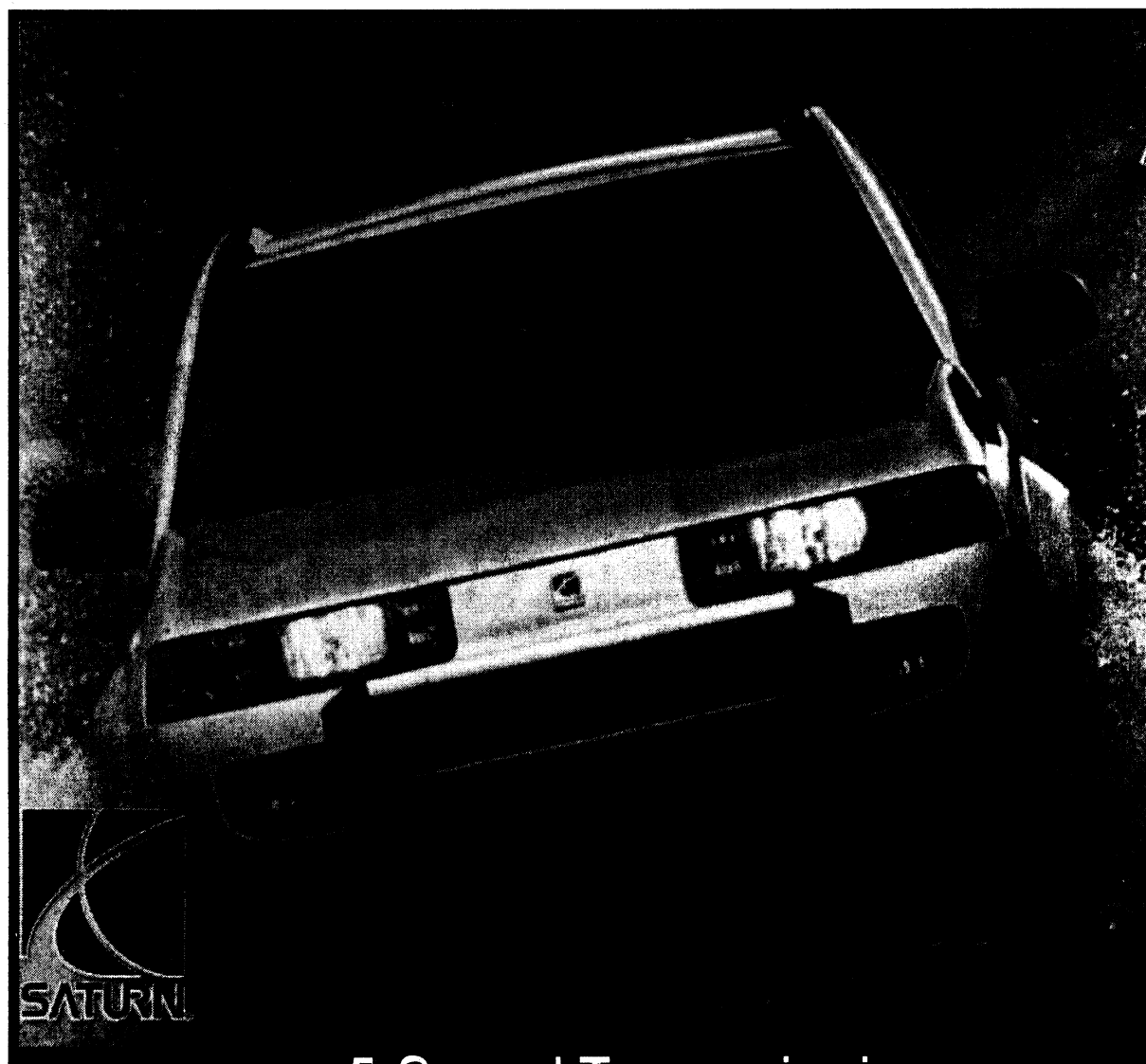
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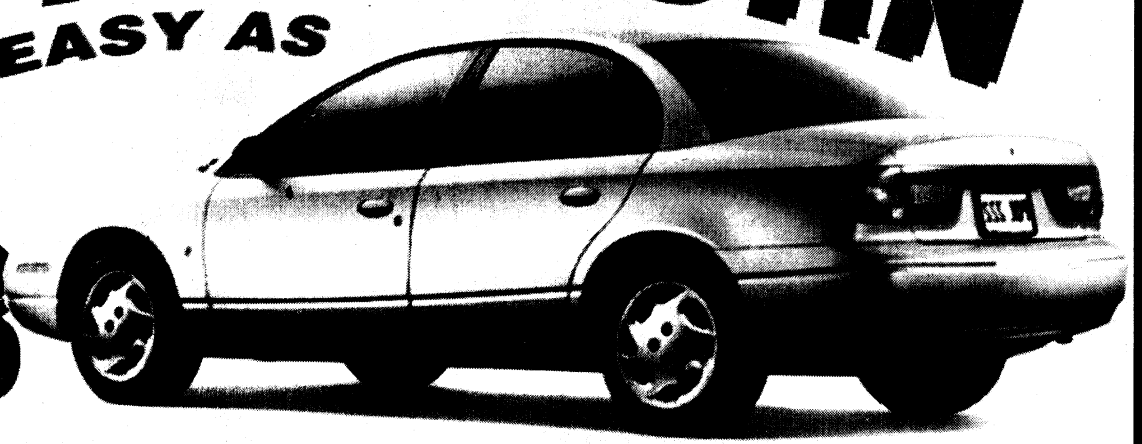
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Soldier drives to historic Gold Medal

Home field helps soldier to triumph

Brian Lepley
Olympic correspondent, CFSC Public Affairs

PARK CITY, Utah — The first gold medal in women's bobsled Olympic history hangs around the neck of a soldier.

Spc. Jill Bakken drove the USA 2 sled to a two-heat total of 1:37.76 (48.81 and 48.95) to win the gold by .3 over Germany 1's 1:38.06 at Utah Olympic Park Tuesday.

The Army World Class Athlete and Utah National Guard member teamed with pusher Vonetta Flowers in women's bobsled's Olympic debut in front of 14,956 mostly-partisan, screaming fans.

"This is an amazing feeling," Bakken said. "It was a lot of fun today.

"There was a lot of tough competition so we definitely had our work cut out for us because of the Germans. They're tough teams to beat."

On their first run, Bakken and Flowers set a track push record (5.31 seconds) and a track record (48.81). After 15 teams completed the first heat, USA 2 led Germany 1 by a healthy margin of .29.

"I knew we had a good lead but it doesn't matter," Bakken said about her record first run. "The second run is a different run and you just have to stay focused. Any one of the other teams could have moved up and had an awesome run."

With the top time, Bakken and Flowers were the last team to race in the second heat.

Germany 1, driven by Sandra Prokoff, was next to last. Prokoff and pusher Ulrike Holzner set a new push record, 5.29, en route to a 48.96.

U.S. coach and WCAP Spc. Bill Tavares knew Bakken had a .29 advantage as they readied for the last run. He also knew that his driver always puts in excellent second efforts.

"Jill always slows down the least on the second run," Tavares said.

"When everybody else slows down about a half second, three-tenths, Jill slows down the least. She was doing it during training so we knew it."

With the Germans in at 1:38.06, USA 2 needed a 49.24. Bakken responded with another sub-49, 48.96, to lengthen her lead and make history.

The subplot to her Olympic record runs is that she had never cracked 49 seconds before Tuesday, the biggest races of her life.

"I knew I had it in me to get a 48," Bakken said. "Others had put them up before so I knew I could. I just had to drive well, focus on that, because I knew the start would be there."

"We always knew it was there," Tavares said. "I thought it was unbelievable. Jill has been a little inconsistent but when she's on, she's on, and she was on tonight."

When both women emerged from the sled, their families and friends mobbed them. Cheers from nearly 15,000 throats crashed over them.

During the press conference Flowers was overcome, crying, while Bakken, an eight-year veteran of U.S. women's bobsled was jubilant.

"I'm so blessed to be here. To win a Gold Medal for your country is awesome," she said. "I wasn't nervous, I was anxious to get out here and race. We've been so excited to race ever since we moved into the village."

For the first-ever women's bobsled event in the Olympics, Bakken and Flowers piled up the records: track and Olympic push start (5.31, broken by the Germans), track and Olympic record (48.81), track and Olympic event record (1:37.76), Flowers became the first black athlete to win a gold medal in the Winter Olympics, and they won the first Olympic bobsled medal by an American in 46 years.

The only other soldiers ever to medal in Olympic Winter Games since 1948 were members of the U.S. men's hockey teams that won Silver in 1972, Gold in 1960, and Silver in 1956.

The Army World Class Athlete Program of which Bakken, Tavares and seven other Winter Olympians are members is one of 200 Morale, Welfare, Recreation programs the Army provides soldiers and families worldwide under the guiding philosophy that soldiers are entitled to the same quality of life as those they defend.



Robert Trubia
Jill Bakken enjoys a moment of victory with her teammates at the Winter Olympic Games.

Mailed Foot victorious

Teams build esprit de corps, camaraderie

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

It's no secret drill sergeants on Sand Hill work hard and long hours away from loved ones while training tomorrow's leaders.

So when Valentine's Day evening comes around, one may expect to find them with their wives at a nice restaurant or home eating by candle light. Right?

Wrong. The Centurions of 30th Adjutant General and the Mailed Foot of 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment were on the basketball court at Santiago Gym representing their unit and building esprit de corps.

"A lot of guys might be in the dog house tonight," said James Jones, the Mailed Foot center.

The Mailed Foot 52-48 victory that improved them to 1-2 was not their only consolation.

"This is an excellent opportunity to do something different and break away from our hectic schedules," Jones said. "Basketball is an easy way to get to know each other and build relationships."

Many soldiers went to Drill Sergeant School together but have not seen each other for two years, said Joseph Richardson, Mailed Foot point guard and coach.

"This brings them together and allows them to catch up with each other," Richardson said.

Sand Hill leadership has supported the players well, he said.

"They realize this breaks the monotony of training, and it's a good morale builder," Richardson said. "Not only does it build camaraderie within the unit, it builds it within the whole brigade."

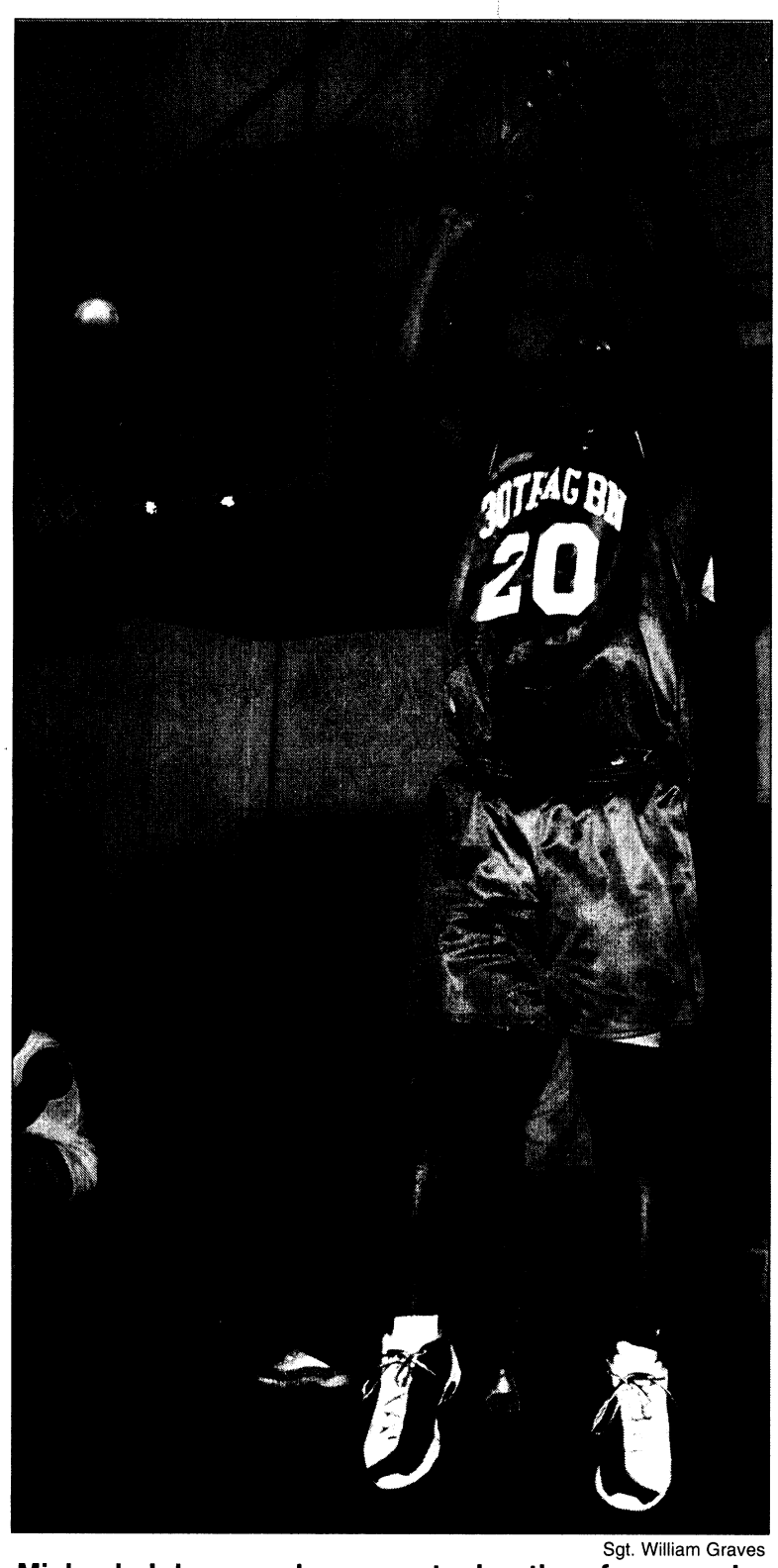
The final score did not reflect the Mailed Foot domination of the Centurions. The Mailed Foot led by as many as 17 with 12:36 remaining on the clock and 10 with 1:42 left.

Jones battled all night with rival big-man, Michael Thomas, to score 10.

"He a big, strong guy," Jones said. "He's pretty mobile for his size."

Jones and Thomas forced much of their opponents action outside.

"We're learning each other's tendencies, and our continuity is improving every game," Jones said. "Our shooting percentage was better, and we're starting to click and feel the touch. I'm sure it will continue to pay off later in the season."



Sgt. William Graves
Michael Johnson show great shooting form as he shoots a jump shot from just inside the 3-point line.

The Mailed Foot could work on matching their offensive aggressiveness and intensity to the defensive side of the ball, he said.

"They were getting too many second shots," Jones said.

Still, Richardson's, who scored 15, and Jones' production was enough to counter the 15 by Darrick Menzie, 11 by Michael Johnson and 9 by Warren Youngblood.

The pivotal point of the game came at the end of the first half. Trailing 21-18, the Centurions controlled the ball and the opportunity to hold for the last shot. Instead, they shot with 10 seconds on the clock, missed, and the Mailed Foot sank one from downtown at the buzzer.

The situation became worse for the Centurions at the start of the second half. Centurion turnovers and deadly three point shots by Richardson propelled the Mailed Foot to an early 13-point lead.

Subsequently, Richardson called time-out and took himself out of the game.

"I was getting tired," Richardson said. "You have to know when you're helping your team and when you're hurting them. I had to get some fresh legs in there."

He said his team's performance encouraged him.

"We knocked some of the rust off tonight, and we're looking forward to a promising season," Richardson said. "If we play as well as we did tonight, no one can beat us."

Couples win tourney

18-year-old helps team to victory

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The Follow Me Golf Course sponsored the Couples Valentine Golf Scramble Sunday, and Dan and Robin Mims along with teammates Arch and Cordy Arnold combined to score a 58.00 to win the competition.

To win the 18-hole tournament, the foursome had to rely on the play of one another. The teams of four all shot from the best placed ball out of the four to combine for the fewest strokes during the tournament.

"We were lucky," Arch said. "And we had fun."

The winning foursome had an excellent player in Robin, 18.

"It was a very enjoyable time," said Dan, father of Robin, a four-year high school golf player. "Robin was our secret weapon."

Robin said the tournament was great and she enjoyed spending a Sunday afternoon on the course.

Arch said he was happy with the win, and they will all enjoy their $30 gift certificate they received for winning the tournament.

He also felt the scores were really close in the competition.

"The best score to the worst score was not much of a difference," Arch said.

"The golf course is in excellent condition. The tournament brought a lot of people together. We have people in this tournament from age 18 to 80 plus.

"What other sport can people of varying ages come together and compete?" he asked.

Jennifer Thomas, Tom Thomas, Dottie and Dan Pasion placed second with a score of 58.50.



Pfc. Brian Trapp
Sally Leuer chips the ball off the fringe on hole four during the Couples Valentine Scramble.

USAMU soldiers win competitions

Courtesy Photo
Maxient J. Michel takes aims during a competition.

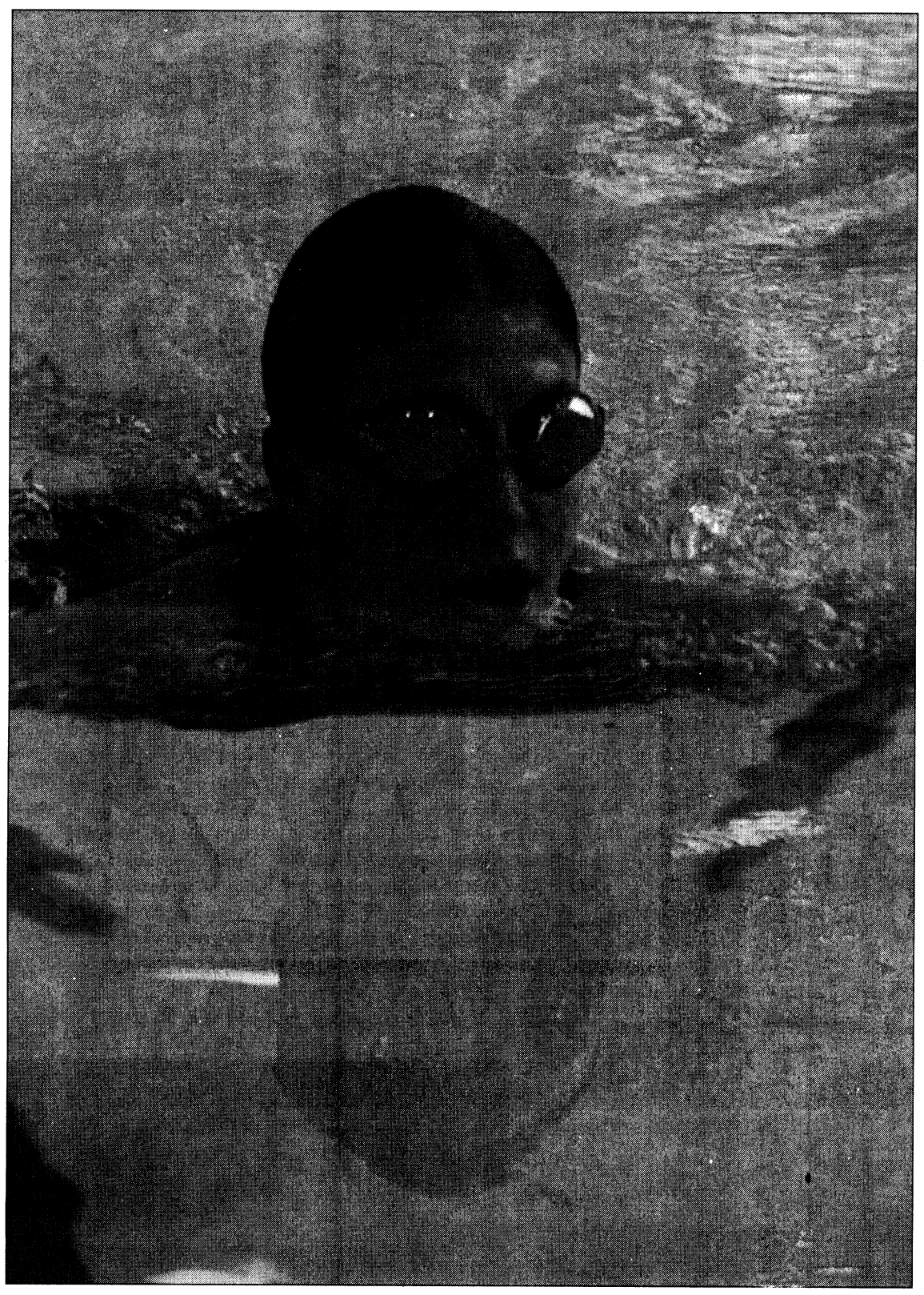
Soldiers win medals, set the standard in major competitions

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

- Golden Bear Championships, Chino, Calif., Feb. 1-3 — USAMU shotgun shooter Spc. Richard R. Hadden brought home the Bronze Medal in the 200-Target Trap Championship.
- Miami Cup, Miami, Fla., Jan. 25-27 — Shotgun shooter Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves won Gold Medals in the Preliminary and Main Skeet Championships; Pfc. Mark L. Weeks took the Bronze Medal in the Preliminary Match.
- Maple Leaf Championships, San Diego, Calif., Jan. 25-27 — Hadden won Silver Medals in the Preliminary and 200-Target Trap Championships.
- Florida Open Championships, Frostproof, Fla., Feb. 16 and 17 - USAMU — shotgun shooter Spc. Maxient J. Michel won the International Practical Shooting Confederation Florida Open Championship.

Swimming

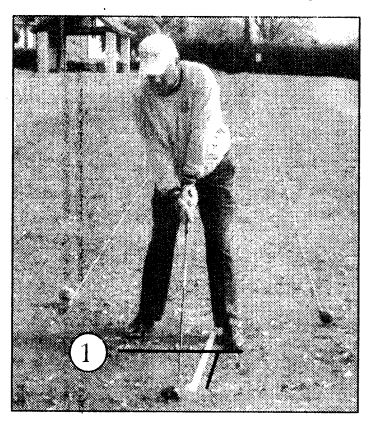


Spc. Douglas DeMaio

2nd Lt. Silvana Waghelstein swims laps in the 25 meter pool at the Bryant Wells Field House Thursday afternoon.

Driving

Golf tips by the post golf pro, Larry Cruise



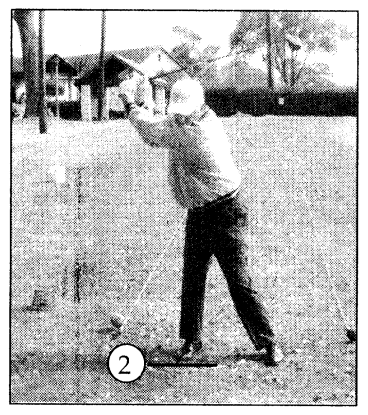






Photo illustration by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

"While practicing to perfect your drive, it is important to focus on balance and weight shift throughout the swing. The most common mistake golfers make is distributing their weight on their toes. By focusing on your balance and weight shift during your drive, it will help you develop muscle memory for consistency in your swing."

Here are some steps to follow for improving your drive:

(1)— Find a comfortable distance from the ball, as demonstrated with the ruler. The ball should be lined up with the inner thigh of the front foot. Setup with a slight bend at the waist and at the knees. Weight should be evenly distributed on both feet. Make sure your weight is not on your toes.

(2)— On your back swing relax and allow 80 percent of your weight to transfer to your back foot. Allow your hips to turn with the movement.

(3)— As you begin your downward swing, transfer 90 percent of your weight to the front foot and place an emphasis on maintaining a spine angle of 30 degrees. Maintain your balance and spine angle through impact.

(4)— On the follow through, finish with your chest and belt buckle facing the target.

"Balance and weight shift are an intricate part of a good drive, but so is driver selection. Ninety-five percent of your drive is based on the proper flex of your driver. Get the right shaft to fit your individual swing speed. Try the club out before you buy it to make sure you are getting the right club for you."

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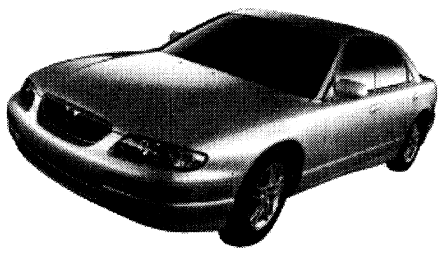


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Don Wood 706-322-8888 (P22)

01 Nissan Altima SE
3 to choose from
$12,900 / $299 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1500 down plus tax, tag & title
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00 Honda Civic
ps, pb, ac, cd, abs
Slick 5 speed coupe
$9900/$249 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1300 down plus tax, tag & title
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01 Toyota Camry LE
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs
Absolute showroom
$12, 900/$309 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1600 down plus tax, tag & title
Grant Humphries 706-322-8888 (P22)

01 Mazda Protege
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
Adult driven
$11,900 / $299 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1500 down plus tax, tag & title
Earl Sharpe 706-322-8888 (P22)

00 Chevrolet Corvette
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
auto, low miles
$29,800 / $29 Down
494-7112 (P22)

98 Honda Prelude Si
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
Like New
$13,900 / $300 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1600 down plus tax, tag & title
Don Sirrard 706-322-8888 (P22)

99 Ford Escort LX
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
4dr. Lady Driven
$6900 / $200 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1200 down plus tax, tag & title
Chris Melton 706-322-8888 (P22)

97 Honda Accord EX
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
covered since new
$9900/$250 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1300 down plus tax, tag & title
Don Wood 706-322-8888 (P22)

00 Honda Accord EX
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
garage kept
$11,900/$290 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1500 down plus tax, tag & title
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01 Mercury Sable
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
Elderly couple's car
$10,900 / $29 Down
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93 Ford Probe LX
at, ps, pb, ac, tsw
Great little coupe
$1400 / $29 Down
494-7108 (P22)

00 Ford T-Bird
at, ps, pb, pd, pw, ac, tsw
Preacher's car
$1400 / $29 Down
494-7416 (P22)

00 Chevrolet Prism LSi
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs
Low Miles
$5900 / $200 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $900 down plus tax, tag & title
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94 Ford Taurus
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs
great family car
$2900 / $29 Down
494-7112 (P22)

95 Mercury Tracer
at, ps, pb, ac
$1200 / $29 Down
494-7108 (P22)

98 Ford Mustang
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, abs, sporty
$5900 / $200 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $900 down plus tax, tag & title
Earl Sharpe 706-322-8888 (P22)

98 Chevrolet Camaro RS
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
Super clean
$6500 / $29 Down
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97 Chevrolet Camaro Z-28
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd,a bs
T-top, V8
$6900 / $29 Down
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97 Pontiac Trans-Am
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs
American sports car
$4900 / $225 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $900 down plus tax, tag & title
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Lady driven
$8900 / $275 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1300 down plus tax, tag & title
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90 Mitsubishi Eclipse
at, ps, pb, ac, tsw, abs
$1200 / $29 Down
494-7416 (P22)

01 Mitsubishi Galant
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
$11,900 / $300 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1500 down plus tax, tag & title
Jeff Holt 706-322-8888 (P22)

91 Mercury Tracer
at, ps, pb, ac, abs
Cheap transportation
$1600 / $29 Down
494-7108 (P22)

00 Dodge Intrepid
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
$9900 / $285 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $1100 down plus tax, tag & title
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97 Pontiac Grand Am
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs
cheap family car
$3900 / $99 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $900 down plus tax, tag & title
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95 Ford Escort LX
at, ps, pb, ac, tsw, nice
$1800 / $79 per mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $800 down plus tax, tag & title
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw,ac, tsw, abs
$2900 / $129 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $129 down plus tax, tag & title
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97 Mazda 626 LX
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$2900 / $149 per Mo.
9% APR 60 Mo. $149 down plus tax, tag & title
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still smells new
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9% APR 60 Mo. $1600 down plus tax, tag & title
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at, ps, pb, ac, abs
Great gas mileage
$1310 / $29 Down
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99 Mitsubishi Eclipse RS
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs, sr
All power
$7900 / $29 Down
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01 Chevrolet Monte Carlo SS
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
$13,700 / $29 Down
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98 Cadillac Catera
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
Luxury family car
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, abs
Low miles
$11, 410 / $29 Down
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at, ps, pb, pd, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs, sr
Nicest Alero in town
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs
every option available
$8600 / $29 Down
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
Luxury Edition
$9950 / $29 Down
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97 Honda Civic EX
at, ps, pb, pdl,pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs
still smells new
$3950 / $29 Down
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88 Chevrolet Z-28
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw
T-tops, cash
$2600 / $29 Down
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95 Nissan Altima
at, pas, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, abs
Covered since new
$2990 / $29 Down
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98 Pontiac Sunfire GT
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs, sr
Red hot coupe
$3900 / $29 Down
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96 Nissan Maxima SE
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs, sr
All power
$5515 / $29 Down
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95 Saturn SL-1
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cd, abs.
Lady Driven
$1990 / $29 Down
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99 Chevrolet Metro LSi
at, ps, ac, abs
No credit check
$1990 / $29 Down
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00 Chevrolet Cavalier
at, ps, pb, ac
Mint cond.
$6600 / $29 Down
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01 Mitsubishi Mirage
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac,tsw, cc, cd, abs
soo nice
$10,390 / $29 Down
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00 Honda Civic EX
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, cd, abs
Lady driven
$11,950 / $29 Down
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01 Nissan Altima
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
$12,900 / $29 Down
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$8200 / $29 Down
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ext. cab auto, 4x4, SE
$17,900 / $29 Down
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ps, pb, ac, cd, abs
ext. cab, SE
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Bed liner, Toolbox
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4x4, V6
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs
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supercab
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like new, all options
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, abs
$8900 / $29 Down
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at, psl, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, bs, sr
Like new
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01 Dodge Dakota Crew
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
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at, ps, pb, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
$8410 / $29 Down
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
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$13,160 / $29 Down
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at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs,sr
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98 Nissan Frontier
at, ps, pb, pdl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
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at, ps, pb, dl, pw, ac, tsw, cc, cd, abs, sr
$16, 900 / $29 Down
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Hard body
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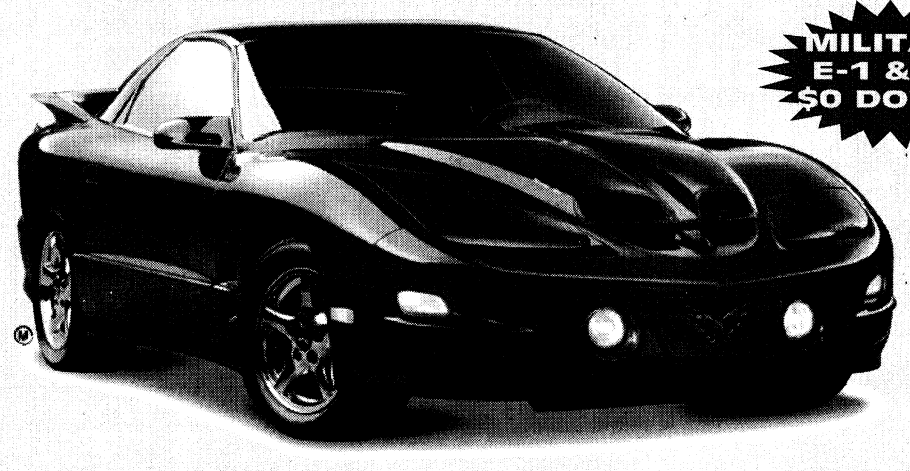
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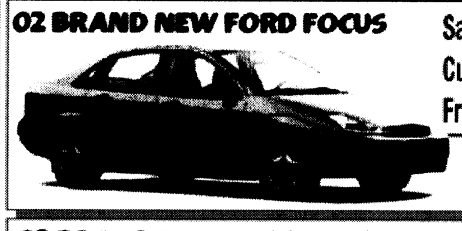
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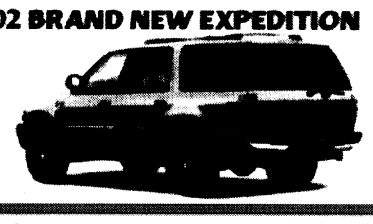
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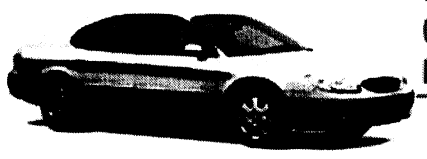
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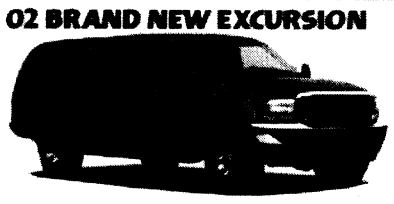
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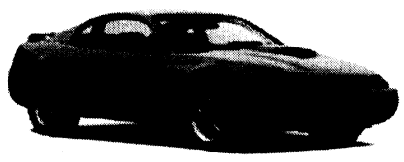
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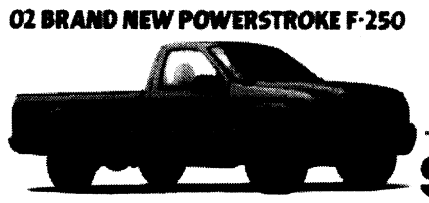
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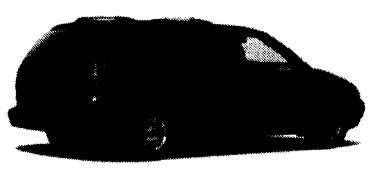
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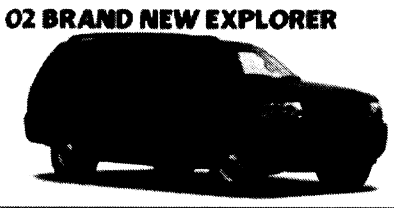
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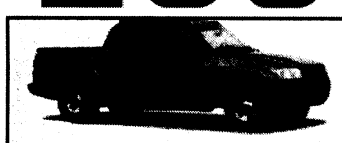
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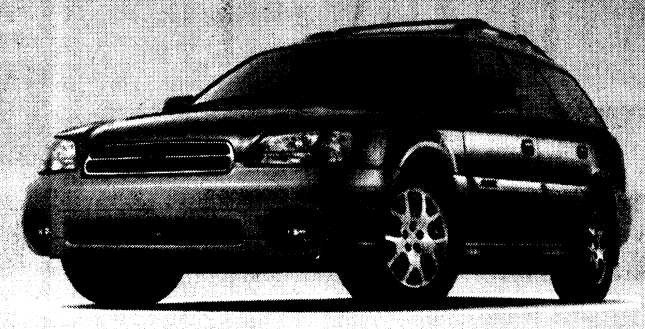
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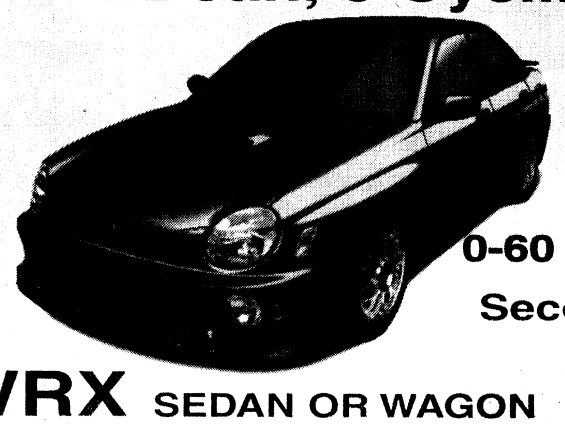
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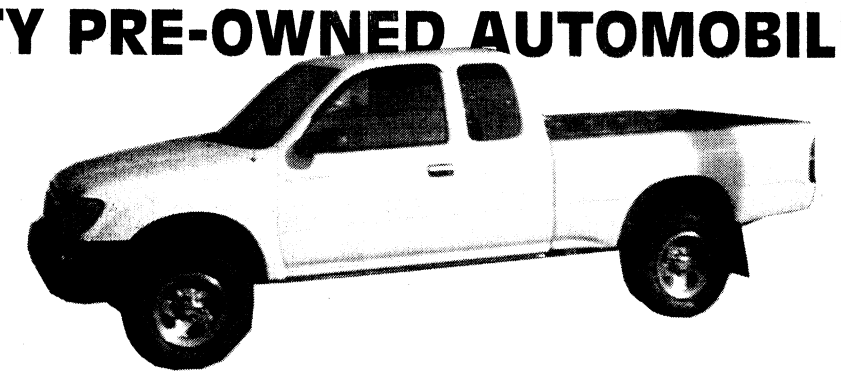
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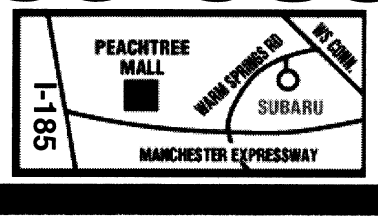
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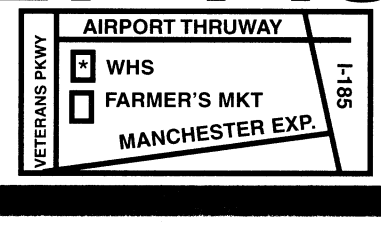
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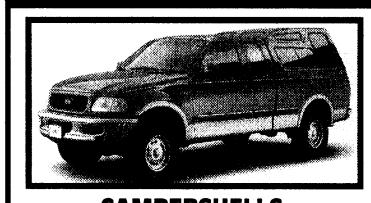
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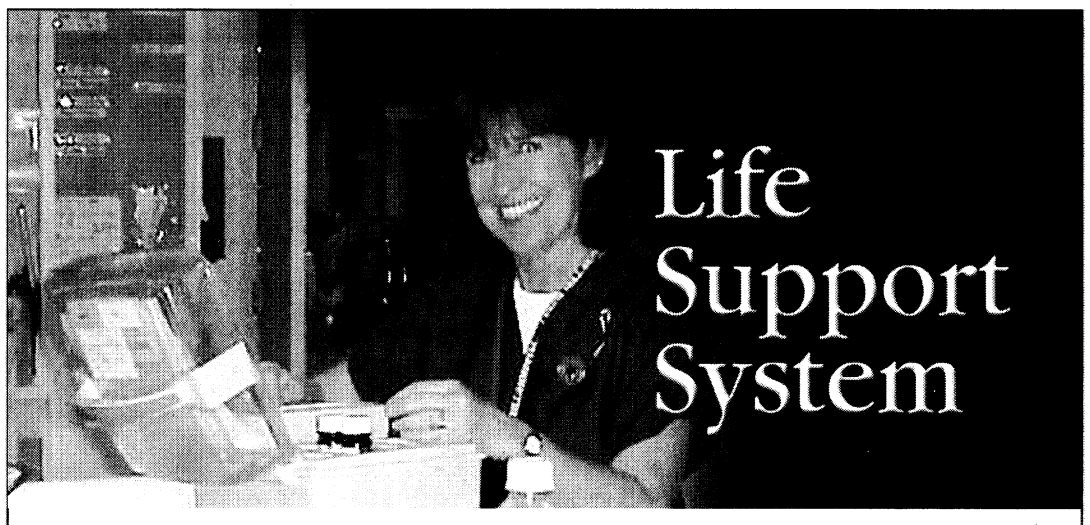
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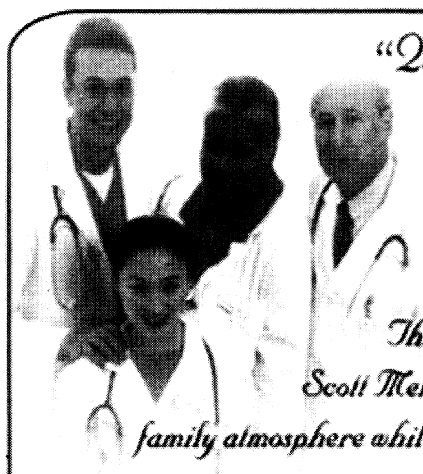
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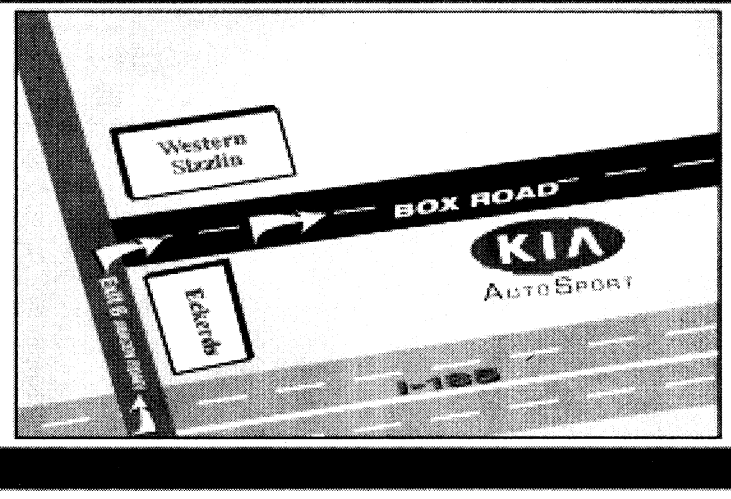
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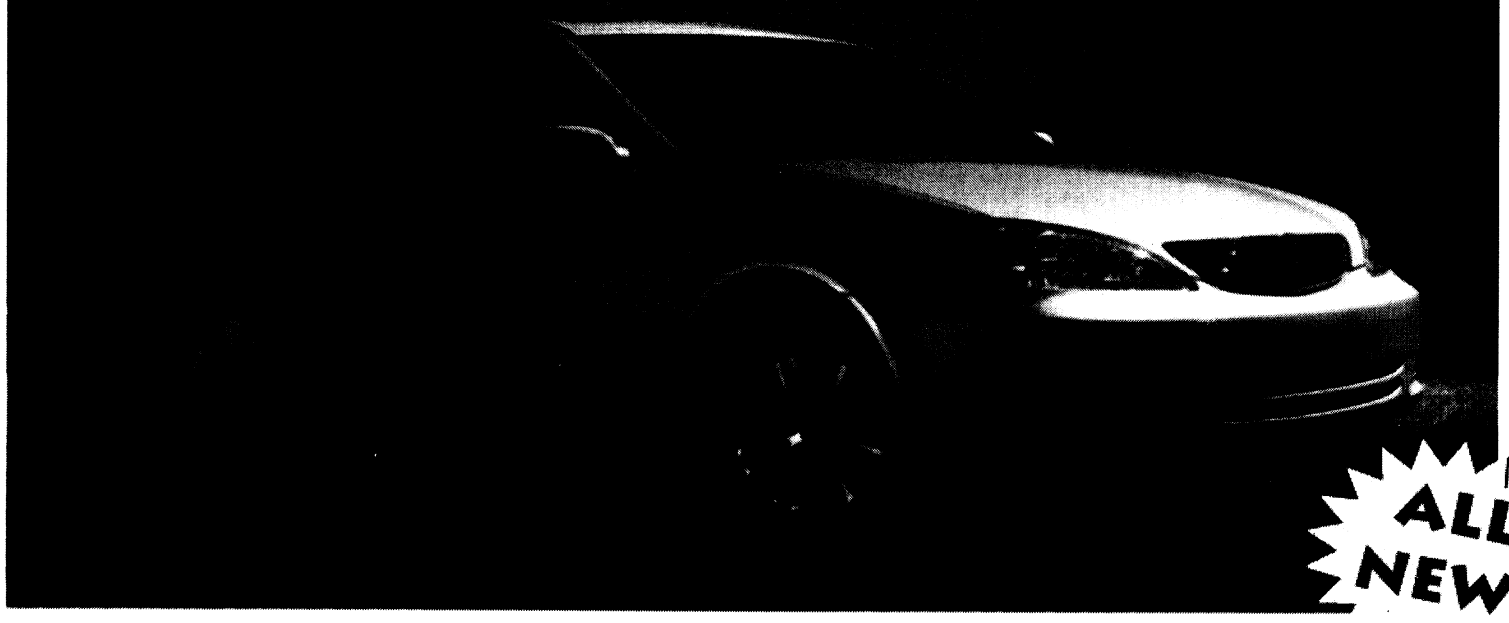
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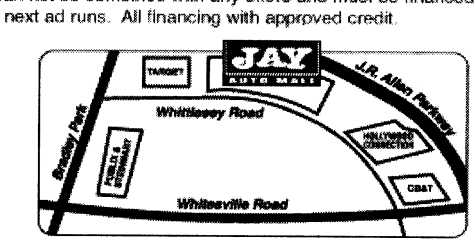
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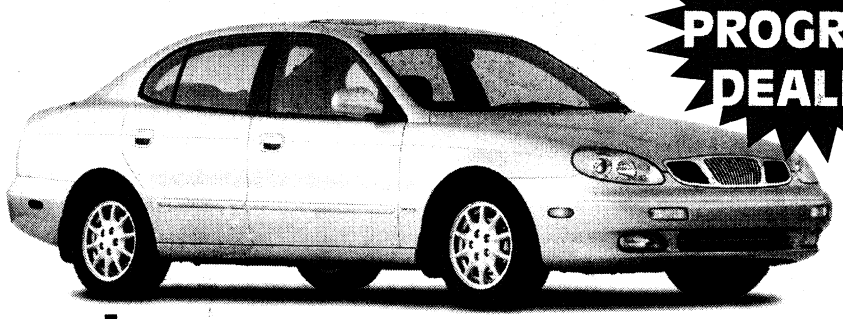
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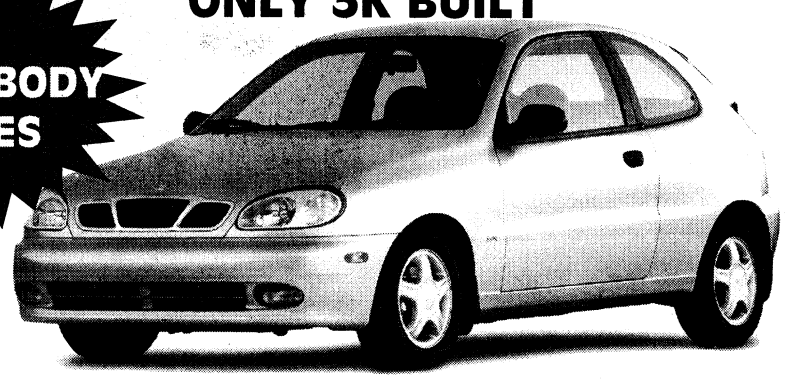


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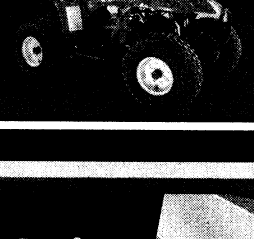
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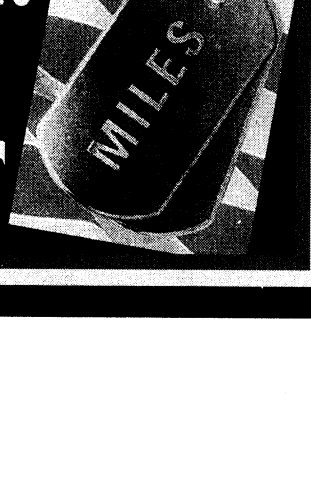
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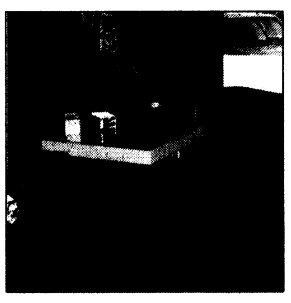
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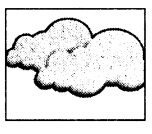
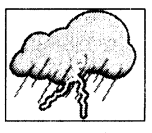
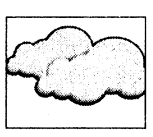
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Program helps stabilize soldiers

Plan lets soldiers stay for a while

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Two programs have been revised to help stabilize soldiers returning from Korea and other dependent-restricted tours.

The Deployment Stabilization policy, along with the Homebase and Advanced Assignment Program — known as HAAP —have been expanded, the Army G1 recently announced.

After completing a tour in Korea or other dependent-restricted areas, soldiers will now be stabilized from operational deployments for six months at their new duty station. Before the most recent revision, the

Deployment Stabilization policy only affected soldiers who had participated in "Operations other than War" deployments for a period of at least 30 consecutive days.

Personnel officials said the stabilization program — which applies to both officer and enlisted personnel — was expanded to allow soldiers time to reacquaint themselves with families and provide time to readjust to home station. It also rewards soldiers for arduous periods of duty in which they were separated from family members, officials said.

The Homebase and Advanced Assignment Program is expanding to specialists and corporals who have re-enlisted at least once, beginning March 1. HAAP participants can return to their current duty station after completing a dependent-restricted tour or get orders to their follow-on station before leaving the country.

HAAP was established in the 1970s for officers and noncommissioned officers to reduce permanent-change-of-station costs and increase stability for soldiers and their families, according to Kenneth Emerson, chief of the specialized support team for Enlisted Personnel Management Directorate, U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

There are two options for soldiers under HAAP: either homebase assignments or advanced assignments.

Under the homebase assignment option, soldiers can leave their family members at their current installation and then return for

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Take Down



2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy

Soldiers from the 988th Military Police Company practices shackling prisoners for transport before deploying to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

U.S. Customs trains soldiers

MPs take experience to Cuba

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

The U.S. Customs Service seized more than 22 million dollars worth of drugs, charged an 81-year-old man with smuggling ecstasy and confiscated tens of thousands of fake Olympic apparel all in the month of February — not to mention keeping its employees on the highest state of alert since the events of Sept. 11. For the guardians of the nation's borders, it's all in a days work.

With more than 15,000 employees worldwide, Customs is responsible for ensuring everyone and everything that comes into and goes out of the country is legal. It's the only border agency with an extensive air, land and marine interdiction force with an investigative component, supported by its own intelligence branch.

So it's quite fitting they share their knowledge with the soldiers of the U.S. Army. Last month, instructors form the local U.S. Customs Firearms and Tactical Training Division came to Fort Benning to teach soldiers of the 988th Military Police Company a thing or two about prisoner transport.

"Any time you're working one-on-one with prisoners, there's a certain level of risk involved," said 2nd Lt. David Walters before deploying with 80 other MPs to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba last month. "That's why we're doing this, to be better equipped for our job there."

The MPs learned the basics of prisoner transport: how to put leg irons, belly chains and handcuffs on a prisoner.

"We equate that to shackling dangerous criminals to take to court," said Paul McManus, senior inspector, U.S. Customs. "The difference is we transport one murderer a month. The MPs in Cuba are doing it everyday."

Customs instructors provide Fort Benning soldiers training whenever possible, McManus said.

"When we have a slot available, we call the MPs," said McManus, a

See **CUSTOMS**, A-11

DFEL contract moves forward

MACOM wrestles to set takeover date

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

The contract that transfers base operations from an Army civilian work force to private industry is moving forward.

The Department of the Army conditionally awarded the contract to IT Corporation in August 2000, but a protest by a competitor and the appeal process kept the contract in limbo until now. The timeline the installation established for IT Corp. to take over operations such as facilities, automotive and aviation maintenance, transportation and supply from the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics is January 2003.

During a DFEL town hall meeting Feb. 22, post officials squashed rumors and discussed the transfer's timeline. The Secretary of the Army's initiative to stand up regional centers for installation management by October 2002 will not impact the transfer, nor will IT Corp.'s parent company, The IT Group, filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. According to the company's Web site, www.theitgroup.com, the company announced the Chapter 11 filing along with the company's sale to The Shaw Group Jan. 16.

Filing Chapter 11 protects IT Corp.'s contract with the government to provide the base operations, post officials said. Because the company is still financially solvent and can perform the contracted functions, the contract will go forward.

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Piece of Pentagon will be displayed

Limestone slab to be used as base of sculpture

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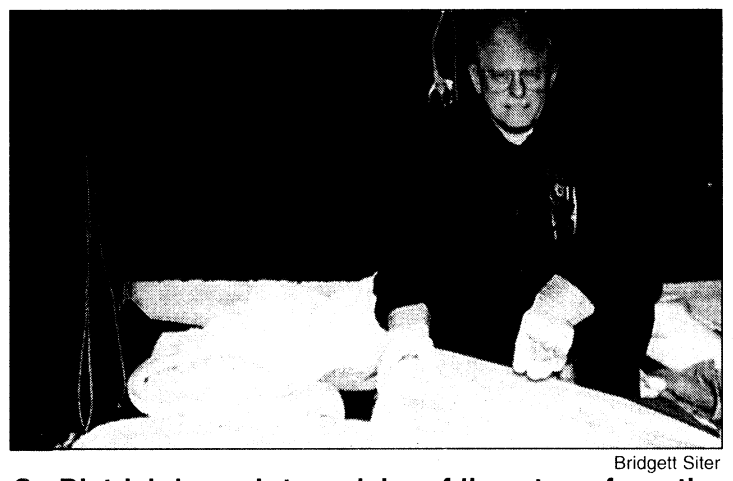
A chunk of the Pentagon has a new home at Fort Benning's Dexter Elementary School.

The 400-pound slab of limestone, once part of the Pentagon's E-wing wall, will be used as the platform for an iron and steel eagle sculpture which is expected to be completed and dedicated mid-May.

"There's a feeling of extended family here at Dexter, because of the Army affiliation at the Pentagon," said Cy Dietrich, the school's visual and performing arts teacher and the director of the K Club, the service-oriented kindness club that helped fund the sculpture.

The idea for using rubble from the Pentagon crash site came to Dietrich in September, while returning from Washington, D.C., where he delivered 1,000 bags of food from the K Club to

See **PENTAGON**, A-6



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Cy Dietrich brough two slabs of limestone from the Pentagon crash site.

ROAD RAGE

I scream 'ice cream!'

Bridgett Siter
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commentary



I'm not comfortable with the term "road rage." Like all buzzwords, it's become a catch-all, a diagnosis for bad behavior.

It's not quite realistic to call OJ's run-in with another motorist road rage, anymore than we can call Nicole Simpson the victim of "sidewalk rage." Crime is crime, no matter where it takes place or what triggers it.

There are angry drivers on the road just waiting for an excuse to explode, but they're the same ones who overreact in any situation, real or imagined, where they feel they've been slighted.

I wouldn't want to cut in front of OJ in the supermarket line.

Road rage, by definition, is when a driver's reaction becomes more of a problem than that which triggered it. It's crime on wheels.

If a driver cuts you off on the highway, you have a problem. If you act quickly, brake, and move carefully into another lane, you have resolved the problem.

But if you respond with anger, you have a bigger problem, and if you assault the driver or break the law of the road — i.e. chase, tailgate, speed and cut — you are a criminal. Bottom line.

Now I'm no Pollyanna. I've had my share of bad driving experiences, and one that instantly comes to mind is the time a driver cut me off in bumper-to-bumper traffic outside an airport in Jacksonville, Fla., right after the kids and I said good-bye to Tom.

Losing Daddy for a few weeks was killing Brittney. She sat directly behind me wailing at the top of her overly developed 3-year-old lungs. The boys sat directly behind her, exacerbating the situation, of course, by screaming at her to "BEEE QUIEEET!"

The temperature outside the van was 105. Inside it was climbing.

And there I was, seven months pregnant, manuevering a minivan in gridlock, with a tenuous hold on my sanity, when a cute little sports car swerved in front of me and forced me into the median. The driver looked back and grinned.

There was a moment of complete silence in the back of the van, while, I assume, the kids were all building up a full head of steam. Then they all let loose a gawdawful scream.

I saw red. I knew rage.

But I also knew better than to react the way I really wanted to. So I counted to 10 — "One, #*^#, two, #*&~, three, #*~*%, four, ..." You get the idea.

Then I eased back into traffic and did the mature, responsible thing. I took the kids to Dairy Queen and buried my anger in a banana split.

The world would be a better place if we all buried our anger in ice cream. We'd all be fat and happy and the roads would be a much safer place.

You think I jest, but experts agree. You see, road rage peaks between the hours of 5 and 6 p.m. That's also when most people experience a significant drop in blood sugar levels — five to six hours after lunch — which is directly linked to irritability and stress.

Low blood sugar, coupled with the stress inherent to rush hour traffic, can trigger our overzealous reactions to minor traffic problems. So take a snack along for the road.

And while you're at it, turn off the radio.

According to *Beat Stress Together*, by Wayne Sotile, PhD., the noise of the radio simply adds to stress. But it's soothing, you say? By 5 p.m., you're not at top speed, figuratively speaking, so you don't need soothing music to lull you into a stupor during danger hour.

So do whatever it takes to avoid becoming the victim or the instigator of a dangerous situation. In the immortal words of the late-great James Dean, "the life you save may be mine."

Thanks.

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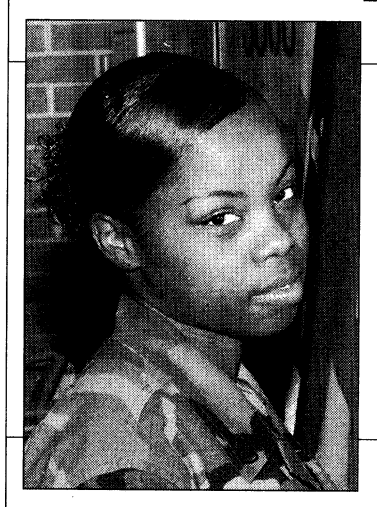
When driving, how do you diffuse a potentially dangerous situation?



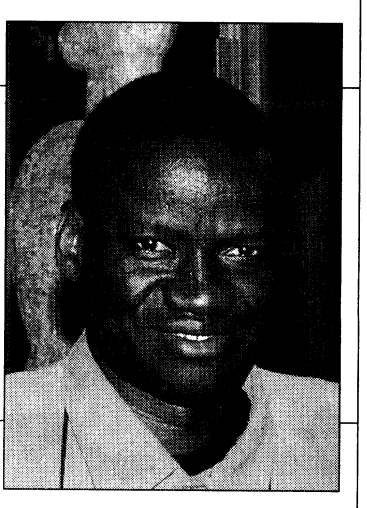
Vickie Lawrence, U.S. Army Dental Activity — "I pull off the road and let the other drivers go past. Aggressive drivers and tailgaters can have the whole highway as long as I am safe."



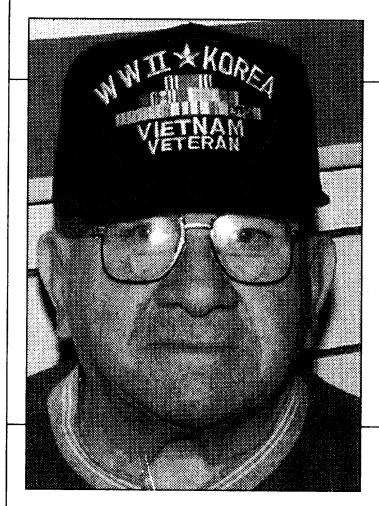
Brenda Gamillion, U.S. Army Dental Activity — "I apologize even if I am right. I give them their way and avoid a scene."



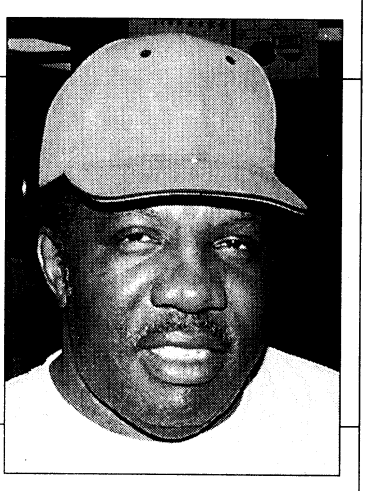
Pfc. Ashley Brown, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment — "I am courteous and think about how other people feel. I do whatever I can to avoid an accident."



Ndiaga Niang, AAFES contractor — "I avoid danger by respecting other drivers, following traffic laws and keeping my vehicle well maintained."



Retired Master Sgt. Arthur Croce, Columbus — "I see mistakes every day, and it's because people don't watch out for other drivers. Drive defensively, use turn signals and lights. Do your part to avoid



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Eddie Jackson, Columbus — "I educate myself and get experience, because a lot of drivers may have experience, but they don't use it."

Interviews and photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp and Pfc. Kyle Neller. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

letter to the editor

I.D. card policy at commissary

My wife and I went to the commissary to purchase groceries Feb. 2 and Feb. 11. Upon entering the commissary, there wasn't anyone to check ID for authorization to enter.

Again today there wasn't anyone to check ID.

On one visit to the commissary, there were several women standing and talking and the children were playing in the aisles, preventing the customers from purchasing the items needed.

Today there wasn't anyone at the entrance to check IDs.

I strongly recommend that a person be at the entrance to check IDs to prevent further experiences described.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Chester A. Bush
Fort Mitchell, Ala.

Commissary's response:

The Commissary Operating Board, comprised of general officers from all the service branches, decided some time back to stop checking ID cards at the entrance.

ID cards are now checked at the register before any purchase can be made.

This change in policy was made to allow authorized patrons to bring visitors into the commissary and still protect the shopping privileges of our patrons. The change in procedures has allowed single soldiers to bring in parents, who pay the taxes that provide this benefit, and has allowed those with disabilities to bring in a relative for assistance. The policy has also allowed our many thousands of patrons who have visitors to bring them along when they do their grocery shopping.

We are required to "spot check" ID cards at the entrance several times each month to make sure visitors are accompanied by authorized patrons. This ID policy has been in effect for almost two years. There has not been a noticeable difference in sales, theft, overcrowding of aisles or any other problems.

I strongly disagree that checking ID cards at the door will stop customers from stopping to talk to friends that they happen to meet at the commissary.

Nothing gives me more pleasure than to see our customers, along with their families, enjoying the shopping experience here at the place the staff works so hard to make the best possible.

We get many favorable remarks from patrons and many bring guests when shopping.

I invite all customers to stop by anytime to see me. I will do all I can to make a shopping experience a good one.

— Gary D. Hensley
Fort Benning Commissary

Soldiers helping soldiers

Today we begin the Army's annual fundraising for the Army Emergency Relief. This campaign will be conducted through May 15.

For 60 years, your AER has assisted more than 3 million soldiers and their families in time of financial emergency. They have been available for us, whenever we were stationed around the world, whenever we needed assistance. Last year, our contributions enabled AER to assist more than 57,000 of our fellow soldiers with almost $39 million in emergency assistance.

On Sept. 11, our Army Emergency Relief was one of the first relief organizations to begin providing assistance to the families of our comrades killed at the Pentagon. AER has continued this mission daily since then.

As we are committed to winning the war against terrorism, so also are we committed to taking care of soldiers in their time of need. Therefore, I'm asking you to support the one organization whose only mission is to assist you and your family when you have a financial crisis. Please read the AER information brochure you received and join me in contributing to help soldiers.

As it has always been said, and will remain, soldiering is an affair of the heart.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff

CORRECTION

In last week's Bayonet, Ross Good, Directorate of Combat Development, was misquoted in a pulled quote about Army transformation.

His quote should have read:

"Gone are the days of movement to contact. Soldiers will know where their team members are, where the enemy is and what is around them."

The Bayonet apologizes for the error and regrets any inconveniences it caused.

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Prayer breakfast nourishes body, soul

POW's faith helped him survive horrors

Laura Martinson
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Food for the body and food for the soul. That's what retired Col. Ben Purcell, guest speaker at the annual Prayer Breakfast Feb. 21, wanted his audience to take away from their meeting.

"Spiritual food is necessary to sustain life," Purcell said.

And he would know. Purcell said it was his faith that sustained him while being held as a prisoner of war in Vietnam for more than five years.

"The experience was a struggle for food, water, and life itself," he said.

Purcell was captured as a POW when his helicopter was shot down over North Vietnam in 1968. During the crash, one of his fellow soldiers was burned so badly on his hands and face that his eyes were swollen shut.

"He said, 'Are you a Christian?' and I said 'Yes, I am.' He said, 'Have a prayer with me,'" Purcell told the audience. "Prayer had always been important to me, but at that moment, it held the shattered pieces together."

When the young soldier's captors decided his injuries made him a burden, Purcell pleaded with them for his release. But they denied him.

"All I could do was say another prayer," he said.

While walking away, he heard a shot fired and knew the bullet was for the soldier.

"It was the most dreadful sound," Purcell said. "We never heard from him again, but I know he was ready to meet his maker."

Purcell talked about several occasions during captivity when prayer kept him going. When Purcell couldn't see the path in front of him as he marched with his captors, he said, "Lord, I need a light." Within 30 seconds the man in front of him turned on his flashlight.

"The Lord does answer prayer," said Purcell, who made a practice of always hanging a handmade cross in his cell.

He also recalled his 40th birthday, spent in the company of his captors. When a local cabin owner offered him an egg — a break from his strict diet of rice and water — in honor of his birthday, Purcell took that as a good sign.

"That bit of compassion in the enemy was a message," he said. "God was telling me we were going to make it."

"In prayer, we share something universal," said Chaplain (Maj.) Dan Payne. "In times of war especially, it's a source of comfort for everybody."

It was, in fact, a source of comfort for Purcell's wife, Anne, who stayed in Columbus and cared for their five children.

"I finally realized there was nothing I could do to change the situation," Anne said. "I've been a Christian since I was 10 years old, so I knew I had to give it to God. I told him, 'I love Ben, but I know you love him more.' That lifted a heavy burden."

Upon his return in March 1973, Ben and Anne flew to Dallas to tell the family of the burned soldier about the last 24 hours of their son's life.

"There was so much uncertainty for families of POWs," Anne said. "I really admired Ben for doing that. If he hadn't returned, I pray that someone would have done the same for me."



Laura Martinson

Joy Dillow of Columbus sings *For all the World* at the prayer breakfast.

Program: Provides stability for troops

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another tour after completing a dependent-restricted tour. Families residing on post will be able to remain in housing.

Homebase is the option used most, said Lt. Col. Noble Lugo, a finance action officer with the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel.

Soldiers who receive a homebase assignment must sign a statement indicating that they understand the intent of the program and know that they are expected not to use their dependent PCS entitlements unless the assignment is cancelled, according to AR-614-200 Enlisted Assignments and Utilization Management.

The second part of HAAP is advance assignment. Along with their assignment notification to a dependent restricted tour, soldiers will also receive the location of their follow-on assignment before leaving the country, Emerson said.

"In the past, soldiers had little input into their follow-on assignments and those that tried relied on DA Form 4187s to inform PERSCOM of assignment preferences," Emerson said. "Now through the Assignment Satisfaction Key, ASK, soldiers have the opportunity to influence their next duty assignment."

ASK is an Internet tool that allows soldiers the capability to post assignment preference information directly onto the Total Army Personnel Database. Soldiers will need to use their Army Knowledge Online account password to gain access to the information. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki has directed that all soldiers get an AKO account.

In many cases families who are moved to the follow-on location are not granted on-post housing, Lugo said. It's an installation decision, he added.

The decision to extend HAAP to eligible specialists and corporals came after senior leadership in Korea requested that all soldiers be included in HAAP, Emerson said. However, it would be difficult to manage and would hinder readiness flexibility if expanded to the entire enlisted force, Emerson said.

"Our goal is to provide stability by making an assignment commitment to the soldier and family prior to the soldier's departure."

PERSCOM's goal is to match HAAPs with soldiers' assignment preferences, officials said, but added there will be cases where the soldiers' preferences cannot be met because of Army Manning the Force priorities.

The expanding of HAAP to selected specialists and corporals will not apply to soldiers currently in Korea or placed on assignment instructions prior to March 1, officials explained.

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Airborne Test Platoon soldier dies

'Swifty' Wilson lauded hero, father, friend

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

A legend has passed.

Retired Capt. Charles Wilson died of a heart attack Saturday after going out for his morning walk.

Better known as "Swifty" by colleagues, Wilson was a member of the original Test Platoon at Fort Benning.

"My dad always told me the members of the Test Platoon were my uncles, even though they were issued by Uncle Sam," said Debbie Martin, Wilson's daughter. "His love for them was just remarkable."

"He loved the Army. He lived for it," said Martin, known to the airborne community as Swifty Junior.

"We're going to miss him," said Lt. Col. Jeff Terhune, 1st Battalion, 507th Parachute Regiment.

"He's a legend," Terhune added. "The Test Platoon members were very important to the history, aura, and mystique of the airborne community."

"He was a fine gentleman, very likeable and congenial," said retired Master Sgt. Louie Davis, fellow Test Platoon member. Davis said it was the efforts of Wilson that kept the original Platoon in touch for more than 60 years.

"He tried to hold us together and keep us informed," Davis said. "He kept our brotherhood refreshed and renewed for all those years."

Viewing hours will be from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. at Wages Funeral Home, Snellville, Ga. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday. Wilson will be buried in College Park, Ga.

Wilson is survived by his wife of 25 years, June. The family requested that all donations be sent to the Airborne Museum in Fort Bragg, N.C.

'Soldiers Forum' gives soldiers a voice

Soldiers are invited to submit stories

Amy News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers worldwide are now invited to submit stories, commentaries and other articles to the Army News Service under a new program called "Soldiers Forum."

The best of the articles will be posted on the "ArmyLINK News" Web page at the end of each week and they will also be sent to Army newspaper editors at installations and commands across the globe for use on their commentary pages.

The purpose of the program is to "give soldiers a voice on ArmyLINK," said Col. Stephen Campbell, chief of Command Information at Department of the Army.

The articles should be more than just "complaint columns" Campbell said. He explained that if problems are brought up, suggested solutions should be included in the article.

On the other hand, Campbell said the letters "can't just be peaches and cream either." He explained the forum is not just looking for laudatory comments, but insightful discourse on subjects of interest to the entire Army.

First-person accounts of combat in Afghanistan or duty in the Philippines are examples of articles that would be considered for publication, Campbell said.

But those are the exceptions, rather than the norm, he said. Tthe column is looking for reflections and recommendations regarding everyday Army life.

Observations about Family Team Building programs, the NCO Education System, or Common Task Training are just a few examples of relevant topics.

More controversial topics affecting soldiers and their families might also be discussed, such as: drug abuse, domestic violence, street gangs, suicide prevention, retention, single-parent soldiering,

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Post wins DA-level award for management

Army praises environmental efforts

Christina Hayashi
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Fort Benning has won the Department of the Army award for the best installation for environmental management.

This is the first time the post has won the award of the Department of the Army level, and will now go on to the Department of Defense level.

Installations nominate themselves by submitting what it has done over the past year and summarizing its best asset.

"To be considered for the award, you have to have a program. You have to demonstrate you're meeting requirements expressed in various laws and regulations and have gone beyond that in some degree," said Dr. Christopher E. Hamilton, cultural resources manager and coordinator of Native American Affairs at Fort Benning. "Making sure our stewardship of cultural resources is some of the best managed in the system of the service."

"A major factor that helped to set Fort Benning aside from other posts is its ability to work closely with 11 different Indian tribes to keep Fort Benning as historical as possible," Hamilton said.

Fort Benning also has the unique experience of having to work with not only Georgia officials, but Alabama and Florida environmental officials as well.

Through the years, Fort Benning has not changed much, historically. However, times have changed and upgrades have been needed. Before making any major changes, it is up to the archeologist's to excavate the site and record what they find.

"Soon we will have an entombment facility formally open and all of the materials, human remains, associated artifacts that might go along with them will be entombed at a selected location," Hamilton said.

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> **Dr. Christopher E. Hamilton**
> Cultural resources manager

The preservation has not gone unnoticed. Recent films *Black Hawk Down* and *We Were Soldiers* have featured sections of the post.

DFEL: To transfer base operations to private industry

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"There is no good time, but there is a bad time," said Col. Keith Stelzer, director of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

"With all that is going on now — the war on terror, and Fort Benning's role in force projection: sending troops to Afghanistan, the Philippines and 3rd Brigade's rotation in Kuwait; summer surge and installation access control — this is a very busy place. The commanding general sent a letter to (Training and Doctrine Command) stating that the mission would be seriously impacted if the transition occurred before January 2003."

The timeline also takes into account civilian pay periods — so the actual date the contractor takes over base operations will be Jan. 26, Stelzer said.

Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, said the "trigger point" of January 2003 considered mission requirements and the best interests of the civilian work force.

The contractor's bid requires 492 positions, and current government workers will not fill all of those positions, Stelzer said referring to the contractor filling some of the jobs with current IT Corp. employees.

Post officials anticipate sending reduction in force letters this fall, and it is the responsibility of the civilian work force to make sure their records are up-to-date, Stelzer said.

"The time to get Resumix right is now," he said. "There will be only one RIF, and it will deal with all the agencies under the A-76 studies including the Directorate of Information Management and Training Support Center."

There will not be another mock RIF, said Mary Loudermilk, Directorate of Civilian Personnel. Mock RIF letters, which identify employees most at risk of losing their jobs, were sent November 2000.

She said the Priority Placement Program is not available until the RIF begins.

Stelzer said the installation will ask for Voluntary Early Retirement Authority and may ask for the Voluntary Separation Incentive Program, but right now funding for these personnel initiatives is not available.

"We are going to contract. We now know when, and we will do everything possible for our civilian workforce," Torres said.

Rumsfeld says Strategic Influence Office 'closed down'

Rumors about disinformation make news

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The Office of Strategic Influence will be closed, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Tuesday.

"I met with Undersecretary (of Defense for Policy) Doug Feith this morning, and he indicated to me he's decided to close down the Office of Strategic Influence," Rumsfeld told Pentagon reporters.

The OSI, under Feith's purview, was created last November to aid U.S. efforts to influence countries overseas to help or at least support the war against global terrorism.

The office has been under criticism since a New York Times report that the office would plant false press releases in foreign media outlets to manipulate public opinion.

The media have asserted that such false stories — or disinformation — could eventually find their way into American news reports.

Such a scenario, Rumsfeld has said in recent days, would be entirely contrary to DoD's policy on the dissemination of information to the public.

The secretary remarked on the "many stories about this office, and commentary, some portion of which has contained inaccurate speculation and assertions, that the office could become involved in activities that the department, in fact, has not done, is not doing and would not condone."

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> **Donald H. Rumsfeld**
> Secretary of Defense

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"So, it's being closed down," he said.

DoD has performed information operations missions targeted to Afghans, Rumsfeld said, adding, "We will continue to do that in the future."

The department defines information operations as "actions taken to affect adversary information and information systems while defending one's own information and information systems."

"We've told people where they can get humanitarian assistance, we told people about the difference between cluster bomb packages and food packages," the secretary said.

Asked by a reporter if the practice of disinformation is a DoD activity, Rumsfeld said: "It most clearly is not."

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*ENG 099	LSS ENGLISH II	5	MW	6:00-8:15
ENG 101	ENGLISH COMPOSITION I	5	MW	6:00-8:15
ENG 102	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	5	MW	8:20-10:35
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HIS 101A	WORLD CIVILIZATION I	5	MW	8:20-10:35
HIS 122	AMERICAN HISTORY II	5	MW	6:00-8:15
*MAT 096	PRE-ALGEBRA	5	MW	8:20-10:35
*MAT 097	LSS MATH I	5	TTH	6:00-8:15
*MAT 099	LSS MATH II	5	MW	6:00-8:15
MUS 194	MUSIC APPRECIATION	5	THURS	6:00-10:35
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SOC 200	INTRODUCTION TO SOCIOLOGY	5	TUES	6:00-10:35

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Room assignments will be posted on the outside of BLDG 2613 and 2611 as well as in the glass display case on the East and West side of BLDG 4.

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CRJ 100	INTRO TO CRIMINAL JUSTICE	5	MAY 3-5, MAY 17-19	FRI 6-9:30pm, SAT 8-5:30, SUN 8-5:30
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HIS 102a	WORLD CIVILIZATION II	5	MAY 31, JUN 1-2, JUN 14-16	FRI 6-9:30pm, SAT 8-5:30, SUN 8-5:30
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*ENG 099	LSS ENGLISH II	5	TTH	8:20-10:35
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GMC 105	SUCCESS IN ALGEBRA	2	MAY 10-11, MAY 18	FRI 6-10 pm, SAT 8-2:45
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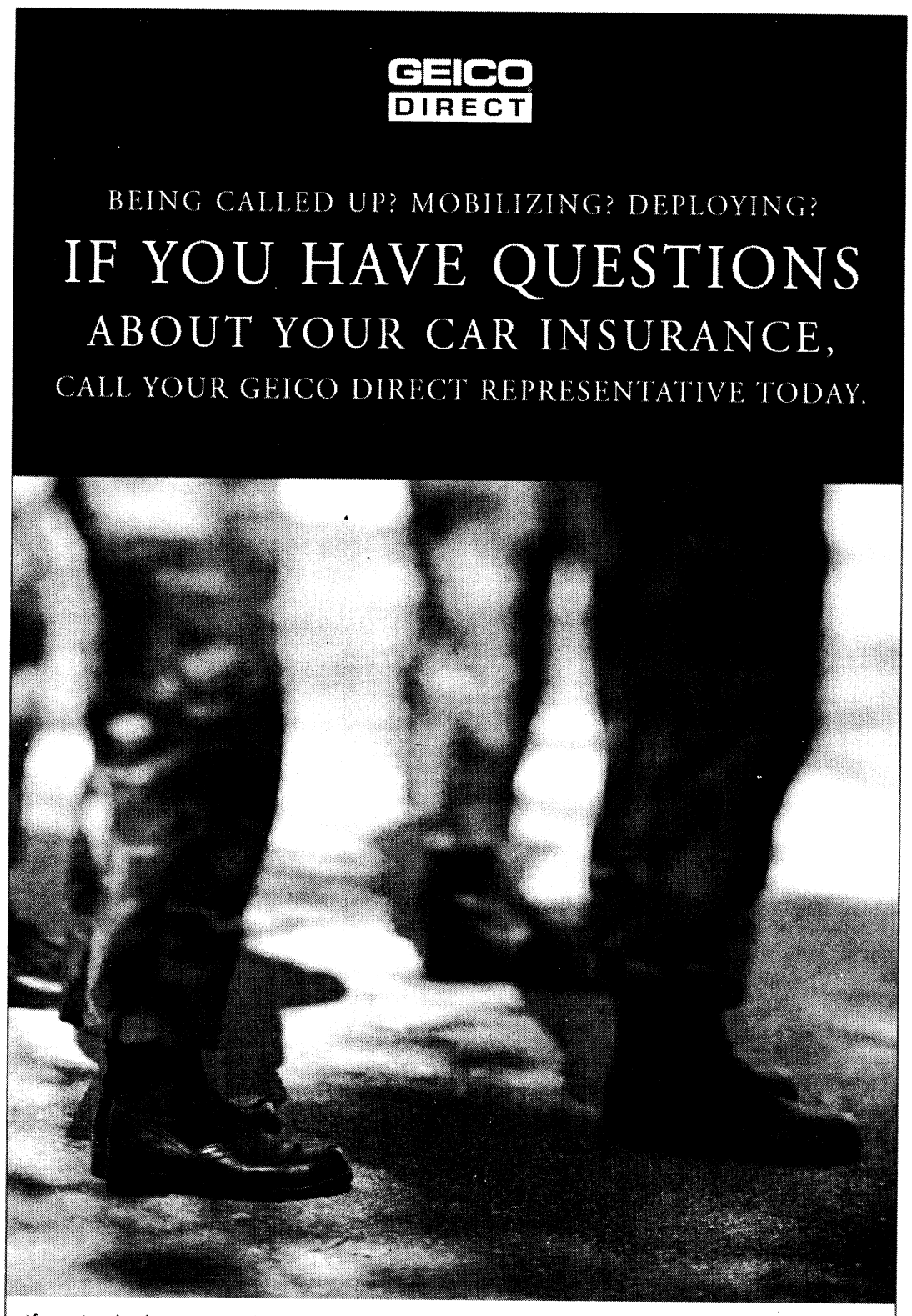
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Pedestrian-vehicle accidents on the rise

Six cases already reported in February

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Traffic violations are on the rise on Fort Benning, and a decrease in common vehicle courtesy has caused the MPs to take action.

There has been a 500 percent increase in vehicle-pedestrian accidents, jumping from one case reported last year to six in February alone.

"The cause of the jump in the accidents may be related to the word about Operation Slow Down is not getting out fast enough to new soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Ken Bennett, Traffic NCOIC.

Operation Slow Down is the 15 mph speed limit during PT hours — 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. — or 10 mph when meeting or passing a troop formation.

Also, some people have not been following the rules stated in the running and jogging safety alert, Bennett said.

Most of the accidents are occurring during PT hours.

"The use of road guards is only a request for right of way and not a given," Bennett said.

"There was a person whom was injured because he jumped out in front of a car to stop traffic while he was road guard."

Runners and joggers must use reflective waist belts or reflective vests at all times as stated in the safety alert.

Just using a reflective arm or ankle band isn't enough for some drivers to see especially during dark PT hours, Bennett said.

There was also a 50 percent increase in DUIs from last year in the "Loaded 45" campaign (Thanksgiving through Jan. 6). Going from just 60 DUIs last year to 91 this year, Bennett said.

About 60 percent of the DUIs came civilians and 40 percent came from soldiers, which is around the same breakdown as last year.

"I hate seeing a soldier come into the MP station with 19 years in the Army, just one year left till retirement and flush it all down the toilet with a DUI," Bennett said.

The result of a suspended license, depending on the infractions, is the driver could be prohibited from driving on post for one to five years.

"Not only have other numbers gone up since I've been here, the lack of common vehicle courtesy, cutting people off for instance, has increased," Bennett said. "This kind of driving causes accidents or the potential for

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> Traffic NCOIC

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"The post has had its fair share of speeders in (January and February), too," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Coiner, senior squad leader for the Community Oriented Policing Services platoon.

"Speeding to save a couple minutes is just not worth it," Coiner said. "The fine and the raise in the insurance can really add up."

To combat the problem, the MPs are going to start a crackdown on speeding.

Verbal warnings for driving infractions will be limited, and more tickets will be given out.

"People have problems obeying the rules of the road, and we need to change what's happening," Bennett said.

"I'm looking for support from all the officers and NCOs of Fort Benning to talk to their soldiers and stop the disregard for the rules of the road," Bennett said. "Also they need to do their part to assist in reducing drunk driving and increase common vehicle courtesy."

Pentagon: Limestone used to construct memorials

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relief workers.

At that time, plans were already in place for ironworks sculptor Marvin Gardner, of Cataula, Ga., to create a 5-foot eagle to be placed in a flower garden beside the school. "Herbie the Eagle" is Dexter's mascot.

"From the start, we wanted a touchable, kid-friendly piece of sculpture," Dietrich said.

"The idea for limestone at the base came later, but it's appropriate because of the timing, of course, and our military connection to the heroes at the Pentagon."

The finished artwork will include a poem written by Dietrich and a tribute to those who died and relief workers at the site of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack.

"It will be a sort of memory garden," said Dietrich, whose poem, *The Eagle's Nest*, begins:

"What solace lurks within this place?
What quiet peace enchants the face?
What random kindness finds embrace?
It's more than just a barren space."

Dietrich traveled to the Pentagon Monday and returned Tuesday with two slabs of stone, each approximately 3 by 2 and a half feet and 6 inches thick.

The second slab will be used by Officers' Candidate School students.

It will be used in a monument erected in front of the OCS barracks, said Maj. Richard Crowther, the OCS Battalion's executive officer.

Plans have not been finalized for the design.

MH-47 helicopter crashes in Philippines, 10 dead

Death toll largest since declaration of war

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Eight soldiers and two airmen are dead following the crash of an MH-47 Chinook helicopter Feb. 22 during a joint training exercise in the Philippines.

The chopper crashed into the sea en route to Mactan Air Base after inserting Special Forces soldiers onto Basilan Island.

The accident occurred about 150 miles north-northeast of the city of Zamboanga on the island of Mindanao in the southern Philippines.

There was no sign of hostile fire, according to military officials.

The service members on the helicopter were supporting the U.S. effort to train and advise Philippine forces in their fight against global terrorism, said U.S. Pacific Command officials in Hawaii. There were no Philippine troops on board.

The following soldiers are assigned to the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment from Fort Campbell, Ky., and are presumed to have been aboard the helicopter:

Maj. Curtis D. Feistner
Capt. Bartt D. Owens
Chief Warrant Officer 2 Jody L. Egnor
Staff Sgt. James P. Dorrity
Staff Sgt. Kerry W. Frith
Staff Sgt. Bruce A. Rushforth Jr.
Sgt. Jeremy D. Foshee
Spc. Thomas F. Allison

The two missing airmen are assigned to the 353rd Special Operations Group, Kadena Air Base, Japan: Master Sgt. William L. McDaniel II and Staff Sgt. Juan M. Ridout.

Search and rescue efforts continue with the U.S. working closely with the Philippine navy and coast guard units, officials said.

The cause of the accident is under investigation.

The helicopter crashed at 2:30 a.m. Friday, local time, approximately 30 minutes after take off.

Another Chinook helicopter that was flying with the downed chopper immediately searched the area for survivors.

Other U.S. aircraft and Philippine forces have been assisting in the search, officials said.

This was the military's single largest loss of life since President George Bush declared war on terrorism.

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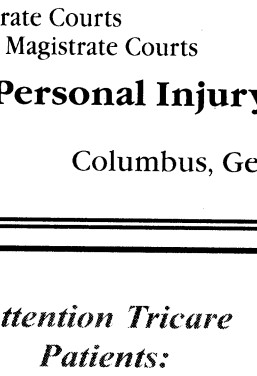
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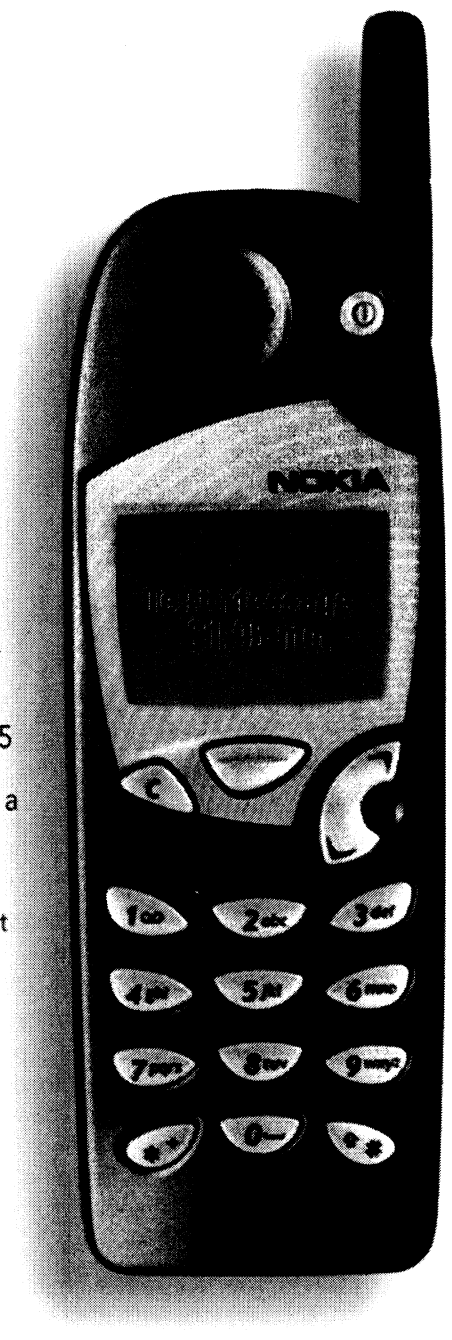
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What's happening around post

Graduation

A and D Companies, of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 10 a.m. today at Kanell Field.

For more information, call 545-8131.

Tax Center is open

The Tax Center is open for business, and it is free.

The center has tax forms, offers assistance on filling them out and can also electronically file returns.

Things to bring to the tax center to facilitate filling out tax forms are: W-2 forms, 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, Form 1098, power of attorney, social security card, voided check and ID card.

The tax center processes all federal and state income tax returns, including 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040.

When visiting the center, park only in designated parking lots. Parking in the circular drive in front of the center will result in a $45 fine.

The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be extended hours on the following dates:

- Saturday — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- April 6 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 13 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 15 — 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The center is located on Ingersoll Avenue at Building 880, Room G131. The building across from the Wynnsong 10 Theater formerly housed the NCO Academy.

For more information, call 545-4267.

Spring formal

The Basic Combat Training Brigade's Spring Formal is at 6 p.m. March 8 at Fort Benning Officer Club.

For more information, call 545-8564 or 545-8583.

Blood drive

Martin Army Community Hospital will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 8 at the SRP, Building 9224.

For more information, call 544-4276.

Women's History Month Luncheon

The U.S. Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office will present the Women's History Month Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 20 at the Officer's Club.

This year's theme is "Women sustaining the American spirit."

Guest speaker will be Peggy Martin, former mayor of Phenix City.

Tickets are $7.50.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 545-3196.

CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of numerous Snap On brand tools and other tools from the motor pool of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, between Dec. 13-17.

The assistance of the local community is being requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s). It is requested that anyone with information concerning this individual call the CID duty agent at 545-8916 or the Military Police at 545-5222. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Classes at Troy State

Solutions Technology, in partnership with Troy State Fort Benning, is now offering a full array of computer training courses. Two new curriculums, the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator course along with Comptia's A+ service technician are now available. A recently approved program, Top-Up Tuition Assistance, is available to cover any costs that tuition assistance does not pay.

Computer experience is not required to take these courses.

For more information, call Solutions Technology at 317-4500 or visit the Web site www.solutionstechnology.com. Troy State Fort Benning and the Army education office also have more information available.

Army Learning Center

The Army Learning Center, Infantry Hall, Classroom 32A, will no longer be open Sundays.

The new hours are: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 545-7677.

Wanted prior duty soldiers

Contact the local Reserve guidance counselor for prior service soldiers to fill shortages within the Reserve units on and around Fort Benning.

The office also provides Life Cycle Management of Prior Service Soldiers. It assists in updating prior service records, placement, reenlistments, etc. to assists in updating the USAR database in AR-PERSCOM, St. Louis, Mo.

For more information, call 545-0317, 544-7198, or 545-0696.

AER procedures

Over the past two weeks, the AER office received several phone calls regarding the availability of AER personnel after regular operating hours — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. — and on weekends and holidays. AER personnel are available for recall for the following categories of emergencies: emergency leave, food and imminent eviction or foreclosure.

Phone the USAIC staff duty officer at 545-2218 and request to be put in touch with the person on-call for AER. All AER requirements remain the same, that is, AER application completed with commander's or first sergeant's signature, DA-31 (if applicable), LES, etc.

For more information, call Al Deane, AER officer, at 545-3530 or 545-2536.

Special Forces recruiting

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QMP board

The Department of the Army selection board will consider soldiers for promotion to master sergeant and will also review for possible elimination under the Qualitative Management Program Wednesday.

Zones of consideration for promotion to master sergeant — all sergeants first class with a date of rank July 31, 1999 and earlier with a basic active service date between Jan. 1, 1979 and Jan. 1, 1994 (both dates inclusive). For QMP — all sergeants first class with a date of rank of July 31, 1999 and earlier and basic active service date of Jan. 1, 1979.

Soldiers who meet eligibility criteria must have a current official photo. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

NCO Evaluation Reports: Complete-the-record evaluation reports are authorized. Eligibility criteria must be met.

Those NCOs who meet eligibility criteria must review their personnel record and authenticate their personnel qualification record, which goes to the selection board. Call your personnel sergeant or call the Adjutant General Personnel Services and Readiness Division at 545-8861, 545-5640 or 545-2872 for an appointment.

MOS alignment promotion program

The Army continues to have sergeant shortages in certain skills. The Special MOS Alignment Promotion Program allows soldiers in the rank of corporal and specialist promotable who are serving in a MOS with promotion stagnation and who are otherwise qualified, the opportunity to reenlist for the retraining option or to request reclassification into selected MOS. Upon completion of training and the award of the new MOS, soldiers would be promoted the first day of the month following the completion of training.

The following MOS may be requested: 02N, 13F, 14R, 31C, 35J, 45D, 54B, 82C, 92G, 92Y, 96B, 96D, 96H, 98G(Korean), 98H, 98J and 98K.

For career counselor inquiries at PERSCOM, call DSN 221-6947 or e-mail Hamiltod@hoffman .army.mil. For reclassification information, call DSN 221-6841 or e-mail Tapceprf@hoffman.army.mil. For information on promotions, call DSN 221-0266 or e-mail harrisj@hoffman.army.mil.

Loose lips sink ships

Army leadership has recently expressed their concern about the apparent inattention to basic operational security procedures.

OPSEC is the responsibility of every soldier, civilian and contractor. Everyone should practice continuous OPSEC.

Information about unit strengths, operational capabilities and deployment intentions, in the wrong hands, can severely undermine unit safety and mission accomplishment.

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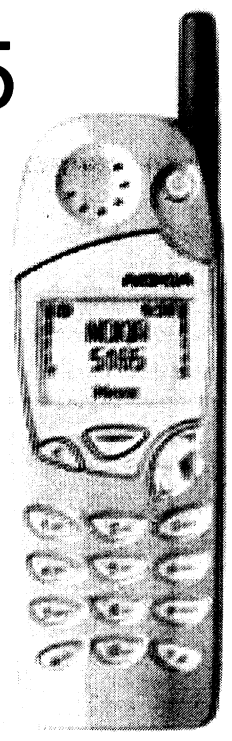
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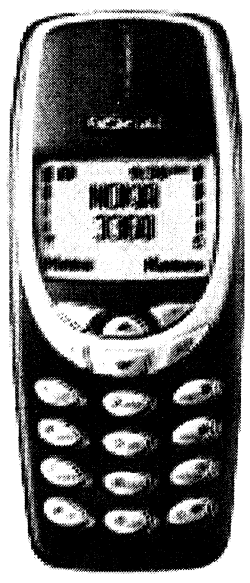


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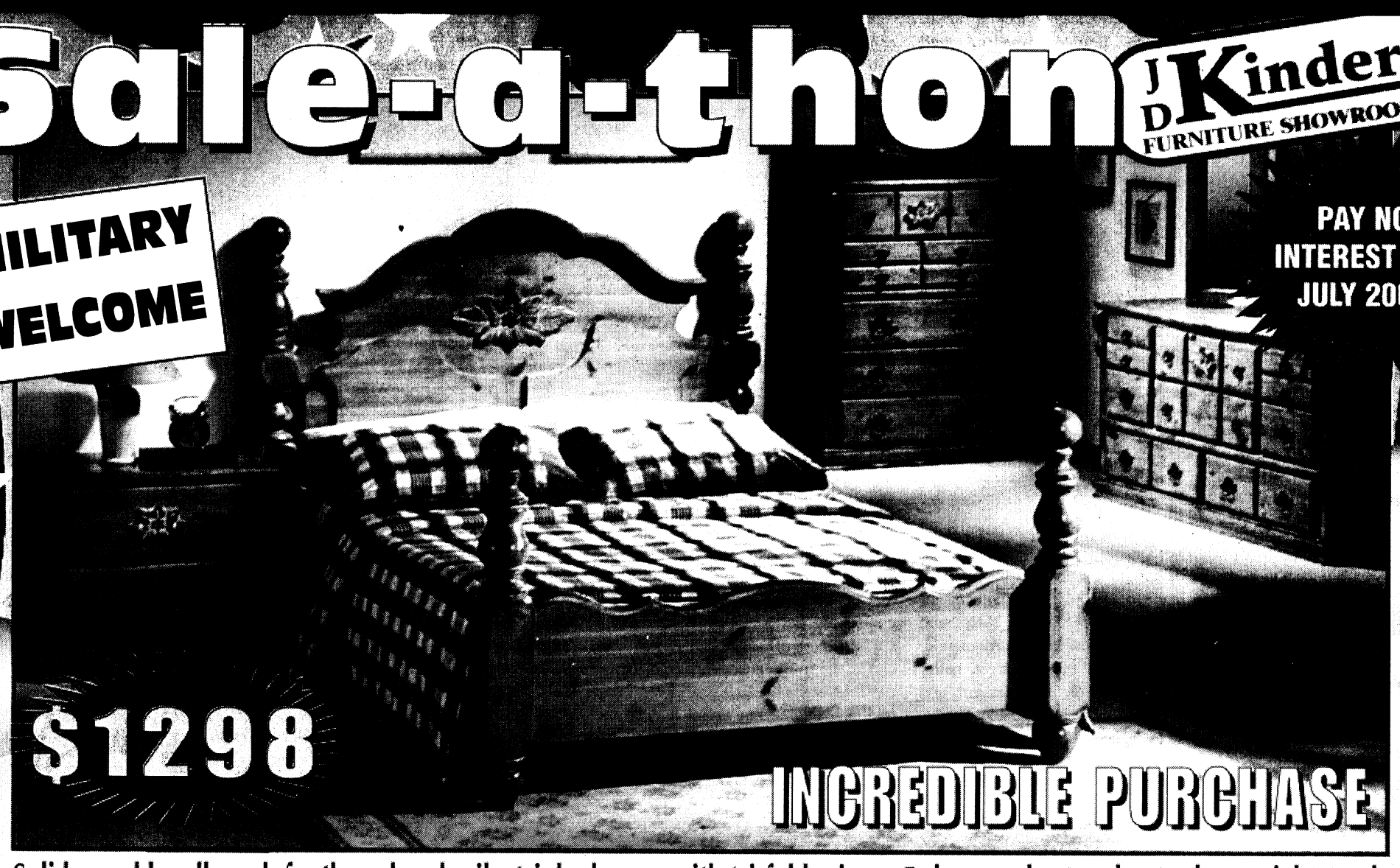
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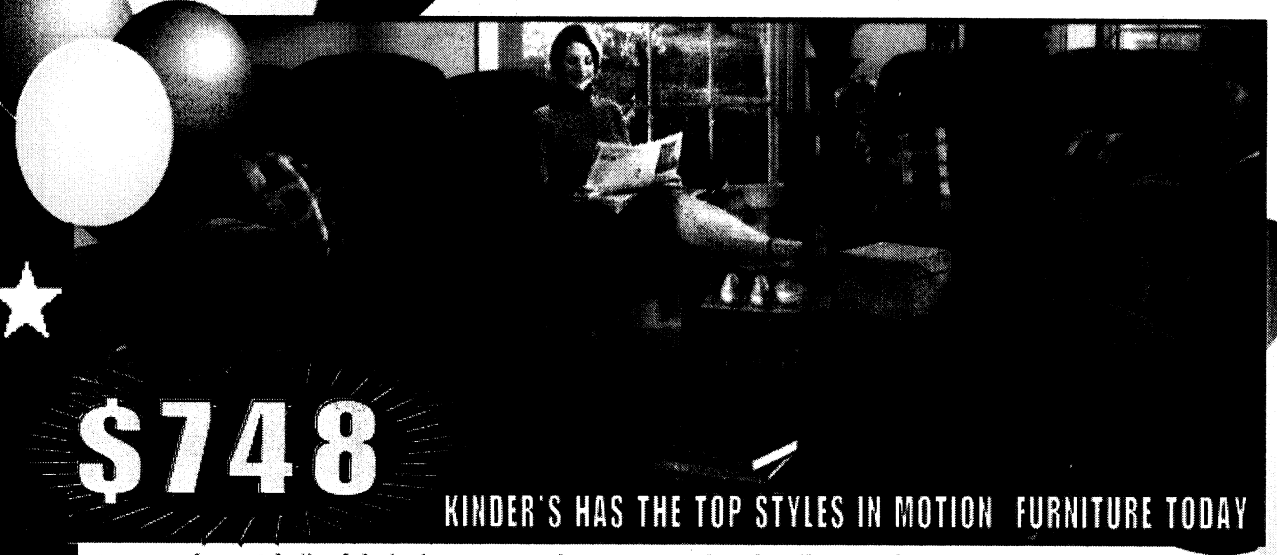
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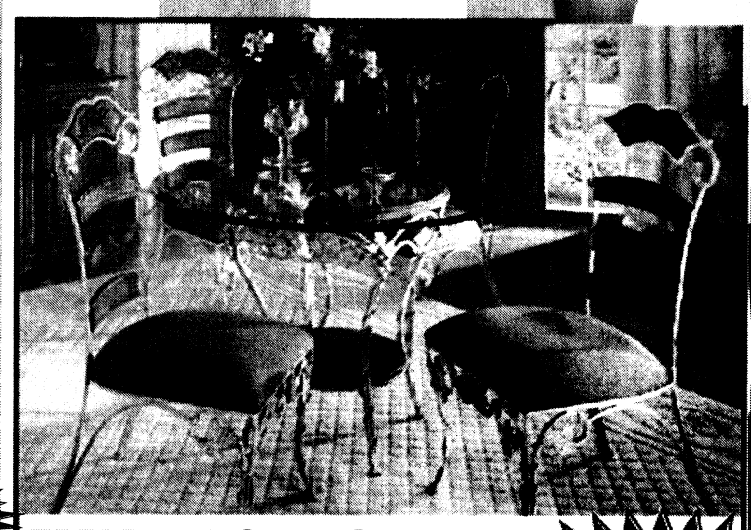
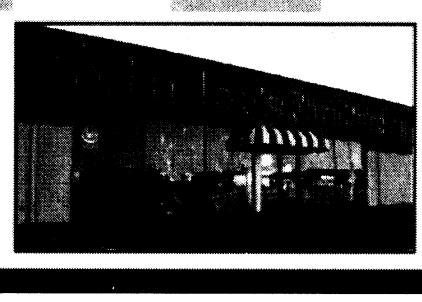


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Equality helps Army readiness

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FORT MONROE, Va.— Is it the same old tune?

Are they the "bad guys?"

Those are the sorts of questions the Equal Opportunity Sergeant Major for the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command fielded on a recent Thursday afternoon at historic Fort Monroe, Va.

"It's probably no big surprise to anyone that our program has been hindered a bit by generalities and misconceptions," said Sgt. Maj. Burley W. Gardner. "But, on the other side of that, I can also say with certainty that EO has made enormous strides over the past 20 years."

Army readiness is a term Gardner used often, not only in describing the importance of EO, but in explaining why he felt it's high time EO be given some press.

"Where we're at right now — we're in this high OPTEMPO state — soldier readiness has become crucial to combat readiness," Gardner said. "Part of that readiness is maintaining an understanding of the equal opportunity program and why it's as important to the Army as it ever was."

Typically catalogued in most soldier's minds as "those folks who throw together ethnic observances like Hispanic Heritage Month," the instigators of many a mandatory training session, and the reason some important leaders of the past are no longer in uniform — EO is about maximizing human potential and ensuring fair treatment of all persons based solely on merit, fitness and capability in support of readiness, Gardner said. Ethnic observances, training, complaint procedures, surveys and assessments, etc, help them to "stay on course."

"Fair and equitable treatment — whether it's the motor pool or the front line — is the constant of our program. Commanders conduct ethnic and special observances to enhance cross-cultural awareness among all soldiers, civilian employees and their families. While these observances recognize the achievements and contributions of specific groups and women, the end goal is to promote understanding, teamwork, harmony, pride and esprit among all groups, not just within the specific group being recognized," Gardner said.

During the last 20 years the Army has made much progress in terms of equitable treatment in the ranks and human relations overall, Gardner said. This progress is the result of better education, training, enforcement and leadership.

"As our leaders state time and again, people are in fact the cornerstone of readiness," the sergeant major said. "We've learned that our Army is made of individuals of many diverse racial, ethnic and gender backgrounds and that we must take the appropriate steps (to understand that diversity) to ensure continued success of the Army. We have truly gone where no other nation has gone before – we are making it work."

Even more success could be achieved, Gardner noted, if commanders and leaders across the board made it a habit to talk regularly with their local equal opportunity advisers and their unit EO representatives.

"EOAs and EORs serve as eyes and ears of their respective commanders and see things at the ground level," he said.

"They pretty much know when a person in the unit is going through hard times. In many cases, they know what their fellow soldiers are saying and if there are any perceptions or situations in the unit which could become a big problem.

"Leaders must also model dignity and respect and enforce the Army standards," Gardner said. "That's why we focus most of our attention on proactive, positive programs that help improve cohesion and organizational effectiveness."

Gardner also encourages effective counseling and mentoring of enlisted soldiers and officers. The Army now and in the future needs leaders who are capable of leading soldiers and civilians of varying racial and ethnic backgrounds or gender. Gardner also said that leaders must do more to make sure counseling, especially developmental counseling, takes place at all levels.

Even the Equal Opportunity field itself could benefit from more diversity, according to the sergeant major. Percentage-wise, there are far more minority and female EO advisors than male Caucasian advisors — quite possibly leading to some mistaken perceptions that EO is "a minority and female program."

"Equal opportunity is an operational necessity for the Army – we can't get the job done any other way," Gardner said, noting that the Army is working to fix the imbalance.

"Actually, every one of us in uniform is an equal opportunity representative in some way, shape or form," Gardner said.

"That may seem cliché, but it's actually an impressive responsibility if you really think about it. We as an Army have made great strides in equal opportunity and share part of the responsibility for improving readiness and making our Army the envy of nations.

The same old tune? … Perhaps.

But the sergeant major said equal treatment in the workplace is a message that bears repeating time and again.

"We are constantly bringing in new soldiers and civilians — many with a lot of baggage who have had little interaction with someone who looks different than they do and whose knowledge of others may be limited to what they've seen in the movies, television, and even at home. They have to be trained and led in an appropriate manner."

Gardner also said he's extremely proud of the young women and men who decide to become a part of the Army family and willingly hazard their lives for freedom and liberty. These individuals will help ensure America remains a great and free nation.

"We're getting a lot more of America's spotlight these days. I can't think of a single soldier who wouldn't want mom and dad back home to view us as a professional organization full of opportunity in which everyone gets an equal chance and is treated with dignity and respect."

As for the question — "Are you the bad guys?" — the sergeant major acknowledged that one of their many responsibilities is to help educate folks on some of the consequences for not adhering to Army policy as it relates to discrimination and sexual harassment.

The "bad guys," he said, are the individuals who illegally discriminate against others, sexually harass others and refuse to uphold and live the Army values.

"No, we are not the bad guys. We are the ones who believe in treating everyone with dignity and respect. We are the ones who hold the Army values in high esteem. We are the ones who fully support readiness. We are the good guys."

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courts-martial

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

At a general court-martial Jan. 17, Pfc. Christopher L. Perez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry, was convicted of one specification of conspiring to sell military property, one specification of larceny of military property, one specification of wrongful concealment of stolen military property, and one specification of wrongfully selling military property.

He was found not guilty of one specification of conspiring to steal military property.

He was sentenced to confinement for a period of three months, reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

At a general court-martial Feb. 1, Spc. Lazaro J. Gonzalez, HHC, 1st Bn., 30th Inf., was convicted of one specification of conspiring to commit larceny of military property, and one specification of larceny of military property. One specification of conspiring to commit the wrongful sale of military property and one specification of wrongfully concealing stolen military property were dismissed.

He was sentenced to confinement for a period of one year, reduction to the grade of E-1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

At a general court-martial Feb. 4, Pvt. Larry R. Smith, C Company, 1st Bn., 30th Inf., was convicted of one specification of robbery by means of violence and one specification of assault.

He was found not guilty of one specification of conspiracy to steal by means of violence. One specification of aggravated assault was dismissed.

He was sentenced to confinement for a period of two years and six months, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

At a general court-martial Feb. 6, Pvt. Robert A. Mata Jr., C Co., 1st Bn., 30th Inf., was convicted of one specification of conspiring to commit robbery by means of violence and one specification of assault consummated by battery. One specification of aggravated assault was dismissed.

He was sentenced to confinement for a period of two years, forfeiture of $829 pay per month for 24 months, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

At a general court-martial Feb. 13 Sgt. Benjamin J. Daniel, HHC, 1st Bn., 30th Inf., was convicted of one specification of conspiring to wrongfully sell military property, one specification of stealing military property, three specifications of wrongfully selling military property without proper authority, and one specification of disposing of military property without proper authority.

He was found not guilty of one specification of conspiring to steal military property and one specification of concealing stolen military property.

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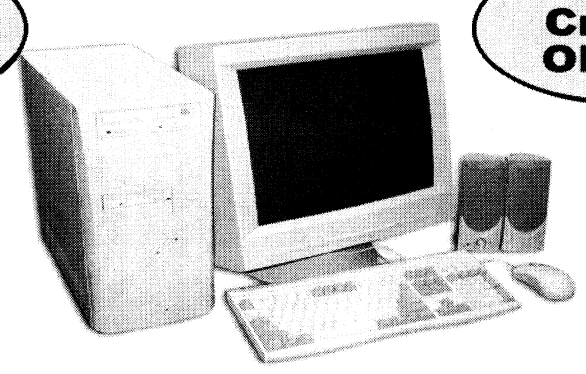
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Pentagon closes victims' fund

Fund receives $4.4. million for victims

Bill Roberts
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon Victims' Fund, administered by Army Emergency Relief, has received $4.4 million and is no longer accepting donations.

"We set up the fund with two missions: to meet the emergency financial needs of the families of those who died in the attack and to set up a scholarship program for the 35 children of the victims," said Gregory W. Mason, deputy director for finance and treasurer, Army Emergency Relief.

"We have received pledges and donations totaling $4.4 million, which is adequate funding to meet both of these missions and we had to be honest with the donors to be sure their money went to meet the needs of the families," Mason said.

One of the larger donations to the Pentagon Victims' Fund came from Lockheed Martin Corp. Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White received a $500,000 check from Dr. Vance Coffman, CEO of Lockheed Martin in late January. The money was donated by Lockheed Martin employees from around the world and by the corporation.

Army chaplains around the world had also been collecting donations for the victims and donated $177,000 to the fund in November. The donations came from chapels around the Army with $100,000 specifically coming from chapels in U.S. Army Europe.

"The amount of the donations isn't the biggest factor; the smaller ones from people around the country are just as important as the large corporations," Mason said. "Some of the letters we received with the donations were amazing. One little girl sent us her allowances that she had been saving and money she made from a lemonade stand," Mason said.

"We have never seen this level of generosity before in any fund drive. The outpouring of gifts and support has been absolutely overwhelming," Mason said.

Other donations came from Army Staff Sgt. Christopher Braman, who risked his life to help others Sept. 11. His story has been told on Oprah Winfrey's television show and he was selected to be an Olympic Torch Bearer at a special ceremony at the Pentagon Dec. 21. He now does speaking engagements and donates any money received for them to the Combined Federal Campaign.

Money received for his speeches prior to Feb. 1 was given to the Pentagon Victims' Fund.

Braman's actions on that day cost him a great deal. He has, among other things, chemically induced asthma from the toxins he inhaled making numerous trips back into the burning Pentagon to save his friends and co-workers.

"Even though I got sick, I have no regrets, none whatsoever," Braman said. "My parents taught me what is right and wrong and the things I stand for. I did what I knew was right."

The Army is currently allowing Braman to speak at various events.

"I have to stand up for what I believe in. I believe it is important to help people wherever and whenever I can," Braman said.



2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy

Soldiers from the 988th Military Police company practice customs training before deploying to Cuba.

Customs: Trains soldiers for Cuba

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former infantryman and police officer. "Some of the best people to come through our programs have been soldiers.

"They bring added insight to the training, and they get some civilian police experience." he added. "It's good to swap ideas.

"We hope when the 988th returns, we can talk to them about what worked and what didn't."

Customs instructors visited the post on a number of occasions, teaching soldiers baton techniques, unarmed self-defense and firearms instruction.

They conducted a rape aggression defense course, which teaches self-defense tactics to women.

Another RAD course is scheduled to begin April 23.

Last year, the local customs office gave the MPs some tips on riot control for the SOA Watch protest march.

"We do a lot of training with them," said 1st Sgt. Joseph Vitale, 988th MP Co. "We're used to doing riot control and stuff like that, but the prisoner transport training is relatively new to me.

"The MPs and Customs have a good working relationship," Vitale added. "It was a last minute idea to do this training, and they came out within an hour of getting the call."

For more information about registering for RAD classes, call 649-7892, extension 111.

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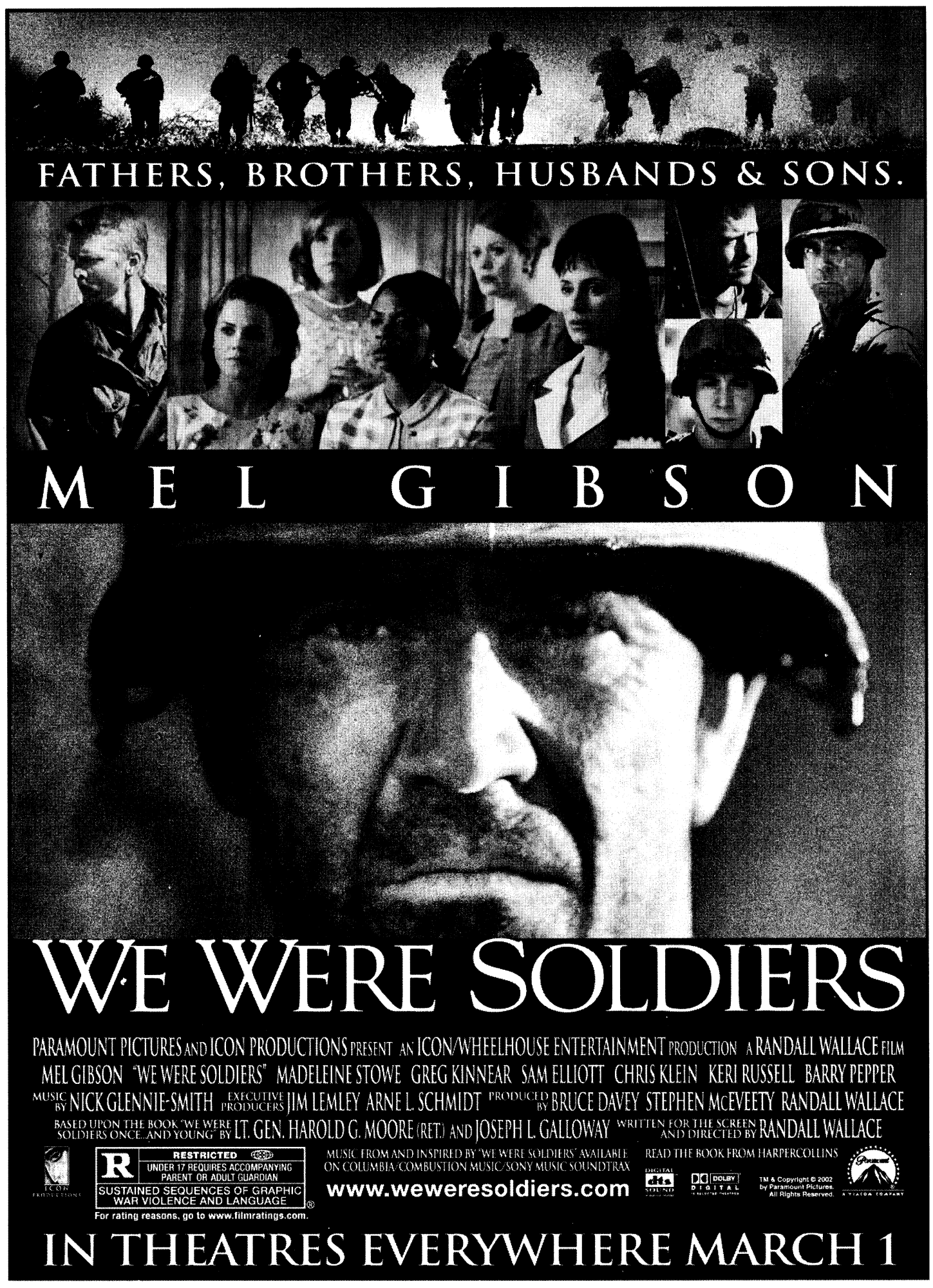
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Anti-Armor Leaders Course fires ITAS

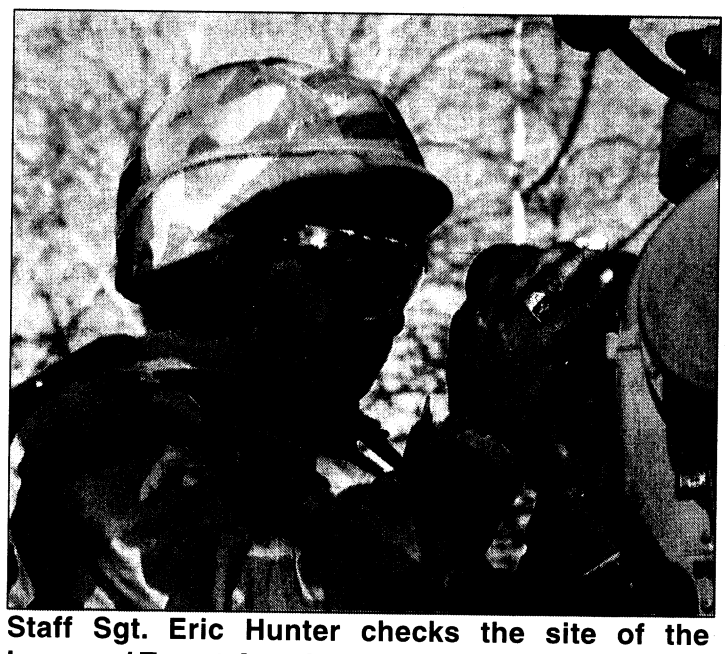
Consolidation give soldiers new training

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
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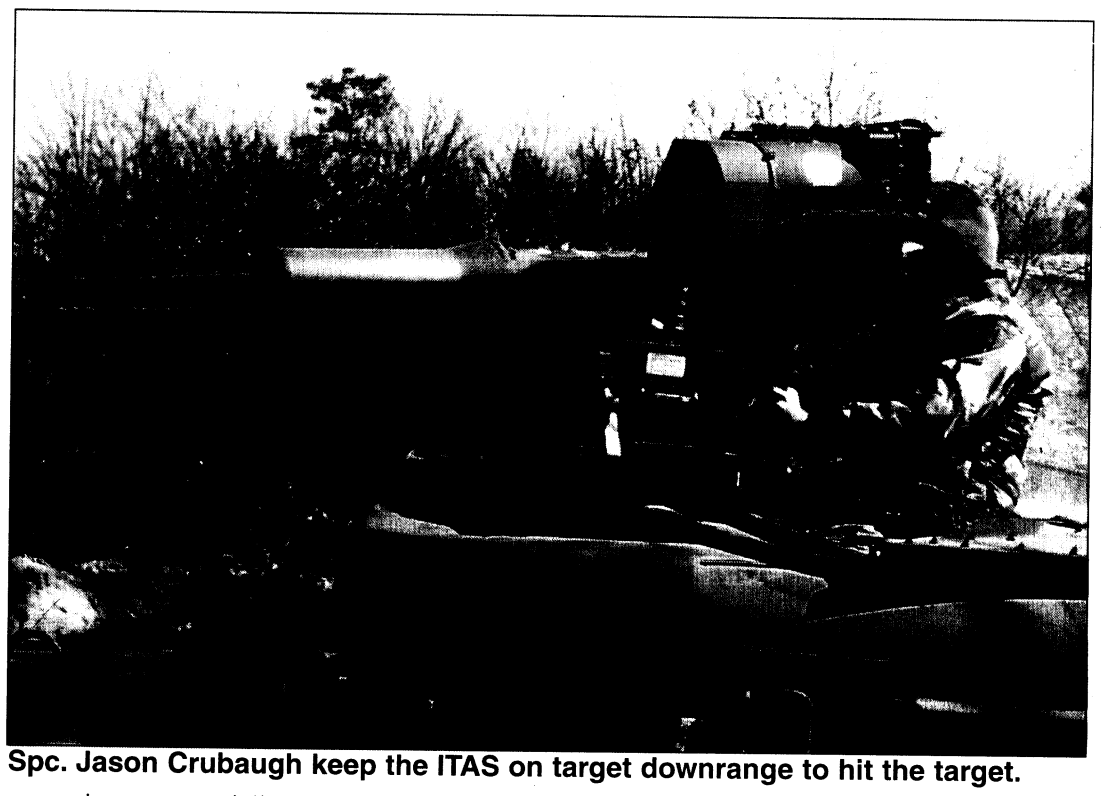
Infantrymen are gaining new opportunities from the Army's transformation and the 11 series consolidation through a pilot course.

The Anti-Armor Leaders Course is training soldiers to be more knowledgeable and proficient with the M-2, Mark-19, Improved Target Acquisition System and the tubed-lunched, optically-tracked command-linked wire-guided missile. It allows the soldiers to have more of a variety in their choice of permanent change of station.

There used to be less than a handful of posts at which Staff Sgt. Michael Emmer, a course student, could be stationed because of his military occupational speciality, but now the course has given him the ability to PCS to almost any post, he said.



Staff Sgt. Eric Hunter checks the site of the Improved Target Acquisition system.



Spc. Jason Crubaugh keep the ITAS on target downrange to hit the target.

"It's given us the basic tools to aid in the transformation," Emmer said. "It has shown us the mechanics of the equipment and has given me more flexibility to be able to integrate into a new unit."

The transition and consolidation of the MOS helps soldiers to transition from a heavy unit to a light unit, and it gives them the necessary training to sustain their proficiency in multiple weapon systems available to the Infantryman, said Sgt. 1st Class Styles Underwood, course instructor.

The course gives the Army more power because there are more soldiers capable of using the weaponry systems, said Staff Sgt. Manuel Rodriguez, course instructor.

"The training gets the soldiers familiar with the equipment of an anti-armor specialist," he said.

For instance, training with the target acquisition system on the ITAS teaches soldiers to focus in on a target, day or night, and to put the cross bars where they need to be too destroy the enemy, Rodriguez said.

"Even if I'm not stationed with an anti-armor unit, this training will give me a perspective of what the tools to my left and right are capable of doing on the battle field," Emmer said.

The pilot course is really designed for both the student and the instructor at this point in the developmental process, Rodriguez said.

"We made a few improvements on the time we spend on the ITAS," Rodriguez said.

Emmer said the course is going really well and the communication between the instructors makes their after action reviews effective.

718th Engineer Company gets ready for drill

Soldiers prepare for reservists' drill, learn new methods

Pfc. Kyle Neller
USAIC Public Affairs

Approximately eight active-Reserve soldiers from the 718th Engineer Company on Harmony Church made final plans and performed maintenance at the company motor pool in preparation for their company's drill Saturday and Sunday.

During drill weekend, the reservists from the company will perform various training, such as road construction and defensive position construction for a number of tactical vehicles.

"What ever needs to be done, we help out," said Staff Sgt. Iran Cruz, assistant platoon sergeant.

Not only is the training good for the engineers, it is a conduit for projects like new Fort Benning parking lots, such as the one at Harmony Church's Hurley Hill, the site of the Rangers In Action Demonstration.

"We are lucky to have a lot of state-of-the-art equipment and outstanding soldiers," Cruz said. "They are well-trained and always excited about drill. They bring with them a unique set of knowledge, skills and abilities from their civilian positions and share it with their fellow soldiers. I always learn something new."

The training is mutually beneficial for drill soldiers, Cruz and the other active Reserve soldiers.

"We coordinate and make it easier for them," Cruz said. "Without us, they would walk into a situation not conducive to accomplishing the mission to standard."

Sgt. Wayne Partridge, construction equipment repair, said he enjoys working at the unit, too.

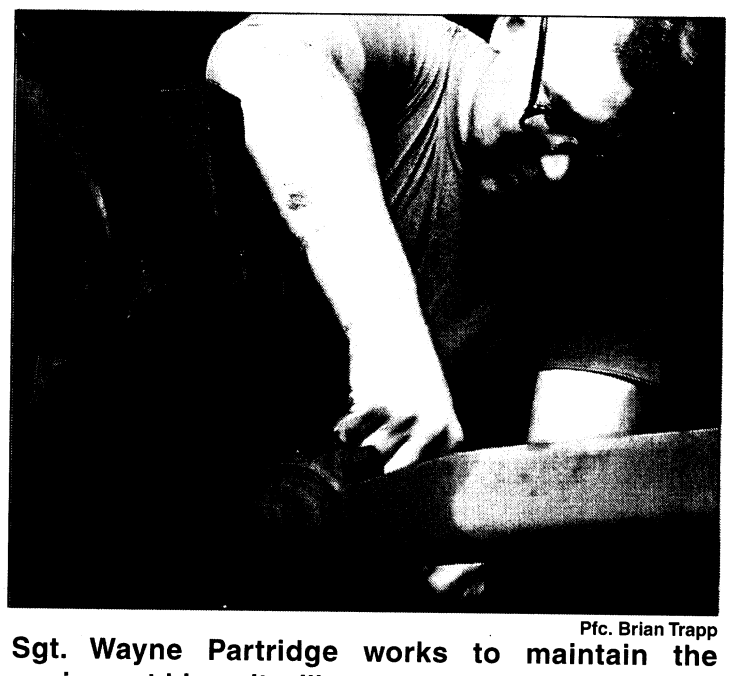
"There are more people to work with than at my last duty station," Partridge said. "They help lighten the load and keep operation tempo held in check."

Having many mechanics on the ground to accomplish fire missions helps the entire company.

"Construction equipment has a tendency to break down out in the field, and you need personnel to respond quickly," Partridge said. "Here, we're always on the ball."

The company's tactically and technically efficient soldiers are just one reason he enjoys the active-Reserve unit lifestyle, he said.

"It's one thing to drill at a great post like Fort Benning," he said. "It's another to have a full-time well-paying job here you enjoy."



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Sgt. Wayne Partridge works to maintain the equipment his unit will use during the weekend.

Ranger to receive military intelligence award

Soldier performs well in Afghanistan

Christina Hayashi
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An imagery analyst with the 75th Ranger Regiment will be awarded the Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Russell Award for the most outstanding Military Intelligence junior enlisted soldier in the world.

Spc. Ario Sanchez will receive the award at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., March 11 during the command sergeant major and sergeant major conference.

He was nominated for his actions in Afghanistan.

"Specialist Sanchez flew on a Navy P3 surveillance aircraft over Afghanistan on numerous occasions, directing the aircraft to get surveillance on suspected enemy locations and targets," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Duncan, NCOIC of regiments imagery analysts. "He also acted as the senior imagery analyst on the ground."

Sanchez's fellow rangers find his ethics to be inspiring.

"Ario is a very dedicated worker. He puts in lots of extra hours above and beyond what is expected of him. He tries to do his best at all times," said Spc. Joseph J. Madrid, intelligence analyst with the 75th Ranger Regiment.

"I think the regimental commander described Specialist Sanchez as the busiest junior ranger during the war," said Lt. Col. Robert Whalen, Regimental Intelligence Officer for the 75th Ranger Regiment. "People told me Specialist Sanchez sometimes went to bed, but I don't recall seeing this myself."

The award not only reflects Sanchez, but the ranger regiment as well.

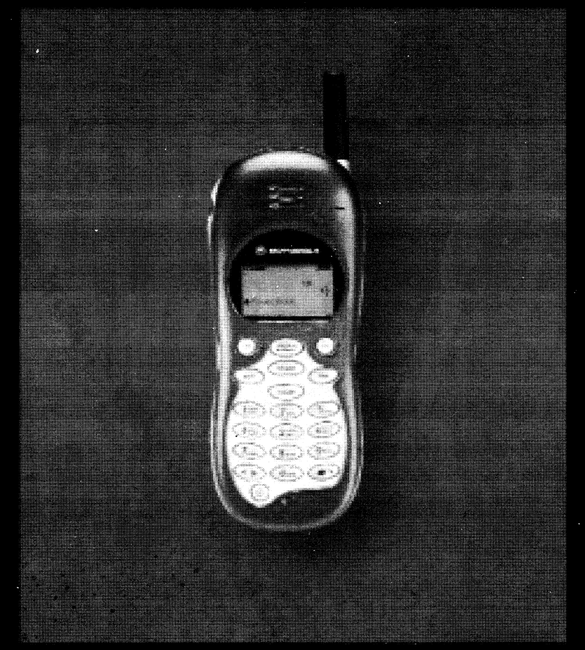
"Ranger Sanchez is a great example of how we view all soldiers assigned to the Ranger Regiment. Every man is a Ranger first and everyone plays an important role in the whole team succeeding," said Col. Joeseph Votel, regimental commander "The fact that a ranger may also happen to be an infantryman or an intelligence analyst is secondary to the fact that he is focused first on supporting the team and accomplishing his mission to the highest standards. This is what makes us successful."

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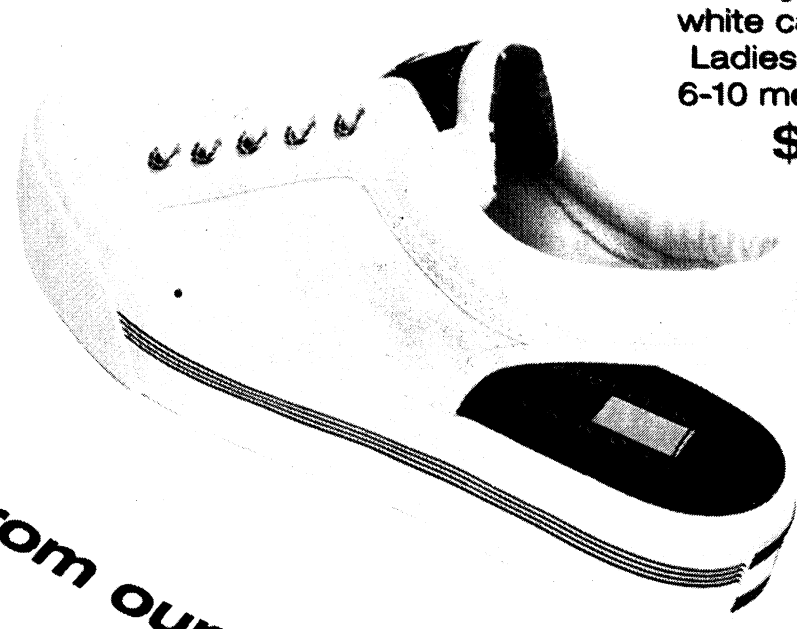
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Service center establishes school consistency

Fort Benning staff members join center

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A new service center in Peachtree City, Ga., means Fort Benning families can expect continuity between stateside schools.

The Department of Defense Education Stateside Service Center opened in January, after officials decided the 12 school systems, located in the eastern and southern states, would work more efficiently and cohesively with a centrally located support center, where curriculum, staffing, training and standards will be governed for all schools.

"Though DoD schools overseas have always worked as a unit, DeDESS schools have always worked independently," said Kathy Einhorn, Fort Benning School's former director of curriculum, who joined the service center staff as an instructional support specialist.

"This will establish a system with common links among the schools stateside, so they will all be held to the same standards and expectations. That's a huge advantage for military parents and kids."

The center will have 48 staff members, including six curriculum coordinators, like Einhorn, who will train teachers to establish the consistency among schools DoDEA officials say military families have requested. The bottom line, Einhorn said, is students can expect the curriculum to be the same when they transfer from one school system to another.


Einhorn

Einhorn began teaching special education at Fort Benning in 1990 before becoming the school system's curriculum specialist. She worked in Utah public schools and overseas before transferring to Fort Benning with her husband, who served in the Army.


Nesmith

"I've loved it here," she said. "Leaving was an extremely difficult decision, probably one of the most difficult of my life. But this position gives me the opportunity to do what I love to do, train teachers and students, on a much broader basis."

Einhorn is replaced by Dr. Jaynie Nesmith, whose position as the former assistant superintendent of Harris County Schools and the Dean of University College at Columbus State University, allowed her to work with Fort Benning Schools on various occasions.

"Everyone I've known who has worked on Fort Benning has loved it. They obviously enjoy what they do, and I wanted to be a part of the team," said Nesmith, who has nearly 30 years of education experience. "My philosophy in life is I want to be a lifelong learner, and I believe this position, and particularly working at Fort Benning, will be a wonderful growing experience."

Fort Benning's lead administrative technologist, Alice Skinner, and technologist Keith Porter, also joined the service center staff. Their replacements will be announced in the next few weeks.

Girl Scouts help build houses

Fort Benning troop volunteers at homes in Columbus

Stephanie Mello
Bayonet correspondent

Although Girl Scouts are known for selling cookies this time of year, the Fort Benning Cadette and Senior Scout Troop 135 raked sand for foundations and cleared debris from lots for future Habitat for Humanity homes.

The girls cleared trash, tires, car parts, strollers and a wide variety of weeds, trees and other debris from three lots in downtown Columbus.

"I thought we were going to paint flower boxes and plant seedlings," said Anet Montgomery, Cadette Scout, "but we ended up doing a lot more work than we planned on."

Montgomery, along with the 14 other volunteers found out quickly just how much they really would be doing.

"We must have filled 30 or more bags just with bottles, cans and junk," said Sarah Chappell, Senior Scout, "and that was just the little stuff. It was a lot of work, but fun too."

Cathy Walker, with Habitat for Humanity, coordinated the volunteer effort.

"Most of our sites can accommodate any age volunteer," Walker said. "Habitat has very strict rules about who can work where and for how long, depending on their age. Those volunteers who are too young to actually work on the sites can help in other ways: painting mail boxes, planting seedlings, raking leaves or even just passing out water to the workers. We really do have something for anyone who wants to do something that will make a difference in the lives of those in need."

After five hours, two sites were basically clear of trash and a third lot was partially finished.

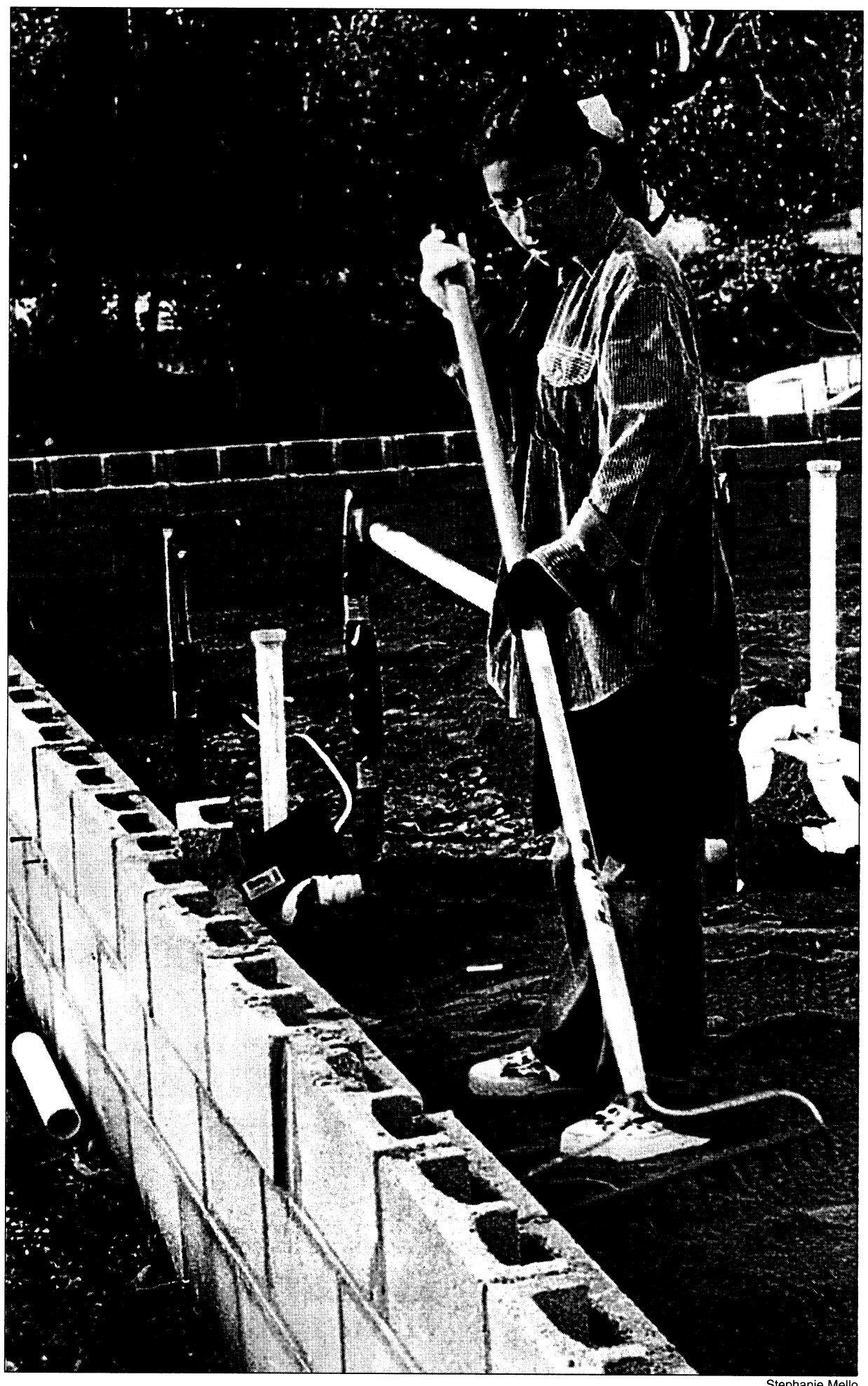
"I couldn't believe it. We even found an old soda machine on the back of the lot," said Christine Rozina, Senior Scout.

"I never knew it took so much work before a house got built. I thought a tractor or something would come in and clear it all out and then the house came next," said Raechel Inbody, Cadette Scout.

The Cadette and Senior scouts have already volunteered to help out with the next phase of construction in March 2001. Habitat for Humanity will be running a 15 house building marathon.

"Next time they agreed to let us paint and teach us how to lay tiling on the floors," said Rozina. "Now that will be a lot more fun!"

For more information about volunteering, call Walker at 653-6003.


Stephanie Mello

Alyssa Torres, a Cadette with Scout Troop 135, rakes sand for the foundation of the Habitat for Humanity house in downtown Columbus.

Foundation provides opportunity

Junior, senior scholarships available

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning students have a wonderful opportunity staring them in the face.

Each year, two teen-age students are awarded a full two-year scholarship to attend one of America's most prestigious boarding schools during their junior and senior year.

The Richard R. Hallock Foundation, established in 2000 to honor World War II hero Col. Richard R. Hallock, who passed away two and half years ago, and his wife, Myriam Johnston Hallock, offer two scholarships to West Nottingham Academy, the oldest boarding school in America, established in 1744.

"He was one of the people to get the M-16 approved for the Army," said Lt. Col. E.J. Herold, deputy chief of staff. "The man he became was a direct result of his education at West Nottingham Academy."

Hallock, from the class of '37, has been a strong supporter of his alma mater and was a strong advocate for education.

"He left this foundation because he believes education is the foundation of success," Herold said.

According to the Web site, www.wna.org, one student from a foreign service family, and one student from a military family will be awarded the scholarships to attend the academy.

"It represents our careers and the fact we wanted to give something back," said Myriam, a longtime American Foreign Service officer. "Education is essential for every American."

The academy is looking for assertive students.

"We want somebody who can truly appreciate and understand an education in an international atmosphere," said Vince Watchorn, associate head of school. "We want somebody who can be a community and academic leader."

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NASA picks post youths' experiment for flight

Carver students' work part of shuttle mission

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Andre Wolf plans to travel into space someday. For now he's content to share a little piece of space science history.

An experiment designed and developed by Wolf and his classmate, Jake Kirkwood, was selected by NASA to be included in a space shuttle mission sometime next fall.

"It's mindboggling," said Wolf, 18, the son of Staff Sgt. Chris and Karin Hancock.

The students, both Fort Benning residents and seniors at Carver High School's Integrated Math and Science Technology magnet, began developing their theory about the conduction of heat in space two years ago.

Last year it placed in the top 10, and the boys and their teammates, sophomores Ashley Brantley and Candace Phillips, spent a year reworking and fine-tuning to develop a final submission "a lot more complex and focused" than the original, said Kirkwood, 18, the son of Maj. John and Nancy Kirkwood.

"But we never really anticipated winning. I just enjoyed continuing the work," he said. "Winning came as a total surprise."

Wolf and Kirkwood are interns at the Columbus State University's Coca-Cola Space Science Center, under the direction of Luther Richardson, who is also their physics teacher at Carver. Richardson learned of the award last week and arranged for his students to hear the news from NASA astronaut, retired Col. Jim Voss, who visited the school Feb. 19.

"It's just incredible that kids in high school could do this kind of thing," Voss told the students.

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An experiment by Jake Kirkwood, left, and Andre Wolf, will fly aboard a NASA space shuttle.

Ailing educator reads to students

Former teacher visits Dexter via TV

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Fort Benning's former assistant superintendent of schools visited Dexter students this morning, via television, from her hospital room at Muscogee Manor.

Dr. Suzanne Williams suffers from advanced multiple sclerosis, a debilitating disease of the central nervous system that cut short her 20-year career as an educator.

"It's not a fun disease, but I'm doing alright. I still consider this just a hospital stay. This isn't my home," said Williams, who, along with her husband, owns a farm in Seale, Ala., where they raise horses and Jack Russell terriers.

Brittany Starr, a fourth-grade reporter with Dexter's WDEX television station, interviewed Williams and invited her to participate in today's celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday by reading to the school's student body.

Afterward Starr made Williams an honorary member of the school's Kindness Club.

"I have really fond memories of Fort Benning," Williams said. "I still feel like part of the family."

Williams, who holds a master's degree as a reading specialist, began teaching at McBride Elementary in 1969 before transferring to Wilson Elementary, where she taught first grade for six years.

She served as a reading specialist and assistant principal at Faith Middle School and the assistant superintendent of schools.

It was in that capacity she developed the Reading Recovery program at Fort Benning.

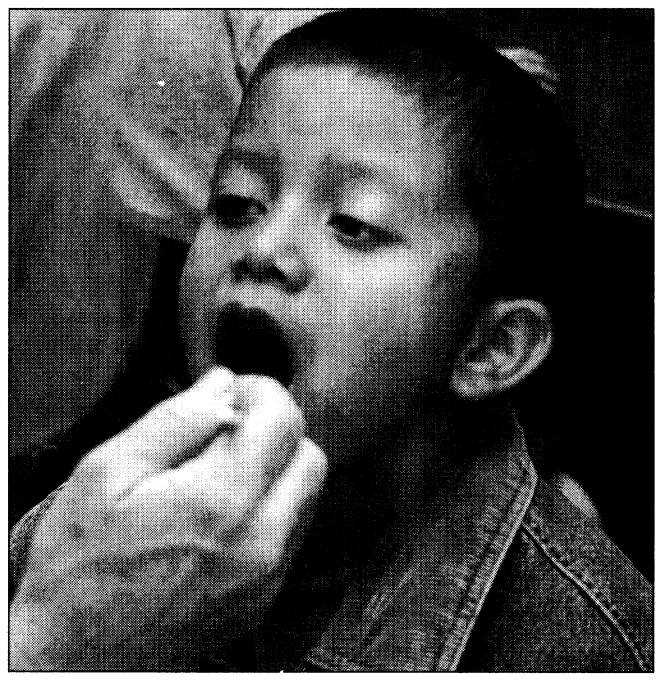
"It's such a great program, and she's the one responsible for bringing it to us," said Vicki Rogers, Dexter's principal. "She was a great asset to our schools and we miss her."



Bridgett Siter

Dr. Suzanne Williams reads to Dexter students, with assistance from Brittany Starr.

Open wide ...



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Yonatan Serrano, second-grader at White Elementary School, gets his teeth examined as part of a school effort to check kids health.

NASA: Impressed by students' ideas

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Wolf said he was thrilled by the news and enthralled by Voss' video presentation of life aboard a space station.

"I could just see myself there," said Wolf, who plans to attend the Citadel in the fall. He hopes to join the Air Force to become a pilot and eventually become an astronaut.

Kirkwood plans to major in engineering at Georgia Tech.

"The theory being Jake will build it and I'll fly it," Wolf said.

Until then, they say they'll continue to follow the progress of their experiment, titled *Predicting Gaseous Heat Flow in Microgravity*, which was one of four experiments, out of nearly 3,000 entries, selected for the mission.

The team spent hundreds of hours researching and collecting data from resources such as *The Fundamentals of Low Gravity Fluid Dynamics and Heat Transfer*, and designed and scrapped six prototypes. But the hardest work is yet to come, Kirkwood said.

The team must finalize the design of the experiment, build the final experiment apparatus, calibrate and test the final apparatus and design and maintain a Web site for the project — all before presenting the final project to NASA in June.

"We have actually got a lot more work ahead of us," Kirkwood said.

The final experiment must meet weight and energy restrictions and pass vibration and G-force testing. NASA will provide many of the materials, but corporate sponsors will help pick up the tab. It costs $10,000 per pound to send the

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Here's a quick explanation of Kirkwood and Wolf's experiment:

- **Background:** Heat rises on earth — the flame of a candle will rise and taper. In space, it dissipates in a sphere — the flame of a candle will form a sphere, a ball of fire. This lack of direction makes it difficult to predict the rate heat dissipates (spreads and cools).
- **Purpose:** Since it costs $10,000 dollars per pound to send something into space, NASA wants to limit its weight load, such as heating and cooling units. This experiment is designed to reduce the size and weight by predicting the amount of energy needed to maintain comfortable temperatures.
- **Design:** The 13-inch-long rectangular box contains an electrical heat source at one end and a copper wall at the other. The other walls are insulated. Probes placed along the box record the temperature during a series of timed experiments.
- **Theory:** The students are applying Newton's equation of cooling: The rate of energy dissipated equals the thermal conductivity multiplied by the cross-sectional area of the chamber and the temperature gradient over the length of the chamber.
- **Result:** The experiment indicates a linear relationship between the amount of energy dissipated and the equilibrium temperature in microgravity.

Academy: Offers aid

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The Academy requires a 3.0 grade point average to be considered for the schools.

"Hallock scholars must have good grades, a strong character and be leaders," Myriam said.

The full tuition for the two-year scholarship at the academy exceeds $50,000, which includes the cost of room, board and tuition.

Students can apply for the scholarship and other financial aid through the school. A $50 application fee is required to gain acceptance to the school but will be waived for the recipients of the Hallock scholarship.

Contrary to the qualifications listed on the Web site, applicants do not need to be from a family stationed overseas. This is a recent change in policy.

The scholarship offers students on Fort Benning a great educational opportunity, Herold said.

For more information, visit the academy Web site at www. wna.org, or call 410-658-5556.

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2) If you do see discrepancies on your bills or bank statements, notify the three national credit reporting organizations immediately and ask them to place a fraud alert on your name and social security number. The alert means that any company that checks your credit knows your information was stolen and they have to contact you by phone to authorize new credit. This will prevent thieves from obtaining new credit in your name. The numbers for the national credit reporting organizations are: Equifax, (800) 525-6285; Experian (formerly TRW), (888) 397-3742; Trans Union, (800) 680-7289; and the Social Security Administration fraud line, (800) 269-0271.

3) Even if you have no reason to believe that your information has been stolen, periodically obtain and review copies of your credit report to assure that the report is an accurate reflection of your credit history and credit usage. Under the Fair Business Practices Act, you can obtain two credit reports per year free of charge from credit reporting agencies listed above.

If you think you may be the victim of identity theft, call the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Legal Assistance Division, at 545-3281 for more information or to schedule an appointment.

births

Boys

Jeremy Jerry-Adkins Jones — born Feb. 8 to Cpl. Wanda and Spc. Jerry Jones.

Aaron Thomas McMillian — born Feb. 9 to Erica and Pfc. Chuck McMillian.

Thomas Andrew Frobe — born Feb. 10 to Patricia and 1st Lt. William Frobe.

James Julien Hughes — born Feb. 10 to Suzanne Julien-Hughes and Capt. Frederick Hughes IV.

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Cameron Rashaad Zellner — born Feb. 12 to Priscilla and Staff Sgt. Calvin Zellner.

Girls

Erinn Sanaa Prowell — born Feb. 8 to Sheryl DeLoach-Prowell and Staff Sgt. Aaron Prowell.

Anntassia Aaliyah Barnes — born Feb. 8 to Sgt. Angela Barnes.

Kamryn Deonne Richardson — born Feb. 11 to Kimberly and Sgt. James Richardson.

Anna Elizabeth Miles — born Feb. 12 to Sarah and Sgt. Stephen Miles.

Payton Jeanne Svoboda — born Feb. 12 to Suzanne and 2nd Lt. Shawn Svoboda.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

community news

on post

Friendship Luncheon — The Officers' Spouses' Club will sponsor a program by Barbara Willey, March 19 at the Fort Benning Officers' Club. Willey will talk about being a military spouse. She is known as 'The Army's Answer to Erma Bombek.' The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. till 1 p.m.

Cost of the program is $10 per person and included a menu choice of either Potato Bar with salad and fresh fruit or Caesar Salad.

To make reservations to attend call Serlena Atkins at 689-6274. RSVP no later than Thursday March 14.

Youth Services needs instructors — Youth services is looking for instructors for the following class programs: piano, guitar, performing arts, English, Spanish, art, sewing, educational tutoring and computer. Individuals interested in a contract position should provide a resume to Youth Services, Building 1056. For more information, call 545-3070.

Early Intervention screening — There will be an early intervention and Exceptional Family Member Program screening 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 13 in Building 392. Children, newborn to 3 years of age, will be screened for growth and development to include vision, hearing and dental screen.

For more information, call 545-3835 or 545-1161.

Easter Eggstravaganza — Volunteers are needed for the BOSS-sponsored postwide Easter egg hunt, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 23 at Riverside. Volunteers must sign up before March 15.

The egg hunt will feature games, a petting zoo, food and prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. To volunteer, call 545-6800.

CPR Class — The West Central Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding a CPR Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30 at the Red Corss Headquarters in Building 2626 in Soldiers Plaza. Come join and learn life-saving techniques in CPR and First Aid.

For more information call 323-5614.

Commissary — The Fort Benning Commissary will be open on Easter, March 31.

OSC scholarship applications — The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning is offering scholarships for both traditional and continuing education students for the 2002-2003 academic year.

These scholarships are available to any family member with a current military I.D. card residing in the Columbus and Fort Benning area.

Applications will be accepted until March 22 and awardees will be announced in May.

Guidelines and applications are available at the Thrift Shop, Sayers Library and in guidance offices of area high schools.

For information, call Catherine Herold at 682-5636.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Car care — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

Free trees — Ten free American redbud trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Redbuds have clusters of rosy pink flowers in spring and dark green summer leaves turning to yellow in the fall.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow, or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive free trees, send a $10 contribution to Ten Free Redbud Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Feb. 28.

HOLA needs volunteers — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's sponsorship program, Host of Latin Americans (HOLA), needs sponsors for students, instructors and their families.

HOLA is a hospitality program that enlists families from throughout the Tri-City community to adopt WHINSEC students, guest instructors and their families and introduce them to the American way of life. Volunteers will act as guides for guest families as they participate in home and community activities throughout the year. The culture exchange and lasting experience can be very rewarding for both volunteers and the international families they befriend.

WHINSEC's HOLA program is always looking for local sponsors. Interested in extending American hospitality to an international student, instructor or their families? Call José A. Recio, Chief International Student Division or Cecilia Alexander, Information Program coordinator at 545-1285, 545-3754 or 545-8522.

Memorial march — The 14th annual (60th year commemorative) Bataan Memorial Death March will take place April 14.

The memorial march commemorates the Bataan Death March that occurred in the Philippines after the Japanese invasion on April 9, 1942, during World War II, and pays tribute to Bataan veterans for their sacrifices.

The memorial march takes participants through 26.2 miles of rugged desert terrain where elevation varies from 4,100 to 5,300 feet.

Last year more than 3,000 marchers and runners from the U.S. and allied countries came to White Sands Missile Range to participate in the U.S.'s largest military memorial road march competition. Registration forms are available at www.wsmr.army.mil.

Mom's group — The Columbus Mothers' Group is a not for profit organization of moms from the nearby communities including Fort Benning.

It is a nondenominational group sponsored by St. Anne's Catholic Church.

For information, call 562-1304.

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** corn dog, mac and cheese, mixed veggies, fruit, milk,
- **Wednesday:** swiss steak and gravy, steamed rice, early peas, fresh roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** pizza, garden salad, broccoli, fruit, milk, banana pudding
- **Friday:** roast pork and gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, yeast roll, fruit, milk

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The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Terri Bond,

a third-grade teacher at Dexter Elementary



Personal: The Conyers, Ga., native is married to her high school sweetheart, Chief Warrant Officer Paul Bond, who has served in the Army 19 years. They have two daughters, Meggan, 13, and Shelli, 9.

Professional history: Bond became an inhome day-care provider when the family moved to Fort Benning eight years ago.

"That was the hardest thing I've ever done," she said. "I found myself wanting to teach those little ones. I was making lesson plans, when I realized I really wanted to do this — to teach.

Bond earned her teaching degree from Columbus State University. She's earning a master's degree online through Walden University.

Bond has taught at Dexter four years.

"I love it here. It's a big, loving family," she said. "I'm so spoiled."

On returning to school: "That was a big decision, but I like that my kids got to see me studying. It was a good influence on them. There's no doubt in their minds that they're going to college," Bond said.

On balancing motherhood, teaching and school: "I think it helps that my children are very structured and independent," she said.

"The biggest problem we have is sharing the computer."

Hobbies: Bond enjoys running, step aerobics and riding bikes with her family. She also enjoys reading medical thrillers.

But the family has a new hobbie of sorts. "House-hunting. My husband retires in a year, and we're so excited about having our own home. We look all the time," she said.

On retiring: "I think I'm going to miss the security. The Army has been really good to us," Bond said. "It's kind of a scary step."

Plans: Bond plans to stay in the classroom for five or six more years. Eventually she'd like to teach on a college level.

"And someday I want to write children's books," Bond said. "I have a whole series in my head. If I could just find the time to get it on paper."

Fifth-graders create ABC books

Books allow students to be creative

Stowers Elementary

The following articles are written by three Computer Club students at Stowers Elementary School regarding the creation of ABC Books.

Thursday morning, January 24, 2002, the Computer Club at Stowers went to the Kindergarten classes to give them "ABC Books." It was cool because we made them ourselves! We went to each Kindergarten class and handed the books to the teachers. I really liked it when we got to take a picture with the classes.

Edward Mitchell
fifth-grader

Thursday morning Mrs. Dixon's Computer Club gave "ABC Books" to the Kindergartners. The ABC Books were the ones we had made in our Computer Club. It took us a month to make them and have them laminated. When we presented the books to the teachers, they were grateful. The teachers thanked us and made us feel like we had done a great thing.

Paul Miranda
fifth-grader

The Computer Club at Stowers made "ABC Books" for the kindergarten. They were filled with pictures and words. I think they were great! The Kindergarten classes were so amazed when we



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Nick Floyd shares his story with the students

told them that we did them on the computer. Then they all clapped.

Aubrey Harris
fifth-grader

Stowers has Family Physical Education Night

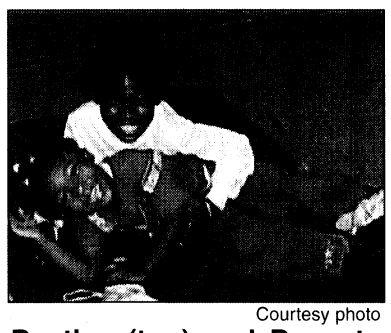
Kids, family play games learn fitness

Stowers Elementary

Stowers Elementary School had their second Family Physical Education Night Monday.

A large crowd of students and family came back to school for an evening full of fun physical activities.

Some of the events that the Stowers community participated in were tumbling and balance stations,

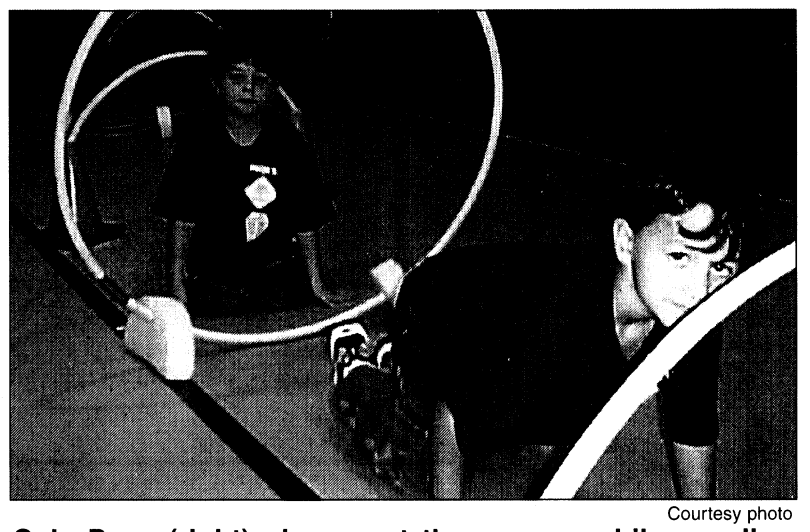


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Destiny (top) and Dynasty Overton wrestle around.

Winter Olympic events, a body awareness obstacle course, cup stacking, streamers, panel chutes, and volleyball.

Smiles on everyone's faces and sweat on the foreheads proved that



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Cole Pena (right) glances at the camera while crawling through hula hoops as his brother, Dilan, takes a break.

Pets of the Week

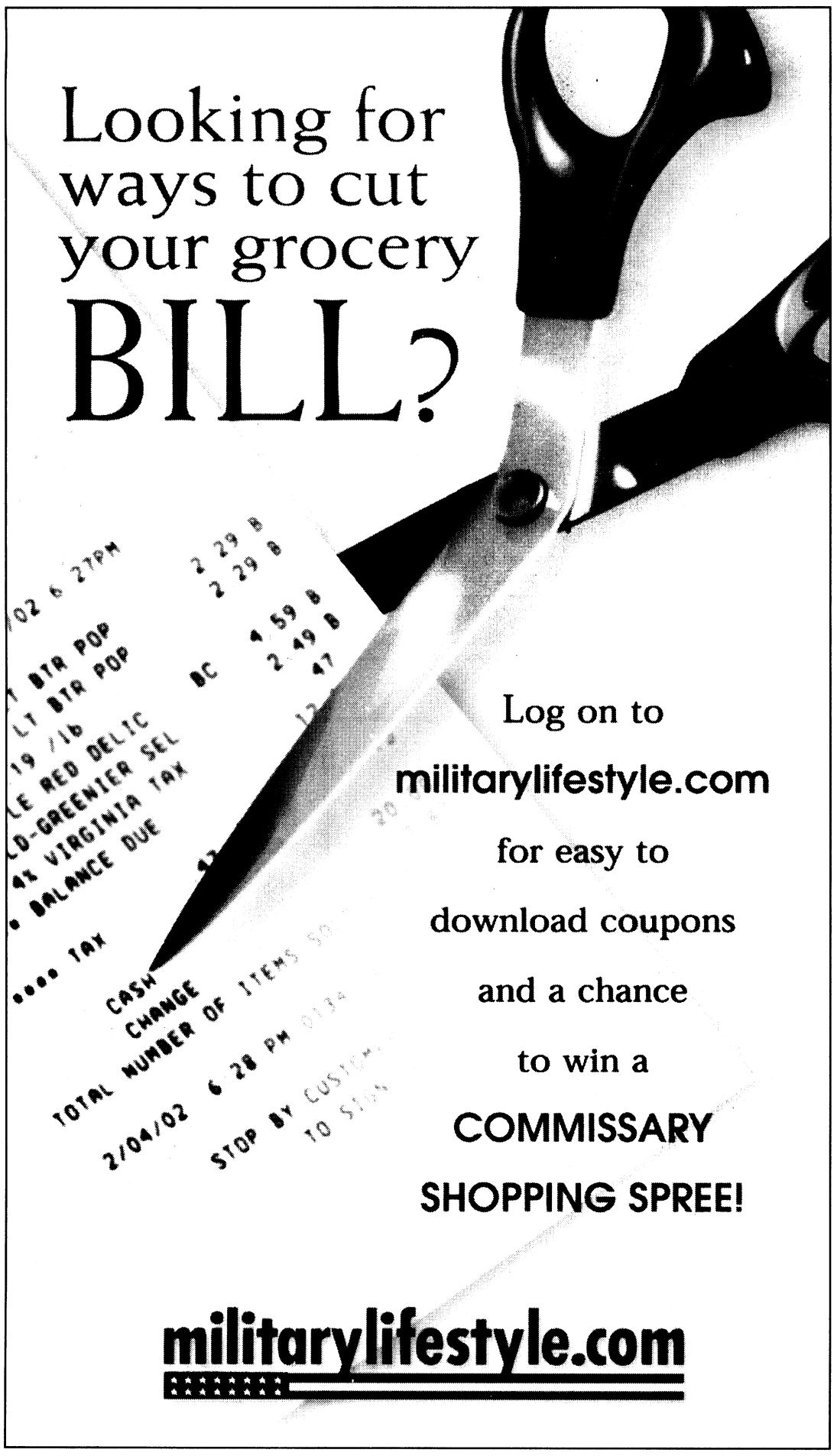


This short-haired cat and mixed puppy are just two to the many animals available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information on how to adopt a pet, call the clinic at 545-4826.



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Pet tip of the week: Remember, all animals residing on Fort Benning have 14 days to be registered with the post veterinarian. Failure to comply will result in loss of pet ownership priveleges.



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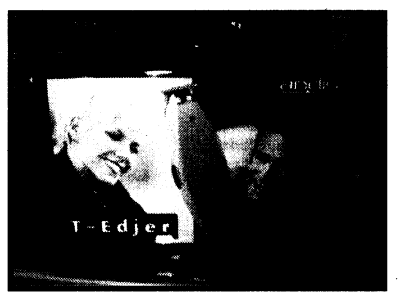
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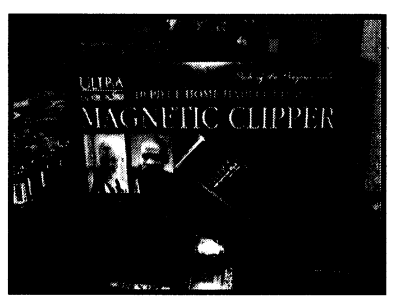
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Turn other cheek? Not in every case

God allows us to defend our nation in crisis

Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Yates
11th Infantry Regiment

Whenever our nation goes to war, there is a debate on whether this is the right course of action.

Those who oppose war sometimes appeal to the New Testament to support their view. They say Jesus taught we should "turn the other cheek" (Matt. 5:39), "love your enemies" (Matt. 5:44), and forgive those who sin against us (Matt. 18:22-35).

Some "letters to the editor" in newspapers express this view as people discuss the current war in Afghanistan.

Do these statements of Jesus support the argument that a nation should not go to war? Some Christians, and even some religious leaders, seem to think so. Upon closer inspection, however, we find that these statements do not.

It is very important to notice to whom Jesus is speaking. In all of the above verses, where Jesus speaks of non-retaliation, he is addressing individuals. We can even be more specific. In each of these contexts he speaks to individuals who are his followers.

The New Testament teaches Jesus gives eternal life to anybody who believes in him for it. Jesus Christ then calls that person to walk in obedience to him. The teachings of Christ on nonviolence are part of what it means to engage in that "walk."

Jesus tells his followers they should love their enemies. They should not retaliate against those who wrong them. They should forgive their fellow Christians who sin against them. He, of course, is the supreme example of these teachings. He did not retaliate when people wronged him. He even forgave those who nailed him to a cross.

This is how he acted as an individual. He taught his followers to follow that example. Nowhere, however, does Christ apply these teachings to nations. He never tells a nation to turn the other cheek when attacked.

In fact, the New Testament teaches something completely different when it comes to the government of a nation. In Romans 13:4, it says a government "bears the sword" and is "an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil." From these and other statements we learn that God has ordained governments to punish evil doers. This applies to internal police forces as well as waging war when attacked.

Simply put, we cannot apply the teachings of Christ to his individual followers to a nation.

There is a difference between a Christian and a country. A Christian is called, in his or her individual dealings with others, to forgive sins and turn the cheek when personally attacked.

A nation has been given authority by God to punish those who do evil.

We should all be grateful that we live in a country where we are free to express different views. Personally, I am glad people in this nation can argue that we should never go to war. That is their right. They just shouldn't use the New Testament to support their argument.

spirit briefs

Student recital — The Chattahoochee Valley Community College will host a student recital Feb. 22 at Lakewood Baptist Church, 4011 Lakewood Drive, Phenix City.

The recital will feature performances by CVCC voice, piano and instrumental students. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information, call Emily Davis at (334) 291-4988.

Fort Vally Gospel Choir — The Fort Valley State University Gospel Choir will appear on the annual Black History Celebration Program at the Franchise Missionary Baptist Church at 5 p.m. Feb. 24.

The Church is located at 1000 Dillingham, Phenix City. Dr. Raymond Cochran is the pastor.

For more information about the conference, call 298-2803 or 568-1301.

Truth Seekers Women's Conference — The Truth Seekers Women's Conference is April 26-27 at the Columbus Civic Center.

Guest speakers include Priscilla Evans Shirer, Esther Burroughs and singer Vernessa Mitchell.

For information, call Sissy Hines at 569-6778 after 5 p.m.

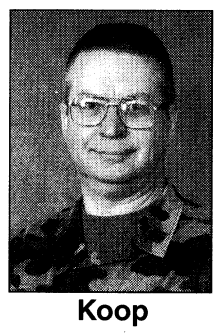
Ecstasy: Bitter pill to swallow

God gives people bodies to glorify his almighty name

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Ecstasy is becoming the drug of choice among teen-agers and college students. More high school teens are taking ecstasy than marijuana.

Viewed by young people as a love drug, ecstasy is not loving to those who take it. Each pill costs between $10 to $25. The substance increases the heart rate and body temperature. Profuse sweating of the palms, soles of the feet, and other body areas are common. Dehydration and hypothermia can occur with deadly results if left untreated.


Koop

Ecstasy is a hallucinatory drug. People who take the drug describe a fascination with light and touch about an hour after taking the drug. They like the loving feeling that surrounds them. Sexual predators find ecstasy users to be easy prey to their advances.

When the drug wears off, ecstasy users crave more of the substance and will continue to take the substance if it is available. Ecstasy also damages brain cells. Death by overdosing on ecstasy is increasing at an alarming rate.

Users of ecstasy may ignore users who have collapsed on the floor. Rather than seeking medical help for their friend in need, they keep on partying, oblivious of their dying friend. This lack of concern by ecstasy users for friends in need is not love.

The Bible tells us God created us. As such, we are to glorify God in our bodies. Ecstasy users abuse the bodies God has given them.

Are you using ecstasy? Call the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-4415 or the Chaplain Family Life Center for help.

For more information, call 545-1760; visit the Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza; or e-mail me at usarmychaplain@aol.com.

chapel notes

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The group meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Custer Terrace Chapel. Women meet for fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For information, call 685-0739.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of people to support the various religious programs as musicians and child-care workers.

For information, call TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

Sunday school — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings.

Stop by the chapel teen center in Building 239. Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for middle school students and 6 p.m. for high school students.

Fort Benning Religious Services

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9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101.
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820, Gospel Service
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023, Soldiers' Sledgehammer
11 a.m.	Service, Custer Terrace Chapel, Building 10800, Traditional

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

12 p.m.	Airborne Chapel, Building 2766

JEWISH

Friday Sabbath Service

6:30 p.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

Sunday Torah Study

9:30 a.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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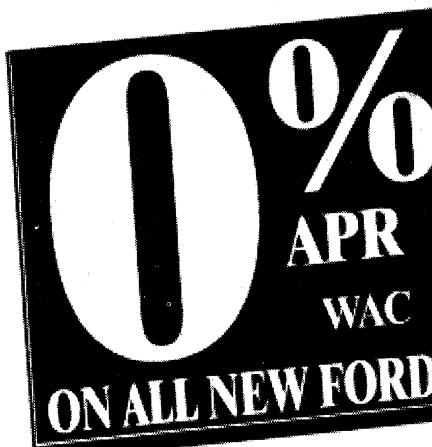
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Four soldiers win Olympic bobsled medals

Soldiers bobsled, capture medals for the U.S. team

Brian Lepley and Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
National Guard Bureau Public Affairs

PARK CITY, Utah — An Army Reserve lieutenant won a silver medal in men's bobsledding Feb. 23 and three other soldiers took bronze as the USA captured its first Olympic bobsled medals since 1956.

Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Garrett Hines was the brakeman on USA-1, the four-man bobsled that took second place Saturday in front of 15,000 cowbell-clanging spectators at Utah Olympic Park.

Three of the four bobsledders were soldiers on bronze-winning USA-2.

Virginia National Guard Spc. Mike Kohn and regular Army Spc. Doug Sharp were pushers on the sleigh and Oregon Guard Spc. Dan Steele was the brakeman.

Civilian driver Brian Shimer, a five-time Olympian, has been competing with the soldiers for two years on their sleigh, provided by the Army World Class Athlete program.

The driver of USA-1, Todd Hays, finished his fourth and final run a cumulative .30 seconds behind the gold-winning German team. USA-2 edged out the Swiss team for bronze as the United States won its first bobsled medals since the 1956 games when Arthur Tyler drove to a bronze in Cortina, Italy.

"Forty-six years, and we just ended it today with two medals," said Kohn about ending the United States' long bobsled drought with Shimer, who locked up the bronze on the last run of his last Olympics.

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> **Spc. Mike Kohn**
> Bronze Medalist

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Kohn from Chantilly, Va., and Steele from Eugene, Ore., became the Army Guard's first bobsled medal winners, along with active Army pusher Sharp from Jeffersonville, Ind. They rode in the jet-black USA-2 sled that Shimer from Naples, Fla., rocketed from fifth to third on the next-to-last night of the Salt Lake City Games.

Kohn, 29, and Sharp, 32, are members of the U.S. Army's World Class Athlete Program.

Army Reservist Hines from Atlanta, Ga., was the brakeman on the bright red USA-1 sled that Hays drove to the silver medal during the four-man event's second day that abruptly turned from fair weather to foul between the final two decisive runs.

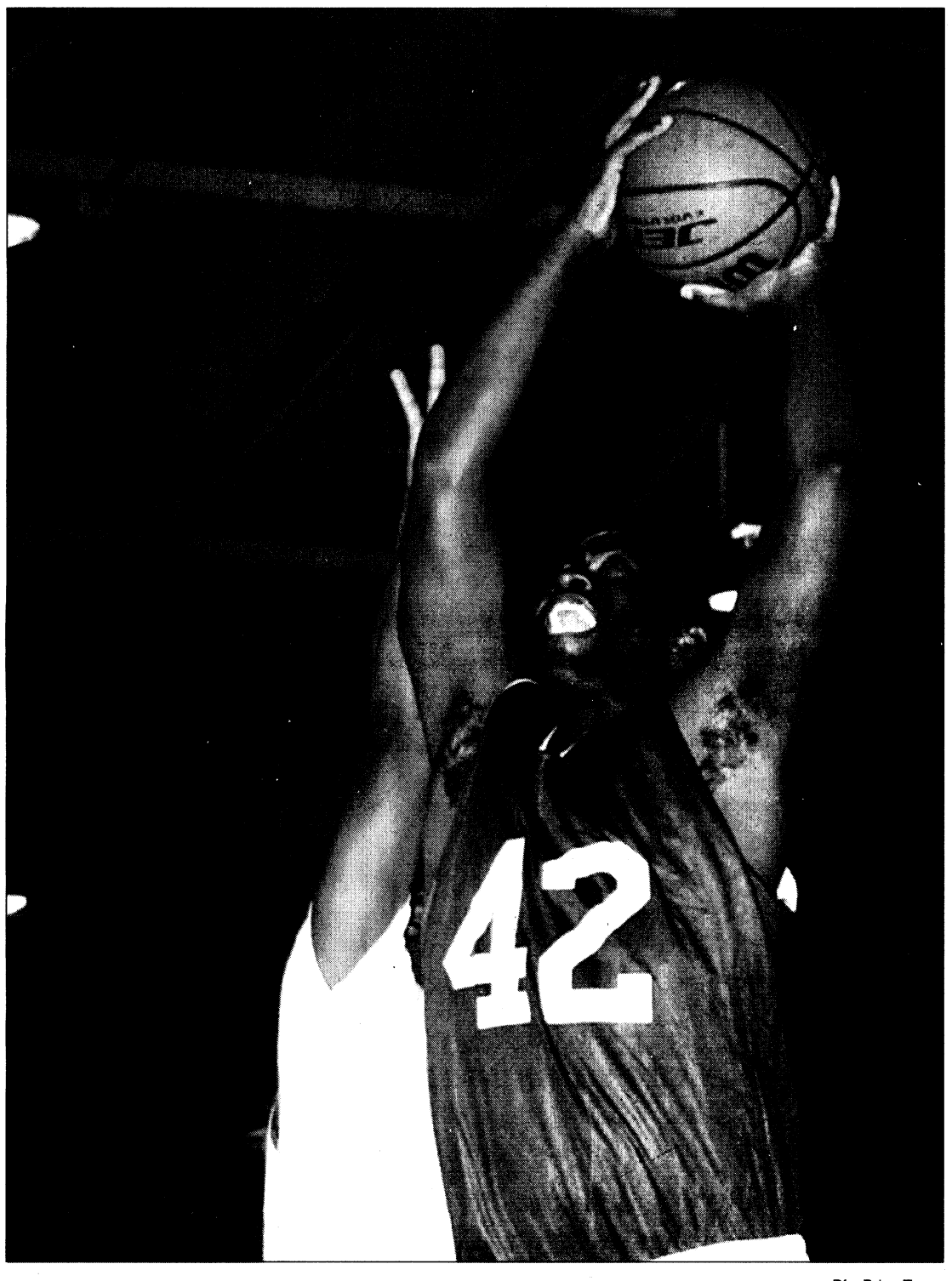
That made Hines, 32, one of just three African American athletes to ever win a Winter Olympics medal. Civilian Randy Jones from Winston-Salem, N.C., was another African American on the Hays team.

The Germany-2 team of Andre Lange won the gold medal with a combined four-run time of 3 minutes, 7.51 seconds. USA-1, which led the field after the first two runs on Friday, finished second in 3:07.81. The Shimer team charged from fifth place on Friday to the bronze medal on Saturday in the combined time of 3:07.86.

Shimer put together Saturday's second-fastest combined runs of 1:34:21. Only the winning German team roared down the eight-tenths mile

See **OLYMPIANS,** C-2

Outlaws come back with vengeance, destroy Aces



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Outlaws Edward Thomas goes for the jump shot against the Aces for the Monday night intramural basketball game at Brian Wells Field House.

Team loses by 30, taught lesson from post champions

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Outlaws dominated the Aces with a 77-47 victory Monday night at the intramural basketball game in Briant Wells Field House. The Outlaws were taller, faster and forced the turnovers they needed.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment Outlaws, came out to an early lead and kept the momentum going the whole game to crush the A Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment Aces,

"We had a flat start the last game we played," said Adrian Lewis, Outlaws' point guard. "We came into the game playing hard, and we didn't want to lose again."

The first half started out evenly enough, 7-2, five minutes into the game, but the Outlaw defense continued to spread the gap and led to 10 unanswered points.

As they left for halftime, the 37-14 score seemed to weigh heavily on the Aces' shoulders.

Edward Thomas and the Outlaws' continued to hold the Aces in check with an in-your-face defensive stranglehold in the second half.

"We pushed the ball, and put pressure on their offense before they could get a chance to setup," Lewis said. "We wanted to make them play at our tempo to play a faster game than they're used to."

With 15:40 left in the game, the Aces continued to make valiant attempts to close in on the Outlaws' lead, but they never made it.

As the Outlaws settled into a comfortable lead and time on the clock began to wind down, they began to give the audience a display of their skills. Lewis went up twice for a 180 degree dunk, to only complete one.

Lewis ended the game with 33 points and posed as a lethal threat from downtown making eight 3-point shots in the game.

"The teamwork and everyone giving 100 percent is how we win the games," said Thomas Tucker, center for the Outlaws.



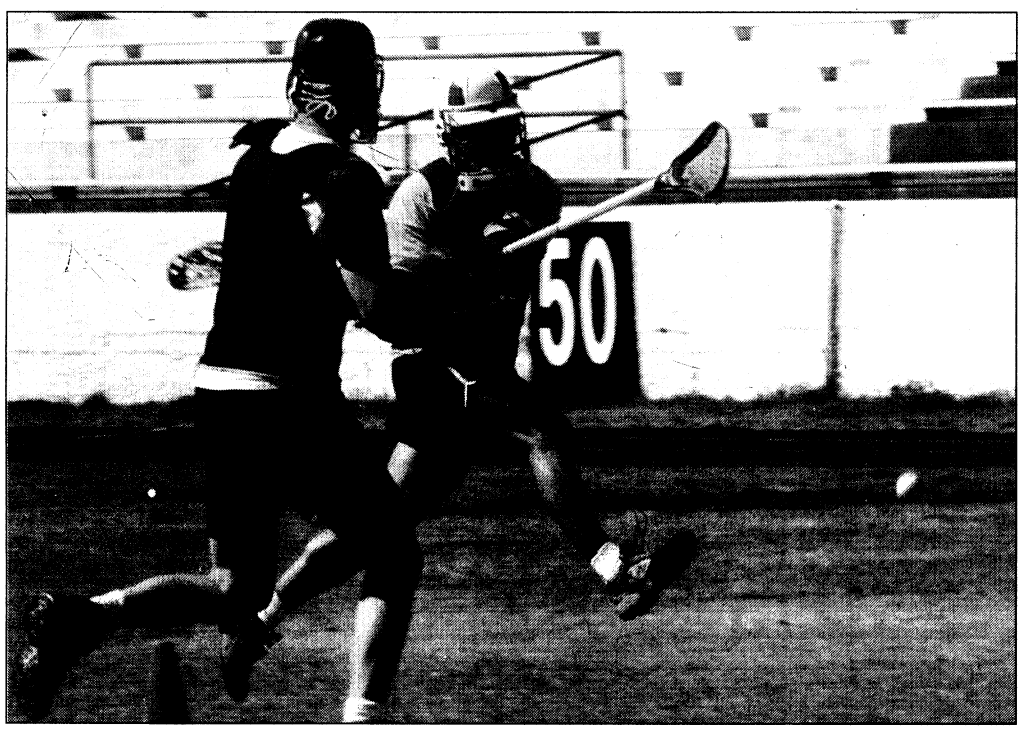
Thelonious McLean-Burrell helps stretch the gap in the 77-47 victory.

"We just keep on bringing our 'A' game to the court every time, and we take it one game at a time," Tucker said. "It's all about winning. We only want the gold."

The teams confidence is at its appex, said Lewis.

"Most of our team has been playing together for the last three seasons, so we have the experience and cohesion," Lewis said. "We have only lost three games in the last three seasons. Coming into this season, we're the defending league champs for the last two years.

On the run!



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Shelley Carey shoots for a goal during practice Sunday morning at Doughboy Stadium. The team will play their first game April 7 in Atlanta.

Marathon training pays off in race

Life-long goal fulfills dreams, aspirations

Capt. Joe Reap
2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

Running takes strength, endurance and a will to continue over time and space.

What started out as a good idea turned into reality. On a chilly December day, Maj. Chad Sullivan, the commander of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, challenged his cadre to compete in the Blue Angel Marathon in Pensacola, Fla.

Sgt. 1st Class Carlos Figueroa, Staff Sgt. John Keen, and 1st Sgt. Clyde Glenn stepped up and took the challenge. The four began an intense train-up lasting from December to February in preparation for race day.

The four "marathoners" ran approximately 30-50 miles a week in preparation. Sullivan, who completed the Blue Angel Marathon last year, developed the plan.

"We did a combination of interval, tempo, and long slow distance runs preparing for race day." Sullivan said. "We used a program straight out of Runner's World Magazine."

The three marathoners gradually increased their mileage until they completed a 20-mile run three weeks prior to the marathon.

"The hardest part of the train-up was the last three weeks, mostly because we were 'tapering down' our mileage," Sullivan said. "My legs had become accustomed to the high mileage and it took more discipline to refrain from running long and hard each day.

"Tapering down allows your leg muscles to recover, and build back up for race day. If you continue to run long distances right up to race day, you'll be running on tired legs."

When asked why he decided to challenge the cadre, Sullivan said, "I've always enjoyed competing, and stepping up to new challenges. The marathon is the ultimate challenge for a runner. I've also always fostered a physical training ethos in each unit I've been in."

Figueroa, first time marathoner, said, "It was something I always wanted to do."

Glenn just couldn't let the commander get away with the challenge. The three runners established their own goals for the race. In the end, each achieved their number one goal, they all finished the race as a team.

Sullivan finished the marathon in 3 hours, 46 minutes, Figueroa finished in 4:47 and Glenn finished a half

Lady Magic build confidence



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Tammy Newman, coach of the Lady Magic, winds up for the honorary pitch at a college softball tournament.

Post parents teach girls softball basics

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Teen-age girls living on Fort Benning are learning the basic fundamentals of fast-pitch softball through a committed parent who is sharing her knowledge and experience of the game.

Tammy Newman, the coach of the Lady Magic, a girls softball traveling team with players of ages 14 and younger, has always loved the game of softball.

"Many of the girls on Fort Benning wanted a chance to play during the summer," Newman said. "This is a way for me to enjoy time with my daughter and support the community."

Her husband, John, helps Tammy with scheduling games, getting sponsorship for the team and teaching the girls the fundamentals of the game.

"She amazes me with her commitment to the girls and the game," John said. "She spends her evenings teaching the girls the basics of the game and helps them gain the knowledge to win.

"She is trying to give back to the community and pass on her knowledge and experiences of the game she loves."

The girls seem to be very receptive to the quintessence Tammy is passing on to them.

"I think what she is doing is great," said Alyssa Maldonado, one of the players for the Mighty Assume Girls In Cleats (Magic). "Without softball I don't know what I'd be doing.

"I think this will effect girls on Fort Benning in a positive way. I know the competitive environment has helped my confidence. It makes me love the game so much more. When I learn something and do it right, it makes me feel good, and then I can help my teammates learn it."

This type of camaraderie is embedded into the hearts and minds of these girls, Tammy said.

"We work together as a team and take care of each other even off the field," she said.

"Playing softball is something for them to do besides sit around the house and play video games," Tammy said. "Parents must get their kids involved in something constructive."

Tammy's players understand what she is trying to accomplish with her assertive efforts.

"She's given girls on post the opportunity to play," Maldonado said. "There is not much opportunity on post for girls to play."

Growing up in a military family, Tammy can easily relate to how many of the girls do not get collegiate exposure they deserve.

"Military kids are at a disadvantage because they travel so often," Tammy said. "Many of these girls have the potential to play college softball."

Students have 'Cuptacular' tournament

School district tourney draws big crowd in cup stacking event

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The first Fort Benning schools districtwide cup-stacking tournament was sponsored for pre-K through sixth-grade Tuesday afternoon at Faith Middle School.

Cup stacking is a game of skill and speed where competitors take 12 specially designed cups (Speed Stacks) and stack them in predetermined pyramids. Then they downstack them with even more speed.

"This is the first cup stacking tournament in Georgia," said Dr. Dell McMullen, superintendent of Fort Benning schools. "The students really enjoy it. It's great fun, but it's not easy. They're much faster than I am."

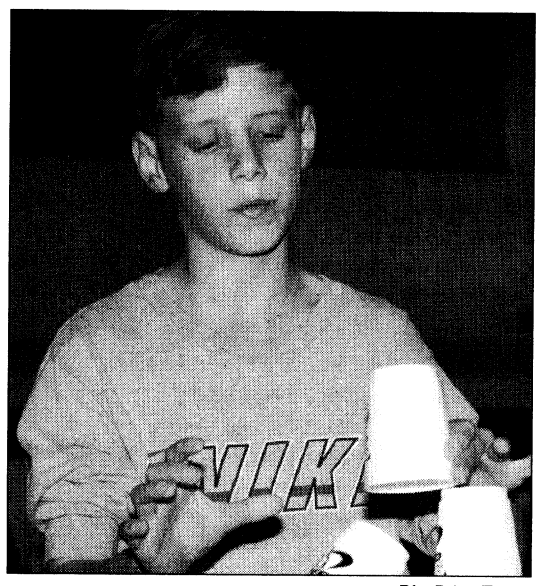
Cup stacking is both an individual and a team sport. More than 500 students participated in the event. They students competed in two types of stacking, the 3-6-3 individual and relay and cycle individual and relay by grade level.

"There were about 800 people here total," said Glen Hughes, director of technology for Fort Benning School system. "I was really surprised at the number of people who attended."

McMullen said she was glad so many parents came to the event.

"Cup stacking helps improve hand-eye coordination and using both hands also develops fine motor skills," McMullen said. "I think everyone had a good time."

The students seemed to be having a fun time competing against each other.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Ashton Thomas stacks his cups.

"It's really cool, and the competition is pretty tough," said Raymond Nimox, 12, Faith Middle School student. "It helps your hand-eye coordination, so you get better at sports, like basketball."

Pam Koon, Dexter Elementary School physical education teacher, organized the event and introduced cup stacking to the Fort Benning schools.

"I found out about it from physical education newsletters on the Internet, and the kids loved it," Koon said. "I taught it as part of physical education class."

"I think the tournament was a big success," said Viki Rogers, Dexter Elementary School principal. "Ms. Koon put a lot of work into organizing this event, and one of this magnitude takes a lot of coordination."

The tournament ended with the winners being awarded medals.

Stowers Stampede starting soon

Registration underway for fun run

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Stowers Stampede is planned for April 20 and will feature several events, the 1-mile fun run, 5K run and 5K wheelchair race.

"This event pulls together students and the community together in something that is fun and physically good for you," said Dr. Tom Digman, Stowers Elementary school principal. "Even I will be running in the 5K race."

The run has been an annual event going for more than 20 years, with Faith Middle school as the Faith Race, and two years with Stowers Elementary school as the Stowers Stampede.

"The run promotes health and physical fitness," said Adam Weinbaum, physical education instructor with Faith Middle School.

The teachers and the Parent Teacher Organization make the race possible by volunteering their time to help set up and register the runners, Weinbaum said.

"I think it's a great event," Weinbaum said. "It's a good way to get people to go out and enjoy fitness."

Awards will be given to the male and female winners in each age group.

An awards ceremony will take place following the final race. The top-two wheelchair finishers will also receive awards.

Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Stowers Elementary school.

The registration fees are $6 for children and $12 for those 15 and older. All participants will receive a T-shirt with the registration fee.

Registration on race day will cost an extra $2.

For more information, call 545-7793.

Olympian: Win medals

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track faster — in 1:34.16.

Utah Army Guard soldier Jill Bakken, another Army world class athlete, set the stage the previous Tuesday by driving her two-woman sled to a gold medal in the first Olympic bobsled event for women. Her brakeman, civilian Vonetta Flowers from Alabama, became the first African American to ever claim a Winter Olympics medal.

Overall, the five soldiers made up nearly half of the U.S. bobsled team's 13 men and women competitors, and all five take home medals following Sunday night's closing ceremony.

Hines, a two-time Olympian, nearly won a bronze with Hays in the two-man event earlier last week, but they finished fourth, .03 second behind the Swiss-2 sliders.

Shimer and Hines were also .02 seconds from a bronze medal in the 1998 Nagano Olympics.

But an injury two years ago left Shimer without a team. He explained that equipment is issued by the national team by rank, and because of injuries, he couldn't compete well enough to merit a sleigh.

So the Army's World Class Athlete Program stepped in and picked Shimer to compete with the soldiers.

U.S. Olympic team coach Janis Skrastins came up to Shimer after the race and said "This is like the miracle on ice, you coming back; this is like the U.S. beating the Russians, you medalling here."

Steele, a former WCAP soldier and 1998 Olympian, was among the doubters of his team's success at the 19th Winter Games.

"Very few people gave Brian a chance to be here. When we first started together I didn't think we had much of a chance," he said. "Brian Shimer, fifth Olympics, going out with a medal, you can't write that kind of thing."

When Sharp came to bobsled in 1998 after a collegiate pole vaulting career, he sought out Shimer.

"When I stepped on a track in 1998, I went right up to Brian Shimer and said, 'Hey, sign this hat if you would.' And he said 'Man, I'm not going to sign that for you, you're going to be a bobsledder,'" Sharp recalled. "I said, 'I want you to sign it so I can remember this on a day-to-day basis: That I will be racing with you in the 2002 Winter Olympics and that we will win a medal.'"

The medals the soldiers helped claim increased the United States' total to 34 for the XVIII Winter Games in which U.S. Olympic Committee officials originally hoped to win only 20.

Editor's note: *Brian Lepley was in Utah reporting for the Army's World Class Athlete Program and the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a member of the National Guard Bureau public affairs team.*

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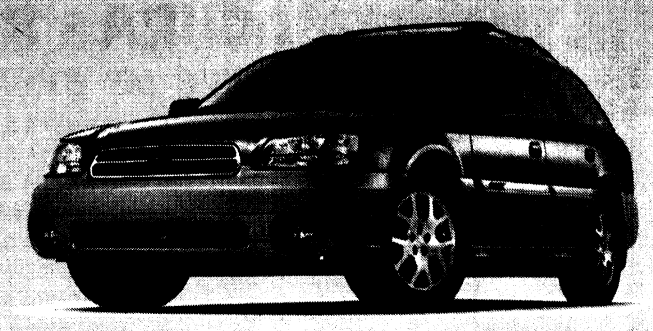
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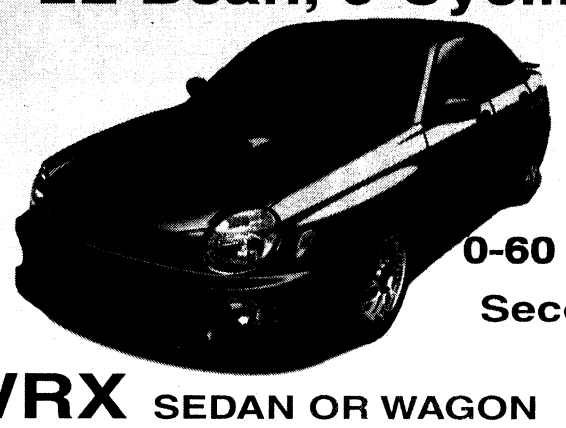
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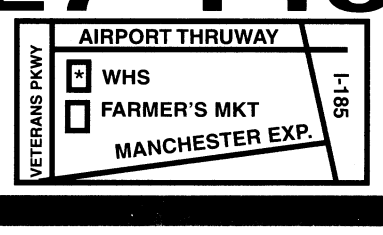
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The deadline for placing an ad in Friday's paper is Tuesday at 5 p.m.

You may place your FREE ad three ways:
- fax your ad to 682-3268,
- e-mail us at bayonet1@mindspring.com or
- stop by 1819 S. Lumpkin Road during regular office hours, 8:30 - 5, or
- mail it to 1819 S. Lumpkin Rd., Columbus, GA 31903.

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Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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- 20 word limit, 3 items per ad limit
- Two free ads per week per person
- One auto for sale per year
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99 HONDA ACCORD EX. White, Low Miles, CD Player, Moonroof, One Owner. Stk# 5827. Only **$17,995**.

98 ACURA 3.2 RL. Pearl White, CD Changer, Moonroof, New Brakes, Loaded!!! Certified Pre-owned. Stk# 5848. **$23,995**.

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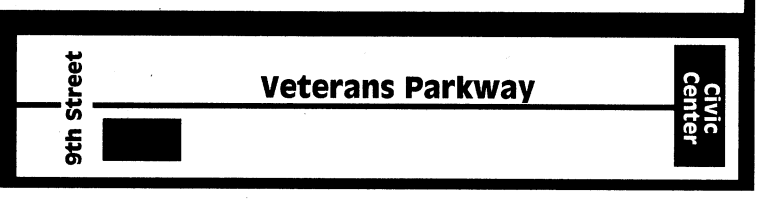
98 ACURA 2.5 TL. Blue, Prem. Pkg., Moonroof, CD Player, Loaded, Certified Pre-Owned. Stk# 5853. **$17,995**.

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Autos for Sale

99 Dodge Neon R/T. DOHC, 5 speed, 48k, A/C, PS, PW, PL, cruise, CD, power sunroof, white w/blue stripes. $6900. 214-9188. (FTFN)

65 Mustang 95% restored, new eng., trans., paint & much more. $7500 568-1518 (F1)

92 Toyota Tercel. Excellent condition. $2,000. 545-4214/ 563-9621. (F1)

98 Chev S10 PU. Shortbed AUT-V6 loaded E1-up no money dn w.a.c. 682-1346 (F1)

95 Mustang. 5 speed, loaded. E1 up no money dn w.a.c. 682-1346 (F1)

98 Mitsubishi Eclipse. Power, sunroof, loaded. No money dn E1 up w.a.c. 628-1346 (F1)

95 Saturn SC2. Coupe, 5 speed, sunroof, loaded. Military E1 up no money dn w.a.c. 682-1346 (F1)

99 Ford Ranger. Sport side, loaded, military E1 up no money dn w.a.c. 682-1346 (F1)

99 Ford Escort ZX2. 2 dr, aut. trans, PW,PL,CD,A/C. E1 up no money dn w.a.c. 682-1346 (F1)

99 Chev Lumina. 4DR, loaded. E1 up no money dn w.a.c. 682-1346 (F1)

98 Chev Camero. 5 speed, loaded. E1 up no money dn w.a.c. 682-1346 (F1)

74 Ford Bronco. New engine, great condition, soft top, new tires and rims. 562-0822 (F1)

Cars from $500. Impounds/Repos. 800-319-3323 ext. 3390 (P22)

86 Honda Civic Not running at this time, needs minor electrical work $600 obo 221-2439 (F1)

00 Dodge Neon $3800 Needs front end repair, excellent condition 562-8046 (F1)

99 Honda Accord EX. Black, automatic, 52K, A/C, sunroof, cruise, CD player, keyless entry, tinted windows and alloy wheels. 16,000 obo. 562-8772 (F1)

2000 Suzuki Vitara 28k miles, pw, pl, AM/FM, JVC CD very clean. $11,000 or $1,500 and take over payments. 685-8249 (F1)

00 Chev CorvetteAT,PS,PB,PDL,PW,A/C,TSW,CC, CD,AB,Auto Low Miles **$29,800/$29 dn**9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and titleJimmy Peters 322-8888 (F1)

98 Honda Prelude SAT, PS, PB, PDL,PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS, SR Like New. **$300 per Mo./$1600 dn.** 494-7112 (F1)

99 Ford Escort LX
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS 4dr Lady Driven
$200 per Mo./$1200 dn
494-7423 (F1)

97Honda Accord EX
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS, SR Covered Since New
$250 per Mo./ $1300 dn
494-7199 (F1)

00 Honda Accord EX
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS, SR Gargage Kept
$290 per Mo./ $1500 dn
494-7110 (F1)

01 Mercury Sable
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABSElderly Couples Car
$10,900
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
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93 Ford Probe LX
AT, PS,PL, A/C, TSW
Great Little Coupe
$1400
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Grant Humphries 322-8888 (F1)

00 Ford T-Bird
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW
Preachers Car
$1400
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Earl Sharpe 322-8888 (F1)

00 Chev Prism LS
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CD, ABS Low Miles
$200 per Mo./$900 dn
494-7112 (F1)

94 Ford Taurus
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CD, ABS Great Family Car
$2900
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Don Sirrard 322-8888 (F1)

95 Mercury Tracer
AT,PS,PB,A/C,
$1200
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Chris Melton 322-8888 (F1)

98 Ford Mustang
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW,ABS Sporty
$200 per Mo./ $900 dn
494-7423 (F1)

98 Chev Camaro RS
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS Super Clean
$6500
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Don Wood 322-8888 (F1)

97 Chev Camaro Z-28
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS T-Top V8
$6900
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Jimmy Peters 322-8888 (F1)

97 Pont Trans Am
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CD, ABS American Sports Car
$225 per Mo./$900 dn
494-7112 (F1)

99 Nissan Altima LE
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS, SR Lady Driven
$275 per Mo./$1300 dn
494-7199 (F1)

90 Mits Eclipse
AT,PS,PB,A/C,TSW,ABS
$1200
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Jeff Holt 322-8888 (F1)

01 Mits Galant
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS
$300 per Mo./$1500 dn
494-7112 (F1)

91 Mercury Tracer
AT,PS,PB,A/C
CheapTransportation
$1600
9% APR 60 Mo. $29 down plus tax, tag, and title
Grant Humphries 322-8888 (F1)

00 Dodge Intrepid
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CC, CD, ABS **$285 per Mo./$1100 dn**
494-7112 (F1)

97 Pontiac Grand Am
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, CD, ABS **$99 per Mo./$900 dn**
494-7423 (F1)

95 Ford Escort LX
AT,PS,PB,A/C,TSW
Nice
$79 per Mo./$800 dn
494-7199 (F1)

95 Chev Lumina
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, ABS
$129 per Mo./$129 dn
494-7112 (F1)

97 Mazda 626 LX
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, ABS,SR
$149 per Mo./$149 dn
494-7423 (F1)

01 Pont Grand Am
AT, PS, PB, PDL, PW, A/C, TSW, ABS Still Smells New
$229 per Mo./$1600 dn
494-7199 (F1)

SUVs, Trucks & Vans

97 FORD F-150 XLT Pickup Super Cab: 5.4 V-8 EFI, auto. w/overdrive, white w/ grey interior, ps, pw, am/fm radio w/ 6 disc cd changer and cass. player, radial tires, tilt steering, adjustable lumbar seats, pl, a/c, ccl, fully loaded. Must sell $10,000 0BO. 682-6812 (F1)

00 Prowler LIte - 24 ft. travel trailer. Exc. cond. Sleeps 7. Lots of extras. $9000 687-2499 (F1)

99 Jeep Wrangler Sport. 20k mi. lost of extras $17,000. 687-2499 (F1)

93 Ford E-150 Van. Excellent condition. Roomy quad-seating, privacy glass, running boards, towing package, lots of extras. Auto/Air, rear-air, power everything. $6100 o.b.o. 689-8300. (F1)

96 Ford F250. Powerstroke turbo diesel it is a 5 spd, has 109k, LWB, 4x4, runs great, and pulls great, good looking truck, two tone green. (404) 932-9688. (F1)

97 Nissan Pathfinder SE. 5 speed. 4x4 Excellent condition. $9,500. 687 9765. (F1)

74 Ford Bronco. New engine, great condition, soft top, new tires and rims. 562-0822 (F1)

99 Chevy C1500 Ext Cab. Loaded. Mint Cond. 47K Miles. New Brakes/AC Compressor, both with warranty. $18,500. 685-1568 (F1)

89 Nissan P/U truck $1,500 (F1)

Motorcyles

2000 KLR 250 Kawasaki Dual Purpose Motorcycle, 250 miles, still in break-in period, perfect condition. $3500. o.b.o. 2000 Kawasaki Super Sherpa Dual-Purpose Motorcycle, 280 miles, still in break-in period, electric start, perfect condition. $3250 o.b.o. Call 682-7955. (F1)

Suzukil RM 80 great condition $500 682-4553 (F1)

Trail-a-bike - will attach to adult bike , easy to attach like new $95. 682-4553 (F1)

00 Honda Goldwing Aspencade, 25th anniversary edition, 1500cc, red, 4200 miles, luggage rack, floorboards, warranty, garage kept; $13,500 obo; 569-6451 (F1)

Boats

24' Carolina Skiff 150 HP Mercury Black Max. Three 12 gal. fuel tanks, new Humminbird Fishfinder w/speed & temp., bimini top, galvanized trailer w/new spare, rod holders, anchor, mounted 100qt cooler, 2 front swivel seats, $6500 obo Make offer. 641-6572(wk) or 568-4945 (hm) (F1)

16' Fiberglass Ski and Fishing boat. 70 hp Johnson outboard less than 50 hours on it. Batteries,4 lifevest,trailer. $3800 obo 682-2826 (F1)

Car Accessories

Camper Shell exc. cond. $350 obo 689-0782. 689-0782 (F1)

Utility Trailers

Draw Tite Hitches, Sprayed Bed Liners, Trailer Repairs, Parts, Trailers and Hitches, 596-0380. (PTFN)

2000 Haulmark 6x10 enclosed trailer, 14" tires, rear door ramp & side door, tie down anchors, painted steel fenders, like new condition. $2,100 obo 718-0653. (F1)

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The Fort Benning Thrift Shop is now accepting applications on Tues,Thurs, and Fri from 9am-3pm thru March 15 for a part time bookeeper. For further info call 687-4830 (F1)

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Hewlett Packard desktop computer, printer, keyboard, mouse, processor, monitor, in good cond., all for $200 o.b.o. 689-0309. (F1)

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Hotpoint Refrigerator / Frost free Freezer 19.2 CU. Ft. (64" x 28" x28") 4 yrs old $295 322-3644. (F1)

High efficiency large window unit a/c 7 yrs old. Excellent working condition. Cools two to three rooms $125. Seller warranty. 322-3644 (F1)

Furniture

Sofa & loveseat with cherry end tables, coffee table & sofa table. real nice. $250. 561-0469 (F1)

Outdoor ceramic chimnea with iron stand and accessories. 3 openingswith covers and lid for top. Great for outdoor wood burning. $75. 685-2308. (F1)

Blue sofa sleeper and matching loveseat. Excellent condition. Mattress still in plastic!! $300 firm. 689-3474. (F1)

Queen size boxspring $85, kitchen table with leaf and 4 chairs $125 682-2674 (F1)

2-drawer night stand Medium Oak finish. $45. Antique Solid Mahogany Piano Stool $75. 322-3644 (F1)

Black leather recliner $300; garage opener $80; small refrigerator $60; sofa, love, & chair $300, after 7, 561-5007 (F1)

5 piece, solid wood german wall unit, 1 blk. bunk w/2 twin matress, 1 wht. bunk w/twin and full matress, much more ranger002us@yahoo.com (F1)

Futon bunkbed, white metal with mattresses $150.00 689-4054 (F1)

3 piece sectional sofa w/2 recliners and center console, creme w/mauve and blue. very good condition $500 obo. 685-8282. (F1)

Fencing

D&B Fence Co. Rent to own, credit cards, free estimates. 322-7008. (PTFN)

42 ft. Wooden fence with gate $75. 685-1454 (F1)

4 ft. chain link fence for sale. Approx. 100 feet long with two gates. Already taken down. $100. 685-1585. (F1)

Sports & Fitness Equipment

Ladies Tigress Golf clubs with bag. Will make a great starter set! $100 o.b.o. 689-5172. (FTFN)

Treadmill engine works but needs work. $15 687-1254 (F1)

Miscellaneous

Gorham "La Scala" hand-cut full lead crystal glasses, decanter & pitcher w/ water goblets, ice tea, wine champagne, cordial & double old-fashioned glasses. $1500 obo. 568-1518 (F1)

1.10 carat diamond solitaire ring. 14k gold set in white gold. 98 appraisal $3485. Selling for $1800 obo 568-1518 (F1)

Buffalo Soldier Print (Gen Powell). 2 print set. Miles I $135. Miles II $135. 718-3191 for information. (F1)

Long baby blue stapless with matching wrap. Never worn. Perfect condition. Beautiful! Size 18. $75. Green Velvet knee length sleeveless dress with choker neck. Very pretty. Size 5-6 $40. Jet black Blondie and Me formal velevet gown with criss cross straps in front as well as pretty beads along the top. Long with a slit down the side. Worn once! Very pretty. Size 5-6 $60. Call Jaci (Jackie) at 687-2920 leave a messege if no answer! (F1)

Ladies, 1/2 carat bridal ring set consisting of one diamond and one wrap. Asking $700. Ladies, Gold Necklace (New) estimated at $600. Asking $350.00 O.B.O. Call Mike at 448-5783. (F1)

Wedding dress and veil for sale, never worn or altered, tags still on. Sz 8 $350 682-3672 (F1)

Aluminum truck top for small-size pickup. 6' long, lockable door, screened vents. $350.687-2455 (F1)

Steel Arch Building- INVENTORY CLEARANCE! Huge Savings! **2001 Steel Prices While Supplies Last!** 25x50, 30x46,40x50.Great Workshops/Garages. **Call 1-800-341-7007 www.steelmasterusa.com**

Children's Items

Girls Antique white with gold trimming bedroom furniture. Dresser 3 drawer with hutch dresser, 4 drawer with wall mirror night stand with 2 drawers. Iris 685-2489. (F1)

Girls Bedroom furniture- dresser drawer, hutch with drawers, mirror, desk with chair and night stand. Antique white with gold trimming. $350. 685-2449. (F1)

Boys clothes size 3-6 mo. to 2T. Like new, namebrands, shoes, etc. Woman's dress and casual, size 9 to 13-14. 333-480-9161. (F1)

Small rocking horse $10, first drum set $10, keyboard $7, floor foot keyboard $10, girls clothes, misc. toys. 687-4715. (F1)

Girl clothes, 3T, boy clothes 0-18 mo. 689-4985 (F8)

Pokemon Cards, hundreds,holographic and rare cards, American and Japanese versions. 562-8046 (F1)

Pokemon watch $20 562-8046 (F1)

Lego's thousands $50 for all 562-8046 (F1)

Cherry wood crib with matching changing table along with two matching crib sheet sets and comfortables. Great condition $250. 687-5240 (F1)

White metal bunk beds Twin top, full bottom w/ matress. $75.00 Good condition 687-5240 (F1)

Child's Solid Oak table with 2 chairs a relic. $75 and baby hi-chair $45. 322-3644 (F1)

Girls Antique White w/ gold trimming bedroom furniture, dresser 3 drawer w/ hutch, dresser 4 drawer w/ wall mirror, night stand w/ 2 drawers, student desk w/ chair; all $350: computer desk $15 685-2489 (F1)

Child's desk $20,after7,561-5007 (F1)

Century fold and go playard w/ bassinet/changer, generation 2 world crib w/ matress, excellant shape, all $100, 685-9048 (F8)

Girls 16" Bike great condition $20. 682-4553 (F1)

Dependable childcare in my home. 2 spots left. 682-6526 (P15)

Free Pets

Black lab needs a good home. 11 months old. FREE call 685-2011 (F1)

Boxer/Pit Bull cross. Red w/white markings. female, very friendly. Fixed, all shots up-to-date. 683-0045 (F1)

6 mth old german shepard mix puppy needs operation for hip displacia. Want to avoid putting down. Operation will run between $3-$5,000. Will make a great pet 682-1020 (F1)

Free female Daschound/chow mix. Current on her shots and spayed. Wonderful family dog, very playful. PCS'ing and can't take her. 685-2764. (F1)

Free kittens.Three kittens, six weeks old, grey and white , very adorable. 682-3862 (F1)

Yard Sale

PCS'ing Sale. Camping gear, bunkbeds, and lots more. 75 B. Dunn Ct., off Doane Lp, in Bouton Heights. 8 -12 (F1)

Garage Sale 3/2/02 233 Mcfalls st. Fort Benning, Indianhead housing area. (F1)

Multi-family yard sale 1017 Ray Ct. Custer Terrace Saturday, 8A.M. (F1)

113-A Moon St. (McGraw Manor) Sat. 8am-? dining table, dishwasher, clothes, baby items, and lots more. (F1)

Yard sale-121-B Butts St.,Custer Terrace. 02 Mar, 8-1. double stroller, outside toys, clothes, furniture, hope chest. (F1)

SAT MARCH 2' 2002 8:-??? 105 B&C MCGRAW ST (MCGRAW MANOR) (F1)

Sat and Sun 8am 2girls bikes, clothes, household items. ETSing (F1)

118 E. Baker St. McGraw Manor, SAt and Sun 8 until, girls clothes, movies, and much more (F1)

Multi-family yard sale March 2, 8am until135B Magrath St in Magraw Manor. (F1)

Yard Sale, Sat 9-4, 603 Perkins Street (perkins place) baby articles, kitchen table, assorted house hold goods (F1)

Yard Sale Sat 2 Mar 02, 961-D micheal st., baby clothes, baby supplies, toys and firniture 8 until, cancelled if raining. (F1)

Homes for Sale

North Columbus. 3 BDRM, 2 BA. Landscaped yard, wrap around porch, many extras. 576-6913. (P1)

3bed, 2bath. 1241 sq ft. 5045 Hale Drive, N. Columbus. $87.9K, 4-1/2 yr old. 576-6590 (F1)

3 BDRM Brick on large lot, fenced, new carpet, great starter home, close to I-185 and shopping $61900 Patsy S969296 Coldwell Banker, Open March 2; 2-4:30(P8)

Brand New Brick 3 BDRM, 2BA. Seperate dining, fireplace, 2400 sq.ft., double garage on 1+ acre, very private, Harris County, great schools, $174,900 Patsy S969296 Coldwell Bankers,Open March 2; 2-4:30 (P1)

3 BDRM 1.5 BA corner lot small d/payment and assume 687-2916 (P22)

New homes 100% financing, slow credit OK.

2705 Broadmore Dr. 3 BDRM, 1 BA carport, pool, c/h/a, fenced yard, den. $59,900

6733 Moon Rd. Brick, 3 BDRM, 2BA great room w/ fireplace $89,900

Condo- 4312 Old Macon Rd. 2 BDRM, 1 BA, great room $59,900
2313 Bond Ave. 3 BDRM, 1 BA,carport, fenced yard $49,900

Free Security installed with each sale. Joe Horn 596-1339 Heritage Homes (P1)

Clubview- Beautiful, 2 story brick home, 3,000 +, 4/5 BDRM, storage, garage 596-1604 (P22)

Mobile Homes for Sale

72x14 2BR, 1BA Mobile home appliances, fireplace, located near Uchee Creek. $10,000. 706-562-9446 (P1)

Houses for Rent

Need Soldier to share home with father & son. furnished BR BA, kit., laundry, cable, phone. All utilities. $95 weekly. 689-0226 or 561-8336 (P1)

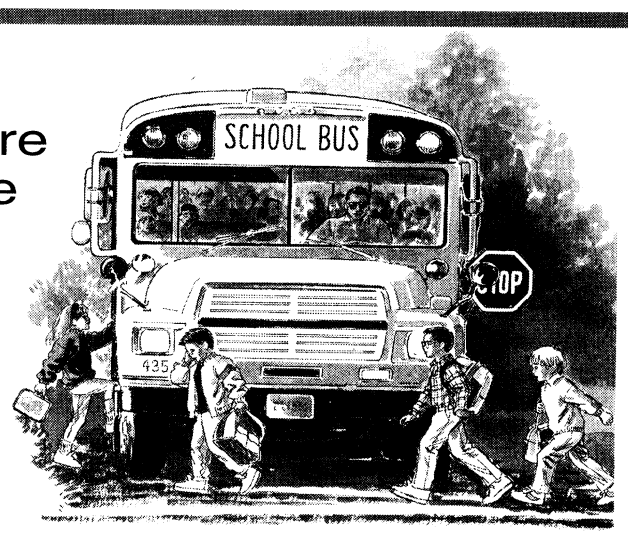
Lake Bottom, 2BR/1BA. CH/A. Very nice. Lots of amenities. $595/mo. 563-3495 (P1)

Country Homes and Land within 30 minutes of Columbus. Great selection and value. Heritage Homes 596-1339 hallgrimmett.realtor.com.(P14)

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- Watch for children walking, skating or cycling.
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YOUR CASH OR TRADE ...$2,000
BUDGET MATCH $2,000

YOU PAY ONLY $6,950

2001 CHEVY CAVALIER LS

AUTO, AIR CONDITIONING, STEREO, POWER STEERING & BRAKES, ONLY 19K MILES! STK#3733

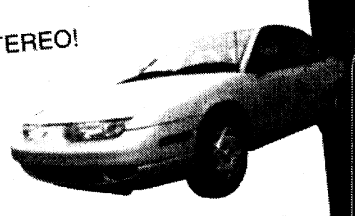


BUDGET PRICE $11,988
YOUR CASH OR TRADE ...$2,000
BUDGET MATCH $2,000

YOU PAY ONLY $7,988

2000 SATURN SL2

AUTO, AIR CONDITIONING, STEREO! STK#3931



BUDGET PRICE $11,988
YOUR CASH OR TRADE ...$2,000
BUDGET MATCH $2,000

YOU PAY ONLY $7,988

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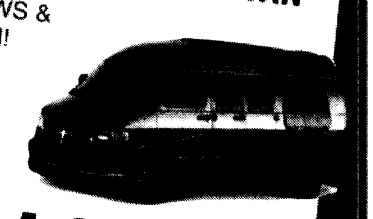


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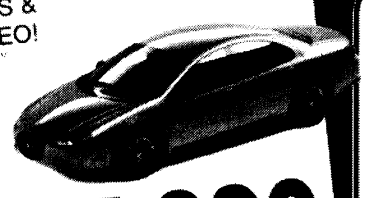


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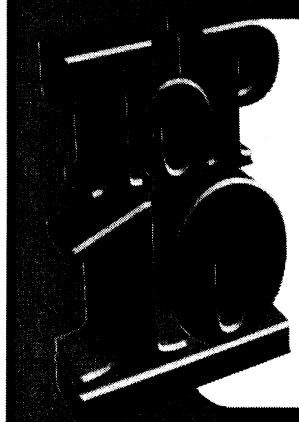
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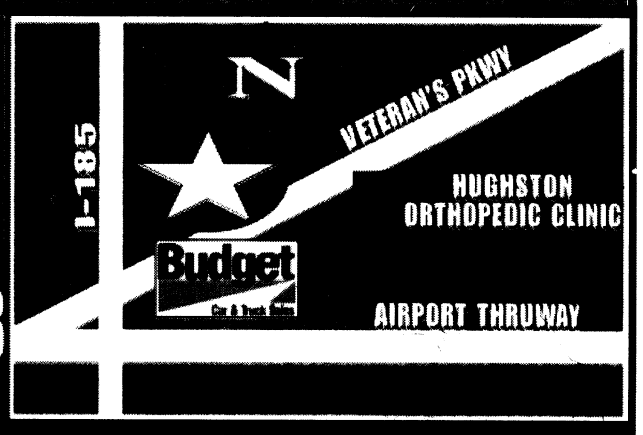
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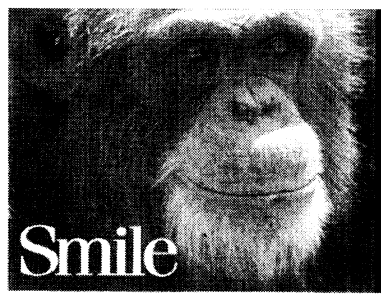
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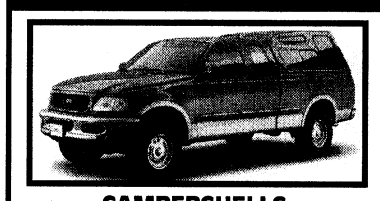
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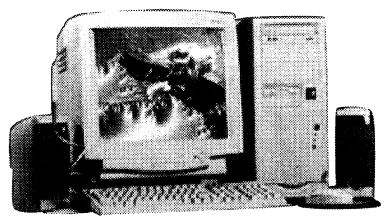
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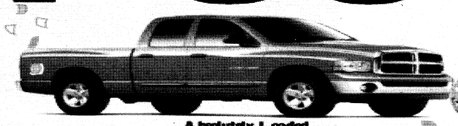
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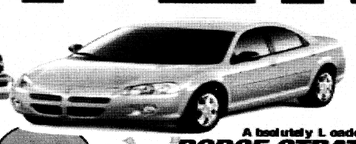
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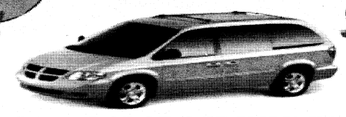
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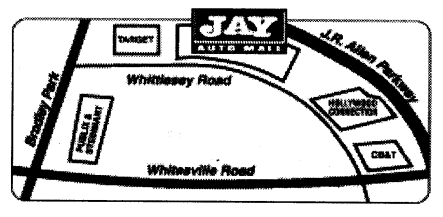
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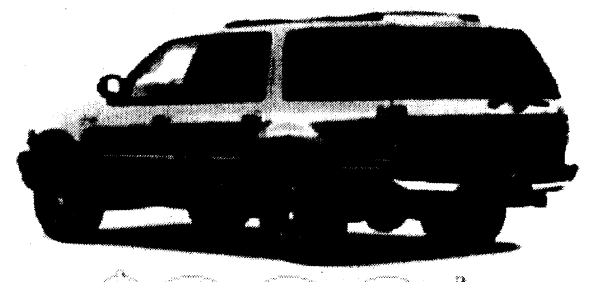
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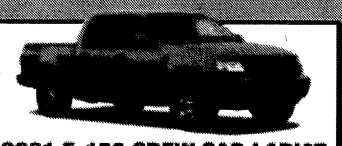
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Customer Cash.....$3,000
Freeway Cash.....$3,000
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Sale Price.....$28,900
Customer Cash.....$3,000
Freeway Cash.....$3,000
$22,900


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PWR WINDOWS
Sale Price.....$17,988
Customer Cash.....$3,000
Freeway Cash.....$3,000
$11,988


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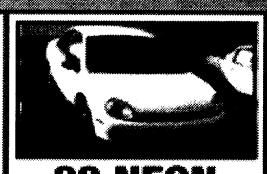

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Customer Cash.....$3,000
Freeway Cash.....$3,000
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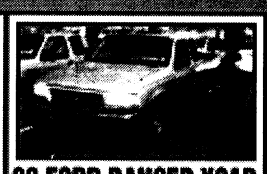
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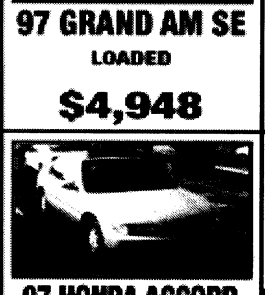

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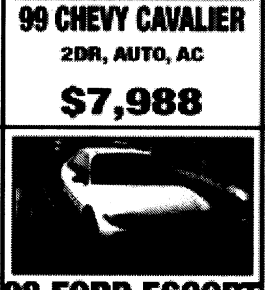

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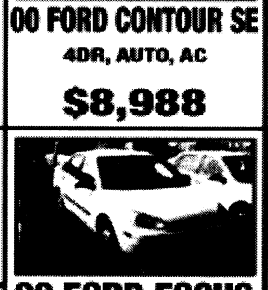

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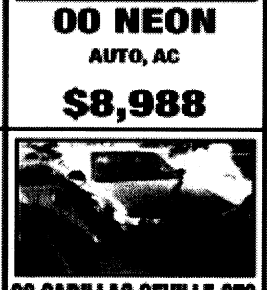

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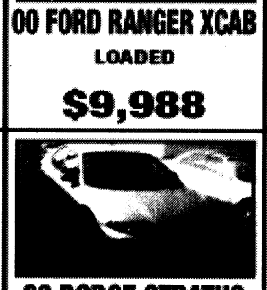

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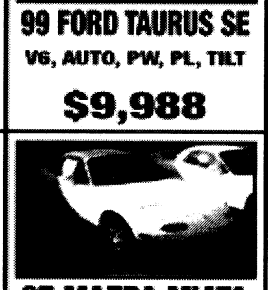

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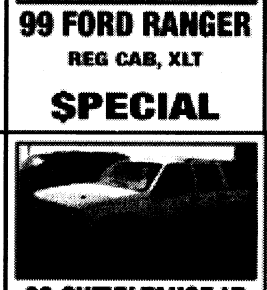

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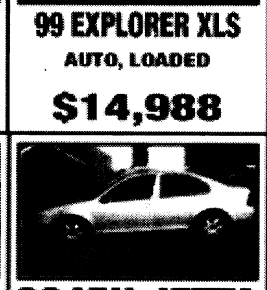

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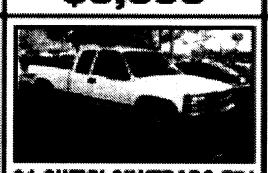

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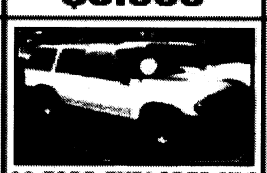

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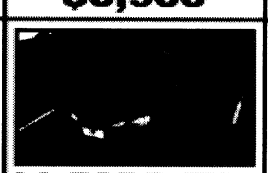

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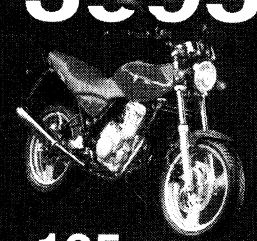
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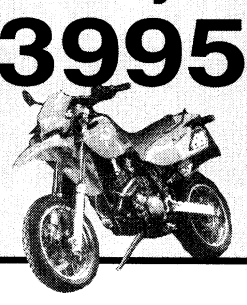
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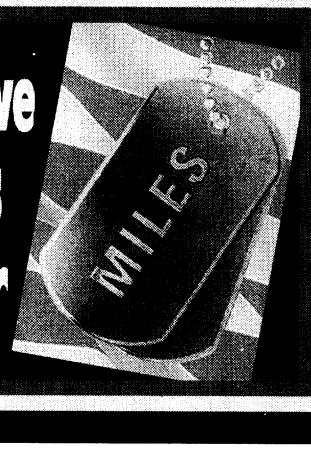
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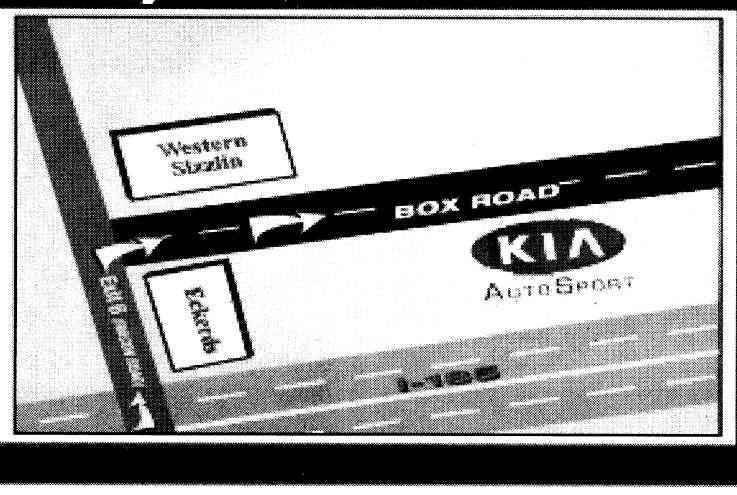
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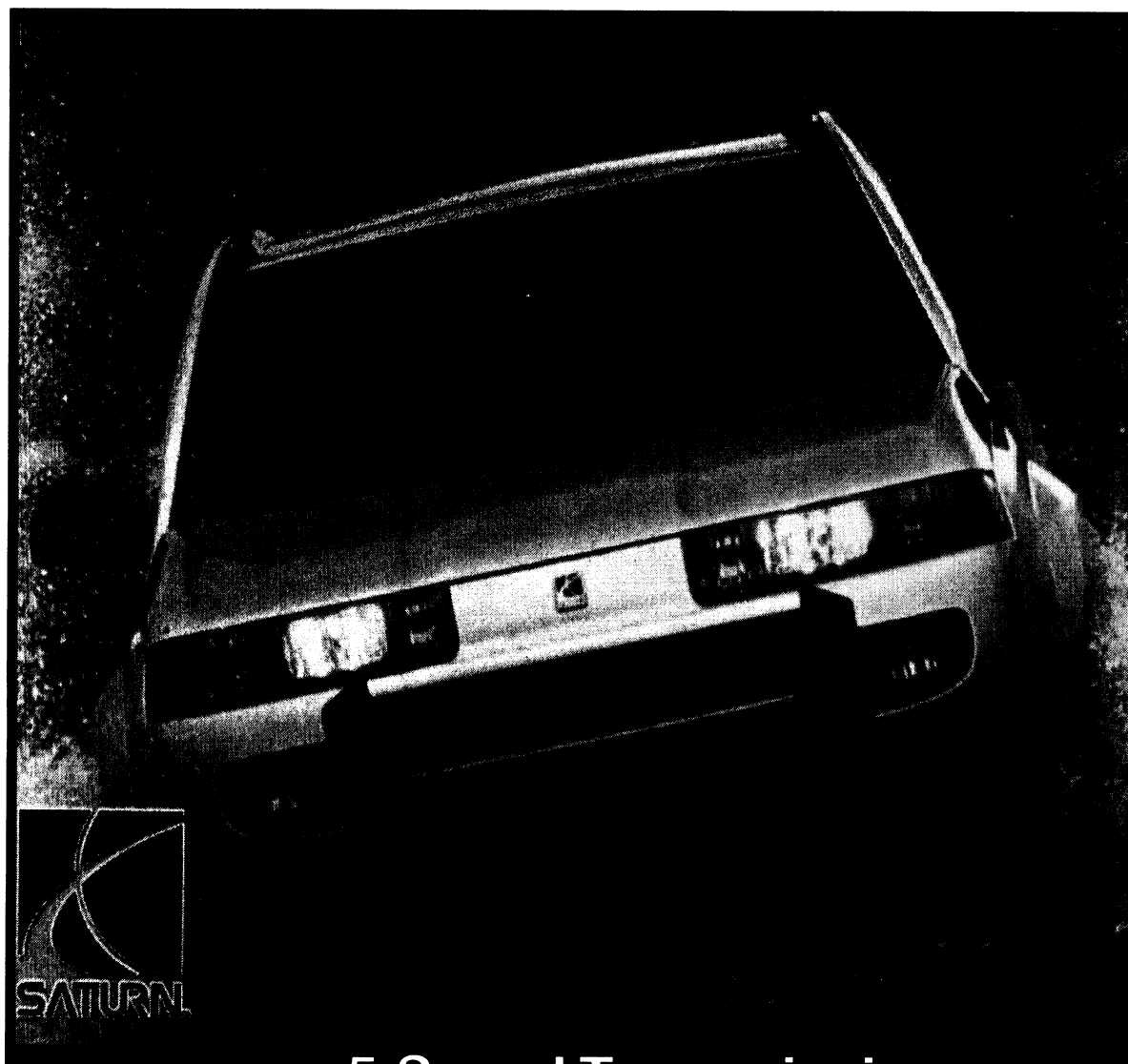
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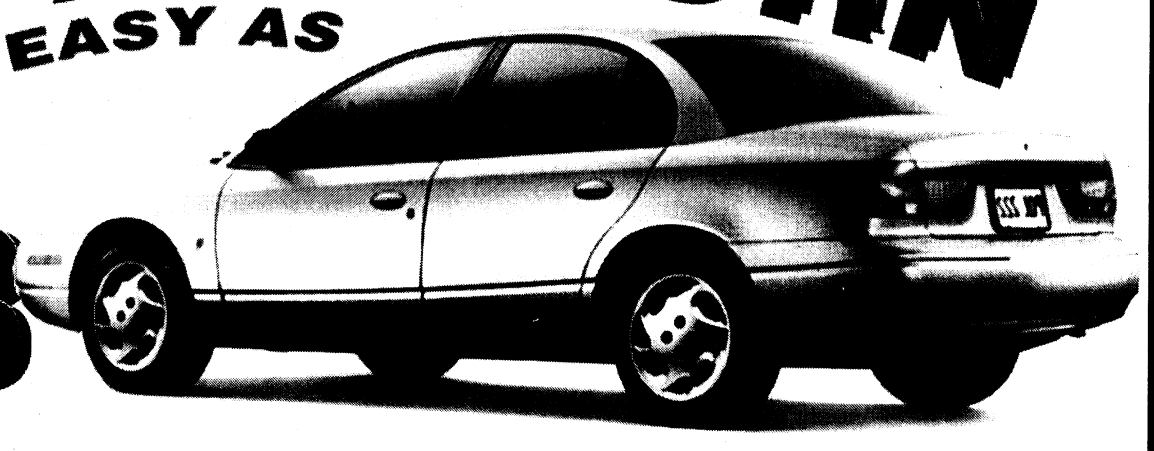
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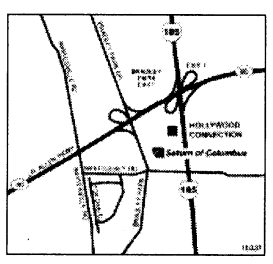
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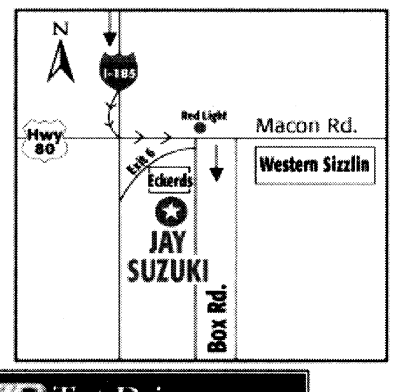
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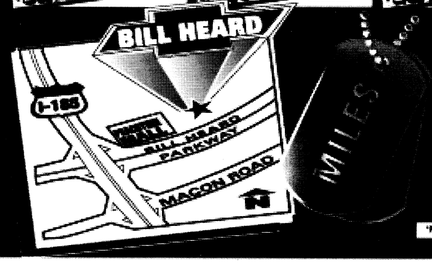


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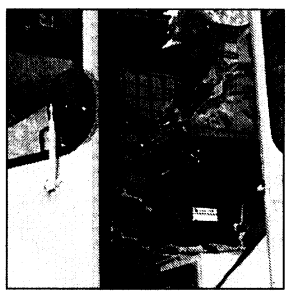
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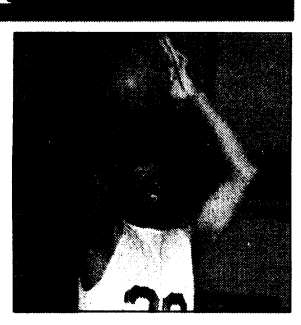
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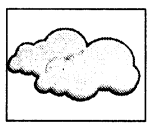
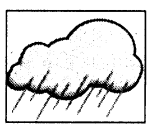
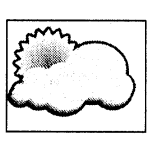
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Post sets fires to prevent them

Red-cockaded bird in danger of extinction

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

There were 587 wildfires in 1985 when 7,600 acres were burned as part of the post's prescribed-burn program.

Last year, there were 45 wildfires when 27,000 acres were burned as part of the program.

"We've cut (the average number of wildfires from 1981 to 1993) in half, easily," said Jack Greenlee, the supervisory forester in charge of Fire Management Program, Land Management Branch, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. "(The prescribed burning) is a win-win for all of us. Not only are we preventing wildfires, when they do occur, they aren't burning as intensely.

"Plus, we're improving the visibility and accessibility for troops to train as well as recreation — mainly hunting," he said.

One of the main reasons the post conducts prescribed burns — this year's goal is 33,000 acres — is it reduces fuel, which helps prevent future catastrophic fires, Greenlee said.

These burns help control the midstory growth of the forest, which is in between the ground and crowns of trees. Burning occurs from Dec. 1 through August. Most of it happens before May 1.

An equally important reason the post has prescribed burns is it enhances the long-leaf pine ecosystem, which is home to several threatened and endangered species, Greenlee said.

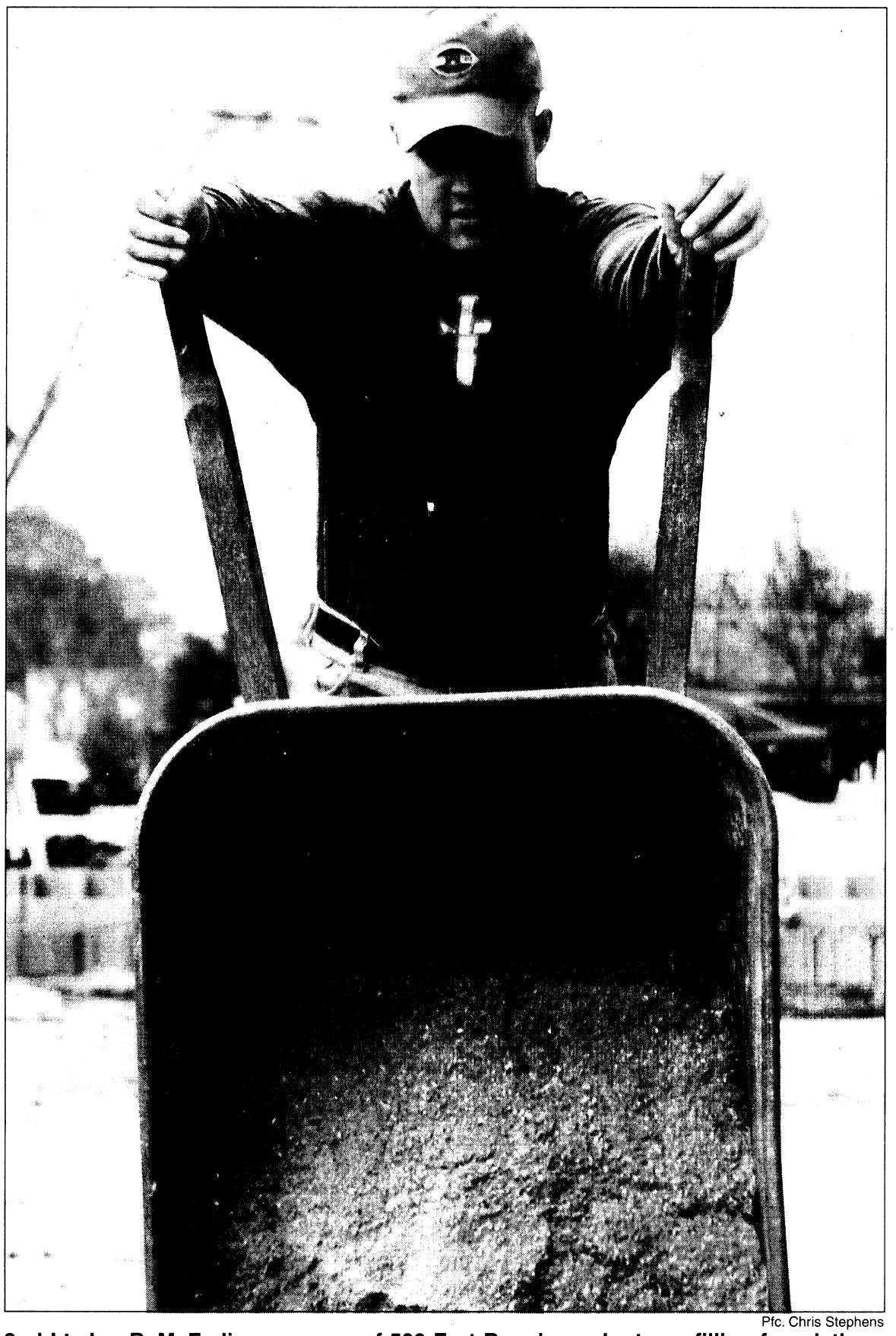
The red-cockaded woodpecker is the number-one species. In 1994, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service gave the post a jeopardy biological opinion that said the management practices of the post were not compatible to the woodpecker's survival.

The opinion stated the bird habitat required more frequent burning, preferably one that is on a three-year burn rotation. This practice helps keep the understory open and park-like and deters cluster abandonment, which occurs when birds leave their area because of growth that reaches into the midstory, Greenlee said.

A cluster is a group of four to 20 woodpecker cavities, or nesting holes, that are within a 10-acre area, said Michael Barron, wildlife

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Helping hands



Pfc. Chris Stephens

2nd Lt. Jon B. McFarling was one of 500 Fort Benning volunteers filling foundations of homes being built for Habitat for Humanity. For more information, see page A-11.

AER campaign kicks off

Goal set for $170,000 in contributions

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Army Emergency Relief provides soldiers stationed at Fort Benning the financial assistance they need during unexpected hardships, which is why it is important for the post to exceed $170,000 in contributions.

The AER campaign began March 1 and will run until May 15.

The goal of the post is to have 100 percent participation, said Col. Lonnie Vona, Fort Benning chief of staff, at a briefing for representatives of each commander on post.

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Officer earns his star

Assistant commandant promoted

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Cannons rendered the appropriate 11 gun salute for a brigadier general earlier Monday morning during a ceremony to honor the Army's newest general.

David Rodriguez, U.S. Army Infantry Center assistant commandant, is now a brigadier

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Post pets confiscated from owners

Two dogs found unfed, unkempt at residence

Laura Martinson
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Two dogs were taken to the post veterinary clinic for treatment Feb. 28 after being confiscated from a Fort Benning residence.

Kane and Foxy, both mixed breeds, were found by military police. Both were found locked in a room, neglected and severely malnourished.

"The conditions the animals were living in were appalling," said Sgt. 1st Class Mike Snapp, non-commissioned officer in charge of operations, Military Police Activities. Details of the living conditions and action taken against the pets' owners were not available since the case is still under investigation, but ownership of the animals was surrendered to the vet clinic.

"They looked like they just came from a concentration camp," said Missy Taylor, veterinary technician. "This is the worst case of neglect I've seen on Fort Benning."

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Laura Martinson

Kane, after regaining three pounds during the weekend.

PET ABUSE

Take care of your pets

commentary

Laura Martinson
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"We call them dumb animals, and so they are, for they cannot tell us how they feel, but they do not suffer less because they have no words."

— Anna Sewell



Somebody let the cat out of the bag — in my neighborhood. And now it's reproducing.

I'm not talking about secrets. It's all out in the open, sleeping on people's porches and dropping litter everywhere but in a litter box. But it, the cat, is not to blame for being an uninvited houseguest.

Neither are any of the strays, both cats and dogs, frequently spotted lounging in the sun, chasing squirrels and celebrating freedom on our streets.

Some were abandoned by their owners when they moved off post, like the pregnant tabby cat who paces in waiting for her new babes.

Others, like the always-loose-but-never-friendly trophy dog, escaped from the yard, pen, chain, you name it, once again. He, of course, will run wild, play in the trash and visit the schoolyard until one of his owners gets home from work.

What else is an animal to do?

Better yet, what's a neighbor to do?

I guess we could call animal control, but the one-man crew is up to his ears in strays.

The vet clinic will house them if they have space available, but it's not their responsibility to pick up forsaken animals, even if they really want to.

And you can bet I won't be outside with my cat catching kit, because I follow the lesson I teach my children. Don't approach animals you don't know. A case of cat scratch fever is not worth the fight. And let me tell you, that soon-to-be-momma has a serious aversion to people. Can't imagine why.

I, like many of my friends and neighbors, made the decision to live on post because there's supposed to be a higher standard of living. That is, we assume our fellow residents will be held to the letter of the law. Instead, it's many of the same people — some gone, some still around — who caused or contributed to our out of control pet population.

Last week, Fort Benning saw one of its worst pet neglect cases. Animals so malnourished that their bones showed through their skin and their muscles had dwindled. The poor things were in such bad shape they could hardly move, and one wasn't expected to live through the weekend.

This week we residents have the chance to look hindsight in the face.

There is no excuse for the appalling, inhumane treatment of animals, here or anywhere. It's time to hold those guilty parties accountable, and take the only action we can — responsibility.

If you don't want your pet or you can't care for them, there are many avenues to explore before locking the door and leaving them for dead.

Euthanasia is a fate far more merciful than neglect and malnutrition.

Better yet, practice a little prevention. If you have a pet, have it spayed or neutered. Heard this somewhere before? Well, I'll tell you again because apparently the word has not reached everyone. The minimal time and money it costs far outweigh the consequences of more unwanted animals.

And if you're moving and you don't want your pet, what makes you think your former neighbors want it AND its offspring?

How irresponsible. How cruel.

This might sound like another lecture you don't want to hear. But it's really all common sense. So before you kick the cat or lock your dog in a pen half his size, think twice. Take care of your pets. If you do, they might just be the best friend you ever had.

Abuse needs to be reported. Do the right thing.

EUTHANASIA

Kinder than abandonment

commentary

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs



Most of my family and a lot of my friends (OK, all of my friends) will tell you that I can turn into a cold-hearted witch at the drop of a hat.

It's true. And, in the opinions of some people, it's especially true when it comes to pets.

During the last 20 years, I have unhesitatingly chauffeured a string of aging, infirm animal companions to the vet on their last rides.

One of our recent losses took his last ride early. At 13, and tipping the scales at 15 pounds, he started picking fights with his two canine companions. Other than being senile he was in relatively good health, but I had him euthanized because I knew it would be a painless end compared to the fate his new hobby would bring.

Some people think this is cruel. I think it's part of the responsibility that comes with being a responsible pet owner. Saving your pet from suffering caused by age, illness, or as was the case of my former senile terrier, death by stupidity, is not cruel.

Cruel is deciding that keeping your pet is inconvenient and dumping it somewhere. Cruel is not caring enough to be a responsible pet owner and letting your pets run the streets.

There are two dogs at home now. Smoke was 2 when she came to live with us. She had lived half her life in a kennel because her first family was unprepared for the trials and tribulations that life with a young border collie can bring. At the kennel, she was fed and watered, kept parasite free and reasonably clean and she got some basic obedience training. Not a great life, but she was safe. She's well adjusted and a great pet. Her former owners gave up on her about six months too soon.

Floss was picked up by the dogcatcher after he saw her running the street. Her owners abandoned her at the pound rather than pay a hefty fine to get their puppy back. The fine was high because it was not their first offense. Her former owners started off with two puppies. The other disappeared and we try not to dwell on her fate.

When we brought Floss home, she was half the size she should have been, wormy, flea-ridden, hand shy and had never had a bath. It was weeks before she was back on track physically and months before she could be trusted around children. She's almost 2 now and she still shies from strangers who just want to pet her.

She's come a long way but she'll never compete in obedience or agility competitions or see service as a therapy dog visiting patients in hospitals and nursing homes. She's probably the brightest dog I've ever had the pleasure of knowing but her early beginnings nearly destroyed her and ruined the dog she could have been. A mind is a terrible thing to waste.

If you have a pet, it's your responsibility to keep it healthy, confined, trained and neutered. If for any reason you can't keep it, take it to someone who will see to it that the animal will be safe until its fate is decided. Being euthanized would be kinder than being abandoned.

Don't be cruel.

CORRECTIONS

In last week's Bayonet, one of the nominees for best supporting actor was left off of the contest form. The actor nominated for best supporting actor is Jon Voigt for his role as Howard Cosell in *Ali*. The corrected contest form is on page D-5 in this week's paper.

Also, the postwide Spring Eggstravaganza is not sponsored by the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers, but by Youth Services. BOSS is looking for volunteers to help run the event. Call 545-6800 to volunteer.

The Bayonet apologizes for the errors and regrets any inconveniences it caused.

letter to the editor

High school magnets plan showcase at Peachtree Mall

With the opening of Northside High School in Columbus this fall, Muscogee County School District will have eight high schools. Two of the eight have established magnet programs — Columbus High School Liberal Arts and Carver High School Integrated Math, Science, and Technology. Columbus High is the only school that is a total magnet program.

Each high school magnet program has its own admission criteria and application.

Information and applications will be available today and Saturday at the High School Showcase at Peachtree Mall (in front of the old Montgomery Wards) or by calling the schools. Friday's showcase is 5 to 8 p.m. and Saturday's starts at 11 a.m. and continues to 9 p.m.

Each school will also have its own brochure and representatives to speak with students and parents.

On Saturday, schools will have presentations beginning on the hour at noon in alphabetical order until the last presentation at 7 p.m.

With the exception of Columbus High School which is expected to admit between 300 and 350 freshmen, each of the other schools is recruiting 200 students. One hundred from the attendance zone and one hundred from outside the attendance zone will be selected.

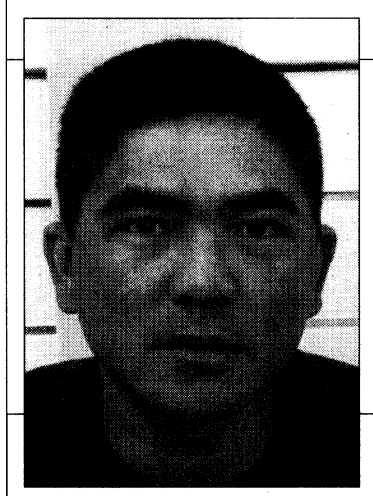
Application deadline is June 1, but schools will begin accepting applications earlier and stop when they have filled the classes. Since the selection will be done based on meeting selection criteria and then by date of application, students are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

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— Jaynie Nesmith
Fort Benning Schools

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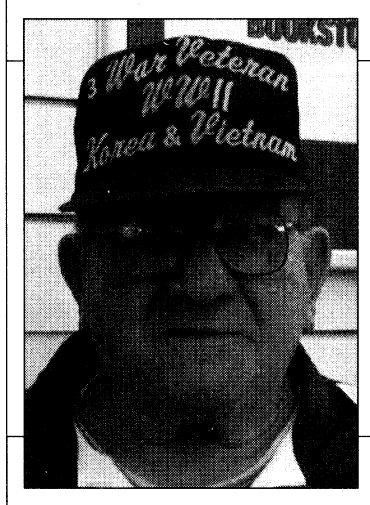
What do you think should be done to residents who violate post pet policies?



Sgt. 1st Class Bayani Apuya, 63rd Engineer Company, 36th Engineer Group — "They should be fined, maybe $150 the first time, and $250 the second. The best way for them to learn is to have money taken away from them. "



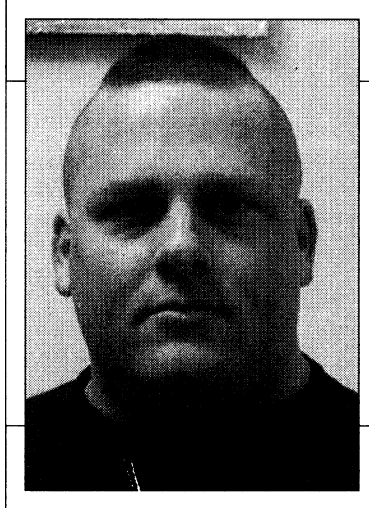
Camille Hatch, family member — "If they're repeat offenders, they should have their pet taken away. The animal should be put in a better home if its owners don't want to take care of it."



Retired Master Sgt. Arthur Croce, Columbus — "Unless they have a license to sell, there should be a mandatory spay and neuter policy enforced. People don't take care of their animals. If I'm 76 and I can take care of mine, they can too."



Patricia Campbell, family member — "If you abandon a pet, there should be legal action taken or have your chain of command contacted. That animal is your responsibility."



Sgt. 1st Class Brian Arabinko, 4th Ranger Training Brigade — "They should be thrown off post. Living on post is a privilege, not a right. Let them live off post and pay to take care of their pet."



Eva Epting, family member — "They should do community service. They should have to go clean the vet facility for a day, so they can learn the responsibility of owning a pet."

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Educational budget cuts are result of war

Thousands cut from supplies and contracts

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning school system has suffered a $204,000 budget cut.

As federal departments across the board are taking budget cuts to help put more money into the war on terrorism, the schools are no exception.

"We've had other budget years where we had to tighten our belts even more than this year, so negative effects on the schools will be minimal," said Richard Skinner, assistant superintendent for Fort Benning schools.

There is a $157,000 cut in the supplies and equipment budget.

The majority of the cutbacks will be made on supplies used for the central office to minimize the effect it will have on the school level, Skinner said.

There will also be a $47,000 cut in contract services such as school buses. The cut was mostly absorbed by excess from the estimate made for the 2002 budget.

"We anticipated this cut," said Dr. Dell McMullen, superintendent for Fort Benning schools. "We made our leadership team (principals and central office) aware of the probability, but we were afraid it was going to be worse than it is."

Fortunately, only the two areas were affected by the cuts, Skinner said. Pay, benefits and utilities for the schools will remain at the target budget made for fiscal 2002.

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> Fort Benning Schools superintendent

"Our children will not suffer as a result of the cuts," McMullen said. "We always want as much money as we can get, but we can also manage with these cuts."

The timing helped a little too, the schools are already five months into the fiscal year, so it won't have as large of an impact as if this came earlier, Skinner said.

Fires: Help protect endangered bird, prevent forest fires

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biologist, Conservation Branch, DFEL. There are 313 clusters on post, and the post's goal is 450, which would put it over the U.S.F.W.S's recovery goal. Only Apalachicola National Forest, Fla., has reached the goal. If Fort Benning and 14 other areas reach 450, the bird would come off the endangered species list.

To reach that objective, post officials help make the birds happy by creating a dense, yet structured, population, he said. Burning helps maintain a forest structure that the birds prefer.

Barron offered a specific example of why the prescribed burns are so important. The woodpeckers live in family groups, with a male, female and mature sons. The sons wait for the father to die so one of them can take over the nest, at which time the mother leaves to look for a new mate and nest. She can accomplish her mission quickly when there are many birds across the landscape. Burning helps create a forest where many groups can exist, densely packed across the landscape.

"They like to be in a population-dense subdivision, not out in the country far away from other neighbors," Barron said.

The birds are territorial, but the 200-acre forage area is enough to keep most birds supplied with needed food (insects), he said.

Monitoring, which involves, among many other techniques, placing bands on birds' legs so officials can identify each bird, has helped track the woodpecker's population growth, Barron said. In 1996, the year post officials took over monitoring, there were approximately 135 groups of birds. There were 193 groups in 2001.

"We're doing pretty well," Barron said. "We're on a definite upswing and have received accolades from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. We're making sure what we're doing is helping the birds."

Still, the post has had to conquer obstacles.

"It's more challenging on a military post," Barron said. "We're trying to balance training and minimize the conflict between the birds and troops."

Another reason why the Fort Benning population of the red-cockaded woodpecker is growing is the placement of an average of six man-made clusters per year, each with four cavities, he said. This is an enormous help to the bird. It can take a woodpecker up to a year to build a cavity on its own. The government has it done in 45 minutes.

Officials monitor artificial cavities for five years after a bird inhabits it and inspect every cluster on post at least once per year.

The prescribed burns, though, remain the most important catalyst to the red-cockaded woodpecker contentment. Post officials try to burn at least one third of all cluster areas each year.

Like all burns on post, these, too, have other ramifications, namely smoke.

"Our first and foremost concern is the smoke impact of these burns," Greenlee said.

Post officials undertake a vigorous smoke screening process, part of which is the use of a Smoke Dispersion Index, he said. A high index means smoke disperses better into the atmosphere. In other words, when the index is high, the distance the fire's smoke travels is less.

When the index is low, the smoke travels further. Many factors determine the index number, such as atmospheric stability transport winds and mining height.



Courtesy photo

A member of the Fire Management Program, Land Management Branch, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, sets a prescribed burn.

"Based on the size of the burn and the SDI, we can determine the smoke impact distance," Greenlee said.

With accurate knowledge of the smoke impact, officials can identify smoke sensitive areas, such as highways, housing areas, the hospital and the airfield, within the smoke impact area.

However, smoke impacts can not always be eliminated in these areas.

"For this reason, when prescribed burns are conducted in areas that are within the smoke impact distance, the (Land Management) Branch notifies those units or facilities of a potential smoke problem," said Bob Larimore, chief of the branch. "When a main road or highway is within the smoke impact distance, smoke-warning signs are posted to alert motorists. These signs are strategically placed to alert motorists of the smoke ahead so they have time to react, slow down and exercise extra caution.

Larimore said he requests all personnel take precautions when they experience smoke in an area.

"The Land Management Branch is doing its best to minimize it or eliminate it," he said.

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Rangers, families honor fallen soldiers

Memorial lauds service, sacrifice of two killed

Bridgett Siter
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The families of two Rangers killed in the war on terrorism attended a dedication ceremony at the Ranger Memorial in Fort Benning's Dawson Barracks Complex Feb. 28.

The names of Spcs. Jonn Edmunds and Kristofor Stonesifer were added to the memorial, which honors the 3rd Ranger Battalion soldiers who have died in training and combat since 1984.

Edmunds, 20, and Stonesifer, 28, were killed when the Black Hawk helicopter they were riding in crashed while providing mobile reserve support at Camp Rhino, a remote airfield in northern Pakistan Oct. 19.

"That was when we began to understand the sacrifices we face in this war," said Lt. Col. Stefan Banach, battalion commander. "They set the example for us to follow, and today their names are added to this monument as an eternal reminder of their selfless service and sacrifice."

The parents of both soldiers, Edmund's wife, Anne, and Stonesifer's brother attended the ceremony, along with more than 700 soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment's 3rd Battalion.

"Jonn and I were always proud to be part of the ranger community," Anne Edmunds said. "He always told me, 'There's nothing the Army can give us that we can't handle.' I still believe that."

Anne thanked the rangers for their support and said she draws comfort from knowing her husband's spirit lives on in the ranger community.

"And we'll see him again. Jonn is on deployment, a very special assignment," she said. "And he'll be waiting when we get our orders."

Donn Edmunds said his son "became complete" when he joined the ranger battalion in 1999.

"These were the happiest times of his life. As a father, it was one of the greatest things in the world to see. He was so proud," Edmunds said. "And I can see here, he made the ranger family as proud as he made this family."

Ruth Stonesifer said her son "wouldn't understand all the fuss being made over him.

"Total strangers have written to me that he's an American hero. He wouldn't define his death as a sacrifice to his country," she said. "It was just another day for him to do the best job he could."

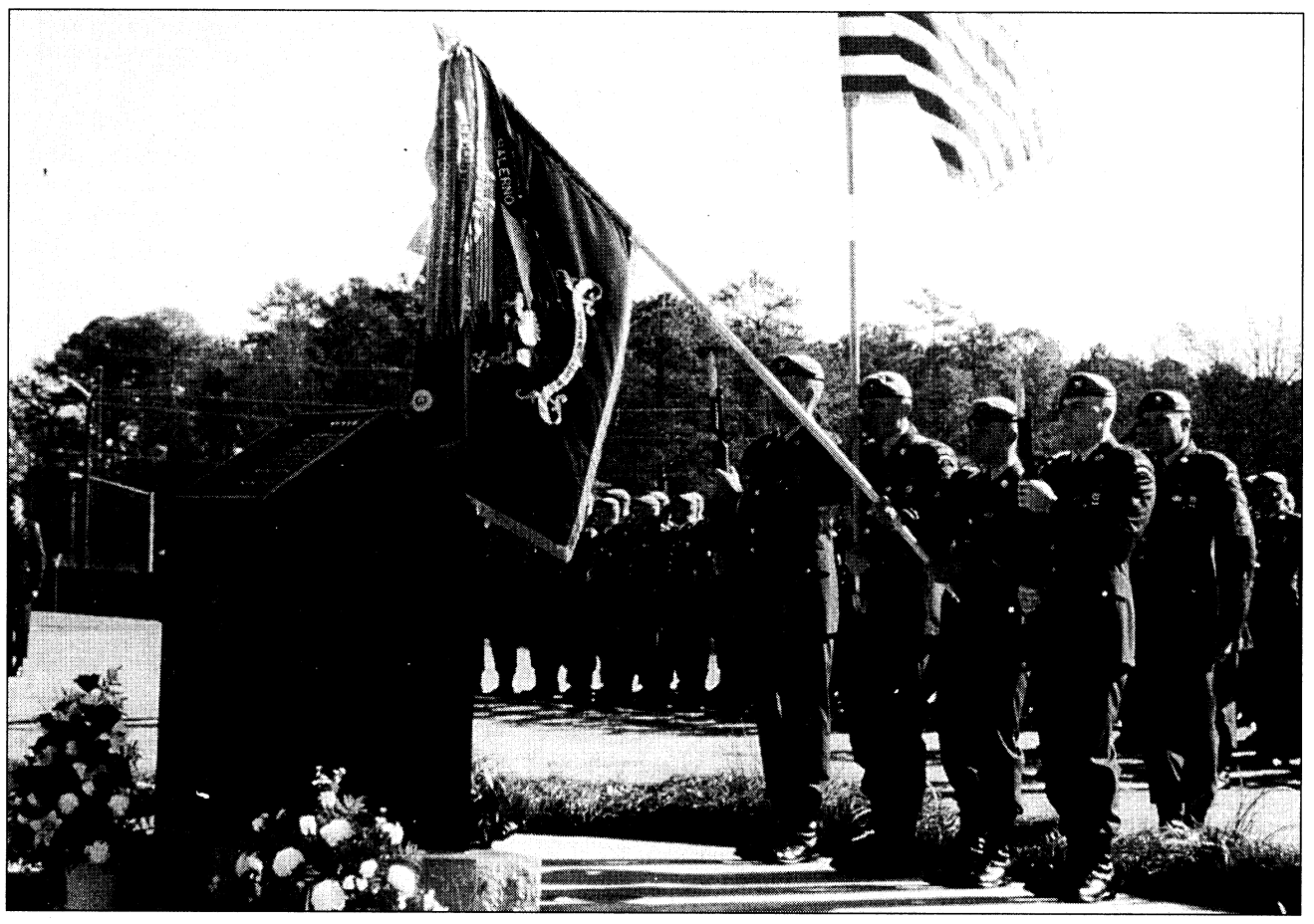
Ruth described Kristofor as a shy and unassuming young man who "listened more than he spoke and enjoyed verbal debate," a deep thinker who studied philosophy and yearned to test his survival skills in the Montana wilderness.

"He strove to find his purpose in life. He came into his own by becoming a ranger," she said, before reading a passage from her son's last letter:

"I'd like to think I died for something important or vital to the mission here. But I don't think it is. It's just a 'gravy' mission, and I fully expect to come back without firing a shot. So if you're reading this something went terribly wrong or it was just bad luck. I've had a good life, and I'm happy to have spent it with all of you."

Stonesifer died without knowing his sister-in-law had given birth to his namesake, Kristofor Scott Stonesifer, five days before his death.

Both Stonesifer and Edmunds were awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.



Bridgett Siter

More than 700 soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment's 3rd Battalion attended a memorial dedication ceremony Feb. 28 at the Dawson Barrack's Complex.

Eight soldiers die, many wounded in battle

Operation Anaconda largest to date

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — More than 2,000 U.S., Afghan and coalition troops have been working since March 1 to destroy a pocket of Taliban and al Qaeda forces operating near the Afghan town of Gardez.

Eight U.S. soldiers have been killed in action and about 40 wounded in the first four days of Operation Anaconda, according to initial reports.

They include Chief Warrant Officer Stanley L. Harriman, 3rd Special Forces Group; Sgt. Bradley S. Crose, 27, Orange Park, Fla., Spc. Marc A. Anderson, 30, Brandon, Fla., and Pfc. Matthew A. Commons, 21, Boulder City, Nev., all from 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. Sgt. Philip J. Svitak, 31, Joplin, Mo., was a member of the 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment.

Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate-Handling Petty Officer 1st Class Neil C. Roberts, 32, Woodland, Calif., was assigned to a Seal command outside of Norfolk, Va. Air Force Tech. Sgt. John A. Chapman, 36, Waco, Texas, was with the 24th Special Tactics Squadron, and Senior Airman Jason D. Cunningham, 26, Camarillo, Calif., was with the 38th Rescue Squadron.

Contrary to initial civilian media reports March 4, the most recent U.S. deaths did not result from helicopters being shot down.

In the first reported incident, a Navy Seal fell from an MH-47 helicopter when it was leaving a landing zone under fire early March 4.

In the second incident, another MH-47, operating in the same area a little later, came under fire as it approached another landing zone. A number of U.S. soldiers were killed immediately after leaving the aircraft or while attempting to disembark.

Neither helicopter crashed or was destroyed by enemy fire, according to officials.

"As I've said repeatedly, the task is far from over — not all Taliban and al Qaeda forces have been defeated, substantial pockets of resistance remain," Rumsfeld said during a March 4 Pentagon press briefing. "They are determined. They are dangerous. They will not give up without a fight.

"They are hiding in the villages and in the mountains and just across the borders, in a number of directions from Afghanistan, and they're waiting for opportunities."

Gen. Tommy Franks, commander in chief for U.S. Central Command, told reporters in a separate briefing via teleconferencing from Tampa, Fla., March 4 that intelligence could give no firm numbers on the enemy combatants currently operating in the mountains south of Gardez. He said it could be anywhere from just a couple of hundred to more than 1,000 fighters.

Franks described the enemy as fighting from fortified positions in groups as small as three individuals up to a group of 20 using small arms, machine guns, rocket propelled grenades and mortars.

He said the most effective means of destroying those groups has been a combination of direct ground fire and air power.

In the Pentagon briefing, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. Richard Myers said more than 350 bombs had been dropped against enemy positions as part of the operation through March 4. Through the same period, an estimated 200 enemy fighters have been killed by air power or direct fire from forces on the ground.

Of the 40 reported wounded U.S. soldiers, Franks said about half received only minor injuries and were already back on duty.

Asked when Anaconda might conclude, Franks said, "I don't mean to sound trite, but it will be over when it's over."

Both Franks and Rumsfeld said that Anaconda would not be the last ground combat operation in Afghanistan, as many Taliban and al Qaeda combatants remain at large in other parts of the country.

"Going on the offensive is the only successful defense against terrorism," Rumsfeld said.

Army names interim armored vehicle 'Stryker'

Name taken from soldiers who died in different wars

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — The Army named its first 21st century combat vehicle in honor of two enlisted soldiers who posthumously received medals of honor for risking their lives fighting for their country.

The Stryker, the Army's new wheeled armored vehicle for its interim brigade combat teams, was unveiled Feb. 27 by Sgt. Major of the Army Jack Tilley and Robert Stryker, the brother of one of the medal-of-honor recipients. The unveiling of the vehicle took place during the Association of the U.S. Army's winter symposium at Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

"I've been a soldier for a very long time," Tilley said. "While I would occasionally wonder where and how vehicles I served on got their names, I never once envisioned myself participating in a ceremony such as the one here today. It would be an honor to simply be present at an event like this one."

The vehicle is named in honor of Pfc. Stuart S. Stryker, who served in World War II, and Spc. Robert F. Stryker, who served in Vietnam. Both soldiers were separated by a generation and fought on battlefields on opposite sides of the globe, Tilley said.

But both soldiers made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and their fellow soldiers, Tilley said.

Robert Stryker served with the 1st Infantry Division and was awarded the Medal of Honor for saving the lives of his fellow soldiers near Loc Ninh, Vietnam.

Stuart Stryker served with the 513th Parachute Infantry and was given the Medal of Honor for leading an attack near Wesel, Germany.

It was that attack that led to the capture of more than 200 enemy soldiers and freed three American pilots.

The Stryker is a 19-ton wheeled armored vehicle that bridges the gap between light and heavy forces, according to Army officials.

The interim armored vehicle possess the deployability and sustainability associated with the Army's light forces, and the lethality and survivability common to the heavy forces, officials added.

The Stryker will have 10 variants: the Infantry Carrier Vehicle, Mobile Gun System; Anti-Tank Missile Guided Vehicle; Reconnaissance Vehicle; Fire Support Vehicle; Engineer Squad Vehicle; Mortar Carrier Vehicle; Commander's Vehicle; Medical Evacuation Vehicle; and a Nuclear Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance Vehicle.

The IAV family is the first new armored vehicle that the Army has acquired since the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

The Army plans to field six interim brigade combat teams with more than 300 Strykers in each.

In October 1999, the Army announced its first two IBCTs would be 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Divisions and the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division both located at Fort Lewis, Wash.

The next brigades to transform will be 172nd Infantry Brigade (Separate), Fort Richardson, Alaska; 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment (Light), Fort Polk, La.; 2nd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; and the 56th Brigade of the 28th Infantry Division (Mechanized), Pennsylvania Army National Guard.

Shinseki: Transformation more than vehicles

Fort Lewis first to receive interim armored vehicles

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Transformation is underway, but the momentum has to be picked up to meet aviation and logistics challenges, said the Army's top soldier at the annual Association of the U.S. Army Winter Symposium.

"I'm very appreciative of where Transformation is today," said Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. "Two and a half years ago people couldn't spell transformation, but today it's a term recognized and used to describe ... a large organization challenging itself to change."

More than 100,000 soldiers and civilians attended the two-day symposium in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where the Army unveiled its interim armored vehicle Feb. 27 to March 1. The Stryker, named in honor of two enlisted Medal of Honor recipients, is a wheeled vehicle designed to give light forces mobility and sustainability.

Transformation, however, is more than combat vehicles and Shinseki said his focus will change to the modernization of aviation and logistics.

Shinseki has always contended that 80 percent of items deployed are repair parts, fuel and ammunition. In order to successfully transform into the Objective Force, the logistics load has to decrease, he said.

The Stryker, which has 10 common variants, was designed to reduce the transport of repair parts, officials said. Interim brigade combat teams at Fort Lewis, Wash., will be the first units to receive the IAV family, and Shinseki said that soldiers are re-enlisting and extending to get to Fort Lewis to be where Transformation is taking place.

Forces Command, which is the major command that Fort Lewis falls under, is vital to Transformation, said Gen. Larry Ellis, FORSCOM's commanding general. Troops are the primary executers of Transformation, he said. FORSCOM is the higher headquarters for stateside deployable divisions.

The 4th Infantry Division at Fort Hood, Texas, is the Army's first digitized division, which means the division will be equipped with technology that generates, stores and processes data.

A lot has been done, but more has to take place before the Army reaches the Objective Force, Shinseki said. However, pay raises and housing and stabilization incentives are being made to transform the Army's personnel practices, he said.

"I would encourage both soldiers and family members to read the Army's Vision Statement," Shinseki said. "The Vision is people, readiness and Transformation. Right now we're taking care of the people who keep the Army at the quality it is today."

Dozens of leaders stood at podiums explaining their role or thoughts on Transformation. One of the newest senior leaders to take office said that with Transformation there are risks.

"There are two types of risk we must contend with ... and that is to remain ready while we transform ... and to field systems on time and within the budget," said Les Brownlee, the Army's undersecretary.

Brownlee, who has been in office since Nov. 11, spent Christmas with troops in Afghanistan.

Families prepare for Kuwait deployment

Group shares readiness responsibility

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

The family support group is a thing of the past. The new wave in family assistance is the family readiness group, and it's not just for spouses anymore. Leadership starts at the command level.

"We're very upfront with our soldiers," said Lt. Col. Pete Baer, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment. "It's their personal responsibility to ready their families for separation."

As soldiers from the battalion gear up for deployment to Kuwait, they are ironing out final details on the home front for the families they leave behind. The soldiers play an active role in the support net for their families — a strong family readiness group.

The key to involvement, said Lauren Baer, FRG representative, is having multiple events so everyone has a chance to get information. But the most important thing, she said, is making functions fun.

"If you have a potluck, people are more apt to come than if you just have a 'meeting'," she said. "We put the information they need out very quickly, then we relax and have a good time.

"Spouses need activities they can use to network and meet other people," she said. "If they don't know faces within the unit, who are they going to call when they have a problem?"

It's the soldier's responsibility to introduce their spouse to others in the unit, Lauren said.

"The soldier is the one who's leaving. Shame on them if they haven't taken their wife out to meet other people," she said. "The spouses need to gain as much information as possible so they can take care of business while the soldier is deployed."

One way they gather information about family members is through a mandatory pre-deployment checklist. The list screens for "high risk" families, or those who may have special needs, such as disabled children or an upcoming birth. But the list has uncovered more than they expected.

"It's been a phenomenal way to get information that we wouldn't have gotten otherwise," Lauren said. "There are spouses without driver's licenses, who don't speak English, or who didn't have access to their checking account. Those people could have been stuck without help for months."

When units deploy, this type of information is left with the rear detachment commander, Baer said. He can then pair those with special needs with someone else in the unit with a special skill, like knowledge of a second language. The battalion has even sent platoon leaders to the homes of some families to observe their living conditions.

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> **Lauren Baer**
> FRG representative

"It's a little old-fashioned," he said, "but it works. We need to be sure they can sustain themselves while we're gone. A soldier can perform his job better if he knows his loved ones are taken care of."

The "Task Force 2-69" FRG group includes three companies from the 69th Armor Regiment, C Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, and B Company, 317th Engineer Battalion. Dispersing information happens at the company and platoon level, depending upon the size of the group.

"I think what we're doing is the absolute best we can do for our families," said Kimberly Hetzel, FRG representative for 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt. "It's never easy to be separated, but the battalion made this a really easy transition for us."

AER: Assists soldiers

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"This is a good deal," Vona said. "This program belongs to the Army people, and your contributions are needed."

AER also provides assistance to retirees, orphans, families and widows.

It is a nonprofit organization founded in 1942 during World War II. Since then, it has helped more than 2.6 million Army personnel with more than $685 million in financial assistance.

"The purpose of this program is to raise additional funds in order to assist eligible personnel," said Al Deane, installation AER officer. "Nine out of every 10 who apply will receive assistance."

In the past three years, Fort Benning has contributed more than $583,000 to AER, Vona said. During the same time period, post soldiers have received more than $2.5 million in assistance.

"It serves a good purpose, and soldiers need this program," said Master Sgt. Gayle Lewis, acting command sergeant major for the the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. "We really received more than we have contributed."

The briefing allowed representatives to gather campaign materials and to allow them to make soldiers aware of AER, Lewis said.

"I'm going to make contact with every soldier in my unit and get the word out," she said. "I have no doubt in my mind we will achieve the goal of 100 percent."

According to the AER Web site, www.aerhq.org, AER can provide emergency financial needs for:

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- Military ID Card,
- Leave and Earnings Statement,
- Leave or Permanent Change of Station orders,
- Substantiating documents (car repair estimate, rental agreement, utility bills, etc.).

"Each post has additional requirements," Deane said. "That is why it is important to visit, or call the center before you seek assistance."

For more information, visit the post AER or call 545-3530.

General: Pins star

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general.

He was promoted in front of the Follow Me statue at Infantry Hall. His wife, Ginny, and the 18th Airborne Corps' Commanding General Lt. Gen. Dan McNeill pinned the star on his lapel.

Rodriguez was McNeill's assistant chief of staff prior to becoming the assistant commandant.

McNeill thanked Rodriguez for asking him to be a part of the ceremony and addressed Rodriguez's parents with gratitude and respect for raising such a great American.

Rodriguez spoke about doing his part as an American and what being a member of the Army really means.

"Titles and our lives will pass. The only thing that will stand is the truth of our cause," he said.

More than 300 guests attended the ceremony where Rodriguez was presented with a one star flag, a pistol and 11 gun salute.

During his speech, he thanked his wife for her commitment and involvement in the community and his children for their sacrifice of moving from station to station.

The general said he felt lucky to be promoted and was delighted to earn a star.

"Becoming a general is a great accomplishment," he said. "My mother has been telling me for years how great I am. Now, I think I've given her a reason that I can actually believe her."

Rodriguez is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy. He was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1976.

He served as a company commander for B Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment on Fort Benning.

Rodriguez also served as commander for both the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry, at Fort Campbell, Ky., and the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, N.C. Rodriguez also served in the 18th Airborne Corps in 1989 as a war plans officer.

He earned a master's degree in strategic studies and national security affairs from the Naval War College in 1997 and became the assistant commandant of the U.S. Army Infantry School Oct. 12, 2000.

Rodriguez has been awarded the Bronze Star, Defense Meritorious Service Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters.

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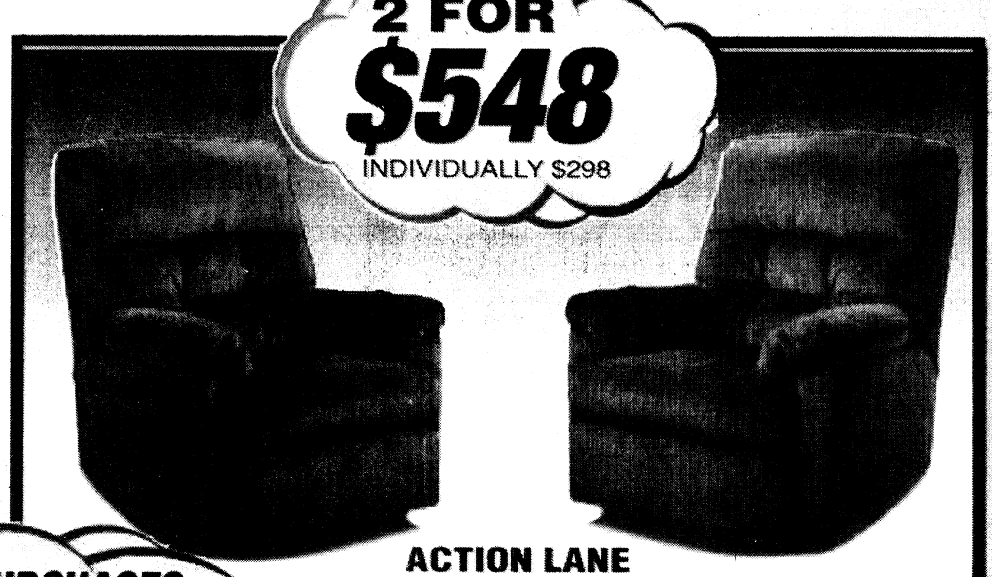
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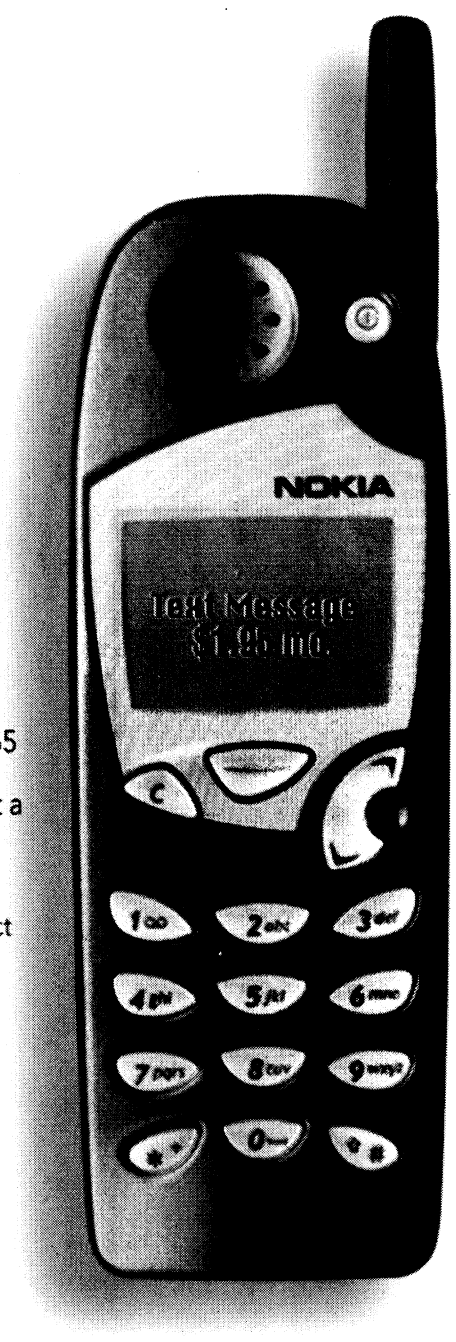
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Army Knowledge Online unveils chat room

Collaboration center will ease soldier's fear

Patrick A. Swan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A "collaboration center" to let Army Knowledge Online customers hold Internet conferences with other users became a standard AKO feature in February.

The center serves as a "chat room" for users to discuss specific Army issues. Such conference rooms enable AKO user and other individuals to talk to each other simultaneously.

"This is part of the continuing evolution of AKO," said Col. Robert L. Coxe, G-6's chief technical officer. "We wanted to give soldiers a place to gather exchange concepts and ideas or be able to discuss a particular document online."

Since chat is a part of AKO Instant Messenger, users must be running AKO Instant Messenger to chat. By creating a chat room as a "moderated" room, only operators and moderators can participate, or "speak," in that room.

"When you create a chat room, you decide who does what," said David Hale, AKO's chief technician.

Coxe added the collaboration center is both secure and persistent. Thus, when a given chat is completed, its text does not vanish.

Rather, the chat room administrator can edit, save and archive the session as a text document for later viewing by anyone given access.

A systems administrator with the 1st Armored Division in Germany recently praised the AKO collaboration center as, "pretty cool."

"Tell the gang (AKO folks) that put it up 'Good Job!' and pat them on the back," said Spc. David A. McLemore, of 1st Brigade, 1st AD. "My guys used the (heck) out of AKO-S (the secret-level AKO site) at the recent Victory Focus (V Corps exercise). A lot of them like using the Web mail there better than having to use their SIPRnet (secret-level, organic) e-mail accounts. (With AKO-S), they can go to any SIPRnet machine and check their e-mail. And since they don't have to go through my shop to get an account, they can move a lot faster.

"I can see it now," McLemore added, "entire chat channels dedicated to exercises and new computer systems so that when soldiers run into a problem on the systems they can put a "shout" out for help."

While the collaboration enter was designed to help soldiers in coordinating documents, concepts or information papers, Coxe said he really had no preconceived notion on how it might be used in practice.

"We are going to be surprised," he said. "Soldiers have an amazing way of figuring out practical uses for themselves independent of what we designers might think."

For instance, Coxe said, soldiers are using the chat rooms to conduct after-action reviews. He also described how some military police use it for briefing off-duty shifts online. Soldiers in those off-duty shifts participate from home or remote computer workstations, rather than assembling en masse at the MP station.

The collaboration center's conference rooms complement the AKO Instant Messenger, which allows users to communicate through a Web browser with other Bantu Messenger users (the AKO default standard), and users of ICQ, Yahoo! Messenger and MSN Messenger on Windows, Macintosh and Unix. An instant message is a private, two-way communication online between a user and others.

Hale said AKO Instant Messenger is the only instant messenger that allows users to send instant messages to users on ICQ, Yahoo! Messenger, MSN Messenger, and Bantu.

"AKO Instant Messenger requires no software to install, and all settings are stored on AKO's servers, making it the easiest Instant Messenger solution for users who move between computers often," he said.

AKO Instant Messenger is a secure means to maintain privacy, Hale said, because it uses an encrypted protocol between client and server, so users can be sure messages sent between AKO Instant Messenger users are not being read by other people.

Nevertheless, AKO Instant Messenger works unbelievably well through firewalls and proxy servers, Hale said.

"In many cases, AKO Instant Messenger is the only way to connect to ICQ, MSN, and Yahoo," he said.

The AKO Instant Messenger contact list is similar to other instant messenger contact and buddy lists. It also automatically synchronizes with one's MSN Messenger and Yahoo! contact list whenever connected to their networks.

In addition, Hale said any changes a user has made to his contacts or blocked list from another client will automatically be updated. The exception is ICQ, which stores it's contacts list on a user's computer, and not on a central server. As a result, there is currently no way for AKO Instant Messenger to import ICQ contact lists.

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>
> **Col. Robert L. Coxe**
> Chief technical officer

A user's contact list is a list of people to whom one can easily send instant messages. They could be co-workers, relatives or other people one knows. By running AKO Instant Messenger, users can see if their contacts are online and available for a conversation.

A contact list can contain people from any instant messaging network which one is connected.

There is no limit to the number of AKO Instant Messenger contacts. Users may have up to 1,000 contacts per group, and an unlimited number of groups.

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Pets: Found neglected in Fort Benning residence

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Kane weighed only 37 pounds — 20 30 pounds less than what's normal r his frame — and has a severe case heartworm.

His muscles were so deteriorated d weak when he got to the Vet Clinic at he could hardly lift himself off the ound. He was not expected to live rough the weekend.

The vet staff fed him every few urs during the weekend, which was either dog could handle due to runken stomachs.

Kane had regained three pounds and a little energy by Monday.

"If they had registered them with us six months ago, this all could have been avoided," Taylor said.

The animals, in fact, were never taken to the Vet Clinic, although their former owners lived on post for more than six months.

The appropriate agencies are investigating this matter and will take appropriate action, said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

"I cannot tolerate actions like these," Torres said. "When actions like this occur, I will investigate the incident and take appropriate actions at my level or provide a recommendation to the person's chain of command."

Officers and NCOs should put the word out in their respective units that pet neglect is a serious offense and persons who do it may be subjected to a full range of administrative or judicial actions, he said.

All domestic pets on Fort Benning require registration through the vet clinic within 14 days of arrival on post.

The two dogs would have been screened for rabies, distemper and heartworm, and had all vaccinations updated. There is no fee for registration.

"Neglect is in the eye of the beholder," said Capt. Louis Huzella, post veterinarian. "Some people don't know how to care for their pets due to a lack of education or information. But we can try to help them and give them a course of action.

"The course of action now is to make the animals well and find them a new home," Huzella said.

Making Kane well will require more extensive treatment due to the severity of the heartworm disease, Huzella said. The very expensive treatment could have been avoided by a simple heartworm preventative given once a month.

Pets allowed on post, which include cats, dogs, small caged animals and horses, are required to have updated vaccinations. Dogs on post are required to be on heartworm preventative year round.

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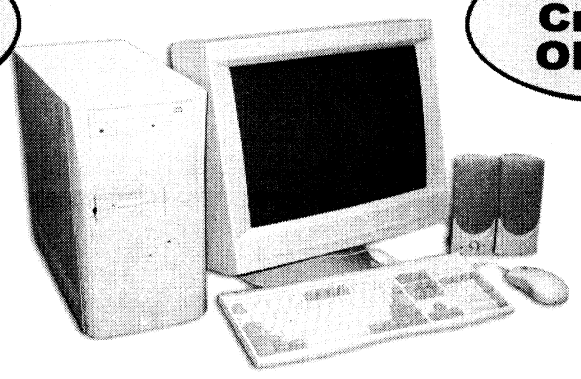
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F Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, D Co., 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., and E Co., 2nd Bn., 58th Inf. Regt., will graduate at 10 a.m. today at Kanell Field on Sand Hill.

For more information, call 545-8131.

Spring formal

The Basic Combat Training Brigade's Spring Formal is at 6 p.m. today at Fort Benning Officers' Club.

For more information, call 545-8564 or 545-8583.

Blood drive

Martin Army Community Hospital will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the Soldier Readiness Program, Building 9224.

For more information, call 544-4276.

Tax Center is open

The Tax Center is open for business, and it is free.

The center has tax forms, offers assistance on filling them out and can also electronically file returns.

Things to bring to the tax center to facilitate filling out tax forms are: W-2 forms, 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, Form 1098, power of attorney, social security card, voided check and ID card.

The tax center processes all federal and state income tax returns, including 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040.

When visiting the center, park only in designated parking lots. Parking in the circular drive in front of the center will result in a $45 fine.

The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be extended hours on the following dates:

- Saturday — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- March 20 — 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- March 27 — 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- April 13 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 15 — 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The center is located on Ingersoll Avenue at Building 880, Room G131. The building is across from the Wynnsong 10 Theater formerly housed the NCO Academy.

For more information, call 545-4267.

Women's History Month Luncheon

The U.S. Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office will present the Women's History Month Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 20 at the Officers' Club.

This year's theme is "Women sustaining the American spirit."

Guest speaker will be Peggy Martin, former mayor of Phenix City.

Tickets are $7.50.

To purchase tickets or for more information, call 545-3196 or visit one's EO advisor.

OCS selection boards

Officer Candidate School selection boards will be May 13-17 and July 22-26. Applications must arrive in Personnel Services and Readiness Division for the May board by April 26 and by June 28 for the July board. Applications must be complete and applicants must meet all prerequisites.

For more information, call 545-4702.

Army Learning Center

The Army Learning Center, Infantry Hall, Classroom 32A, will no longer be open Sundays.

The new hours are: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 545-7677.

Wanted prior duty soldiers

Contact the local Reserve guidance counselor for prior service soldiers to fill shortages within the Reserve units on and around Fort Benning.

The office also provides Life Cycle Management of Prior Service Soldiers. It assists in updating prior service records, placement, re-enlistments, etc. for the USAR database in AR-PERSCOM, St. Louis, Mo.

For more information, call 545-0317.

Soldier receives medal

Volunteers in Nicaragua for those in need

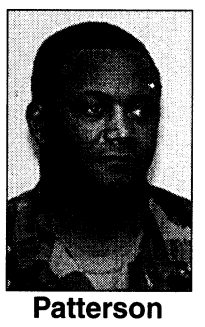
Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

A soldier with the Combined Arms and Tactic Directorate, received the Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal Tuesday for his service to the children of Nicaragua.

Capt. Donald Patterson has been spending his Christmas vacation serving the basic needs of Nicaraguan children.

"He exemplifies many soldiers today. He always continues to volunteer," said Col. Jeffery Yeager, CATD's deputy director.

"The reason why I work in Nicaragua is because there are no U.S. forces there except for the embassy," Patterson said. "I have seen the devastation firsthand."


Patterson

Patterson deployed to Nicaragua after Hurricane Mitch in 1996 on a humanitarian effort.

Since then he, with the support of his chain of command, has helped children experience the joys of being a child.

"It takes a pretty unselfish person to go to the lengths that Don goes to in order to help less fortunate people," said Capt. Jeremy Godwin with CATD.

Patterson works with two churches; Mohavia and Blue Fields in Corinto, Nicaragua, to help pick the children whom are most in need of basic items like clothes and toys.

"The reason why I work with the church is so I don't single out any one individual or any one family and help them," Patterson said.

"My chain of command helps me by writing a letter to ensure that the excess baggage I carry can go over there," Patterson said.

"I also contact the embassy when I am going over, so they know I'm coming. When I get to customs, it helps. I don't have to pay for excess baggage."

Patterson also gets some help from the Fort Benning Main Mall Post Exchange.

"They'll help me out by telling me when the sales and discounts are. They'll help me with additional discounted items, but no more than usual because their policy is that they have to help the agencies here on post," Patterson said.

Patterson is currently working to refurbish computers to take to the children.

He is also working with a company called River Deep to buy interactive computer programs for education purposes.

"With that program they will be able to learn different skills," Patterson said. "75 percent of the country is in poverty, so many of the children will never go to school."

Orientation good way to get information

Many learn about post at briefing

Christina Hayashi
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AER, DeCA, PX. Do you find yourself wading through a river of acronyms? Do building numbers have you confused? Help is on the way.

The answers to these questions can be found by attending the Newcomers and Spouses Orientation.

"It gave me a lot of information. They also explained health care and gave a point of contact," said Sheila Sheils, a recent attendee of an orientation.

"It's also a good way to meet people."

The orientation is usually held on the second Friday of every other month from 8 a.m. until noon, at the Family Unit Network Center in Building 356, on Ingersoll Avenue.

All military card holders, soldiers and their families are invited to attend, as well as civilian employees of Fort Benning who want to know more about the community.

Carmen Rivera, the Relocation Readiness Program manager with Army Community Service encourages newcomers and spouses to come find out what Fort Benning has to offer and for locations and times of operation for services.

"We focus on being able to become independent and know what the installation has to offer," Rivera said.

Newcomers and spouses will receive a canvas bag filled with information on various groups on post, activities in Columbus.

Representatives from groups will give a generalized overview — approximately 10 to 15 minutes in length — on what their organization is, what they stand for and how they can help with the unique aspects of the military lifestyle.

Some representatives include those from Martin Army Community Hospital, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, Housing, and Volunteer Coordinator's office. Members of the Columbus Visitors Center will also give a presentation on activities going on in Columbus.

Child care will be provided by Tot Town. Parents must register their children prior to the orientation. They will receive a voucher after the meeting to redeem when they pick up their children. Time to get to and from the FUN Center is allotted.

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Spc. Casey Lenker and Pvt. Mark Calhoun prime a water pump at clear creek pond.



Photos by Sgt. William Graves

Calhoun, left, and Lenker prepare a concrete slab for moving by Sgt. Johnny Johnson, crane operator.

Clear Creek Pond under control

Soldiers tackle complex task for post

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Members of the 63rd Engineer Company have been busy as beavers at Clear Creek Pond since Feb. 8.

2nd Platoon is replacing an antiquated and rusted culvert that sat under Pine Tree Road spillway with a new, concrete culvert through which overflowing pond water will traverse.

"This is a college-level project," said Col. Michael W. Biering, commander, 36th Engineer Group. "They're fighting the elements, and for 20 to 30 years, it was patched but never fixed right. It was a mess."

The complex project involved soldiers building a sand bag wall off a beaver dam to slow down the flow of pond water and, ultimately, stopping it.

The wall directed the water flow away from the original culvert and allowed that area to dry. Soldiers are in the process of laying down sand, rock and geotextile, a substance that prevents erosion. When done, they will compact it and place the new culvert.

Once the culvert is in its correct position, soldiers will take away the sand bags to allow the water to flow into the new tunnel.

Later, they will build another head wall for a new bridge and, lastly, construct the road over the culvert.

"It's not an easy job, but they called on us to do it, so it feels good to know they have trust in our abilities," said Sgt. Johnny Johnson, squad leader.

Soldiers are working 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in rotations, to get the job done.

"The long hours and equipment familiarization are helping us prepare for war-time missions," Johnson said. "Plus, we're getting hands-on experience with the civilian equipment we borrowed."

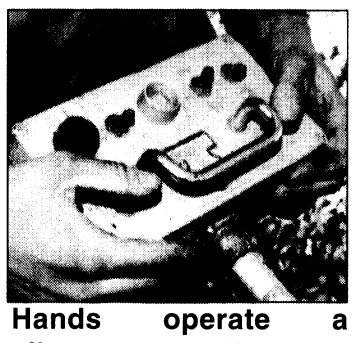
Soldiers are using a civilian excavator and back hoe along with the company's air compressor, crane, light set and Small Emplacement Excavator truck. Later, they will use its bulldozers, road graders and compactors.

"Not only does this training set us up for success in the future, it helps the post save money and benefits the pond's surrounding wildlife and entire ecosystem," Johnson said.

The project did come with its share of challenges.

The first was to build the sand bag wall.

"We had to jump in the water to lay the sand bags, but even



Hands operate a vibratory roller, a machine that compacts and smoothes ground.

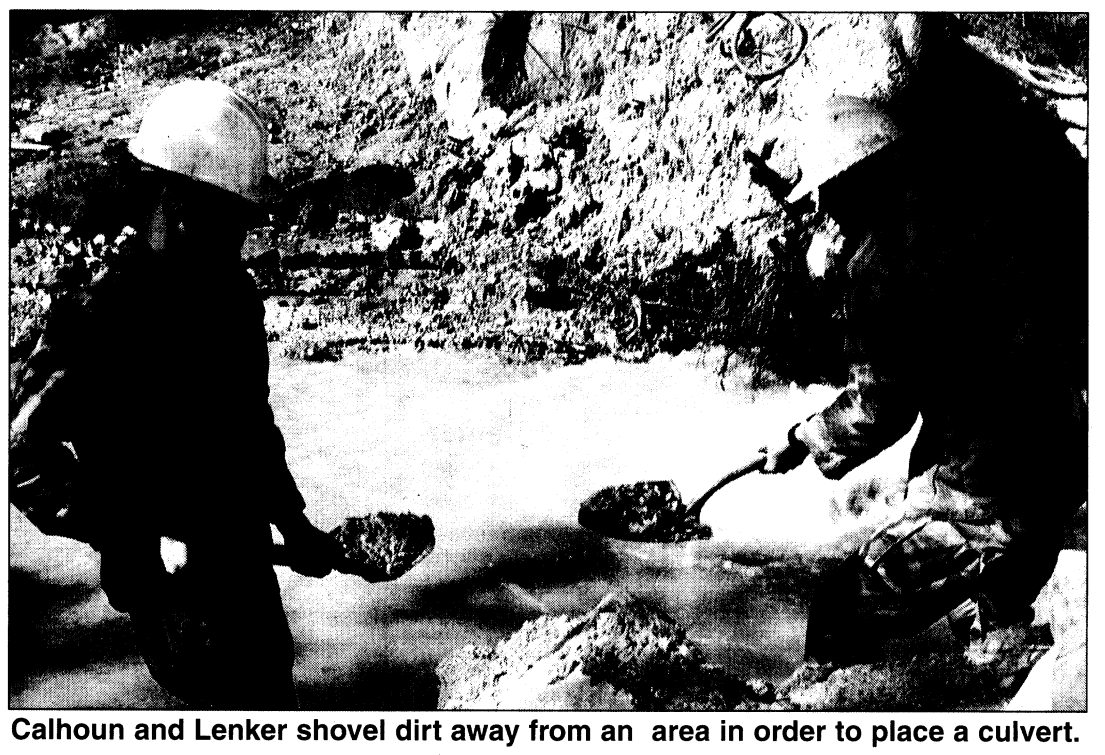
though it was wet and cold, we all were motivated and getting along because everyone was suffering through it," Johnson said.

Another challenge was to keep the new culvert area dry to continue to work. For instance, during the weekend, heavy rain pushed water levels over the wall and onto the work surface to set the soldiers back a few days.

"It's a major learning experience," said Spc. Casey Lenker. "I've upgraded roads, but I've not done culverts or anything to this extent."

"No matter how hard you try, you can't stop water," he said. "You can slow it down dramatically, but it always finds a way to seep through."

One consolation to the trials and tribulations the soldiers are experiencing is the amount of operator time, or stick time, they are receiving on the dozers, cranes and other equipment,



Calhoun and Lenker shovel dirt away from an area in order to place a culvert.

Lenker said.

Soldiers are enjoying their time, said Pvt. Mark Calhoun, who is participating in his first real project.

"When we look at what we accomplished so far, it can only increase our confidence level," he said.

Another interesting aspect of the mission is all the new information soldiers are learning, which gives them a more diverse skill set, he said.

"This is great training," Biering said. "They get to do what they signed up for when they joined the Army."

As with all the company's projects, this one is mutually beneficial.

"This is a great opportunity to contribute to the installation," Biering said. "There's no value added to so much equipment sitting in the motor pool ... This saves the installation precious dollars."

Biering said he was glad the post called on the company.

"We intend to be visible, active and good stewards of Fort Benning," Biering said. "The 36th Group has a representative (in the 63rd Engineer Co.) that's responsive to the post's needs, and the 63rd is the only show in town, so we're going to work them hard."

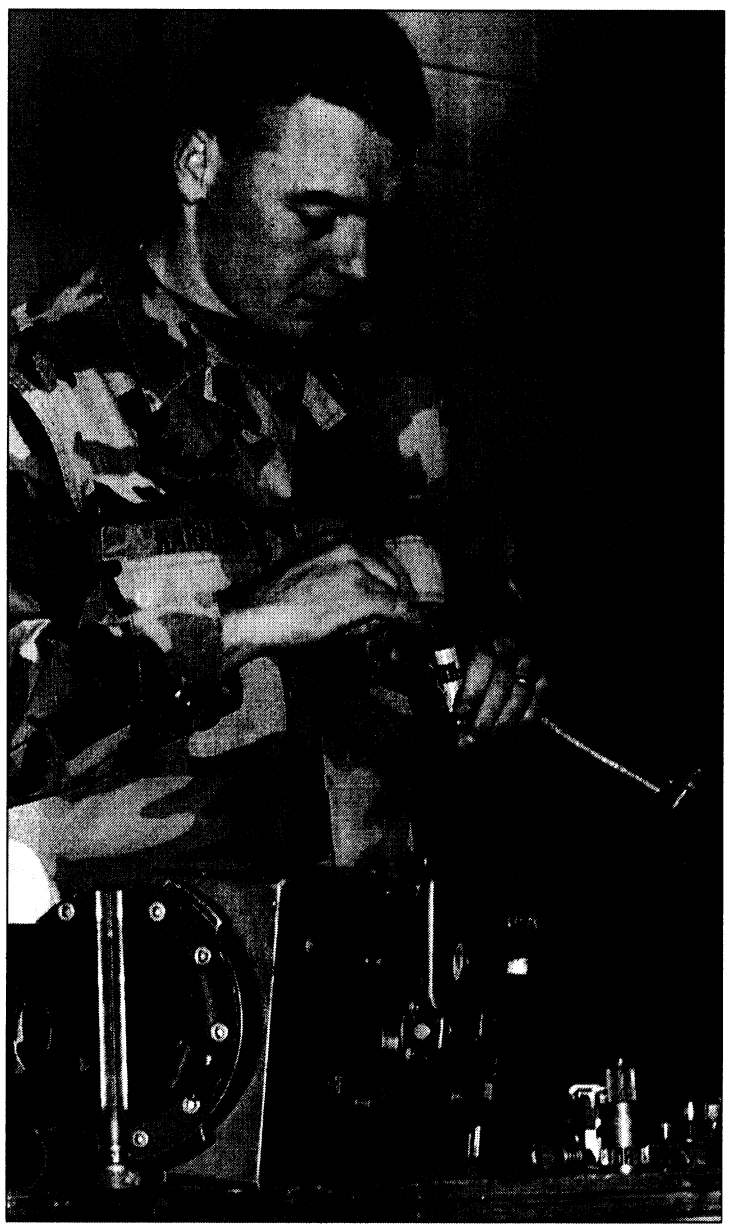
If all the other projects, such as the Post Catholic Chapel demolition, hospital parking lot and walking trail, the group's physical readiness training facility, and Garnsey trench line, are any indication, busy as a beaver they have been.

And eager as a beaver, too.

"Although we're a (Forces Command) unit on a (Training and Doctrine Command) installation, we are one community," said 1st Sgt. John S. Johnson.

"We are always happy to contribute to the quality of life on Fort Benning."

Kelley Hill soldiers prepare for deployment



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Staff Sgt. Dennis Karns inspects a 25 mm gun.

Soldiers ready equipment for storage

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, performed command maintenance and systems checks Monday to prepare their Bradley Fighting Vehicles to ensure everything was ready for storage during their upcoming deployment to Kuwait.

C Company and 2nd Bn., 69th Armored Regt. will deploy to Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Spring.

The operation, formerly known as Intrinsic Action, is part of a regular rotation that has been going on since the Gulf War to maintain security and stability in the gulf region against any further aggression.

"The training has been good, and we are ready to go," said Ryan Limbaugh, BFV driver. "In Kuwait, we will be able to get some real world training."

The company qualified crew, trained on force protection and family readiness, and qualified on their weapon to prepare for deployment.

"The training we've done has



Spc. Chris Mumma performs systems checks with Pvt. Ryan Limbaugh.

greatly enhanced our readiness," said Maj. George Fredrick, 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt., executive officer. "The brigade developed a time line for our training. Each day and week that goes by, the more we are prepared to deploy."

This deployment is also a training opportunity for the soldiers, said Fredrick.

"Fort Benning is a great post for training; however, Kuwait offers a tremendous opportunity for maneuver training," Fredrick said. "Our last desert training was (the National Training Center) in June 2001. We are excited about the opportunity to maneuver and conduct live-fire exercises in a different environment."

Executing live-fire exercises and maneuvering in a different environment will be beneficial, Fredrick said.

"It's going to be a great experience for people to see a different culture and way of life," said Spc. Chris Mumma, senior BFV driver for 1st platoon. Mumma said he was excited to go.

Soldiers understand the ramifications of their duties, and they are ready to make some sacrifices.

"I'm not happy about leaving my family, but you have to accomplish the mission," said Staff Sgt. Dennis Karns, BFV commander.

Soldiers practice for HOTEX demonstration

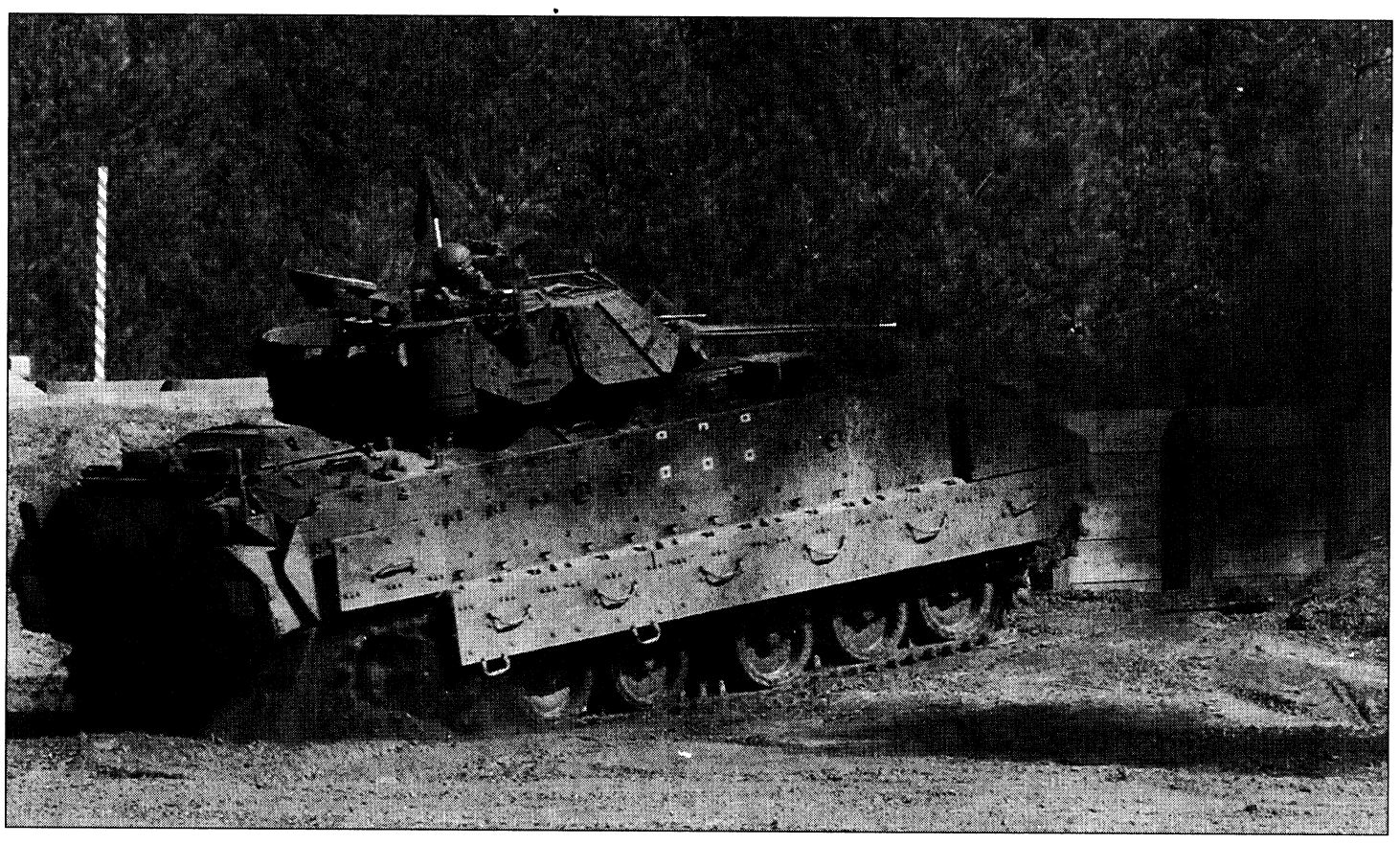
Training shows capabilities

Pfc Kyle Neller
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Members of the 1st and 2nd Infantry Battalions, 29th Infantry Regiment, conducted a hands on tactical training exercise — known as a HOTEX — with Bradley fighting vehicles, small arms weapons and other equipment Tuesday at Red Cloud Range.

"HOTEX is great training for soldiers and officers alike, but it also gives the foreign dignitaries who observe the demonstration a good idea of the fire power a mechanized infantry squad can bring to the battlefield," said Staff Sgt. Lezlie Perkins, range safety officer.

"It's a great chance for the officers and dignitaries to see the Bradley's M-240-C co-axle machine gun and 25 mm cannon laying down suppressive fire while the dismounted troops move down range," Perkins said. "It gives everyone watching an idea of how the mounted crews and dismounted squads work together on a small scale."



Pfc. Kyle Neller

A Bradley Fighting Vehicle engages targets during the hands-on training exercise Tuesday. The exercise showed future mechanized battalion commanders weapon systems their soldiers will use.

Another purpose of the HOTEX was to familiarize future mechanized infantry battalion commanders with the weapon systems their soldiers will use.

"It is very important that commanding officers know the capabilities of the weapons their soldiers wield," said Lt. Col. Chris Lockhart, 1st Bn., 29th Inf Regt., battalion commander. "It helps them make tactically and technically sound decisions while commanding a battalion during battle."

The rehearsals and demonstration are also good for building Bradley crew cohesion, said Spc. John Lechner, narrator.

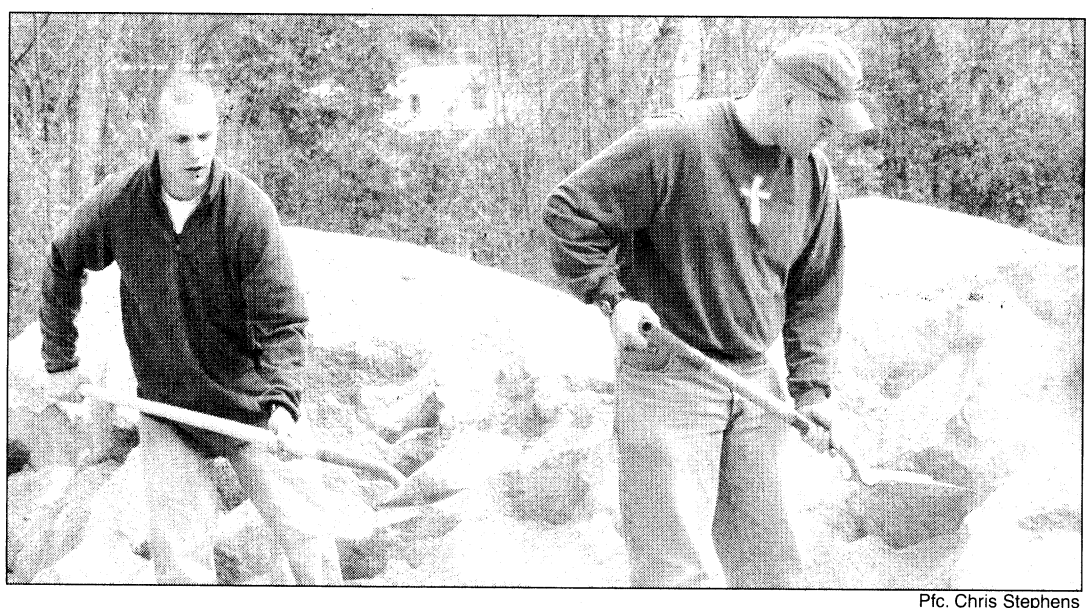
"We get a lot of NCO support," Lechner said. "The sergeants have to get down and dirty with the rest of the soldiers. It also gives gunners a chance to put some rounds down range, 'steel on steel and metal on metal.'"

The HOTEX also keeps crews ready for gunnery.

"This training helps to sustain gunnery capabilities," said Staff Sgt. Wright Mitchell, Bradley commander. "The more live rounds our crews put down range, the more prepared they are to qualify."

After each HOTEX and rehearsal soldiers conducted an after action review, which helped the soldiers even more.

"It helps us to prevent problems we may face in the future," Perkins said. "The HOTEX was a very exciting and informative demonstration as well as outstanding training for the mechanized infantrymen."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

2LT. Jon McFarling (right) helps another volunteer shovel gravel.

Soldiers help organization

Officers help build homes for community

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Officers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, helped the Columbus community with Habitat for Humanity March 1.

They helped lay concrete slabs for homes being built as part of their community service project.

"It feels great to come here and help out the community," said 2nd Lt. Jon B. McFarling. "It also gives us a chance to get out of the garrison and have fun."

The company decided as a group to get involved with the organization because of the need for volunteers.

"There is a group of permanent volunteers out here," said 2nd Lt. Giao T. Do. "They are the ones who should be praised for their work because they are here everyday doing this."

The soldiers job was to fill in the foundation of the house with fillen gravel and smooth it out.

"It feels good to know we are out here helping to provide housing for needy people who wouldn't be able to afford it," McFarling said. "I would like for us to get out here more often."

By the end of the day, the officers achieved all their goals. Another house is ready to be built on the foundation they helped make.

"The Fort Benning community is our largest supporter in this area," said Cathy Walker, Habitat for Humanity volunteer coordinator.

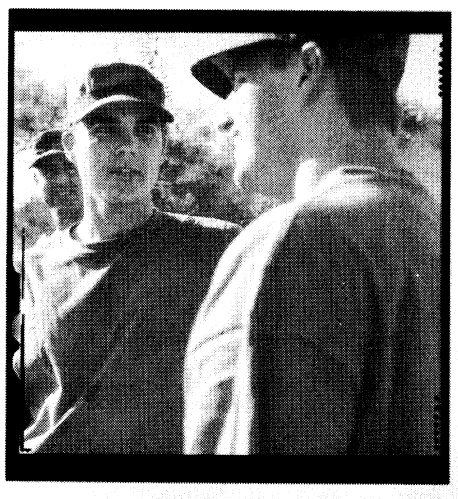
Habitat for Humanity had 4,000 volunteers from the Columbus area, and 500 of those volunteers were from Fort Benning, Walker said.

"The outreach we receive from Fort Benning is great," Walker said. "It really shows the military cares."

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, nondenominational Christian housing organization.

For more information, call Walker at 653-6003 or visit Habitat for Humanity's Web site at www.habitat.org.





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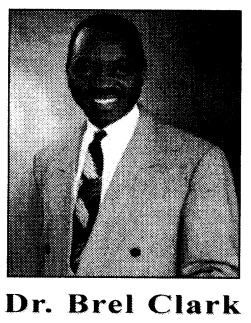
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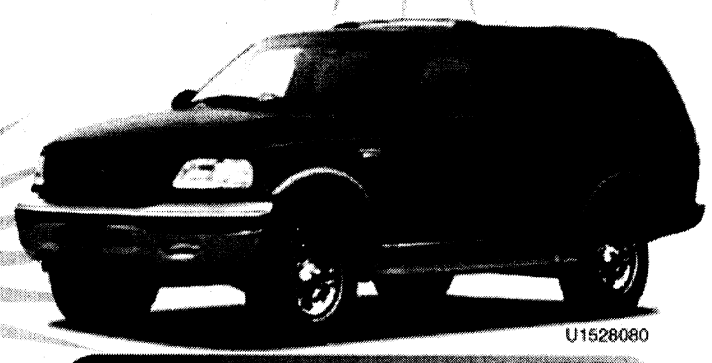
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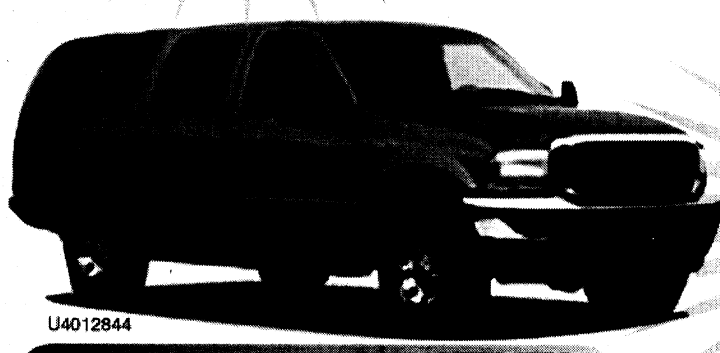


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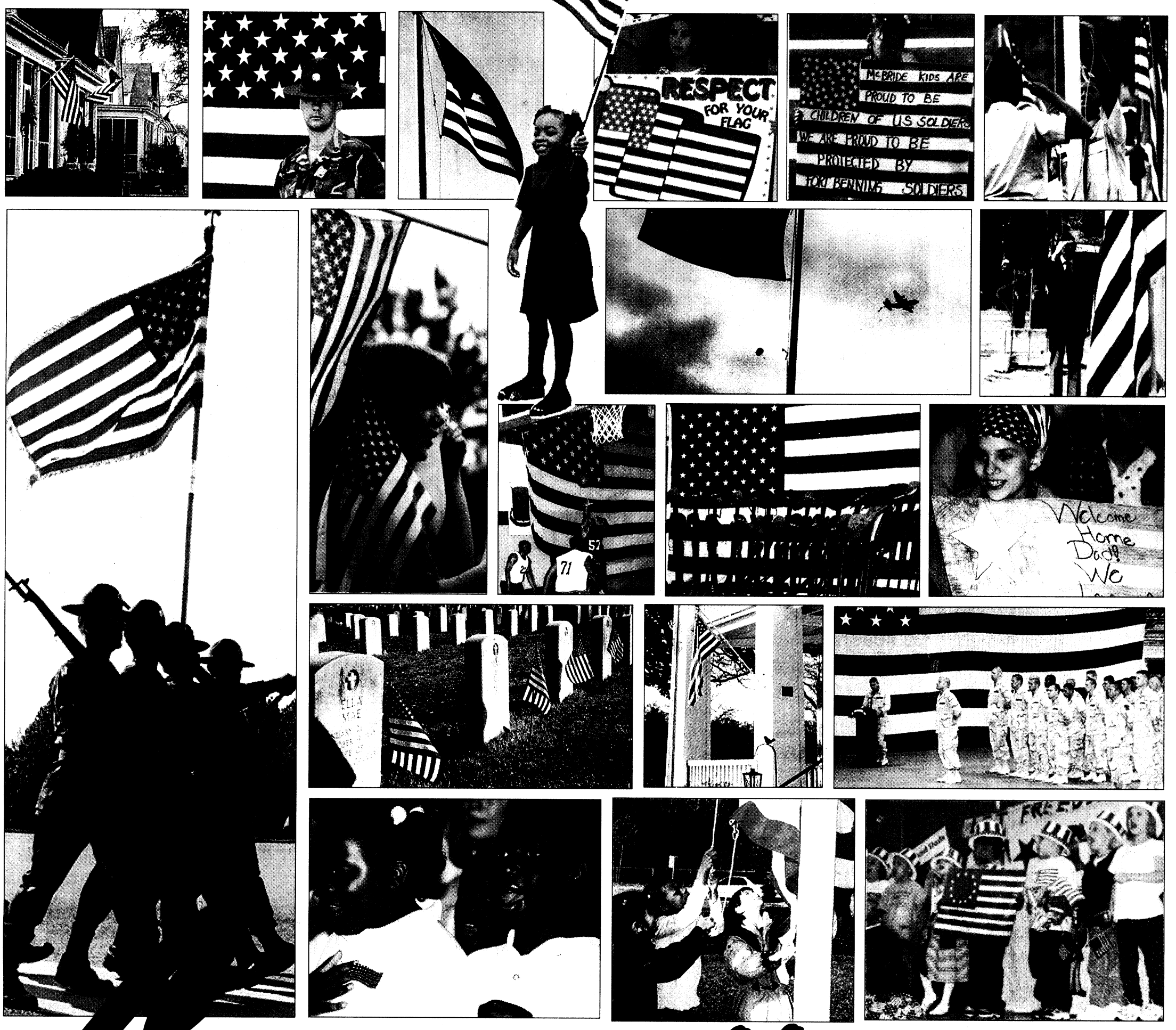
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Long may it wave

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Sept. 11, 2001. A tidal wave of terror rolled across the U.S., leaving in its wake fear, suspicion, pockets of hysteria, and anger.

Anger spawned a new generation of patriots who rose up with righteous indignation and cried, "You won't get away with this."

And the nation went to war with terrorism.

Monday marks the six-month anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the U.S. Do we celebrate or mourn? Do we toast to our resilience? Weep for our dead? Reaffirm our conviction to root out evil?

Just where do we go from here?

I expect we'll collectively march onward, looking to the future while casting furtive glances over our shoulders.

I'd like to think we've matured, given up our obsession with sex scandals and character assassination. Certainly we can never recapture our innocence, or what little of it we could claim, but perhaps we've learned to embrace the values of more innocent times, before reality TV, when entertainment was more vaudeville than vulgar, when family was sacred.

And when patriotism was the norm.

Just the other day, while searching through *The Bayonet* archives, I came across very old photos of a young Fort Benning. I was struck by how much of Main Post still looks as it did 70 years ago, when America was riding the wave of patriotism that carried it through the first world war and into the second.

"I wish we lived back then," said my son.

"We do. Everything old is new again," I replied.

The nation's at war, flags are flying high and we're all practicing patience, "the new form of patriotism," at checkpoints and airports and ball games. But how long can it last?

If America lost its innocence with the invention of the television, it can be said we lost our patience with the invention of the microwave. We want everything fast. When we want to eat, we want to eat now, so we drive through. When we want to talk, we want to talk now, so we carry cell phones. When we want long hair or nails, we visit a salon. We want it NOW. Instant gratification.

The war on terrorism promises to be lengthy and tedious. Do we have what it takes to stick it out? Will we still be waving flags a year from now? Or two? Or 10, if it takes that long? Or will our patience wear thin, our fervor flag?

Military families, more than any others, must be patient. When news of the war effort no longer makes the front page, and the nation shifts its focus elsewhere, it's entirely likely our soldiers will still be searching in far-off lands for an elusive enemy.

When once again, the heroes who make headlines are athletes and entertainers instead of firemen and soldiers — we'd be naive to think it won't happen — military families will still be fighting on the homefront, kissing our soldiers good-bye and crossing our fingers.

Will our hearts be in it?

Will our patriotism stand the test of time?

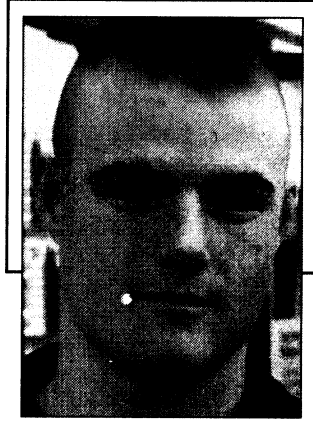
Six months after the terrorist attacks, how has your life changed?



1st Lt. Stacy Picard, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I've seen more support of our nation's leaders and Armed Forces. I hope it continues. People have been more wary about travel, but security measures have been increased."



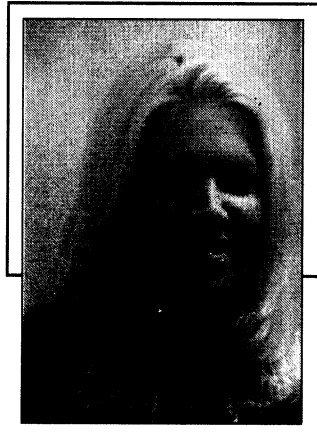
Greg Ratliff, AAFES vendor— "The economy has changed for the worse. I'm in a business that was growing every year up until September. Things are getting a little better, but sales aren't where they were before that."



Pvt. Dylan Cronin, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — "Security has gotten tighter on post. We have more checkpoints, more MPs and longer waits. But the wait isn't too long, and it's worth it to be safe."



Jodi Dillon, family member — "I find myself being more suspicious of people since September 11, and it has only gotten worse over the past six months."



Laura Campbell, family member — "I feel the nation as a whole initially became stronger as a result of the attacks. But as the show of flags has faded, so has the unity."



Pvt. Johnny Christian, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "People were more patriotic after September 11, with flags flying everywhere. But that's all dying down now. It's a shame it takes something like that to get people to show their patriotism."

Fort Benning celebrates the week of the exceptional child

'She's good for my spirit'

'Team' meets challenges head on, finds success

Rhonda Scott remembers the first time she met Marielis Hiner. The 6-year-old was confined to a wheelchair with limited use of her arms and hands as a result of cerebral palsy, a nonprogressive chronic disorder that hinders movement and nerve functions.

But the first-grader was all smiles and giggles, eager to make new friends.

"My heart just went out to her," Scott said. "I just wanted to help her."

That was four years ago. Now Scott, a 48-year-old grandmother of seven and an ordained minister, still wants to help Marielis, but the 10-year-old has a strong streak of independence and tends to "give as good as she gets," Scott said.

"Marielis gives to me. She's always happy, always smiling. And every time she achieves — even the smallest thing — it blesses me. She's good for my spirit," said Scott, who pastors a church in Phenix City and ministers at a local nursing home.

Scott is also an education assistant at Stowers Elementary School, where Marielis attends fourth grade. The two have worked together for four years, and they've developed a special bond.

"She's very nice," Marielis said of Scott. "She's helped me for a very long time. We're a team."

"My desire is to see her do everything she wants to do," Scott said. "She has dreams — she wants to walk, and I want to see her do it. Once it looked like she wouldn't be able to write, only with a typewriter, but now she can write her name.

"I tell her she can do what other kids do. It may have to be modified, may be slower, but she's doing it and she's proud of herself. I tell her everyday, 'Look in the mirror. You are beautiful,'" Scott said.

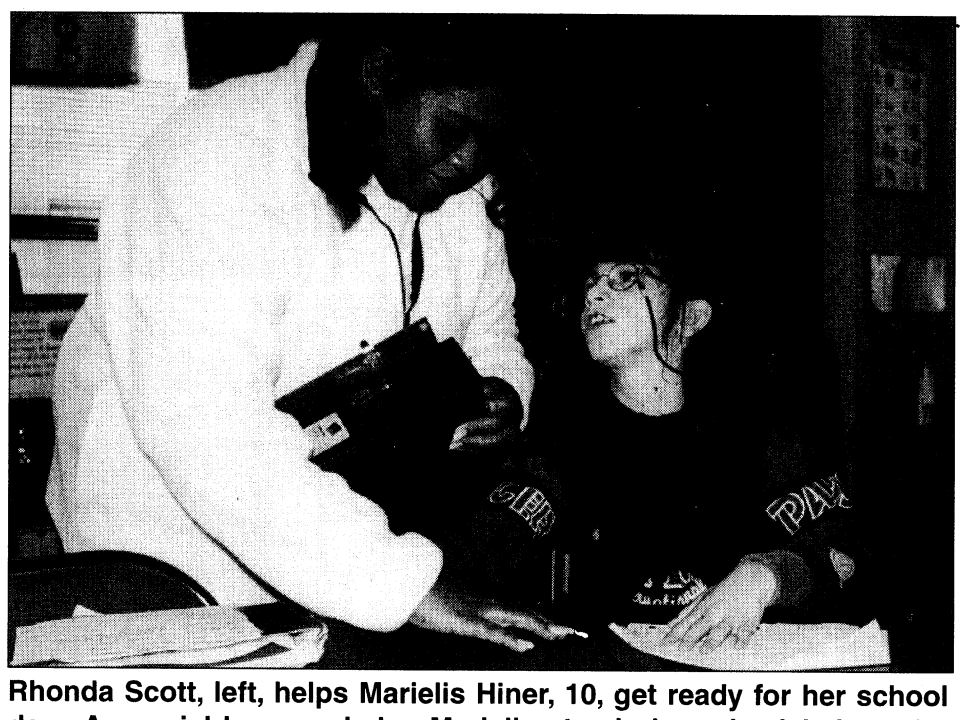
The working relationship between Marielis and Scott stems from Department of Defense Education Activity policy, which requires special needs students to receive individual assistance to the extent necessary.

Scott is with Marielis most of the school day, except for lunch breaks. She helps her with her school work, lifts her in and out of her wheel chair and "Rifton" chair, a modified desk that holds Marielis in a standing position, and assists with her most basic needs.

But Scott's services go beyond the call of duty. She calls her job "a ministry," and her relationship with Marielis "more than friends." She attended Marielis' first communion and birthday parties, and Marielis has visited Scott's home.

"From the start it wasn't just a job to her," said Marielis' mother, Lis Hiner. "She wanted to learn to help Marielis. Her main concern has always been Marielis. She's her best advocate. They have a wonderful rapport."

Through Fort Benning School's individual learning program, Marielis is "streamlined" into a general education classroom, where she works with Scott's assistance in standard fourth-grade subjects like math and social studies, her favorite.



Rhonda Scott, left, helps Marielis Hiner, 10, get ready for her school day. A special harness helps Marielis stay in her wheelchair, and a wrist brace helps her control the movement of her right hand. Marielis also uses a special desk, contoured to fit her body, that holds her in an a standing position.

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>
> **Lis Hiner**
> Marielis' mother

But Scott also takes Marielis to "resource classrooms," like speech, special education, physical therapy and occupational therapy.

Though Marielis reads at a second-grade level, she comprehends written material above a fourth-grade level and completes math and writing assignments on her laptop computer. She speaks both English and Spanish fluently, and serves as an interpreter for her grandmother, who lives with the family.

"When Marielis started school, I remembered what it was like when I was a kid," her mother said. "Kids with disabilities were outcasts. They were isolated. I had a fear it would be that way for Marielis.



Rhonda Scott watches as Marielis Hiner practices vocabulary words with her speech therapist.

"But I was amazed. She has always been given the same opportunities as the other students. From day one, they've welcomed us, and encouraged my husband and I to go to the school to see what she's working on and how she's doing it so we can implement the same strategies at home."

Natasha Bailey, Marielis' special education teacher, said this method of "team teaching" and the social interaction Marielis enjoys in the classroom makes for a well-rounded education.

"There's so much at work here, and so many people contributing. And of course Marielis is eager to learn, very enthusiastic. She's the only student I know who asks for homework," Bailey said. "She's naturally social, but keeping her in a general education classroom and pulling her for resources helps with social skills, and that's important for anyone who's dealing with the challenges of a disability."

Lis said her fears of ostracism have also proved unfounded. Her daughter's classmates, though genuinely concerned about her condition, accept and embrace Marielis without reserve.

"There again, I credit the school," she said. "They involve Marielis in the classroom, and involve the other students in helping with her. They get to push her chair or help her at recess. It brings out the caring nature in them.

"They love Marielis and she loves them. It shows."

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Marielis Hiner is a typical 10-year-old. She likes to play dominoes and basketball and something called "Monkey in the Middle." She loves to whisper and giggle and tease. And she *loves* movies and pizza.

But there's something different about Marielis. She "drives" a chair. It's a cool new chair with "one hand drive," and it reclines. She's pretty proud of it, and she doesn't mind showing it off.

So just ask. That's the way Marielis likes it. No need to point, whisper or sneek a peek. Feel free to approach, as long as she's with her parents and not obviously preoccupied.

And here's a few more tips Marielis would like you to keep in mind when you see someone with a disability:

• Don't pretend it isn't there, whether it's a chair, a brace or a breathing device.

• Always ask before you touch.

• Don't "talk around" a disabled person. When you have a question or comment, look directly at the person you're talking to.

• And don't "talk down," speak excessively slow or use baby words. A speech impediment doesn't indicate a problem with hearing or comprehension.

• Don't admonish children for their curiosity. Allow them to ask questions.

• Don't be afraid to invite a disabled child to visit your home. Ask his or her parents what special accommodations the child will need, (i.e. foods, assistance to the bathroom, etc.)

• Ask if they need assistance. Don't assume.

Program helps families with special needs

Enrollment mandatory for qualified

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> **Marsha Collins**
> Exceptional Family Member Program

Fort Benning's Exceptional Family Member Program is designed to prevent hardships and offer resources to the families of those enrolled, said Marsha Collins, EFMP program manager at Fort Benning.

"It's really a simple matter of looking at the family member's special considerations to prevent hardships, medical or educational, with each assignment," Collins said. "It's a big benefit, underutilized, because there's been a misconception, a stigma, attached to the EFMP label. It doesn't cripple a career, but when a soldier's family has to deal with special needs without the assistance of EFMP, that definitely does affect his family and his career."

An exceptional family member is defined as a child or adult dependent with any physical, emotional, developmental or intellectual disorder that requires special treatment, therapy, educational considerations, training or counseling. Special needs range from mild learning disabilities to medical conditions such as asthma, Down Syndrome, blindness or other severe disabilities.

More than 50,000 are enrolled in the program Armywide. Of those, 36,157 are special needs children. Enrollment became mandatory in 1986.

Active duty, reserve soldiers in the Active Guard Reserve, reservists on active duty exceeding 30 days and AGR personnel serving under authority of title 10 United States Code with exceptional family members are required to enroll and update their records every three years.

Collins said enrollment information is "very private." It's not available to selection boards but is entered in a data bank available only to DA EFMP and installation managers.

Enrollment allows Army assignment managers to review the medical and educational needs of exceptional family members during the assignment process.

Enrollment does not change a soldier's eligibility for worldwide assignment. Soldiers with family members who qualify for the program should contact the EFMP medical enrollment section at 545-4043.

League offers fun for challenged children

Marielis Hiner once dreamed of being a basketball star. But these days she has her eye on a new sport. The 10-year-old is a member of Challenger Little League Baseball, especially for disabled children and their families.

With the help of team "buddies," volunteers who hold hands, swing bats or push wheel chairs, children with various physical and mental disabilities can participate in America's favorite pastime.

"I've been coaching ball for 25 years," said David Crouse, the league's co-president. "I've been coaching Challenger League for six years, and this is the most fun I've ever had. It's been great."

Registration will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Columbus State University's Woodruff Gym. A $10 donation is requested, but not required. Proceeds will go to the league.

Challenger League opening ceremonies and first game will be at 10 a.m. April 6 at Golden Park.

Countrys BBQ will provide meals at $5 a plate. Players, coaches and buddies eat free.

To learn more about being a Challenger League volunteer, or to learn more about registering for Challenger Little League, call Crouse at 545-3449 or 562-9403, or Wanda Clayton at 563-2125.

OSC helps community

Christina Hayashi
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The Officers' Spouses' Club is more than just coffees and chit-chatting about shopping.

Fund-raisers such as the annual bazaar ornament sales, cookbooks and proceeds from the Thrift Shop provide financial assistance to individuals and organizations within the tricommunity area.

One way the OSC helps is through the welfare fund.

Last year the committee awarded $8,900 and so far has given $3,000 in aid.

Kay Beasock, OSC Welfare chairperson, listed some examples of how the funds have been used in the past: Purchasing eyeglasses for Fort Benning students who would not otherwise be able to afford them; training materials for the Fort Benning Leadership Seminar to help young military wives develop leadership skills; medical equipment for Columbus Regional Hospital's high risk nursery.

Girls, Inc. was a recipient of the welfare funds. They used the money to build a mobile Literacy Library that serves low income girls. The traveling library spends six weeks at five different centers in the Columbus area.

To receive the funds, organizations must submit requests by April 1. Requests must indicate the amount desired, how it will be used, how they are active in the Fort Benning community, the number of participants who will benefit, pertinent information and a point of contact.

Another way OSC helps the Fort Benning community is by giving scholarships. The awards, which vary in monetary amount based on merit and leadership, can be used for tuition and books at any college and university.

To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must be current military dependent ID card holders who live in the tricommunity area.

Applications can be obtained at the Thrift Shop, Sayers Library, and at area high schools' guidance departments. Applicants must have their applications submitted by March 22. Awards will be announced sometime in May.

For information regarding the scholarship, call Catherine Herold at 682-5636.

For more information on the Welfare Fund, write The Officers' Spouses' Club at P.O. Box 51905; Columbus, GA 31905; ATTN: Welfare Chairperson.

The cat came back

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet@

Characters from Dr. Seuss' books roamed the halls of Fort Benning schools March 1 in celebration of the author's birthday.

At Wilson Elementary School Principal Phyllis Parker dressed as the Cat in the Hat and periodically unleashed Thing 1 (Melanie Keating, the school's educational technician) and Thing 2 (Dr. Wanda Person, the media specialist) to wreak havoc in the school.

The students wore black and white clothing, made red and white striped hats and were given red ties so they would resemble the Cat in the Hat, Person said.

Soldiers from the Basic Combat Training Brigade visited the school to read to the children and the students decorated classroom doors in honor of Read Across America day. The day remembers Seuss's birthday and his passion for reading and writing.

Students at Loyd Elementary School celebrated his birthday with a birthday cake decorated with the Cat in the Hat's hat and sang happy birthday to Seuss.

Before the cake they spent the morning reading comfortably with pillows brought from home.

"Sometimes students and adults look at mandatory reading differently than reading for pleasure," said Kris Keske, fifth-grade teacher at Loyd. "We try to make reading the same as at home to make reading more enjoyable."

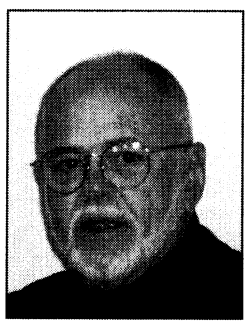
"On Read Across America Day, we get to rest our brains and read good books," said Timothy Hall, a fifth-grader at Loyd.

"We love Dr. Seuss Day!"

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Kaleb Levi Soule — born Feb. 16 to Summer and 2nd Lt. Patrick Soule.

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Philip John Chen — born Feb. 16 to Maria Rodrigues-Pereira and Sgt. Francisco Chen-Sung.

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Jacob Tyler Groff — born Feb. 18 to Melissa and Spc. Brian Groff.

Joshua Cameron Ernst — born Feb. 20 to Michelle and Capt. Michael Ernst.

Nicholas Alexander Duchesne — born Feb. 21 to Laketra and Spc. Michael Duchesne.

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Delaney Kate Hovis — born Feb. 18 to Patricia and Tech Sgt. Roger Hovis.

Gabriela Camila Acosta — born Feb. 18 to Ayda and Spc. Christian Acosta.

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Martin Army news — Patients may view the MACH Formulary and also refill their prescription using the Internet. Visit http://www.martin.amedd.army.mil

Reminder to all patients, all medical records are maintained at the hospital. Patients who need a copy can request one at Outpatient Correspondence, MACH Main Basement.

In order to provide better service for patients, MACH instituted an appointment only system.

As a result, walk in patients are no longer being seen on a walk in basis. To schedule an appointment, please call 544-2273. For urgent medical advice, go to Central Triage, located on the first floor next to the Emergency Room. Emergencies will be seen in the ER.

The Victory Clinic recently was renamed the Adult Primary Care Clinic, a grand opening will take place soon.

Early Intervention screening — There will be an early intervention and exceptional family member program screening 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday in Building 392. Children, newborn to 3 years of age, will be screened for growth and development to include vision, hearing and dental screen.

For more information, call 545-3835 or 545-1161.

Red Cross open house — March is Red Cross month and the Red Cross is celebrating with an open house 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Building 2626 in Soldiers' Plaza. Food and drinks will be provided.

There will be an opportunity to learn more about volunteering in the community, sign up for first aid, CPR or baby-sitting training.

For more information, call 545-5194.

Town hall meeting — The Bouton Heights and Davis Hill community will have a town hall meeting 7 p.m. Thursday at Stowers Elementary School. The meeting, sponsored by the 36th Engineer Group and community mayor, gives residents the opportunity to voice issues, concerns and suggestions for the neighborhood.

Friendship Luncheon — A Officers' Spouses' Club and Enlisted Wives Club friendship luncheon will feature Barbara Willey March 19 at the Officers' Club. Willey will talk about being a military spouse. She is known as "the Army's answer to Erma Bombek." The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Cost of the program is $10 per person and includes a menu choice of either potato bar with salad and fresh fruit or Caesar salad.

To make reservations to attend, call Serlena Atkins at 689-6274. RSVP no later than Thursday March 14.

BOSS volunteers needed for Spring Eggstravaganza — Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers volunteers are needed for the postwide Easter egg hunt, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 23 at Riverside. Volunteers must sign up before March 15.

The egg hunt will feature games, a petting zoo, food and prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. To volunteer, call 545-6800.

Flashlight Easter egg hunt — Youth Services is sponsoring a Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at dusk March 22 at Youth Services (Building 1055). Children, ages 10 and older, are invited to bring their own flashlight and participate in the hunt. For more information, call 545-3070 or 545-3540.

Youth Services needs instructors — Youth services is looking for instructors for the following class programs: piano, guitar, performing arts, English, Spanish, art, sewing, educational tutoring and computer. Individuals interested in a contract position should provide a resume to Youth Services, Building 1056. For more information, call 545-3070.

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HOLA needs volunteers — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's sponsorship program, Host of Latin Americans (HOLA), needs sponsors for students, instructors and their families.

HOLA is a hospitality program that enlists families from throughout the Tri-City community to adopt WHINSEC students, guest instructors and their families and introduce them to the American way of life. Volunteers will act as guides for guest families as they participate in home and community activities throughout the year.

WHINSEC's HOLA program is always looking for local sponsors. Interested in extending American hospitality to an international student, instructor or their families? Call José A. Recio, Chief International Student Division or Cecilia Alexander, Information Program coordinator at 545-1285, 545-3754 or 545-8522.

Memorial march — The 14th annual (60th year commemorative) Bataan Memorial Death March will take place April 14. The memorial march commemorates the Bataan Death March that occurred in the Philippines after the Japanese invasion on April 9, 1942, during World War II, and pays tribute to Bataan veterans for their sacrifices.

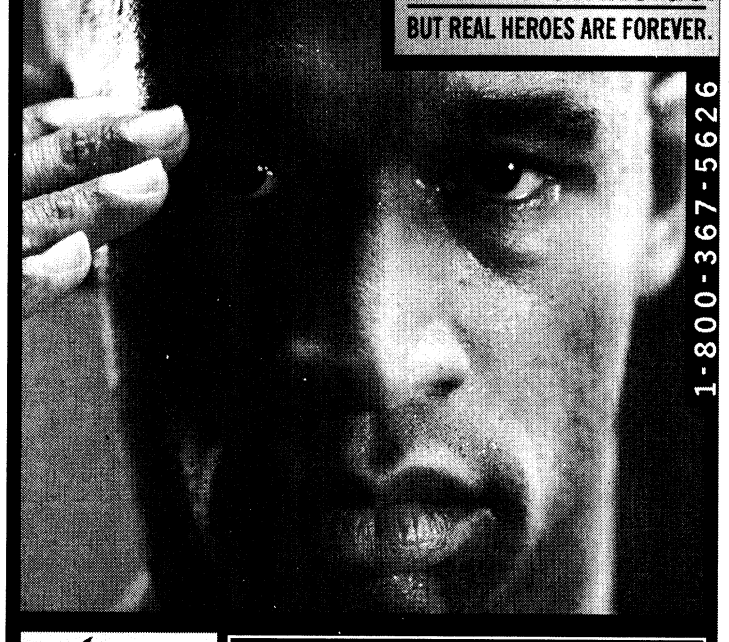
The memorial march takes participants through 26.2 miles of rugged desert terrain where elevation varies from 4,100 to 5,300 feet at White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico.

Registration forms for the event can be accessed on the Internet at www.wsmr.army.mil.

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- **Tuesday:** cheeseburger, potato rounds, mixed veggies, fruit, milk,
- **Wednesday:** taco pie, spanish rice, Mexicali corn, fruit, milk, oatmeal and raisin cookie
- **Thursday:** turkey and cheese sandwich, potato wedges, baby carrots, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** drummettes, tater tots, green beans, fresh roll, fruit, milk

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Students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday

Guests visit school for Read Across America

White Elementary School

Cats were in hats, eggs and ham were green, and gooey ooblick fell from the sky last Friday as students, teachers and guest readers celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday as part of the national "Read Across America" program.

The day started out with everyone in the school, to include students, teachers, administrators and staff dropping everything and reading.

Activities continued throughout the day. Guest readers included post fire fighters, military police and parents.

There were three birthday cakes for the students at lunch, served by cafeteria staff in hats inspired by Dr. Seuss characters, and Barbara Proctor's kindergarten class made green eggs and ham to eat along with "Cat in the Hat" shaped cookies.

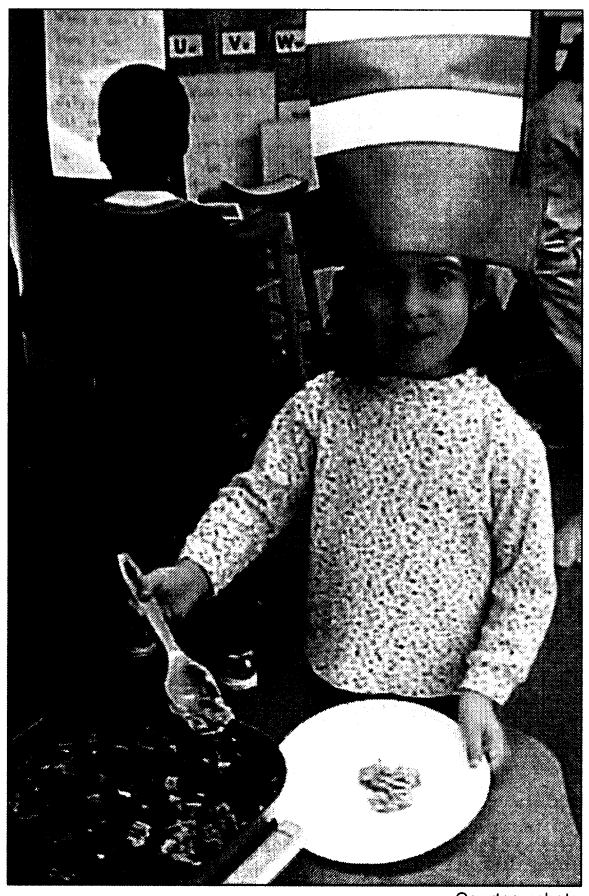
Several classes made ooblick, a green, gooey substance that falls from the sky in *Matthew and the Ooblick* and Ann Anti's first-grade class practiced rhyming words by trying to describe "The Thing" from another book. In Ann Lucas' first-grade class, the students read *The Foot Book*. They then painted the bottom of their feet, and made footprints which they autographed and assembled in a big book.

The students in Joyce King's fourth-grade class brought in their favorite Dr. Seuss book, hat or other related items to share. One boy, Nick Burbaugh, has a collection of 47 different Dr. Seuss titles, 11 more than the school media center.

English as a Second Language teacher, Alice Martin, had her students make a booklet of activities about the *The Cat in the Hat*. They drew a picture of the cat and used sight words to list some of the characteristics of the cat. They also made a one-page picture dictionary of some of the nouns in the book.

Art teacher Janie Pride had her fourth- and fifth-grade students make circle books, round, folded creations that show a new page of the story they wrote and illustrated each time another fold is opened.

One of the objects of Read Across America is to get parents to spend more time reading with their children. Each student that brings back a participation form signed by the parent gets a certificate.



Courtesy photo

Alyssa Heberlig prepares to enjoy green eggs as part of celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America.

4th-grader owns 47 Seuss books

Student has library by author

Owen Ditchfield

White Elementary School

Nicholas Burbaugh, a fourth-grade student in Joyce King's class at White School, has a special interest in celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. In fact, he is a connoisseur of Dr. Seuss. Burbaugh has just acquired his 47th title by Dr. Seuss. These books are in mint condition, and he has duplicates for everyday reading.

Anything you want to know about Dr. Seuss, the pen name for Ted Geisel, Burbaugh can tell you. From Seuss's first book to the inspiration for *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, Burbaugh knows the details.

"From the very first book I read, I really liked it and read it over and over again," Burbaugh said, "and so I figured there must be other good books by Dr. Seuss."

His favorite from the time he was a little boy was *The Foot Book* and he would keep begging his mom to read it again and again. In addition to the books, Burbaugh has cups, hats, photos, and articles about Dr. Seuss.

"I'm thinking about starting my own Web site on Dr. Seuss," said Burbaugh, an honor roll student.



Courtesy photo

Nels Lund holds his clay piggy bank for display.

Kindergarteners learn about money

Kids make piggy bank pottery

White Elementary School

Kindergarten students at White School exude creativity. The students enjoyed a fun day creating clay piggy banks with Inez Gardener, a local potter and this year's artist in residence.

The kindergartners are learning about money so the project of making piggy banks fit right in with their learning activities.

"I thought it would be hard, but it wasn't," said student Hannah Watkins.

Children first created their pigs using clay. After the pigs were fired, the children added more creativity to their pigs by applying a glaze.

"Everything they make is cute," Gardner said.

She said it is easier to work with the younger students because they are better listeners and are willing to take risks and just create.

Pets of the Week





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This cat and shepherd-mix puppy are just two of the many animals available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information on how to adopt a pet, call the clinic at 545-4826.

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Get In the Swim

During Lent, Christians rediscover baptism

Look to God for strength through trials

Chaplain (Maj.) John Molina
WHINSEC

For many Christians, Lent is a 40-day journey where the call of their baptism is rediscovered. Others are preparing to be baptized during the Lenten season, but regardless of where one is; it is suggested that the important thing is to see a link between Lent and baptism.

If we do this, then the Church's selection of Bible readings and symbols during Lent will make much sense.

Take this Sunday's Gospel reading for example (Fourth Sunday of Lent, John 9:1-21). This is the reading about the man who had been blind since birth, walking in a literal darkness all his life, but finding healing and "light" when he encountered Jesus.

"Illumination" is a reminder of an old name for Christian baptism. Baptized Christians, who have been washed (baptized) in Christ, have been illumed and by faith can now see things in a new way.

The Bible reads, "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free person, there is not male and female; for you are all one in Christ."

The story about the man born blind reminds us of a common belief in the first century Jewish culture that reasoned suffering or calamity was the result of some great sin.

But in the passage, Jesus used the man's suffering to teach about faith and to glorify God. And just as Jesus enabled the man to "see" the world and everything around him for the first time, so also today, those who encounter Christ experience a "re-birth" — they learn to look at the world with the eyes of Christ.

Baptism is the Christian's connection to a new life in Christ. And as Lent encourages us to do, it behooves Christians to think long and hard as to what it means to be a baptized believer.

We live in a world where good behavior is not always rewarded or recognized and bad behavior not always punished, and it is often allowed to become the norm. Therefore, innocent people sometimes suffer. God doesn't always take the pain away when we ask him. If he did, it is possible we would then follow him for comfort and convenience, not out of love.

Regardless of the reasons for people's suffering, Jesus has the power to help us. If and when we suffer from disease, tragedy, or a handicap, we think of our baptism and ask God for the strength to make it through our trial, then we can let him give us a deeper perspective on what is happening.

As baptized Christians, do we actually see things differently? Does hearing the Gospel on Sunday after Sunday make a difference in the way we live and see our world? Does the poverty of others bother us? Are we hurting for those suffering from drug and alcohol abuse — do we care? Are we troubled by laws which to do not protect or care for the unborn? Are our minds so flooded by the myriad of images that make us greedy for more possessions, illicit sex, or power, that we cannot hear the Word of God?

In answer to these questions and others, we should let our Christian baptism illumine us.

chapel notes—

Lenten and Easter Services — During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 6 p.m. each Friday at Sightseeing Road Chapel, followed by soup and bread supper.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7 p.m. at Sightseeing Road Chapel followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday Catholic Service will be held at 5 p.m.. March 29 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

A Protestant service celebrating the Seven Last Words of Christ will be held at 7 p.m. March 29 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m. March 30 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Easter Sunrise Service — The postwide Easter Sunrise Service will be at 7 a.m. March 31 at Doughboy Stadium. In case of inclement weather, the service will be at the Infantry Center Chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The group meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Custer Terrace Chapel. Women meet for fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For information, call 685-0739.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of people to support the various religious programs as musicians and child-care workers.

For information, call TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

Sunday school — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith.

Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings.

Stop by the chapel teen center in Building 239.

Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for middle school students and at 6 p.m. for high school students.

Letting go tough on parents, children

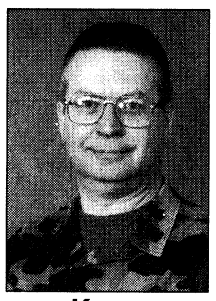
Parents should prepare children for challenges

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Parents spend the first 18 years of their child's life helping their child become increasingly independent. It is not easy for parents or their children (Ephesians 6:4).

Ideally, parents should gradually foster independence along with responsibility. The more responsible a child is, the more freedom the child can have.

During the teen years, teen-agers will vacillate between being responsible and being irresponsible. They will, at times, want more freedom independence than they can handle.


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Children will not always demonstrate responsible behavior. This is normal, and occasional lapses shouldn't be seen as a failure on the part of the parents or the child.

Parents should discuss with their child what happened and what the child could do when faced with the same or similar situation (Proverbs 1:8-9ff).

Moms and Dads should decide together when their teen-ager must be home at night, can go on a single date, can drive a car alone or with friends, and many other parenting issues. Moms and Dads who don't make these decisions together open themselves up to being manipulated by their teens.

Working together, parents prepare their children for college, career and for marriage by fostering responsibility with independence.

Moms and Dads take pride in their children's achievements and independence; yet, parents are also saddened to see them leave home. By gradually giving teen-agers more freedom with responsibility, parents develop maturity in their teens.

Do you desire help with parenting? Call the Chaplain Family Life Center for help. Call 545-1760; visit the Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza; or e-mail me at usarmychaplain@aol.com.

Fort Benning Religious Services

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Sunday Worship Services

9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820, Gospel Service
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023, Soldiers' Sledgehammer
11 a.m.	Service, Custer Terrace Chapel, Building 10800, Traditional

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Friday Sabbath Service

6:30 p.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

Sunday Torah Study

9:30 a.m.	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

7 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
9 a.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
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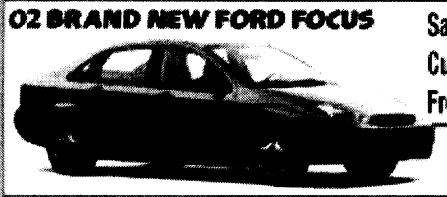
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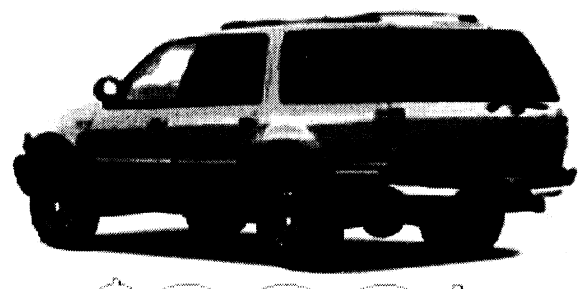
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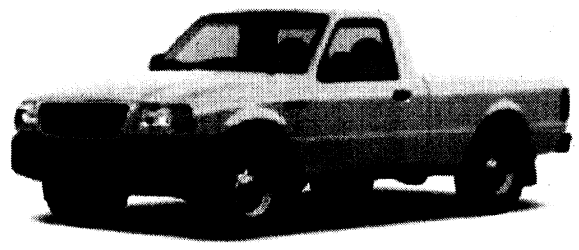


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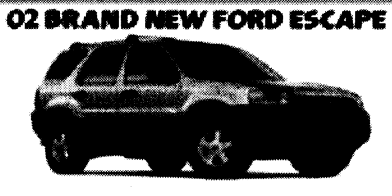
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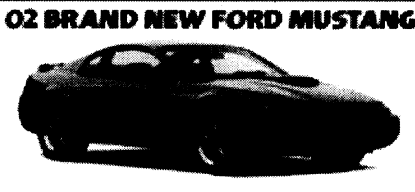
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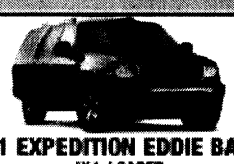
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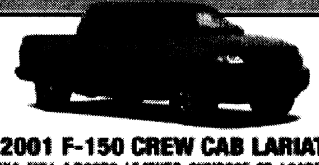
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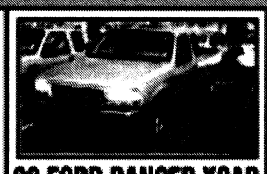
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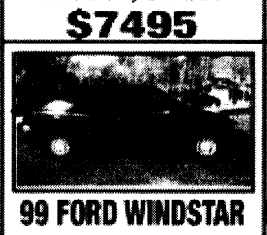
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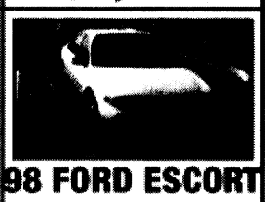
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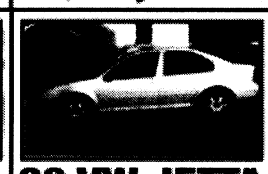
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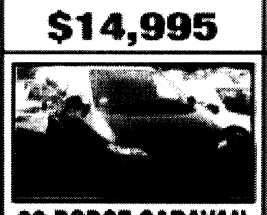
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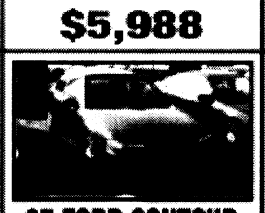
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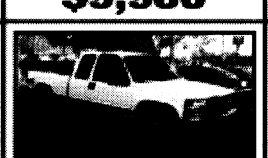
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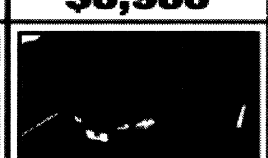
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SPORTS

Ammo Dawgs crush Devils, 51-31

Press defense gives team big victory

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Behind a great defense, the Ammo Dawgs destroyed the Devils, 51-31, in intramural basketball action Feb. 28 at Audie Murphy Gym.

The 608th Ordnance Company Ammo Dawgs came out early with a full-court press and didn't allow the 4th Ranger Training Brigade Devils a chance to get in the game.

"We came out and we played great defense, and our press was successful," said Marcus Green, Ammo Dawgs point guard. "We didn't give up on any plays."

The first-half stayed even for the first 10 minutes, but when the Ammo Dawgs forward Kenneth Burns added a strong dunk, the Ammo Dawgs got hyped up and stretched their lead to 27-15 by halftime.

In the second half, the Devils came out scoring the first five points.

"We knew we were behind, but we weren't going to give up," said Michael Brown, Devils' forward. "We had to keep the Ranger spirit up and keep going."

William Ray led the Devils in scoring with 10 points while Richard Robinson added seven points.

With the score 27-20, Burns took over the game almost single-handily.

With eight unanswered points from Burns, the Ammo Dawgs took a commanding lead and never looked back.

Throughout the second half, the Ammo Dawgs kept pressuring the ball and creating turnovers.

"The press kept us full of energy," Green said. "We kept getting steals and then doing what we had to do on offense."

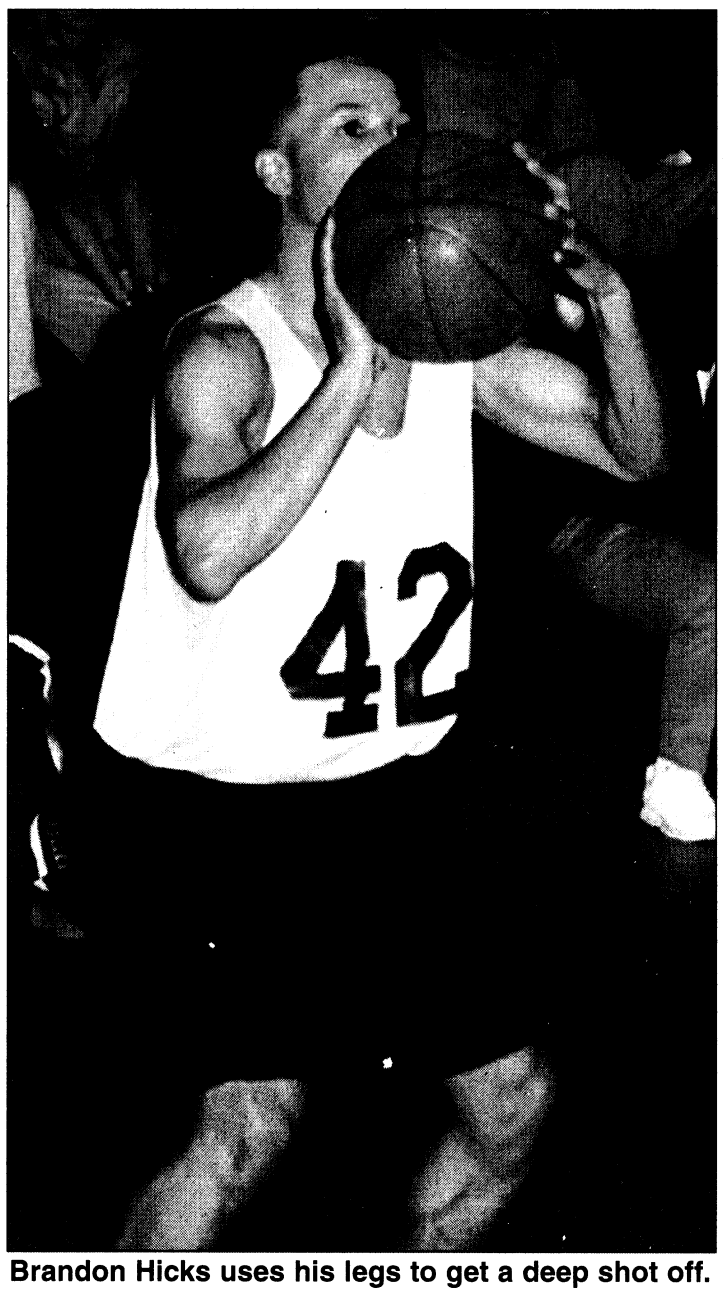
The Ammo Dawgs showed off their skills to the audience late in the game.

"We figured since we had a big lead, we should play for the crowd," Burns said.

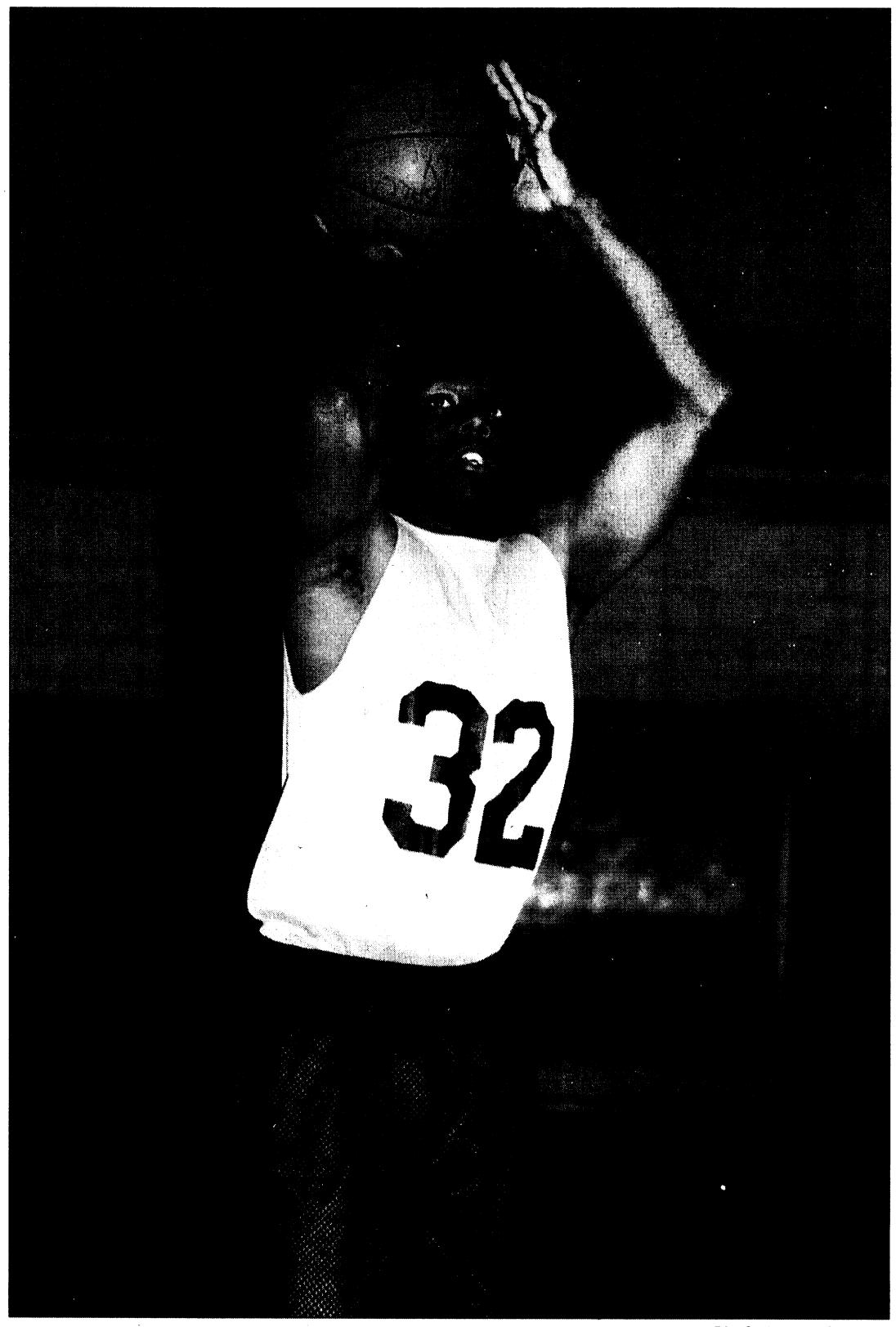
Burns ended the game with 25 points to lead the Ammo Dawgs attack, while Steve Giullory and Ernest Smith each added six points.

"I just put the ball in the hole," Burns said. "My shots just kept falling."

"Our strongest aspect was our defense," said Steve Giullory, Ammo Dawgs' forward. "As long as we keep playing the way we are, nobody can stop us."



Brandon Hicks uses his legs to get a deep shot off.



Pfc. Christopher Stephens

Ammo Dawgs' Ernest Smith releases the ball to knock down a 3-point shot in the 51-31 win over the Devils, Feb. 28, at Audie Murphy Gym .

Bulldogs hold off Rangers

Comeback falls short for Rangers

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Bulldogs used their speed and quickness to beat the Rangers, 49-37, in intramural basketball action Feb. 28 at Audie Murphy Gym.

The U.S. Army Medical Department Activity Bulldogs came out early with a big lead over the 75th Ranger Regiment Rangers.

"We got up on them and contested their shots," said Jason Parker, Bulldogs' guard. "We didn't allow them anything inside."

The Bulldogs played killer defense the first half, not allowing the Rangers many second shot opportunities.

At halftime, the Bulldogs seemed confident with a 23-13 lead.

In the second half, the Rangers came out on an offensive rampage.

The Rangers shot threes every time down the court.

If the attempt wasn't made, Carlos Brinsor, Rangers' forward, would be there for the rebound and would then pass the ball back out to one of his teammates.

With 13 minutes left in the second half, the Rangers took the lead 28-27 on a three-pointer by Will McCoy, Rangers' forward.

However, the Rangers didn't get back on defense, and Parker put in an easy layup, and the Bulldogs never looked back.

"We came back and took the lead, but we lost all of our energy," said Barth Payne, Rangers' forward.

McCoy led the Rangers with 13 points and Payne contributed eight points.

Still, it wasn't enough. Parker and Randy Chambers, Bulldogs' forward, took over late in the game.

"My shots weren't falling, so I adjusted my game and played down low," Chambers said.

Parker scored 17 points and Chambers added 12 points.

"Team ball is what won it for us," Parker said. "We could've easily given up when they came back in the second half, but we didn't."

Golfers improve lie

Spencer team plays first match on post against Pacelli

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Spencer High School golf team played their first match Tuesday against Pacelli High School at the Follow Me Golf Course.

The individual match play was a nine-hole event. The golfers could improve their lie within a club's length if their ball landed on the fair way.

Spencer finished with a score of 239 and Pacelli 204.

Pacelli improved to 1-1 and Spencer fell to 0-1.

"I think it was good to get out there," said Douglas Sparrow, who moved to Spencer from Africa, where his father was stationed. "We didn't play great, but it was a learning experience, and I made some new friends."

Golf is a sport that has many benefits to it, said Spencer Coach Bill Graddy. It relates to peoples lives, business and social functions.

It teaches sportsmanship, honesty and fair play, he said.

"Most of these kids will be playing this game for the rest of their lives," Graddy said. "This sport teaches many life values."

"Golf is really a sport where you can't blame anyone but yourself," said Donovan Williams. "It is a learning experience."

Spencer has six golfers on the team and three of them play other sports.

"I have to pull kids from other teams just to have enough to field a team," Graddy said. "I have some new guys on the team this year, so their is a lot of room for improvement.

"This is a fun game, and it helps to learn it while you're young."

Williams finished with a 55 and Sparrow a 57.

USAMU soldiers win competitions

Marksmen excel at worldwide matches in .45, .22 caliber

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

• Monthly Open Pistol Tournament, Fort Benning Feb. 23 — USAMU service pistol shooter Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson won the overall Grand Aggregate as well as taking first place in the Center Fire and .45 — Caliber Matches and second place in the .22 — Caliber Match.

Spc. Adam E. Sokolowski finished second in the Grand Aggregate and took second place in the Center Fire Match and third place in the .22 — and .45 — Caliber matches.

Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose, who was third in the Grand Aggregate, finished second in the .45-Caliber Match and placed third in the Center Fire Match.

Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Wilson won the .22-Caliber Match.

• Southeast Regional Shotgun Championships, Gainesville, Fla., Feb. 14-17 — Shotgun shooter Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson won the Preliminary Trap Match as well as the Gold Medal in the Trap Championship.

Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt won the Womens Trap Preliminary and the Silver Medal in the Womens Trap Championship.

Spc. Richard R. Hadden was third in the Preliminary Trap Match and got the Silver Medal in the Trap Championship and Sgt. William H. Keever took second place in the Preliminary Trap Match and the Bronze Medal in the Trap Championship.

In the Double Trap Championship, Keever won the Gold Medal, Erickson the Silver and Hadden the Bronze and DeWitt won the Gold in the Womens Championship.

YS needs coaches

Mentors make difference

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

Youth Services is looking for a few good coaches and assistant coaches for their summer basketball program. It needs 15 head coaches and 15 assistant coaches.

Cindy Walker, a baseball, basketball, and soccer coach who has been at Fort Benning for a year said she would encourage everyone to become a coach.

"It's fun. I enjoy it and enjoy working with the kids. Basically, we're looking at the future," Walker said. "This is an opportunity to take an insecure child and bring them out."

The teams consist of 6- to 7-year-olds, 8- to 9-year-olds, 10- to 11-year-olds, and 12- to 15-year-olds. Each age group will have two to three teams depending on the number of children who sign up for the program.

To become a coach or an assistant coach, one must pass a background check and complete three hours of certification.

Certification classes will be in April and June.

Each team will have two one- hour practices during the week as well as one game that will take place on a week night after duty hours. Practices will start June 10 and go until the second week in August.

Parents can also help out by attending Parent Alliance for Youth Services (PAYS).

This is a 30-minute seminar that teaches parents how to demonstrate proper behavior at their child's games.

The cost is $5, which will put them on a mailing list to receive discount tickets for Disney World and other like activities.

To become a coach or assistant coach or to sign up to attend the PAYS program, call Dorrie Wagner, Child and Youth assistant lead of Youth Services at 545-3070.

sports briefs

Basketball game — Tickets for the Harlem Globetrotters game in Columbus at 7 p.m. March 20 at the Columbus Civic Center are now available at the Civic Center box office, by calling (888) 332-5200 or online at www.tickets.com. The Globetrotters, who have teamed up with Burger King, will play more than 200 games all across the continent from December through April for the team's 2002 North American Tour.

For the latest news and information about the Harlem Globetrotters and to purchase team merchandise, visit the team's official Web site www.harlemglobetrotters.com.

Basketball tournament – The Crisis Center of Russell County is sponsoring its 2nd Annual Basketball tournament March 16 at Central High School in Phenix City.

The entry fee is $100 per team and the deadline is March 1, 2002.

For more information, call Elizabeth Nason at 291-8545

Ranger Lacrosse – The Ranger Lacrosse Club has started its spring season.

For more information, call Shelley Carey at 568-1671

Youth Volleyball – Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15 - 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman 425-255-4645.

Pistol shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team is recruiting soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2002.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years service who obtain approval from their commanders can be attached to the marksmanship unit to participate in the initial advanced marksmanship training.

The best shooters will be selected to compete in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July. Upon completion of the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Gibbs at 545-3893.

Rifle shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good rifle shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in rifle competitions in the summer of 2002.

Proof of sharpshooter or expert M-16 rifle qualification is required, and soldiers must be sergeant first class or below with less than 15 years of service and at least two years retention.

Every year the USAMU Service Rifle Team holds a try-out. This year the try-out will be April 15-21. During the try-out week, soldiers are trained and evaluated in advanced marksmanship skills. Once that is completed, rifle team officials select shooters who will remain from April 22 to Aug. 19 to compete at the Interservice and National Championships. At the end of the four-month tour, soldiers will return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training.

Interested soldiers can contact Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614 or e-mail kyle.ward@usarec.army.mil. For more information, visit the unit's Web site at www.usamu.com, click on The Shooting Teams, select Service Rifle and click on "Joining the Team."

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Rugby club — The Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Ave. and Blanchard Blvd.

Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 pm throughout the season. The spring season features five league matches, the St. Patrick's Day Tournament in Savannah, Ga., and culminates with the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Basketball camp — The Ten-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp is evaluating applications for its camps, one of which is in Gainesville, Ga.

For a free brochure, call (704) 568-6801.

Golf Pass — The American Lung Association of Georgia is offering the 2002 Golf Privilege Card for $25. The card offers discounts on more than 700 courses and helps the ALA fight lung disease.

For more information, call the ALA at 866-609-Golf.

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Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Douglas Sparrow of Spencer High School putts on the ninth-hole during a match against Pacelli High School at the Follow Me Golf Course.

Fort Benning Sports/Fitness Interest Assessment

In an attempt to access the health and fitness needs of the Fort Benning community, the Fitness Center at the Officers' Club invites you to complete the survey below. As thanks for taking the time to complete the survey, your name will be entered into a drawing for a free 3-month membership to the fitness center or free swimming lessons. Four names will be chosen! Please return surveys to the Fort Benning Officers' Club or the fitness center.

DEMOGRAPHICS: Please complete the demographic questions below before beginning the assessment:

Military Status: o Active (Enlisted) o Active (Officer) o Reserve o Retired o Family Member o Civilian

Sex: o Male o Female

Housing: o On-Post o Off-Post

Age: o 21-25 o 26-30 o 31-36 o over 37

Minutes from post: o 0-15 o 16-30 o 31 or more

Instructions: Read the following statements and choose the answer that best suits you concerning the sports programs and fitness centers currently being offered or will be offered on Fort Benning.

I. Fitness/Activity Section:

A. Please select the "TOP THREE" activities/sports in which you or a member of your immediate family are interested in participating:

o Running/Jogging	o Biking	o Swimming
o Aerobics	o Skateboarding	o Walking
o Tennis	o Weight Training	o Martial Arts
o Scuba	o Rollerblading	o Skiing
o Racquetball	o Handball	o Basketball
o Volleyball	o Baseball	o Soccer
o Hockey	o Football	o Strength Training (nautilus)
o Bowling	o Golf	o Other: _____

B. Out of the activities selected above, please indicate the "TOP THREE" activities/sports that you or a member of your immediate family actively participate:

o Running/Jogging	o Biking	o Swimming
o Aerobics	o Skateboarding	o Walking
o Tennis	o Weight Training	o Martial Arts
o Scuba	o Rollerblading	o Skiing
o Racquetball	o Handball	o Basketball
o Volleyball	o Baseball	o Soccer
o Hockey	o Football	o Strength Training (nautilus)
o Bowling	o Golf	o Other: _____

C. Are you aware that any member of the Fort Benning Community can join the Officer's Club Fitness Center? o Yes o No

D. Please indicate your fitness club status: (check one)
o I am a member of the Fort Benning Officers' Club Fitness Center
o I am a member of an off-post commercial fitness center
o I am not a member of a fitness center
o I use the free gyms on post
o I am a member of the FB Officers' Club Fitness Center and commercial off-post fitness center.

E. I am discouraged to participate in sports/activities on Fort Benning due to ("X" all that apply):

o Lack of time	o Activity not offered	o Condition of facilities
o Low level/lack of skills	o Travel	o Hours of Operation
o Too Crowded	o Didn't know activity is offered	o Other _____
o I participate in sports activities on post		

F. If you are a member of an off-post fitness center, please select from the following list (more than one answer may be selected). If you are not an off-post fitness center member, please skip to part II

o Better quality	o More equipment	o Better programs
o Better service	o More convenient	o Prefer distance from post
o Hours of Operation	o Less Crowded	o Other:_____

II. Tennis/Swimming

A. Do you actively play Tennis? If so, how often?
o Daily o 2-3 times/week o 2-3 times/month
o Less than 2-3 times/month o Do not play Tennis

B. Would you be more encouraged to join the Fort Benning Officer's Club Fitness Center if a Tennis program were offered? o Yes o No

C. Would you be interested in paying for Tennis Lessons/Clinics if offered by the Fort Benning Officers' Club Fitness Center? o Yes o No

D. If Fort Benning were to implement a Tennis Club to organize group play and tournaments, would you:
o Definitely join o Be not likely to join o Consider joining

E. Please check the statement(s) below which best describe your desires for paid swim lessons. (check all that apply)
o Beginner Lessons o Intermediate/Advanced o Adult
o Not Interested

F. Spinning is a low impact aerobic workout that provides both cardiovascular & muscle toning benefits. Spinning is an instructor lead course that is taught on stationary bicycles. Would you be interested in participating if classes were offered on post? o Yes o No

G. If you would like to be on an e-mail list to receive information on sports and fitness activities on Fort Benning please list your e-mail address below:
_____

H. Please use the space below for additional comments or to indicate an area of concern not mentioned in the above questions:

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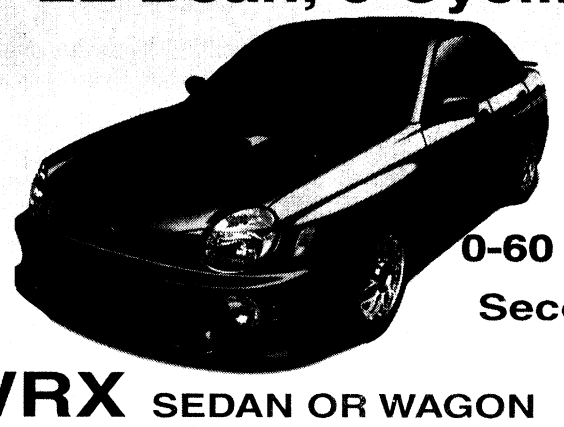
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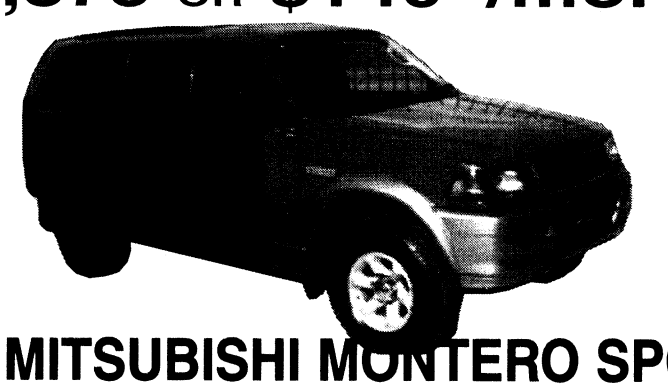
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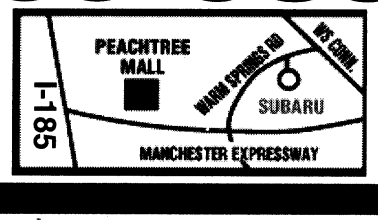
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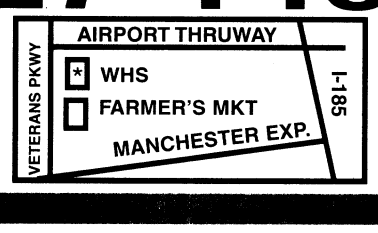
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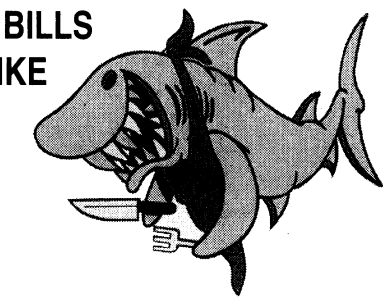
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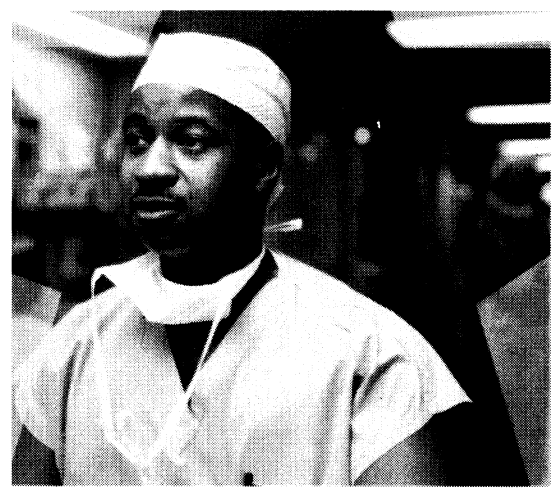
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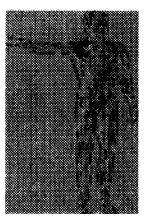
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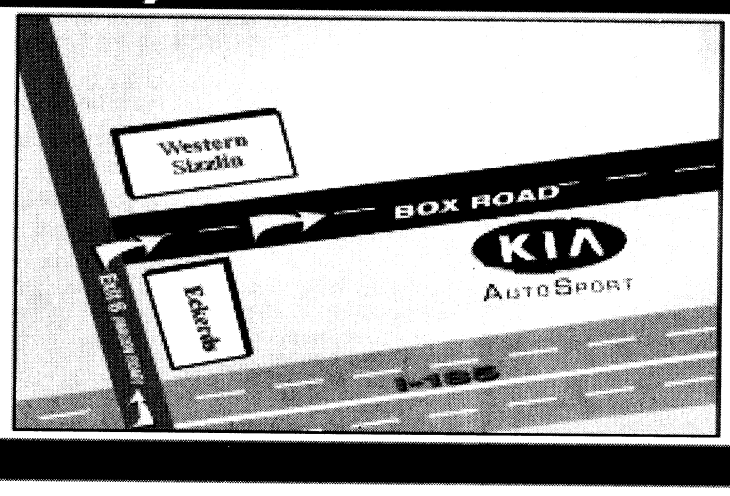
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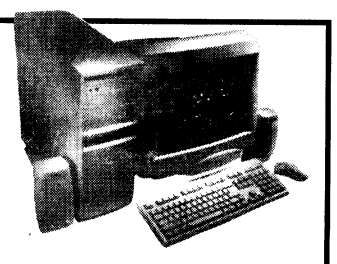
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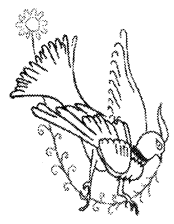
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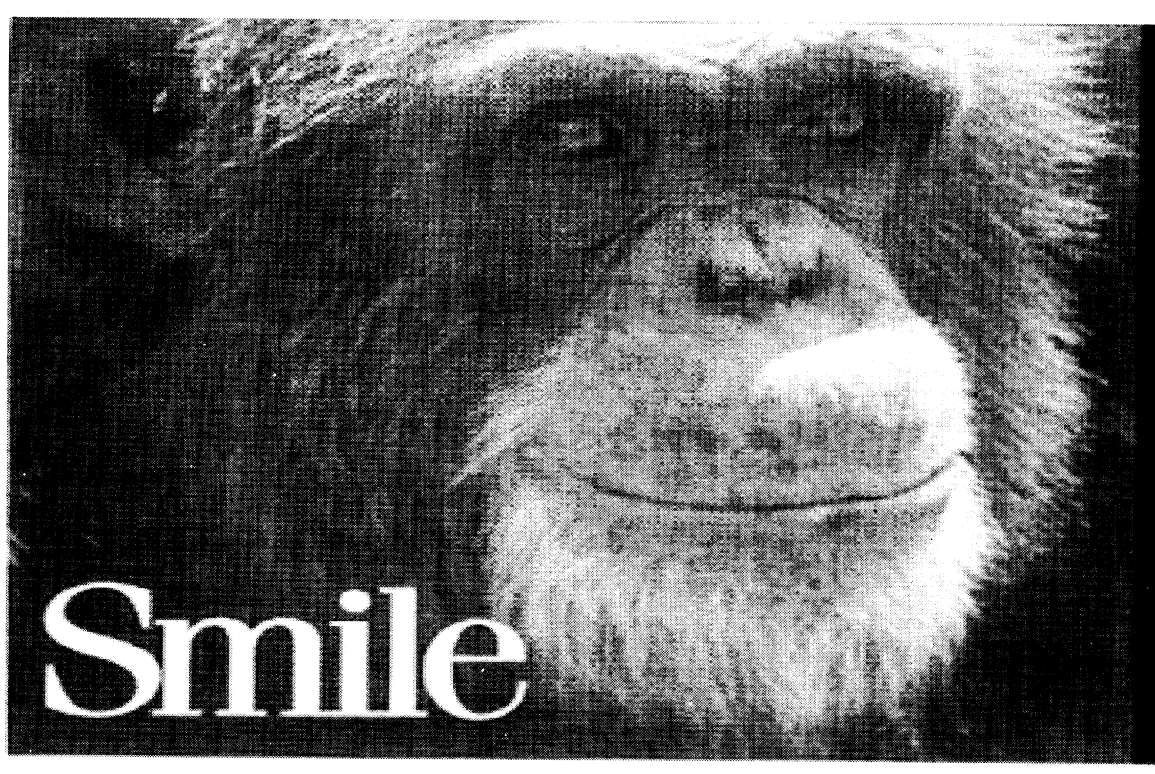
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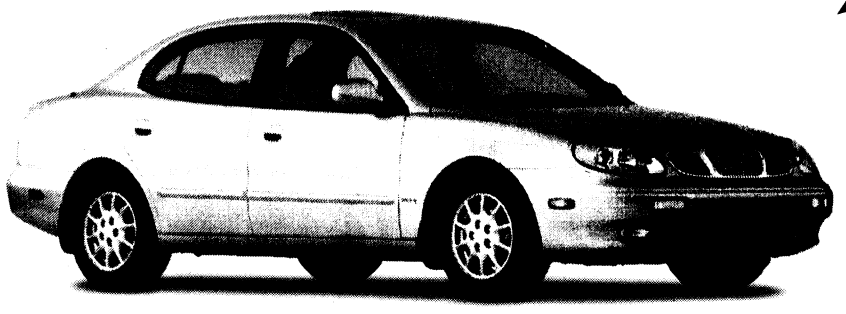
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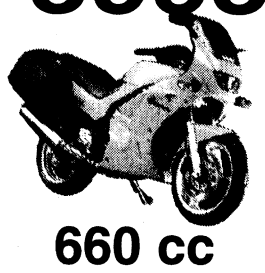
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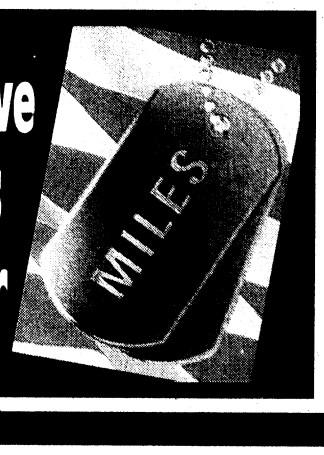
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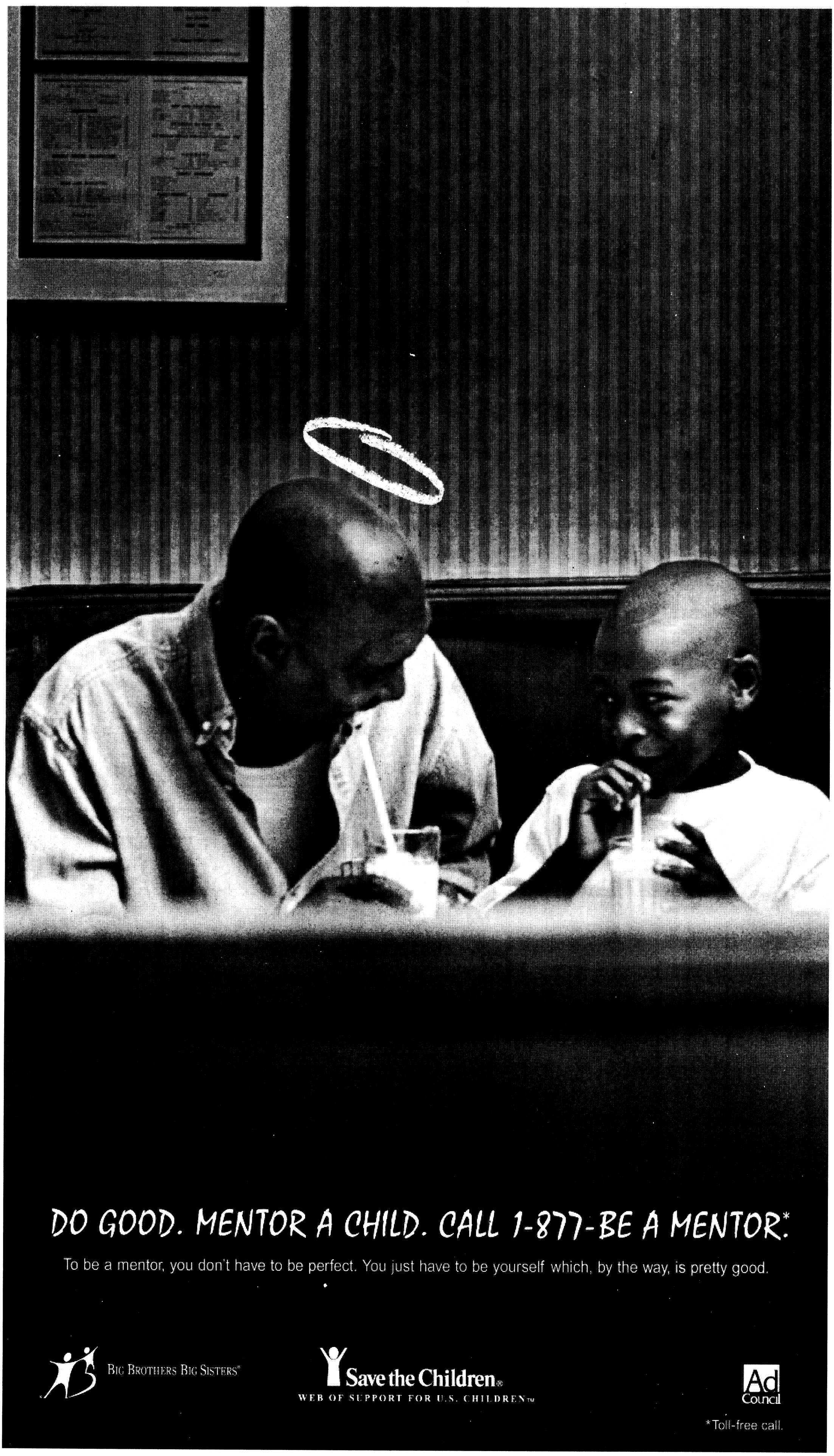
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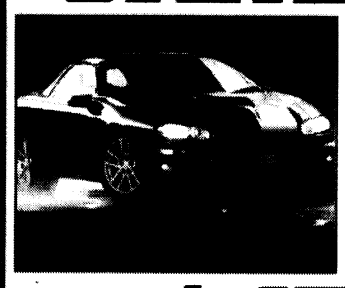


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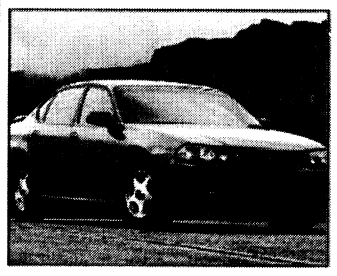


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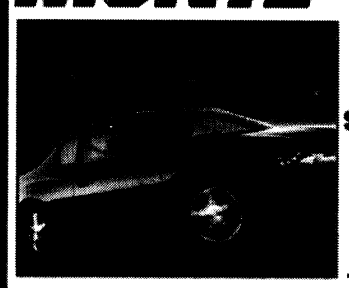


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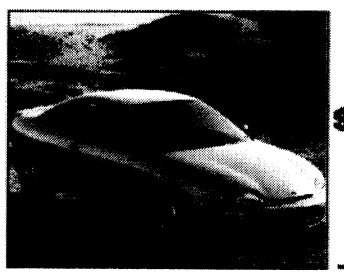


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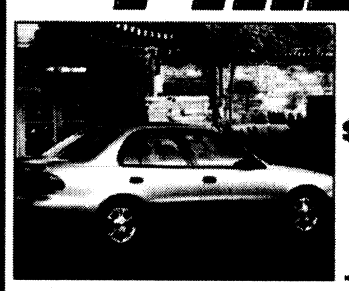


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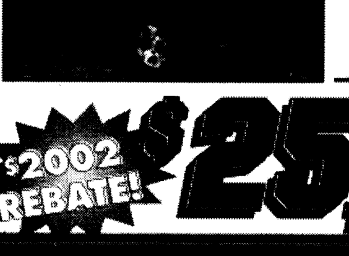


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Bush honors troops for efforts



Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Nolan, 75th Ranger Regiment, is one of the troops honored at the Rose Garden.

Fort Benning soldiers receive recognition

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Thirteen Special Operation soldiers were honored along with others by President George W. Bush in a ceremony to remember the attack on America six months ago.

America will not forget the lives that were taken, and the justice their death requires, Bush said. Every civilized nation will take part in the war, and U.S. troops will not fight every battle, but will help train others to do so, he said with a thunderous applaud afterward.

Soldiers from Fort Benning, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Campbell, Ky., who served in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom were invited to the White House for recognition. Special Operation military personnel in the Air Force and Navy, local law enforcement, firefighters, Pentagon survivors and family members of Pentagon victims were also among those honored.

The ceremony was "extremely great," recalled some of the visiting soldiers. However, they said that they still don't quite understand why the honor was bestowed upon them.

"I was speechless when I found out that I was chosen to come to the White House. I'm

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Chapel cleanup



Sgt. William A. Graves

Sgt. Gary Graham, 63rd Engineer Company crane operator, removes the last of the Post Catholic Chapel remains.

Soldiers leave for Kuwait

Block leave allows soldiers to see family

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Kelley Hill soldiers began deploying to Kuwait this week to take part in Operation Desert Spring.

The soldiers — who comprise Task Force 2-69 — are

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Loud music no-go

Fort Benning neighbors try to live in unity

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

Some Fort Benning residents have had enough of loud and offensive music in their neighborhoods.

"The offensive music is worse than the volume," said Ce Arabinko, a resident of Indianhead Terrace. "I don't want my children to hear it."

Fort Benning policy

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Neglected dogs getting better

Animals overcoming bad times

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Two neglected dogs taken from a Fort Benning residence Feb. 28 are now on the mend. Kane, a 4-year-old mixed breed, and Foxy, a 10-month-old pedigreed Rottweiler, were both brought to the Veterinary Clinic after repair workers reported a foul smell coming from the residence.

Military police arrived at the home to find both dogs locked in an upstairs bedroom, unfed and lying in their own excrement.

The neglect resulted in life-threatening malnutrition, muscle atrophy, and for Kane, a severe case of heartworm.

But this week, their prognosis is looking up, and Foxy was adopted and will go to her new home Friday.

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Laura Martinson

Kane awaits heartworm treatment and adoption at the Vet Clinic kennel.

Soldiers recall big battle

Men take fire moments after unloading

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Afghan mountains turned Operation Anaconda into the fiercest fight ground troops have had since the war began on the al Qaeda's

See **FIGHTERS**, A-3

LIVING IN QUARTERS

Loud music gets bad rap

Spc. Clyde Snively
Bayonet columnist

commentary

Family life in quarters is an adventure. It's not only an eye-opening experience, but can also be an ear-splitting proposition.

Now don't get me wrong, the rent is right and the neighbors are nice, well, there's that weird guy who walks in and out of the yards with his two dogs, and the dude who sits in his car all night, but hey, live and let live I always say.

My only problem is with the rapper kid and the Salsa player.

The rapper kid is a high school student. He comes home from school, props his boom box in his window and then he and his friends use the window to get in and out of the house and listen to his box reverberate off the walls in our complex.

He'll turn the noise down when asked, but why do we need to ask?

Then there's Jorge. A really great guy, will do anything for you, but he thinks that when he washes and waxes his new SUV, he also has to max out on the vehicle's speakers.

So if we're not getting rapped to death, we're getting our earwax loosened by Latin music.

Again, if asked, he tamps the sound, but I shouldn't have to ask him. He should know that while music is great stuff, some of us might want to listen to our own.

Elsie, the office wag, has a solution, put on Mantovani and crank it up. Well, there's torture, and then there's torture. And besides I don't have speakers that could compete. I have an AM radio in my pickup with two speakers that measure about 2 by 2 inches and no boom boxes in the house.

Furthermore, guess who would get nabbed by the MPs for noise violation — moi. I get in trouble for anything and everything others do. It's just that I have a perpetual guilty look about me.

I've stopped flying since 9-11, not because I'm afraid, but because I know I'd be the one frisked and detained.

Now you're wondering why the MPs would nab anyone for playing a radio, or whatever else you want to call stereos on wheels.

How about a simple thing called the post regulation which states that if someone of normal hearing (ha, there is no such thing anymore, that's why everyone plays their piece too loud) can hear your instrument at 15 feet, then it's too loud and you can be cited.

Not sure what the punishment is, maybe they don't let you listen to your music for 10 days, or make you do police call every night after work, but there is a reg.


Clyde Snively

It might not be realistic, because 15 feet is quite near, but there is one.

My issue though is "Hey, we're all in the same Army, let's respect each other and keep the noise down."

Also, playing music at 110 to 130 decibels can damage your hearing and mine. All it takes is 30 minutes of exposure a day. And oh by the way, this can lead to deafness. Even the rock guys are starting to realize this and they're starting to wear hearing protection.

So if you have to yell to be heard, then the music is too loud. If you're wearing a Walkman (then you aren't out jogging or riding a bike) and others can hear the music, it's cranked up too loud.

So do yourself a favor and others around you a favor, tone down the notes.

Watching cars "breathe" because the bass is cranked way up might look funny, but I always wonder what it's doing to the brain waves inside the occupant's cranium. Probably turning the brain cells to mush.

Stay alert, keep your property

Sgt. 1st Class Robert Kelley
Directorate of Public Safety

commentary

Spring and summer are rapidly approaching, which usually means that families are venturing out more, kids are playing outdoors, there is increased socializing with neighbors. Overall, it is a great time of year.

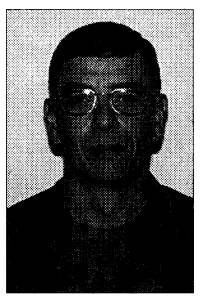
Unfortunately, it is also the time of year when we tend to let our guard down. We pay less attention to crime prevention.

Every year, about this time, the Military Police Activity gears up to handle additional calls about prowlers, stolen bikes, missing lawn equipment and damaged parked vehicles.

We do the best we can with our resources.

However, the occupants of family housing can also serve as deterrents to such losses. Here are a few tips to help you keep your belongings more secure:

1 Secure your windows and doors. Check before you go to bed in the evening or leave the house for a visit with friends. If you feel the need to leave a window open for fresh air, put a block or nail in the window guide so it cannot be opened enough for a person to slip through.


Kelly

2 Watch out for your neighbors, especially when you know they are gone. If you see something unusual, be inquisitive, or call the military police to check it out. Being a neighbor means more than living next door.

3 Secure your yard equipment and kids' toys when you are finished with them.

Every year, many lawn mowers, toys and bicycles are stolen. The number one reason for this occurrence is that the items were left unsecured in the yard.

These crimes are committed because of opportunity. It takes so little time to grab a bike, or other item, left in the yard. As the old saying goes, "it is like stealing candy from a baby."

Check behind your kids; they are having so much fun living in the moment they often forget to put toys and bikes away.

4 Teach your children not to ride in and around parked vehicles.

Many scratches found on parked vehicles can be attributed to the handlebars of a bicycle. If the child rides out into the street from between parked cars, this can also be a great danger to a child. The driver in an approaching vehicle may or may not see the child and be able to respond to this situation before it's too late.

5 Record serial numbers, manufacturer model numbers and a brief description of your equipment and belongings.

If the item does not have a manufacturer serial number, find a way to mark your belongings. If you become the victim of a crime and your property is premarked, then there is an increased chance for recovery. Without this information, recovery and compensation are not likely to occur.

Enjoy this exciting time of year! But remember, a little attention to security can mean a better time for you and your family.

HOSPITAL UPDATE

Phone lines improve access

Lt. Col. Derick B. Ziegler
Martin Army Community Hospital

Patients need to remember only one telephone number now, 544-CARE, to schedule an appointment or reach other patient services.

Martin Army Community Hospital implemented a new patient appointment telephone system Jan. 22 to improve access. Along with this phone system, we centralized patient appointments for the primary care clinics (MACH Family Practice, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Winder, and Aviation Medicine) to decrease the amount of time spent waiting on the telephone to speak to an appointment clerk.

Since then, the central appointment office has handled an average of 792 calls per day with an average response time of 50 seconds. We recently expanded the central appointment office hours of operation from eight to 12 hours per day. The new central appointment office hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. These changes have made it easier and more convenient to schedule appointments at MACH. The Adult Primary Care Clinic, formerly the Victory Clinic, is separate from the central appointment office and books its own clinic appointments. We also want to remind patients all primary care clinics are appointment clinics only.

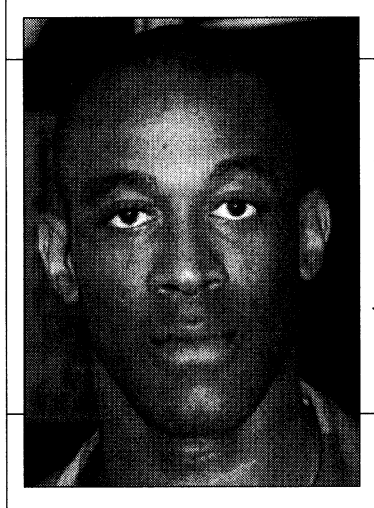
There are no walk-in primary care clinics. The Tricare access standard is 24 hours for an acute appointment (i.e. non-emergency urgent care), seven days for a routine appointment (i.e. new health care problem not considered urgent), and 28 days for a wellness or preventive appointment (i.e. well-woman and physical exams). Patients need to remember only one telephone number now, 544-CARE, to schedule an appointment or reach other patient services.

We encourage patients to use the Health Care Information Line for health care advice or questions by calling (800) 333-5331, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Registered nurses staff the advice line and they can help the caller decide whether to treat minor illnesses or seek professional care.

The emergency room is for a true emergency or urgent care. If you present to the emergency room with other than a true emergency or urgent care needs, the Central Triage and Emergency Room staff will schedule a suitable appointment with your primary care manager within the Tricare access standards.

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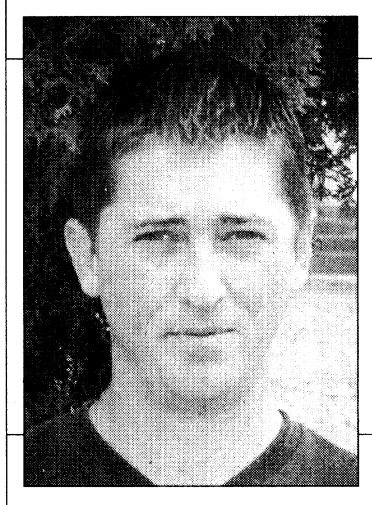
What's your biggest complaint with your neighbors, and how can it be fixed?



Staff Sgt. Mark Charles, Henry Caro NCOA — "My biggest gripe is people who move off post and abandon their pets. I have stray cats sleeping on my car, and one just had babies. There needs to be better control of strays on post."



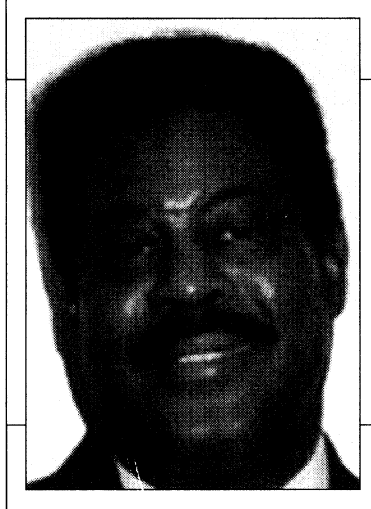
Helen Mesiarik, family member — "People should not use sprinklers on their lawn when we're on water restriction. It's the water our children drink and bathe in, and when it's gone, it's gone."



James Hughes, family member — "There's a lot of trash left in the neighborhood playgrounds. Trash cans need to be put there if we want the kids to throw trash away. Military units assigned to clean up duties need to do that, and parents should be more active in the clean up effort."



Missy Taylor, family member — "Some people don't take a lot of pride in their home. They leave trash sitting by the curb for a week and then stray animals spread it all over the neighborhood."



Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Roberts — "I wish there was more camaraderie and getting together. Everyone needs to make the time to communicate and say 'Hey, how are you doing?' "



Sgt. Dorothy Bess-Moore, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I have no complaints. My neighbors and I work together to clean our yards, and we help each other out when needed. We even decorate our quarters together at Christmas. I guess I'm lucky."

Interviews and photos by Laura Martinson. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

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History Channel crew visits Fort Benning

Team films snipers' camo tactics

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Snipers are receiving due credit by the History Channel for their tactics and lack of visibility.

Two camera crews, subcontracted by the History Channel, filmed students at the U.S. Army Sniper School for a Modern Marvels program about progression of camouflage and a four-hour, four-part series about the history of snipers.

The school has a big reputation for success, said Greg Goldman, producer of the series. Snipers are a major influence on the outcome of wars.

Research estimates that, during the Vietnam War, snipers fired only 1.3 rounds to get one kill, and Viet Cong officials changed their missions to seek out U.S. snipers because of the large number of casualties the snipers had on key targets, according to an *Infantry Magazine* article.

"Having the crew here is a chance for the public to see the capabilities of a sniper," said U.S. Army Sniper School's first sergeant Lewis Worrell.

Students receive 192.5 hours of instruction in marksmanship, mission planning, use of snipers, movement and engagement, and camouflage and concealment.

"The key to the success of the sniper is to sneak up to the target without being seen," Worrell said.

These elements are a direct result of coalescing with the environment, he said.

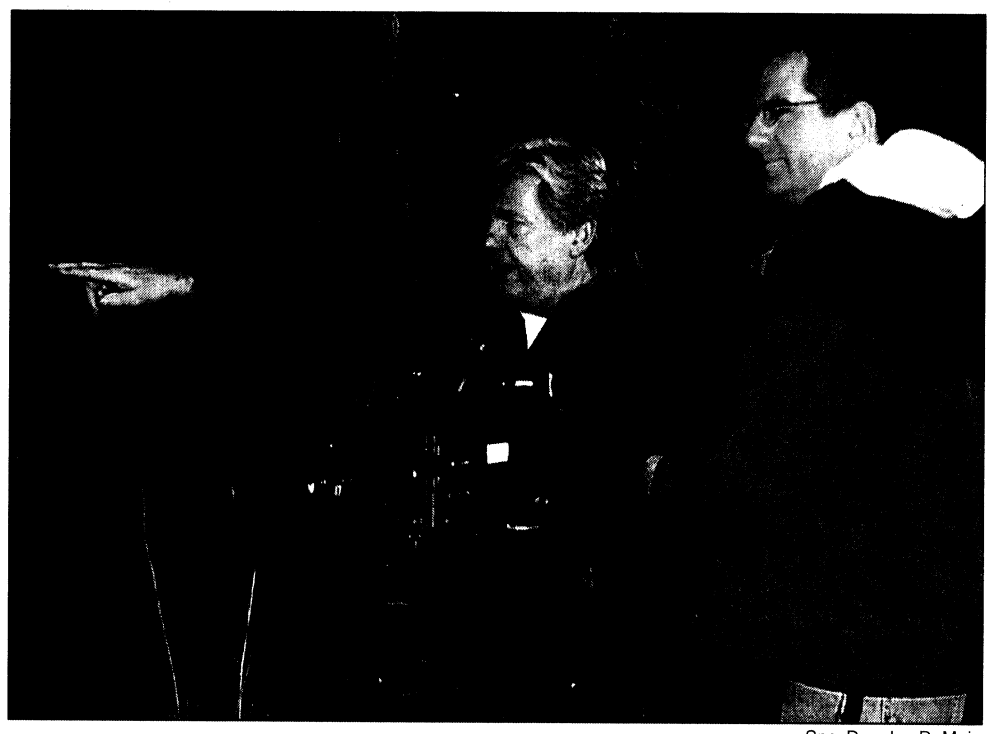
The school spends 39 hours on instruction of camouflage and concealment, Worrell said.

"Camouflage is a way to optimize cover and concealment," said Mike Cyristy, producer and writer of the Modern Marvels program about camouflage. "Camouflage is a fascinating field."

It's a fashion, people collect it, and its history dates back well beyond the Roman days, Cyristy said.

The crew also is visiting with historians and has talked with Frank Hanner, the curator of the Infantry Museum.

Both crews said the soldiers were very cooperative, and filming at Fort Benning has given the crews a greater understanding of snipers and camouflage they said.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Mike Cyristy points out next shot for photographer Peter Krajewski.

Special Ops: Honored at White House by President

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just pleased that I can be here to represent female soldiers," said Sgt. Amy Crownhart, senior radio operator in the 3rd Psychological Operations Battalion, Fort Bragg.

Crownhart spent more than four months in Afghanistan providing communications support to an Air Force unit. With Crownhart were other soldiers who had no idea that while they were deployed, America was heavily concerned about their plight.

"The whole time we were in Afghanistan, we didn't really grasp the scope of our accomplishments," said Staff Sgt. Greg Melancon, a Special Forces medic with Operation Delta Alpha 572, 3rd Battalion, 5th Special Forces Group, Fort Campbell.

Last November, Melancon's team took part in the bombing campaign in Tora Bora, and they were the first to do cave explorations in areas that were solely occupied by the al Qaeda, he said.

"Sitting at the White House in a ceremony to honor military forces seems strange because just a month ago I was sitting in Afghanistan," Melancon said. "Now I'm meeting Pentagon survivors who want to thank me for what I'm doing. Until I came home I hadn't even realized the impact we were making."

During the ceremony Bush listed some of the accomplishments the United States is making in liberating Afghanistan.

Next week, schools will open in Afghanistan to everyone, Bush said.

The Taliban has been removed from power and it has lost its home base for terrorism, hundred of trained killers are dead, have been captured or are on the run, he said.

The war on terror will be judged by its finish, not by its start, Bush said.

The milestones that are being made and the lives that are being lost in this global war are shared between the United States and its allies. Seventeen nations have forces deployed in the Afghan region, Bush said.

Soldiers have died from Australia, Germany, Denmark, Afghanistan and America, he said.

America and its allies have moved into the second stage of the war on terror, Bush said, and they are consulting with friends about rogue nations' possible use of biological, chemical or nuclear weapons.

"Here is what we know," Bush said. "Some states that sponsor terror are seeking or already possess weapons of mass destruction. And we know that these weapons, in the hands of terrorists, would unleash blackmail, genocide and chaos. These facts cannot be denied, and must be confronted."

Men with no respect for life must never be allowed to control the ultimate instruments of death, Bush said.

On Monday ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., New York and Pennsylvania noting the six-month mark. On that day Bush unveiled a Sept. 11, U.S. postage stamp of three firefighters lifting "Old Glory."

This stamp will cost 45 cents. A portion of the sales, eight cents, will go to a victims' fund to help those family members who are coping in the aftermath of 9-11.

The soldiers honored were:

from Fort Benning
Staff Sgt. Kevin Humphrey
Sgt. 1st Class Edward Nolan
from Fort Bragg
Maj. Gary Kolb
Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Johnson
Sgt. Amy Crownhart
Sgt. Jared Newman
Sgt. Jayson Ayala-Velazquez

from Fort Campbell
Capt. Stephen Reich
Sgt. 1st Class Mark Kammer
Staff Sgt. Carl N. Able Jr.
Staff Sgt. Marius Pusar
Staff Sgt. Greg Melancon
Staff Sgt. Burton Corley

Soldiers: Begin deploying to Kuwait, others preparing

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prepared to fulfill their mission," said Capt. James D. Brinson, commander, B Company, 317th Engineer Battalion.

Brinson's battalion leaves later this month.

"We're ready to go," said Brinson. "We've done the proper training and prepared the soldiers for the mission."

The mission is to deploy rapidly to a contingency area by air, sea and land; protect the force, and conduct continuous combat engineer operations for mobile, combined arms offensive and defensive operations worldwide.

To prepare, soldiers went through an Engineer Qualification Table, weapons qualification, and nuclear, biological and chemical training.

"We were also given the opportunity to have block leave and spend time with our families," Brinson said. "It's really good for the soldiers, especially the young ones, who will be going overseas for the first time."

One soldier deploying is a 17-year-old mechanic.

"I'm happy to be deploying," said Pvt. Zack Woods. "I get to experience some adventure early in my life and know that my family is supporting me."

"The family is important in a soldier's life," Brinson said. "They are there with the support in times of need. So, before deploying, it helps the soldiers being able to spend time with family members."

Not only was spending time with family good for the soldier, it was good for the family, too.

"Our families are worried about us.

"They realize the situation the world is in right now, so they understand," Brinson said.

"No matter what the case is, though, we are going over there to accomplish our mission and to do what is best for our country."

Music: Played loudly by some disturbs peace of many

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encourages neighbors to try to resolve such problems themselves before calling the MPs. If that does not work, residents can call the MPs. Once the MPs arrive, they will instruct the individual to turn down the music, and they will log a report.

On a second violation, the person will be put on a police blotter report, which is a report to the garrison commander that goes to the post commander and will also go though that person's chain of command. After two to three reports for the same thing, one will be charged with a violation. In most instances, the company commander may recommend an Article 15.

Residents can ultimately be asked to leave government quarters for not "living in harmony with neighbors or failing to comply" with policies according to Fort Benning Regulation 210-5.

"It should be one blotter, and, if that fails, on the second, the individual should be counseled. On the third, (Uniform Code of Military Justice) action should take place," said Master Sgt. Donald Blackmon, NCOIC of Community Life.

Post policy states that when playing the radio or other sound devices in a car, the music must not be heard more than 15 feet away. While at home, the music should not be heard through the wall. The 15-feet rule also applies to those walking or running who are not wearing earphones.

"At Fort Benning, loud music, especially music with profanity, which is prohibited on post, will not be tolerated. Offenders can and will be pulled over and ticketed," Blackmon said. "We (soldiers) are role models."

With summer coming and residents washing their cars and conducting other outdoor activities, they should keep the noise level down, he said.

Fighters: Recount Operation Anacoda battle's first days

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terrain.

Operation Anaconda began March 2 at first light, and the mission was to block al Qaeda forces from entering the southern part of Shalinkot Valley, while soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division were to block the northern part, said Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Grippe. Grippe is in the 10th Mountain Division and serves as the 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment's command sergeant major.

Grippe told reporters in a telephone conference the mission changed, however, when his platoon-sized element landed right at the base of an al Qaeda stronghold.

"Just moments after the helicopters dropped us off we started taking sporadic fire," Grippe said. "After about the first 10 minutes of combat, I guess the al Qaeda came out of their caves and their well-fortified positions, and we experienced a heavy volume of fire from the actual mountains above us."

Luckily the enemy weren't accurate shooters and the troops were able to take cover, said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Healey, a battalion operations sergeant with the 1st Bn., 87th Inf. Bn.

"The leaders took over," Healey said. "We all ducked ... got in there, got organized and we started returning fire."

As the day progressed the troops started receiving mortar fire, rocket-propelled grenades, heavy-machine-gun fire, light-machine-gun fire, small-arms fire, all from the hills above them, Grippe said.

The valley Grippe and his troops were engaging the enemy in was surrounded by mountain peaks and very rugged terrain, he said. Within the first 30 minutes of the firefight, Grippe said they called in close air support. That quieted things down.

By midnight, 12 U.S. casualties had been extracted out of the battle, including Grippe who jokingly said he would be setting off airport metal detectors for the rest of his life.

Grippe and Healy received shrapnel wounds, but both said that they were ready to get back in the fight. The Anaconda firefight is not the first for those senior noncommissioned officers. Healy said terrorist attacks on America is keeping them focused and motivated for the young soldiers who are fighting for the first time.

"September 11 has motivated a lot of the guys," Healy said. "The injured ones (younger soldiers) are healing up and they're ready to get right back in the battle."

All the injuries sustained by soldiers have been from shrapnel, Healy said. Their body armor protected their torso area, resulting in no one sustaining bad wounds around the chest or stomach area, he said. Most of the injuries were to the legs and arms.

Four soldiers and two Air Force servicemen were killed at the beginning of the operation, March 4, when their MH-47 helicopter landed and they disembarked under direct enemy fire.

A Navy SEAL was also killed in action in a separate helicopter incident March 4.

Pets: Recovering from Fort Benning resident's neglect

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"They are both gaining weight and getting stronger," said Missy Taylor, vet technician, "and all we've been doing is feeding them."

The weight gain is a good indication the dogs' health is improving, Taylor said. Kane will not begin heartworm treatment until he gains a sufficient amount of weight.

When the owner surrendered the dogs to the clinic, he appeared indifferent to the health conditions of the animals, Taylor said. But the health of the dogs was not the only concern.

"The unhealthy living conditions posed a health hazard to the family as well," said Sgt. 1st Class Mike Snapp, noncommissioned officer in charge of operations.

Owners of animals on post are responsible for preventing their animals from becoming public health concerns, according to USAIC Regulation 40-905.

Actions taken against the owner have not yet been decided, said Capt. Richard Henry, trial counsel for A Company, 11th Infantry Regiment. Possible punishments include termination of post quarters, an Article 15 and ensuring the soldier pays for any treatments needed due to the neglect. A hearing with social work services may also occur, since the living conditions could have adversely affected the health of the soldier's family.

Vet employees said that while the two dogs get along with one another, Kane does not respond well to other animals. He is a product of his environment, Taylor said.

"It's the way he was raised," she said. "Any dog can be trained to be aggressive. It's a lack of pet education on the owner's part."

It will be at least another month before Kane will be released. Both animals will be neutered before leaving the clinic.

According to Georgia law, all animals are to be neutered within 30 days of adoption, but the vet clinic isn't taking any chances with these two.

"They will absolutely not be used for breeding purposes," Taylor said. "They're going to good homes."

AG goes online with new Web site

TAGD Online example of transformation

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Web site of The Adjutant General of the Army has a new face to help surfers access information.

"TAGD Online is now available to help "e-enable" the soldier," said Lt. Col. Thomas H. Palmatier, the executive officer to The Adjutant General Directorate.

The site includes an easy to use "A to Z" listing that takes users directly to the information they're looking for. TAGD online is under constant revision to make it easier for customers to use, he said.

Soldiers are encouraged to check back often and provide suggestions for improvement. The site can be accessed at http://www.perscom.army.mil/tagd/index.htm or through PERSCOM Online at http://www.perscom.army.mil by clicking on The Adjutant General Directorate.

TAGD Online is another example of Personnel Transformation, the heart of which officials said is to give soldiers more ways to easily get information and to manage their own careers through initiatives like the Assignment Satisfaction Key and Official Military Personnel File Online.

The following subjects can be found on TAGD online:

- Casualty Reporting
- Mortuary Affairs
- Casualty Assistance
- Repatriation
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- Defense Integrated Military Human Resources System
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- Retirement Services
- Army ECHOES
- Records Management
- MARKS
- Army Postal
- Declassification of Records
- Heraldic Services
- Ribbons, Insignia, Flags, etc.

Editor's note: *Information provided by the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command public affairs office.*

Infantry school CSM retires

30-year veteran glad to have served

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

After being an enlisted infantryman for 30 years, some people would probably sit back and relax when they retire, but Command Sgt. Maj. Miles Retherford will continue to work as a contractor with the interim armored vehicle project.

"This is a significantly better Army than it was when he joined in 1972, and the improvement is partly his doing," said Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, assistant commandant.

Retherford retired surrounded by family, friends and colleagues March 8. His wife stood by his side as he was awarded the Order of St. Maurice and a Legion of Merit award.

"The legacy I'm leaving is the soldiers and non-commissioned officers with whom I've worked and influenced over the years," Retherford said.

He also refocused the training support packet for basic rifle marksmanship. By doing away with individual training techniques, it got down to the core of marksmanship training. As a result, the new training raised the number of first-time qualifiers.

"It has been a very rewarding experience," Retherford said. "I never expected to get to where I am. I have had fun at every assignment. Working with professionals was probably the most rewarding part of the job and the great camaraderie that comes with it."

Retherford also played a role in the consolidation of the infantry military occupational specialties. He collected information and research for the final decision and performed a combat critical task review.

"This is a one of a kind occupation," Retherford said.

"No one else does what the infantry does. It's great to belong to an organization where everyone contributes and you're not limited to what you can accomplish."

Retherford left some advice for all of the soldiers coming up through the ranks.

"Set realistic goals, challenge yourself everyday and stay focused on the mission," Retherford said. "Make sure the organization does well, then you will do well and will be recognized for your individual efforts as part of a team."

"If I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't change one decision I've made along the way,"he said.

> "It has been a very rewarding experience."
>
> **Command Sgt. Maj. Miles Retherford**
> Project construction

Two honored as finalists for position

Local soldiers may receive White House job

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

Every year, 11 to 19 people are chosen from thousands of applicants to become White House fellows. This year two applicants who are regional finalists are from Fort Benning.

Capt. Antoinette Gant, commander, 63rd Engineer Company and Maj. Barry Blackmon, executive officer for the 5th Ranger Training Battalion in Dahlonega, Ga., are two regional finalists.

"It's truly an honor to be one of the 105 regional finalists," said Gant, who has wanted to be a fellow since she was a first lieutenant and read about the program on the www.whitehouse.gov/fellows Web site.

According to the Web site, White House fellows are men and women who have demonstrated remarkable achievements in the early stages of their careers, and their leadership skills and growth potential in those skills. They will also be judged on their commitment to public service, writing ability and organizational and management skills. The strength of character, a positive attitude, ability to work with others are also taken into consideration.

White House fellows work as aides to cabinet members and senior presidential advisors. They participate in an educational program to help develop as a leader. They also work with Supreme Court justices, senior White House officials, members of Congress and other high-ranking officials.

"I expect to improve my leadership skills," Gant said "(I want to) learn how the government does business and be able to explain to others in a sense that they can understand."

After being chosen as a regional finalist, applicants will go to Washington to participate in a three and a half-day interview. They will also undergo background checks for a security clearance. The commission then will make the final recommendations to the president on the best-qualified applicants.

"I applied to learn about how the government operates and to get hands-on experience and to explain it others, " Gant said.

Former fellows from the military include: Secretary of State Colin Powell (1972-1973); Gen. Wesley Clark (1975-1976), Army Supreme Allied Commander in Europe; Adm. Dennis Blair (1975-1976), Navy Commander in Chief for the U.S. Forces in the Pacific; and Commanding General Clifford Stanley (1988-1989), U.S. Marine Corps Air &Ground Center at 29 Palms, Calif.

around post

Graduation

C Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 10 a.m. today at Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

For more information, call 545-8131.

Women's History Month Luncheon

The U.S. Army Infantry Center and Fort Benning Equal Opportunity Office will present the Women's History Month Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Officers' Club.

This year's theme is "Women sustaining the American spirit."

Guest speaker will be Peggy Martin, former mayor of Phenix City.

Tickets are $7.50. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 545-3196 or visit one's EO advisor.

EArmyU briefing

There will be an eArmyU briefing for soldiers at 9:30 a.m. March 27 in Classroom 32B, Building 4.

For more information, call 545-5703.

Burning times

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place through Sunday. If weather permits, the following areas will be affected: AA, A-2, A-3, A-12, B-5, D-10, D-16, E-3, E-5, F-2, H-3, I-2, J-2, J-5, J-6, K-6, K-11, K-19, L-4, M-1, N-1, O-1, O-3, O-10, O-13, Q-1, Q-5, R-2, T-4, T-6, U-5, W-1, W-4, X-2, X-4, BB-3, Main Post Cantonment, Harmony Church Cantonment, and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

From Monday through March 24, the following will be affected: AA, A-2, A-3, D-10, D-16, E-3, E-5, F-2, H-3, I-2, J-2, J-5, J-6, K-6, K-11, L-4, M-1, N-1, O-1, O-3, O-10, Q-1, Q-5, R-2, T-4, T-6, U-5, W-1, W-4, X-2, X-4, BB-3, Main Post Cantonment, Harmony Church Cantonment, and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

Burning will occur in pine stands within these compartments to enhance endangered species habitat, prepare sites for seedling plantings and improve training areas.

Personnel proposing to use these areas for recreational purposes must vacate these areas prior to 9:30 a.m. daily.

Units using ranges and training areas are reminded to remove flammable debris, such as pinestraw, leaves and trash from around structures in accordance with regulation.

For more information, call Jack Greenlee, Land Management Branch, at 544-6120.

Tax Center is open

The Tax Center is open for business, and it is free.

The center has tax forms, offers assistance on filling them out and can also electronically file returns.

Things to bring to the tax center to facilitate filling out tax forms are: W-2 forms, 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, Form 1098, power of attorney, social security card, voided check and ID card.

The tax center processes all federal and state income tax returns, including 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040.

When visiting the center, park only in designated parking lots. Parking in the circular drive in front of the center will result in a $45 fine.

The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

There will be extended hours on the following dates:

- Wednesday — 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- March 27 — 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- April 13 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- April 15 — 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

The center is located on Ingersoll Avenue at Building 880, Room G131. The building is across from the Wynnsong 10 Theater.

For more information, call 545-4267.



Battalion makes 200 percent of re-enlistment goal

Soldiers re-up as economy, needs change

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

After what its career counselor called a "slow start," the 317th Engineer Battalion went above and beyond its re-enlistment expectations, more than doubling its quarterly goal. The unit re-enlisted more than 200 percent of its eligible soldiers as of March 8, with three full weeks left in the quarter.

The secret to their success, said Sgt. 1st Class Dustin Williams, career counselor, is loving what you do.

"I love my job," Williams said. "That's part of it — loving the Army.

"Job satisfaction is better than pay. If you're satisfied and motivated, everything will work out."

A trick of Williams' trade is holding more than 75 percent of re-enlistment ceremonies in front of a company formation.

"When the soldiers see two ceremonies a week, it makes re-enlistment not so taboo," he said. "It's a lot of fun to get the ones who have been saying 'no' all along out there in front of the soldiers. That shows them they, too, can change their minds."

Williams does, in fact, encourage his soldiers to keep open minds, as changes in the world are often unpredictable.

"There's so much going on right now — war, stop-loss, the economy. Everybody gets unexpected bills and changes in their family situation. They need to be reminded of that, and to never say never," Williams said. "Life changes so frequently. You can't count anything out."

"The benefits the military offers won't be seen in a regular civilian job," said Sgt. Matthew McReynolds, who renewed his contract this quarter. "I know several people who got out only to find they had a better thing going in the Army."

A change in the economy was just part of the reason McReynolds, company armorer, renewed his contract this quarter. After seven years in the Georgia National Guard, he came on active duty in 1996 to further his military career.

"I wanted to follow in my grandfather's footsteps," said McReynolds, whose grandfather was an Army infantryman. "The Army is a great opportunity to make a difference in the world."

Maj. Eric Conrad, executive officer, thinks soldiers want to stick around due to a comfortable command climate and good leadership.

"Our leaders really do care," said Conrad, who believes the ceremony surrounding a re-enlistment makes his soldiers want to come back for more.

"We make any re-enlistment a special day for the soldier, and that really makes a difference. Re-enlisting is a good thing, not bad."

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> **Sgt. Matthew McReynolds**
> 317th Engineer Battalion

While the career counselor's job entails keeping his soldiers motivated, Williams must do the same for himself. One way to do that, he said, is through good old-fashioned competition.

"It's a numbers' game," said Williams, whose efforts recently won the Fort Benning Commanding General's Retention Award of Excellence and the Command Retention Excellence Award, given by the engineer commander at Fort Stewart, Ga.

But Williams' greatest reward is not of the tangible sort.

"We still have a lot more to do," said Williams, who's already looking ahead to the next quarter. "But because of our over-performance, our brigade is in the running. For me personally, I feel like I'm making an impact on the unit."

RTB inducts honorary colonel, sergeant major today

Soldiers re-up as economy, needs change

Bridgett Siter
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The Ranger Training Brigade will induct its first honorary colonel and sergeant major at a Rangers In Action demonstration this morning on Hurley Hill.

Retired Col. Robert "Tex" Turner and retired Sgt. Maj. Robert Spencer will provide a link between the rangers of yesterday and the rangers of tomorrow, said Col. Hazen Baron, the RTB's commander.

"It's appropriate to designate an honorary colonel and sergeant major who can perpetuate the history and traditions of the Ranger Training Brigade, thereby enhancing the morale and esprit de corps," he said.

Turner and Spencer both began their service in 1959, and collectively bring nearly 60 years of experience to the role of honorary leadership for the brigade.

Turner served two tours with the Ranger Department, now the RTB, as an instructor and chief of the Patrolling Committee from 1966 to 1968 and as the department director from 1982 to 1985.

"I always wanted to be a ranger, ever since I was a little guy, about 6 years old, during World War II," Turner said.

"Sure enough I got my chance, and I stayed in ranger-type jobs most of my career. All my dreams came true. Now, being named the first honorary colonel is simply the ultimate.

"I guarantee you there are those more qualified and deserving than I am, but I'm so thankful, just delighted at the honor."

Turner served two combat tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division and the Military Advisory Command Vietnam. He served as the director of military instruction at the U.S. Military Academy from 1985 until his retirement in 1990.

> "I always wanted to be a ranger, ever since I was a little guy, about 6 years old..."
>
> **Retired Col. Robert Turner**
> 101st Airborne Division

Spencer served several tours with the department as an instructor. He served as the department's sergeant major from 1981 until his retirement in 1985.

"I have a lot of fond memories of the ranger department, and it's an honor to be chosen," Spencer said.

"Now it's up to me to do my part. Too often we train and leave and take with us that institutional knowledge that could benefit those who follow, so maybe I can help in some small way by interjecting my own experiences and observations when they're needed."

Spencer served in Korea with the 1st Cavalry Division and twice in Vietnam with the 173rd Airborne Brigade and the Military Advisory Command Vietnam.

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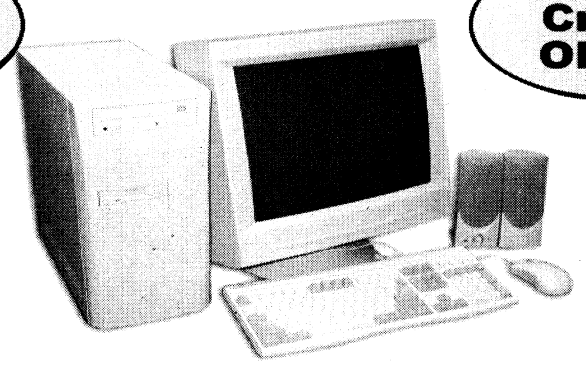
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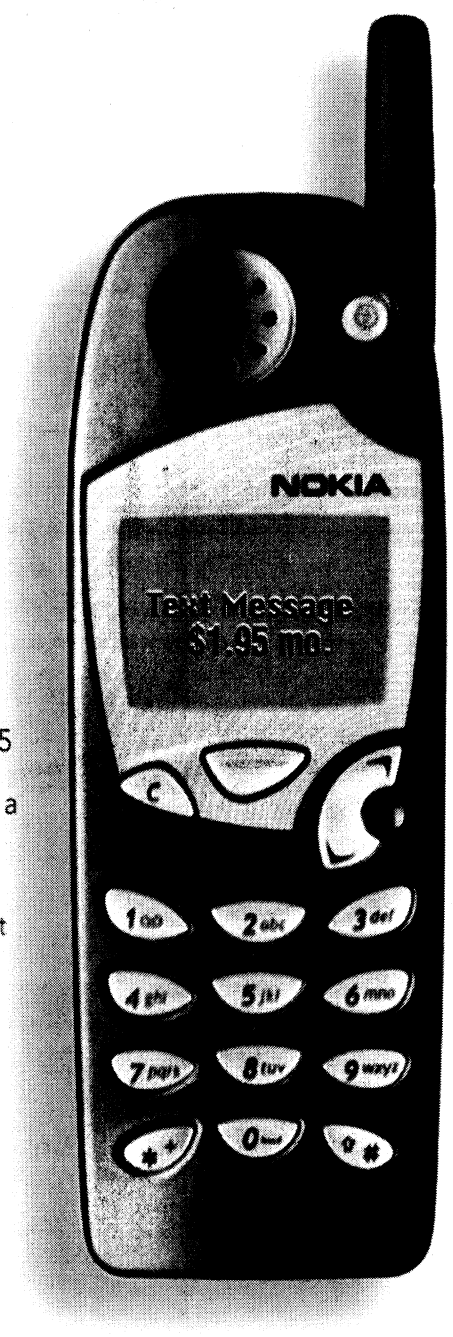
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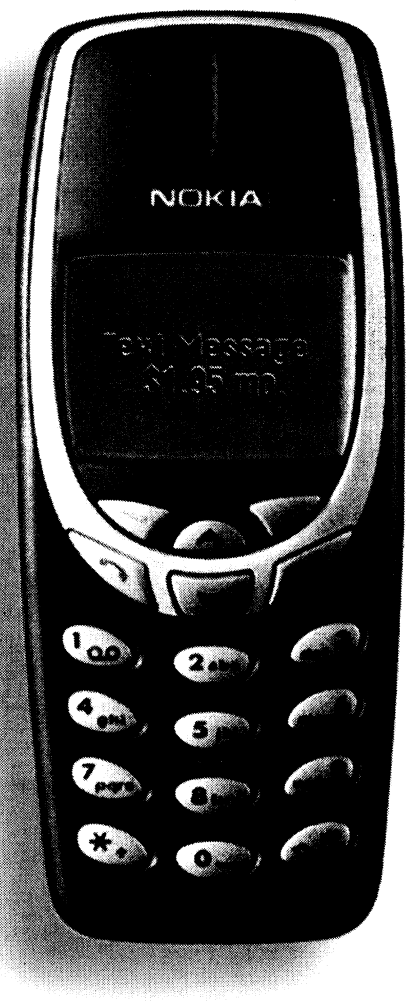
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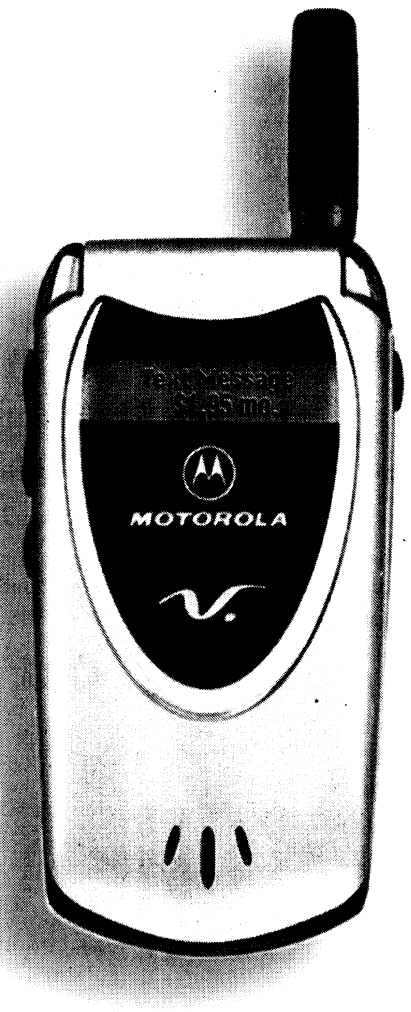
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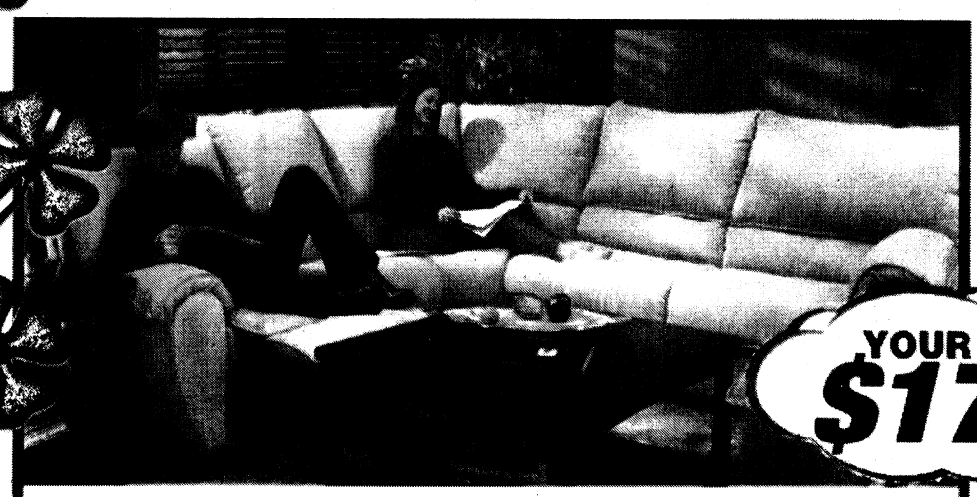
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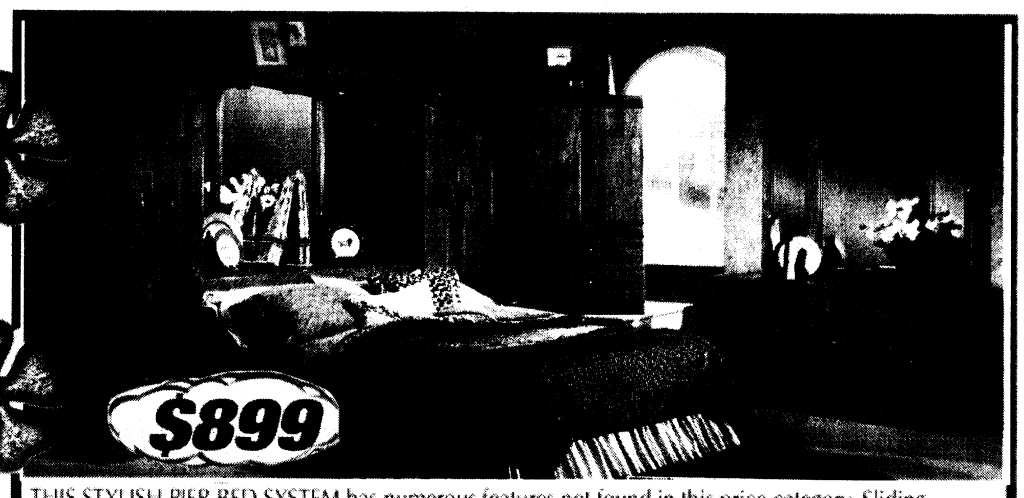
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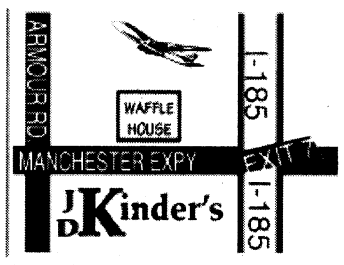


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Join winning team, become Army recruiter

Soldiers receive many rewards for tough duty

Julia Bobick
U.S. Army Recruiting Command

FORT KNOX, Ky. — Two recruiters are visiting Fort Benning Monday through Wednesday to dispel the myths about recruiting duty and encourage soldiers to join the winning team of Army recruiters who have achieved their active and Reserve missions for the past two fiscal years.

The Recruit the Recruiter Team is presenting briefings on the challenges, benefits and opportunities that come with serving as an Army recruiter.

"Soldiers' anxieties about recruiting duty — 'Can I make it on recruiting duty?' — are often compounded by negative word of mouth. That's why we are conducting these installation tours and have established a Recruit the Recruiter Web site at www.usarec.army.mil. We want to give soldiers factual information to dispel the rumors in a non-threatening environment. We think that when soldiers have more information, they will be pleased at what recruiting duty can offer them," said Master Sgt. Jack Miracle, the NCOIC of the Special Missions Recruiting Team for the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

This fiscal year, the Recruiting Command must identify about 2,600 new detailed recruiters through Department of the Army selections, or through soldiers volunteering for recruiting duty.

To entice more soldiers to volunteer, there is also a new incentive this year. Volunteers can identify their top three choices for their recruiting company assignment from the more than 200 recruiting companies across the states.

Soldiers who volunteer for recruiting duty serve a 36-month tour.

They first attend the Army Recruiter Course at Fort Jackson, S.C. The 53-day course has five major segments: introduction to recruiting, management, eligibility, prospecting and sales techniques, and communications skill.

Following the Recruiter Course is a nine-month nonrated new recruiter program, during which the new recruiters sharpen the skills they learned in the course.

Recruiting duty involves long hours and hard work, but the rewards are worth the effort.

Recruiters live and work in the civilian community. They build networks with schools, universities, local government agencies and other organizations. They interact and network with community leaders and become very experienced in sales and management.

Promotions are faster for recruiters than for peers without this experience. Recruiters who convert to MOS 79R have much higher promotion rates to sergeant first class than the Army average.

Opportunities for personal recognition are great. In addition to the Army awards program, recruiters are eligible to earn the Recruiter's Silver Badge with gold stars, the Gold Badge with sapphires, the Recruiter Ring, and the Sergeant Major of the Army Glen E. Morrell Medallion. Recruiters can also compete for induction into the USAREC Sergeant Audie Murphy Club.

Recruiters receive an extra $375 each month in special duty assignment pay and up to $75 per month in allowances for authorized expenses.

Currently 23 percent of detailed recruiters are volunteers; the Army selects the remainder. Volunteers will receive their recruiting company assignment before reporting to the Army Recruiter Course; DA-select recruiters do not learn their recruiting duty assignment until about the fourth week of the course.

Miracle encourages soldiers to attend the volunteer recruiting briefings 9:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday in Building 4, Classroom 51, or visit the Web site. Either way, soldiers can learn more about the eligibility requirements to become a recruiter and the benefits of recruiting duty.

For more information, call Master Sgt. Jose Irizarry at 835-8771.

Soldiers may also call the Recruit the Recruiter Team at (502) 626-0271, DSN 536-0271, or go to the USAREC Web site at www.usarec.army.mil and follow the link to Recruit the Recruiter.

First IBCT expected ready in December

Group to be operationally tested

Ann Zeterstrom
Army News Service

FORT LEWIS, Wash. — Fort Lewis, the place the Army chief of staff calls the 'Cradle of Transformation' may be watching its first Initial Brigade Combat Team take its first steps sooner than expected.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced in a press conference Feb. 21, that 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, may be operationally ready minus one battalion in December.

"We think by Dec. 2, we will have had the IBCT — two battalions, less the third, operationally tested," Shinseki said.

"We will have a good feel about the formal (Initial Operation Capabilities) in May, but we will have pretty good confidence in our capabilities by December."

December isn't soon enough.

Army officials have said on numerous occasions that if an IBCT were operationally capable after the events on Sept. 11 it would have been one of the first on the ground in Afghanistan.

"Sept. 11 has raised the additional interest in us looking into ways to accelerate the transformation process," Shinseki said.

"I am not sure what those opportunities are, but we continue to press."

Although December is the goal for the IBCT, the decision will not be made hastily.

"There are a number of conditions that have to be met before the unit can be certified IOC," said Lt. Col. Mick Nicholson, a strategist on Shinseki's staff.

"The vehicle has to be certified and the brigade has to be evaluated by the (Forces Command) commander," he said.

Nicholson explained a vehicle certification process normally takes years, but since several military forces have already fielded the basic platform, the time is compressed.

The first external demonstration of the IBCT's capabilities will be Millennium Challenge 2002 at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., an experiment to test concepts and refine emerging doctrine, officials said. It will also allow the military to better focus its efforts on developing the Objective Force.

"This is an important event for Transformation," Nicholson said.

"The Army has been transforming for two years. This gives us a chance to showcase the IBCT in the joint arena and experiment with other forces."

The 18th Airborne Corps will act as the Joint Task Force in the experiment with the 82nd Airborne Division as the Army Component Command. The IBCT will act as an early entry force.

Experiment officials say lessons learned during MC '02 will help the Army more effectively and efficiently work with the other services.

Transformation is not an option, rather a necessity for the Army being able to function as an equal partner in the joint force of tomorrow, they said.

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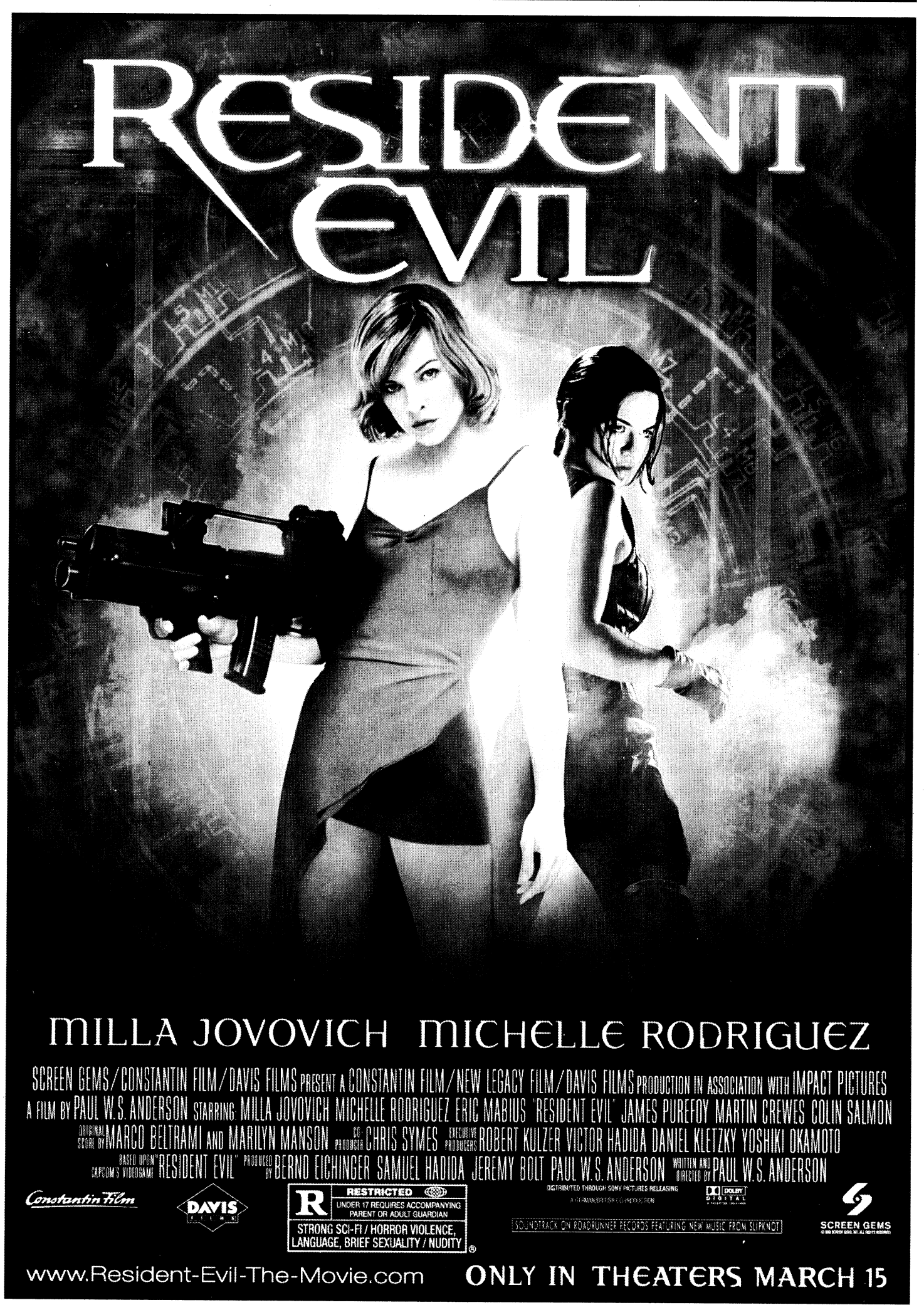
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Pvt. James Maiden, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, maneuvers toward the rappel tower at Sand Hill's Eagle Tower Monday.

High speed training at Eagle Tower

Soldiers face fears on rappel tower

Pfc. Kyle Neller
USAIC Public Affairs Office

Soldiers of the 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, conducted confidence building drills like rope ladder climbing and rappelling on Sand Hill's Eagle Tower Monday.

"In all the training new soldiers experience, they will be instilled with an understanding of the Army values," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Clements, senior drill instructor. "Today's value is personal courage. Overcoming the fear of heights is very important for an infantryman."

For example, a great number of the new soldiers have plans for airborne training, and this helps them to suppress their fear, he said.

"Even the smallest obstacle on this coarse teaches me how to overcome my fears and accomplish the mission," said Pvt. Kevin Allen.

The rappelling on Eagle Tower also gives soldiers experience useful to air assault.

"I would definitely go air assault if I had the chance," said Pvt. James Maiden. "Rappelling from Eagle Tower was extremely intense.

"I can only imagine what rappelling out of a helicopter is like."

Along with mental conditioning, there are other benefits the Eagle Tower offers.

"This coarse prepares me for war. Not only does it teach me fear and stress management, it also builds physical strength and endurance," Allen said.

Teamwork is key to successfully finishing the tower's course, Maiden said.

"Training like this also teaches me and my fellow soldiers how to work together," Maiden said. "Working with each other builds our motivation and friendship, and strengthens our battle buddy cohesion."

Invaluable realizations such as that may enable most of the solders to graduate.

"We still have a lot to learn about being soldiers, but, by the time our drill instructors get done with us, we will be ready," Allen said.

Expert Infantry Badge test on horizon

Infantrymen to try to earn rite of passage

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The challenge of accomplishing both a physically and mentally exhausting test is about to start for Fort Benning soldiers.

Soldiers are constantly training for the Expert Infantry Badge, but, for the last two months, they have been dedicating more time for preparation, said Sgt. 1st Class Joe Dickson, test coordinator, 29th Infantry Regiment.

The studying is well worth it.

"Anyone who sees the rifle (EIB badge) immediately knows you can accomplish the mission," Dickson said.

The respect badge wearers have is driving 1st Lt. Jason Slutsky, EIB candidate, 29th Inf. Regt., to go the extra mile when studing.

"I feel confident I can pass," Slutsky said. "I've been doing some roadmarching on my own time, and we've been doing some roadmarching and training on hills during PT."

The most important reason soldiers earn the badge is it reminds them and their soldiers that they are ready for war, he said.

"As a leader, when I walk out in front of a formation, this will show my soldiers I have the knowledge to lead them in battle," Slutsky said.

The commander of the U.S. Army Infantry School will conduct the postwide 2002 Expert Infantryman Badge test in April.

The train-up will be April 4, 5 and 8, and the testing will be April 9-11 at Burroughs Range.

"This is incredibly important to a soldier, a lot of pride comes with earning the EIB," Dickson said.

The EIB will aid in promotion to sergeant first class, first sergeant and sergeant major, said Command Sgt. Maj. Mike Kelso, U.S. Infantry School command sergeant major.

Participation is expected from 200 to 300 candidates.

This year the land navigation, weapons qualification, the 12-mile timed foot march and physical fitness test will be tested by the participants companies as a prerequisite to entering the test.

By frontloading the sections of the test with the highest attrition rate, it may lower the number of people who need to be tested, Dickson said.

"It's important to do well. You only have one shot a year to earn this," Dickson said.

During the train-up portion, soldiers are shown the exact standards they will be held to when they do the test.

The skills tested are skills all infantrymen know, but the test requires precise sequence, accuracy, time and attention to detail, Dickson said.

The tasks tested for the EIB will also reinforce life saving skills.

"It will let everyone know I'm infantry, and I know what I'm talking about the EIB is credibility," Slutsky said. "I've been waiting since last year to get a chance at it."

Navy works with Army

Lieutenant prepares work for soldiers

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The new millennium has brought with it a new war — one in which Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine service members fight and die side by side.

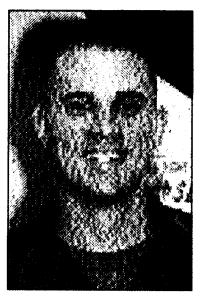
The military calls it joint interoperability. Laymen call it being one big team in the fight against evil.

One can see parts of that team on Fort Benning.

Navy Lt. Jeffrey D. Brancheau, deputy design engineer and plans officer, 36th Engineer Group, is a vital part of the group's and post's mission, said Lt. Col. Archie Pollock, design engineer with the group.

"Seabees (the Navy's construction force) have a reputation of being highly competent professionals," Pollock said. "(Having Brancheau here) is a win-win situation, not only for interoperability sake, but he brings a real complement of technical skills to the table. He makes the unit better, and we're better able to support Fort Benning because he's here."

Brancheau, who is here as part of the officer exchange program, has designed the new hospital walking trail and other 63rd Engineer Company projects like the new culvert installation at Clear Creek Pond. He also worked on the design of a shoot house for the Atlantic City, N.J., Police Department and a rifle range and shoot house for the San Marcos, Texas Police Department.



Brancheau

Another part of Brancheau's mission is to help train soldiers in the group.

"Our designer's skill level is (getting better)," Pollock said. "It's a good swap," Pollock said. "I'm sure it benefits the Navy, too."

The joint interoper-ability Brancheau helps to solidify is key in the construction world, he said. For instance, Seabees worked for the Army in Bosnia.

"(Having him here) helps us see how we can work better with the Navy and Marines and gives us peacetime experience for future war-time missions. It broadens our perspective of the total force."

Brancheau, who will leave in December after two years with the group, said he enjoys being here.

"The opportunity to serve beside Army Engineers has been very rewarding," Brancheau said. "This tour has given me a better understanding of the Army and the tools they bring to the fight.

"I joined the Navy to lead troops, and I enjoy construction so it's the best of both worlds," he said. "The Army has been fun."

He also likes the PT he does with the group's officers.

"In the Bees, we PT but do not run to the extent that I have here in the 36th Group," Brancheau said. "It was a challenge at first, but now I hold my own."

In fact, he scored a 296 on a recent Army PT test.

Still, there have been things to grow accustomed to for the former enlisted, Operation Desert Shield and Storm sailor.

"This is a huge post," Brancheau said. "We (in the Navy) don't have bases this big or vast training areas like Fort Benning. It's challenging to maneuver out there. You need a (Global Positioning System) with you."

Learning the Army language was another challenge when he first arrived here.

"But when you boil it down, you do the same as we do so, once you learn the language, it's no problem," Brancheau said.

The difference in officer rank structure took getting used to, too, he said.

There is a difference between Army and Navy decorum, expectations and social interaction.

"In the Navy, an O3 and below are junior officers," the Seabee said. However, there is a big difference between an O2 and O3 in the Army. You go from knowing a little bit to, 'You're the man.'"

Differences aside, one thing has remained a constant at every ship, base and post at which his military leadership has stationed him.

"Everyone is together when it comes time to take care of the enemy," Brancheau said. "Fort Benning has been no different. The Home of the Infantry's resolve and determination to win this war has encouraged me."

Officers use program

Soldiers use new firing strategies

Capt. Joe Reap
2nd Bn. 11th Inf. Regt.

The days of Infantry Officers Basic Course lieutenants going to their units having trained on antiquated equipment are over.

The new marksmanship strategy includes three days of Advanced Infantry Marksmanship Strategies and Standards and two days of reflexive and discriminatory fire.

The 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, made a step in the right direction with the implementation of the AIMSS training strategy, said Maj. Chad Sullivan, 2nd Battalion, 11th Inf. Regt.

The 2nd Bn., 29th Regt. commanded by Lt. Col. Michael Winstead is responsible for the development of the training strategy.

"We worked hand-in-hand with the 29th Infantry Regiment ensuring the training is on line with the most current AIMSS training doctrine available," said Capt. Christopher Nicolaus, primary instructor for AIMSS training, 2nd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. "Lieutenant Colonel Winstead assisted us in the development of our program and with the train-up of our cadre."

"We made the decision to integrate the latest sights, night aiming devices, and training strategies because our instruction must be equal to or ahead of what our leaders will use in the field," said Lt. Col. John Carothers, the commander of 2nd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. "We will use this equipment at the individual and collective levels constantly building upon the skill-sets learned throughout the advanced marksmanship week."

Many of the OCS students in C Company have already used the equipment and conducted advanced marksmanship throughout their careers.

"This training will most definitely prepare us for combat. It's some of the most realistic training I've done, especially the reflexive and discriminatory fire," 2nd Lt. Scott Smith, an OCS graduate who served in 4th Ranger Training Battalion. "The training took us all the way from the basic to the advanced. As a leader, I'm going to get into the books so I can train my platoon the same way."

"I'm surprised IOBC has caught up with the times. It's not what I expected," said 2nd Lt. Michael Washburn who served 12 years in the 75th Ranger Regiment. "The training builds confidence and experience we'll use in combat,"

For many students in C Co., the training was the first exposure to the M68 Close Combat Optic, AN/PVS-14s night vision device, and AN/PEQ-2As laser aiming device.

Prior to shooting, each lieutenant received classes on the capabilities, and employment of each piece of equipment. Following the classes, the lieutenants spent countless hours on the range honing their new skills.

"This is the best training I've ever done," said 2nd Lt. Colin Kelly, commissioned from Seton Hall University. "I especially liked the reflexive fire; having done it on the range over and over I started to gain the necessary muscle memory to accurately engage targets. Given the current world situation, reflexive fire and discrimination fire is the way warfare is going. When I was out on the range I was able to put myself in a combat environment."

"I've never used the equipment or M-4 rifle before. It was good to get familiar with the equipment," said 2nd Lt. Brett Baily.



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Soldiers aim during a reflexive fire exercise.

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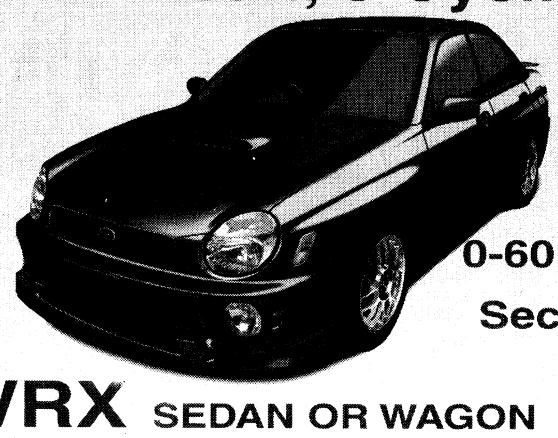


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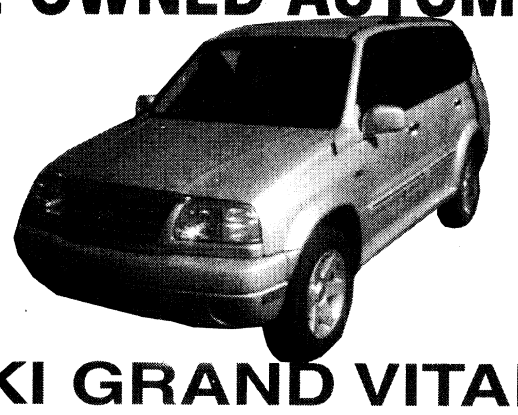
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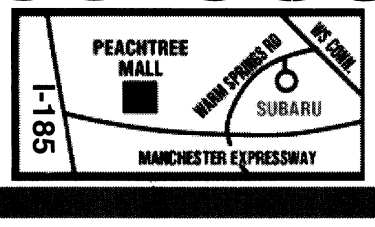
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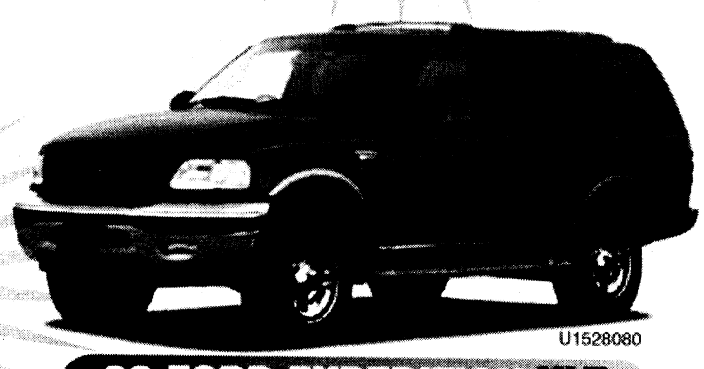


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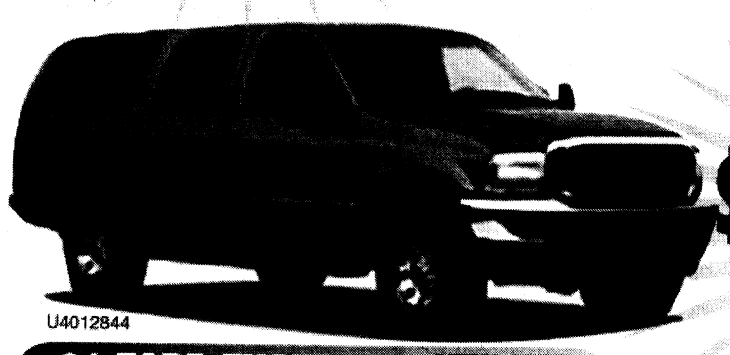
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Vandals, thieves spring into action

Crime increases with warm weather

Bridgett Siter
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Ahhh spring — when a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of breaking and entering.

As bicycles and lawnmowers emerge and windows and sunroofs are lowered, more and more post residents are becoming the victims of robbery. Fort Benning's military police urge residents to take precautions against the kinds of criminal behaviors that typically flourish in the spring.

"With the warmer weather, we see more crime," said Sgt. 1st Class Norman Molder, Military Police Investigations NCOIC.

Molder said there's been an increase in vandalism postwide. Though houses have been damaged, the largest number of reported cases involve vehicles. Typically, the perpetrator appears to be trying to steal, Molder said.

"Stereo components mostly. Make sure you're rolling up windows, locking doors, parking in a well-lit area and hiding things like purses or CDs," he said.

Outdoor lawn equipment and bicycles have also been reported stolen. Unfortunately there's little authorities can do unless the victim has taken steps to mark his property.

"If you take the time to pick out the perfect bike or a new mower, take the extra time to flip it over and copy the serial number," Molder said. "Otherwise it's just your word against theirs if a neighbor shows up with a new mower just like the one you had stolen."

> "We saw the signs — the door left ajar with the safety chain still on, the back doorknob loosened. But we just kept excusing it."
>
> **Jennifer Manchester**
> Davis Hill resident

Molder also recommends engraving your name on the item in an inconspicuous place and taking a photograph.

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Former All-American carries torch

Christina Hayashi
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The Olympic torch began its journey to Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 4, 2001, in Atlanta. It went more than 13,500 miles and through 46 states in 65 days to make it to the opening ceremony Feb. 8.

Annabel Cieply, whose husband, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Chris Cieply, is stationed at Fort Benning, was one of the more than 11,500 Olympic Torchbearers.

She carried the torch through Grand Junction, Colo., for nearly two-tenths of a mile.

Cieply was chosen because her husband e-mailed family and friends and asked them to go to the Coca-Cola Web site to nominate her.

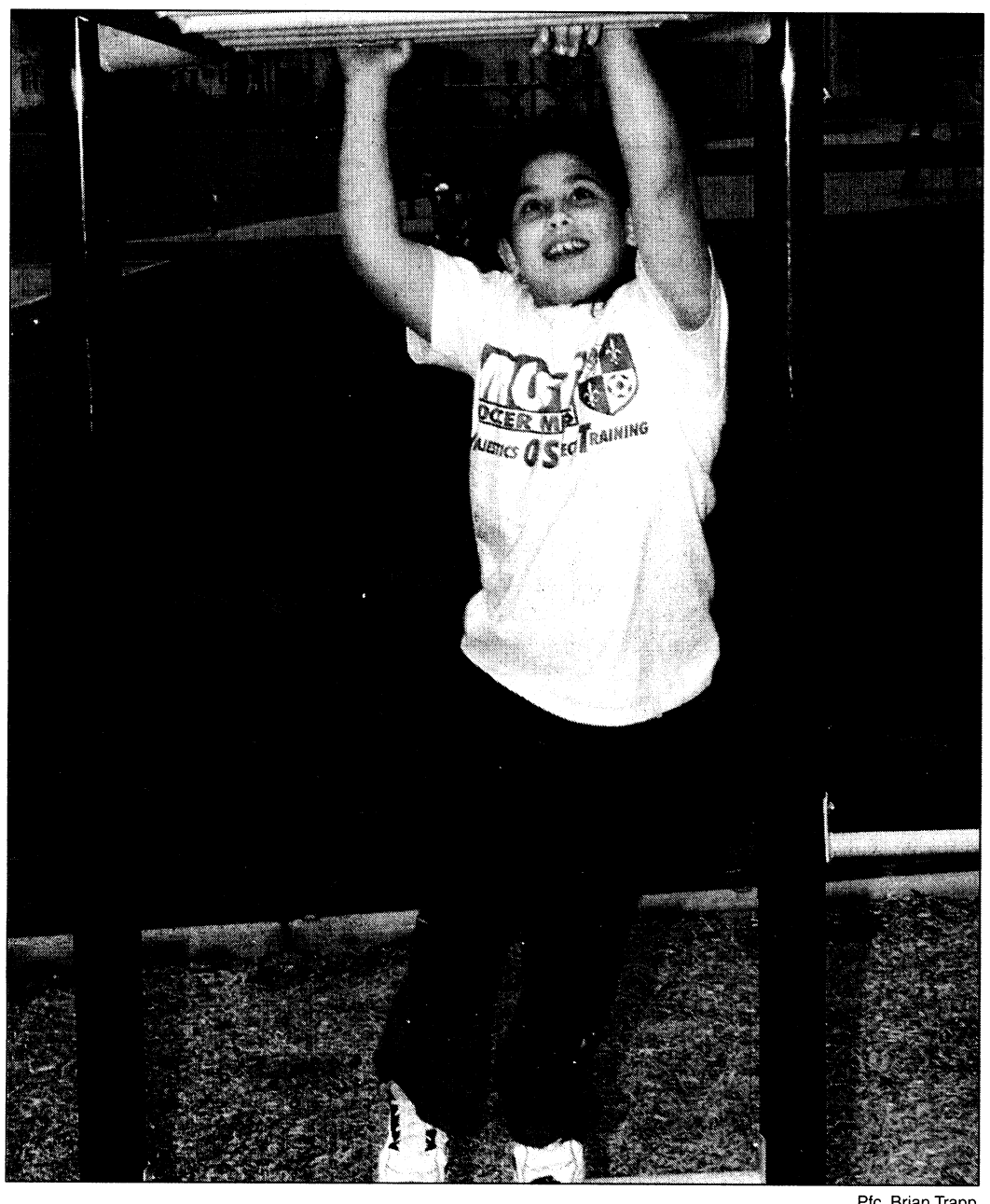
It was her brother's nomination that stood out. He wrote about her work with at-risk children and her all-American background in track and cross country.

"It was a huge honor to be selected amongst all of the applicants," Annabel said. "It was too short for a lifetime opportunity. It went by too fast."

Torchbearers were provided uniforms from the Salt Lake Olympic Committee, so there was no expense to the bearer. The torch that bearers carried could be bought for the cost of about $350. Coca-Cola bought the torch for Cieply, which she left with her parents in Grand Junction so it would not break.

"I will always remember the individuals in the group with me," Cieply said. "I'll also remember they selected ordinary people who help inspire others."

Monkeying around



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Elizabeth Moore plays at White Elementary School's new playground.

Post plans Easter celebration

Service to culminate observance of Holy Week

Christina Hayashi
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The Easter Sunrise Service will be 7 a.m. March 31 at Doughboy Stadium. The guest speaker will be Chaplain (Capt.) David Trogdon with the 317th Engineer Battalion.

The blessings of Easter, what the resurrection of Christ does for us is the day's message, Trogdon said.

"Because Christ is risen, we have hope and help," he said. "The message will be the difference a living savior makes in our lives."

The service is a Protestant service and is open to the public.

The Infantry Band, the Post Chapel Choir and the Gospel Choir will perform. Also Celeste Lee with Directorate of operations and Training will sing *In Harm's Way*.

"People have long found Easter Sunrise services to be specially meaningful," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Chris Cieply. "The service represents the culmination of the Holy Week when Jewish people celebrate deliverance from bondage in Egypt and Christians celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ."

After the service, attendees are encouraged to go to the Annex next to The Infantry Center Chapel for a continental breakfast.

If it should rain, the service will be held in The Infantry Center Chapel.

Students lose HOPE for financial assistance

Residency policy unclear for dependents

Bridgett Siter
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An ambiguous policy on college scholarship eligibility requirements has some military family members losing hope for financial aid.

Peniel and James Vinegas both met the academic and residential requirements for the Georgia HOPE scholarship when they enrolled in Columbus State University in 1999.

The brothers, sons of retired Staff Sgt. Victor and Teresita Vinegas, moved to Columbus in 1998 and graduated with honors from Spencer High School.

But when Victor retired last year and moved to Virginia, his sons lost the HOPE and were forced to withdraw from the university and enroll in a local community college.

> "They said we aren't residents. I live and work here. We have a home — we pay taxes. How can this be?"
>
> **Teresita Vinegas**
> Local preschool teacher

"They said we aren't residents. I live and work here. We have a home — we pay taxes. How can this be?" said Teresita, who teaches at a local preschool.

The HOPE scholarship — Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally — was founded in 1993 to provide financial assistance to Georgia students in public and private colleges and universities.

But the children of service members are finding the HOPE has no definitive policy addressing their unique situation.

According to the Georgia Student Finance Commission, which administers the scholarship, once a student qualifies for the HOPE, he or she will continue to be considered eligible "even if his or her parents or legal guardians stop being legal residents of Georgia."

But schools are interpreting the policy at will, some say.

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Scouting for scholarships

Silver Award can earn $10,000 scholarship

Stephanie Mello
Bayonet correspondent

Sarah Chappell was recently awarded the Girl Scout Silver Award, the second highest award a Girl Scout can achieve.

Earning the award took more than a year to finish, including completion of strict community service, leadership, career exploration and interest project requirements.

But Sarah doesn't plan to stop with the Silver, she's going for the Gold … literally.

Sarah is a 16-year-old high school sophomore and, although still two years from graduating, she has taken steps to increase her chances of paying for her own education. It won't be just her grades or sports abilities that will help her though. It also will be the more than 10 years she has spent as a Girl Scout.

"I have always enjoyed being a Girl Scout and have encouraged other girls to join. Being involved in your community, doing something positive with your time, instead of just 'hanging out,' makes you a better person I think. When the Silver and Gold awards were introduced I knew I wanted to try for them. Now that they (the awards) can help girls get money for school, I think all Girl Scouts should try to complete them," Chappell said.

By completing the Silver Award, Sarah has finished the first leg on her journey to qualify for more than $20,000 in college scholarships.

Hundreds of colleges, institutions and private agencies offer scholarship opportunities to high school seniors who have earned the Girl Scout Silver or Gold Award, the highest award available to Girl Scouts. Some of the opportunities for scholarship funds for girls who commit and complete these award levels include:

See **GIRL SCOUTS**, B-3

Magnets offer variety

Bridgett Siter
Special to the Bayonet©

Fort Benning students entering high school in the fall have a broader choice of magnet programs in the Muscogee County School District.

The system's eight public high schools will each offer a specialized curriculum designed for students who wish to concentrate on a particular area of study while fulfilling Georgia's regular academic requirements.

Three area schools, Carver, Columbus and Hardaway, already have magnet programs. The remaining four and a new school scheduled to open in the fall, Northside, will also offer magnet programs.

The programs have various entrance requirements, including a designated number of hours of community service and specific academic and citizenship standards.

"Nothing is changing for the students of Fort Benning, as far as privileges go," said Gordon Stallings, the district's assistant superintendent of instruction. "We're actually offering more opportunity. Each program will accept no more than 200 students, and half of those students should come from within the school itself. So there will be at least 100 openings per school, and certainly Fort Benning students are encouraged to pursue the program of their choice."

The deadline for application is June 1, Stalling said.

The following is a rundown of Muscogee County's magnet programs and the requirements for each:

Hardaway High School is the only high school in Southwest Georgia with an **International Baccalaureate Diploma Programme** and one of only 1,000 schools worldwide.

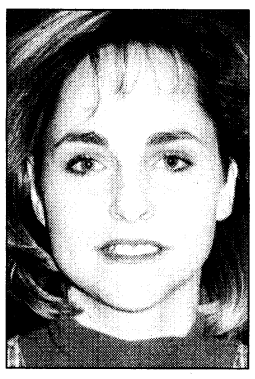
The IB program is a rigorous pre-university course of study chartered by the International Baccalaureate Organization, with headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland. The IBO has established a curriculum especially for geographically mobile students, with an

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The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Kristin Glenn
a fourth-grade teacher at Stowers Elementary



Personal: The Michigan native is married to her high-school sweetheart, 1st Sgt. Clyde Glenn. They have two daughters, Kayla, 9, and Carra, 7, and a 5-month-old son.

"Carson was a big surprise," she said. "It was difficult getting back into the baby mindset, but the girls have been a big help. They still fuss over him and argue about who gets to take care of him. They've helped me adjust a lot."

Education and career: Glenn said it "took forever" to earn her teaching degree, because the family moved so often. She graduated from the University of North Carolina Pembrook five years ago and began teaching in Muscogee County. She taught pre-K and first grade at Stowers before transferring to the fourth.

"Fourth grade is so unique," she said. "Some are still huggers, some are more independent. I love that you can tease and joke with them."

On becoming a teacher: "I was held back in kindergarten, because I couldn't see the chalk-board. I needed glasses," Glenn said. "I told my teacher, but she just ignored me. I remember feeling so frustrated. I never wanted that to happen to anybody else. My children will never feel uncomfortable in my classroom. I get to know them. That's my philosophy."

Favorite subject: "I love writing. That's my joy," Glenn said. "And fourth-graders are so creative. I learn so much about them through their writing."

Glenn is particularly fond of a Fort Benning School's policy that prohibits writing as a form of punishment.

"We want them to like writing, not feel negative about it. I agree 100 percent."

Hobbies: "What's that?" Glenn laughed. "There's not much time left after school and shuffling kids between soccer, dance and softball and late-night paperwork.

"But we do have a boat and we like to ski and wake board, which is like slalom skiing," she said. "My husband does 360s and flips. I don't go there."

community notes

on post

Newcomers Orientation — The Newcomer's Orientation briefing starts at 8 a.m. today at the Family Unit Network Building 359.

Flashlight Easter egg hunt — Youth Services is sponsoring a Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at dusk March 22 at Youth Services (Building 1055). Children, ages 10 and older, are invited to bring their own flashlight and participate in the hunt. For more information, call 545-3070 or 545-3540.

Spring Eggstavaganza — The annual Youth Services Easter egg hunt kicks off the Spring Eggstravaganza at 11 a.m. March 23 at Riverside, the home of the commanding general. There will be a traditional Easter egg hunt for children 18 months to 5 years of age and "themed" hunts for children ages 6 through 15.

Family activities that will follow the egg hunts include train and golf cart rides, three-legged races and face painting.

P.J. and Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton invite the Fort Benning community to bring families, picnic lunches and lawn chairs for the day's events. But don't bring the family pet because of the number of children attending and other safety considerations.

For more information, call Youth Services at 545-3070.

BOSS volunteers needed for Spring Eggstravaganza — Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers volunteers are needed for the postwide Easter egg hunt, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. March 23 at Riverside. Volunteers must sign up before March 15.

The egg hunt will feature games, a petting zoo, food and prizes, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. To volunteer, call 545-6800.

Spring carnival — The Youth Services carnival is April 2-7 on Stewart-Watson Field across from Infantry Hall. There will be 25-30 rides, 15-20 skill games and various food concessions.

For more information, call Linda Laine, Youth Services, at 545-3070.

Sock hop at Youth Services — The next dance at Youth Services is a sock hop with music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The dance begins at 7 p.m. April 5 and ends promptly at 9 p.m. The cost is $2 with a YS card and $3 without. For more information, call 545-3070.

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** pizza burger, pasta salad, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hot dog, oven fries, corn on the cob, fruit, milk,
- **Wednesday:** sloppy joe, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, milk, cinnamon roll
- **Thursday:** chicken-cheese enchilada casserole, spanish rice, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** student holiday

Youth Services needs instructors — Youth services is looking for instructors for the following class programs: piano, guitar, performing arts, English, Spanish, art, sewing, educational tutoring and computer.

Individuals interested in a contract position should provide a resume to Youth Services, Building 1056. For more information, call 545-3070.

births

Boys

Jacob Gavin Purvis — born Feb. 20 to Brandy and Spc. Jacob Purvis.

Aiden Jonah Cavazos — born Feb. 23 to Charlyn and Spc. Homer Cavazos.

Gage Enrique Prince Perry — born Feb. 25 to Constance and Sgt. Ricky Perry.

Corbin Alexander Mendoza — born Feb. 27 to Meka and Spc. David Mendoza.

Christopher Michael Beers — born Feb. 28 to Natalie and Pfc. Michael Beers.

Jaylin Artez Williams — born Feb. 28 to Pfc. Joslynn Scarver and Joe Williams.

Girls

Ariyana Monet Ivey — born Feb. 22 to Spc. Myesha Ivey.

Jillian Marian Gilbert — born Feb. 22 to Christine and Staff Sgt. Jeffery Gilbert.

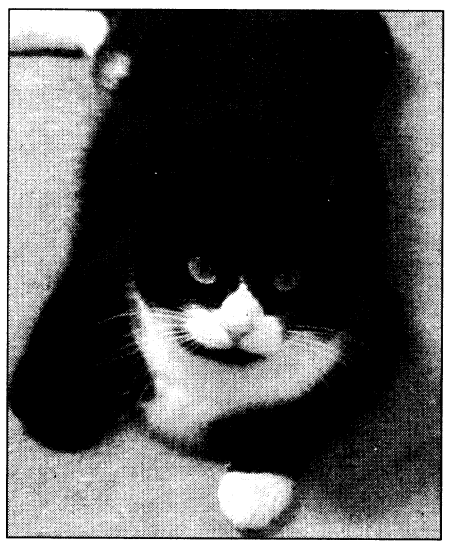
Eternity Irena Mejia — born Feb. 23 to Trinity and Staff Sgt. Joseph Mejia.

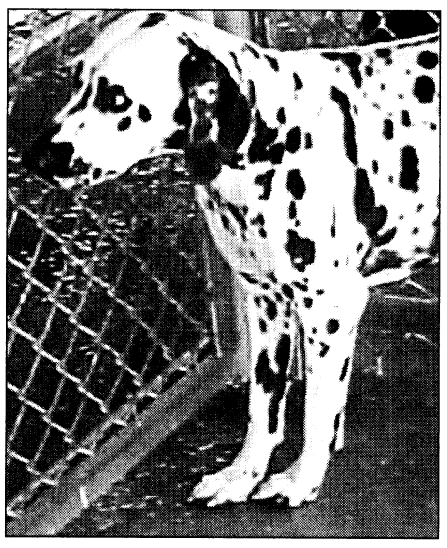
Brianna Marie Henderson — born Feb. 26 to Amanda and Cpl. Patrick Henderson.

Aja Cierra Revels — born Feb. 26 to Pfc. Erica and Pvt. Chadd Revels.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

Pets of the week





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This cat and Dalmatian are just two of the many animals available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information on how to adopt a pet, call the clinic at 545-4826.

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Theft: Increases with warm weather

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"The best thing you can do is keep it out of sight, , but if it has to be outside, lock it up," he said. "Use a bicycle lock and secure it to a permanent fixture."

Some Davis Hill residents are doing just that, after someone attempted to break into their home four times last week. Sgt. 1st Class Charles and Jennifer Manchester installed deadbolts, motion detectors and surveillance cameras after police chased an intruder from their home.

"And he'd attempted to break in at least three times before," Jennifer said. "We saw the signs — the door left ajar with the safety chain still on, the back doorknob loosened. But we just kept excusing it."

Then a noise woke Charles March 8, and he interrupted an attempt to break in a side door. MPs were on the scene within minutes, but the intruder escaped.

"This should never happen to anybody, losing sleep in your own home," Jennifer said. "My fear is it will happen to someone else if they don't do something to prevent it. Everybody needs a deadbolt. Everybody needs to get to know their neighbors."

Modler said post residents should, in fact, know their neighbors and be alert to strangers in the neighborhood. A strange vehicle parked near an absent neighbor's home may be a sign of intrusion.

Modler offered these tips for additional home security:

• Draw the curtains and shades at night and when you're away. Lock all the windows and doors.

• Take a mental snapshot before you leave the house. If things have been disturbed when you return, do not touch anything. Leave immediately and call the police from a neighbors home or a cell phone.

• Never enter a home you suspect has been burglarized.

• Whether you're leaving for a week or weekend, cancel the newspaper and mail or have a neighbor pick it up.

And register with Fort Benning's military police home watch program.

MPs will periodically drive by and do a periphrial check of your quarters.

• Leave keys only with someone you're absolutely certain you can trust.

• Use a timer for lights whenever possible.

"The bottom line is security — secure everything, inside and out," Modler said.

"You want to attract as little attention as possible to your home or property."

HOPE: Wanes for military students

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"We're getting a terrible runaround. It varies from school to school," said Margaret Kerchief, whose daughter Kathy plans to attend North Georgia College in the fall. The Kerchiefs have lived in Columbus for five years, but Margaret can't get a straight answer about her daughter's eligibility for financial assistance.

"In fact, it varies from office to office. We get different answers from financial aid offices and admissions offices. No one seems to know. It's a very gray area," she said.

Mary Elliott, a financial aid assistant at Columbus State University, agrees.

"There's such a fine line here. While the regulation seems straightforward, we have to look closely at every individual situation. Ultimately, it's up to the school's admissions office to determine residency," Elliott said. "We really do want them to have this money. It's there for them. But we have to verify their eligibility, and that means different things in different situations."

In Jake Kirkwood's situation, it means he'll likely lose the HOPE and several other state scholarships when his father, Maj. John Kirkwood, transfers to another state. Jake, Carver High School's highest scorer on the SAT, plans to attend Georgia Tech in the fall.

"Jake's worked very hard to get where he's at, and he'll lose it all if we move," said Nancy Kirkwood, Jake's mother, who is a registered voter in Georgia, pays state taxes and carries a Georgia driver's license. "It's like they're punishing military children. There needs to be a standardized regulation for military kids, an exception to policy if need be."

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia governs the state's public colleges and universities. For tuition purposes, the Board of Regents policy considers 12 months to be a "reasonable period" to determine state residency.

"If a person is 18 years of age or older, he or she may register as an in-state student only upon showing that he or she has been domiciled in Georgia for a period of at least 12 months immediately preceding the date of registration," the policy states.

But that's not the bottom line, Elliott said. If the student is a dependent of a nonresident soldier, he or she may not qualify for residency when the soldier moves out of state, even if another parents remains.

That's frustrating and unfair, said Teresita Vinegas, who's now trying to sell her Columbus home.

"I stayed for the sake of the boys, but what good has it done," she said. "We can't afford to pay out-of-state tuition and keep the house. Now we have to move. There's nothing left for us here."

Magnets: Offer students variety

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emphasis on critical thinking, an exposure to a variety of viewpoints and inter-cultural understanding among young people.

The program offers a broad-based liberal arts curriculum, and therefore students should expect a significant workload, according to the IB program guide.

During junior and senior years, students must complete 150 hours of community service projects and student activities. The program also requires a 4,000 word essay.

Program applicants must score 7, 8 or 9 stanines on standardized reading and math tests and a GPA no lower than 3.0 or a GPA of 3.5 with stanines no lower than 6. They must also have two strong recommendations from academic teachers at their present school. For more information, call 649-0784.

The **Carver High School Integrated Math and Science Technology Magnet** is designed to provide a strong, hands-on curriculum. The program boasts advanced technological equipment, including multimedia Pentium III computers, video microscopy, laser video systems, laptop computers, cellular phones, digital cameras, satellite reception systems and photographic equipment.

Internships are available in the areas of ecology, astronomy and medicine through the Coca-Cola Space Science Center and Three Rivers Medical.

Students are required to complete 20 hours of community service each year.

Acceptance into the program is based on the successful completion of Algebra 1, a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better in all math and science courses, a letter of recommendation from a science and math teacher, an interview and acceptable test scores. For more information, call 649-0689.

The **Spencer High School Justice and Military Professional Academy** prepares students for careers in law enforcement, forensics, military, legal services and security. Students will study civilian and military law.

Candidates must have an academic average of 80 percent, letters of recommendation, a written essay and a personal interview. Students will be required to complete 50 hours of community service per year. For more information, call 685-7652.

The **Northside Academy of Engineering and Engineering Design Technology** will offer a solid foundation for students planning to attend an engineering school, such as Georgia Tech, Auburn, Columbus Tech or MIT.

The magnet offers optional summer courses, including Orientation to Engineering Careers, Robotics and Sensors and Engineering and Design Apprenticeships.

For more information about enrollment, call 649-0748.

Shaw High School's Global Media resources Academy offers a "cross-curricular" approach to mass communications. GMR students will operate a television and radio station, complete multi-tasked research and learn graphic and Web page design, broadcast production, business and marketing communications, investing and internship.

For more information, call 569-2567.

Jordan Vocational High School's Metals Technology Academy offers three tracks of study — a job entry level track which prepares students for work after high school, a mid-management track, which prepares students for education at Columbus Tech or Columbus State, or pre-engineering, for students planning to attend a college that offers an engineering or architectural program.

At the Metals Technology Academy, classes are presented in terms of how the subject matter relates to the world of metal technology. For more information, call 649-0769.

Kendrick High School's Business, Banking and Finance Academy is geared toward students who plan to pursue careers in business related fields, including accounting, banking, business law computer programming and publishing. For more information, call 569-2532.

The **Columbus High School Liberal Arts Magnet** is designed to develop well-rounded students. A liberal arts students does not specialize in one area, but keeps his or her options open until a later point, usually college. The magnet offers a variety of advanced-placement courses for college credit.

Applicants must have a B average or better, a letter of recommendation from a counselor, English and math teacher and pass an entrance exam. The 2002 exams will be given March 23, April 20 and May 18. For more information, call 649-0701.

Girl Scouts: Give scholarships

Continued from B-1

The Elks National Foundation Scholarship provides funding of $48,000 to be awarded to Girl Scout Gold Award recipients, with one $6,000 scholarship being made available to one girl in each of the eight service areas. (Senior Girl Scout Gold Award recipients only).

The Carpe Diem Foundation offers annual scholarship awards of $5,000 to $10,000 per year for students who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and a serious commitment to community service. For more information, visit www.carpediem-foundation.org/index.htm.

The Young Achievers Program, sponsored by the International Leaders Network, awards $5,000 to a high school student nominated by an adult or parent for their community service.

Colgate's Youth for America has recognized outstanding community service projects with monetary awards to Girls Scouts since 1973. For more information, visit www.colgate.com/-cp/corp.class/colgate_cares/index.jsp.

Birmingham-Southern College offers Girl Scout Gold Award recipients a $2,500 one-year scholarship renewable for three additional years.

Brenau University offers $1,000 a year to gold award recipients, renewable for three additional years.

Lesley College of Cambridge, Massachusetts offers a Leadership Scholarship of $5,000 to gold award recipients.

Olivet College, Olivet Michigan offers $6,000 in tuition assistance to Gold Award recipients — Girl Scouts who have demonstrated a history of community service and volunteerism.

Girl Scouting has changed noticeably since the days of founder Juliet Gordon Lowe. What started out as a backyard project for young girls to study nature and learn about team playing has evolved into an organization of more than 3.8 million girls worldwide.

The concept of community involvement and service is now more than a means of helping others, it is also a means of helping one's self.

More information on Scouting and scholarship opportunities can be obtained by contacting the Girl Scouts of Concharty Council at 327-2646, or on the internet at www.jfg.girlscouts.org.

A full listing of scholarships available by state and institution can be viewed at http://jfg.girlscouts.org/How/College/GSscholar.htm.

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FLAT STANLEY

Book character visits Benning

Students read, write, mail stories

Wilson Elementary School

He's flat. He loves to visit friends, and he doesn't mind traveling via the mail! He is Flat Stanley, the fictional character in Jeff Brown's popular children's book.

Second-grade students at Wilson Elementary School are participating in the International Flat Stanley Project. The project, named for Brown's book, is an incentive program that provides students with real audiences for their writing.

In the book, Stanley is squashed flat by a falling bulletin board. One of the many advantages is Flat Stanley can now visit his friends by traveling in an envelope. This premise provides a reason for students to keep in touch with each other. Students' written work goes to other places by conventional mail and e-mail.

After reading the book, the second-grade students made paper Flat Stanleys and began keeping a journal with him for a few days. Next, the Flat Stanleys and the journals were sent to other participating schools where students there are instructed to treat Flat Stanley as a guest and complete the journal. Flat Stanley and the journal are then returned to the original sender. The students plot his travels on maps and share the contents of the journal.

Students in Mary-Ann Rinaldi's class were thrilled when they recently received a Flat Stanley from Australia. Their visiting Stanley came with photographs from the participating class.

Aaron Walker took the Aussie Stanley home for the weekend. He and Stanley played video games and explored outside. At night, Aaron read to Stanley, who slept next to him. This Australian Flat Stanley will be sent back in a couple of weeks.

"Writing in Flat Stanley's journal was fun. I hope they like my writing in Australia," Aaron said.

Andrea Takemoto is also excited about the project.

"We are learning about different cities and countries. I want to mail my Flat Stanley to the Dominican Republic where my mother and grandparents are from."

The teachers agree that the project is an excellent way to incorporate writing skills and geography.

"Anytime students have a real audience, they are much more motivated to write. This project integrates so many of the skills second-graders need, and it does it in a fun way. Students are eager each day to see if a new Stanley has come in or if any of their Stanleys have returned from their travels," Rinaldi said.



Courtesy photo

Australian children sent a picture of themselves and Flat Stanley to Fort Benning's Wilson Elementary schoolchildren.



Courtesy photo

Shanelle Rodriguez and Alexus Small design their coat of arms for the Medieval Festival.

Wilson students go medieval

Wilson Elementary School

Where did heraldry originate?

What was the Feudal System?

Who was Charlemagne?

How did the Magna Carta influence modern government?

These and other questions related to the Middle Ages can be answered by gifted and enrichment students at Wilson School.

Visitors to the enrichment room may feel like they have stepped back in time as they enter the castle that adorns the wall outside of the classroom.

The students, with the help of educational aide, Myra Barber, assembled the castle, constructed out of large refrigerator boxes and sponge painted to look like stone.

The inside of the castle is lined with shields that each student created after studying heraldry.

Students have learned about the feudal system and the code of chivalry and have created their own versions using reference books and the Internet.

Students are also researching famous people in the Middle Ages.

The grand finale of the unit will come in late March. After learning how to prepare medieval food, students will host a magnificent Medieval Feast.

At the feast, which will be attended by parents and students will showcase their research findings.

In addition, they will provide the entertainment for their guests. Students will role-play jugglers, jesters and traveling minstrels.

Teacher Margaret Koger believes learning about this part of history is instrumental in understanding the Renaissance and the motives of early European settlers in North America.

Students have been enthusiastic about the unit as well.

"Learning about medieval times has been fun." said Brittany Bullock, a fourth-grade student.

"I always thought it sounded exciting to live back in those days, but now I know there were a lot of hard times, too."

Photo club produces yearbook

Wilson Elementary School

What changes over time? Hairstyles, clothing trends, what's cool.

What can't time change? Friendship, memories of classmates, and all the good times the past year brought — all of the things that a school yearbook memorializes.

Wilson's photography club is in the process of making final preparations for *The Trailblazer*, the school yearbook.

The photography club, which consists of fourth- and fifth-grade students, was given the responsibility for creating each year's memory book by Principal Phyllis Parker, when the club was founded in 1999.

"I believe our students have the talents and skills necessary to create a top-notch memory book," Parker said.

"They've done some great photography, and I believe this is going to be one of our best yearbooks ever."

The students are proving Parker right.

They have created a new format for this year's book, and they've gone to great lengths to include even the most recently registered students.

In addition to individual photographs, students will enjoy seeing candid shots and group pictures of clubs.

Yearbooks will remain on sale until March 18.

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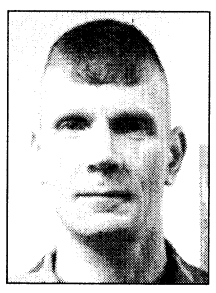
commentary

Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Petsch
Ranger Training Brigade

When I was a civilian pastor in California a number of years ago, I came across a story that really touched my heart. I would like to share with you a true story about 13 baldheaded boys (12 who chose to be bald and one who did not choose his baldness).

The story takes place in San Diego. During the school year, a particularly virulent form of cancer, called lymphoma, struck a young boy named Timmy.

The standard treatment for Timmy's ailment was 10 weeks of chemotherapy. These treatments were very difficult on Tim. Besides the severe nausea and listlessness brought on by the treatments, Timmy also suffered the indignity of losing all of his hair.


Petsch

While Tim was recuperating at home, his best friend John came to visit him. John was aghast at the sight of his best friend without hair.

Timmy knew how odd-looking he was and dreaded the day he would have to return to school to the laughs, ridicule and snide remarks he would receive from others. (We all know how insensitive children can sometimes be, and adults for that matter, when someone appears very different from himself.)

Timmy shared his fears with John concerning the treatment he would receive once he returned to school.

Empathizing with his best friend's dilemma, John approached 11 other boys in his homeroom class and revealed to them his plan to help Tim feel accepted. They all agreed this was the best thing to do for Tim.

That afternoon, all 12 boys made their way to the local barbershop and told the barber about wanting to have their heads shaved.

When the barber inquired as to why, John relayed the story about his best friend Tim. The barber was so impressed with the dedication and self-sacrifice of these boys that he shaved all of their heads for free.

The next morning Tim was quite apprehensive about returning to school. With much fear and trepidation in his heart, he reluctantly got into the car as his mother drove off. He waited until all the school buses dropped off their students and slowly made his way to his homeroom class. With a trembling hand, he opened the door to his classroom.

He just knew all the other kids would poke fun at him and tease him because of his baldness. So can you imagine his surprise and yes, his joy and relief to see 12 other boys with bald heads sitting in the classroom? Instantly, his fear and self-consciousness melted away. He felt he belonged there and he understood the meaning of true friendship.

As I reflected upon this very moving story, I remembered a text from the Bible these boys knowingly or even unknowingly put into practice: Carry one another's burdens and therefore fulfill the law of Christ. (Galatians 6:2)

What a wonderful principle for us to adopt in the Army.

Can you imagine how effective your unit would be and how enjoyable and fulfilling our lives would be across the board, if everyone shouldered each other's burdens?

Unfortunately, all too often, we are so preoccupied with our own cares and burdens that we fail to notice the struggles others are going through. The apostles' admonition is for us to come out of ourselves and be a blessing to someone else.

chapel notes

Lenten and Easter Services — During Lent, Stations of the Cross will be at 6 p.m. each Friday at Sightseeing Road Chapel, followed by soup and bread supper.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7 p.m. at Sightseeing Road Chapel followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Good Friday Catholic Service will be held at 5 p.m. March 29 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

A Protestant Service celebrating the Seven Last Words of Christ will be held at 7 p.m. March 29 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m. March 30 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Easter Sunrise Service — The postwide Easter Sunrise Service will be 7 a.m. March 31 at Doughboy Stadium.

In case of inclement weather, the service will be at the Infantry Center Chapel.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The group meets every Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Custer Terrace Chapel. Women meet for fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For information, call 685-0739.

Contractors needed — The Fort Benning Chapel program is in need of people to support the various religious programs as musicians and child-care workers. For information, call TIC Chapel at 545-2050.

Sunday school — There are classes for all ages who wish to grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Control your passions or they will control you

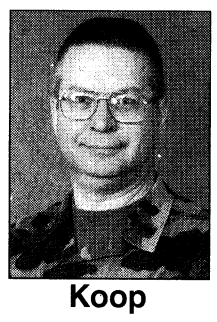
Use your senses to praise God and his direction

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Forty Days and 40 Nights is the name of a movie that was recently released.

A teen-age boy seeks to avoid any sexual contact for 40 days: no kissing, no hugging, no petting and no sex. He wants to prove to himself and to others that he can finish what his mind sets out to do. He desires to gain mastery over his natural instincts and passions.

One of the things that separate human beings from the rest of the animal kingdom is our ability to suppress our instincts and passions.


Koop

Anger can be channeled into positive action. Fear can be turned to courage. Hunger can be suppressed, and our libido can be expressed in the lasting love of marriage.

Faith helps believers to control their natural instincts, passions and lusts. Faith helps to distinguish need from want. Faith helps to channel our natural instincts and passions into positive actions and relationships. The spiritual dimension is essential. The mental dimension alone is not sufficient.

The Jewish faith practices fasting. At designated times and religious observances, they fast to purify the body and to restrain the body's natural instincts and passions by giving up certain foods or activities.

During the month of Ramadan, Muslims fast during the day. One of the pillars of Islam is to gain mastery through jihad, an inward struggle, over the body's natural instincts and passions.

During the 40 days and nights of Lent, Christians are encouraged to give up certain foods or activities prior to Resurrection Sunday. Scripture exhorts Christians at all times to remove their old sinful habits and lusts and to begin a new way of living. The change is for a lifetime, not just for 40 days and 40 nights.

Do you desire to control your natural instincts and passions? Contact the Chaplain Family Life Center for help or call 545-1760.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infanty Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
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"There is so much good in the worst of us, an so much bad in the best of us, that it behooves all of us not to talk about the rest of us."

— Robert Louis Stevenson

Worth is a quality within one that renders one deserving of respect. In many ways, people don't judge worth on the position of a leader, but rather by the actions of a leader.

Sgt. Felicia Griffin, 63rd Engineer Company, provides leadership through her actions both on the basketball court and with her unit.

"She's a great person," said 1st Sgt. John Johnson, Griffin's first sergeant. "She stays until the job is done.

"If I ask her to do something, I don't have to think twice about it getting done to quality standard."

Griffin offers support to her unit when the accomplishment of a mission must be met, and the unit returns their support to her when she needs to fulfill her goals.

"My unit supports me," Griffin said. "Some soldiers have even came to my games. That shows great leadership and interest in what I do."

She has played for the All Army Basketball Team, the Fort Benning Bandits, for the past three years and has worked hard to improve her game.

Griffin was the most valuable player of the Southeast Military Athletic Conference.

Standing 5 feet 6 inches, Griffin averaged around 30 points a game. Her unselfishness and ability to work with others has contributed to the success of those around her.

The Bandits won the conference title at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida March 23.

"I really didn't look at the stats too much," Griffin said. "As long as we won, stats didn't really matter to me.

"Five of us have been playing together for a few years, which adds to our consistency. We work well together. I think we are a good team, and we were in better shape than most of the other teams."

Her athleticism and work ethic improved her Army Physical Fitness Test to a 278, and her leadership qualities are set by her examples and not just by her words, Johnson said.

"She lives up to the NCO Creed," Johnson said. "She's technically competent and has a good heart toward soldiers."

Griffin is filling a staff sergeant slot for her unit and is training three soldiers after recently completing the Primary Leadership Development Course.

"She earned a 99.17 percent while attending PLDC and made the commandant's list," Johnson said. "She is dynamic, well rounded and a great asset to this company."

The worth of Griffin is an attribute that rubs off on the soldiers around her, he said. Her actions and qualities are a result of her leadership and the leadership she has been provided throughout her life. In turn, she is passing on her leadership to others and is self-replicating her worth in others for them to pass along.

Steel gets by Eagles

Eagles lose last game before deploying

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Steel used their man-to-man defense to beat the Eagles, 51-43, in intramural basketball action March 7 at Kefurt Gym.

A Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment, Steel held a slim lead throughout the game and held on against the Eagles of the 203rd Forward Support Battalion.

"We had to stick to our game," said Clifford Bennett, Steel guard. "We had to keep making our shots."

The game went back and forth in the first half. At halftime, with the score 25-24 in favor of the Steel, both teams seemed confident in their abilities to win the game.

In the second half, Jewel Brock, Steel guard, came out with five straight points.

"They were doubling Clifford, so I had to create something," Brock said.

The Eagles answered with four quick, points from Marcus Thomas, Eagles' forward.

The spurt ended when Jarvis Jenkins, Eagles' center, pulled his right bicep muscle.

"When I pulled it, all I could feel was pain," Jenkins said. "However, I knew I couldn't give up on my team, so I had to just keep playing for the sake of the team."

The Eagles battalion deployed for Kuwait this week.

"It was our last game together, so it was all or nothing," Jenkins said.

Jenkins put the pain behind him and managed to stay an inside presence on defense for the Eagles.

Thomas led the Eagles with 13 points followed by Jonathan Adams, Eagles forward, with 12 points.

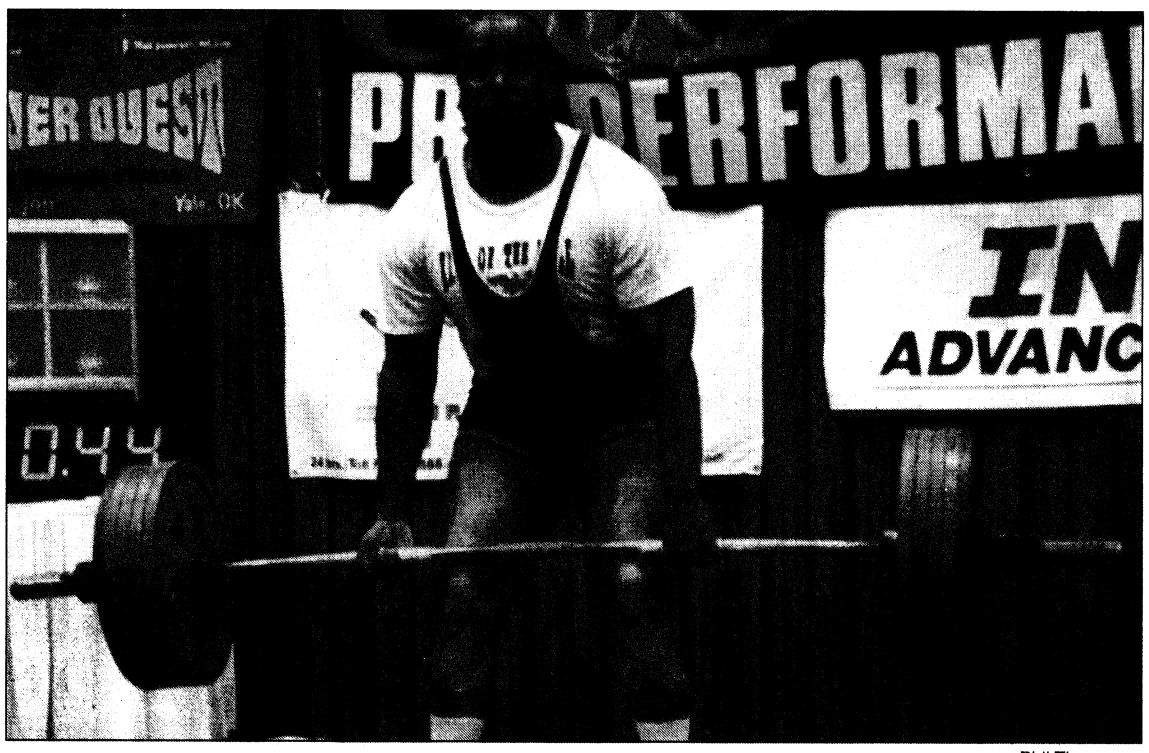
Their production in the end didn't help the Eagles to a win.

The Steel pulled away with five minutes left in the game.

Bennett led the Steel with 17 points and Brock added 11 points.

"I just got real comfortable shooting the ball," Bennett said. "I was just glad my shots were falling."

Dead lift



Phil Thompson

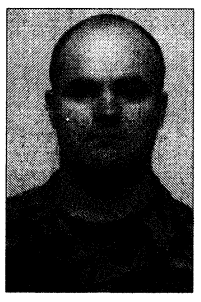
Calvin Thompson, 608th Ordnance Company, lifts 606 pounds at the USA Power lifting military nationals in Killeen, Texas, Sunday. Thompson was named Best in the Army.

Duke out in Sweet 16, Arizona in final for second year

Change won't effect tourney upsets

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

commentary



The change the National Collegiate Athletic Association is making to the men's Division I basketball tournament really isn't all too bad.

Yes, I haven't seen the tournament play out yet, but I feel positioning teams to a location convenient to their region won't have a large affect on upsets.

So then what will be the upsets of the tournament?

I have to believe there will be a 14 seed upsetting a three seed. It has happened for the past five years and my pick is Murray State over the Georgia Bulldogs. The Bulldogs have lost four of their last seven games and are definitely in trouble.

The other upset I see is University of California-Los Angles beating the University of Cincinnati in the second round.

Cincinnati will have an advantage being so close to its campus, but I don't see that effecting the outcome. The better team will win from the better conference, and the Pacific-10 is without a doubt the best conference in college basketball.

The Pac-10 has six teams in the big dance this year, and I see three of them advancing to the Elite Eight.

Wildcat Luke Walton from the University of Arizona has the all-around package.

Arizona is young, but with the leadership of point guard Jason Gardner and the Pac-10 Freshman of the Year, Salim Stoudamire, the Wildcats have the potential to be in the finals once again this year.

The University of Southern California senior forward, Sam Clancy, has the ability to lead the athletic Trojans past Duke University to improve on their Elite Eight appearance from last year.

Clancy reminds me of Larry Johnson. He has the ability to score from the outside and is a dominate force on the inside.

His power and jumping ability make him a serious threat to any opponent.

Duke is talented, and Jason Williams is no joke, but that will not intimidate the pressuring defense of USC.

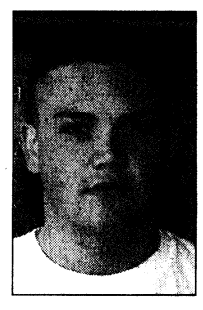
On the other side of the bracket, Juan Dixon of the University of Maryland is the fire and ice of his team, and his play will determine how far the Terrapins go in the tournament. Maryland has done poorly on the boards, but they have a deep bench that will help them make it to the Final Four where I believe they will lose to a prolific scoring team in the University of Kansas.

The Jayhawks start three guards and two forwards. There bench is not as deep as the Terrapins, but they average 93 points a game and win by a margin of 17.

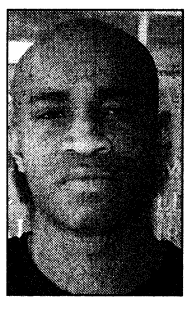
Jayhawks player of the year candidate, Drew Gooden, could very well be the best player in the tournament and will definitely average 20 plus throughout the tournament.

The way I see it Kansas will play the Wildcats in the finals and Roy Williams will coach the Jayhawks to his first NCAA title.

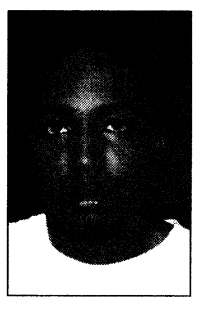
Who do you think will win the men's College Basketball Championship?



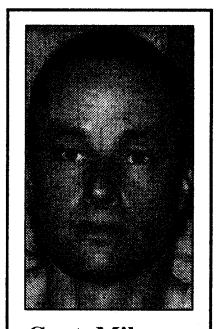
Pfc. Thomas Richter, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "Oregon. They're doing pretty well this year. Plus, that's where I'm from, and I'm supporting my home team."



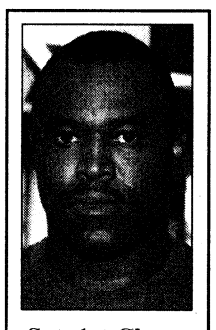
Sgt. Reginald Johnson, 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. — "Maryland. That's where I'm from. Plus, Juan Dixon is unstoppable and the best player in the country."



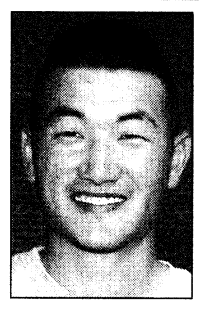
Marine Sgt. Anthony Jenkins, 773rd Helicopter Attack Squadron, Marietta, Ga. — "Duke. They have the best player in the country in Jason Williams, and their team has the most experience in championship situations."



Capt. Mike Cortez, 4th Brigade, 78th Division — "Duke. Experience and their program. They know how to win."



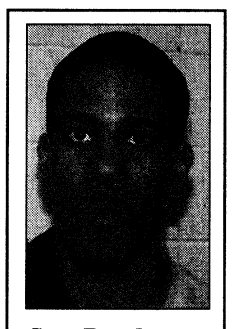
Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Johnson, 3rd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt. — "Maryland. They're hungry. Juan Dixon shut down Jason Williams last time they played. They've been playing good ball all year.



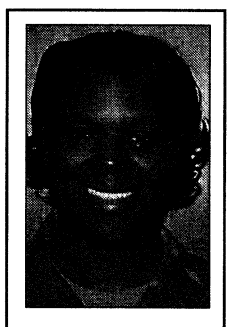
1st Lt. Min Choi, 2nd Bn.., 11th Inf. Regt. — "Kentucky. I just like the team. Plus, Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Yates said they're going to win."



Hester Smith, family member — "Cincinnati. They are the best team. Their defense is outstanding, and that's what wins championships."



Spc. Randy Chambers, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — "Duke. As long as Mike Dunleavy and Jason Williams are running the offense, they'll be fine. They have too much quickness. Their defense causes turnovers, which will be the key."



Staff Sgt. Sháron Elder — "Kansas. They have a good inside-outside game. Their big men are the best in the nation. They have an excellent coach and a balanced team that can win the championship."

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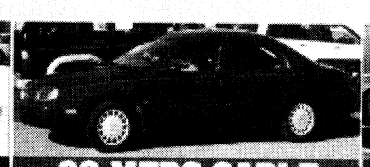
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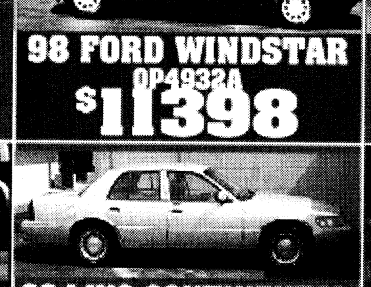

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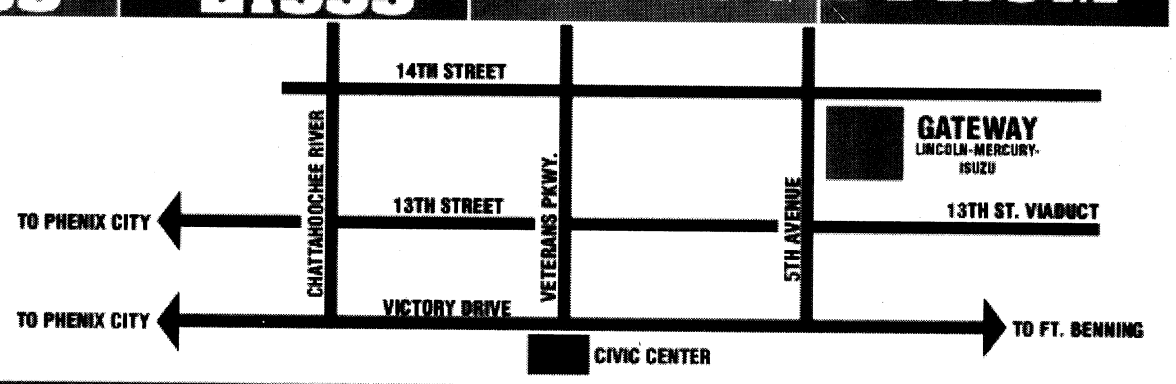

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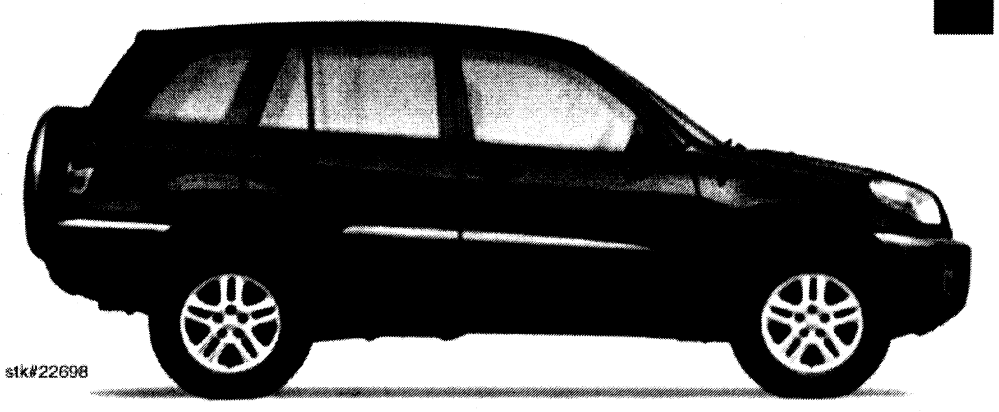
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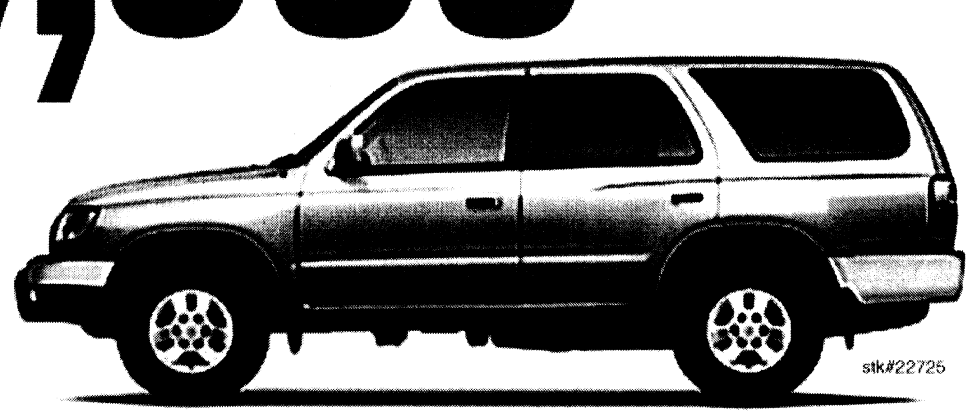


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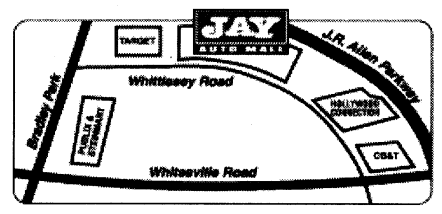
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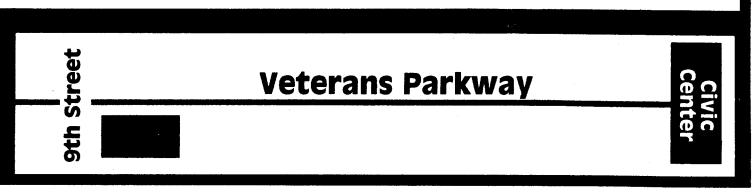
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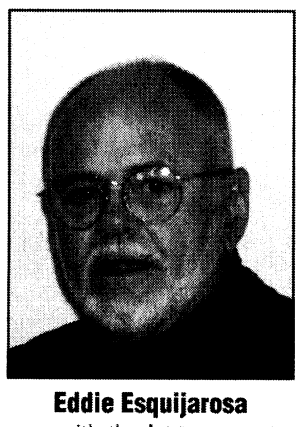
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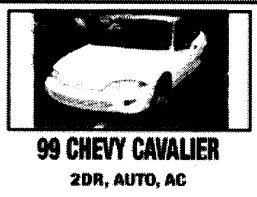


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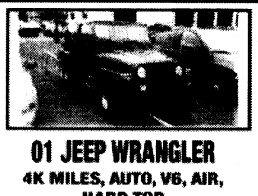
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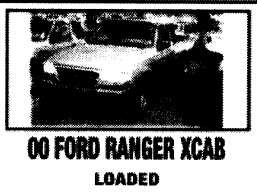
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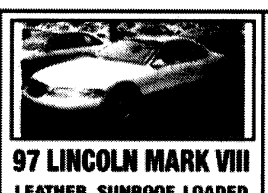
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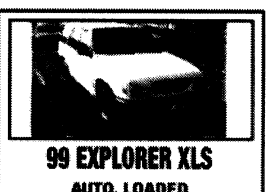
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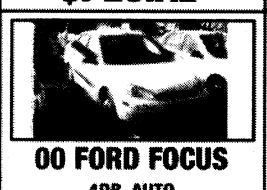
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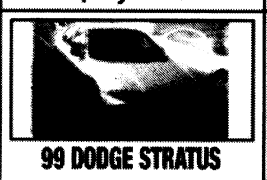
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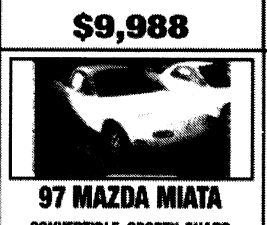
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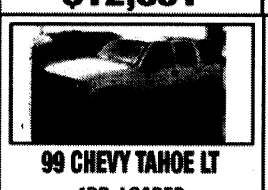
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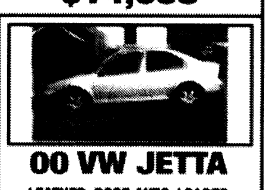
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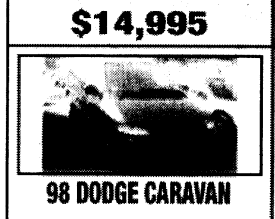
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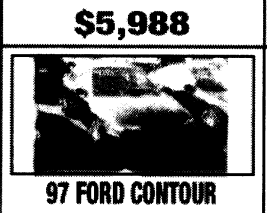
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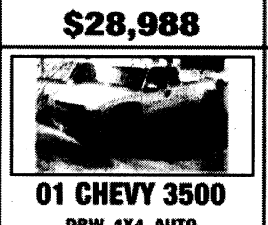
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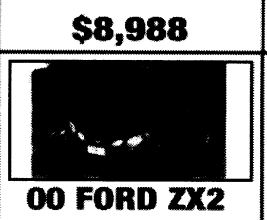
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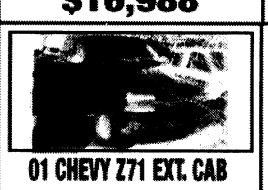
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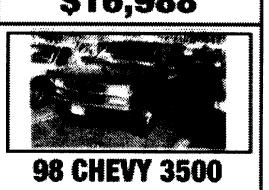
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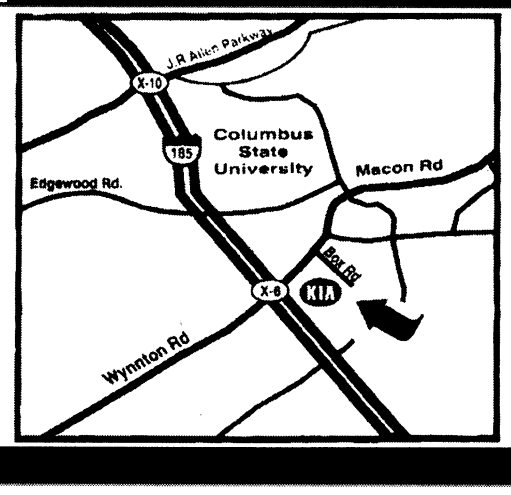
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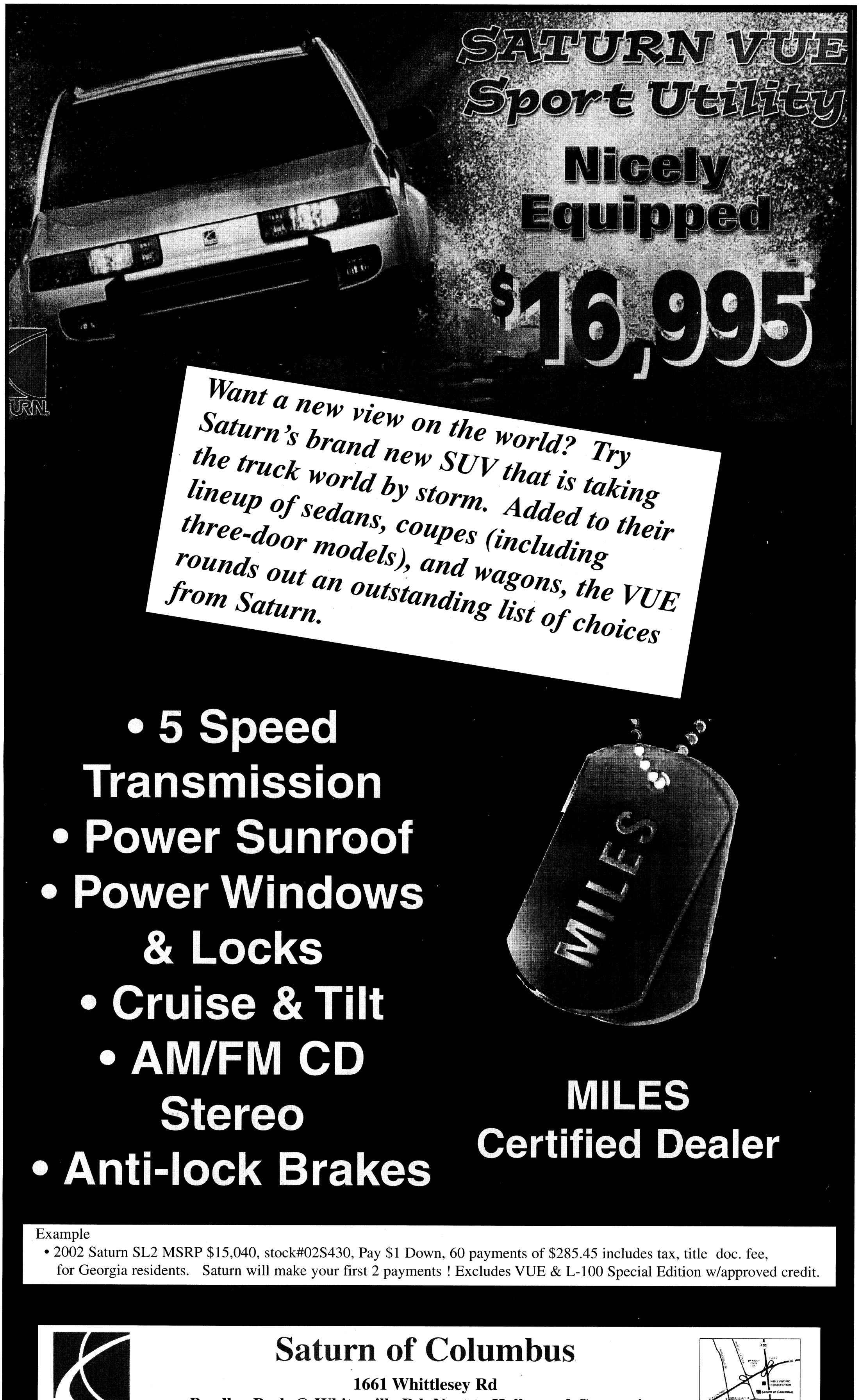
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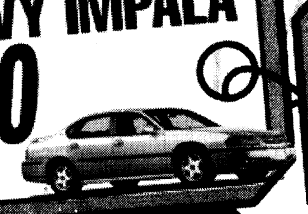
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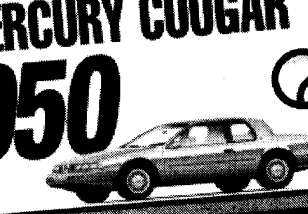
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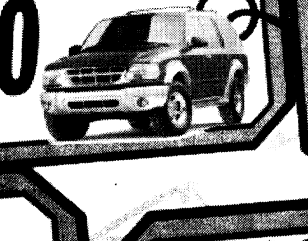
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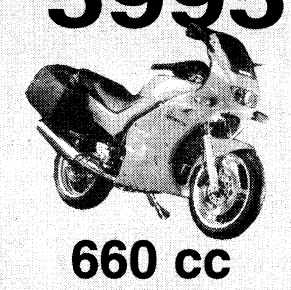
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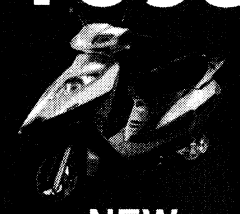
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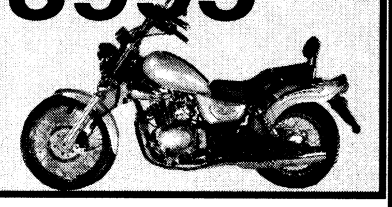
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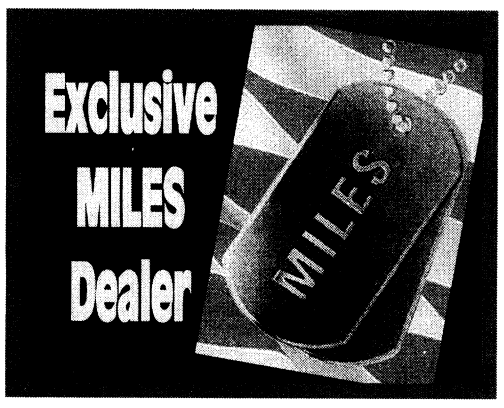
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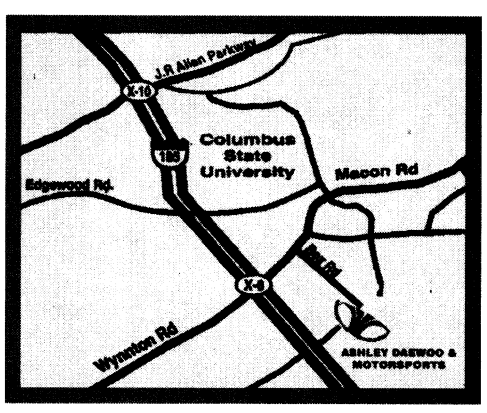
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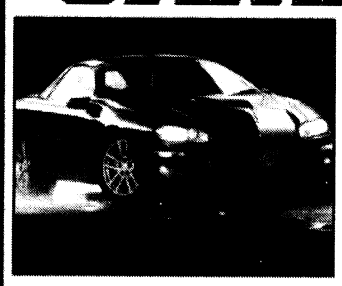
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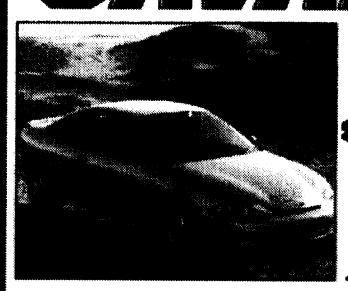


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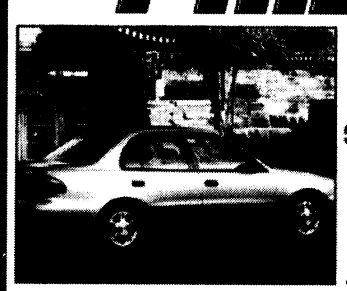


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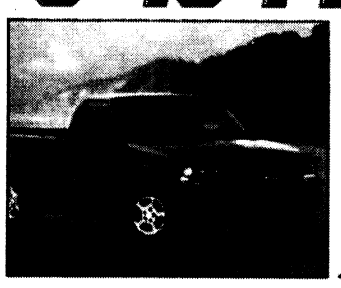


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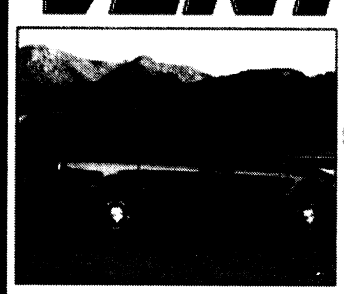


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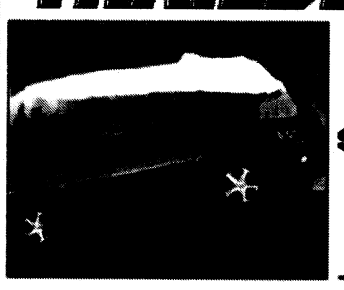


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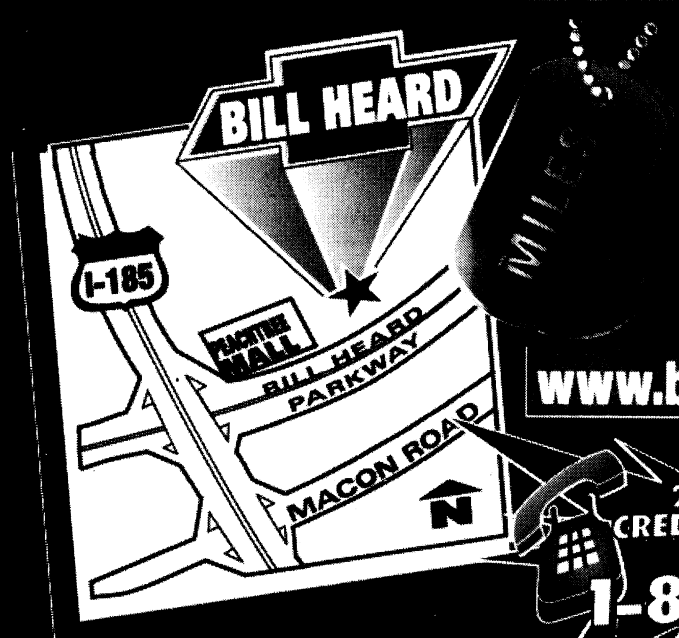
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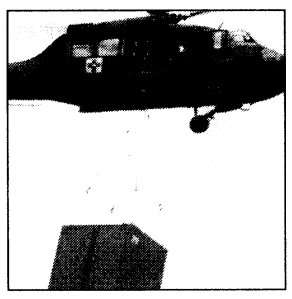
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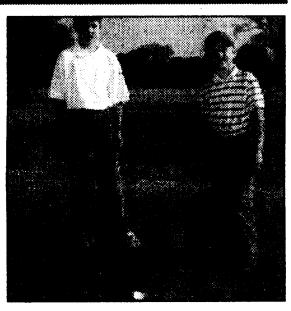
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Cell phone policy rescinded

Mobile phone use while driving still under review

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The cell phone safety policy memorandum released March 13 was rescinded March 15.

"The policy is still under review and has not completed," said Lt. Col. E.J. Herold, deputy chief of staff. "It is still under consideration, and the review will continue for an indeterminate amount of time.

The rescinded policy stated Fort Benning personnel were prohibited from using cell phones while driving a government vehicle on and off the installation and while driving a personally owned vehicle on the installation.

No action, administrative or punitive, will be taken until the review is complete and reissued, Herold said.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration determined in a 1997 report, *An Investigation of the Safety Implications of Wireless Communications in Vehicles,* that available evidence supported the conclusion that cell phone use while driving does increase the risk of a crash.

More than 300 cities and countries have considered laws to ban the use of cellular telephones while driving, according to the report. Four states and several foreign countries, including Japan, Israel, Sweden and Australia, have actually passed laws.

There are more than 80 million cell phone users in the U.S., according to the report, and it's unlikely cell phone use in cars will decrease anytime soon, so here are some safety tips:

• Try to avoid making calls when driving. Just as it's unsafe to look at a map or read directions, it's unsafe to focus on a cell phone.

• Use hands free units so both hands can remain on the steering wheel.

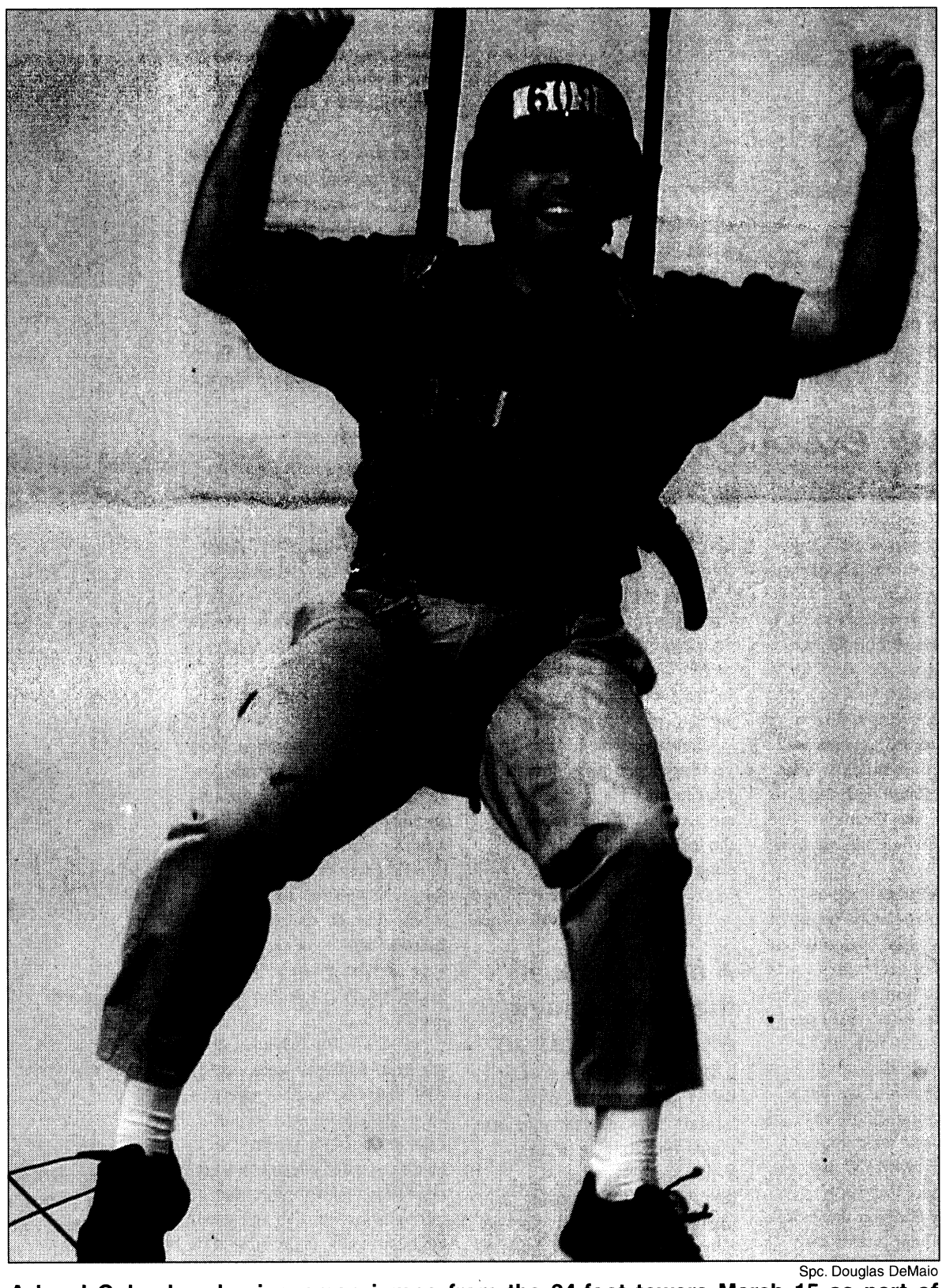
• Place calls when the vehicle isn't moving or time calls to coincide with red lights.

A 1999 report by the Center for Urban Transportation Research at the University of South Florida found existing studies to show the chances of having an accident while driving and talking on a mobile phone increased anywhere from 34 to more than 300 percent.

Also, it was reported in a 1998 study that drivers who were reported using a phone at the time of collision had a nine-fold risk of a fatality over those without using a phone.

The NHTSA study also determined phone conversations rather than dialing was most frequently reported as a crash factor, and the majority of cell phone users were in the striking vehicle.

Airborne!



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

A local Columbus businessman jumps from the 34-foot towers March 15 as part of Corporate Recognition day. See A-6 for more information.

TIM takes next step

Transformation to streamline headquarters

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Army Secretary Thomas White announced the next step in his plan to create a more efficient corporate management structure for Army installations to a conference of garrison commanders in Nashville Tuesday.

His plan, known as Transformation of Installation Management, will implement seven regions to oversee installation management worldwide. TIM comes after a September 2001 pledge to execute better business practices.

"Our intent is to streamline headquarters, create more agile and responsive staffs, reduce layers of review and approval, and allow commanders to focus on their mission," White said.

Fort McPerson in Atlanta will host the director and staff of the southeast region, which includes Fort Benning. TIM is expected to improve the delivery of resources and services to commanders, soldiers and their families.

Under the program, which is expected to be implemented by Oct. 1, the garrison commander will have more authority over funds and resources at his installation. Post officials believe this will mean an improvement in quality of life

See **SECRETARY**, A-4

RTB inducts honorary colonel March 15

Honorary colonel shares his knowledge

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Ranger Training Brigade inducted an old, "ugly" ranger as its first honorary colonel at the Rangers in Action demonstration March 15 at Hurley Hill.

"I'm just having fun here, and coming back to see all these ugly rangers graduate recharges your batteries," said retired Col. Robert "Tex" Turner, honorary RTB colonel and the guest speaker for the class graduation.



Turner

"He was always known for calling everyone an ugly ranger, but it's a positive thing," said retired Sgt. Maj. Robert Spencer, honorary RTB sergeant major. "He always says there is someone more ugly than him out there," Spencer worked with Turner when he was the director of the Ranger Department.

Turner will provide the link between the rangers of yesterday and the rangers of tomorrow, said Col. Hazen Baron, RTB commander. It is important to perpetuate the history of the rangers.

"He was a straight forward commander," Spencer said.

However, the idiosyncrasies he had were unforgettable.

"He used to always have a cigar in his mouth, but he never lit it, he didn't even smoke," Spencer said. "He claimed he jumped (out of airplanes) with it and wouldn't lose it on the way down, but we always suspected he carried extras."

Turner now resides in Williamsburg, Va., but still does some traveling to do public speaking.

"I like to speak," Turner said. "I don't charge for my time — I do it all for fun. I even speak at West Point sometimes. I try to keep my fingers in the Army stuff."

When Turner isn't out speaking, he spends his time working on his home and his hobbies.

> "I'm just having fun here, and coming back to see all these ugly rangers graduate recharges your batteries."
>
> **Retired Col. Robert Turner**
> Honorary RTB Colonel

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Her story being told

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

I once spent a few hours of my misspent youth in the company of a true feminazi. I'm as "equal rights for all" as they come, but by the end of the audience with MS. Smith (and this was back when "Ms." wasn't a legal abbreviation yet) I could not use my name in the same sentence with "feminist."

I remember it all very clearly so it couldn't possibly have been more than a two or three or 10 ... give or take a few ... or more ... years ago.

But I digress. I was on MS. Smith's side until she started rambling on about how appropriate it was we call it history because the books always tell HIS story and never HER story. Never mind word origins, I think she really believed there was a plot to only tell HIStory.

At first, I chalked it up to her people standing in the shallow end of the gene pool when the "able to see both sides of an issue" chromosome was handed out.

Then I started really looking at my history books. By golly, a lot of it WAS HIStory.

commentary



Based on what I've seen my third-grader bring home, things are different now. I ran a quick search on "women's history" and turned up lots of chapters of what MS. Smith would have called "HERstory."

How well can you do on this HERstory pop quiz?

1. Writer, activist for Native Americans
2. America's most experienced astronaut, proved that the Right Stuff does not reside in the Y chromosome
3. First woman to receive a medical degree in the U.S., founded the first women's medical college
4. First woman to serve in Congress, at a time when most women could not vote
5. Immigrant, Peace Corps volunteer, headed Peace Corps and United Way of America, current Secretary of Labor
6. First African-American elected to the Texas Senate since Reconstruction, dynamic orator
7. Discovered the first pulsar
8. First woman to swim the English Channel, broke the time record by one hour, fifty nine minutes
9. Credited as the co-discoverer of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS

a. Elizabeth Blackwell
b. Susan Jocelyn Bell Burnell
c. Elaine Chao
d. Gertrude Ederle
e. Helen Hunt Jackson
f. Barbara Jordan
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h. Jeanette Rankin
i. Flossie Wong-Staal

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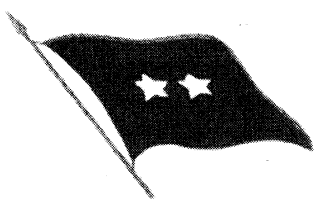
Holy season should be time of rededication

March 31 begins the great high point in the Judeo-Christian year.

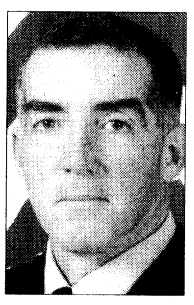
Jews observe Passover, which commemorates the central event of the Old Covenant, the deliverance from bondage in Egypt March 28.

Easter is for Christians the most sacred, glorious and spiritually meaningful day of the year.

The trauma of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday is erased by the message of the angel at the empty tomb "He is not here. He is risen!" In the resurrection, a new supreme deliverance, the redemption from sin and death, is celebrated as the central event of the New Covenant.



We are a diverse people, joined from many faith backgrounds and spiritual walks in an Army of One. We



are members of a great nation joined in a vocation that preserves, protects and defends each citizen's right to the exercise of religion and the values that a free people hold so dear.

We are appalled as we stand eyewitnesses to destruction and death.

We are seeking deliverance but feel blocked off by the barriers raised by hatred and violence. May this holy season be for each of us a time of rededication to the spiritual values that we honor as a nation.

I extend to you my wish that the message of this holy season deliver you from all fear of the future, enlighten you in the grace to enjoy what now is, and empower you to strive for what ought to be.

Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton
Commanding General

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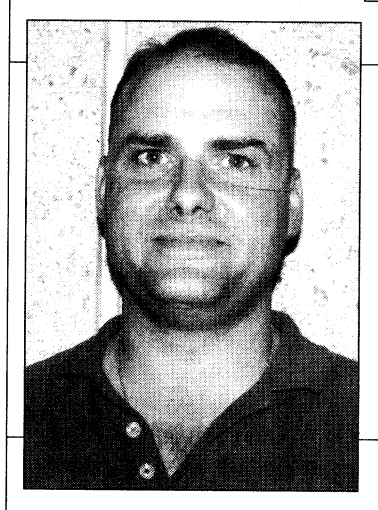
What type of sacrifices do women make for career progression?



Linda Turner, family member — "I feel working women often have to give up extra time with their children along with personal time for themselves. Army wives often sacrifice career advancement to move with their families. Sometimes that means beginning a new job at the bottom rung."



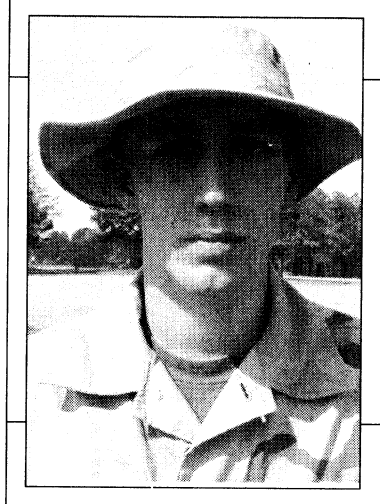
Col. Patty Graves, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — "I believe women make many sacrifices for career progression. In an attempt to maintain balance between family life and career, they ultimately sacrifice their personal nurturing time."



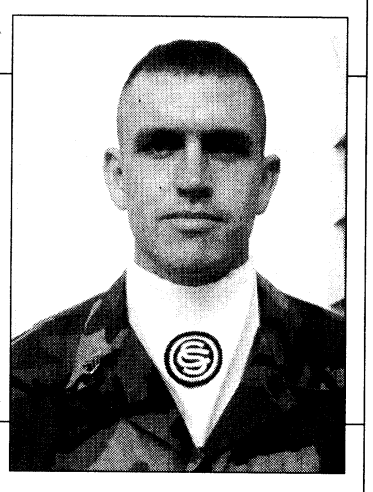
Staff Sgt. Clayton Hooks, 3rd Personnel Command, Jackson, Miss. — "Women have to sacrifice being with their family as much as they would want or even not having a family. But they shouldn't have to."



Linda Lee, family member — "They may choose not to have kids. And Army wives have to start over with each move."



Pvt. Joshua Poindexter, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment — "I don't see why a woman would make any more sacrifices for a career than a man would."



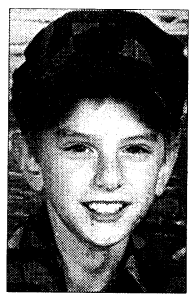
Senior Officer Candidate Jason Neumann, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Family. Spending time with their family is what women sacrifice for career progression."

Interviews and photos by Lori Egan. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

letters to the editor

11-year-old ready to enlist

My name is Jason Brock, reporting for duty. I love the Army — I would do anything to get in the Army. If I was 18, I would enlist, but I'm only 11.



At first I wanted to be an MP. I want to be in the Army because my uncle was in Vietnam — he got ambushed and was killed. My other uncle was in the Air Force. My granddaddy was in World War II. My papa was in the Army. My dad was almost a Marine.

I'm thinking of painting my room camouflage. For Christmas, I got an Army tent and clothes.

Over and Out,

Jason Brock
Rome, Ga.

Reader offers pet tips to residents

Since my son is stationed at Fort Benning, I have been reading *The Bayonet*. I find the Bayonet to be very informational and well-written.

I belong to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The article about the malnourished dogs found in a room in a house is a common problem.

Though I'm not an expert, I thought perhaps I could pass along some helpful ideas for your community.

Sometimes people do not understand dogs and cats are long term commitments. Pets should be treated with the love and care we reserve for vulnerable individuals such as children.

In communities such as yours, pet owners can organize so they can assist each other in taking care of each other's pets. I've had children and teens feed and walk my dogs, and I have done likewise to reciprocate.

Currently, I take care of a cat for eight months of the year. His owner supplies me with expensive food for my cats while she is away and pays me a minimal fee. It is very rewarding when you think of what could happen to a cat without any care.

The ASPCA has done studies and has proven where battered people have lived, the animals are more likely to be battered or neglected.

Violent spouses frequently use the pets to hold hostage the human family victims.

Animal cruelty is now recognized as a sign by authorities of the other serious problems within a family.

Animal obedience programs give pets appropriate behavior for family life.

If you ever wonder whether owning a pet is a worthwhile endeavor just go to the many animal shelter sites on the Internet and read the various stories about the pets.

They are always happy to see you and never notice any of your faults. The saddest ones are always the ones mourning the loss of their human companions.

Dawn Floyd
via e-mail

A closer look at the Fort Benning animal regulation:

It seems as though some have taken "the widest possible latitude" clause in the post pet regulations to the extreme. While there's a brief description in the housing packet as to how many pets are allowed and where they should be kept, there are some additional details in the regulations that should be common sense, but may not be common knowledge. So let's refresh all of those unfamiliar with the standards.

No person on Fort Benning shall by an intentional act or disregard cause physical pain, fright, suffering or death to any animal. Violations include, but are not limited to:

- Failure to provide adequate living space and appropriate shelter from the elements.
- Failure to provide food on a daily basis or failure to provide access to clean water at all times.
- Abandoning any animal on the reservation.
- Owners of animals on post are responsible for preventing their animals from becoming public nuisances or public health concerns.
- Pets will be kept indoors, secured outdoors, or enclosed within a fence. Outdoor housing will be of the portable type and not a storage shed issued as part of the housing unit.
- Feces will be cleaned up at least one time per week per dog. Daily removal of pets' excrement from areas other than the owner's quarters is also the owner's responsibility.
- Ownership of more than two pets, except fish and small caged animals, is prohibited in family housing areas.
- Breeding or raising pets on post as a commercial endeavor is prohibited.

Failure to adhere to these rules may result in exclusion of the animal from post, loss of pet ownership privileges, termination of post quarters, and criminal punishment.

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Community tests agency readiness

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Sgt. Daniel Monroy
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How a community responds to terrorists, or any type of mass casualty, was tested Tuesday at the Columbus Metro Airport.

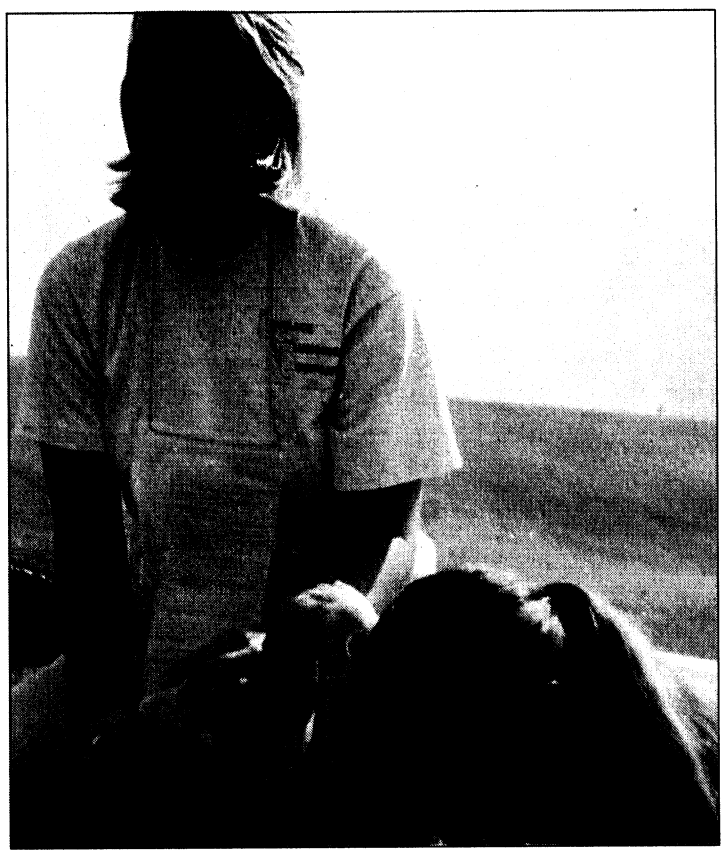
The exercise, which involved the city's fire department, police department, the Red Cross, the EMS, local hospitals — including Martin Army Community Hospital — was part of an ongoing program to test the efficiency of local agencies in response to a terrorist attacks with mass casualties.

"Since September 11, testing for weapons of mass destruction and responding to terrorist attacks has been at the forefront," said Police Fire Rescue Sgt. Norman Halloway, during a VX nerve gas attack simulation.

The Domestic Preparedness Program, a program that began in 1997 and will run through 2004, is charged with testing 120 of the largest cities in the United States on responding to airport disasters and has recently placed a large emphasis on preparing communities for devices terrorist might use, said Bud Marshall, DPP manager for the exercise.

International student-observers from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation were also on hand to watch emergency management systems at work in the U.S.

"I was impressed by the seriousness that all parties involved maintained throughout the exercise; this is what determines the success of the training, how serious and realistic you make it," said Capt. Irma Carpio an Ecuadorian student attending the Information Operations Course.



Volunteers act out pyrotechnic smoke inhalation.

Due to the magnitude of casualties and contamination such an attack would bring, response systems must consider all resources in the communtiy, Marshall said.

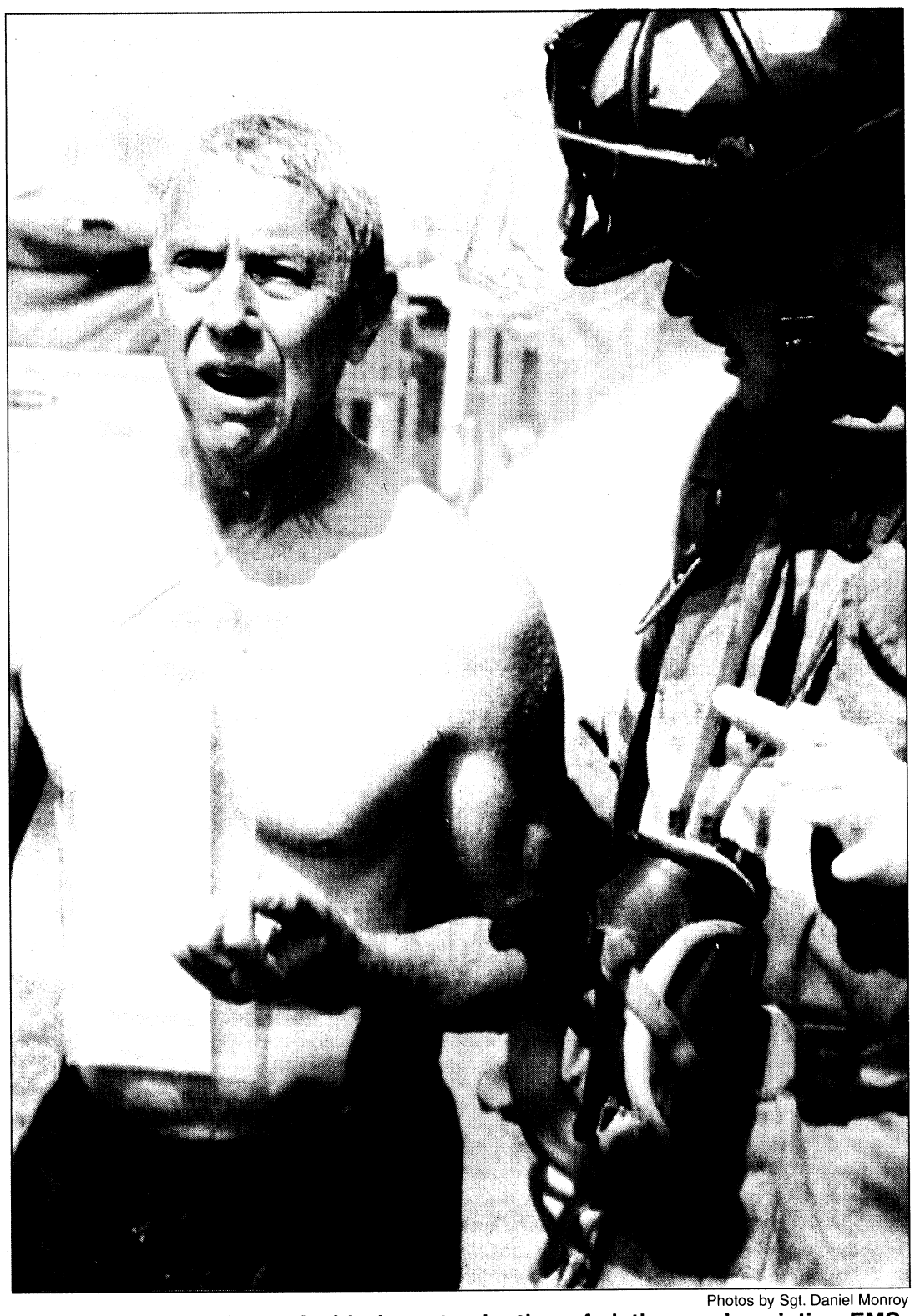
"Fort Benning would be very important with its medical support, fire department, policing systems and hazardous materiel team," Marshall said.

For the exercise, local volunteers from Columbus, Fort Benning and Phenix City were cast as casualties, triaged, and transported to local hospitals like St. Francis and Martin Army.

"We practiced all of last week for this exercise and set up a protocol for decontaminating victims," said Capt. Shawn Bowman, Environmental Science officer at Martin Army.

Bowman and his team set up a decontamination station near the emergency entrance and decontaminated patients before they entered the hospital.

"With something like this (a chemical contamination) patients could not enter the hospital for treatment unless they were stabilized and decontaminated for the safety of everyone else," Bowman said.

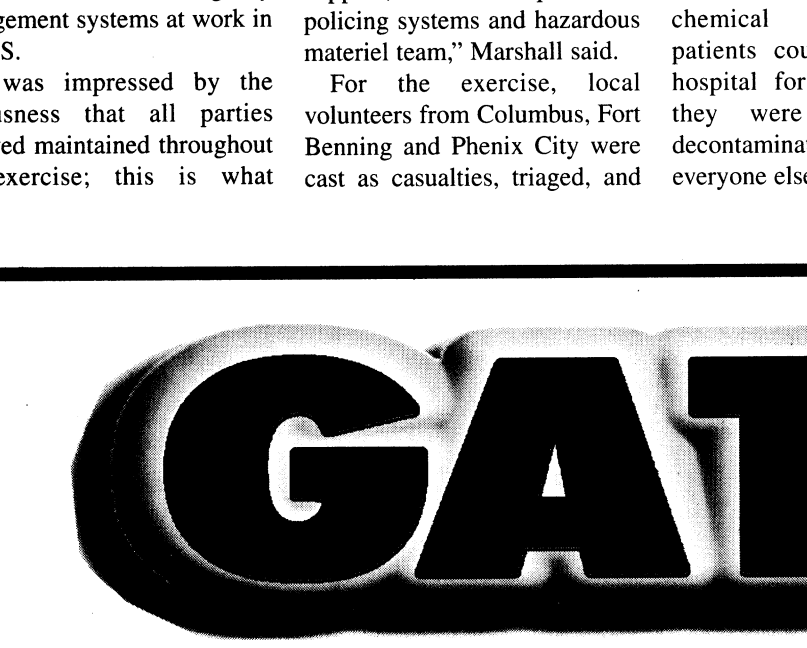


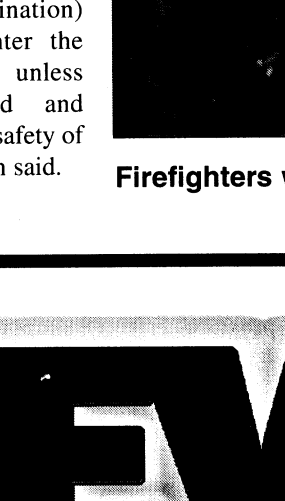
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Firefighters were charged with decontamination of victims and assisting EMS.

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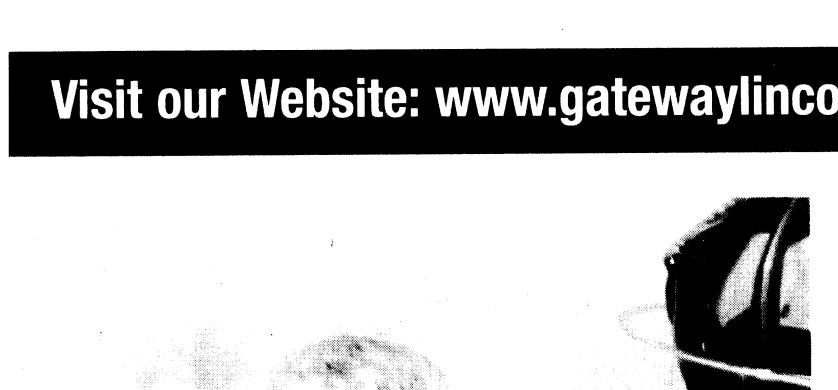
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Uchee Creek holds pre-rally

RV owners visit before National rally in Perry, Ga.

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More than 150 RVs stayed at the new Uchee Creek Campground Rally site. The RVs were parked here while their owners enjoyed the sites around the Columbus area. These RVs cost anywhere between $200,000 and $1 million.

Country Coach Incorporated held its annual pre-National Motorcoach Rally at the Uchee Creek Campground Rally site March 14 through Saturday.

The pre-rally was held to get ready for the National Rally held in Perry, Ga., March 18 through today.

"We had about 150 country coach owners come out this weekend," said Gary J. Dweyer, vice-president of service for Country Coach Inc. "We do this for them, so they can get ready for the National Rally."

The rallies have been held for more than 20 years. It was the first time they had been on Fort Benning.

"Fort Benning has just built the rally site, and this was the first event held there," said Brian Smith, marketing director for Directorate of Community Activities. "It was really successful, and I look for future events to happen here."

The RV owners said they had a good time.

"Fort Benning is a great place to be," Dweyer said. "The people here are very friendly and are always willing to help."

While at the pre-rally, Country Coach Inc. provided complimentary services like checking engines and cleaning and washing RVs.

"The owners take the best care of their RVs," Dweyer said. "It's just like home."

The RVs have living quarters, bathrooms, full bedrooms, different power sources, kitchens, satellite dishes and roof air conditioning. The RVs cost anywhere between $200,000 to $1 million.

"Most of the owners of the RVs are retired or are about ready to retire," Dweyer said. "They saved up most of their lives for these, and now they are enjoying the rewards of their hard work."

While on Fort Benning, the owners of the RVs went on a tour of Callaway Gardens.

"It gave them a great chance to see the area and have some fun," Dweyer said

The new rally site is not the only thing that is new or upcoming at Uchee Creek.

Other attractions the RV owners enjoyed were Uchee Creek's nature trails, camping areas and a new 17-lot campsite for people with tents to use.

There is also an activities building by the rally site for use at various functions.

Uchee Creek is conforming to today's needs. Look for great things in the future Smith said.

Secretary: Announces plan

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and infrastructure where soldiers work and their families live.

"Years of underfunding our installations have taken a toll," White told the garrison commanders. "We have first-class soldiers living and working in third-class facilities. This is unacceptable."

The transformation of installation management allows mission commanders to focus training and resources on readiness, hence allowing installations to adapt rapidly to the changing needs of the force.

Although there has been some concern about upheaval in the installations' civilian workforce, the plan is meant to minimize civilian and military personnel turbulence during the transition to TIM.

"The stability of the workforce is a top priority of the TIM implementation task force and the leadership," White said. "We expect little, if any, changes in manpower at the installation level. Any initial geographical moves will most likely be voluntary."

The transition of military positions at the installation level is expected to be transparent.

The ultimate goal is to establish a structure that enables installations to provide a wider range of services and support, he said.

Colonel: Shares wisdom

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"I can fix anything, and I like to listen to old hi-fi records," Turner said.

"Photography is also a hobby of mine, and now that I'm retired, I finally have time to devote to it." Turner said. "I have a huge darkroom in my basement, and I've had dark rooms all over the world. I've taken a lot of photos, and I have about a million slides at home."

He served two tours with the Ranger Department, now the RTB, as an instructor and chief of the Patrolling Committee from 1966 to 1968 and as the department director from 1982 to 1985.

Prior to joining the RTB, the colonel saw his share of combat. He served two tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division,Vietnam and the Military Advisory Command.

"I was at West Point for four years and spent 36 years in the Army and have had fun, but it's time to kick back and relax," Turner said.

Still, he will break free when he is needed to perform his new mission.

"I will do my best to do my duty as an honorary colonel, and I appreciate this to a great degree," Turner said.

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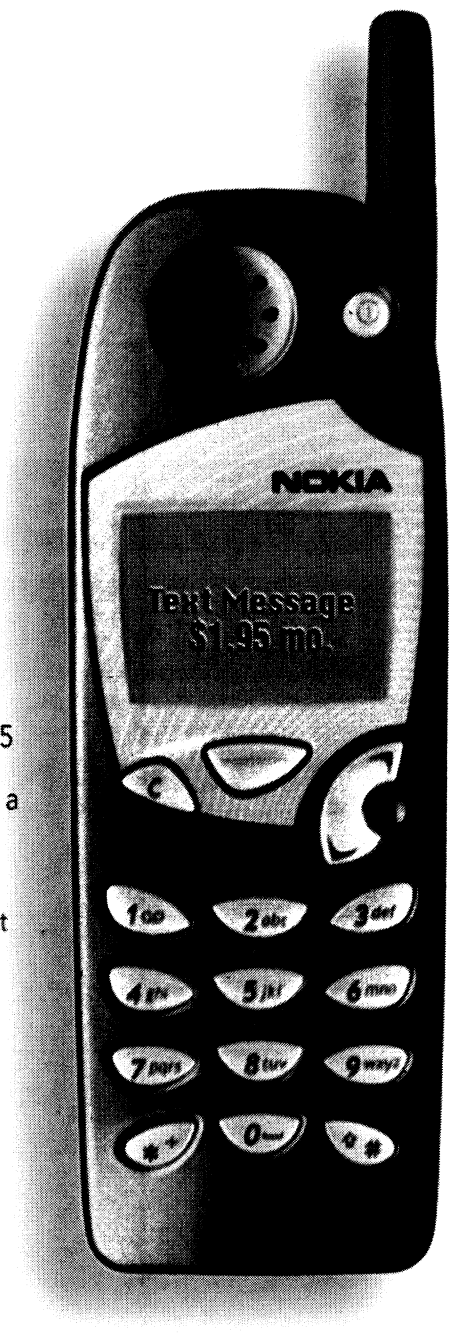
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Community members receive brief, jump



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Corporate day recognizes soldiers, group soars 34 ft. high

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The commanding general and his staff greeted Rep. Mac Collins and members of the tricity community area for a Corporate Recognition Day March 15.

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton and his staff briefed them on the threat of terrorism in the local community.

"It was interesting to get a new briefing on terrorism," said Richard Fowler, employee of W.C. Bradley. "You see it on T.V. and what's going on in Afghanistan. This allowed us to see what's going on in Georgia as compared to say Soviet Georgia."

The group also learned a little bit about some of the supporting units on post.

"The visit is a window on Fort Benning," said Lt. Col E.J. Herold, deputy chief of staff. "It gives them a better understanding of the military, who we are and the training that happens on Fort Benning."

After the briefings, the group was transported to Eubanks Field. There they received a briefing about airborne training and were given the opportunity to jump from the 34-foot towers.

"I had a great time," Fowler said. "I felt comfortable with the airborne instructors. I wouldn't have jumped had I felt they weren't highly trained."

The "sergeant airbornes" are competent, well-trained and good soldiers who are responsible for soldiers lives on a daily basis, Fowler said.

"This can enlighten them about how high-stress our jobs are," said Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Hackney, airborne instructor, who won the Post NCO of the Year. "(Corporate Recognition Day) gives the civilian population a chance to see what we do. It gives them a chance to experience what their son or daughter may have experienced.

"It really is a good thing for both the community and the military," Hackney said. "It's great to have soldiers recognized. It gives them a new respect for how hard soldiers work. We should have more opportunities like this one."

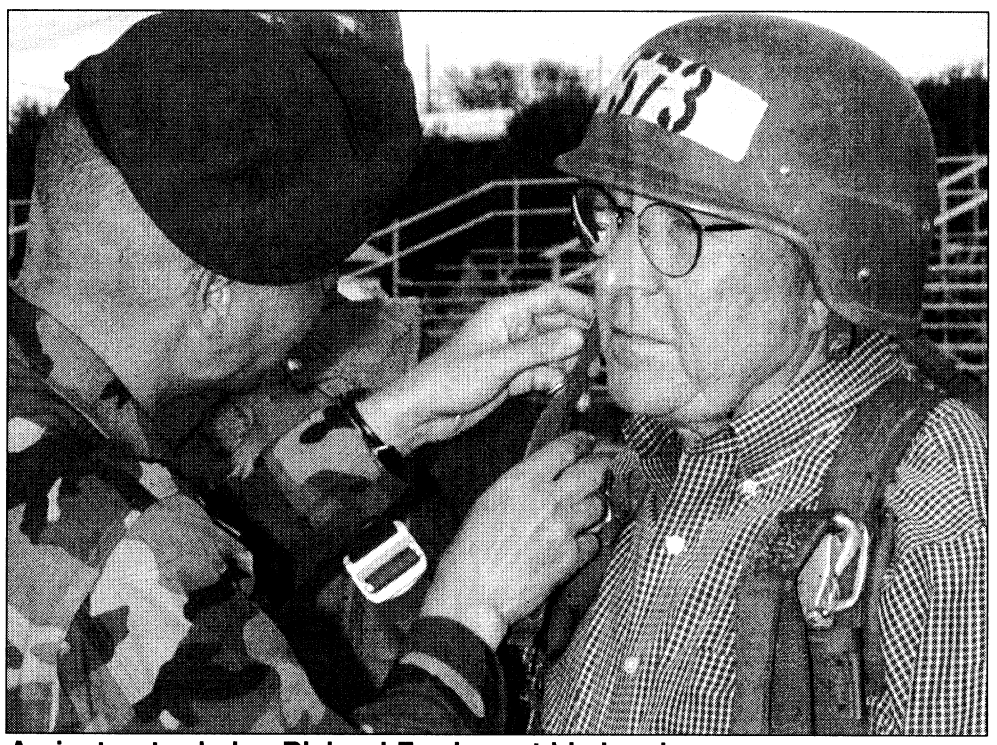
Following the jump experience, the group went to mix and mingle at the Officer's Club. The event was sponsored by the Chattahoochee Valley and Fort Benning Association of the U.S. Army.

"I think it's important to get people out here who are not normally involved with what is going on," Fowler said. "It's good to mix them all together in one room. The AUSA mixer is a bridge between the Army and civilian sector. I see the interaction taking place."

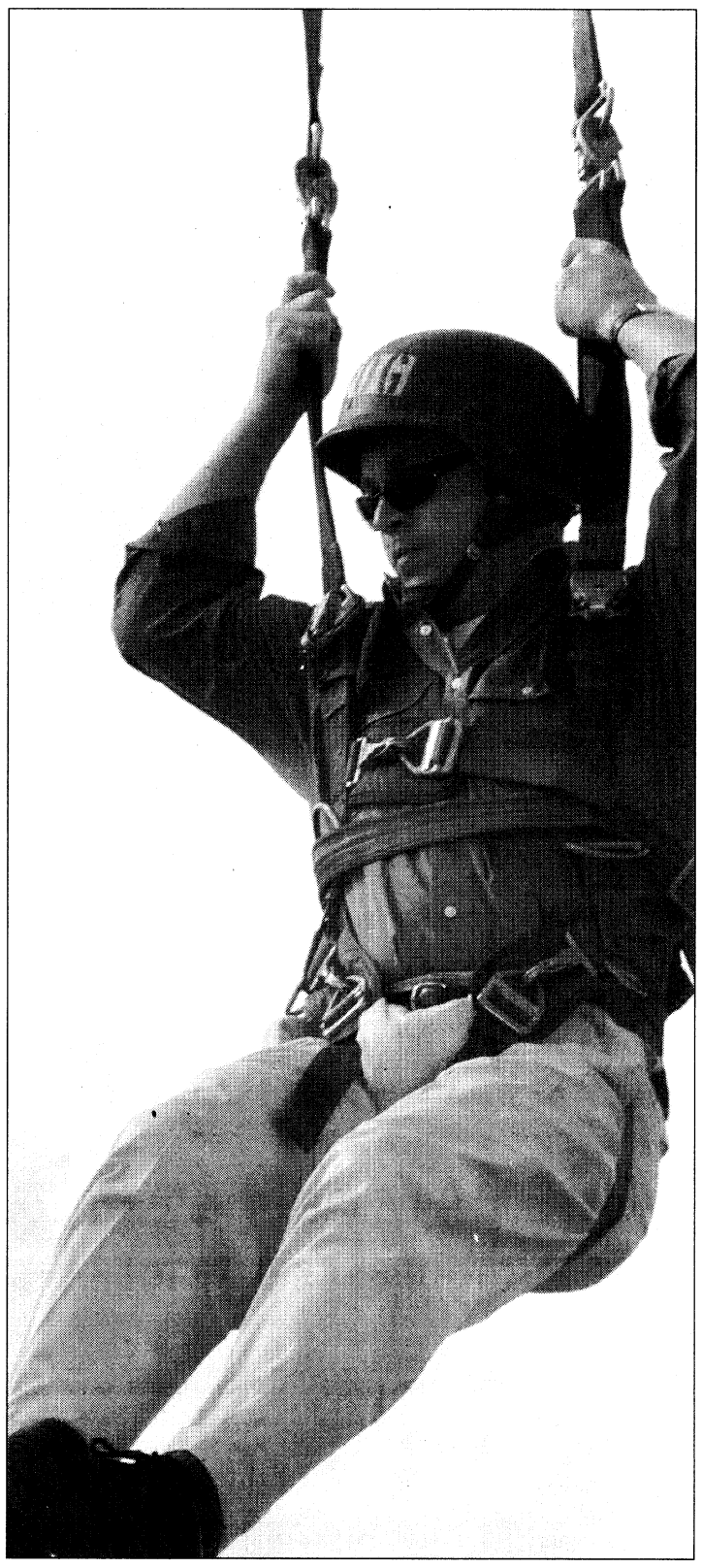
The goal was achieved by the staff and the group to bring people together, Fowler said.



local businessman soars ough the air after jumping m the tower.



An instructor helps Richard Fowler put his head gear on.



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A business man checks out Fort Benning from high above Eubanks Field. He took part in Corporate Recognition Day with approximately 50 others.

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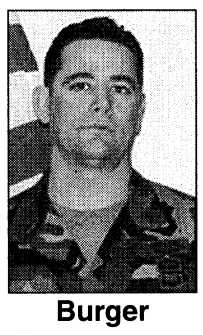
29th Infantry Regiment soldier gets Top Gun Award

Combat veteran develops firearm techniques

Christina Hayashi
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A soldier with 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, won the first Top Gun Award given by ATK Alliant Techsystems, the largest ammunition producing company in the world, March 14.

The award recognizes soldiers for their work in their field and Staff Sgt. Richard Burger received the award.


Burger

Burger travels the world to teach solders how to better use their weapons.

His job was to improve marksmanship by teaching soldiers better aiming and firing techniques.

He also advised his chain of command on choosing guns and ammunition.

"It's good that infantrymen are recognized for their contributions," Burger said.

Burger received the award because of all of his work with developing techniques with firearms. His techniques are used throughout the Army and are in manuals.

"He has helped developed most of the techniques used today," said Capt. Mark Trott, Company commander for 2nd Bn., 29th Inf.

"He's a very hard worker and dependable. He is always looking for ways to shoot better and develop new techniques."

"He brings a lot of experience to the job," said Staff Sgt. Richard Dukes, 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt. "Since he is a combat veteran, (Somalia with the 10th Mountain Division) he can focus on the standards."

The award was supposed to be given in October, but plans were canceled after Sept. 11.

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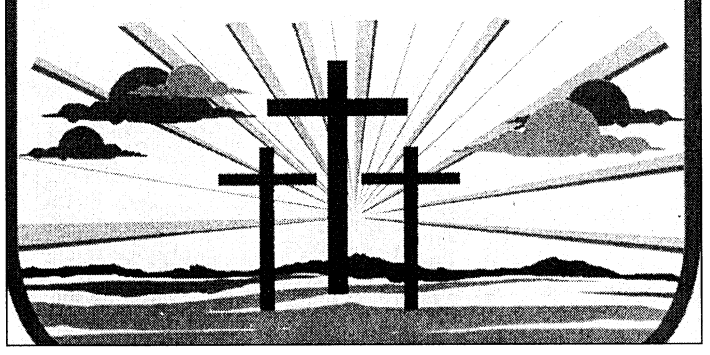
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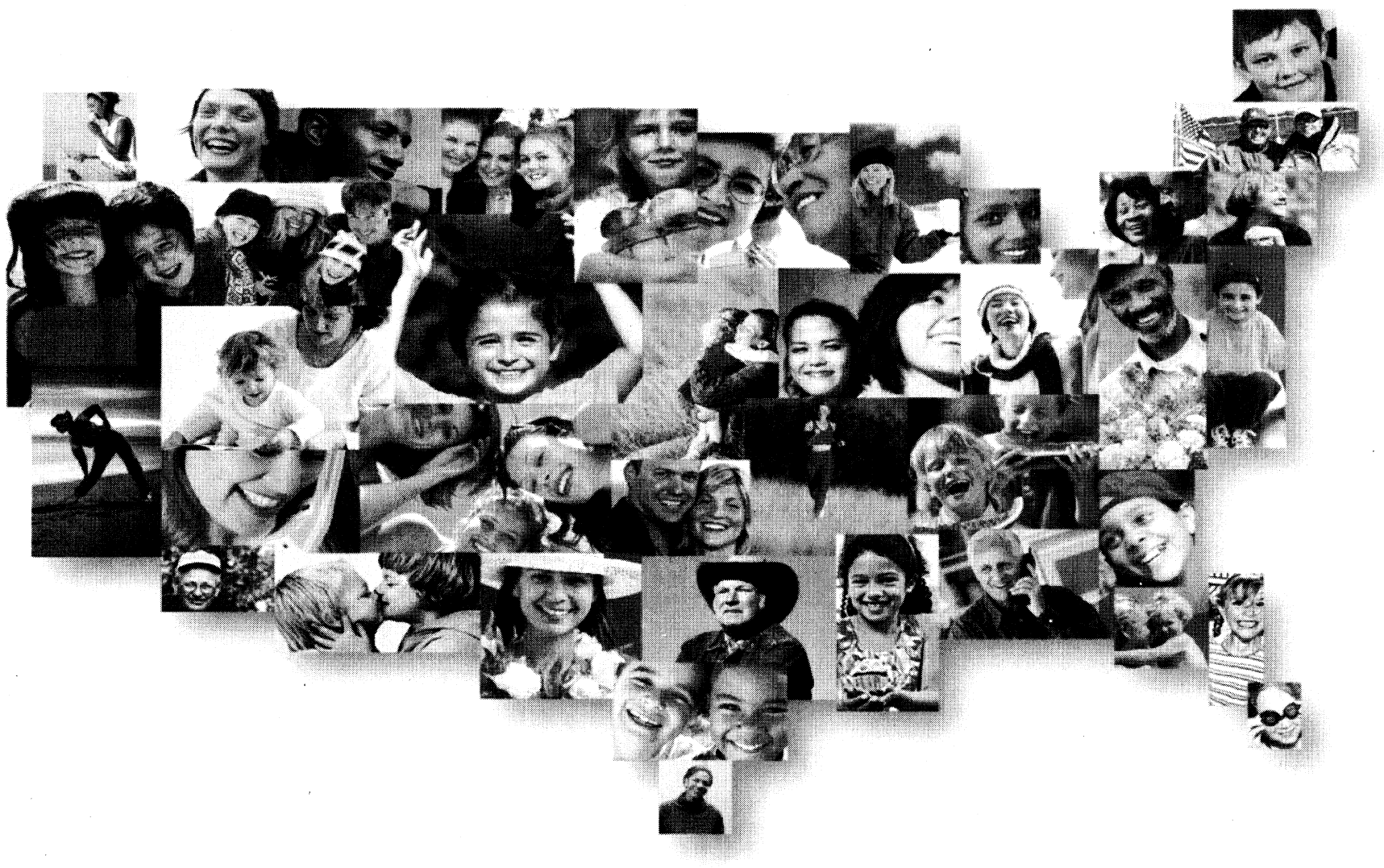
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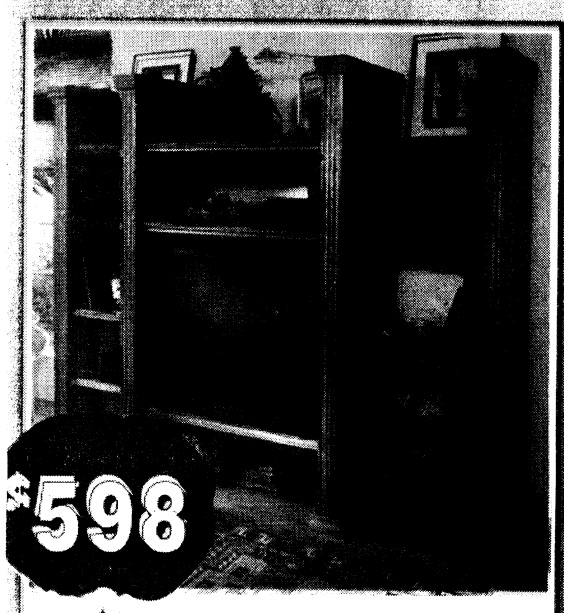
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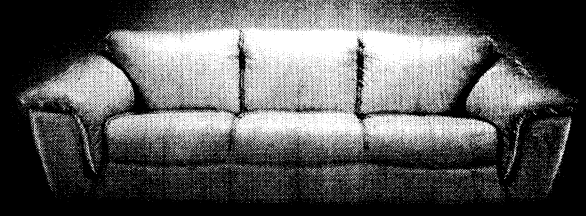
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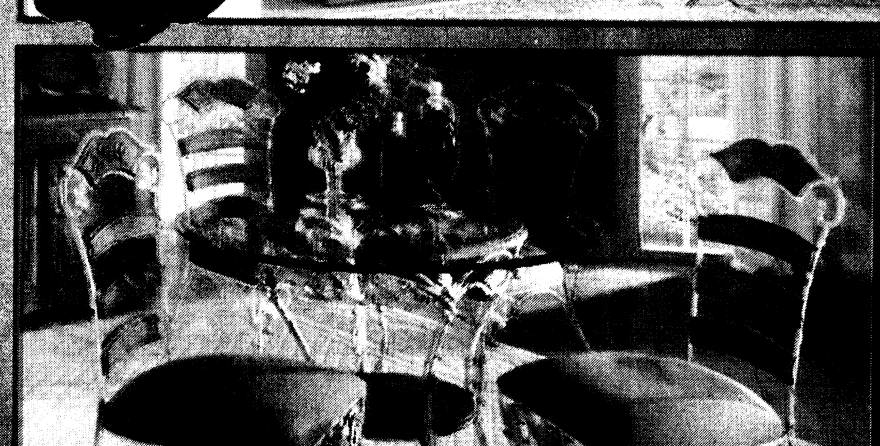


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Lunch-in celebrates women's history

Post looks back at women's achievements

Christina Hayashi
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Fort Benning celebrated Women's History Month Wednesday at the Officers' Club.

The guest speaker was Peggy Martin, former mayor of Phenix City. In her speech, she listed some women and noted their accomplishments.

Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927) was one such woman. She was the first woman to run for president of the United States in 1872, before women got the right to vote. But that isn't the only noteworthy action by Woodhull. She was the first woman to work on Wall Street as a broker in 1870.

Martin talked about Maria Goeppert-Mayer (1906-1972) who was the first woman to win the Noble Peace prize for her work on models of the nucleus of atoms.

And then there was the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress in 1964 — Patsy Mink (Dec. 6 1927). She wrote the first comprehensive Early Childhood Education act. She also had a part with the Women's Educational Equality Act and Title IX.

During the luncheon, the Phenix City Central High Chamber Winds played patriotic music. Afterward, the Phenix City Central High Select Choir sang and danced to songs from past decades.

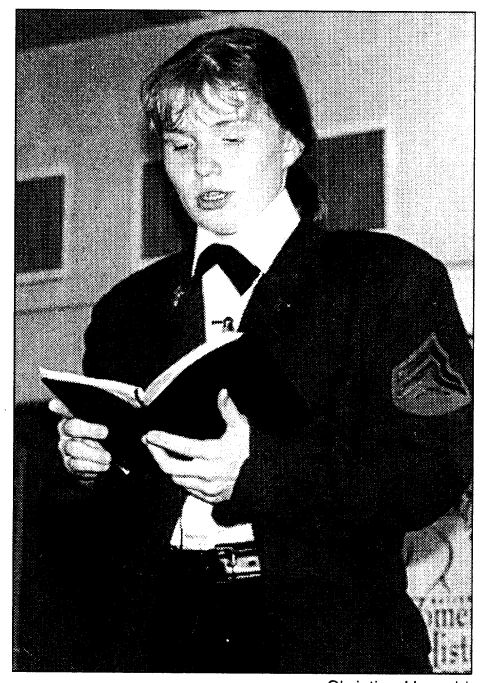
Fort Benning schools had an essay contest for students to write about women who have made a difference. This year's winner was Brittany Martin, a fifth-grader at Dexter Elementary School, who wrote about her teacher Joyce Flatt.

Flatt inspired Martin to read.

"Now my mom has to yell at me to 'stop reading and go to sleep,'" Martin wrote. Martin received a coin from Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commanding general.

Eaton also gave a coin to Annie White, Phenix City South Girard Jr. High School, who gave a dramatization called "Women as Warriors." She re-enacted roles women have had in the military in the past. White hopes to join the military.

Editor's note: *Take the Women's History Month quiz on A-2 to learn some of the most influential women in their time.*



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Annie White, Phenix City South Girard Jr. High School re-enacted various roles women have had in the military in the past. White received a coin from Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general.

Lead integrators for combat system named

Industry awarded contract

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The development of concepts and technologies for the Army's Future Combat System is now in its beginning stages.

The idea for FCS is to develop a combat system to effectively communicate information to accomplish missions and achieve the Army chief of staff's Objective Force goal to become equipped, manned, organized and trained to be more strategically responsive, deployable, agile, versatile, lethal, survivable and sustainable across the entire spectrum of military operations, said Maj. Jason Stine, chief of Concepts, Analysis and Integration Division for the Directorate of Combat Development.

Boeing and the Science Applications International Corporation were awarded a $154 million contract and will be the lead systems integrators for the FCS concept and technology demonstration phase of the transformation.

"The selection of the LSI begins the physical transformation of the U.S. Army to the Objective Force," said Col. William Johnson, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency program manager for the Future Combat System.

During the next 16 months, the Boeing-SAIC team will design prototype systems to fulfill the idea of the system of systems concept, Stine said. Similar to the way Microsoft integrated Excel, PowerPoint and Word to work together, the FCS will allow the technology of the Army's equipment to easily integrate and communicate with each another.

In turn, the transformation is adding additional information and responsibilities to commanders and leaders, said Col. Paul Melody, director of the Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate.

"It's an immediate challenge to the training of infantry leaders," Melody said. "Captains and sergeants will make independent decisions more than they have in the past. They won't do their own thing, but they will make decisions with the guidance they receive. They need good judgement and character."

The reason why there will be more independent decisions is because the field will be much larger than before, and the environment of the missions and the characteristics of it can change dramatically, Melody said.

"You could be handing out food one day in Somalia and the next day be fighting with a warlord," Melody said. "The infantry has an advantage over the other branches because we have done these kind of things before.

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With such a change in technology and information soldiers are receiving, it becomes vital for soldiers to educate them self on foreign language, religion and updated news, he said.

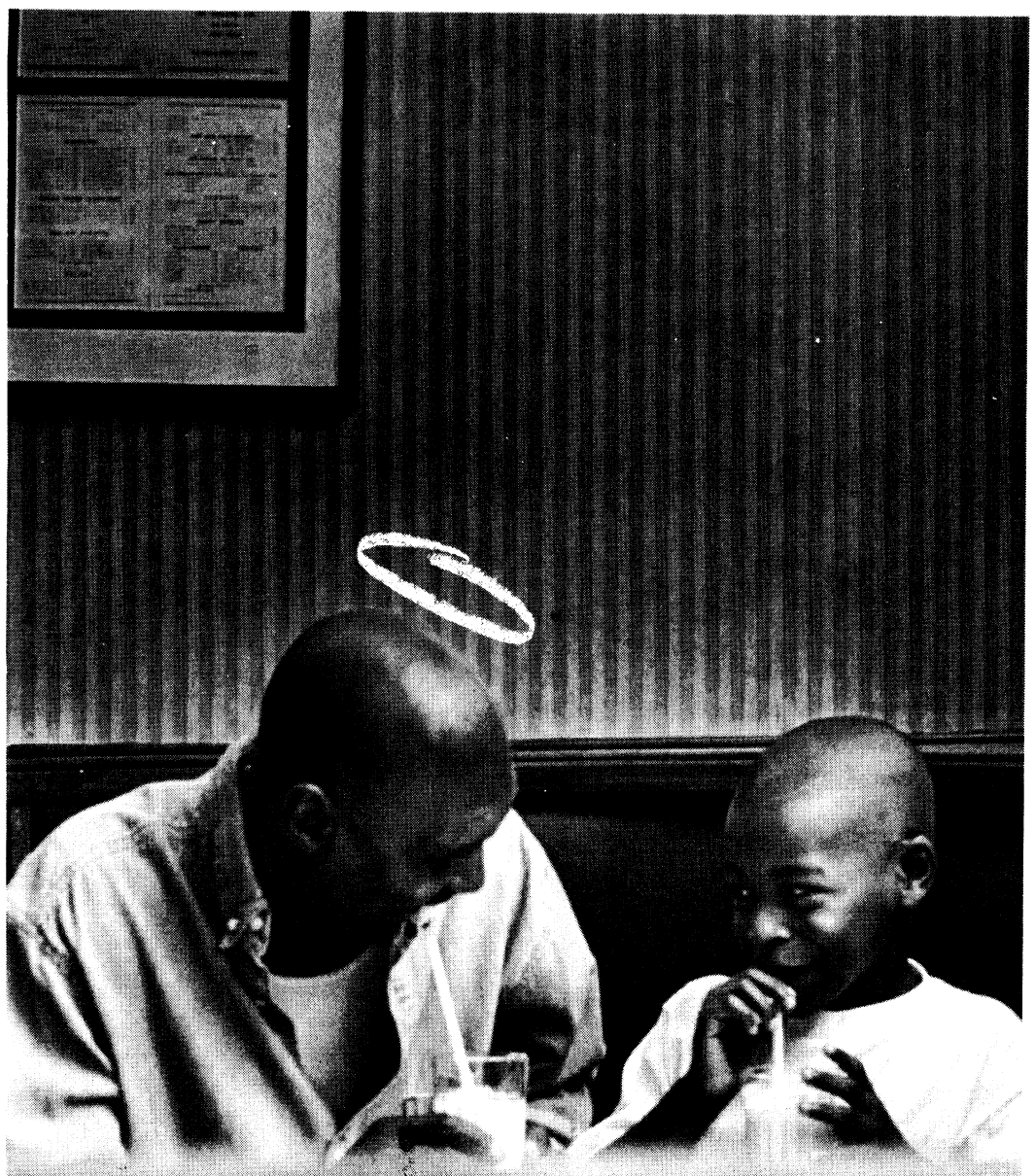
An educated soldier will have a better chance to make the right decision, Melody said.

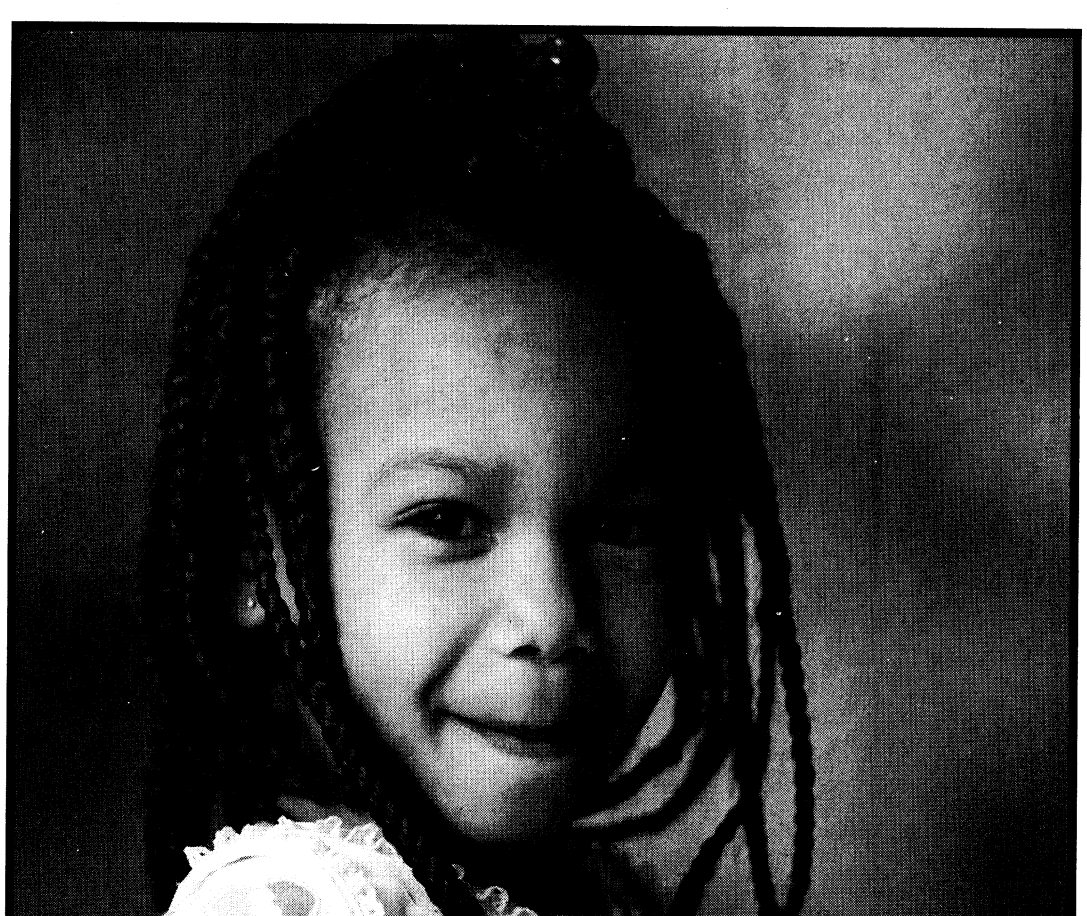
The FCS will allow for the Army to make better decisions through the new technology, he said.

"The Army's goal is to have sufficient information from CTD to make a decision for the Systems Development and Demonstration phase," Stine said.

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Stop-loss doesn't stop promotions

Officials create new policies

Karen Roberts
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle have created unique personnel policy needs for the combined Army components.

Active-Army, Guard, and Reserve soldiers need policies that merge into one centralized document, said Army officials.

"We are tying to merge policy from all three components and create a set of rules in a single source document that are consistent throughout the Army," said Sgt. Maj. Julian Edmondson, Reserve Component personnel policy integrator, Office of the Deputy Chief of personnel

The soldiers should know "policies are in place or are being put in place to support them," said Sgt. Maj. Gerald Purcell, Active Component personnel policy integrator, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, personnel.

The goal is to reach a point that a commander can pull one regulation or field manual off the shelf and have it apply to all of the soldiers under his or her command, Purcell said.

"Soldiers are from the active-duty, guard units, and Reserve forces and all three of the Army's components are serving together in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle," Edmondson said. "They are an 'Army of One.'"

Compared to other mobilizations, units are now mobilizing and deploying soldiers to stay in country, Edmondson said.

"Noble Eagle is the biggest challenge since the lessons are being learned as we move along," Edmondson said.

Guard and reserve units are now at about 350 locations around the country working side-by-side with active-Army personnel, he said.

"The challenge is when the soldiers don't go overseas; we need to remain flexible with our policy to meet the needs of the Homeland security mission," Edmondson said.

For now, the policy is for soldiers from the Guard and Reserve who are activated for a year to remain under previous authorities with regard to promotions for E-5 and above, with the lower grades under active-duty rules, Edmondson said.

Active-duty soldiers whose status was impacted by stop-loss can still be eligible for promotion consideration as long as they don't have an approved retirement already in the system, Purcell said.

The same is true for Guard and Reserve soldiers, Edmondson said.

The number of yearly promotions is based on losses at each grade, Purcell said. One of the main reasons for promotions is to ensure we maintain a ready Army with the proper grade structure, but they also recognize the best-qualified soldiers and help attract and retain the highest caliber soldier in the Army, he said.

A quick glance at enlisted promotions for the first six months of this fiscal year compared to last year makes it appear as though we have decreased dramatically, but, in reality, we haven't, Purcell said. Before the implementation of conditional promotions to sergeant, we had to inflate the number of soldiers selected to cover for those who couldn't meet Primary Leadership Development Course requirements, Purcell said. Now the conditional promotions allow soldiers to be promoted and finish their required training within 12 months of gaining the promotion, so more of those selected are getting promotions when they are selected.

"We want soldiers to have every opportunity for promotions," Purcell said. "We are smoothing out the policy obstacles now. We have to get more enlisted soldiers referred to selection boards."

Currently, "there are some military occupational specialties where too few soldiers are being recommended for promotion and if they were just recommended and boarded, they would be promoted immediately," Purcell said.

He said, "If a specialist is doing well, then he or she should be recommended for promotion."

Some of the MOSs where there are deficiencies in the sergeant ranks have honest structural problems, but most should not be lacking, Purcell said.

Soldiers who aren't ready for promotion, but otherwise meet all of the requirements should be trained and made ready, Purcell said.

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> Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff

"This is a self-inflicted wound, and we can heal it," he said.

For more information about areas where there are sergeant shortages or for personnel policy changes, visit the Web at www.perscom.army.mil.

around post

CATD luncheon

The Combined Arms Tactics Directorate's lunchtime historical program begins at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 7, Infantry Hall.

The topic will be the Son Tay Raid into North Vietnam. The speaker is retired Maj. Daniel D. Turner, who served as an element leader in the battle.

For more information, call 545-4290.

EArmyU briefing

There will be an eArmyU briefing for soldiers at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 32B, Infantry Hall. For more information, call 545-5703.

Tax Center is open

The Tax Center is open for state and federal tax filing.

The center has tax forms, offers assistance on filling them out and can also electronically file returns.

Things to bring to the tax center to facilitate filling out tax forms are: W-2 forms, 1099 INT, 1099 DIV, Form 1098, power of attorney, social security card, voided check and ID card. The center is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For the dates with extended hours, call 545-4267.

Army Learning Center

The Army Learning Center, Infantry Hall, Classroom 32A, will no longer be open Sundays.

The new hours are: Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday noon to 5 p.m.

For more information, call 545-7677.

Research uses Canadian subjects

Researchers determine best field of view

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Soldiers conducting infiltration operations at night usually require some sort of night-vision systems.

The problem is that many of the night-vision systems the Army has acquired over the years vary in their field of view, the amount of area seen through the equipment. This could affect or endanger the accomplishment of a mission.

For this reason, the Army's Human Research and Engineering Directorate, Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate and members of the Canadian military are conducting research on the vertical field of view.

"We have set up a system with only one variable to measure," said Capt. Patrick Schertler, project officer and test director of the wide field of view study. "We're using 36 subjects for six tasks to determine the optimal field of view."

The variable is the vertical degree the subject will see, Schertler said. The night vision directorate made a pair of day-time goggles, which simulate night vision. The view finders slide out to the side and can be replaced with different slides to limit the vertical field of view.

Tasks during the study will include driving, land navigation, target detection, close-end tasks, in-the-field movement techniques and military operations on urbanized terrain exercises.

Subjects will execute each task with the daytime goggles ranging from 40 to 95 degrees.

"Obviously, wider is better," Schertler said.

Nevertheless, the research is important to determine how the subjects perform the tasks and what the research will say, said Dr. Beth Redden, chief of the research directorate.

"We're going into things with an open mind," Redden said. "I'd like to see what the data will show."

> "Obviously wider is better."
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> **Capt. Patrick Schertler**
> project officer

The subjects, who will determine the data of the study, are members of the Canadian military. They're participating in a U.S and Canadian training agreement called CANUSTEP. The Canadians are conducting research as well.

As for why members of the Canadian military are the only subjects — "We couldn't get troops," Redden said. "None of the units had soldiers available for the study."

Because of Operation Enduring Freedom and the deployment of Kelley Hill soldiers to Kuwait, that still shouldn't hinder the study, she said.

"We're both helping each other out," she said.

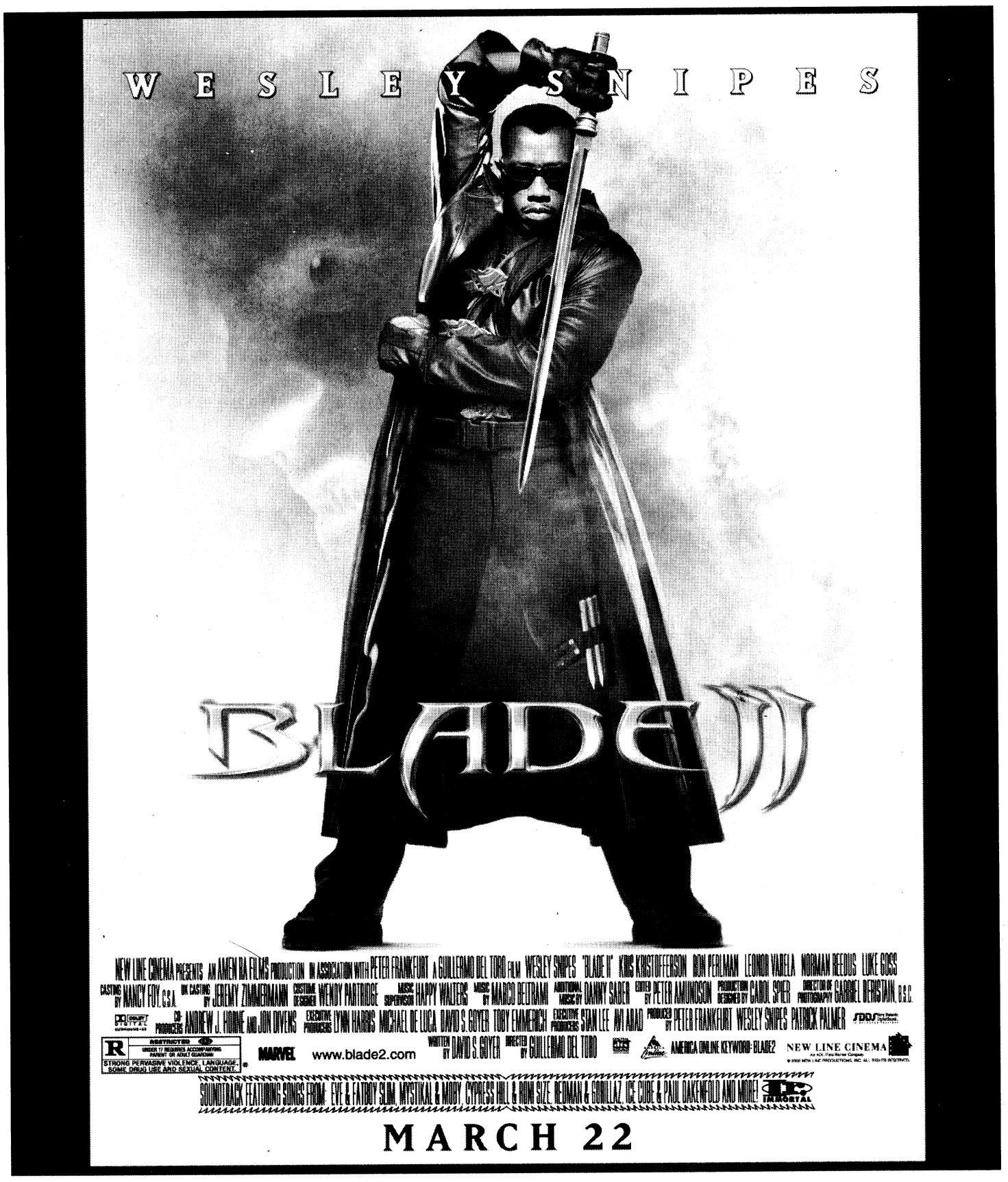


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Soldiers of the 13th Corps Support Battalion sling-load an ISU-90 to a Black Hawk Helicopter Tuesday at training area G3.

Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

13th CSB conducts sling-load



A Black Hawk flies away with the ISU-90 during training Tuesday afternoon.

Safety key to training exercise

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Sgt. Marcus Pratt has been around plenty of helicopters in his day. The team leader with 104th Transportation Company used to be stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky. — the home of air assault.

It was in Kentucky the air assault qualified soldier experienced what leaders of sling-load operations preach to their soldiers time after time. Pratt's buddy, "Joe," touched the Black Hawk prior to hooking the static discharge wand to the aircraft. Joe forgot the rudders had built up plenty of static electricity throughout the aircraft's fuselage. He was thrown 25 feet backward. He lied unconscious for 30 minutes and went to the hospital with a new appreciation of sling-load operations.

"It was pretty bad," Pratt said.

Members of the 13th Corps Support Battalion practiced loading ISU-90s to Black Hawks Tuesday as part of a one-week field problem.

Sgt. Ken Daniels, 104th Transportation Co., was a combat lifesaver assigned to one of 10 three-man teams who performed the exercise. One soldier was responsible for hand and arm signals. Two soldiers worked together to ground the chopper with the static line and sling-load the equipment. Leaders trained the lifesavers so they could step into service if one of the three couldn't finish the mission.

"I thought we did pretty well," Daniels said. "There are a thousand things to do and keep in mind, and we remembered to do all of them. I feel confident we can go out and accomplish a similar mission if we get the call."

Soldiers worked together and helped one another, and group cohesion strengthened as a result.

"We know we can depend on the guys next to us," Daniels said. "You can accomplish your mission better knowing they've got your back, and you've got their back."

Pratt said the exercise developed teamwork, too.

"Without (one part of the team), someone is going to get hurt, and the entire unit mission could be in jeopardy," he said. "Each person on the team compliments the other."

Having Daniels and the other combat lifesavers there was one way the battalion leadership stressed the importance of safety, Pratt said.

Furthermore, he said, besides learning about misfortunes soldiers like Joe had, soldiers learned some other key aspects of safe missions like:

- Determining how much cargo the Black Hawk can carry,
- Determining how much weight each sling leg can hold,
- Performing hand and arm signals the proper way.

As a result, the event was an invaluable educational tool that will produce dividends in the future, Pratt said.

"If you don't train for this, once you get into a situation, you could blank out," Pratt said. "The exercise helped it become second nature."

While safety was paramount during the training, speed was also key.

"You want to accomplish the mission as soon as possible," Daniels said. "In combat, you have the enemy out there who can take you out. Time is of the essence."

Speed is also pivotal to the soldiers at forward positions who anticipate the goods or equipment. For instance, many times ISU-90s carry ammunition.

"If we don't get the ammo forward fast enough, it could hinder their mission," said 2nd Lt. Dana Embody, platoon leader, 608th Ordnance Co.

This makes training the trainer even more important.

"We're always going to get new soldiers who don't know this," Embody said. "They need to be ready for anything we place in front of them, so we had our younger soldiers learning and our older ones teaching. Now, everyone who took part in the exercise can say, 'I'm comfortable teaching someone else how to do it.'"

Officers, like Embody, derived benefits from the event as well. It was her first one.

"I enjoyed sitting back and watching the soldiers learn," Embody said. "I know each of them enjoyed the fact they knew they did it right — hands-on, not out of the book, which can get old."

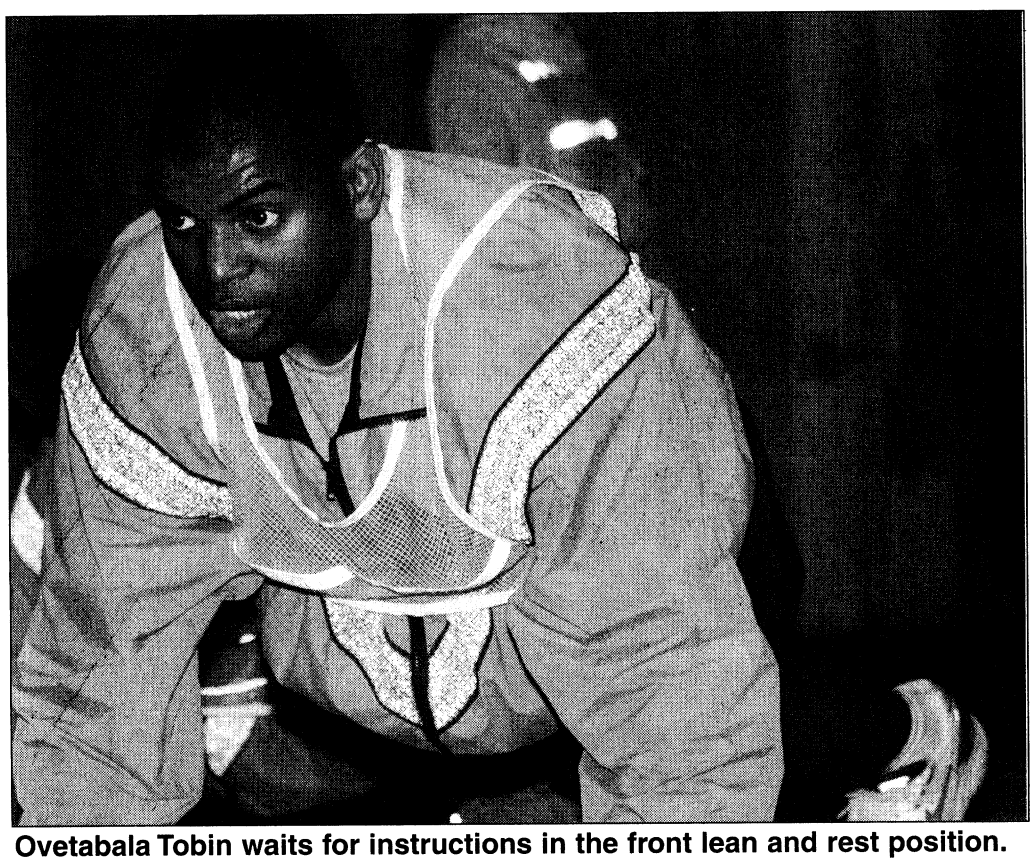


Sgt. Arthur Folks, supervisor with 104th Transportation Company, instructs Pfc. Nathaniel Slavens, 598th Maintenance Co., on the proper way to sling-load.

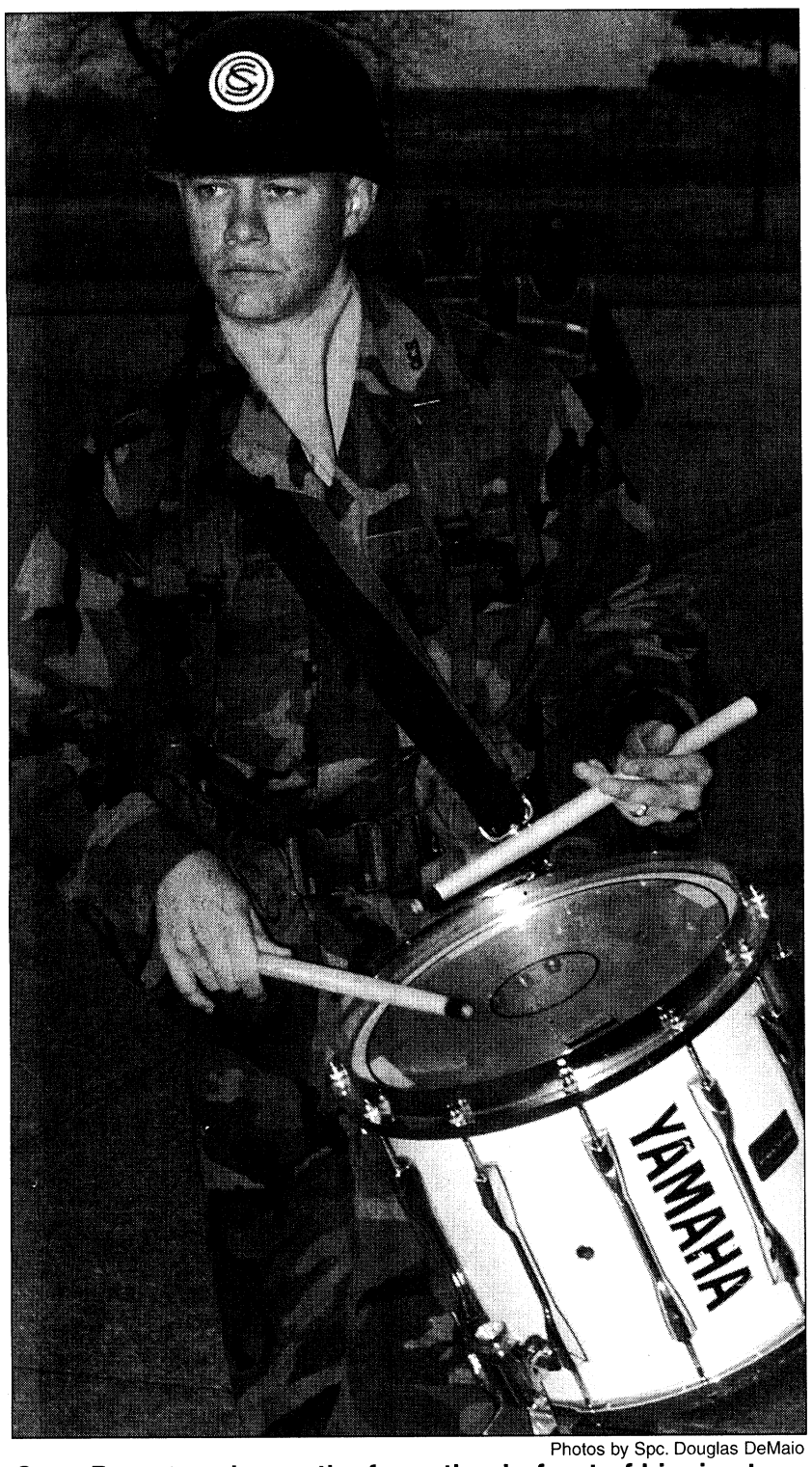


Slavens and Pfc. Rhyncouya Luck, 598th Maintenance Company, demonstrate the proper sling-load method.

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Ovetabala Tobin waits for instructions in the front lean and rest position.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Sean Passmore keeps the formation in front of him in step.

OCS Facts

- The first Officer Candidate School class was in 1941.
- More than 750,000 candidates have graduated from OCS.
- More than 2,100 members are in the OCS Hall of Fame.
- Jackie Robinson was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1942. He served as a second lieutenant.
- About 75 percent of officer candidates come from the active Army.

30th AG gives first step

Reception sends soldiers down range

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Pvt. Jason Bice is excited to make his way to basic training to start his military career as an infantryman.

"I can't wait to get to basic training and go down range," Bice said, waiting to go to basic training at 30th Adjutant General Battalion (reception).

Approximately 2,000 to 3,000 new recruits move in and out of reception every month.

"We get the soldiers ready to go to basic," said Capt. Vincent C. Valley, operations officer with 30th AG. "We take care of their medical and dental files and their pay, so when they leave here, all they have to worry about is their training."

Barbers give new recruits the signature high and tight. They receive identification cards, uniforms, and have all their files and paper work done before they leave for basic training.

"It's very exciting to be here. I joined the Army for my wife and our future," Bice said. "There are so many benefits coming into the Army, but I can't wait to finish training and see my wife."

The Fort Benning reception center is second only to Fort Jackson for the number of soldiers going through a basic training reception station, Valley said.

> "We move about 30,000 soldiers a year, which raises some unique challenges. With so many it's a difficult job, but we have a hard-charging cadre that can handle it. The NCOs here are working seven days a week, and there is always someone on duty here"
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> **Capt. Vincent C. Valley**
> Operations officer, 30th AG Battalion (reception)

"It's challenging here. We are working difficult and long hours here, and you always have to be on your toes," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Johnson, senior drill sergeant, with C Company. "But I like a challenge."

The drill sergeants use their experience in the Army to set and demonstrate the standard to the new recruits.

"When new soldiers come in, we have to instill discipline because this is the first time some of them have had any," Johnson said. "We work with them, teach them to trust one another and look out for each other, and encourage them to use the seven Army values."

The drill sergeants get recruits headed in the right direction, Valley said. They will have a little to go on, when they get to the next level and have more intense training.

"When they come in here, they have nothing," Johnson said. "When they leave, they take with them some knowledge and a few very basic skills to help them in training."

There are a large number of soldiers at the facility, relative to its capacity, increasing from 930 to 1,766 maximum capacity.

"We are dealing with the increase by housing the large number of soldiers in a healthy and safe manner," Valley said. "We keep the ventilation system clean and strategically place the bunks to lower the spread of viruses."

Still, the most important reason for the success of the recruits lies in the leadership.

"The job of the NCOs and of the other staff is one of the tougher jobs on post," Valley said.

"We move about 30,000 soldiers a year, which raises some unique challenges. With so many soldiers it's a difficult job, but we have a hard-charging cadre that can handle it. The NCOs are working seven days a week, and there's always someone on duty here. We run an around-the-clock operation."

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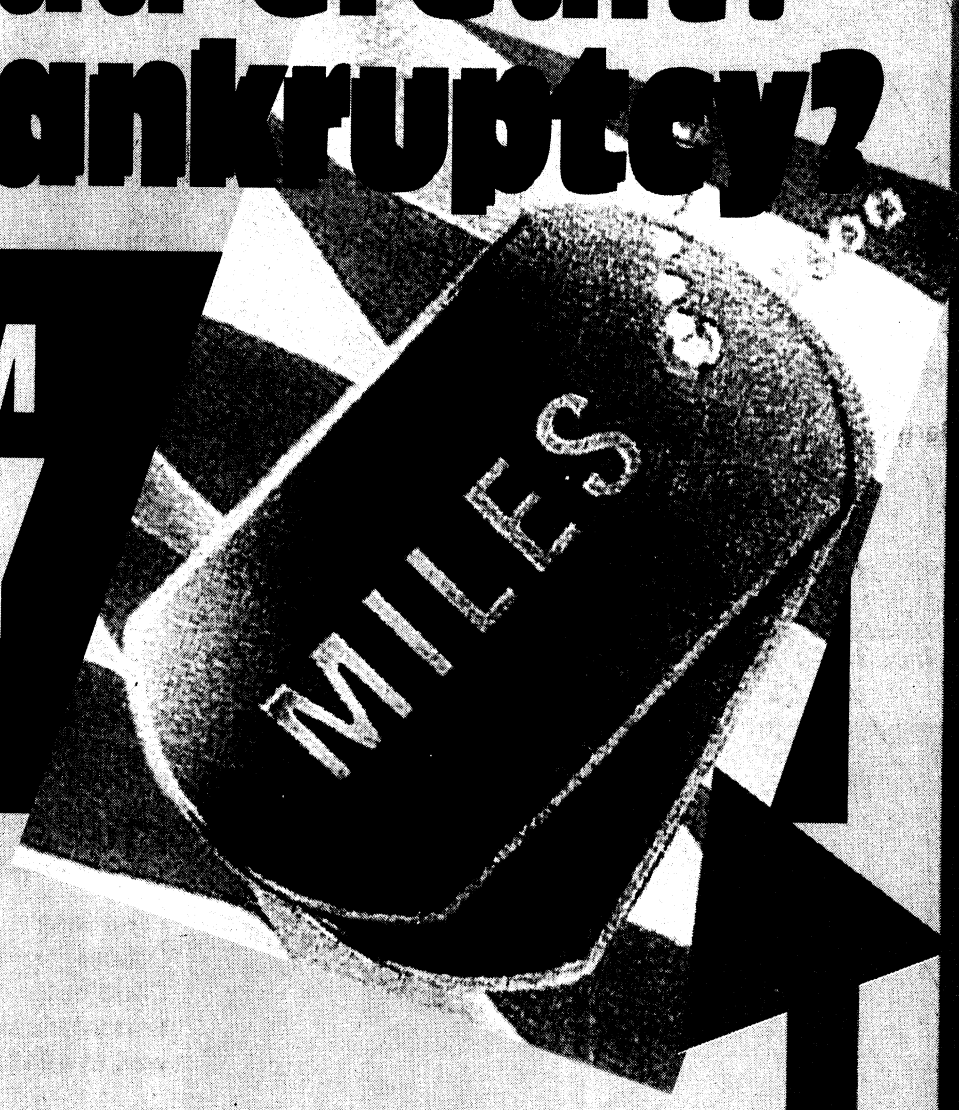
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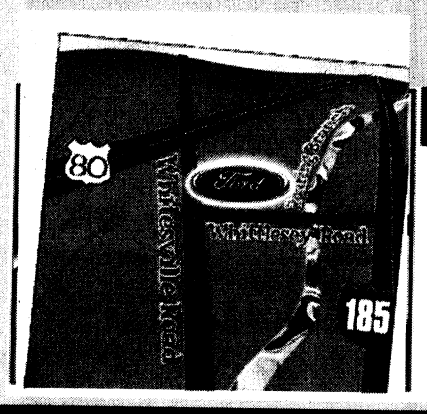
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Bunny to drop eggs at Benning

Riverside site for annual Easter fun

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

"Spring is a season of rebirth, and we welcome it," said Linda Laine, director of Youth Services. She plans to hail the season at the Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday, and Fort Benning is invited. Residents are called to drop what they're doing, grab a picnic basket, and camp for a few hours on the lawn of Riverside.

"The day is geared toward families and teaching children and parents to take time from their busy schedules to spend together," she said. "We have only two rules: parents and children must spend the day together and they have to have fun doing it," Laine said.

Several theme hunts — put on by the Red Cross, the post Vet Clinic and the golf course, to name just a few — are just the beginning of the fun to be had Saturday afternoon. But children and adults will be searching for more than Easter eggs Saturday. Guests should be prepared to find anything from golf balls, putting greens, CPR lessons (for both people and their pets), and friendly animals available for adoption.

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School broadcasts in Spanish

Sgt. Daniel Monroy
WHINSEC Public Affairs Office

Getting involved in her home away from home, Lioreto Andrea Lara, a fourth-grader at White Elementary School, gives the Spanish language scoop for the school's internal television broadcast.

The 9-year old, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Gerardo Lara, a guest instructor at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation from the Chilean Army, said she helps herself by helping others.

"I give the news of the day such as the menu and upcoming events for students with English as a second language and at the same time, the translations I read help me with my English as well," Lioreto said.

"Support and involvement in the local community is a crucial component in the experience guest instructors, students and their families take with them once they leave Fort Benning," said Joe Recio, chief of the International Student Division at WHINSEC.

Recio, who volunteers his time with international students, guest instructors and their families says once children get interested, parents follow in suit.

"I'm very proud of Lioreto. She's very outgoing and very suited for this," Lara said.

"Our school is unique because at any given time of the year we'll have children from more than 20 different

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LOCKS OF LOVE

Child grows hair for children with cancer

10-year-old proves giving knows no age

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

It's a hotter than average spring afternoon as Zack Arabinko and a friend toss a baseball in front of his family's quarters.

He turned 10 in January, and enjoys the same things as most children his age — Boy Scouts, video games and playing outside with his friends. Somewhat atypical for his age, Zack has an affinity for chess, hunting and a deep appreciation for a good World War II flick.

Like many of his peers, Zack knows there are others in the world less fortunate than him. But what sets him apart from the rest is he made a well-educated decision to do something about it.

When Zack's hair is 10 inches long, he's donating his locks to Locks of Love, a charity that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children younger than 18 with medical hair loss, most often caused by chemotherapy.

"I can help make them feel they aren't different from their friends," said Zack, who started growing his hair — now seven inches and counting — last January. His mom jokes his long brown ringlets will make some little girl very happy.

"He's wise beyond his years," said his mother, Cecilia, who said there was little prodding to get Zack to do it. The idea came from a friend of the family and Army retiree who did the same thing.

"I think it's pretty cool he's concerned with people other than himself," she said. "It's so easy to do. If he can help another child feel better about herself with little effort on his part, there's really no reason not to."

"I can grow my hair out again in another year, and I know they can't," Zack said.

"The majority of all hair donations come from children who wish to help other children," said Jennifer Cox, executive director, Locks of Love.

Zack learned the importance of fitting in when he was 6. A schoolmate had to have surgery to adjoin the bones in his skull, and shaving his head was the first step in the surgery preparation. Zack and the other boys in his class all shaved their heads to make the transition back to school a smoother one for their friend.

Those who know him said Zack is a giver on many fronts. When he was 7, he volunteered to speak to other young children about children with special needs. His advice comes from personal experience — his younger brother Tom has high-functioning autism.

"He's always had an affinity for little ones," his mom said. "He just wants everybody to be happy."

What started out as simply "growing his hair long" is now a mission of service. The effort has become a family affair, and most recently, a schoolwide initiative. Zack and his mom will head a team in the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life in May.

"He's such a loving child," said Julie Miller, Zack's fifth-grade teacher, who was the first to offer to sponsor Zack in the Relay. His principal and teachers at Wilson Elementary School are rallying to find teammates for Zack and to raise his $100 donation to the society.

"I told him, 'It's your world. You can do it,' and I'm proud of him," said Cecelia, who thinks her son's helping heart will benefit him as well as other children.

"He really takes things to heart," she said. "I think this will stick with him for a long time."



Laura Martinson

Zack Arabinko shows off his tresses while he monkeys around on the Wilson Elementary School playground Monday. Zack is one of thousands of people who will donate their hair to Locks of Love.

Charity and duty calls!

Before you let the barber sweep away your next haircut, reconsider. Locks of Love and other such organizations have a flexible set of guidelines for hair donation.

Locks of Love accepts 10-inch minimum hair length, measuring tip to tip, not wigs, falls, or synthetic hair. Hair that is short, gray, or unsuitable for children will be separated from the ponytails and sold at fair market value to offset the cost of manufacturing.

Hair should be bundled in a ponytail or braid.

Hair is needed from men and women, young and old, all colors and races.

Hair may be colored or permed, but not chemically damaged (if you're not sure, ask your stylist).

Hair cut years ago is usable as long as it's been stored in a ponytail.

Curly hair can be pulled straight to measure the minimum 10 inches.

Layered hair may be put into more than one ponytail for donation. The Locks of Love Web site provides a list of participating fundraisers and stylists across the nation.

For more information, call (888) 896-1588, or visit www.locksoflove.org

The Columbus and Fort Benning Relay will be at Shaw High School's Kinnett Stadium from Friday 7 p.m. May 17 until 1 p.m. May 18.

The Relay is a noncompetitive, team-building event that welcomes participants from all walks of life.

Teams of 10 to 15 people take turns walking or running the track. Team members pay a fee of $10 and are asked to raise a minimum of $100 each. The money raised supports the American Cancer Society's programs of research, cancer control and patient services.

The Relay is the signature event of the American Cancer Society, and is held in every U.S. state and Puerto Rico and Guam.

In 2001, the Relay for Life raised $211 million, with more than 3,000 relay activities. The Southwest Division (Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina) raised $31 million of the total.

The Relay is known as one huge support group for cancer survivors, hence, they are the leaders of the first lap.

Why relay?

One in three Americans will get cancer in their lifetime, and one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. In my family, every woman on my mother's side, including my mother, had breast cancer. Kind of scary, huh? Everyone is personally affected by cancer sooner or later, whether it's you or a loved one. Today, only slightly more than half of cancer patients survive, but the survival rate can be increased through more research and greater community effort. The small amount of time required to commit to the Relay is worth it. Everyone's contribution makes a difference!

Pollution pains planet, play pronounces

Community learns about Earth's ecology

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

"Pollution is bad. It's not good to litter," said e-Club President Olivia Sullivan, a kindergartner who introduced the annual e-Club play and played the part of Betsy Bird.

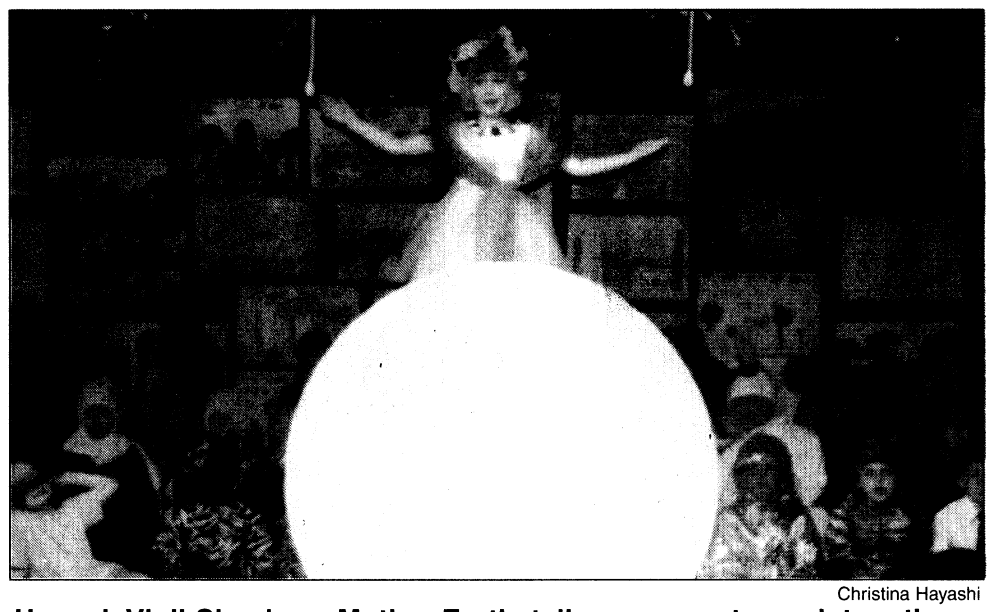
In this year's play, *Mother Earth Speaks at the Pollution Solution Convention*, animals gather together to discuss environmental issues like littering, the destruction of the animal's homes, pollution, lack of food and disease.

"Pollution makes animals die," Boliva Bird said. She was played by first-grader Courtney Beaton.

At the end of the play, all of the characters pledge to Mother Earth, "Dear Mother Earth, we will do our part to take care of the earth. We will never litter, we will never take more than our fair share, and we will begin today."

"I hope the play sends out the message that the earth is important. We only have one," said Earnestine Ezekiel, kindergarten teacher at Dexter. "We all have to share this. We all have to take better care of the

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Christina Hayashi

Hannah Vigil-Shuck, as Mother Earth, tells everyone to work together.

Riverside: Home to Eggstravaganza

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The Easter bunny will pay a visit to the children, and a father-daughter band, Karrie and the Kruzers, will entertain picnickers. The Youth Services Performing Arts Club plans a surprise performance and puppet show for the children.

"The shows they do are amazing," Laine said. "They need to be out in the community and appreciated.

"This day is not just for little kids. There's something for everyone," Laine said.

Planning the event has been a postwide effort.

"Many hands make light work," Laine said of her contributors, which include the post fire department, Military Police Activity, American Legion, post exchange and many more.

Some may wonder why all the different organizations on post are putting on the non-traditional hunts, but it's simply a fun way to educate and increase awareness, Laine said.

"By having pets on site, children can learn about the responsibility of being an owner, and how to raise animals," she said. But Laine also asked that guests not bring their pets to Riverside.

The golf clinics are just another way to get moms, dads, and their children together to learn the rules of a game.

Parents can give some driving lessons on the green and in a golf cart. And anyone who needs to brush up on their golf etiquette will be in luck, as post course requirements will be posted.

"People don't take the time to relax anymore," said Kathy Burns, Fort Benning golf tournament coordinator, who said the game itself can be intimidating. "It's a great way to relax with your kids. The main thing is to make it more welcoming."

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> **Linda Laine**
> Youth Services

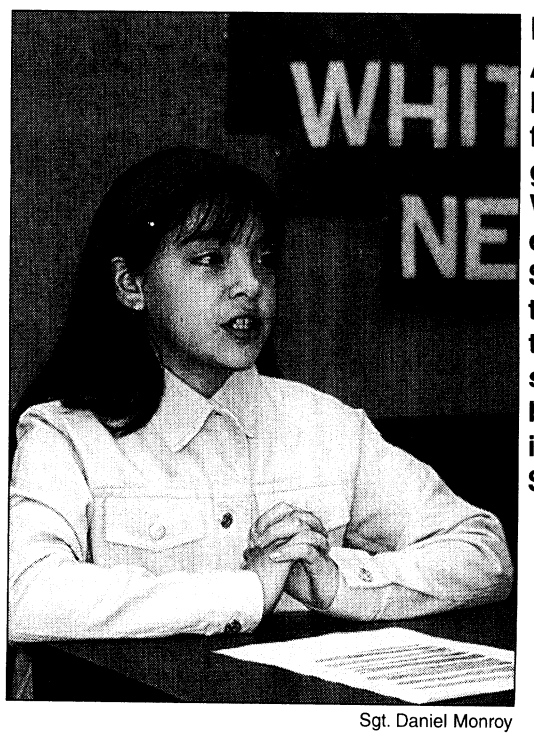
And for those parents trying to recruit their own Tiger Woods, a set of junior golf clubs will be given away to one lucky child at the end of the day.

The Eggstravaganza hasn't been held at the general's home for four years. Its return marks a commitment to making the residence one to be shared by the entire community.

"We're able to do this because of the two generals before us. They were extremely dedicated to Riverside, and we're thankful to them," P.J. Eaton said of her predecessors at Riverside, who lived in guest housing so the house could be completely refurbished. The once overgrown lawn is now pruned and spacious to accommodate events such as the Eggstravaganza.

"This home belongs to everybody," she said.

The Eggstravaganza is 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call Youth Services at 545-3070.



Sgt. Daniel Monroy

Lioreto Andrea Lara, fourth-grader at White elementary School, translates the school's broadcast into Spanish.

Bilingual: Student translates

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countries and Lioreto's Spanish news broadcast is very important to our students," said Debora W. Morgan, White Elementary student counselor.

Lioreto is essential; she is our Spanish speaking answer," Morgan said.

The news program, which has been broadcasted every school morning now for a year, covers news, themes of the month and special events.

"Today's special event is on exceptional students with disabilities and will feature a reading on Thomas Edison by our students," Morgan said.

"Each afternoon the news team of fourth-graders, Cody Turlington, Naeko Martin, Jessica Washington and Lioreto review their scripts," she said.

"Student reporters are selected every quarter and must submit an essay in order to be considered for selection," Morgan said. "

Play: Earth-friendly

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earth because it's the only one we have."

Each year since 1994, Ezekiel, a kindergarten teacher at Dexter Elementary, has written and produced the e-Club play.

Last year, the e-Club won the National Arbor Day Foundation Educational Award. A small group went to Nebraska for a weekend and helped plant the national tree, the red oak.

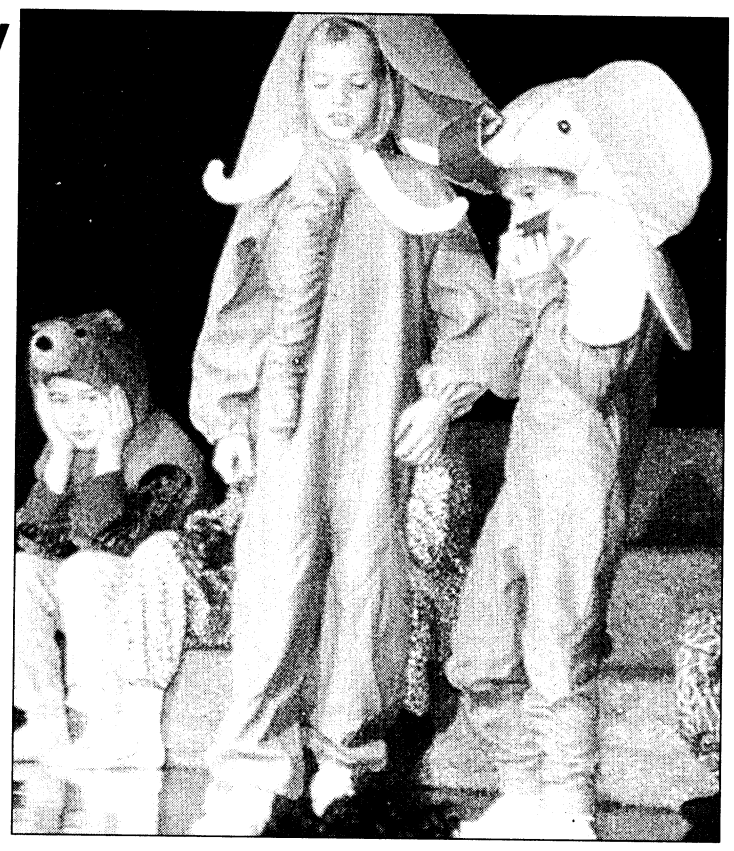
The club has also won the Keep Georgia Beautiful Award in the past.

The e-Club consists of kindergartners and some first graders. The club meets from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. every Tuesday. They recycle from 8 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. every Thursday. They conduct a campus watch program where they put on gloves and pick up trash every Friday.

They have a garden where they harvest vegetables such as potatoes, onions, and peppers, and then donate it to homeless shelters in Columbus.

If the vegetables are ready for harvesting during the summer, Ezekiel calls students to pick the garden and then donates the vegetables to various homeless shelters in the community. Seeds are brought by members, donated from local companies, or from around the school.

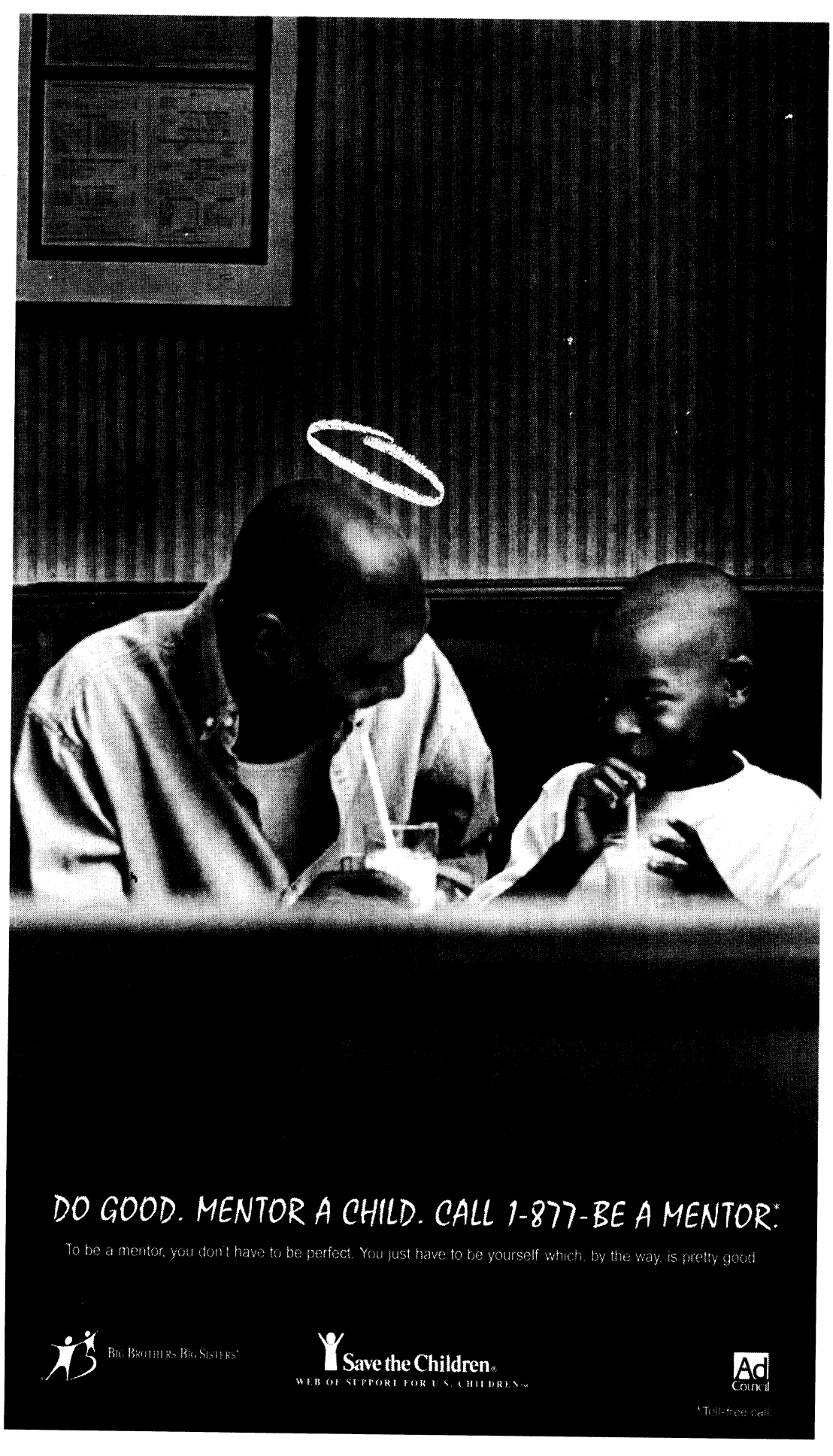
They also recycle newspapers, plastic lids, and plastic bags that are brought from home. The recycling is also used as a math experience. They separate the items by color and then weigh and count the items. After everything is bundled, Ezekiel brings it to a recycling center.



Christina Hayashi

Tristen Hopson, left, Tyler Hutchinson and Garret Fuller discuss living conditions on planet earth.

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Spencer high school updates community

Quiz bowl keeps students studying

Spencer PTSA

The Parent, Teacher, Student Association at Spencer High School has promoted and implemented several programs this year.

One of the most successful programs was the Educational Quiz Bowl that was offered to the entire student body as preparation for the Georgia High School Graduation Test.

The quiz bowl gave students an opportunity to study and familiarize themselves with some of the questions on the test students are required to take before graduating in Georgia.

The winner, Bracha Williams, received a DVD player and the two runners-up, Kristin Bohannon and JoAnne Boggs, received educational gift baskets.

The PTSA is currently promoting a Question of the Week. In this contest, students answer a question from various subjects such as: current events, math, English, science and history.

The student with the correct answer at the end of the week receives a prize.

The PTSA is also offering T-shirts featuring the school mascot to show school spirit and pride. The T-shirts are available in two colors, gold and white, and cost $10. The deadline to purchase a shirt is April 2.

The PTSA is comprised wholly of volunteers who are dedicated to developing and implementing programs that will directly benefit students and families of Spencer High School.

The PTSA will sponsor several more programs before the school year comes to end.

If interested in becoming a part of the PTSA executive committee or know of someone who will be an asset to the association, e-mail the school or the PTSA president Stephen T. Boston at Stephen.Boston @benning.army.mil or call 685-2027.

births

Twins

Najja Nicole and Jamilah Lora Lewis — born March 11 to Spc. Khalilah and Jimmie Lewis.

Boys

Erik Towner Gruda — born March 8 to Michelle and Spc. Harold Gruda.

Aidan Matthew Roof — born March 10 to Erin and Capt. Aaron Roof.

Matthew Vincent Isenbart — born March 10 to Angela and Staff Sgt. Matthew Isenbart.

Edward Isaiah Wallace — born March 12 to Benetrious Wallace.

Austin Michael Moser — born March 13 to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Patrick Moser.

Girls

Grace Elizabeth Marsh — born March 8 to Jennifer and Sgt. Jason Marsh.

Anna Elise Adams — born March 8 to Paula and Sgt. 1st Class Timmy Adams.

Leanne Elizabeth Emanuel — born March 10 to Mary and Pfc. Joshua Emanuel.

Jermetryca Ashawnte McKnight — born March 10 to Staff Sgt. Tammy White-McKnight and Staff Sgt. Pierre McKnight.

Antavia DaShanti Reaves — born March 10 to ChaKisha and Cpl. Anthony Reaves.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

ask the judge

Capt. Angela L. Crisp
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: I've always prepared my tax returns by hand and mailed them to the IRS. Recently, I heard some of my friends talking about electronically filing their tax returns. Why should I electronically file my return? Is electronically filing available at the Fort Benning Installation Tax Center?

A: More and more taxpayers choose to electronically file ("e-file") because their returns are processed faster with fewer errors. Taxpayers receive their refunds quicker and they have less contact with the IRS.

The IRS acknowledges receipt of e-filed returns within 48 hours. This gives taxpayers proof of filing. Plus, the chance of an audit is no greater than a paper return. Even a return with a foreign address can be e-filed.

Upon receipt of the return information, the IRS computers automatically check for errors or missing information.

Your chance of getting an error notice from the IRS is significantly reduced because e-filing is more accurate. Compared to mailing paper returns, there is less than a one percent error rate.

You can expect your refund in half the time paper filers do. You can receive your refund in as few as 10 days.

You can receive your refund faster if you use direct deposit. To choose a direct deposit refund, indicate on the refund portion of the electronic return your financial institution's routing transit number, your account number and the type of account, either checking or savings.

The refund is deposited automatically into your account. This is a convenient, safe and secure way to receive your refund.

You can prepare and file both federal and state tax returns in the time it takes to prepare one return. The tax preparation software automatically transfers relevant data from the federal return to the state return as the information is entered. All states that have income taxes support e-file. Most states offer benefits that IRS e-file offers.

The tax preparers at the Fort Benning Installation Tax Center file tax returns electronically for service members, retirees and their family members. You need to have a military identification card with you to use the services at the Tax Center.

Most military installations use Tax Wise software to prepare returns. Tax Wise has a system of checking returns for errors before the returns are transmitted to the IRS. That way, all returns are double-checked before they are submitted.

At the Tax Center, you have the option of either preparing your own return and having a tax preparer electronically transmit it to the IRS, or you can have your return prepared and transmitted by the tax preparer.

Whichever you choose, all services at the Tax Center are free.

For more information on e-filing, the IRS issues a Revenue Procedure containing the rules for participating in the IRS e-file program. The current Revenue Procedure can be found on the IRS "Digital Daily" Web site at www.irs.gov/prod/elec_svs/e-pubs.html.

Other information about IRS e-file and related topics can be found at www.irs.gov. When you visit this site, click on "Electronic Services" to see the latest information on IRS e-file.

For more information, come by the Tax Center, Building 880.

The Tax Center is open through April 15, Monday through Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The phone number is 545-4267.

community news

on post

Flashlight Easter egg hunt — Youth Services is sponsoring a Flashlight Easter Egg Hunt at dusk today at Youth Services (Building 1055). Children, ages 10 and older, are invited to bring their own flashlight and participate in the hunt. For more information, call 545-3070 or 545-3540.

School Board meeting — The next meeting of the Fort Benning School Board will be held at 1 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the Administrative Building located at 7201 Custer Road. An agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today. For additional information, call 545-7276.

Commissary closures — The Fort Benning Commissary will be closed March 31 for Easter. The commissary will also be closed April 22 for inventory and will reopen April 23 with regular store hours..

Refresher Course — Martin Army Community Hospital is offering a EMT-B refresher course, Monday through Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Building 880, Room G-122. Class size is limited to 36 students. EMT-B certified personnel whose certification expires March 31 are encouraged to attend.

For more information and registering, call Sgt. 1st Class Aldo Richards at 544-1274.

Disney on Ice contest — Youth Services will co-sponsor an afternoon with the Disney characters 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April 5. The location has not been determined. Lucky winners will be served cake and ice cream and will visit with the Disney characters.

The contest is open to children in the first through third grades.

Parents must come by Youth Services, Building 1056, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., to fill out an entry form. The last day to enter will be April 2 and the drawing is 9 a.m. April 3. Lucky winners will be notified April 3 and 4.

For more information. call Linda Laine at 545-3070.

Spring carnival — The Youth Services carnival is April 2 and 7 on Stewart-Watson Field across from Infantry Hall. There will be 25 to 30 rides, 15-20 skill games and various food concessions.

For more information, call Linda Laine, Youth Services, at 545-3070.

Sock hop at Youth Services — The next dance at Youth Services is a sock hop with music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The dance begins at 7 p.m. April 5 and ends promptly at 9 p.m. The cost is $2 with a YS card and $3 without. For more information, call 545-3070.

Martin Army news — Patients may view the MACH Formulary and also refill their prescription using the Internet. Visit http://www.martin.amedd.army.mil

As a reminder to all patients, all medical records are maintained at the hospital. Patients who need a copy can request one at Outpatient Correspondence, MACH Main Basement.

In order to provide better service for patients, MACH instituted an appointment only system.

As a result, walk in patients are no longer being seen on a walk in basis. To schedule an appointment, call 544-2273. For urgent medical advice, go to Central Triage, located on the first floor next to the Emergency Room. Emergencies will be seen in the ER.

The Victory Clinic was recently renamed the Adult Primary Care Clinic, a grand opening will take place soon.

Youth Services needs instructors — Youth services is looking for instructors for the following class programs: piano, guitar, performing arts, English, Spanish, art, sewing, educational tutoring and computer. Individuals interested in a contract position should provide a resume to Youth Services, Building 1056. For more information, call 545-3070.

CPR Class — The West Central Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding a CPR class Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30 at the Red Cross Headquarters in Building 2626 in Soldiers Plaza. For more information, call 323-5614.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet at 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

Infertility Support Group — Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people who are experiencing infertility. The Columbus Resolve Chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road, Columbus. For more information, call 323-6659.

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** student holiday
- **Tuesday:** hamburger, potato rounds, broccoli with cheese sauce, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** cheesy ham and potatoes, sweet peas, yeast roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, mixed veggies, garlic toast, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, milk, fruit cobbler

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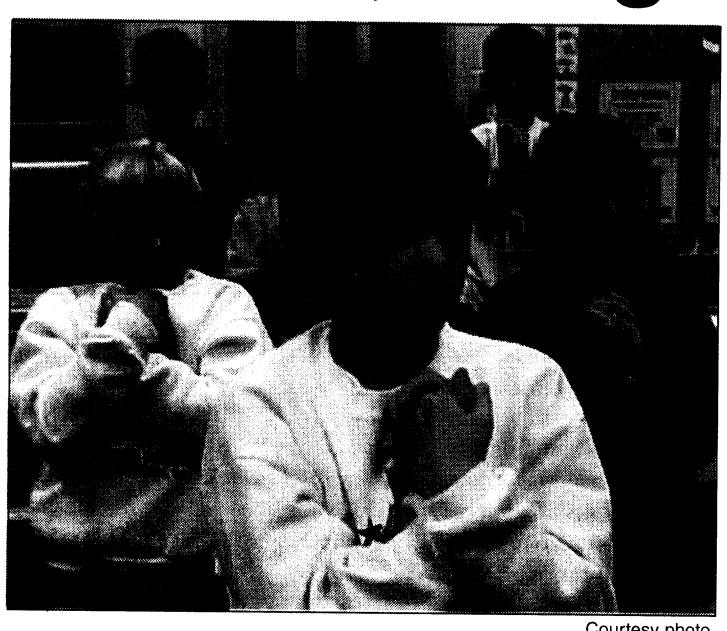
What are these third-graders from Terri Bond's class at Dexter Elementary School talking about? Brain Gym exercises, of course.

Brain Gym exercises are enjoyable, relaxing movements especially designed to enhance learning processes and to improve the functions of the mind, according to developer Dr. Paul E. Dennison.

Students in Bond's class, along with other fourth- and fifth-grade classes, used Brain Gym exercises the week of March 11-15 during Terra Nova testing.

"Our P.E. teacher, Pam Koon, is forever finding research on how the brain and the body work together. When she offered to lead my class in Brain Gym exercises as a way to possibly enhance testing performance, I was elated," Bond said.

"The students enjoy the exercises because they are relaxing rather than strenuous," Koon said. "There are certain exercises to enhance reading functions, release stress and to focus attention. The main purpose is to activate both hemispheres of the brain to have them work simultaneously."



Courtesy photo

Chris Lockhart, Elizabeth Hernandez, Kelsey Dean, Matthew Tharpe and Storme Spencer engage in a calming activity during standardized testing.

Joyce Flatt noticed fifth-graders in her class chose various relaxers such as Brain Buttons and Thinking Caps during Terra Nova testing, each seeming to find one that was best suited for them. When asked about their favorite Brain Gym activity, Chris Cioppa chose the marching exercise to get them ready.

"It's awesome," Cioppa said.

Another favorite from Brain Gym is Hook Ups, designed for those who may be feeling nervous and want to calm the mind and improve concentration.

"It helps my brain take an important test," said third-grader Josh Best.

Hook Ups is an exercise that can be done standing or sitting. Cross the right ankle over the left ankle. Hold both arms out straight in front, thumbs down. Cross right wrist over the left and link fingers. Bend the elbows out and gently turn the fingers in toward the body until they rest on the breastbone in the center of the chest. Stay in this position. Keep ankles and wrists crossed and breathe evenly in this position for a few minutes. Repeat by crossing left over right. You will be noticeably calmer after that.

Fifth-graders in Carroll Thebaud's class say this exercise hurts; however, they admit it really does calm them down when they hold the position for awhile.

They also find the Cross Crawl to have a very balancing effect on the brain. Cross Crawl is another of the cross over exercises that you do while humming.

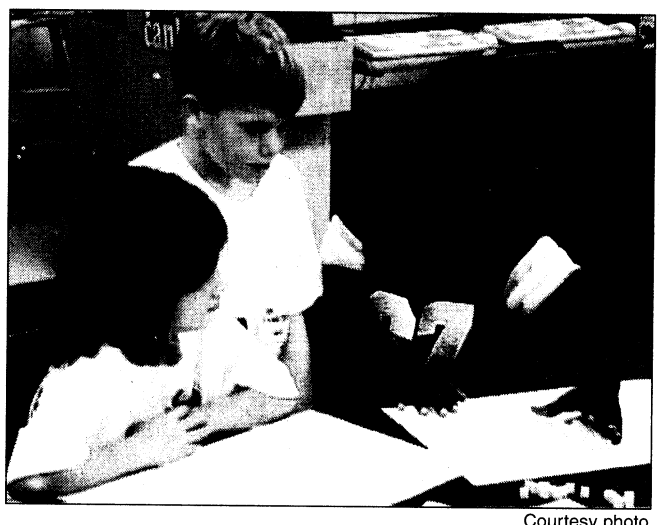
Thebaud said their favorite relaxation technique involved a series of visualizations, beginning with visualizing themselves floating out into a warm, grassy field.

"Since many of the exercises cause the person to cross over the left side and the right side, the whole brain is activated and focused on the task ahead," said Principal Vicki Rogers.

"Students have found these exercises to be very helpful, not just for testing situations, but for life in general. They fit so well with the other brain-based activities that have become a part of our school culture — like cupstacking, sign language and juggling. We are pleased that Mrs. Koon has introduced us to this research."

More information regarding Brain Gym and its development can be obtained at http://members.aol.com/braingym.bg.html.

Mentor



Courtesy photo

Advanced math student, Cody Fuller, uses place value blocks as he works with his second-grade buddies in the Buddy Math Mentor Program.

Pets of the week



Courtesy photos

This dog and cat are just two of the many animals available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information on how to adopt a pet, call the clinic at 545-4826.

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PASSOVER

The journey to freedom

Randy Kranepuhl
USAIC Chaplains Office

Passover 5762

"I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you ... And this day shall be to you for a memorial; and you shall keep it a feast to the Lord; throughout your generations shall you keep it a feast by ordinance forever ... Seven days shall you eat unleavened bread ... ."

Exodus Chapter 12

This is the essence of the Passover Festival marking the passage of a people from slavery to freedom. During Passover, the Jewish people are careful to eat and drink nothing with leavening.

This act of self-discipline and self-denial mandated by the Torah (the first five books of the "Old Testament") is in remembrance of that great journey and transition.

Why do we not eat leavening? We do not eat bread or leavening as recognition of the fact that the Jewish people did not have time to let bread rise during that first critical period of escape from bondage. It is a link with our past and a link to our future.

We have one or two Seder dinners (depending on to which branch of Judaism one belongs). These are grand meals in which the story of the Exodus is told every year. All people of all ages participate. There is singing and story telling and "the four questions" regarding the unique nature of this festival asked by the children.

One thing has always touched me the most: Even in the midst of the celebration and feasting there is a sense of pain at the suffering of the Egyptians. We drink four cups of wine to commemorate the seven plagues inflicted on the Egyptians. And, do you know that before we drink each cup we dip a finger in the wine cup and withdraw a drop of wine signifying regret at the pain caused our oppressors?

How many of us consider that we face the challenge of slavery and make the journey from slavery to freedom on a daily basis? There is slavery of commission. What about doing what we think may feel good when we know that it may hurt another? What about drinking and driving, although we know this is dangerous and might hurt another? And we should consider the slavery of omission. What about our telling a child we can't go to a ball game because we're too tired or too busy? What about the slavery of not putting out extra effort to ensure a spouse is considered on an anniversary or birthday because we are too busy?

Passover has been, is, and will be a time of remembrance in the past and hope for a brighter future. In this time of war and continuing crisis, such a remembrance is as important now as ever it was. May we successfully, each of us, make that journey from slavery in our darker natures to the freedom of a richer and more righteous life. And may we always remember the journey that 600,000 Jews took without which we might have never had the other two great religions (Christianity and Islam) of the Western world.

Shearith Israel Synagogue will conduct the First Seder beginning at 6:30 p.m. March 27 preceded at 6 p.m. by a short service.

All Fort Benning Jewish personnel are welcome to come and there is no cost. For non-military personnel, a small donation will be requested to cover the costs. Call the Synagogue at 323-1443 for details.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

Lent offers new beginning

Chaplain (Maj.) David R. Norvell
USAIC Chaplain Office

commentary

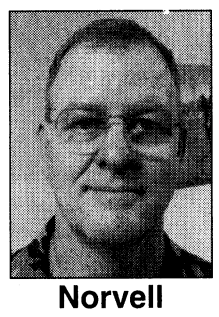
Making a new start clarifies what the season of Lent and this special time of year is all about. Even the spring budding and blooming of the plants make the cold, gray winter fade into the background and release hope for renewed life, a fresh season and a new start.

You and I have hope of making new starts in our personal lives, relations, work places and with God.

My younger brother and fellow pastor wrote recently about *Old and New*

"I knew my loafers were getting old, but I never noticed how old they looked until I replaced them with a new pair. Almost immediately my most comfortable shoes began to look ragged and almost embarrassingly old.

My coffee pot that has filled the house with the luring aroma of coffee for several years looked just fine sitting on our kitchen counter. Then, I saw the new one in the store. It was shiny. It was neat and clean. My old one began to look ... well, it looked old.


Norvell

The difference between the old and the new is never more obvious than when we compare our new life in Christ to our life of living for self. We may even marvel at how uncomfortable the old ways are in comparison to our new lifestyle. Paul said it best, 'Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come' (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV)."

As you approach a new season of the year, set your goals on making a new start. Start reading the Bible or some inspirational material every day. Start spending more quality time with your child (children, seeing each as unique, individual human beings). Start spending time with a child or family who may need your help or presence. Start getting up earlier to get ahead of the day. Start going to bed earlier for more rest. Start budgeting you money. Start planning the next phase of your life. Start that project at home you've wanted and do and said you were going to do someday. Start a new start.

Frederick Buechner said, "We cannot make the Kingdom of God happen, but we can put out leaves as it draws near. We can be kind to each other. We can be kind to ourselves. We can drive back the darkness a little. We can make green places within ourselves and among ourselves where God can make his Kingdom happen."

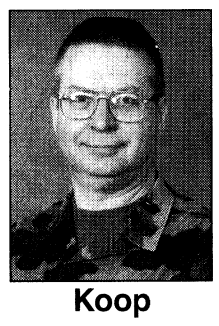
Making a new start begins by starting to see the need, by starting to commit to it and by starting.

Spouses provide support to each other

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Working together, spouses of deployed soldiers can make a positive difference in their lives. No longer merely waiting, spouses are taking constructive steps to support each other while their soldiers are away for military training, temporary duty, or real-world missions.

Family Readiness Groups, also called Family Support Groups, keep the soldier's spouse informed and involved. The FRG is a key resource for spouses and families for finding the right agency to help them solve problems. It fosters feelings of belonging, control, self-reliance, and self-esteem. Contact the unit for more information.


Koop

The Army Family Team Building Program prepares spouses to meet the challenges of day-to-day life within the Army community. The AFTB is an educational program to teach Army culture and give families the skills they need for independence and self-sufficiency. Located in Building 359, it can be contacted at 545-5377 or 545-6108.

The Chaplain Family Life Center offers counseling and group support for spouses, who are dealing with the separation of a loved one due to a deployment, an unaccompanied overseas tour or any other separation for military purposes. Topics covered include, but are not limited to: maintaining family cohesion; overcoming depression, stress, and loneliness; establishing appropriate outlets for emotions, and discovering resources to aid in the coping process. The goal of the Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Support Group is to develop coping skills, maintain interdependence, and provide support for others going through a separation.

For more information, call the Chaplain Family Life Center to register at 545-1760.

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SPORTS

SECTION C

Soldiers to be featured on History Channel

The Magnum will air on T.V. 9 p.m. Tuesday

Paula J. Randall Pagán
U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

What do the soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have in common with movie star Clint Eastwood? They will both be featured in a History Channel special on the Magnum, which will be at 9 p.m. Tuesday. The show is described in the History Channel's listings as follows:

"The Magnum. It's known as the most powerful handgun in the world, made famous by Clint Eastwood in the "Dirty Harry" movies. But its origins stretch back more than a century to the Indian Wars of the American West and African safaris where hunters stalked big game. Join us for a review of the history of the biggest, baddest gun available today — unlimited firepower at the pull of a trigger!"

The show, titled "The Magnum," will originally air as part of the channel's History Alive series and reruns of the show will air under the Modern Marvels series. USAMU soldiers are featured at the very beginning and near the end of the show for approximately eight minutes. The show is closed captioned and rated G.

A film crew from the Digital Ranch production company of California visited the Marksmanship Unit Nov. 29 and videotaped USAMU personnel for the Magnum one-hour documentary. Producer Tom Jennings and his crew spent the day interviewing and filming the soldiers and civilians of the USAMU for the show.

The crew spent the morning of at the USAMU ranges filming members of the Service Rifle Team shooting the Magnum. After lunch, Jennings and the crew interviewed some of the USAMU ammunition technicians while they were producing Magnum bullets and talked with USAMU gunsmiths who build the Magnums for the Army shooters.

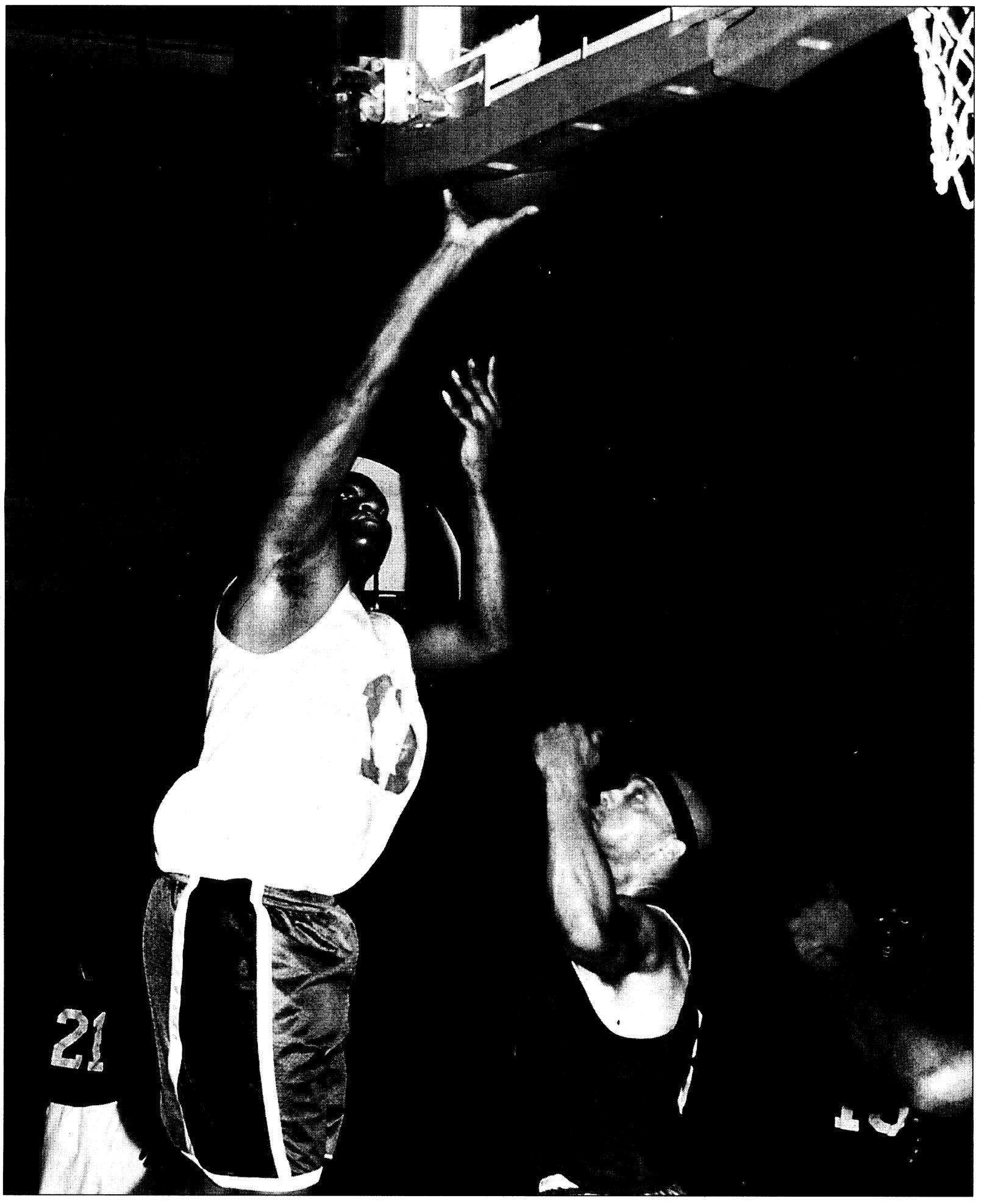
"I think everything went great," said USAMU Service Rifle Coach Donnie Heuman. "The crew members were highly professional and dedicated to their work. They were very excited about being around the guns and actually being able to film a bullet going down range; they thought that was pretty cool. They made us feel very comfortable and it was a real pleasure working with them. We are hoping to work with them again in the future."

"The people at the Marksmanship Unit are a great group of people," Jennings said. "You can tell these individuals are top-of-the-line, both in their professionalism and how they treated our film crew. The images were superb and the people made our day at the office a lot of fun. Our visit was just a great experience all the way around and brought a lot more than I expected.

In general, my experience with them was outstanding. I had no idea what to expect and found the guys approachable and easy to work with. You can tell how much they care about what they do and how willing they are to teach others the nuances of their work.

"By far, the most interesting thing for me was being able to film the bullet in flight," Jennings continued. "The footage is just amazing; you can clearly see the rounds splitting the air as they travel toward the target. But I don't want to diminish the other things that we filmed. I found it fascinating, for example, to be standing under the targets while the shooters were punching holes in them from 600 yards. That is not an everyday experience for a civilian."

Leap 'n leaner



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Patrick Smith of the Aces, A Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, jumps above Outlaws' Adrian Lewis for two of his 10 points. See C-2 for the results of the game.

USAMU soldiers excel

Soldiers post wins in Colorado, Florida competitions

Paula J. Randall Pagán
U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

Orange Blossom Regional Championship, Palm Bay, Fla., Feb. 27 to March 3. USAMU service rifle shooter Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley won the Orange Blossom Regional Championship and Staff Sgt. Lance S. Hopper took second place; Staff Sgt. Norman L. Anderson placed first in the High Master. Division, in which Spc. Elisha M. Hoover was third. Staff Sgt. Jared N. van Aalst won the Master Division as well as a Bronze Medal in the Excellence in Competition Match. Hopper won the Directors Open Match Competition; Anderson won the High Master Division, followed by Sgt. Robert M. Mango in second place and Singley in third, and Spc. Aaron F. Rebout finished second in the Masters Division. In the Any Sight Match, Sgt. Robby D. Johnson was the winner and Hoover was second in the Service Rifle Division; in the Match Rifle Division, Anderson placed second and Hopper was third. Sgt. Emil Praslick III took second place in the Palma Match. The USAMU Team of Singley, Anderson, Hopper and Mango, coached by Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Coffey, won the National Match Course Team Match and the USAMU Team of Singley, Anderson, Hopper and van Aalst, coached by Praslick, won the Any Sight Team Match.

Snowbird Championship, Palm Bay, Fla., Feb. 23-24. Mango won the Snowbird Championship; Staff Sgt. Kyle A. Ward won the High Master Division followed by Hopper in second place and Anderson in third. Mango also won the Snowbird Director's Open Match Competition; Hoover took second place in the High Master Division, in which Anderson placed third, and van Aalst was third in the Master Division.

Airgun Championships, Colorado Springs, Colo., Feb. 22-24. In the Air Pistol Competition, Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski received the Bronze Medal on Day 1 and the Gold Medal on Day 2 of the competition. The USAMU Team of Szarenski and Spcs. Grant E. Saylor and Justin F. Barberi took the Team Silver Medal in both days of the competition.

Tigers post 10-1 season on their way to championship

Military kids are champions of Columbus

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Children from Fort Benning assembled an 11- and 12-year-olds boys basketball team that won the Columbus Park and Recreation basketball league and is looking for tournaments in the Southeast region to compete in.

The Tigers, a name given to them by the league, won the city championship for their age March 2 and posted a 10-1 record.

Their only loss came against the Boilermakers, the team they beat in the finals.

"No one thought we were going to win," said Desmond Bussey, Tigers' shooting guard. "We showed them we can compete on their level."

Less than half the team never played organized basketball, Bussey said. But that didn't stop them from giving their best effort.

"The kids practiced hard and were determined," said coach Gerome Bussey, Desmond's father. "We also received great support from the parents."

During the championship, while the Tigers had only their parents there to support them, the Boilermakers had a large crowd of rowdy supporters who were eventually silenced by the superlative play of the Tigers.

"We didn't have near as many people there as they did," Desmond said. "We just blocked out the crowd and played our game."

Being patient allowed the Tigers to dominate the Boilermakers both inside and outside, but getting into the offense was the most challenging part of the game.

The Boilermakers used full court throughout the game, but the pressure did not stifle Tigers' point guard Kahlee Tyler. It was his job to get the team set into their motion offense.

"It wasn't easy," Tyler said. "I read the defense, waited, and then hit the open man."

The win was a good feeling, Desmond said. The team wants to carry its momentum into its next competition.

The goal of the team is to qualify for the Youth Basketball of America tournament in Florida, Gerome said. The team has two tournaments coming up that could help them achieve its goal. The Tigers will play in Columbus at the Riverfest basketball tournament March 29-31.

Outlaws outlast Aces in rematch

Pounding boards gives important win to post champs

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Behind great rebounding on both the offensive side and the defensive side, the Outlaws beat the Aces, 55-41, in post intramural basketball action Monday night at Briant Wells Field House.

The Outlaws of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, used their rebounding to beat the A Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Aces.

"Our defense pulled it out in the end," said Thelonious McLean-Burrell, Outlaws guard. "We started out a little bad on defense, but we picked it up."

The Aces started the game on a 6-2 run, but the Outlaws came surging back with a 15-2 run of their own.

"We were getting to the ball," McLean-Burrell said. "We were making our shots and rebounding the ball really well."

The Aces called a timeout, and the Outlaws run came to a halt.

"We took the shots we needed," said Terrance Garrett, Aces forward. "We contested their shots and made them play our game."

With five seconds to go in the half, Patrick Smith, Aces guard, took the ball the length of the court for an easy lay-in to give the Aces a 24-22 lead at the half.

However, when the second half started, the Outlaws came out with fire in their eyes.

Adrian Lewis, Outlaws guard, made a 3-pointer to give the Outlaws a one-point lead.

The Outlaws increased lead, yet the Aces managed to stay in the game.

"We couldn't give up," Garrett said. "We just had to keep fighting."

Fight they did. The Aces kept the score close throughout the second half. They brought the score to 33-32 with 11 minutes to go in the game.

The teams traded baskets each time down the court to keep it close.

Then, with 3 minutes to go in the game, the Outlaws pulled away.

"We won the game when we had to," McLean-Burrell said. "When it came down to crunch time, we got re-focused and took over."

Lewis led the Outlaws with 19 points and Edward Thomas, Outlaws forward, added 12 points.

Freddy Washington, Aces forward, led his team with 11 points and Smith added 10 points.

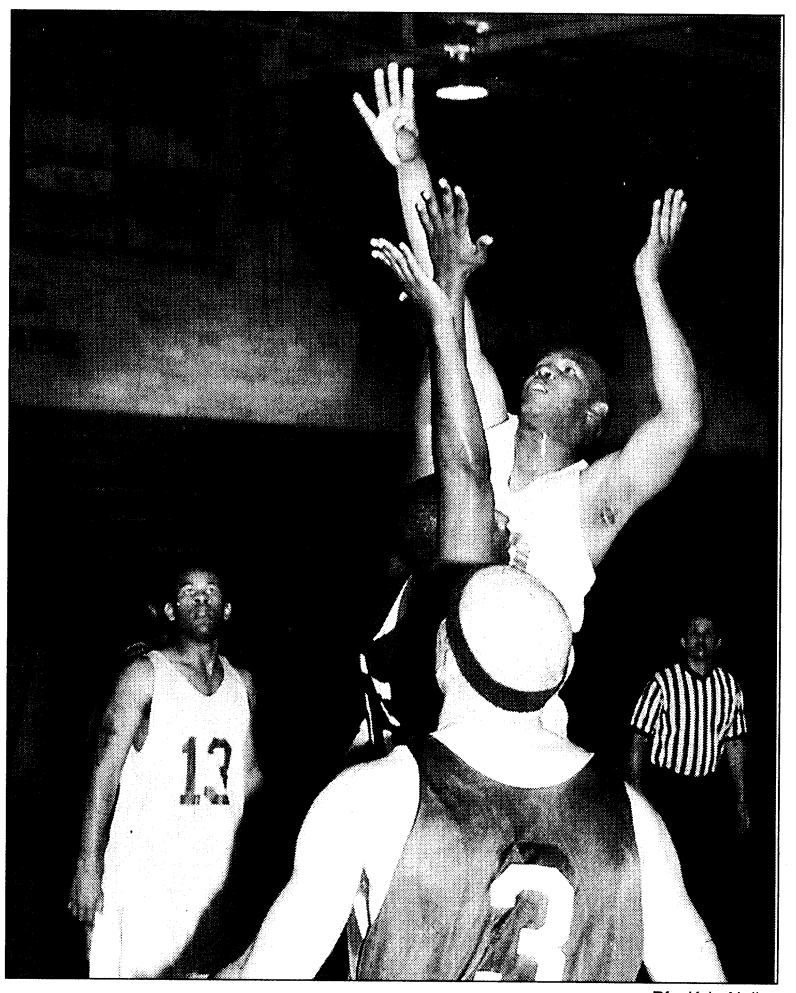
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> **Thelonious McLean-Burrell**
> Outlaws guard

The Aces will be hungry for revenge at the post-season tournament, which starts later this month.

"We want to play everyone we lost to in the regular season," Garrett said. "You can be sure we'll be bringing our best game."

The Aces are realistic about their chances. They, like everyone else, is looking to beat the post champs.

"We know we have to be careful in the tournament," McLean Burrell said. "Every team is gunning for us and looking to dethrone us. We'll be ready though. We're the two-time champs, and nobody can take that."

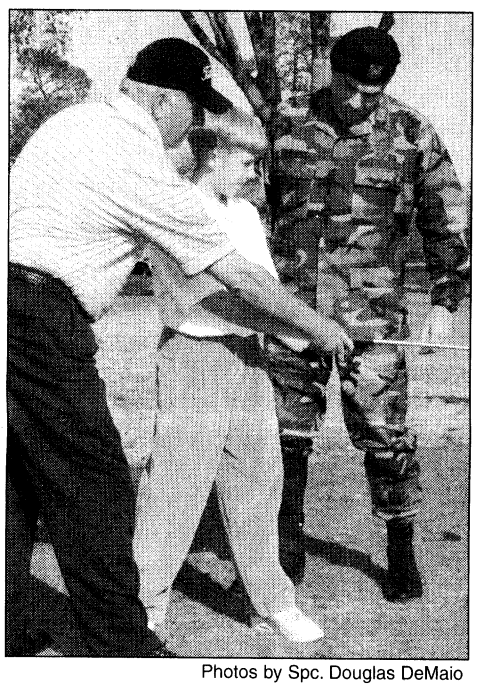


Pfc. Kyle Neller

Freddy Washington of the Aces floats a shot over Outlaws Monday night at Briant Wells Field House.

Teach kids to golf while their young

Golf tips by the post golf pro, Larry Cruise



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

"Golf is a good way for parents to spend quality time with their children. It helps parents teach values and morals important for a child's development."

Here are some tips to help bolster children's success in golf:

– A good age for children to begin is when they are old enough to swing a club.

"There are clubs made for kids of the correct height and weight, so don't cut adult clubs because children don't have the strength to swing them and will become frustrated."

– Toddlers to 8-year-olds should begin on the range to learn the fundamentals.

"Show them how to grip the club, keep their eyes on the ball and hit it."

– At the age of 9, kids should start joining programs.

"There are summer programs through youth sports, middle schools usually have programs, and golf courses hold parent and child tournaments throughout the year."

Their are new policies concerning children on the the golf course, so look in *The Bayonet* for more information.

"There will be a golf seminar for kids and parents Sunday at Riverside during the Easter Eggstravaganza."

For more information about the seminar, call Fort Benning Golf Club 687-1940



sports briefs

CG Golf Scramble — The CG pay day golf scramble will be at the Fort Benning Golf Club 12 p.m. Thursday. Food and beverage will be provided to all tournament players. Prizes for the winners along with giveaways will be awarded at the end of the scramble.

For information and early registration call 687-1940.

Stowers Stampede — The Stowers Stampede is planned for April 20. It will feature the 1-mile fun run, 5K run and 5K wheelchair race. The event has been an annual event for more than 20 years. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Stowers Elementary school. Registration is $6 for children and $12 for those 15 and older. Participants will receive a T-shirt with the registration fee. Registration the day of the race will be $2 extra.

For more information, call 545-7793.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15 through 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1 through July 22.

For more information, call John Littleman at 425-255-4645.

Pistol shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team is recruiting soldiers interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2002.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years service who obtain approval from their commanders can be attached to the marksmanship unit to participate in the initial advanced marksmanship training.

The best shooters will be selected to compete in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July. Upon completion of the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Gibbs at 545-3893.

Rifle shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good rifle shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in rifle competitions in the summer of 2002.

Proof of sharpshooter or expert M-16 rifle qualification is required, and soldiers must be sergeant first class or below with less than 15 years of service and at least two years retention.

Every year the USAMU Service Rifle Team holds a try-out.

This year the try-out will be April 15-21. During the try-out week, soldiers are trained and evaluated in advanced marksmanship skills. Once that is completed, rifle team officials select shooters who will remain from April 22 to Aug. 19 to compete at the Interservice and National Championships. At the end of the four-month tour, soldiers will return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training.

Interested soldiers can contact Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614 or e-mail kyle.ward@usarec.army.mil. For more information, visit the unit's Web site at www.usamu.com, click on The Shooting Teams, select Service Rifle and click on "Joining the Team."

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Rugby Club — The Columbus and Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Avenue and Blanchard Blvd.

Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. throughout the season. The spring season features five league matches, and culminates with the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Golf Pass — The American Lung Association of Georgia is offering the 2002 Golf Privilege Card for $25. The card offers discounts on more than 700 courses and helps the ALA fight lung disease.

For more information, call the ALA at 866-609-GOLF.

Spring Softball — The U.S. Army Infantry Center spring softball tournament will be held April 20-21. A meeting will be held at Gowdy Field at 3 p.m. April 18.

For more information, call 545-4300.

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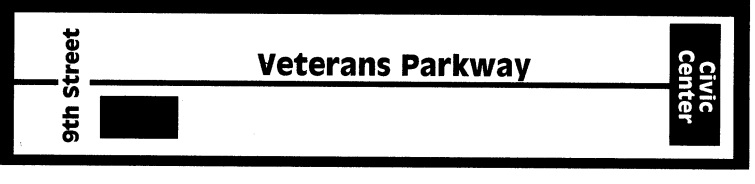
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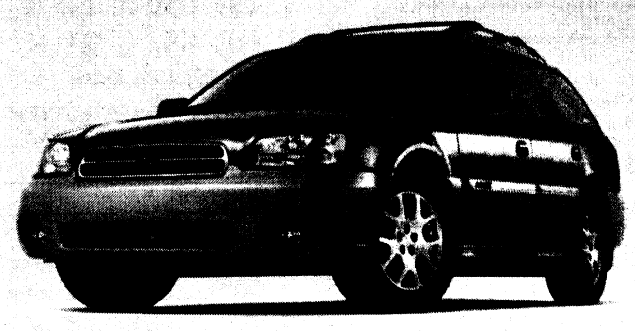
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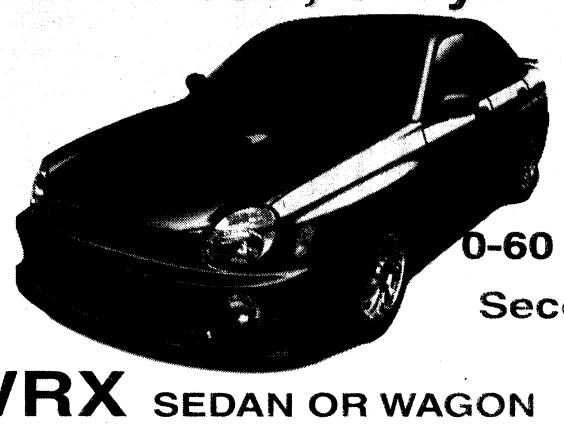
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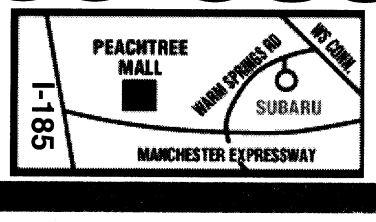
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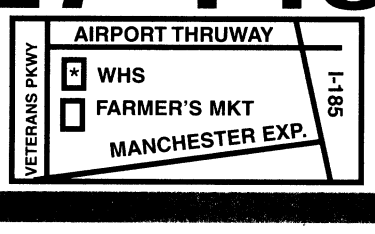
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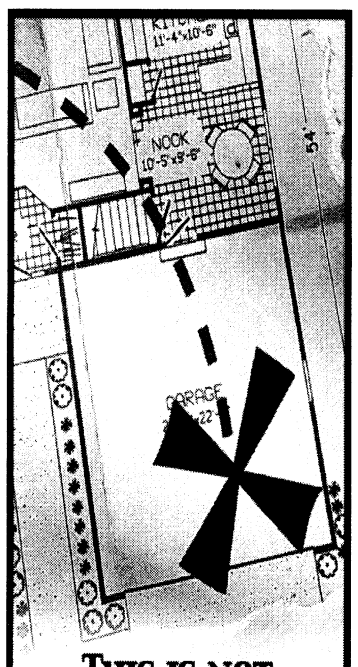
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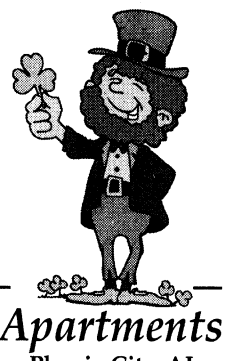
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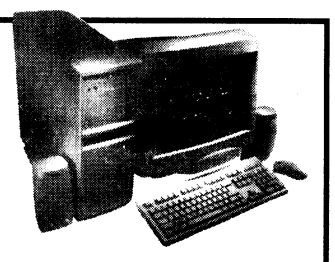


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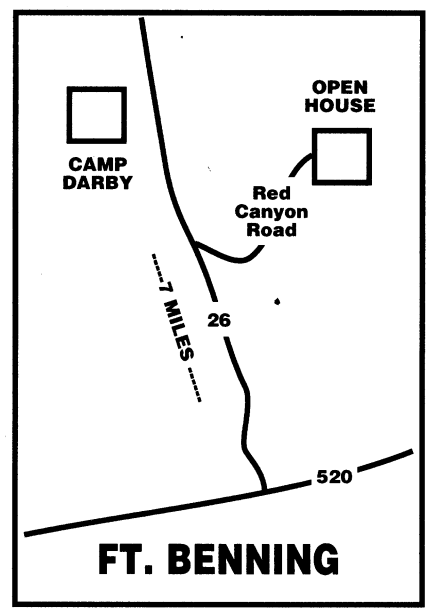
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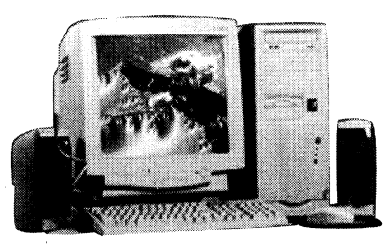
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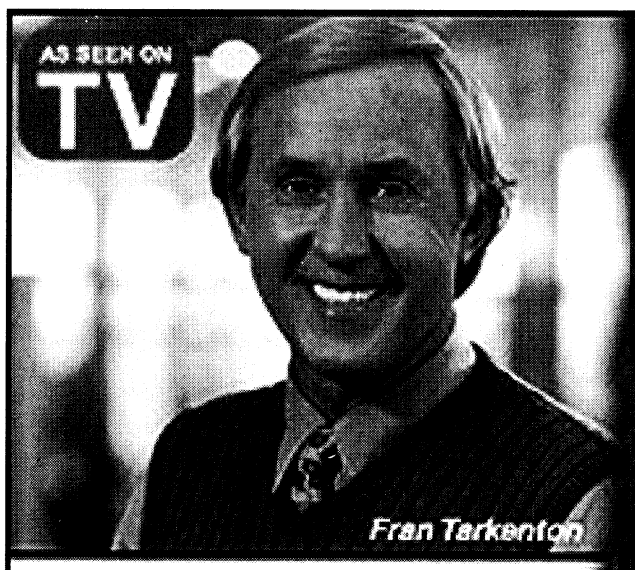
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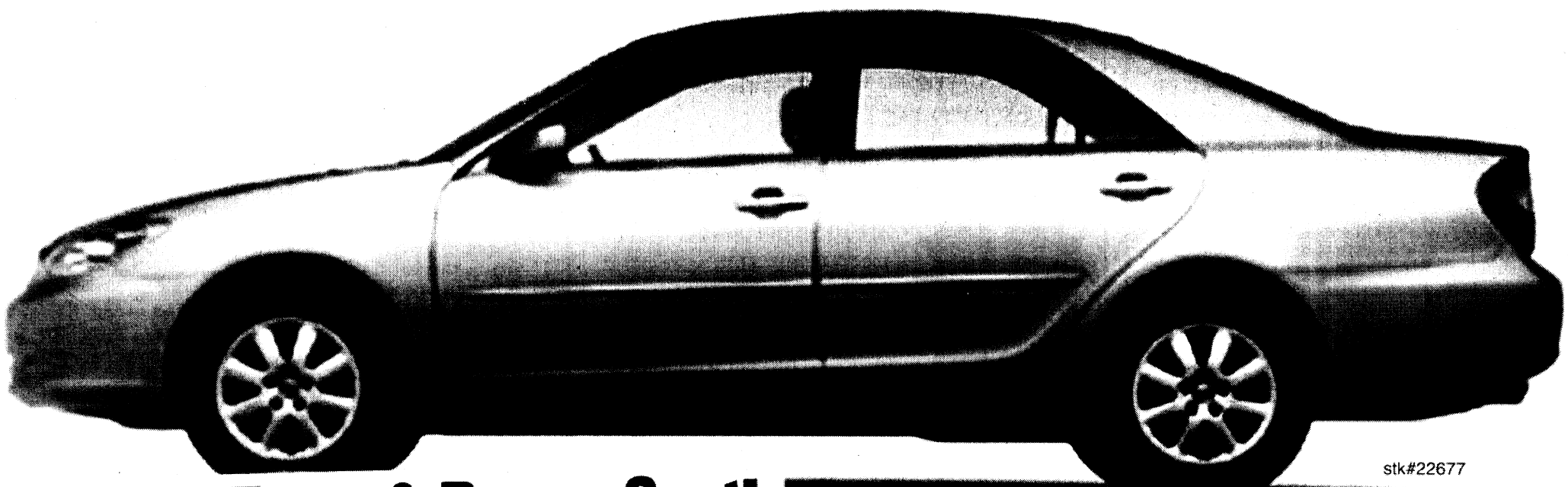
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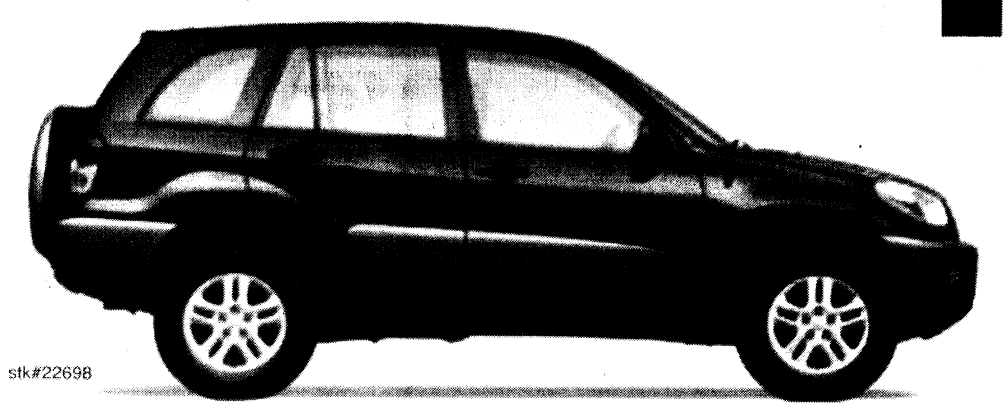
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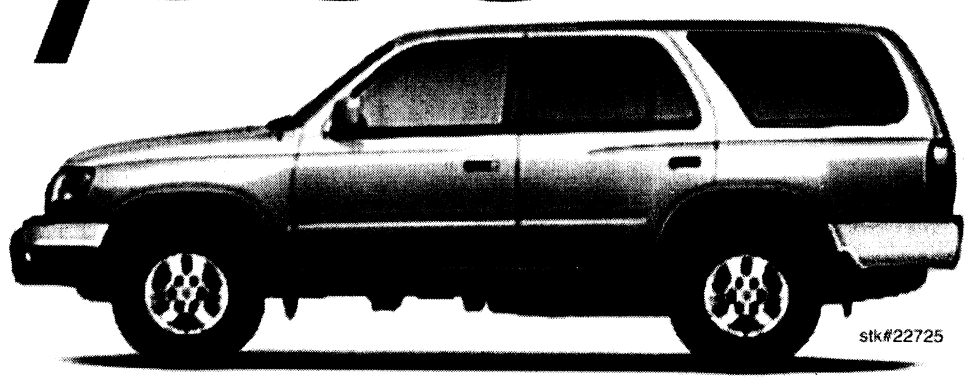
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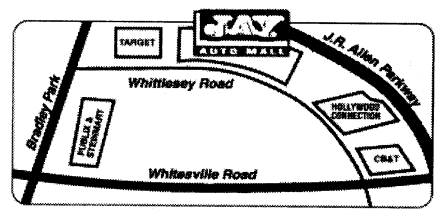
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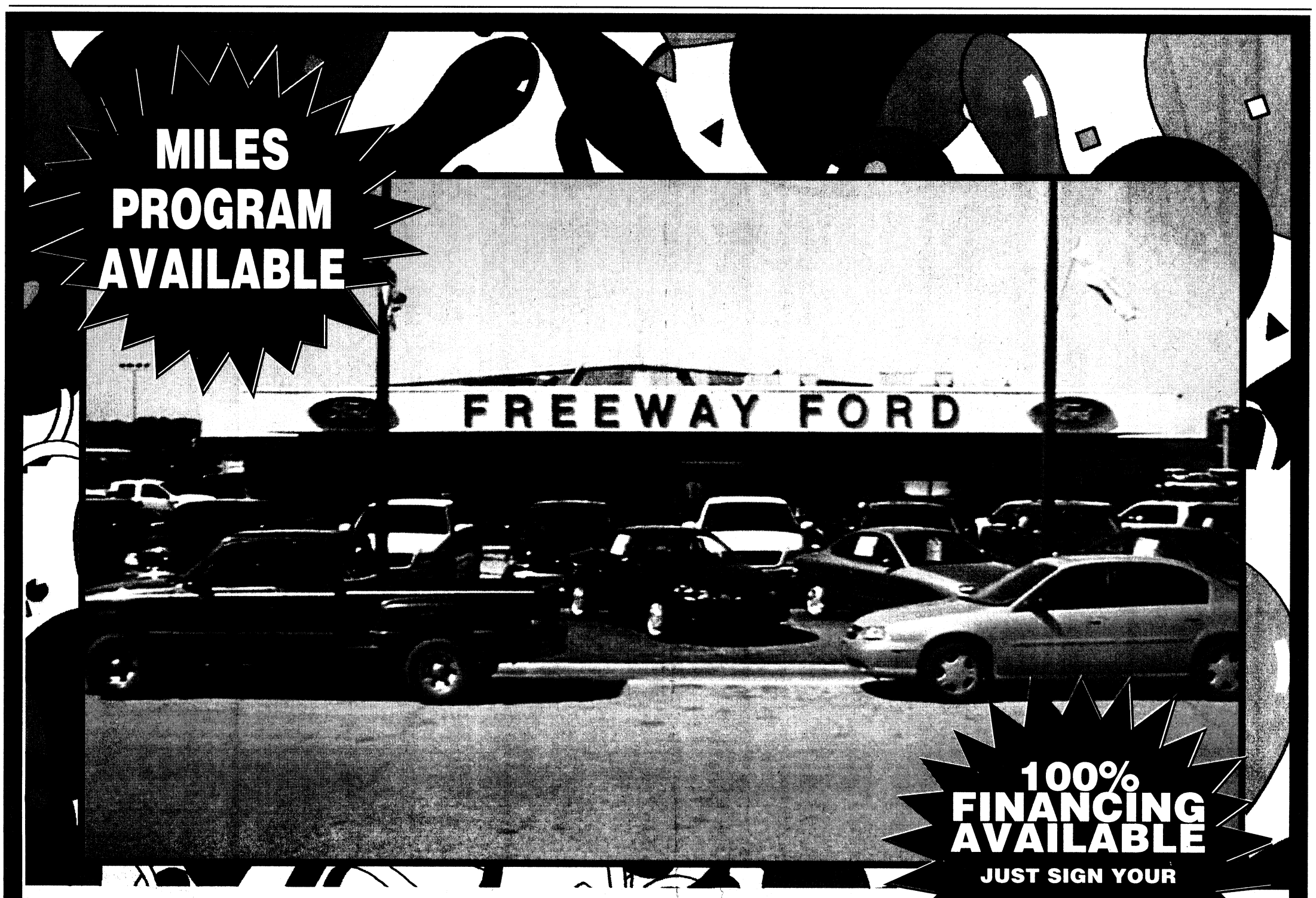
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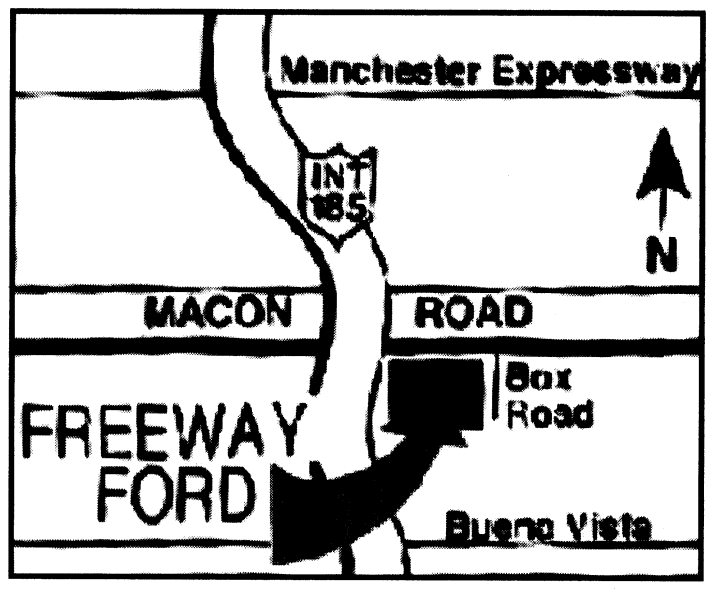
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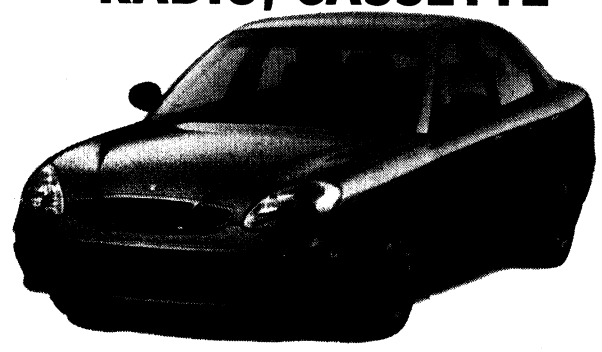
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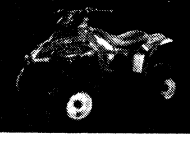
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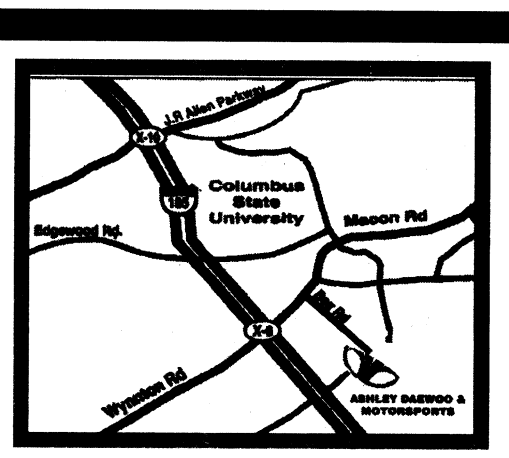



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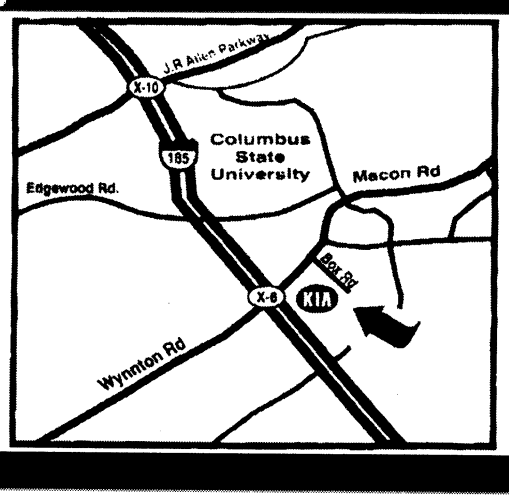
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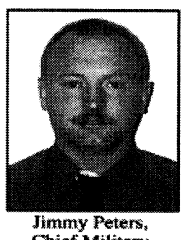


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Jimmy Peters, Chief Military Finance Coordinator

Columbus, GA – Mr. Jimmy Peters, Chief Military Finance Coordinator will be hosting a special, exclusive sales event at Bill Heard Chevrolet this week to boost the buying power of military E-1's and up with little or no credit. "We are excited to be able to offer these programs to military E-1's and up with little or no credit and even in some instances problem credit," says Jimmy Peters. "With the various military lenders that we have affiliated ourselves with, we have several programs to fit the unique needs of our military."

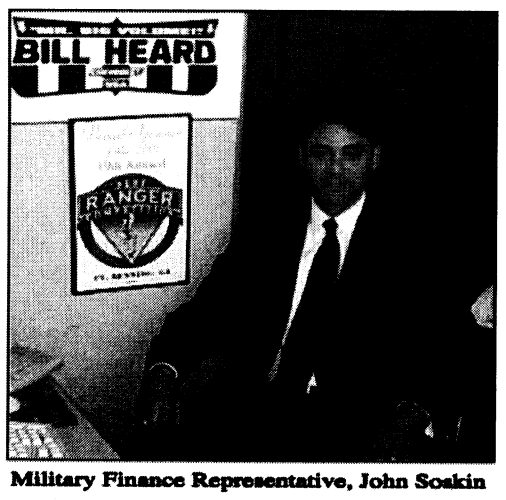
These lenders are making it possible for Bill Heard Chevrolet to offer military personnel with little or no credit, and in some instances bad credit, the opportunity to immediately qualify for the new or used vehicle that fits within their budget. Owning a new or used car or truck can become a reality for military E-1's and up with as little as $29 down or $500 down with special low interest rate financing as compared to traditional state ceiling rates charged to E-1's, E-2's and E-3's with no credit history. The added bonus is that these lenders also provide a golden opportunity for the military to establish and in some cases reestablish good credit. With the simple finance terms, military personnel can easily qualify for the new or used vehicle of their choice and save thousands in finance charges! This special event is not available to the general public. ONLY MILITARY PERSONNEL MAY PARTICIPATE!!

Bill Heard Chevrolet has been a proud supporter of our nation's military since 1919, and they are always looking for new ways to help the military finance the car or truck of their choice with the lowest possible interest rates available. Military E-1's and up are no longer forced to buy from small used car note lots that only have a limited number of older, potentially unreliable vehicles to choose from for their next car or truck purchase! You can now buy from a reputable, large-volume dealership no matter what your credit situation! AGAIN, THIS OFFER IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC!!

"We love Fort Benning, says Jerry McLendon, former Vietnam Veteran and 20-year employee at Bill Heard Chevrolet. I know first hand what it's like to be new in the military with no credit and limited options when it comes to getting a new or preowned car or truck. At Bill Heard Chevrolet are always trying to make things better for our military. I feel so good about being able to help an E-1 with no credit get their credit established by buying a new car or truck that they can afford."

These programs provide a great opportunity for military personnel to qualify for car or truck they need to improve their lifestyle and still stay within their budget. As a former Army Captain and member of Special Forces, John Soskin also knows what it's like to be new to the military and to need reliable transportation.

"I remember buying my first car and not knowing how to budget or whether it was the right time to buy. The most confusing part was the financing. With the lenders we have available, we can offer easy financing terms and even help E-1's and up learn what they need to know to become auto savvy shoppers," says John.



Military Finance Representative, John Soskin

Recent partnerships with various military lenders have made it possible for respectable dealers like Bill Heard Chevrolet to offer never-before available alternative financing exclusively to military E-1's and up with little or no credit and in some cases bad credit. These programs remove many of the common roadblocks that occur with junior military personnel when trying to qualify them for traditional financing. Because these lenders finance the military exclusively, they make it their business to offer the best interest rates and easiest terms available.

"It just makes good sense to do business with lenders who have the best interests of our customers as their top priority, says Jimmy Peters. These lenders have a vested interest in making sure that the automobile purchase is a smart buy."

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2. A National Dealer Certified Network, which guarantees the military the special treatment they deserve throughout their automobile purchasing experience.
3. A One-Rate, Non-Credit Based Loan Program to make the approval process easier and guarantee the best interest rate possible. (A rate much lower than the state ceiling rate that traditional lenders normally charge automobile buyers with no credit history.)

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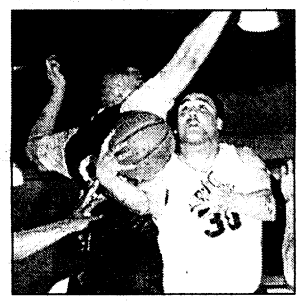
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Soldiers deploy to Kuwait

3rd Brigade to deter Iraqi aggression against neighbor

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The mission may be to deter Iraqi aggression and train with Kuwaiti soldiers, but another possibility is on the minds of many of the 3rd Brigade soldiers who began deploying this week.

President Bush may call upon them to fight the war on terrorism by invading Iraq and ousting Sadam Hussein from power.

"We're as ready as we're ever going to be," said Pvt. Jeff Bray, an all-wheel mechanic, 203rd Forward Support Battalion. "No one is ever excited about war, but if we have to fight, that's why we're here."

He and others are confident the six-month Operation Desert Spring mission will be a success, but they still have jitters.

"I'm nervous," Bray said. "I don't know what to expect. I'm kind of anxious to get there and get the job done."

The battalion eased much of the apprehension with a vigorous training schedule for the past several months.

"They couldn't have prepared us anymore than they have," Bray said. "We were busy doing something every day. Our leadership has been great."

The Rochester, N.Y., native said the biggest challenge he foresees is the Kuwaiti heat.

"It's going to be a shock to me, but I'm sure I'll be fine," Bray said.

Another challenge many soldiers will face will be the separation from loved ones.

"Being away from my family will be tough," said Pfc. Chris Malay, heavy-wheel mechanic, 203rd FSB.

However, he said he is fortunate to have excellent sergeants who will watch out for his wife, Ethel, and 5-month-old son, Kristopher.

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Sgt. William A. Grave

Sgt. Lasundra McDomick, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion, boards a plane.

Reaction team identifies targets

Combat training in close quarters requires unity

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Members of Fort Benning's Special Reaction Team practiced live-fire, close-quarters combat at Brann Range Monday.

The team practiced entering a hostile building in teams of two and five. They tactically moved through each room in the building and identified whether the targets on the wall were friend or foe.

"Within two to three seconds, you must determine if it's a threat and engage it," said Capt. Andrew Sullivan, team commander.

The posters on the wall identified either a person empty handed or one with a weapon.

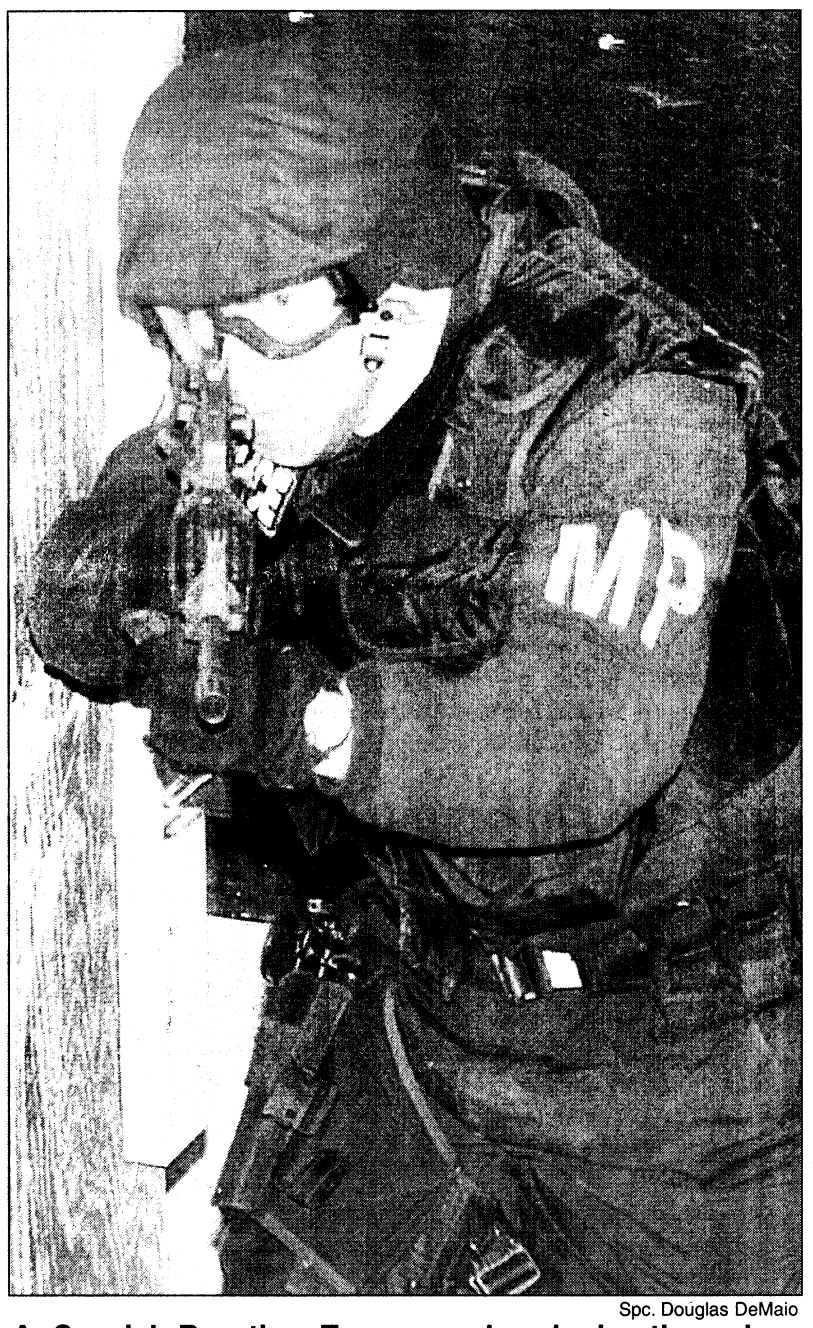
"It's just like a real world scenario," said Staff Sgt. Kyle Jenkins, team NCOIC. "This is the best training we'll get for this type of mission.

"It allows you to get used to a weapon firing next to you and how people move next to you with live rounds."

Clearing a building can be a very stressful mission, and moving through a hostile environment requires a significant amount of communication, Jenkins said.

"Use the minimum force

See **SRT**, A-6



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

A Special Reaction Team member looks through a building to ensure it is clear of all threats.

Climate survey results revealed

Answers give insight for improvement

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

The results are in, and Fort Benning, on most counts, is in great shape.

A climate survey ordered by post commander Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton shed light on how soldiers and civilians rate the work environment and quality of life on the installation.

"This is good news, a tribute to the installation," said Lt. Col. Selby Rollinson, Inspector General.

Findings indicate that overall, people are satisfied with their work environment on post, especially civilians. Even more notable is that there was a

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MPs enforce Operation Slow Down

Post drivers need to be aware of law

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

Fort Benning drivers need to slow down.

Speeding is a problem on post and during town hall meetings residents continue to ask the community to slow down.

If Fort Benning drivers do not drive within the speed limit, they will be pulled over by the military police, said Lt. Col. Terry Kelley, chief, Law Enforcement Division, Directorate of Public Safety.

Starting Monday, MPs from the 2145th Garrison Support Unit, 178th Military Police Company with the Georgia National Guard and 157th MP Co. from West Virginia will help patrol the roads, enforcing the speed limits.

"If you are pulled over by an MP, you are subject to a ticket," Kelley said.

Speed limits protect everyone, Kelley said. And in a heavily concentrated population like Fort Benning "excessive speed cannot be justified."

The fines for speeding are:

- 0 to 10 mph over the posted speed limit is $50.
- 11 to 20 mph over the limit is $100.
- 21 to 30 mph is $200, and anything over 30 mph is a mandatory court appearance for reckless driving.

An increase in the number of speeding citations should send a message to all post residents, said Sgt. 1st Class Ken Bennett, Traffic NCOIC, DPS.

"This is a force protection measure," Kelley said. "Remember, we're protecting those who protect the world."

Fort Benning's speed limit in housing areas is 15 mph at all times.

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The speed limit is 15 mph postwide during PT hours, weekdays 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m., except on Sand Hill, where PT starts at 5:30 a.m.

Bank to cancel accounts

Delinquent payments lead to termination

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The Bank of America gave a 60-day reprieve on its pledge to terminate its travel card program with the Department of the Army Monday, said Francis Rago, U.S. Army Travel Card Program Manager.

This includes all individual and central billed accounts used to purchase transportation services through commercial travel office contractors.

Bank of America is dropping the Army because of tens of millions of dollars in delinquent accounts among the 415,000 Army travel-card holders,

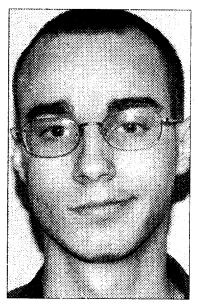
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FINAL FOUR

Madness hampers mission

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

commentary



It's that time of year again, when we bring out the brackets and see who can pick the winners in the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament. Something everyone likes to call March Madness.

The atmosphere of NCAA tournament time keeps people glued to their television, even during the working hours. The tournament becomes the topic of conversation all day throughout the office and on lunch breaks.

I'll admit it has been the topic of conversation in our office a lot.

Every half-hour or so, someone mentions the tournament, and we get in a discussion about it.

We bring out statistics we have memorized and talk about how our favorite team is unbeatable.

To make things worse for getting the mission accomplished is when the television is on during the first two rounds of the tournament. Many offices have a T.V., and every few minutes someone gets up to see who's winning or losing.

Like you, I'm very curious about who's doing well.

There's nothing like seeing Ohio State get beat, but we cross the line when the games interfere with our mission.

Out of curiosity, I asked some people if they watched the tournament and how "into it" they are. I asked if they watch college ball during regular season, too.

About 75 percent of the people I asked don't follow college basketball regularly. They don't even root for their favorite team throughout the year. They are what I call tournament-time fans.

Most people expect their team to make it to the finals every year, and when they don't make it or lose in the first round, they wonder why and complain about it.

I was talking to a guy who complained because the University of North Carolina didn't make it to the tournament.

He told me they had at least 20 wins this season. (The Tar Heels only won eight games!)

If most people followed their teams throughout the year, they'd have a better understanding of how their team will fair in "the Dance."

Maybe there was an injury or the star player got in foul trouble or they had some key losses.

Anything can happen in college basketball — another reason not to become a fan of college basketball and your team when tournament time rolls around.

Be a fan throughout the season. Ride the even keel, and maybe the 'Madness' will not lead to more gray hair and, more importantly, hinder the mission.

Here's my tax-free opinion

Bridgett Siter
Special to the Bayonet©

commentary



Sunday is Easter, the day we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. One of the oldest and most sacred holidays known to mankind.

This year it comes right on the heels of a brand-spanking new holiday of sorts.

Those who worship the Almighty Dollar have proclaimed today and tomorrow a "tax holiday" in Georgia. By sunrise on the third day they hope to see the state's economy resurrected.

It's no coincidence this new holiday coincides with the first major spending holiday of the year. It's sure to turn this religious celebration, already over-commercialized, into a shopaholic's nirvana.

Now I'm not one to complain. I like a tax break as much as the next consumer, and with four children (two of whom absolutely-gotta-have-new-tennis-shoes-please-Mom at this very moment), I know I'll be bumping elbows at the mall tomorrow.

But a quick perusal of the list of tax-exempt items gives me pause. On the surface, it seems reasonable enough — shoes, footwear, school supplies and computer stuff. Everything students and working adults need to succeed. And then some.

But take a closer look:

Aerobicwear and antique clothing are on the list. Reading and prescription glasses are not. Hmmm.

Bandannas are on the list, though students are not permitted to wear them since they can symbolize gang affiliation. Headbands, hair bows and handkerchiefs are not on the list. More hmmm.

Umbrellas are not exempt, but swim caps are. Your hair may get soaked in the rain, but it'll stay dry in the pool.

Aprons and hair nets — the kind used to keep hair out of food! — are NOT tax exempt, but garters, garter belts and corsets are. I'm beginning to see a pattern of inconsistency here.

Athletic gear, such as "cups," are not exempt. Bras are. Bathing suits, belt buckles and bow ties are exempt, as are leg warmers, hand muffs (in Georgia?) and tuxedos — as long as you're buying, not renting (in which case they tax the tux).

New shoe laces are tax exempt, but buttons are exempt from the exemption. Scouting uniforms are tax exempt. Sporting uniforms are not.

A whole grocery list of computer accessories are tax exempt — but only for nonrecreational use. Yeah, right. And all sorts of school supplies, as long as they're intended for school, of course. Backpacks are tax exempt if they're used for books, not if they're used for hiking.

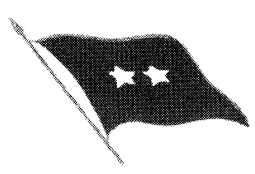
Rubber bands are tax exempt, though kids can't carry them to school because they're considered weapons. But staplers are allowed, and they're tax free, too. As is tape ... for school, of course, not gift wrapping.

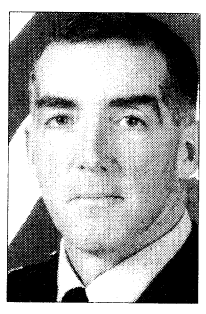
Now I stand to benefit from this tax holiday as much as anybody, but I can't help but notice the irony that runs through this list like a bad pair of pantyhose — which, by the way, are tax exempt.

So thanks for the break guys. But don't think we don't recognize this tax holiday for what it is — an attempt, a really good attempt, to lure us reluctant shoppers into the highways and byways of commerce. We're on to you.

Now off I go to give the economy a boost and fill those Easter baskets. I'll take two corsets, please, a swim cap and a bow tie. And could you tell me where to find the antique clothing?

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Only caring communities can produce caring, competent children and youth. Each child is special and every child deserves the chance to grow and mature and be part of a peaceful world.

Therefore, I declare April Child Abuse Prevention Month at Fort Benning, and call upon all soldiers, families, citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities and businesses to increase their participation in our efforts to prevent child abuse, thereby strengthening the community in with we live. Protect our children — our future.

Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton
Commanding General

letter to the editor

Traffic concerns

I have a concern about the intersection at Dixie Road and the Bouton Heights housing area.

There's a sign that says no left turn from 7 to 8 a.m. and 4 to 5 p.m., during the peak hours. Why isn't this enforced?

— K. Gill
Fort Benning

Directorate of Public Safety response:

This intersection does have a sign prohibiting left turns during the hours listed. Turning left during these times creates a safety hazard. During the past three years, we have run a number of operations to reinforce the prohibition.

Since Sept. 11, our MP resources have been stretched by increased mission requirements associated with access control and force protection. As a result, the coverage of that area has become sporadic.

We now have sufficient personnel, thanks to mobilized U.S, Army Reserve and National Guard units, to allow us to resume many normal operations and will shift our focus to cover that area, off and on, in the coming days to reinforce the need for compliance.

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— Lt. Col. Terry Kelley
Law Enforcement Division

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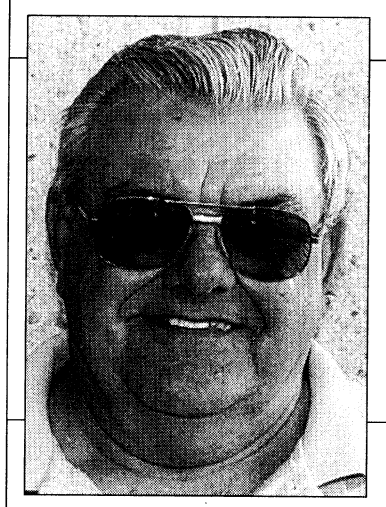
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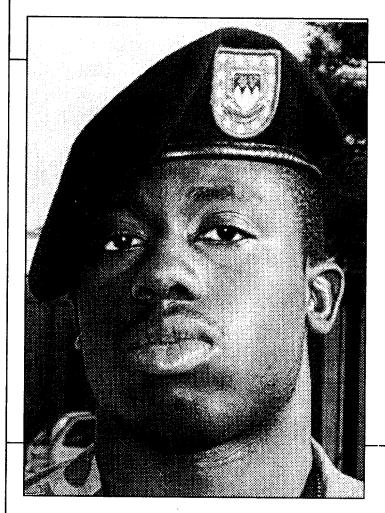
Who do you think will win the men's Final Four and why?



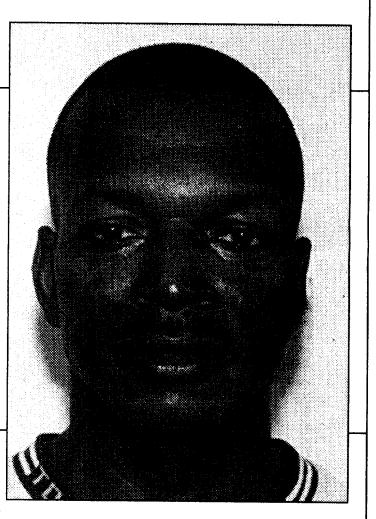
Richard Boyd, community member — "Maryland. They have experience. They have too many seniors and a good coach."



Pvt. Lakeisha Hessell, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — "Maryland. Their bench is deep. They have a really good inside, outside game in (Lonnie) Baxter and (Juan) Dixon."



Pvt. Vincent Dunlap, 608th Ordnance Company — "Maryland. I'm an ACC fan. It's the toughest conference, and they deserve to win. This is Juan Dixon's year. Kansas is going to have to wait until next year."



Sgt. 1st Class Chris Alston, 2nd Battalion, 381st Training Support Battalion, Grand Prairie, Texas — "Maryland. Their players are ready to play this season. Without a doubt, they have two players who are going to the NBA in Dixon and Baxter."



Staff Sgt. Richard Ward, 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment — "Oklahoma. I used to pull for them when I was a child. My dad went to school there and earned his master's degree there, too."



Deandre Blakely, family member — "Maryland. They have a good offense. Juan Dixon is one of the best free throw shooters. Also, he was voted one of the best players in the country and the best the ACC."

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Canadians explore opportunities

Night vision gives troops new outlook

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
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Canadian soldier, Cpl. Andrew Torrance, identifies targets while wearing daytime goggles, which limit his field of view.

Canadians are conducting research on post as part of a U.S. and Canadian training agreement between Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab and Canada's Defense, Civil Institute of Environmental Medicine called CANUSTEP.

Alongside the Army's Human Research and Engineering Directorate, DBBL, and Night Vision Electronic Sensors Directorate, the Canadian army is determining what is the optimal field of view.

"It is obvious to us and troops that we want to maximize field of view, said Maj. Linda Bossi, the human factors technical authority for Soldier Information Requirements Technology Demonstration. "However, we want to characterize the performance benefit with various fields of view because any increase in the view increases unit cost.

"We want the best bang for the buck."

The Canadian army is in their first week of conducting research on post providing them with an opportunity to train for situational awareness and opening up a window for testing during Canada's cold season.

"We love this place," Bossi said. "Fort Benning is a unique place for the study. It has state of the art facilities to research and capture data. The DBBL staff are incredibly supportive, and the weather is perfect for our research."

Their research is educating them on the performance impact of information technologies, including wide field of view, sensors on individual soldiers and team performance across a range of tasks and terrain environments. Depending on the model and type of night vision a soldier is wearing, the soldier will not have any peripheral vision and will see anywhere from 40 to 95 degrees, which can limit the soldiers vision and disrupt a mission. Soldier experience tunnel vision when wearing night vision goggles, said Sgt. Steve Lamrock, 1st Battalion, The Royal Canadian Regiment.

"If I need to use hand signals, everyone is looking at me, and I have no eyes to the front," Lamrock said. "It affects my command and control."

Even though the field of view is limited, the study is still extremely helpful, Lamrock said. The experience gives the Canadian soldiers a greater understanding about the infrastructure of the U.S. military.

"It makes me more versatile," Lamrock said. "I can understand the mentality. On a joint mission, if I need to get something done, it will help me understand who I need to talk with, a corporal, sergeant or master sergeant, to accomplish what needs to be done."

In addition to learning about their NATO allies, the experience so far is allowing the Canadians to gather research and technology concepts.

"We're testing equipment before we purchase it," Lamrock said. "We want to be sure it will be something we can put to use."

This will help the Canadian army spend their money more efficiently to acquire effective equipment, he said.

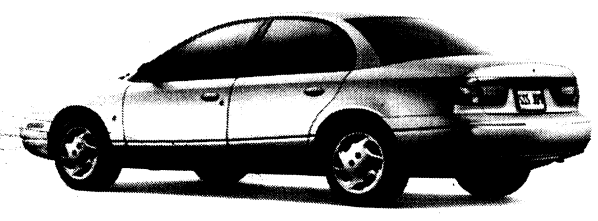
Their research is part of SIREQTD. Much like the U.S. Army's transformation, SIREQTD is the first phase for the Canadian army to define and validate the performance requirements for the future soldier system by demonstrating capability enhancements in command execution, target acquisition and situational awareness for the individual Canadian dismounted soldier.

In addition to the wide field of view night vision testing being conducted collaboratively between HRED, DBBL and the Canadians, this is the third in a series of experiments being conducted by the SIREQTD project at Fort Benning's DBBL. The Canadian experiments include assessment of navigation performance using 2–D and 3–D maps, auditory and tactical displays and communications with map displays sharing friendly locations.

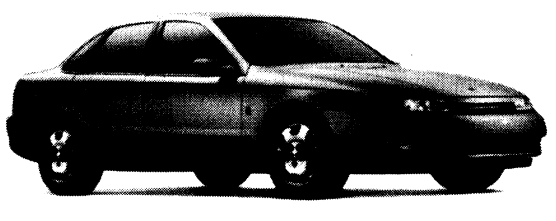
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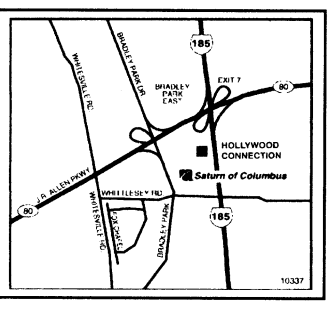
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Weight control reg under review

Changes not expected before 2003

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — While the Army is currently reviewing its rules governing the weight control program in Army Regulation 600-9, don't expect to see any changes before fiscal 2003.

That guidance and a message to stick to the current policy were sent to senior noncommissioned officers last week by Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilly in a "SMA sends" e-mail.

"Don't let your soldiers get caught up in the speculation about changes to the program," he said.

"Rest assured that any decisions we make will be driven by what's best for the health of our soldiers and the readiness of our Army."

Last updated in 1986, the latest review was partly prompted by a Government Accounting Office report and a Department of Defense directive for the armed services to get more standardized programs across each. Currently, weight control and physical fitness standards are developed and implemented independently by each service.

Another reason for the review, said Lt. Col. Margaret Flott, chief of the Individual Readiness Policy Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, is the Army knows more about health issues and physical fitness based upon medical science than it did years ago.

"When I joined the Army, we did physical training in combat boots and fatigues," Flott said.

"Soldiers no longer wear combat boots when doing PT because we now know that practice is not healthy. Likewise, we now wear appropriate clothing for PT.

"The review of the weight control program is about using established medical science based upon the general (United States) population — information we didn't have 15 years ago when the current regulation was written — and testing it to see what is best for our soldiers and for the Army."

The Army is still in the information-gathering stage of the review, said Lt. Col. Linda Williams, a G-1 Health Promotion Policy staff officer.

The next step will be to field test proposals and practices, she said.

Following the field test, recommendations for any changes will be staffed at both the Army headquarters and major military command levels — a process which could take up to a year — before any changes might be made, Williams continued.

"We are reviewing our current policy to determine whether changes should be made and what they should look like," Williams said.

"Our ultimate objective is to improve the health and readiness of the force."

Soldiers: Leave for Kuwait with thought of war on mind

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Thoughts of his family lead to an obvious possibility of Army life — war.

"I'll wonder if we're going to war with Iraq," Malay said. "It's always going to be on my mind. But (being there) will be good for my military career — the pay will be good, and I'll receive some ribbons."

He plans to help the battalion meet its goal of taking care of the brigade and to meet many personnel goals like going to every board, continuing his education, and earning the rank of specialist.

Understanding the importance of the mission helps him cope as well.

"With all the terrorists still in the world, we have to keep attacking them," Malay said.

"If we dropped it, that would mean all those Americans died for nothing. So we'll take care of business if the president calls on us."

Battalion leadership has set them up for success by providing numerous training vignettes prior to the deployment.

"Our leaders had us doing infantry tactics to prepare for this, so, if something happens in the rear, we'll be able to take care of it," Malay said.

Soldiers of 3rd Soldier Support Battalion are ready, too.

"When I first found out I was going — right after 9-11 — I said, 'I'm not ready for this,' but then I reminded myself it is only a rotation, and we'll go do good things," said Sgt. Lasundra McDomick, personnel service NCO.

For instance, she and her soldiers will update soldiers' records when they go to boards and countless other integral personnel actions.

"I'm excited because it will be something new and different, but I'm a little sad to have to leave my son," McDomick said.

She sent Tyreese, 3, to live with her parents in Texas.

"I know he's upset his mom is going to be gone for a while, but he's in good hands," McDomick said.

Spc. LaSonya Thomas' two daughters will have nothing about which to worry, too. Her daughters, LaToya, 16, and Tierra, 7, will stay with her sister, Rhonda Jones, who gave up her house in Arkansas to come take care of the children.

"I'll be able to focus on the mission because she's there," said Thomas, a finance specialist with 3rd SSB.

"I want to get there, do what needs to be done and come back home."

Until then, she and other women will be getting used to the change in environment and dealing with the different culture and customs, she said. Wearing a veil in public and walking behind a male will be strange if they have to do them.

"It should be interesting to see it firsthand," Thomas said. "(Women) are second-class citizens there, and here, we have women in charge of men.

Regardless of the cultural differences, one thing is a sure bet for men and women.

"It's not going to hinder us," she said. "There is a system in place, and it should be easy to step in and continue the mission."



Sgt. William A. Graves

Soldiers from 203rd Forward Support Battalion board the aircraft headed to Kuwait.

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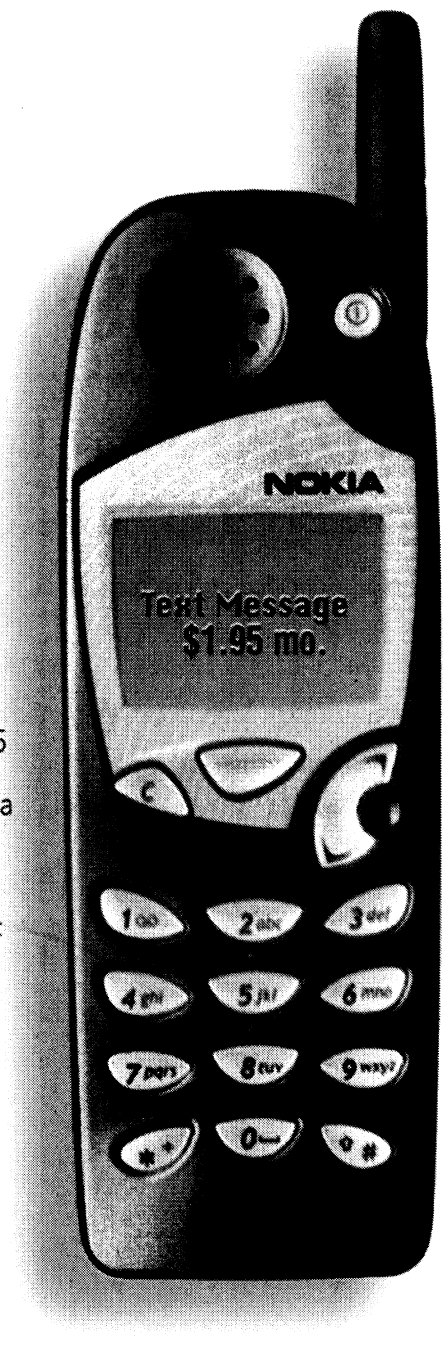
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Infantry Industry Day begins on post

Contractors learn road map for Army's future

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Soldiers can be reassured the command staff is taking appropriate steps to meet the needs of soldiers on the battlefield. Defense contractors attended two days of briefings about the direction the Army is heading with its transformation. The briefings are part of this week's Second Annual Infantry Industry Day, which is geared to inform contractors about the Army's needs.

"This gives industry contractors information on where we are with forces development and where we want to go," said Capt. Shawn Jenkins, project officer for the Directorate of Combat Development. "It provides companies with information of where the Army is heading and provides focus to the industry. It gives everybody the same starting page."

Contractors from the industry will leave the conference well informed and ready to provide their companies with information vital to the advancement of the Army, Jenkins said.

Essentially, the dissemination of information and the exchange of ideas provides the industry a road map to follow, said John Spencer, Northrop Gummar contractor.

"The key thing for us is to learn what the user really wants and try to provide that," Spencer said. "If you talk one on one, you can exchange ideas to meet their needs."

The time and activities provided throughout the conference allowed the contractors and the command to collectively exchange ideas, he said.

Collaboration is really what the day is about, Jenkins said.

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> **Capt. Shawn Jenkins**
> Directorate of Combat Development project officer

"We've worked with many of these companies in the past, and we will keep working with them," Jenkins said.

The contractors feel Infantry Industry Day is necessary for the good of the U.S. Army Infantry Center.

"We need to do it every year," Jenkins said. "It's a must to keep the information flowing between us. We really appreciate the center for the opportunity."

The contractors will come back to Fort Benning for the Infantry Conference during the second week of June to display the concepts they have taken from this week.

SRT: Trains to save lives

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necessary to eliminate the treat is our objective," he said. "Our mission is to preserve life. Training brings more confidence and reassurance with your team. Many of these soldiers have worked with each other for a few years, so we are confident we can depend on the person next to us."

Team members find what they do to be rewarding, said an SRT sergeant.

"I like this kind of stuff," the sergeant said. "I wanted to be part of a team, and this type of training will help me if I need to clear a building in a wartime situation."

Learning how to deal with stress is an important part of the team's mission, the sergeant said. The team focuses on how members who tryout for the team deal with stress during training exercises.

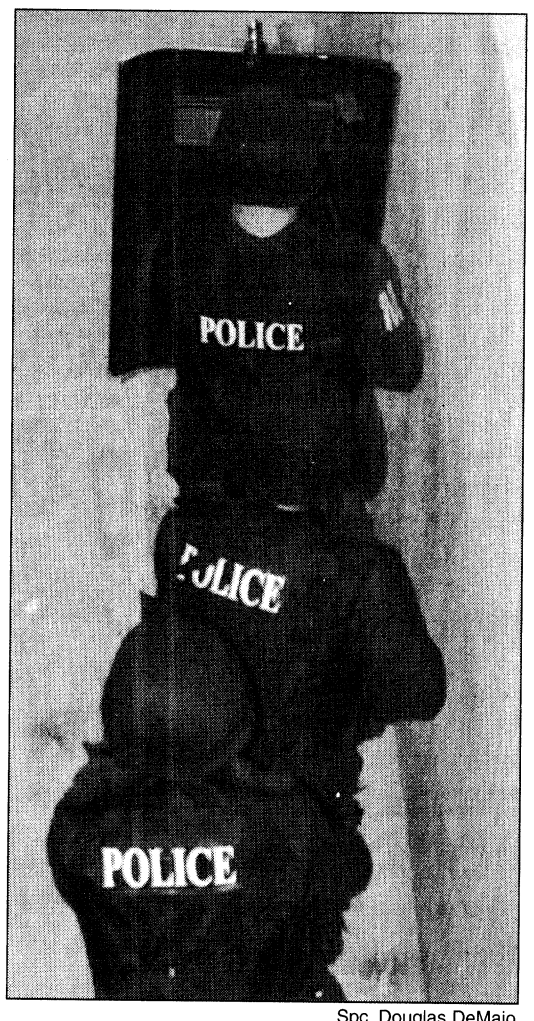
"It's important to see how they respond to stress," he said. "The confusion of battle can be devastating."

All members of the SRT perform their regular duties as military police and meet standards of a highly qualified soldier. They receive a variety of training on things such as hand-to-hand combat and hostage situations among other things.

"They must shoot expert," Jenkins said. "They must have a high Army Physical Fitness Test score. They've all met the standards to be on the SRT."

Overall, the team is trained and ready for whatever lies ahead of them, he said.

"We hope we never have to use it," Jenkins said. "If anything ever happened on Fort Benning, I'm fully confident they would achieve their mission."



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
SRT members prepare for training.

Bank: Cancels accounts

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according to a March 25 *Federal Times* article. Delinquencies totaled 15 percent of all DoD dollars owed and 22 percent of all Army dollars owed.

There are 549 delinquent accounts in Training and Doctrine Command, which equates to $448,055 or 5.05 percent, according to March statistics.

Delinquencies should never have became a concern for Bank of America, said Master Sgt. Sally Toomey, NCOIC Public Affairs, who heads to Korea soon.

"I think the real problem is with individuals who don't file correct travel vouchers or who don't pay off the credit cards when they get their (Temporary Duty) settlement," Toomey said.

She has had firsthand knowledge of some misuse of travel cards.

"One young soldier I was sitting next to on a flight from Frankfurt to Atlanta made about 45 minutes of calls on the in-flight telephone," Toomey said. "I tried to mind my business until I saw he was using his government credit card — then I decided to butt-in to save him from himself."

Still, a few bad eggs shouldn't spoil the batch, Toomey said.

"I'd rather not deplete my savings or run up my personal credit cards in order to go to school en route to Korea, but I'm bracing myself for that to happen," Toomey said. "It shouldn't be that way.

"Instead of cutting off the program, they should give everyone with an overdue account 30 days to pay it or present documentation to explain why it's not paid. If they don't have their ducks in order, collect it from their pay."

To combat the eminent stoppage by the bank, the Department of the Army travel card program manager is preparing a contingency plan for individually billed accounts.

The plan is to allow use of personal funds, including personal credit cards, government travel advances and government transportation requests.

DA is working with the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to determine how people will receive funds.

"The transportation community and DFAS are aware of the issue and are geared up to accept increased requests for (government transportation requests) and travel advances," said Cathy Cone, government travel card coordinator, Directorate of Resource Management.

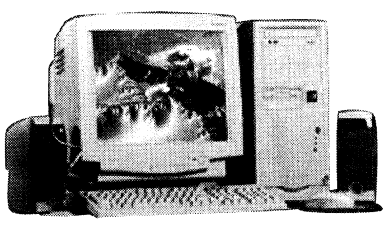
Most soldiers use Carson Wagonlit Travel in San Antonio for their travel needs, according to the article.

"We will do whatever is necessary to take care of our customers," said Erma Spell, Carson Wagonlit Travel president, in the article. "The biggest inconvenience for us will be delay in payment, and there will be a lot of additional work for us and the Army."

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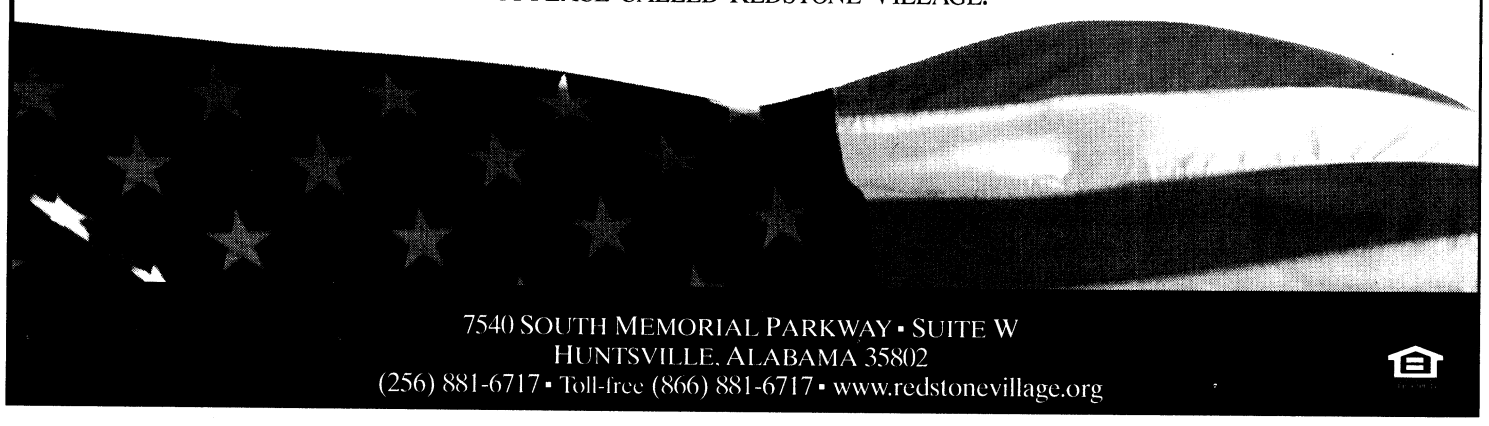
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3rd Brigade conducts change of responsibility ceremony

Brigade receives new command sergeant major

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A former 3rd Brigade battalion command sergeant major took over the 3rd Brigade Combat Team command sergeant major position March 21 in a change of responsibility ceremony on Sledgehammer Field.

Command Sgt. Maj. Mark T. Baker replaced Command Sgt. Maj. Mark A. Kellman, who had been assigned to 3rd Bde. since May 5, 1999. He will move to Fort Stewart, Ga., to become the 3rd Infantry Division command sergeant major.

"Today is indeed a special day, said Col. Daniel Allyn, 3rd Brigade 3rd Infantry Division, commander. "A diversity of uniforms in our ranks represents the diversity of our missions.

"All the soldiers are ready to deploy today."

"Command Sergeant Major Baker has an impressive biography," Allyn said. "It's no surprise he is now in power as the senior NCO of this brigade."

The transfer to Fort Benning from Fort Stewart, Ga., was a great honor, Baker said.

"It's a great day to be back," Baker said. "This truly is a home coming for me and Tracy (Baker's wife), and I wish Command Sergeant Major Kellman the best of luck."

The brigade is preparing for a deployment at the end of the month to Kuwait as part of an ongoing mission to deter Iraqi aggression.

The sole mission is to take care of soldiers in the brigade, Baker said.

"I am confident the deployment will be safe and challenging," said Maj. Gen. Buford C. Blount, division commander. "3rd brigade is the lead element of the division in supporting America's war against terrorism.

"I appreciate all the support that the surrounding community and Columbus will give to family members left behind during this deployment. The first priority of the mission is to bring everyone back safely."

The soldiers have been working up to this moment through months of training.

"We are preparing for the deployment with tough realistic training, and that's what ensures we will bring the soldiers back," Blount said. "I only ask three things of my soldiers, to give 100 percent, to follow their leaders and to follow the seven Army values."

There have been many improvements to Kelley Hill and the quality of life there, and Baker is committed to continue the progress.

"When I left Kelley Hill in the 90s, the construction had just begun," Baker said. "Now that I'm back, I can't believe all of the progress that has been made. I am deeply rooted in quality of life issue."

Baker is committed to look out for the training and welfare for the enlisted soldiers, too.

"The soldiers put me where I'm at today. I'm nothing without my soldiers," Baker said.

With the help of his soldiers, he is up to the challenge, he said.

"This is an awesome responsibility," Baker said. "This division is the busiest in the Army.

"I've been in it for a long time — so I can say that."

Baker was born in Memphis, Tenn., and entered the U.S. Army Reserve in 1982 as a combat engineer. He later entered active duty in April 1983 and completed basic training and AIT at Fort Benning.

His military education includes Airborne School, Ranger School, Pathfinder School, Drill Sergeant School, Infantry Mortar Leaders Course, Master Fitness Trainer Course.

He also has a bachelor of science degree in liberal arts from Excelsior University of New York.

Among his numerous award and decorations are four Meritorious Service Medals, two Army Commendation Medals, four Army Achievement Medals, the Expert Infantrymen's Badge, Pathfinder Badge, Drill Identification Badge and Ranger Tab.

Baker is married to the former Tracy Townsend. They have two sons, Mark Jr., 18, and Christopher, 14.

around post

eArmyU briefings

There will be an eArmyU briefing at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 32B in Infantry Hall.

It moves to 5820 Veterans Parkway, Suite 101, April 1. It will be open Monday to Friday.

The educational initiative offers eligible enlisted soldiers the chance to work toward a college degree. The program is 100 percent free and includes a technology package that consists of a laptop computer, printer and free Internet service.

For more information, call 545-1774.

Alcohol screening day

Fort Benning is participating in National Alcohol Screening Day to be 11:30 to 1 p.m. April 11.

The day is a screening and educational program offered free during Alcohol Awareness Month. Soldiers who attend the screening can take a brief written self-assessment, review results with clinician and receive a referral if appropriate.

The screening sites will be Main Post Office, 36th Engineer Group Dining Facility, pharmacy at Martin Army Community Hospital, Infantry Hall, Kelley Hill Truscott Center.

For more information, call the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-1138.

ID card closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 11:45 a.m. April 2, to perform student ID Card processing requirements. Normal operational hours will resume April 3 at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call 545-1411.

Special Forces brief

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta will hold a briefing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22-26 at Infantry Hall, Classroom 9.

For more information, call 545-8771.

Holocaust survivor trip

The USAIC Equal Opportunity Office will pay honor to the victims, as well as survivors, of the Holocaust, at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and the Holocaust Memorial at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta April 25.

The trip is for Fort Benning soldiers and DoD civilians only. The bus will depart Building 2509 (EO office) at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m.

Cost is $4 per person (admission into the museum). There will be a guided tour of the museum and a lecture and story with a survivor of the Holocaust.

Participants will need to provide their own lunch.

Tickets are available at the main EO office on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665 or 545-8452 or see your Equal Opportunity advisor.

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The Fort Benning military police will conduct DUI, speed enforcement patrols in the following areas:

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April 9	Craig Drive, Kessler Drive
April 11	McGraw Manor

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Remember Operation Slow Down hours are 6 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. The speed limit is 15 mph. For more information, see USAIC Reg. 190-5.

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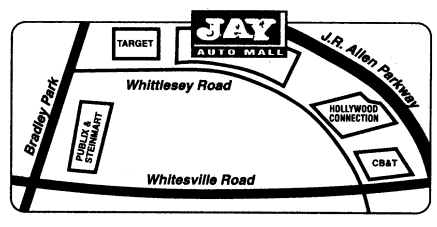
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A member of the original Darby's Rangers is being honored with the dedication of a bridge on Fort Benning's Sunshine Road.

Retired Lt. Col. George Sunshine, 85, died March 8, a victim of lung and colon cancer. He learned of the tribute shortly before his death.

"We told Dad on Thursday, the day before he died. He wasn't able to speak, but he squeezed our hands," said retired Col. Michael Sunshine. "I believe he understood."


Sunshine

The senior Sunshine was hand-picked by Maj. William Darby to be the 1st Ranger Battalion's signal officer in 1942.

On the battlefield, Sunshine came to know Darby as a "soldier's soldier," but it was during card games that he came to know Darby as a friend.

"I knew Bill Darby as well as a man knows another," Sunshine said in his memoirs, written in the months preceding his death.

"He was the finest leader of combat soldiers I have ever seen. The troops adored him."

Darby awarded Sunshine a battlefield promotion to first lieutenant and the Purple Heart after Sunshine was wounded during a successful assault on a Vichy French stronghold in North Africa.

Sunshine recounted his experiences in World War II and Korea and his association with the rangers, first Darby's 1st Battalion and later the ranger's 3rd Battalion.

"(Dad's story) doesn't contain heart-pounding battle narrative. He took that with him," his son said. "Like other veterans who experience the anguish of combat, he was reluctant to talk about details."

But Sunshine matter-of-factly recounted the time he and two other rangers encountered armed Germans while scouting the port city of Palermo, Italy.

"There was a small freighter that looked deserted. (It) seemed like a good place to hole up for the night," wrote Sunshine, who was born in Austria and spoke German fluently. "On the deck, I came face-to-face with a German officer carrying a sidearm. I advised (him) that I was the advance party for U.S. troops who would enter the city in the morning.

"My German impressed him — my story didn't.

"He sized the five of us up and pointed out he had a crew of 12. We agreed each of us would hold different parts of the ship to await dawn," Sunshine said. "At the first sign of daylight, U.S. forces rolled into the city, and the German officer surrendered his weapon, crew and ship. This may have been the first time a U.S. ranger ever captured a German ship!"

In 1943, Sunshine was awarded the French Croix de Guerre with Bronze Star — equivalent to the U.S. Silver Star — for routing a large German advance in what he called "my most vivid military memory," but merely "a footnote to my history."

Again, while acting as a forward scout in Tunisia, Sunshine spotted a large number of German tanks assembling for attack and relayed the information to the rangers, who were fighting alongside French troops.

American planes were dispatched to strafe the concentration of German forces, who ultimately retreated.

Sunshine was also awarded the Bronze Star Medal with V Device and Oak-Leaf Cluster, the Purple Heart with Oak-Leaf cluster and a Presidential Unit Citation with Oak-Leaf Cluster.

Survey: Results pave way for future of installation

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significant increase in job satisfaction for officers, enlisted and civilian personnel than was noted in a work environment study in 1998.

"The bottom line is the work force is more satisfied and happier than then, even with downsizing and other issues that might affect their level of satisfaction," said Tony Ralph, mission systems specialist, Inspector General.

When groups were compared, officers rated higher morale, job satisfaction, level of communication and cooperation than their enlisted counterparts. Officers also rated work demands, rewards, safety and corrective actions more favorably than civilians and enlisted soldiers. What came as a surprise to test administrators was the fact that civilians also rated a higher level of morale than enlisted personnel.

Other significant findings in the work environment category suggest that 24 to 30 percent of the post population feel they have to rely on the "grapevine" or rumors for information pertaining to their job. There was also a perception of the entire work force that availability of resources is more of an issue at the organization level than the installation.

Out of 65 specific quality of life areas, only eight were found to be those which may indicate a need for improvement. Those eight areas include emergency room operations, military pay resolution, the civilian promotion system and family housing conditions. These findings may be of little surprise to those who use such facilities on post, Ralph said.

"I think if we just asked people to list what they consider to be problem areas, the list wouldn't be very different from what we have here," Ralph said.

The survey was the product of a joint effort of IG and the Quality Management Division. Results were gathered from 984 surveys out of 1,100 distributed. The accuracy of the survey was 95 percent.

Respondents answered 119 questions assessing the work environment and quality of life, and some put their personal thoughts on paper. Out of 1,010 surveys returned, 221 had written comments.

"Despite what people think, the comments do get read, and these will be read by General Eaton," said Jane Holder, mission systems specialist, Inspector General. "People taking a survey need to know it's worthwhile to write what they think. They are contributing to the process, and we take their feedback seriously."

"The statements made by people can be real eye-openers for the owners of the policy," Ralph said. The written comments, in fact, will be divided and given to the appropriate organization so they can review and get ideas for improvement or maintaining current standards.

While the survey was used to make inferences about the Fort Benning population, it was not designed to assess the "whys" behind the results. Focused surveys may be the next step in determining the root causes of problems or successes.

"We had so many objectives going into this it's hard to say why," said Ralph, who said the results would be a springboard for responsive action.

The next step was put into action Wednesday when post commanders, sergeants major and directorates were presented with the findings. Eaton encouraged leaders to look internally for problem areas in order to improve them, and welcomed advice from shareholders. He also asked that they develop a reactionary plan to improve or maintain current standards, and to challenge units and organizations that are doing well to maintain their current level of excellence.

"It's useful for shareholders to have the opportunity to respond to problems," Eaton said. "There's no reason quarters should stay open for weeks while soldiers wait for housing."

Leaders were given one week to identify a course of action as well as their own personal frustrations with barriers that block their unit's progress.

"If I don't know what's important, then I can't salary the people needed to get the job done," Eaton said. "All of you in this room need to make me smart enough to do that. You have your homework."

Quick reaction to the survey is necessary to boost the morale of the organizations, Eaton said.

"Rapid signs of positive change creates a positive spirit," he said. "We will establish long and short term achievable goals for your organizations."

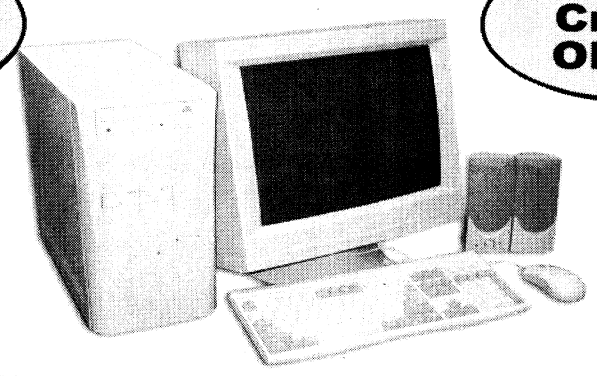
"This is a really great survey," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager. "It feels good to know we've been able to do more with less in the past several years. I'm glad to say we haven't moped around waiting for things to happen, but there are key points that we still need to get out and fix."

"In no way should the results be interpreted as anything but an opportunity to improve," Eaton said. "The most important part of what we're doing is outlining the way ahead. The senior leadership is doing a superb job, and that's the bottom line."

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Soldiers learn hand-to-hand combat



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvts. Matt Williams, Matt Stiles and Mark Stenger use their hand-to-hand combat skills against one another in a triple-threat match Monday.

Basic techniques, speed key to winning in ultimate battle

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Learning to fight can be a challenge for some soldiers. For others, it is much needed time to take out their aggressions.

However, for soldiers of C Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, the art of hand-to-hand combat is much different, as they learned March 22.

"It's a chance to really test your skills," said Pvt. Mark Stenger. "It also shows how much we listened during the blocks of instruction."

Instruction is the key in hand-to-hand combat, said Sgt. 1st Class Loren L. Small, drill sergeant. Without knowing the proper techniques and movements for the style of fighting, Brazilian Ju-Jit-Su, soldiers can very easily injure themselves or others.

"It can be very dangerous if not used properly," Small said. "We teach the soldiers the basics, so they know how to defend themselves in an event of an attack."

Positions taught in the basic hand-to-hand combat classes are the mount, guard, side-mount, passed guard, elbow-trap escape and the stand-up bases.

Moves taught that are not allowed to be used are the guillotine choke and the rear-naked choke.

"Some of these moves we teach the soldiers can cause serious injury," Small said. "That's why we tell them what goes on in the pit, stays in the pit."

The company also uses triple-threat matches, where three soldiers all battle one another.

"It gives us a fun way to use our skills," Stenger said. "It's properly supervised, and it lets us go at each other."

When matched up for fights, drill sergeants do not take into account the size of the individuals they are pairing up.

"Using this style of fighting, someone who weighs 120 pounds could easily beat someone who weighs 250 pounds," Small said. "Soldiers have to be quick to react to the moves other soldiers are doing."

Hand-to-hand combat allows the soldiers to test skills they have learned. In the end, the winner of the match is not the soldier who is the strongest. It is the soldier who thinks before he moves and reacts with quickness.

Course challenges WHINSEC students

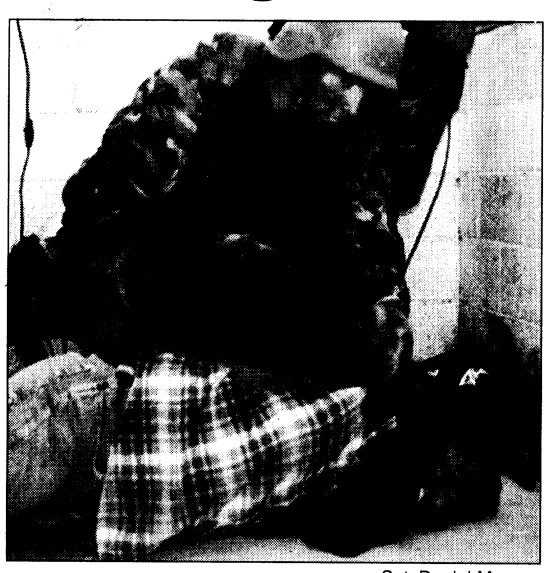
Instructors emphasize proper bust, arrest techniques

Sgt. Daniel Monroy
WHINSEC PAO

For those on the front lines in the war on drugs, success hinges on making a bust stick in a court.

Considering everything that can go wrong in a drug interdiction operation, Counterdrug Operations Course instructors from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation presented their students with many different scenarios in an attempt to press all the wrong buttons, March 22 at the McKenna MOUT training site.

"Months of investigative work, training and even loss of life are all for nothing if charges are dropped for the mishandling of evidence or improper procedure during arrest and seizure," said Staff Sgt. James Bobadilla, a Counterdrug Operations Course instructor.



Sgt. Daniel Monroy

A student subdues a suspected drug trafficker played by Capt. William Velazquez, instructor.

Throughout the course, students, representing six nations of the Western Hemisphere, are put through stressful situations geared to test their ability to follow proper procedures that are consistent with International Humanitarian Law.

"Their mission tonight is to navigate four clicks (four kilometers) and conduct a recon (reconnaissance) of the site of a suspected drug lord and arrest and detain personnel and confiscate evidence," Bobadilla said.

"Everything they've learned thus far will be scrutinized in this, the pinnacle of the 10-week course, exercise," said Capt. Drew Bayliss, chief instructor of the exercise and officer in charge of training.

"We have volunteers and cadre who are playing the role of drug traffickers, and they've been instructed to act unruly and resist arrest and overall be difficult," said Maj. Gilberto Gonzalez, a guest instructor from Costa Rican National Police.

Students attending the course are trained in operating in both rural and urban environments and rely on each other's strengths as military and police tacticians.

"Our military students usually lead the way in the navigation through the woods to the objective, however, our police students seem to shine in the detention of alleged traffickers and the seizure of evidence," Bayliss said.

"I think it is a good exchange of knowledge between military and police," said Staff Sgt. Jaime Vivanco, a Peruvian army soldier.

With cadre playing observer controllers and actually outnumbering students, critical tasks such as the minimal use of force and rules of engagement seldom escape scrutiny, Bayliss said.

After simulated gunfire was exchanged and the crime scene was secured, Capt. Moriama Vargas, a human rights guest instructor to WHINSEC from Venezuela, playing a "fiscal" or district attorney, conducted an investigation of the crime scene to determine if there was sufficient evidence for the courts and ensured that all the suspects in custody had been explained their rights.

"That is everything in the building," Vargas said as a team of investigators logged and prepared to transport the evidence out of the two-story building.

NCOs learn drill techniques

School gives NCOs test on leadership

Pfc. Kyle Neller
USAIC Public Affairs

Baron Frederick von Steuben would be proud to know his methods of teaching discipline to soldiers are still in good use by the Drill Sergeant Academy 223 years after he wrote the "Blue Book."

Soldiers of the academy conducted training in oral orders, also known as "pitching modules," Monday in front of Infantry Hall.

"A module is a tactful, uniform way of explaining to a new soldier how to perform a drill movement (in an efficient manner)," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Taylor, drill sergeant leader.

There are plenty of modules to learn — 33, in fact, Taylor said.

The NCOs learned how to pitch modules from the positions of attention and rest, and how to teach the proper way to render the hand salute.

"Pitching modules is the best way to teach new soldiers how to conduct proper drill movements," said Staff Sgt. Daniel Denormandie, drill sergeant leader.

"It also reminds future drill instructors of some of the tact and discipline they might have forgotten throughout their military careers."

They also learn how vital every step of every period of instruction is.

"Pitching modules teaches us the minor details to look for when training soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Kenneth Adams, student in coarse.

Given their future recruits lack of experience, keeping lessons simple is also important.

"Modules also teach us how to instruct new soldiers with minimal confusion," Adams said.

This requires tactical and technical skill.

"In order to instruct soldiers, you must first master the principles yourself," said Staff Sgt. Rodney Bogdansky, student in school.

Consequently, the school requires hours upon hours of study time.

"Memorizing modules reminds us of the attention to detail we may have forgotten since our time in basic training," Bogdansky said.

The NCOs perform all training within strict guidelines.

"The best way to train future drill instructors is to put them in the basic training environment in which they will be training their soldiers," Bogdanski said.

The discipline pays dividends.

"After they learn these modules, they will know drill and ceremony better then anyone in the Army," Denormandie said.



Sgt. William A. Graves

Sgt. 1st Class Benjamin O. Davis, right, marches, from left, Sgts. 1st Class Juan Contreras, Carlos J. Garcia and Eric A. Payne during drill and ceremony practice Monday.

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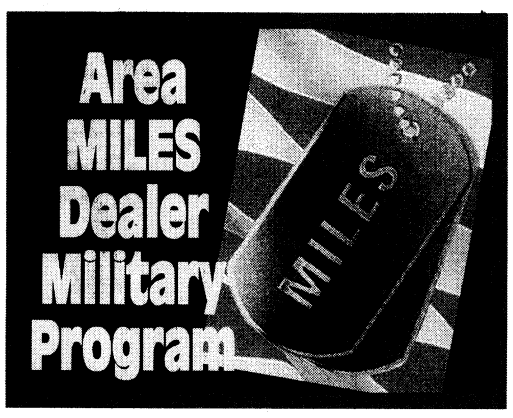


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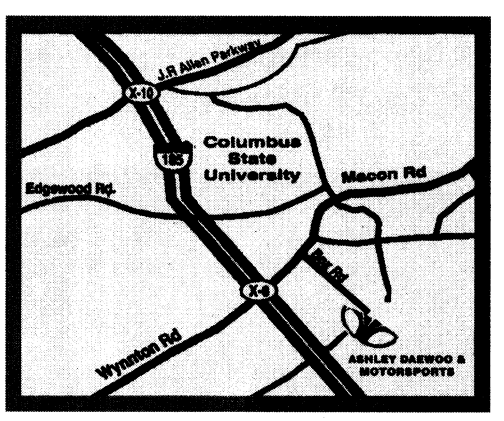


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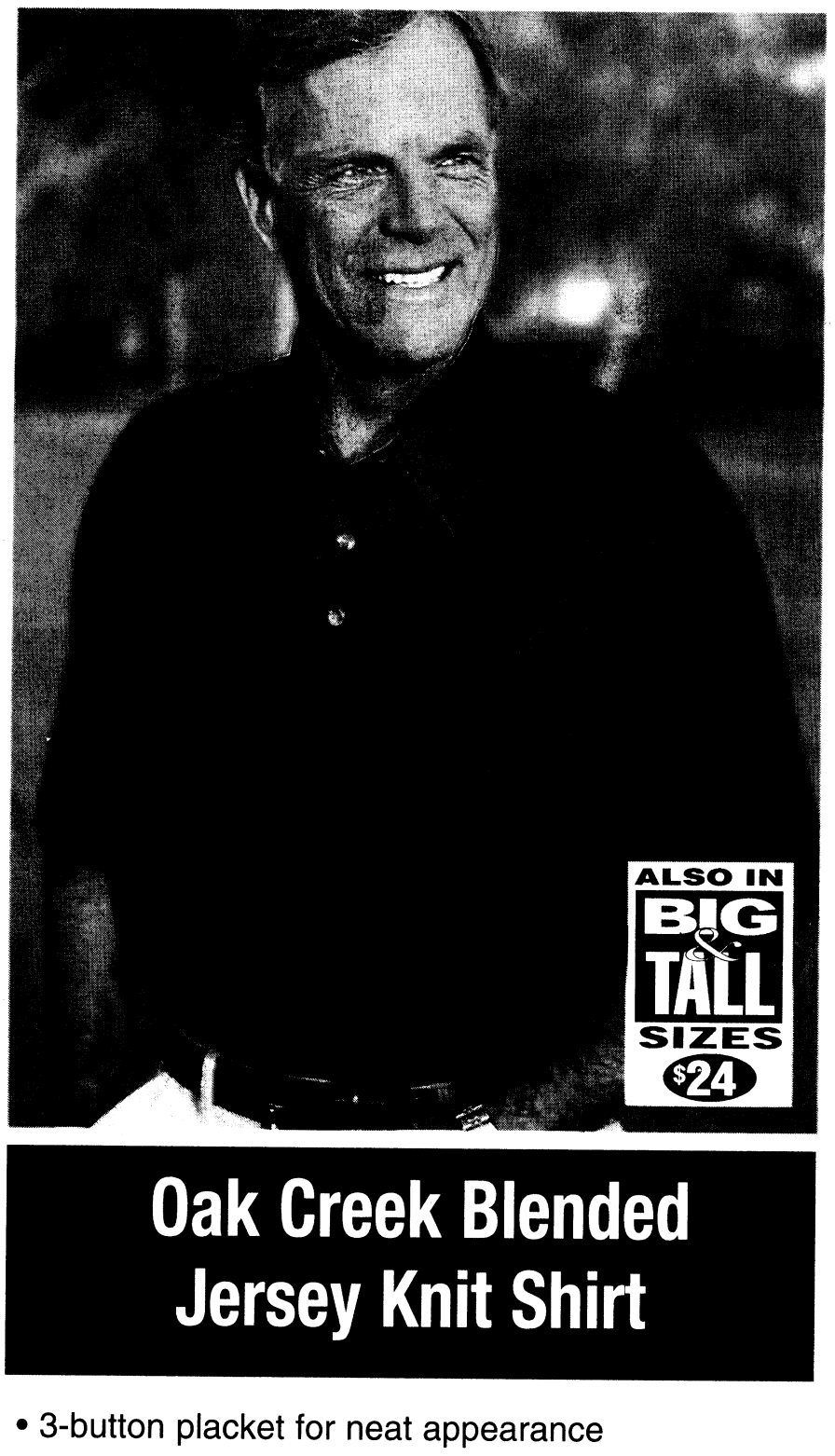
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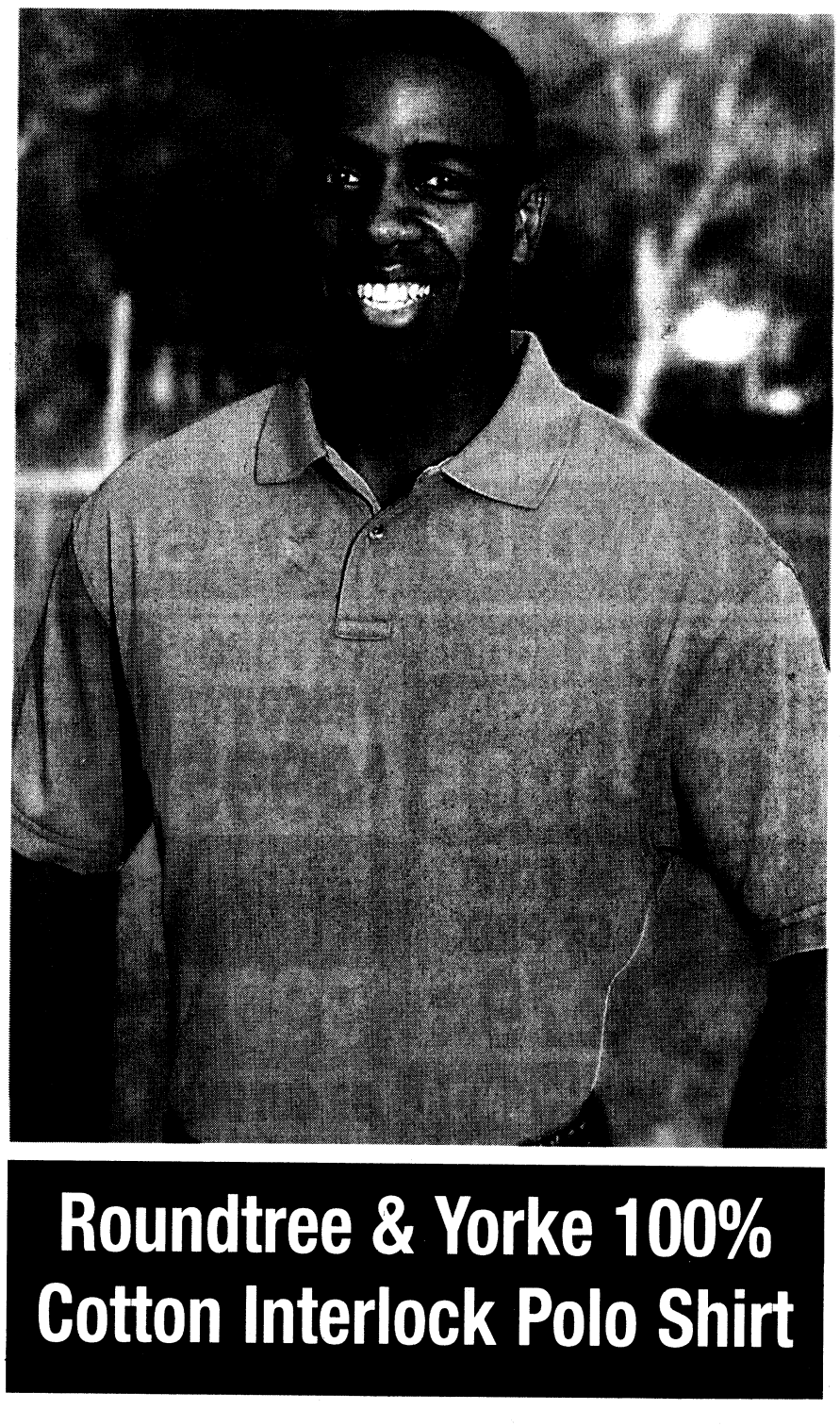
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Travel for health care may be reimbursable

Tricare Prime to repay beneficiaries

Maj. Patrick Barrett
Martin Army Community Hospital

Tricare Prime enrolled beneficiaries referred more than 100 miles from their primary care manager for specialty care may be eligible to have their actual travel expenses reimbursed by Tricare. Under provisions of the 2001 National Defense Authorization Act, travel reimbursement is retroactive to Oct. 30, 2000.

Martin Army Community Hospital is responsible for ensuring a valid referral exists before issuing travel orders. After Tricare approves the referral, MACH will mail a travel order to the beneficiary, which authorizes the travel.

Save all travel receipts.

Upon completion of care, the beneficiary must go to the Resource Management Division at MACH, Building 9203, Stairwell C, and Room 205 for assistance in completing the settlement paperwork.

The beneficiary must fill out an SF 1164 and provide receipts, a copy of the Tricare referral and authorization and travel order.

Packets can be mailed to Resource Management Division, ATTN: MCXB-RMB, USA MEDDAC, 7950 Martin Loop, Fort Benning, GA, 31905-563.

Beneficiaries will receive reimbursement after completing and submitting these items. For all retroactive claims, beneficiaries must report to Resource Management Division with all receipts and a copy of the referral to file the claim.

The new Tricare Prime enrollee travel entitlement does not apply to travel expenses incurred by active- duty services members, active duty family members residing with their sponsors overseas, or to travel costs of beneficiaries referred under Department of Defense specialized treatment programs, which are reimbursed by other travel entitlements.

Additionally, it does not apply to transportation expenses resulting from emergency care covered under the basic Tricare Standard benefit.

The 2002 National Defense Authorization Act, signed into law by President Bush in December authorizes travel orders and reimbursement for one non-medical attendant, under certain conditions. Tricare Prime enrollees who travel with a nonmedical attendant should save travel and lodging receipts for themselves and the nonmedical attendant.

The projected implementation date for the new nonmedical attendant travel benefit is in the next several weeks. This benefit is retroactive to Dec. 28, 2001.

Exercise tests reactions of Benning agencies

Bus drivers participate in MP training

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The situation is hostile. The culprit is armed and dangerous, and he's willing to do whatever it takes to get his way.

The bus drivers of the Fort Benning School System experienced this situation March 22, during a military police training exercise, which included all MPs on duty at the time.

"The exercise was held to provide a realistic situation for our MPs," said Capt. Matt Millar, who played the bad guy. "We wanted to see how the different agencies and our MPs would respond during this kind of situation."

The scenario involved a man hijacking a school bus with his daughter on it. The daughter was actually one of the Fort Benning Schools bus drivers. The other passengers were also bus drivers.

The hijacker complained his wife was not letting him see his daughter, and he just wanted to get his daughter off Fort Benning so he could see her.

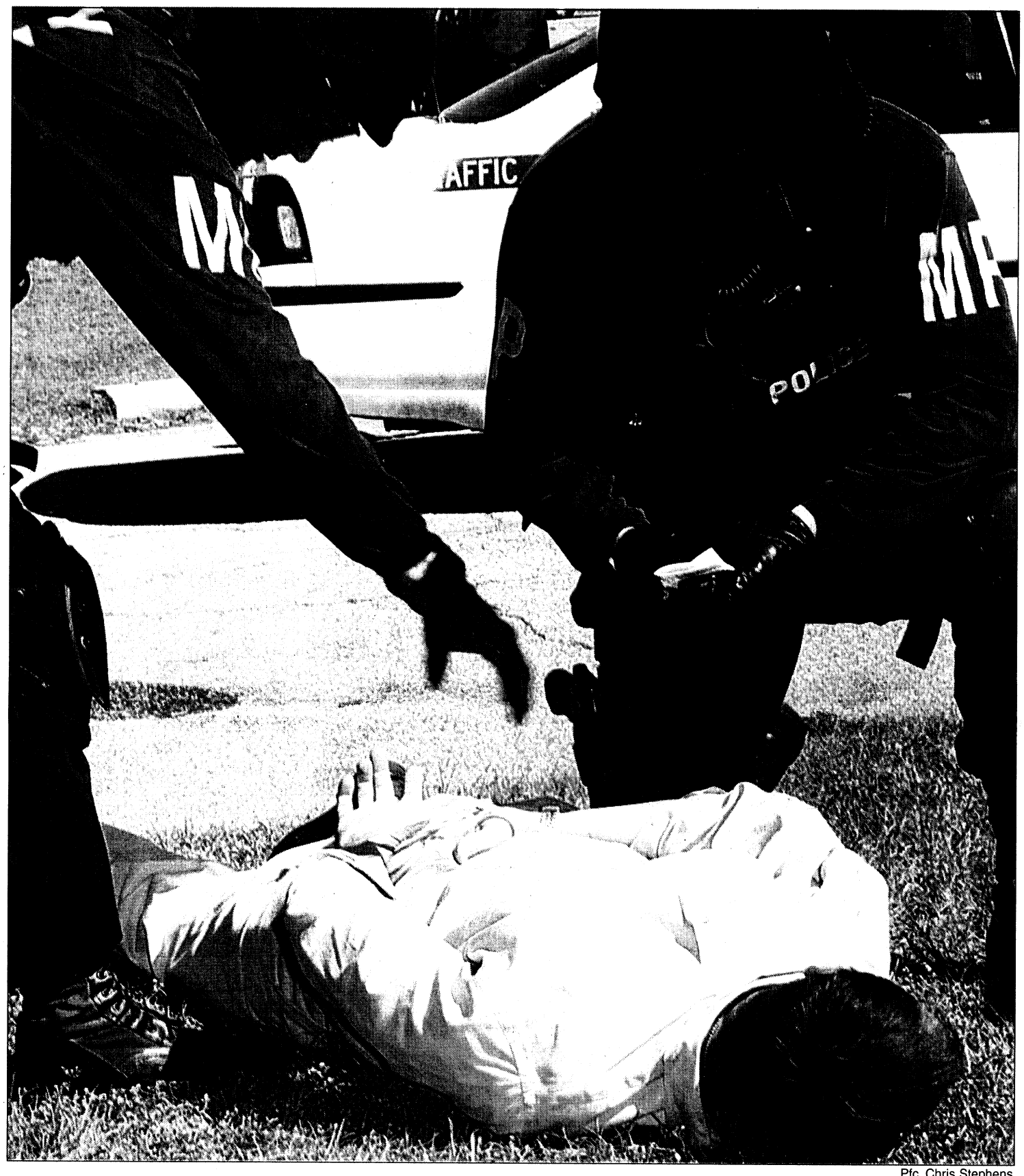
He told everyone everything would be alright once he and his daughter were off Fort Benning.

But, things took a sudden turn for the bad guy.

Just as the bus was about to go past the front gate, a road block was in place to stop the bus. Thus, the hijacker demanded the driver to turn the bus around and look for another exit.

After the bus was turned around, the MPs pursued.

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Pfc. Chris Stephens

Members of Fort Benning's Special Reaction Team arrest the suspected "hijacker" and read him his rights during a training exercise March 22 to test the reactions of Fort Benning agencies.

Tax-free holiday helps

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Shoppers, on your mark!

Local venders expect a boom this weekend, as shoppers race to take advantage of Georgia's "tax holiday."

The state's general assembly and Gov. Roy Barnes declared today and tomorrow a tax holiday on most clothing and computer purchases under $100.

That means Fort Benning shoppers, who've always enjoyed tax-free shopping at post facilities, can, for a short time, venture out and still save 7 percent in state and local taxes.

Sgt. 1st Class Tom and Karen Nichols are expecting their fourth daughter. Karen said they'll take advantage of the holiday to stock up on baby items and children's clothing.

"We were shopping last weekend when I saw the ad about the tax-free shopping, so we decided just to wait," Karen said. "I'm definitely going. I just hope the crowds aren't too bad."

Barnes signed the sales tax holiday into law earlier this month, hoping to boost the state's struggling economy. A second tax holiday is scheduled for Aug. 2-3.

The tax exemption applies to clothing, footwear and certain accessories priced no more than $100 per item, general school items up to $20, and the first $1,500 of a personal computer purchase. Computer accessories are included if they are bought

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Eggstravaganza



Lori Egan

Fort Benning children scramble for goodies at Riverside Saturday.

CHILDREN FIRST

Conference to bridge gap

Child advocates gather for training to prevent abuse

Laura Martinson
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In recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Month, the Fort Benning Family Advocacy Program will sponsor Children First in the Community that Cares, a three-day training conference that brings professionals from the tricommunity together to increase knowledge that helps prevent child abuse.

"An effective program begins with training for professionals involved in the arena," said Rebecca Welch, Family Advocacy Program Manager. "Those who train together have greater understanding of the systems, family, community, available services, and the challenges that face civilian and military families."

"This training helps the people who work with the victims of child abuse be the best they can be, to discover ways to help families through networking, and most importantly, to help the child," said Joanne Cavis, University of Georgia Extension Service. The school offers continuing education units for all licensed professionals who participate.

The conference is the fifth of its kind since the program's beginning in 1990, and was designed as "multi-disciplinary training for the purpose of developing an integrated community response model that would decrease abuse of children," Welch said.

The training helps bridge the gap between the communities, Welch said.

"Because there are so many military families living on and off post, the communities need to be able to work together and draw on the other's resources," she said.

Nearly 100 Fort Benning professionals typically attend the training, and the families of the post benefit from the knowledge gained.

"Every individual in the Fort Benning area has a special role to play in improving the welfare of our children," Welch said. "Whether or not you work directly with children…you too can make a difference in the life of a child."

The conference will be at the Columbus Convention Center, 801 Front Street, April 5-7.

To register, call Welch at 545-7517.

Community responds to neglected pets

Neighbors are reporting at-risk pets

Laura Martinson
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The Fort Benning community is up in arms, and for all the right reasons. The public responded with an immediate outpouring of concern to the recent case of Kane and Foxy, two dogs found neglected in a post residence in February.

"We have gotten an amazing amount of feedback from the community," said Melissa Locke, receptionist for the Vet Clinic. "People are more aware of what's going on around them. We get phone calls every day from people asking about the pets in their neighborhood. They want to know what they can do about animals being inhumanely treated."

The reaction comes after the dogs were surrendered to the Vet Clinic, one of them suffering from life-threatening malnutrition. For the post community, news of this magnitude is rare, but is definitely out there.

"Calls about stray animals and pet neglect is a constant," said Sgt. Joe Cooper, community life NCO for West and East Main Post and Indianhead Terrace, who said that abandoned cats are one of the biggest pet population problems. "We need a plan to get these pets into good homes."

The community life NCOs, the vet clinic and animal control all work hand-in-hand on a daily basis to help alleviate the problem, Cooper said. But they rely heavily upon information from the residents who live in and observe the communities closely.

"We are the community informers, and it's up to us to let the post command know how the communities are doing," he said. "It's the people who actually live there every day who can tell us what's going on."

Once a community life officer is notified of a potential at-risk pet, they notify the vet clinic and animal control, who take the appropriate measures to ensure the safety and health of both the animals and people involved.

Such measures include notifying military police and the soldier's chain of command for further action taken against the abusers.

> "The main idea is to get the owners to surrender the pets so we can find them a better home."
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> **Pfc. Carlos Balderas,**
> Fort Benning's only animal control technician

"We try to do as much as we can to rectify these situations," said Pfc. Carlos Balderas, Fort Benning's only animal control technician. "The main idea is to get the owners to surrender the pets so we can find them a better home."

Balderas is only three weeks into his new job, but said that in that time, there have been several instances where abused pets were taken from their home and adopted in less than one week, and eight dogs were adopted at the Easter Eggstravaganza Saturday.

"The animals at the vet clinic are well fed and well taken care of, but to see them go to good homes is awesome," he said.

The vet clinic has limited capacity, and if the number of animals exceeds living space, some will be euthanized.

Whether or not an animal gets confiscated from the owner depends upon the severity of the living conditions, Balderas said. Besides responding to the daily animal control calls his job requires, he's been policing the neighborhoods on post, one by one, to ensure that animals are given proper food, water and shelter. He believes his persistence will encourage residents to provide proper care for their pets if they're not already doing so.

"If residents are given a warning, they need to fix the problem, because I'm going to follow up and make sure that they did," Balderas said.

"We want everyone within the community to be on the same sheet of music," said Cooper, who said discrepancies in the care of pets and property often result in a courtesy inspection. "We just want all the neighbors to get along, and have a healthy, relaxing place to live."

Benning marks child abuse prevention month

Rebecca Welch
Family Advocacy Program

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in the Army and this year's theme is Keeping Our Children Safe in Difficult Times.

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program will be sponsoring several events during the month of April in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Month and Month of the Military Child.

April 1-30 — The Army Family Advocacy Program at Fort Benning is joining many state and national organizations in a campaign to "get people to show their true colors" as part of Child Abuse Prevention Month in April. The Family Advocacy Program is a specialized prevention program which focuses on child and spouse abuse.

April 1-30 — Blue ribbon campaign: Blue ribbons will be distributed on and off post and adults are asked to wear a blue ribbon throughout the month of April, to symbolize the fight against child abuse and neglect. In the spring of 1989, Bonnie Finney, a Norfolk, Va., grandmother, took a stand against child abuse when she tied a symbolic blue ribbon around her van. It was a signal to her community of her personal commitment to involve everyone in the battle to stop child abuse. Bonnie's own grandson, Michael Wayne "Bubba" Dickenson, was a victim of child abuse.

Can one person make a difference? Bonnie Finney did! The Blue Ribbon serves as a constant reminder to fight for the protection of all children.

Wear a blue ribbon in April to support children. Put one on the car, give one to a friend, and tell him or her what it means. Knowledge may save a child's life.

Blue Ribbons can be picked up at Soldiers' Plaza Building 2624 or 2625 and at in Martin Army Community Hospital.

Family Advocacy has coordinated with the Child Development Centers and Youth Services to have educational materials available for parents and children throughout the month.

There will be a display table set up in Building 2624 with free educational materials for parents and coloring books for children throughout the month of April.

For more information, call 545-3344.

births

Girls

Sarah Michelle Miller — born March 11 to Amy and Capt. Jason Miller.

Caris Alexandria Mayson Allen — born March 11 to Sarai and Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Allen.

Kelsi Elizabeth Hayes — born March 12 to Spc. Melissa Berta and Pvt. James Hayes.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

Carnival comes to post

Christina Hayashi
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The Youth Services carnival is Tuesday through April 6.

Belle City Amusements is bringing three new rides — the Power Surge and the Typhoon for adults and the Heliport for the kids along with the classics like the Ferris wheel, merry-go-round and roller coaster.

Tuesday and Thursday the hours will be 5 p.m. to 11 p.m., from 5 p.m. until midnight April 5, and from 1 p.m. to midnight April 6.

There is no admission fee. The fair will sell wristbands at certain times. The wristband will cost $8 Tuesday and $10 Thursday and April 6.

The carnival will be held at Stewart-Watson Field across from Infantry Hall. Patrons are to park at the Infantry Hall parking lot. Ther will be a shuttle to the the carnival site.

Hijacker: Takes bus, training tests reaction

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There was an MP at every intersection to join the chase.

Finally the MPs stopped the bus and surrounded it, placing a car in front and two cars behind the bus.

The MPs didn't know it was a training exercise until shortly after they had visual contact with the bus, said Capt. Andrew Sullivan, the officer in charge of Fort Benning's Special Reaction Team.

"We wanted to have them treat it as if it were a real-life situation, and they did," he said.

However, the situation didn't end when the bus was stopped.

The hijacker refused to give up. He demanded a soda and a helicopter and threatened to shoot hostages.

When the hijacker's demand for a helicopter was not met within 30 minutes, he fired a single shot in the air.

It was the last straw for the MPs. They could not wait any longer for this hijacker.

Suddenly, a small explosion went off beside the bus and before the hijacker knew it, the MPs stormed on board.

There were MPs on the outside of the bus pointing their weapons at the hijacker, and there were MPs on the bus telling everyone to keep their heads down.

The MPs caught the hijacker and dragged him off the bus. The hijacker was searched, handcuffed and read his rights.

"The whole situation felt pretty real," said Carolyn Jones, Fort Benning bus driver.

"It was a great learning experience. I now know if this situation happens on my bus, the main things to do are to stay calm, keep the children calm and absolutely do what we are told."

By following these three guidelines, the bus driver allowed the different agencies to do their part in helping control the situation.

The agencies involved were the school system, Criminal Investigations Division and Directorate of Public Safety.

The mission was an invaluable learning tool for all involved, Sullivan said. Although, the situation was for training purposes, it was treated as a real-life situation.

"It's like the old-saying goes, 'train like you fight and fight like you train,'" he said.

Taxes: Suspended

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with a computer base unit.

There is no monetary limit on the purchase amount, as long as no single item exceeds the tax-free dollar limit.

Though Georgia's Department of Revenue expects an estimated $11 million loss in state tax money during the four days, local merchants say they'll likely see an increase in the already strong Easter shopping season.

"Normally sales are up this weekend anyway," said Shirley Jenkins, a manager at the Columbus Target. "We're expecting even more this weekend. We're bringing in more team members and putting out as much product as possible."

For a complete list of tax exempt items, log on to the Department of Revenue's Web Site at www.gatax.org.

community news

on post

Commissary closures —. The commissary will be closed April 22 for inventory and will reopen April 23 with regular store hours..

Disney on Ice contest — Youth Services will co-sponsor an afternoon with the Disney characters 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. April at the Civic Center. Winners will be served cake and ice cream and will visit with the Disney characters.

The contest is open to children in the first through third grades.

Parents must come by Youth Services, Building 1056, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 4:30 p.m., to fill out an entry form. The last day to enter will be April 2 and the drawing will be 9 a.m. April 3. Lucky winners will be notified April 3-4.

For more information, call Linda Laine at 545-3070.

Spring carnival — The Youth Services carnival is Tuesday through April 7 on Stewart-Watson Field across from Infantry Hall. There will be 25-30 rides, 15-20 skill games and various food concessions.

For more information, call Linda Laine, Youth Services, at 545-3070.

Sock hop at Youth Services — The next dance at Youth Services is a sock hop with music from the 60s, 70s and 80s. The dance begins at 7 p.m. April 5 and ends promptly at 9 p.m. The cost is $2 with a YS card and $3 without. For more information, call 545-3070.

Youth Services needs instructors — Youth services is looking for instructors for the following class programs: piano, guitar, performing arts, English, Spanish, art, sewing, educational tutoring and computer. Individuals interested in a contract position should provide a resume to Youth Services, Building 1056. For more information, call 545-3070.

CPR Class — The West Central Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross is holding a CPR Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 30 at the Red Corss Headquarters in Building 2626 in Soldiers Plaza. Come join and learn life-saving techniques in CPR and First Aid.

For more information, call 323-5614.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Care car — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Week — A "Fight to Flight" demonstration and a performance by a troupe of actors from Chicago will highlight a series of programs at Columbus State University in conjunction with Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Week observed nationally April 1-6. The series is presented by CSU's Student Counseling Center and Columbus Rape Crisis. The programs include:

- "Clothesline Project" — A weeklong display in the Davidson Center of colored shirts with personal messages by women, children and men throughout the world who are survivors of abuse. For more on the project, visit www.the-clothesline.org.
- "Sexual Communication: What's Going On?" — a 90-minute, four-sketch production on date-rape awareness by the Gestic Theatre Company of Chicago, will take place at 12:30 p.m. April 2 on the second-floor open stage in the Davidson Center. Admission is free and open to the public.
- "Fight to Flight" — presented by CSU Police Maj. David Horace, takes place at 7 p.m. April 3 in the Courtyard II Clubhouse. Horace will demonstrate techniques for self-defense. Admission is free to the public. For more information, call 568-2233.

Poems —The Texas Poetry Alliance is offering a $1,000 prize in their annual poetry contest. There is no entry fee and everyone is invited to submit a poem.

To enter, send one poem, 20 lines or less, to: Free Poetry Contest, 3412-A Moonlight Ave., El Paso, Texas 79904. Or enter online at www.freecontest.com.

The deadline for entering is April 26.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** hot dog, cole slaw, baked beans, fruit, milk
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- **Wednesday:** pizza, pasta salad, broccoli with cheese, fruit, milk,
- **Thursday:** chili bake, tossed salad with dressing, peas and carrots, fruit, milk, cookie
- **Friday:** manager's menu

A winner's list will be sent to all entrants. The editors reserve the right to publish the winning poems.

547th Engineer Bn. reunion — The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association and its attached units (552nd and 1328th) is holding its 16th annual reunion in Fort Mitchell, Ky., Aug. 1-4. The reunion will be held at the Drawbridge Inn, located at 2470 Royal Drive. For more information regarding the reunion, call Nelson Reinhart at (513) 752-8545 or Ursula Allen at (253) 582-4649.

Infertility Support Group — Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people experiencing infertility. The Columbus chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road. For more information, call 323-6659.

HOLA needs volunteers — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's sponsorship program, Host of Latin Americans (HOLA), needs sponsors for students, instructors and their families.

HOLA enlists families from throughout the tricommunity to adopt WHINSEC students, guest instructors and their families and introduce them to the American way of life.

Volunteers act as guides for guests as they participate in home and community activities throughout the year.

The culture exchange can be very rewarding for volunteers and the international families they befriend.

Call José A. Recio or Cecilia Alexander, at 545-1285, 545-3754 or 545-8522.

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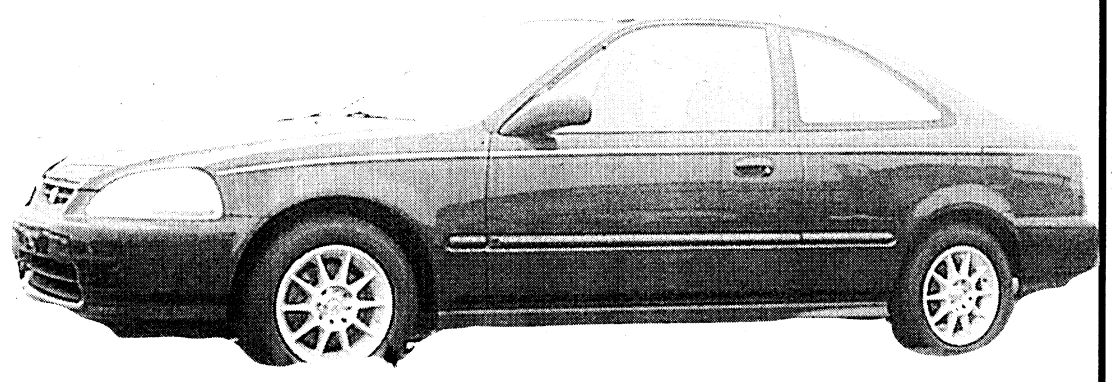
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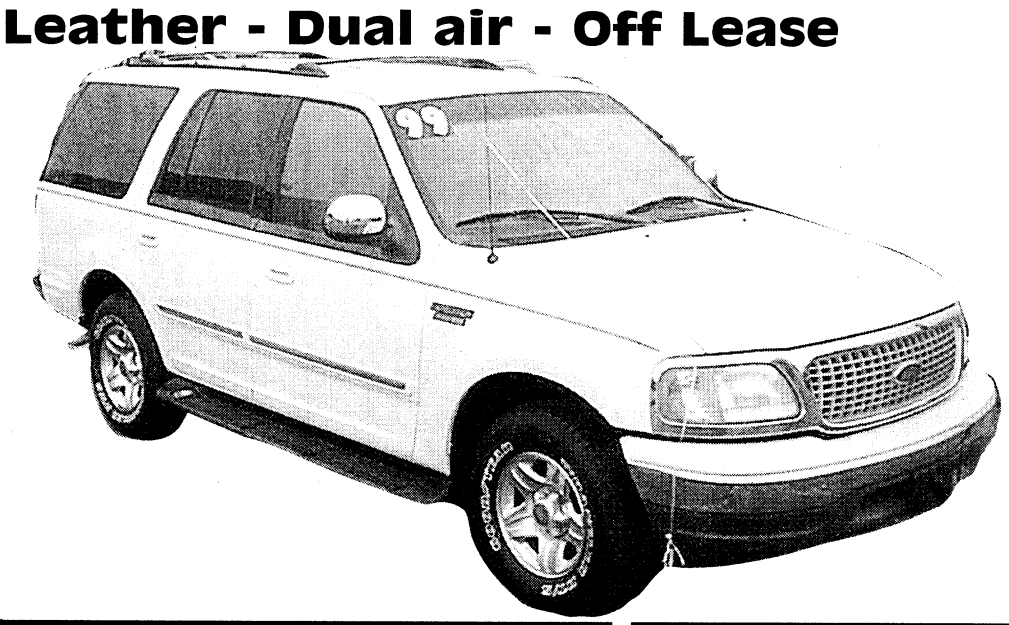
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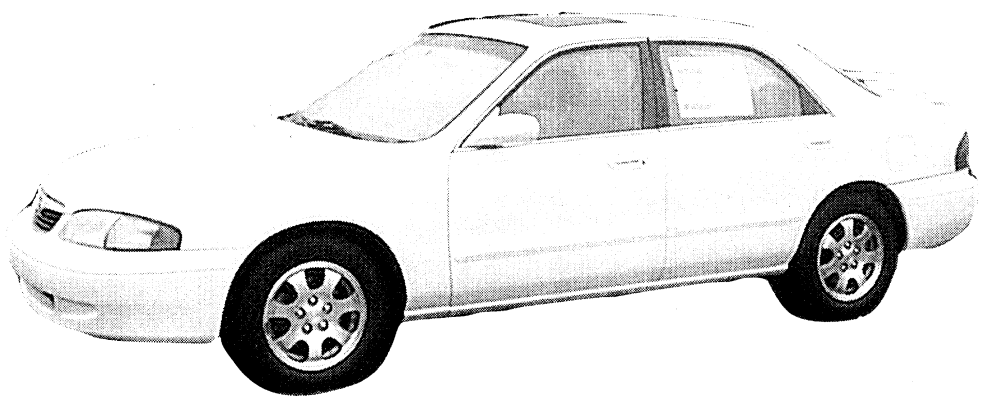
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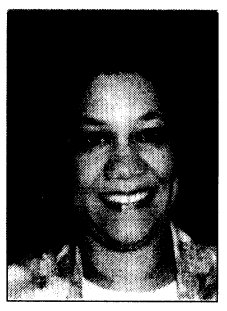
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The Bayonet's

feature teacher



Bridgette Colburn
a sixth-grade science teacher at Faith Middle School

Personal: Colburn was born in Jamaica and moved to New York with her family when she was 4.

She met her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Tom Colburn, while teaching in New York.

"We started out as pen pals, actually. I was teaching seventh-grade science and he was in Montana training the Guard," Colburn said. "I was teaching my kids about technology and Tom was working with the Bradley. I knew that was a practical application of technology, so my students interviewed him via the Internet.

"Seven periods of seventh-graders interviewed him. I thought it was really special that he was willing to give up so much of his time for them.

"After that we kept up our correspondence and became really good friends."

The couple have a 3-year-old son, Ethan.

"He's a joy," Colburn said. "He's adventurous and curious and eager to learn. He's a very happy boy.

"He's also head-strong and willful. Those are the traits he got from his father."

Education and career: Colburn completed her graduate studies at City College in Manhattan.

"All through school, even when I was younger, people kept telling me I should be a teacher, but I resisted," said Colburn, who comes from a family of educators. "I thought I wanted to be a doctor or nurse, but someone told me I should work in a hospital for a while before I made up my mind. Well I did, and I knew medicine wasn't for me."

She decided to teach until she could make up her mind what she really wanted to do.

"By the end of that first year, I knew this was it," she said. "Since I was involved in medicine to start with, most of my credits were in science. I love science, so teaching it was a natural."

Hobbies: "Reading is my first love, especially folklore," she said. "And I love children's books. My all time favorite book is *The Secret Garden*.

"I like to read Dr. Seuss with my son, or Winnie the Pooh. I guess I'm drawn to the world of enchantment."

Colburn also enjoys gardening and cooking.

"I love to create in the kitchen, but I have a hard time sticking to recipes," she said. "I'm always adding to or taking away. Maybe that's why I like science. I like to experiment and discover new things."

On being married to the military: "Tom's retiring June 1, but I'm still relatively new to this whole way of life. It took some getting used to," she said.

"This is only the second place I've lived after New York. I had no idea what military families go through. I have a lot of respect for the women and families of soldiers. It's a hard life."

Plans: "When Tom and I were pen pals, we started writing a children's book," Colburn said. "Maybe now that he's retiring we can finish it. It's something we've both wanted to do for a long time."

Call 545-4622 to recommend a teacher.

Middle-schoolers prep for math tournament

Ciphering round requires fast responses

Faith Middle School

What is the sum of the prime factors of 910? Ask any member of the Faith Middle School Math Team and they can explain the problem and help you find the answer.

This is just one of the types of math problems the team is practicing to get ready for the Muscogee County Math Tournament.

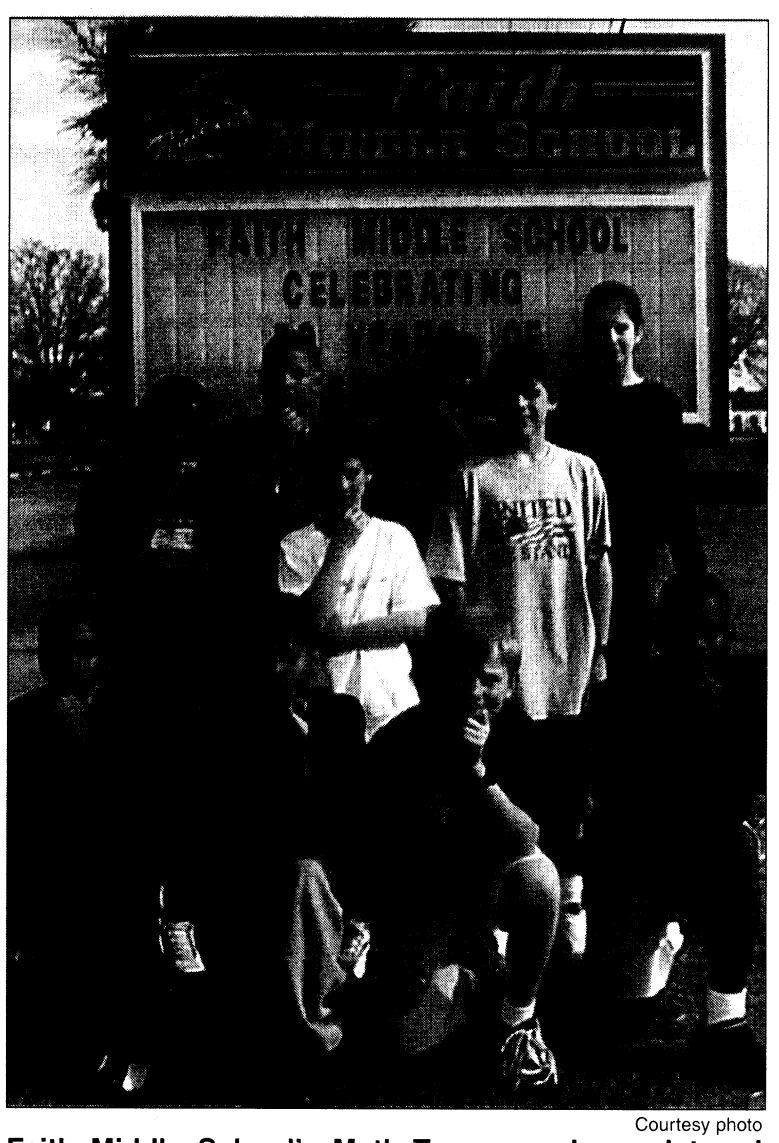
The tournament is May 4 at Richards Middle School in Columbus.

Team members will compete independently in the written portion of the contest, then in pairs on the section of the contest called the ciphering round.

In the ciphering round, which takes place in front of spectators, partners work together to solve a math problem in less than 90 seconds.

Awards are given to the three highest scoring teams; the 25 highest scoring individuals; the highest scoring sixth, seventh, and eight graders; and the highest scoring individual from each school.

Have you figured it out yet? The answer to the problem is 27.



Courtesy photo

Faith Middle School's Math Team members pictured first row: Daniel Best, left, Damias Lyles, Ryan Shepherd and Rico Nesmith. Second row: Joseph Best, left, Robert Stevens and Nick Heintzman. Third row: Stephonne Baker, left, Ronald Maheia and Loren Fuentes.

Student work

This poem is about that awful day of Sept. 11, and if you knew the way everything would end up, would you tell everyone, or just let history take its course?

Holly Bellamy

If we could bring back that tragic day,
Of September eleventh,
What would you say?
Who would you kiss and hug,
Or would you just stand tall and shrug?
If you knew that this were to be,
Would you warn people,
Or stand back and see?
That awful day hurt and caused pain,
Would you stop it
Or let those hearts stain,
With the feelings of sadness, loneliness,
And fear.
I guess what it all comes down to is,
Would you yell out the call?
Or would you let the twin towers still fall?

The Legend Of Mekoe's Careless Decision
Kaiti Colvin

Back when the earth was still young, there was an "ordinary" family. This family had a mom and a dad, two brothers, and a sister. Everyone in this family was special in some way, except for Mekoe. Mekoe's mother was an Amazon Queen; his father was a god, his brother an elf, and his sister a nymph. Alas, Mekoe was nothing special, nor could he do anything special. He was the youngest of his family and was constantly teased and taunted by other young mythological creatures. Even the mosquito looked down upon him.

One day Mekoe was so fed up with everyone; so he decided to run away. He ran far across the country where he met an old woman named Loké. Loké's eyes looked as if they could read Mekoe's eyes like a book. This intimidated him a little, but they soon became fast friends.

As Mekoe was "unraveling" his problems to Loké one night she said, "Mekoe, I can make your dreams come true. I can make you powerful. I can make you a god or an elf."

Mekoe was ecstatic.

"What's the catch?" Mekoe asked.

"You have to give me something of value," she replied.

"Like?"

"How about all your memories for the ten minutes before I grant your wish?"

Mekoe took no time to think and agreed at once.

"What is your wish, Mekoe?" she asked him.

"I wish for immortality," he snapped.

With that Loké smirked, was gone, and was never seen again.

In the forest Mekoe wandered aimlessly for all eternity, for he was immortal, but this he didn't know. So he wandered for the rest of his life, not knowing where he was, and not knowing that he was indeed special.

Pets of the week





Courtesy photos

This dog and cat are available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. Call 545-4826.

AAFES recognizes student excellence

New program offers reward for grades

Army and Air Force Exchange Service

For many years Army Air Force Exchange Services has used the "Recognizing Student Excellence" program to reward the scholastic efforts of dependents of authorized customers.

To further these efforts, AAFES has "reinvented" the program with a significantly expanded scope.

The new student recognition program will also have a new name: YOU MADE THE GRADE!

Qualifying students will now have the opportunity to earn more than $50 worth of discount coupons for their favorite brands as well as a chance to win up to $5000 in U.S. Savings Bonds.

AAFES Exchanges will offer a coupon book containing more than $50 in discount coupons, along with an entry form for a quarterly drawing for three savings bonds to students in grades six through 12 with an overall average of a B or higher.

The program is designed to provide an incentive for kids to not only stay in school, but to excel.

Participating students must be in grades six through 12 and attending a public or private school, to include DoDDS. If a child is home-schooled, the student should provide written affirmation of their scholastic aptitude from a parent or other community-authorized education provider. Students must present a valid ID card and proof of an overall B average or better in order to participate. Students may receive one coupon package for every grade report they receive, but may enter the savings bond drawing only once per calendar quarter.

Each coupon package described above will contain an entry form for the savings bond drawing which the customer will mail to an address pre-printed on the form. Drawings will be held quarterly from among all of the entries received by the close of the preceding calendar quarter.

Coupon books are obtained in two ways. For those students attending school on Fort Benning, coupon books will be provided directly to qualifying students with their report cards.

Qualifying students that attend schools off post can obtain these coupon books by bringing their current report card and their military ID to the Main PX management office.

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Christian faith based on truths

Easter is time to celebrate Jesus' death

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor
USAIC Chaplain Office

Easter is *the day* in the Christian church. The resurrection of Jesus from the dead is the one thing that most dramatically sets us apart from all other religions.

Scoffers have tried to disprove it, and doubters have sought to discount it, but the resurrection still remains the singular event that sets the Christian faith apart from every other faith.

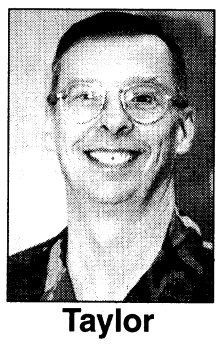
In his book *A Thing Incredible*?, Bill White reminds us about one of the overlooked details of this wonderful story: the stone in front of the grave of Jesus Christ, who is the risen savior.

It was an enormous rock, specially placed in front of the tomb of Jesus to keep predators, animals and burglars out.

It was secured by Roman guards and the seal of the local Roman governor to keep the faithful followers of this man, from the town Galilee, away as well.

It was specifically designed to make unauthorized access into the tomb very difficult.

The tomb was cut into the rock in such a way that the stone would properly secure it. The stone was placed in a track and rolled on a downward slant to the face of the tomb.


Taylor

To get inside of it, you would have to get past the guards and figure out a way to move this huge rock up and away from the front of the tomb.

Why was the stone moved? Not, as one children's book says, so Jesus could come out. It was removed so that others could see that Jesus wasn't there.

When the stone was moved, the guards scattered and the seal was broken.

It wasn't just rolled away, but it was lifted up over and out of the track in which it had been placed.

It was as if it had been tossed aside. Just as God invaded our world in a spectacular way at the birth of Jesus, he intervenes in a more spectacular way to show the world his most unique miracle yet.

The disciples and the world at large could see plainly what God had done.

The tomb is still open, so go see for yourself that he is not there.

God does not move in secret or do things that are hidden from our view.

There are no secret books, hidden codes or mysteries of truth made available only to a chosen few.

There are no secrets to unlock.

The Christian faith isn't some kind of tall tale that a few people concocted in a back room somewhere and made public in hopes of duping gullible people.

It is a faith of facts and events that happened in real places and in real time that are open to our inquiry and investigation. Faith for the Christian is not belief in things that cannot be demonstrated otherwise. It is trust in the God that is able to make incredible things happen.

Look — the stone is tossed away. The angel inside said we are mistaken to look for the Lord there. He is risen!

Editor's note: *The Easter Sunrise Service is 7 a.m. Sunday at Doughboy Stadium.*

chapel notes

Easter Sunrise Service —The postwide Easter Sunrise Service is 7 a.m. Sunday in Doughboy Stadium. In case of bad weather, the service will be held in the Infantry Center Chapel.

Easter Cantana — The Infantry Center Chapel Choir will present *Hallelujah! What A Savior*, an Easter Cantata by John W. Peterson Sunday at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Last Words — A Protestant service celebrating the Seven Last Words of Christ will be held at Sightseeing Road Chapel today at 7 p.m.

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for Middle and High School students has resumed its regular meetings, which are held in the chapel teen center in Building 239. Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. (middle school) and 6 p.m. (high school).

Gospel Service — The Gospel Service on Easter Sunday will be held in Marshall Auditorium at 11 a.m. instead of Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Vigil — Catholic Easter Vigil will begin at 8 p.m. Saturday at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Sunday Mass — Catholic Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9 a.m. at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Sunday School — There are classes for all ages of those who wish to learn more about and grown in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Discipline should be positive

Corporal shouldn't be major form of punishment

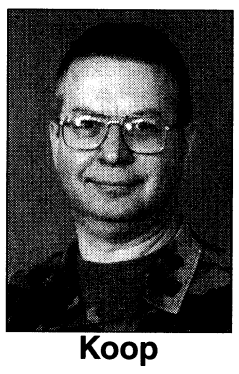
Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

That didn't hurt," my 7-year old daughter taunted. I got down at her level and gazed intently into her eyes.

"I didn't spank you to hurt you," I replied ruefully. "I spanked you so that you would remember not to do it again."

That was the last time I used the palm of my hand on her posterior. I have never again resorted to corporal punishment.

Unfortunately, some parents use corporal punishment as their only form of discipline.


Koop

"If you do that again, I'm going to whip the living daylights out of you!"

They inflict pain as if it were the only means of punishment for their children.

Discipline means to disciple. Parents serve as role models to their children, and they should model the proper behavior desired in their kids.

Mentoring, coaching and counseling demonstrate positive discipline methods. Rewarding positive behavior, praising our children and encouraging them promotes right actions in our kids without resorting to corporal punishment (Ephesians 6:4).

Stating an obvious fact frequently stops misbehavior and promotes good behavior. Statements like, "Sofas are made for sitting, not rough housing or jumping up and down."

"If you want to jump, jump outside," informs the child what they are doing wrong, and tells them what they need to do to make it right.

Natural consequences usually suffice. Here are some examples: If you spill it or make a mess, clean it up. If you open it, close it. If you use it, put it away. If you get it dirty, clean it. If you want friends over, first clean your room.

If you would like to explore alternatives to corporal punishment, contact the Chaplain Family Life Center.

Call 545-1760 or visit the Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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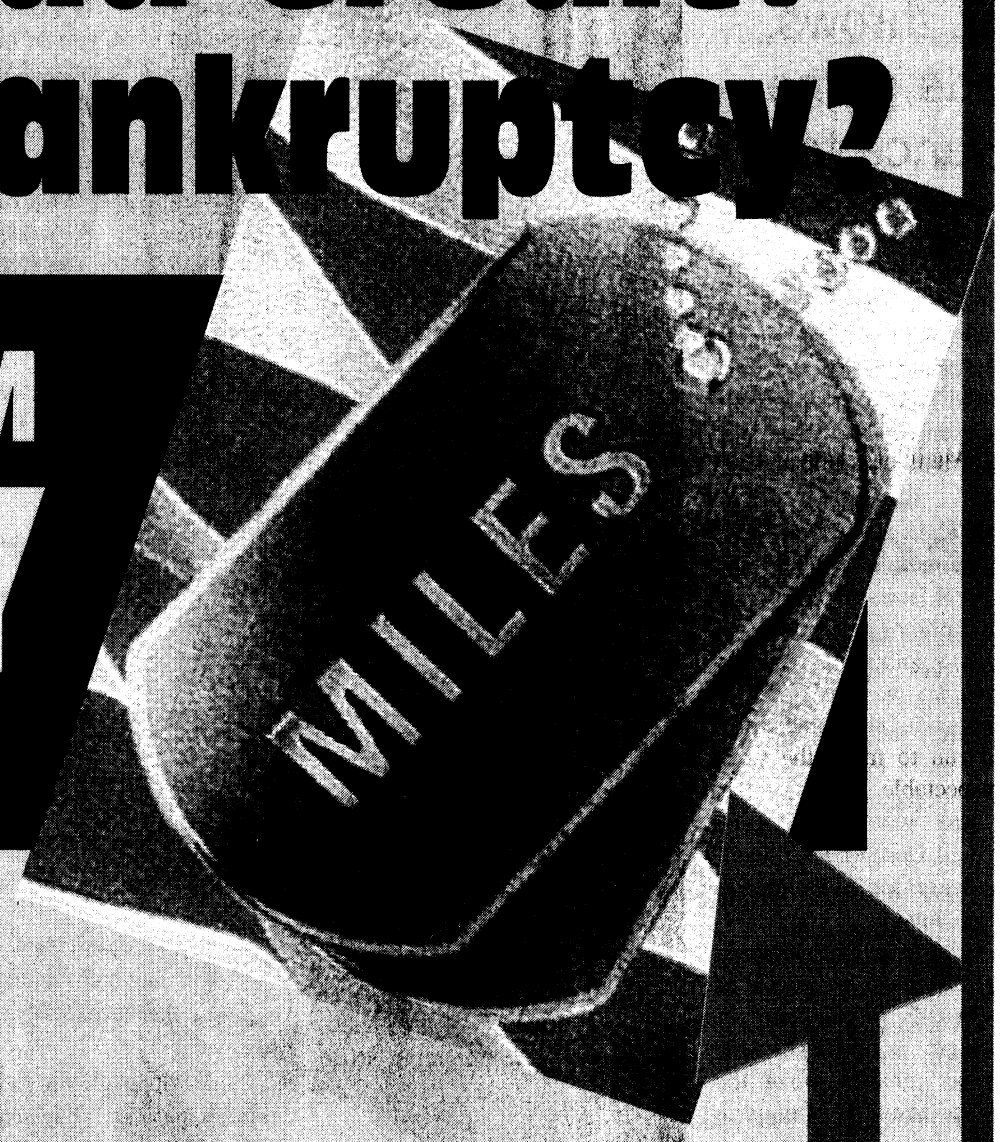
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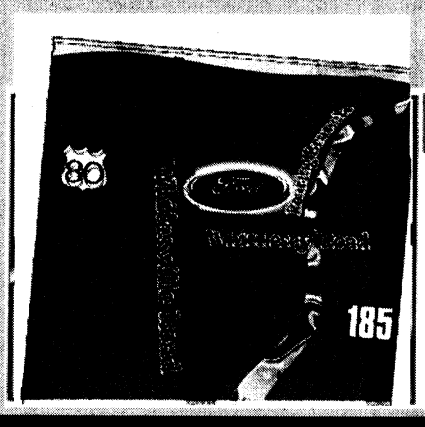
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SPORTS

Bulldawgs win tournament opener

Free throws, inside game advance team

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Bayonet staff

Tournament time is here and the Bulldawgs of B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, are ready to roll. They stormed past the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity Bulldogs 42-32 Monday night in the first round of tournament play at Briant Wells Field House.

The Bulldawgs lead by as many as 15 points with less than two minutes to play, but the Bulldogs ended the game with a 6-point run to make the score look respectable.

"I think we have a good team," said Desmond Williams, leading scorer for the Bulldawgs with 13 points.

"If the guards keep playing the way they have, we should be able to take the tournament."

To begin both halves, the Bulldawgs' guards lobed the ball to the inside for points in the paint.

"We feel we have the best post game in the tourney," Williams said.

The inside play allowed the guards to spot up around the perimeter and drive the lane.

"The guards played outstanding," Williams said. "They drove the lane and drew fouls."

Free throws were the story for the Bulldawgs.

They went to the line 10 times in the first half and led, 22-18.

The Bulldogs relied on their outside game, but the shots just wouldn't fall.

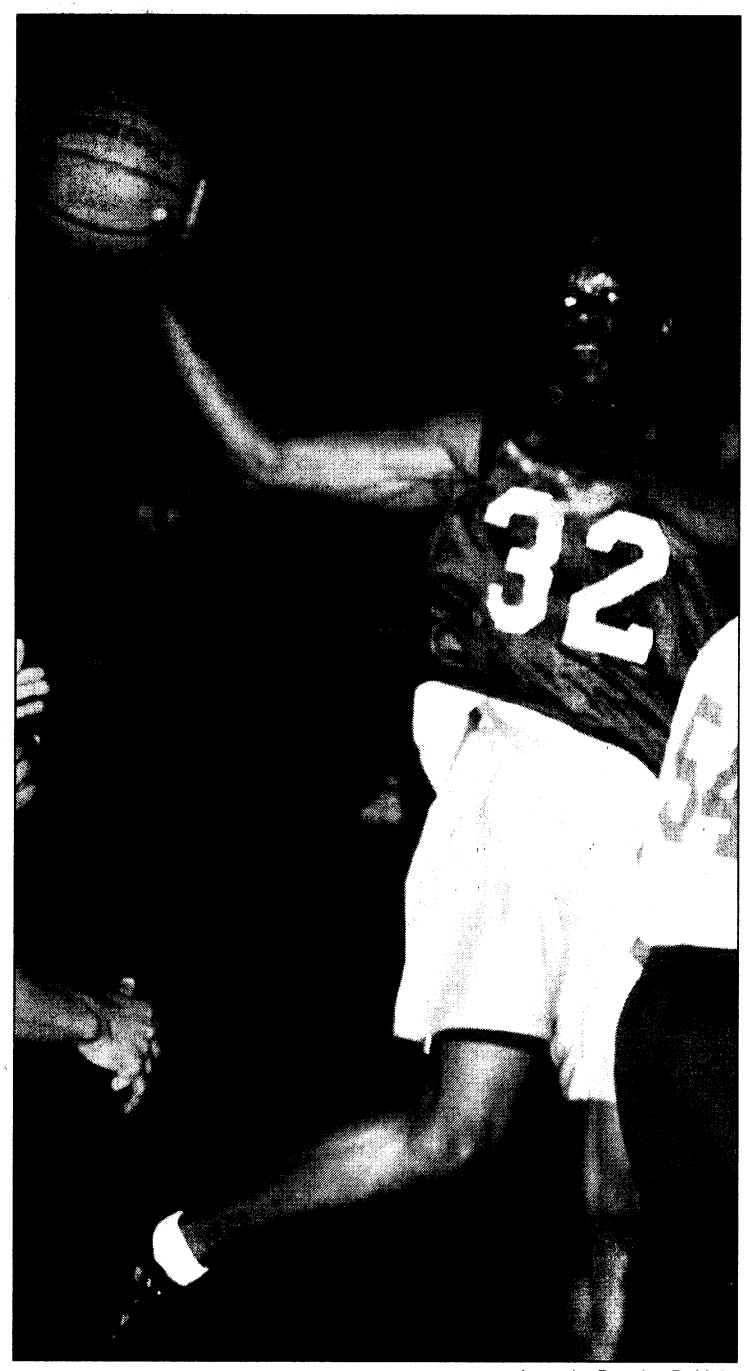
In the second half, the Bulldawgs put together back-to-back 5-2 runs within the first 12 minutes.

From that point on, there was no looking back for the Bulldawgs.

Probably the most effective tool the Bulldawgs had in their victory over the Bulldogs was their offensive rebounding. Their effectiveness to box out and grab ahold of the rebound allowed the Bulldawgs to increase their scoring opportunities and make their way to the free throw line.

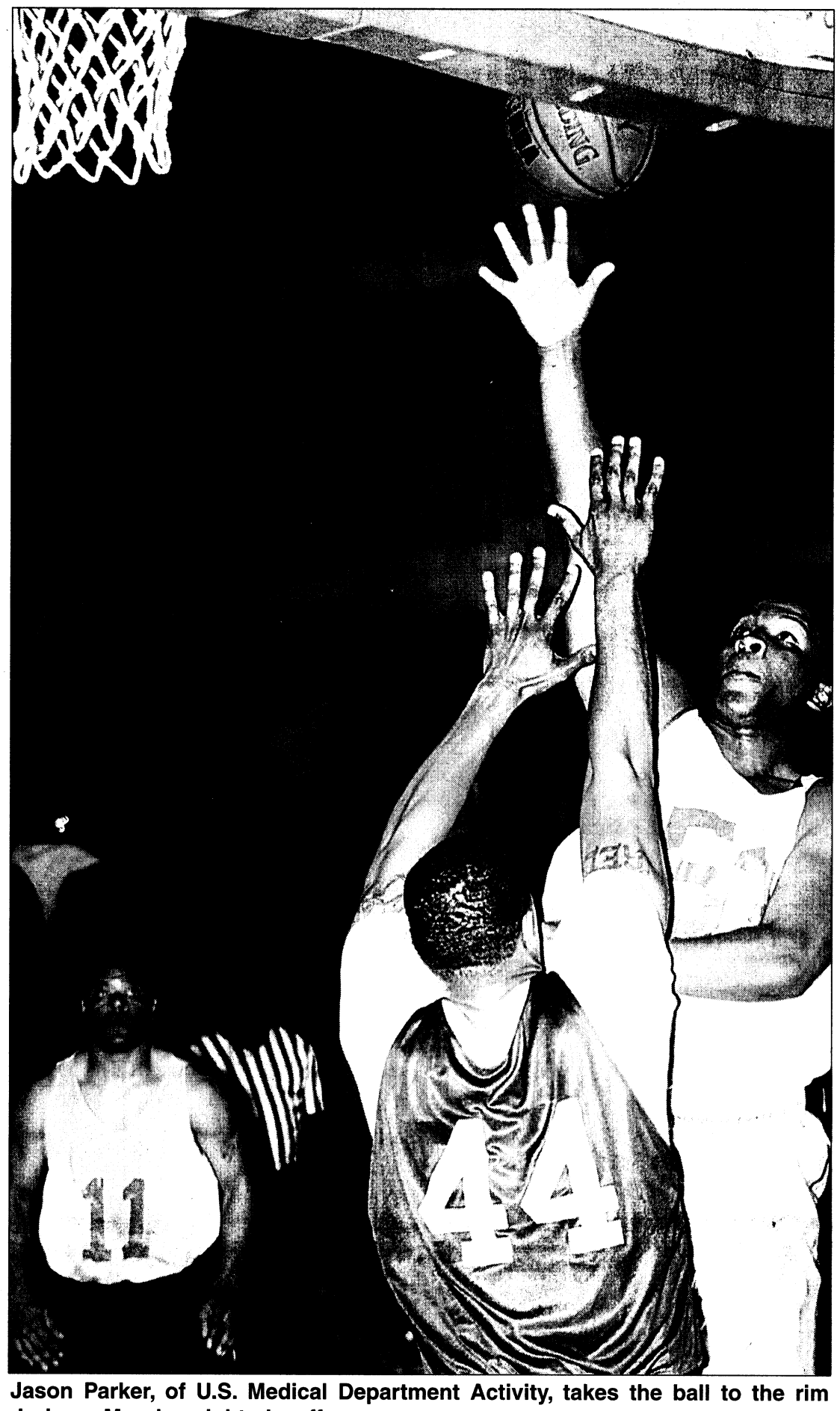
The Bulldawgs ended up shooting a modest 75 percent from the line for the night, but they will need to do better than that to beat last years champions, the Outlaws of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

"I want to at least shoot 80 percent from the foul line in the playoffs to take the championship home," said Marvin Orr, Bulldawgs' coach. "As far as the champs, we'll do our talking on the court."



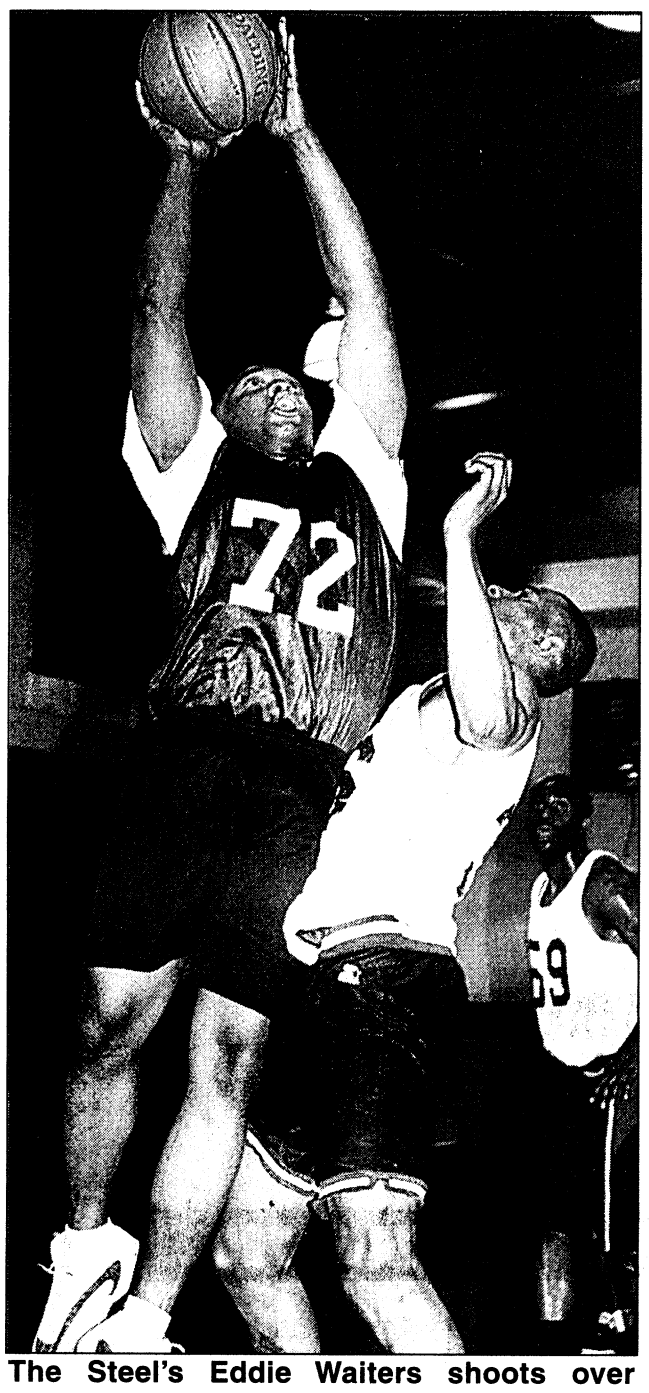
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Bulldawgs' Thomas Wright, of B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, dishes the ball off to a teammate for an assist.

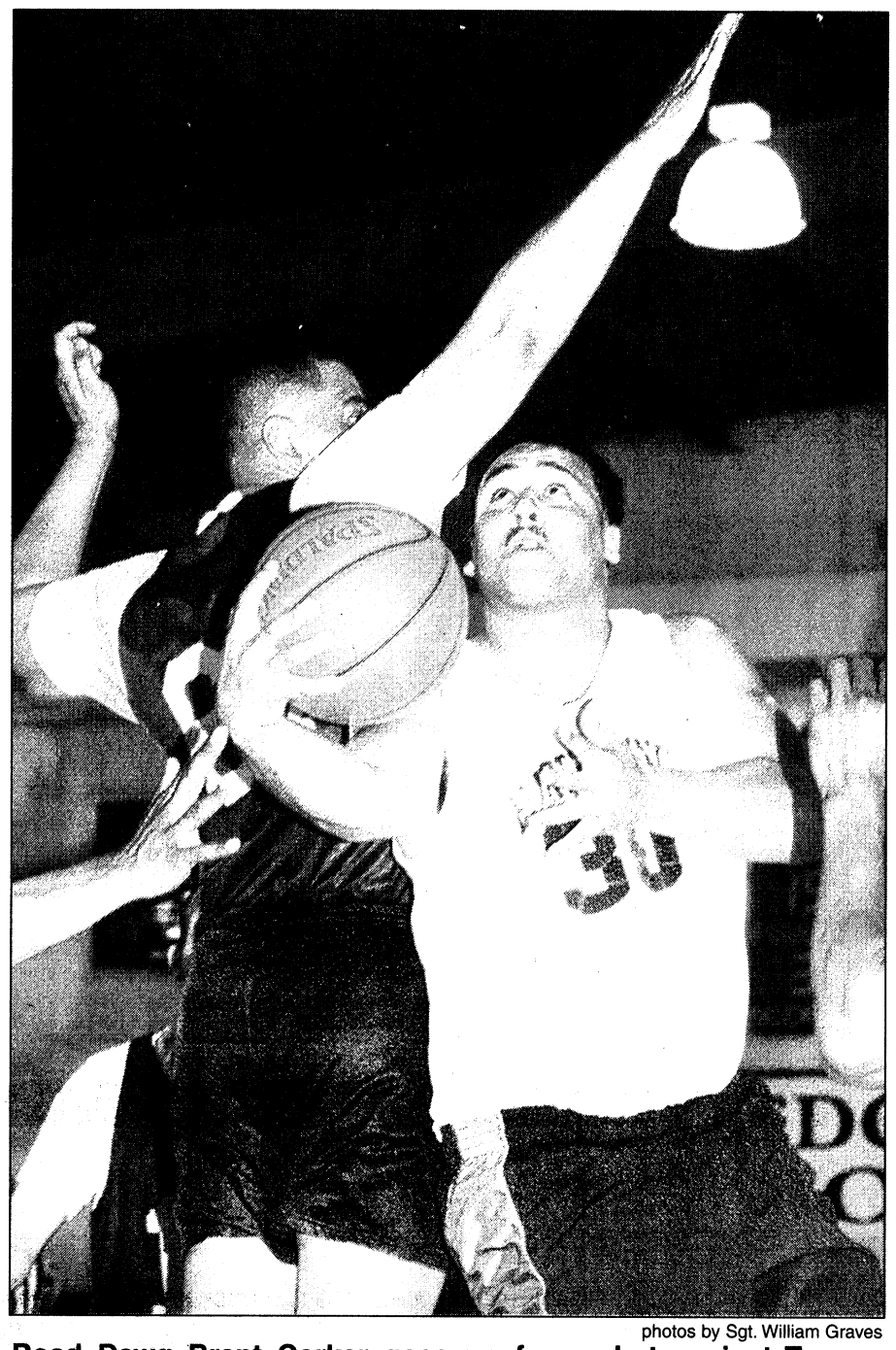


Jason Parker, of U.S. Medical Department Activity, takes the ball to the rim during a Monday night playoff game.

Playoff Action



The Steel's Eddie Waiters shoots over Demetryian Elam of the Road Dawgs.



photos by Sgt. William Graves

Road Dawg Brent Corker goes up for a shot against Tommy Mitchell of the Steel.
The Road Dawgs won the overtime thriller, 43-41, behind Chris Holliday's 19 points and two clutch free throws with 2.8 seconds on the clock in overtime.



The Road Dawgs' Holliday attempts a jumper during their first-round playoff game Monday at Keifurt Gym.
Road Dawg Anthony Stewart and the Steel's Eddie Waiters each scored 8 important points in the second half to help their teams reach OT. The Steel's Clifford Bennett poured in 16 points in the first half, but the Dawgs kept him in check in the second.

Business hits golf course

Second annual industry day begins with golf tournament

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Infantry Industry Day on Fort Benning began Monday with a golf tournament at the Follow Me Golf Course.

"Today is all about fun," said retired Gen. John Hendrix.

Events during the tournament included the longest drive and nearest to the pin.

Teams of four played a best-ball method scramble.

Ron Jabavy, Steve Wiley, Willie Wells and Hendrix won first place in best-ball, and Bob Hobbs won the longest drive.

The tournament was sponsored by the Association of the U.S. Army. The second annual kick off of the Infantry Industry day opens up opportunities for defense contractors to meet with the commanding staff of the U.S. Army Infantry Center.

"The tournament is a chance to allow the contractors and people who build equipment for soldiers the opportunity to meet with the green suitors," Wells said, AUSA president.

Meeting with the commanding staff during the tournament is a great way to exchange ideas, said Omega Business Developer M.W. Mike Menser.

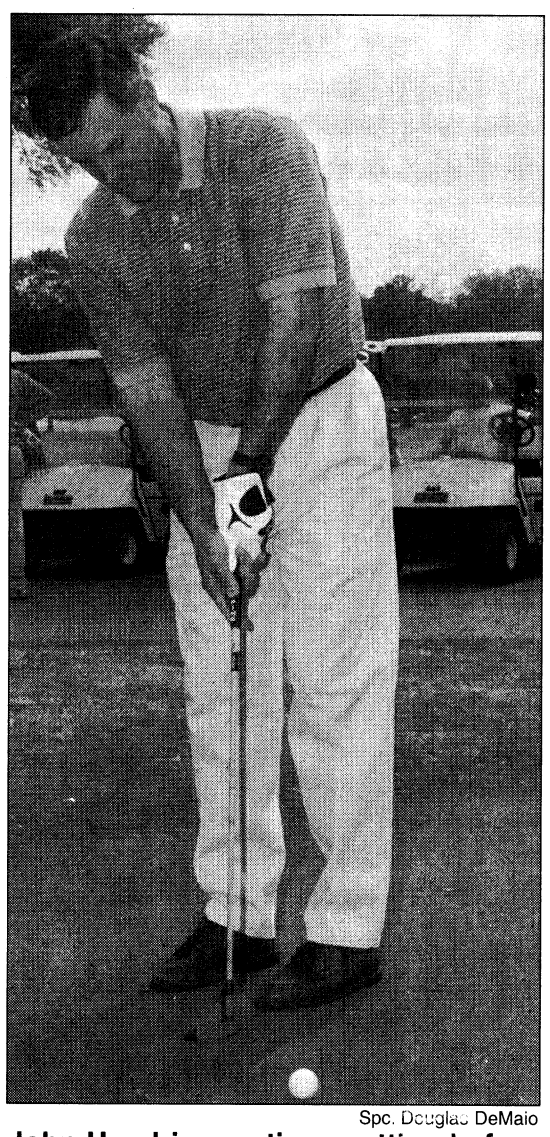
"It's a relaxing way to get people together," Menser said.

Furthermore, bringing people together strengthens the Army, Hendrix said.

The power of the Army lies within three pillars, which are industry, equipment and people.

"When you bring in the industry, you bring in the third pillar," Hendrix said. "We are all talking to each other to provide soldiers with the best equipment.

"The better it is, the better the Army will be."



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
John Hendrix practices putting before the industry day golf tournament.

Cruise-a-matics hit overdrive

Rugby team posts win in home game

Jim Muldoon
Cruise-a-matics

The Columbus and Fort Benning Rugby Club won their long overdue home opener 39-7 over the Islanders of Okaloosa RFC on Saturday.

Using a strong forward attack favored by Australian coach Dave Hatton, the Cruise-a-matics jumped out to a 10-0 halftime lead.

In the second half, the Cruisers continued to play aggressively to extend their lead and finish with a decisive victory.

Key players for the game were 8-man, Ben Pry, Hooker, Roy Krueger, and rookie winger, Jeremy Bond.

The Cruise-a-matics next match is April 6 at 2 p.m. against the Yellowhammers from Montgomery.

For more information about rugby, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

sports briefs

Volleyball league — Intramural volleyball registration has begun. League play begins April 15.

For information and early registration, call Lula Mitchenor at 545-9595 or 545-9486.

Golf league — Intramural golf registration has begun. League play begins April 16.

For information, call Andrew Snoddy at 545-4300.

Softball tournament — The annual preseason softball tournament registration has begun. The tournament will be played at Engineer Field April 20-21. The deadline for registration is April 17. There will be a meeting at Gowdy Field April 18 at 3 p.m.

For information, call Carol Gearheart at 545-1940.

Stowers Stampede — The Stowers Stampede is planned for April 20. It will feature the 1-mile fun run, 5K run and 5K wheelchair race. The event has been an annual event for more than 20 years. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Stowers Elementary school. Registration is $6 for children and $12 for those 15 and older. Participants will receive a T-shirt with the registration fee. Registration the day of the race will be $2 extra.

For more information, call 545-7793.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15 through 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1- 22.

For more information, call John Littleman at 425-255-4645.

Pistol shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Pistol Team is recruiting soldiers interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2002.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years service who obtain approval from their commanders can be attached to the marksmanship unit to participate in the initial advanced marksmanship training.

The best shooters will be selected to compete in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July. Upon completion of the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units.

For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Gibbs at 545-3893.

Rifle shooters wanted — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good rifle shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in rifle competitions in the summer of 2002.

Proof of sharpshooter or expert M-16 rifle qualification is required, and soldiers must be sergeant first class or below with less than 15 years of service and at least two years retention.

Every year the USAMU Service Rifle Team holds a try-out.

This year the try-out will be April 15-21. During the try-out week, soldiers are trained and evaluated in advanced marksmanship skills.

Once that is completed, rifle team officials select shooters who will remain from April 22 to Aug. 19 to compete at the Interservice and National Championships. At the end of the four-month tour, soldiers will return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training.

Interested soldiers can contact Ward at 545-3250 or 545-5614 or e-mail kyle.ward@usarec.army.mil. For more information, visit the unit's Web site at www.usamu.com, click on The Shooting Teams, select Service Rifle and click on "Joining the Team."

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Rugby Club — The Columbus and Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Avenue and Blanchard Blvd.

Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. throughout the season. The spring season features five league matches, and culminates with the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Golf Pass — The American Lung Association of Georgia is offering the 2002 Golf Privilege Card for $25. The card offers discounts on more than 700 courses and helps the ALA fight lung disease.

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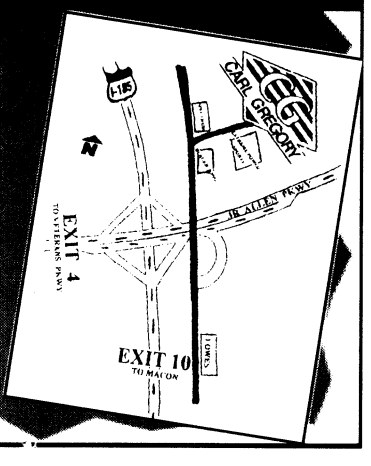
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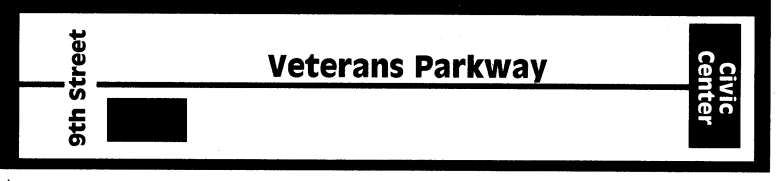
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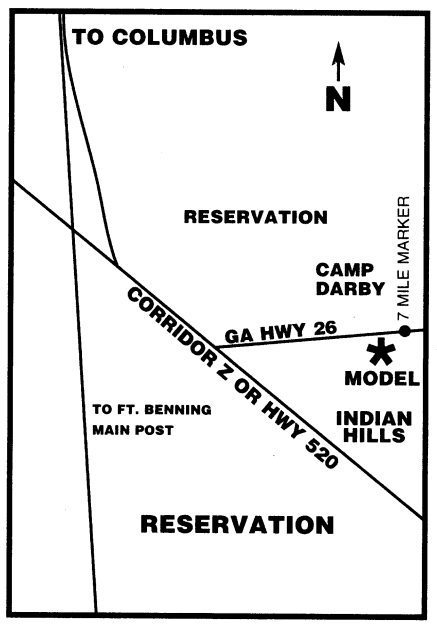
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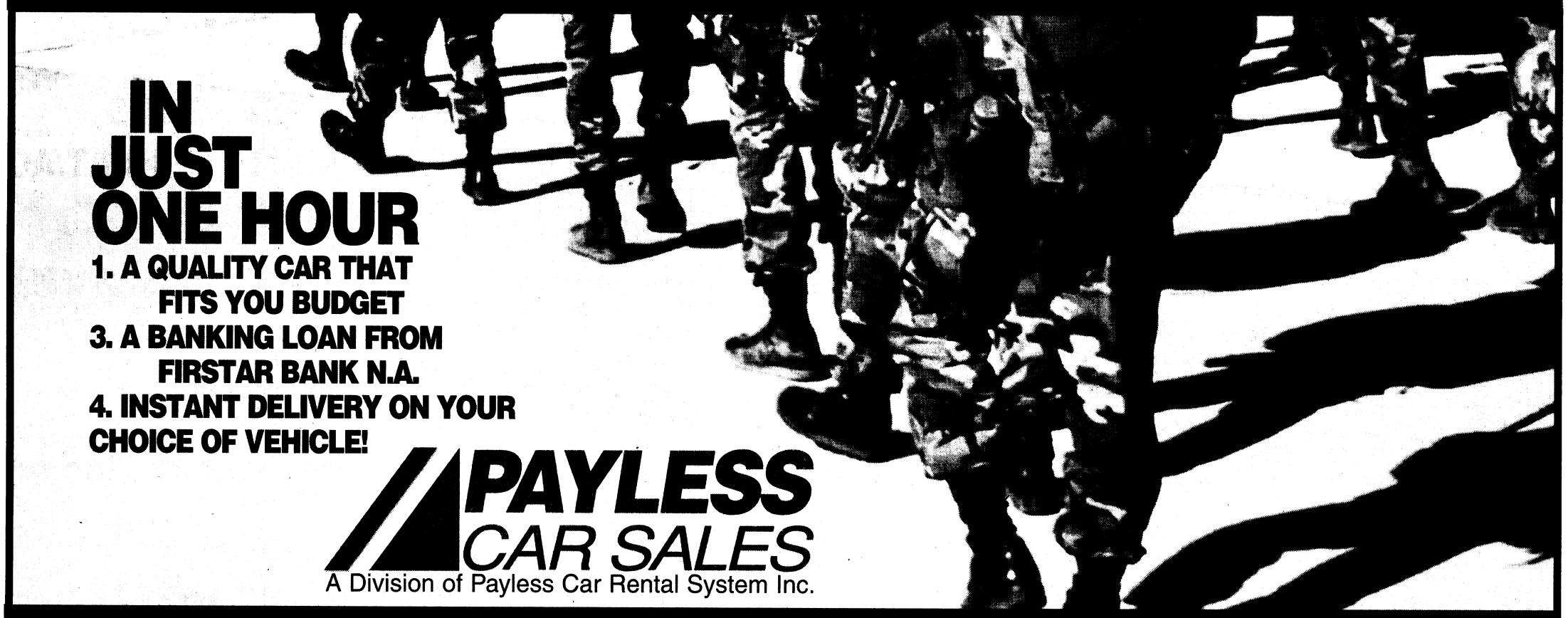
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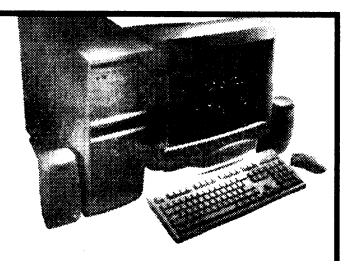


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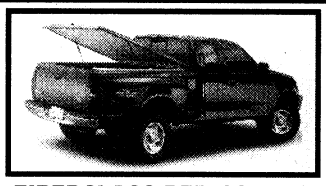
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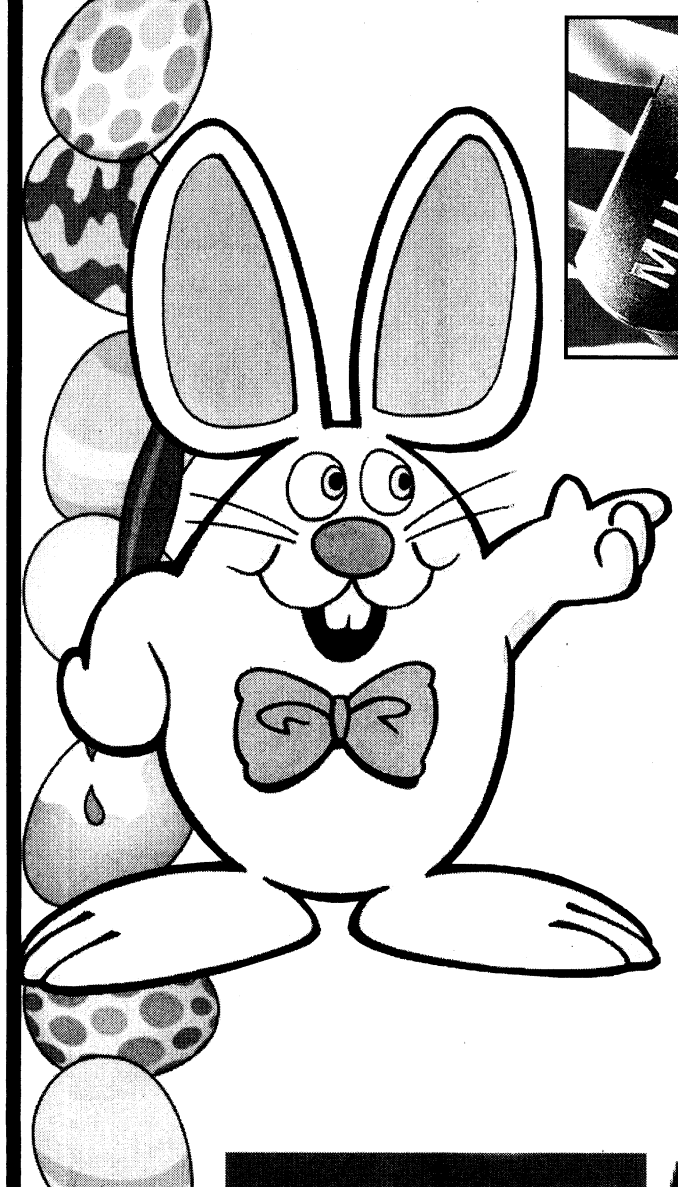
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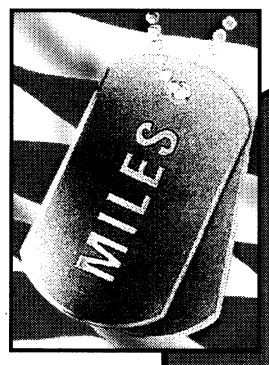
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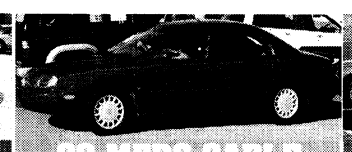
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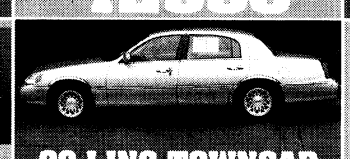
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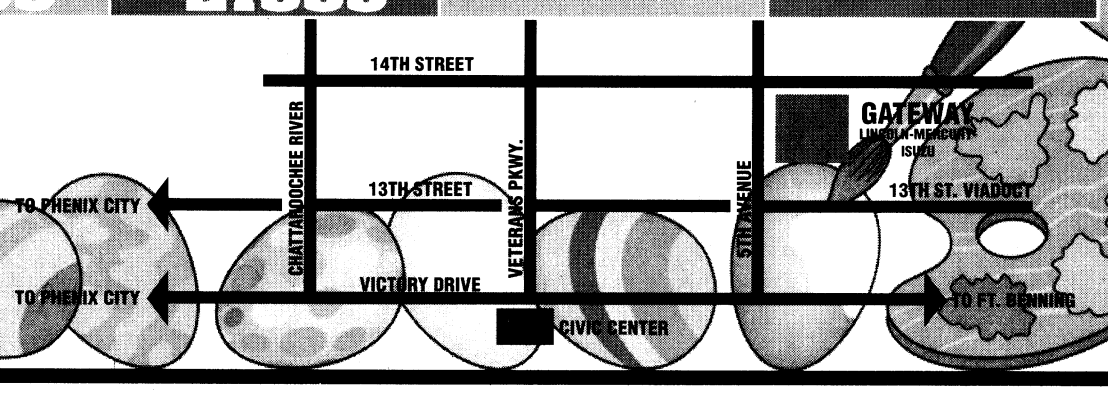
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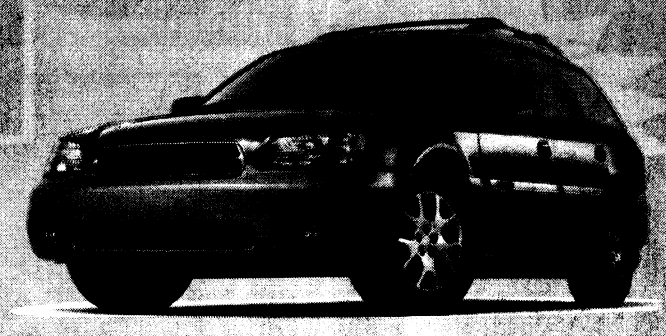
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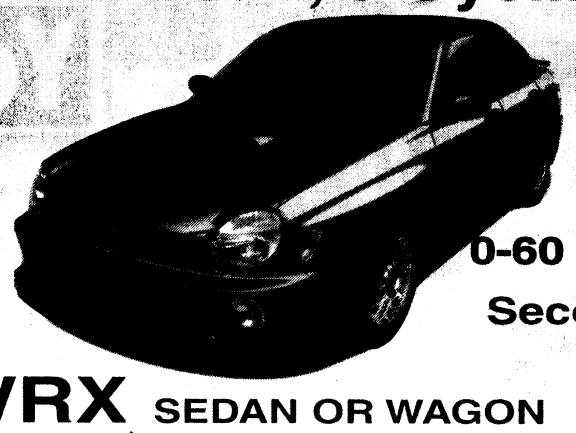


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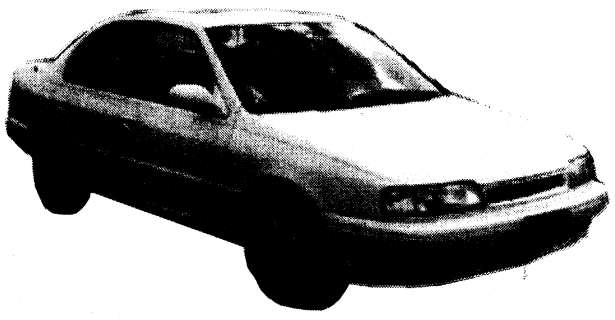
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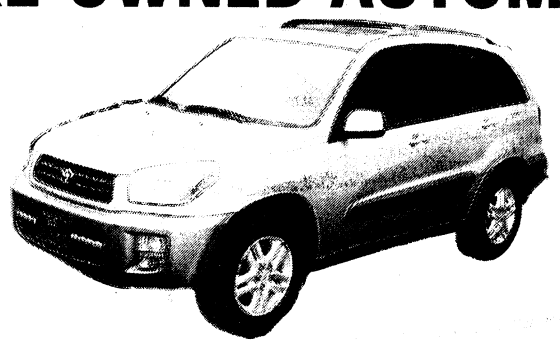
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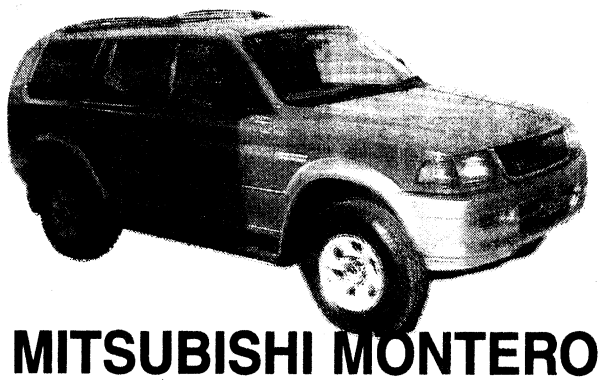
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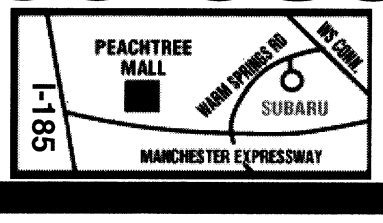
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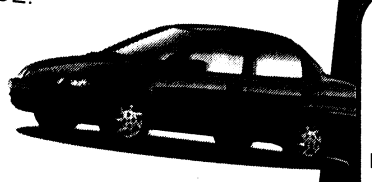
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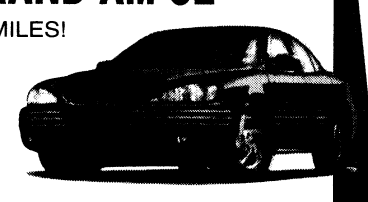
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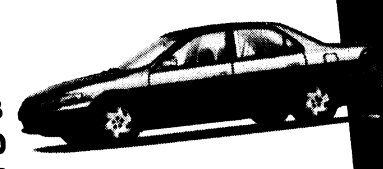
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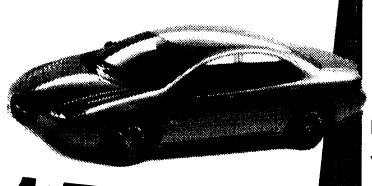
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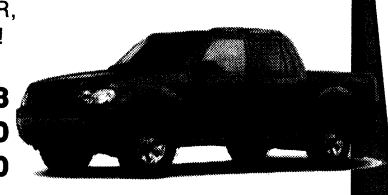
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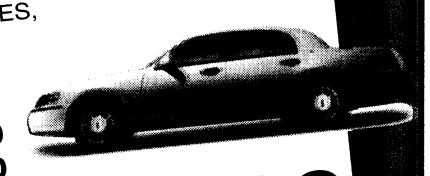
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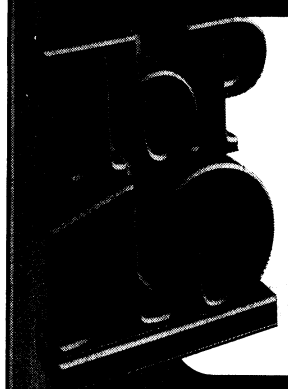


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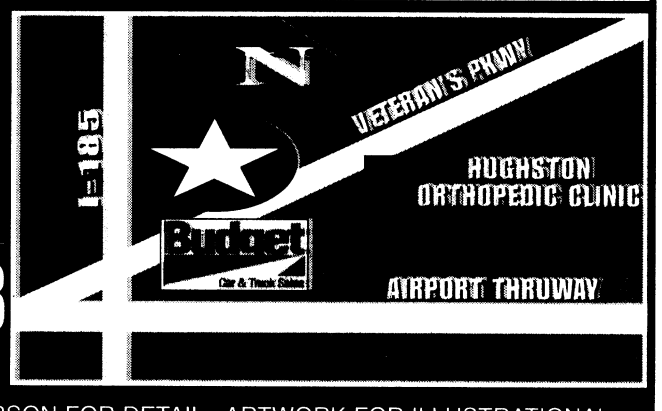
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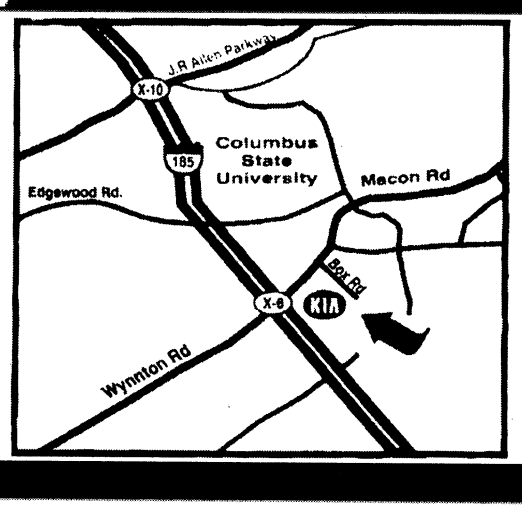
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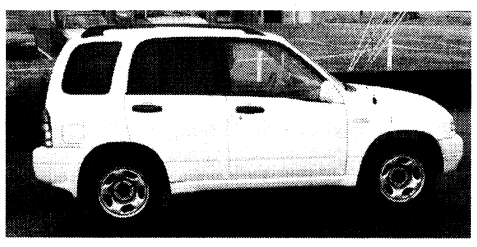
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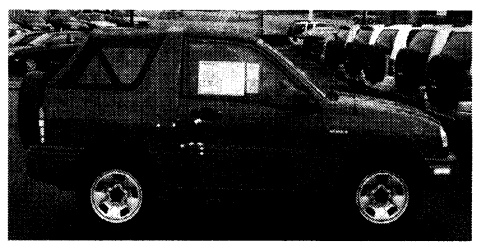
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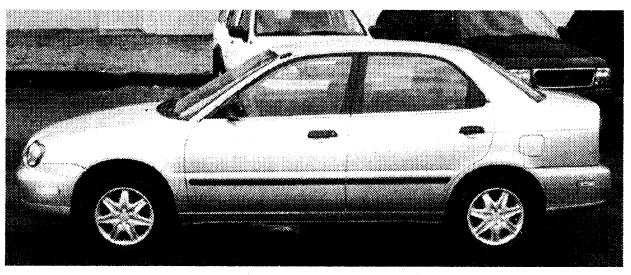
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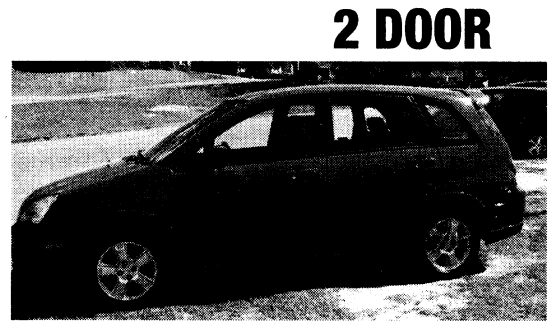
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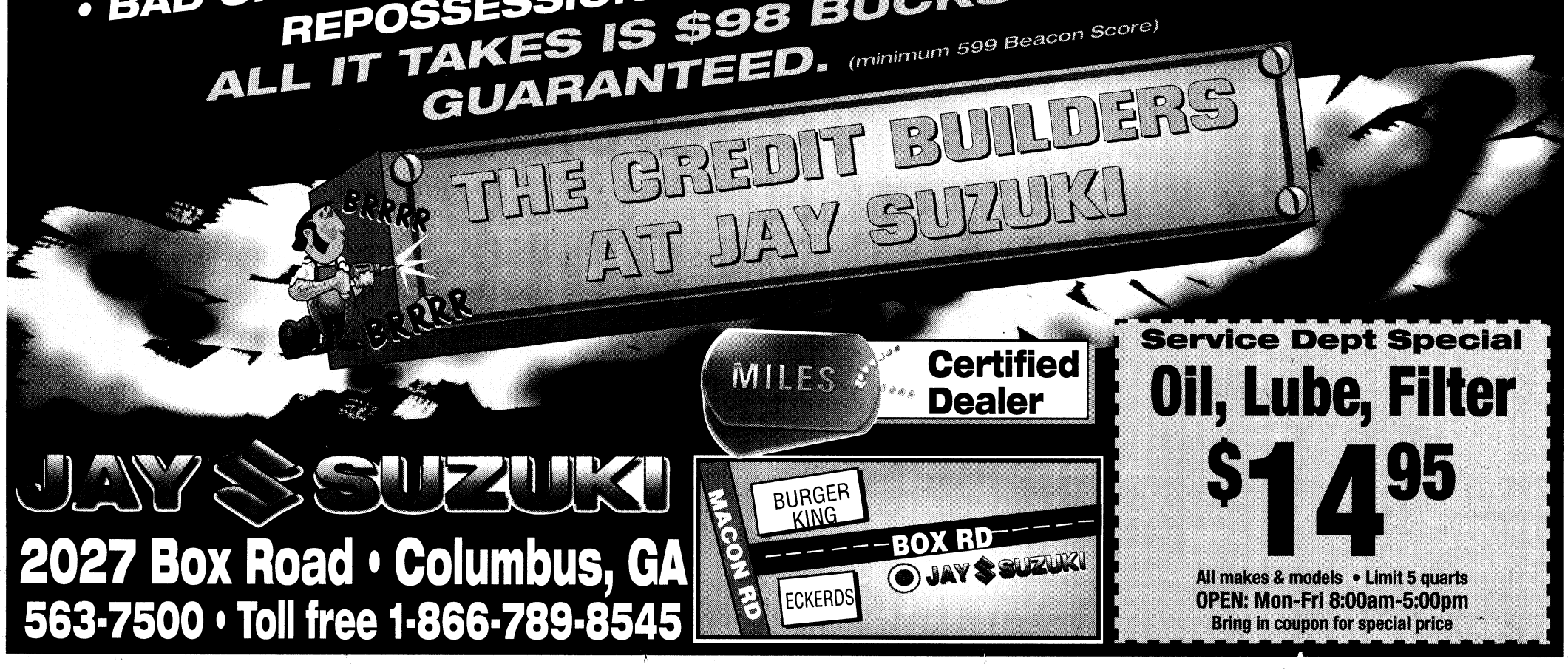
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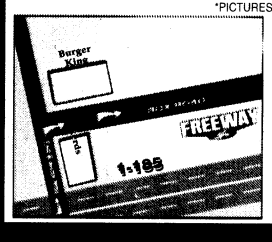
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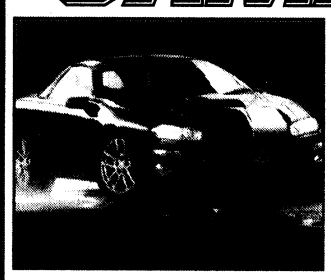


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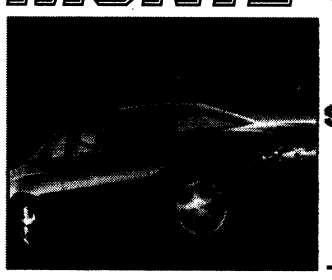


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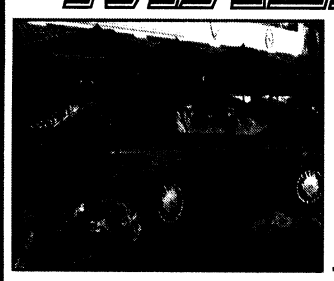


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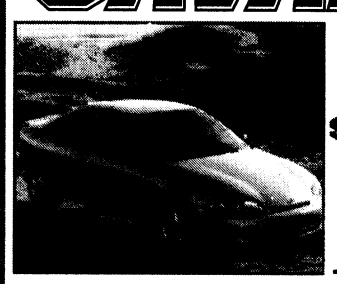


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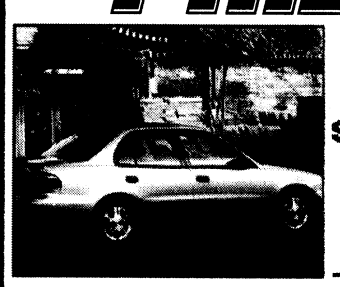


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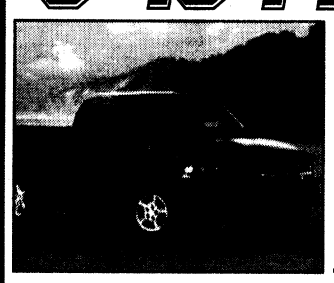


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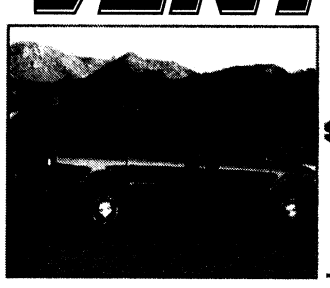


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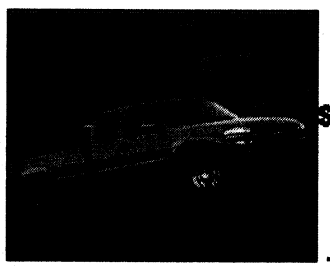


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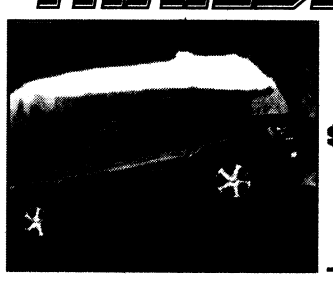


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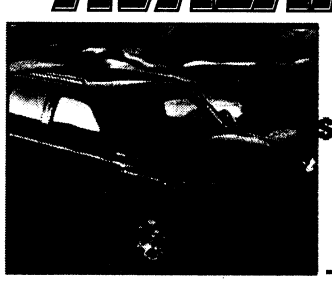


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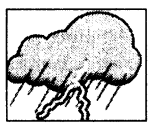
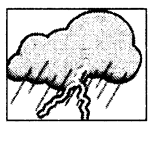
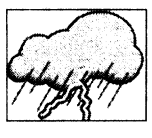
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MPs return from deployment

Soldiers raise bar for detachment, themselves

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Since the attacks on the Pentagon and the World Trade Center September 11, the U.S. has called on many soldiers to help fight the war on terrorism.

The Renegade platoon of the 988th Military Police Detachment just had a taste of what it's like.

The Renegades returned Tuesday from a deployment to the military district of Washington, where their mission was to conduct security for the area.

The platoon deployed before Christmas. They were gone for more than 105 days.

"We didn't get to spend much time with them before they left," said Amy Davidson, wife of 1st Lt. Kyle Davidson. "It was hard at first, but when I got to go up and see him for four days, it made me feel a lot better."

The deployment challenged both families and soldiers, but both overcame it.

"Before I left, my son was four months old and wasn't even crawling," said Spc. William J. Golden. "Now, he is almost walking. I really missed a lot of

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Pfc. Chris Stephens

Members of the 988th Military Police Company await their dismissal to their families Tuesday.

Get some!



Pfc. Kyle Neller

A member of the Infantry Officer Basic Course runs though the woods during a squad training exercise Tuesday. For details, see A-11.

Working dogs retire, adjust

Handler finds joy in making dog his pet

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

They serve their country protecting everyone from the president to the loyal-Superbowl spectator. They are the working military dogs of America, and they are protecting Americans against illegal drugs, dangerous criminals and harmful explosives.

After spending many years protecting the great citizens of America, these working dogs retire and are adopted to live a dog's life unfamiliar to them.

The dogs have a tough time adjusting to the relaxation of a normal dog's life, said Sgt. Joe Bailer, Fort Benning's K9 unit NCOIC. They are used to performing their mission.

Still, the dogs make great pets, said Sgt. Kristopher Upton, a handler with the unit. They are outstanding house dogs.

"The dogs are great and very sociable," Upton said. "Although, I would not recommend them to be around children."

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Drill sergeant recognized for excellence

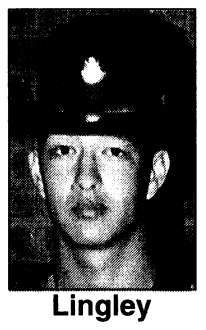
Fort Benning honors leader with award

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Many consider drill sergeants the most professional NCOs in the Army, affecting every new soldier, indoctrinating them with standards by which they live their lives.

One Fort Benning soldier did it the best. The new drill sergeant of the year is Staff Sgt. Raymond Lingley, drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment.

"It was an honor to be chosen," Lingley said. "It was my goal since I volunteered to be a drill sergeant. But, I'm not better than any other drill sergeant on Fort Benning."



Lingley

Lingley's own drill sergeants from basic training helped inspire him.

"Seeing my own drill sergeants in basic training made me want to be one," Lingley said.

Lingley's peers enjoy working with him.

"He is one of the most professional drill sergeants with whom I've worked," said Staff Sgt. Chardon Hyde, Lingley's senior drill sergeant. "He demands discipline and that the standard is met, and the soldiers reflect that in their military bearing."

"All my battle buddies helped me study, and the board held us to the standard that Sand Hill holds all drill sergeants," Lingley said.

The board started on the first day with a physical fitness test, then the drill sergeants had to instruct classes to soldiers as they were evaluated by judges from the Basic Combat Training Brigade, Infantry Training Brigade and the Drill Sergeant School.

"The board was very nerve racking," Lingley said. "The field of information we had to study for was so wide, it was a lot to cover."

The second day they had to pitch modules, such as instructing soldiers on drill and ceremony. Then on the third day the drill sergeants went before a formal board.

"I was spending a lot of time with my soldiers, but even just doing what we do every day helped me because that is what we're tested on," Lingley said. "I didn't do my job any differently, though."

Lingley studied everything on his own time and never neglected his soldiers, Hyde said.

"I would like to think the soldiers take from me the same things I took from my drill sergeants, learning from their experience," Lingley said.

The leader lived by a simple creed.

"Don't cut yourself short, set challenging but attainable goals, find out what it takes to achieve them, then execute," Lingley said.

Lingley doesn't quit, and he will do everything in his power to achieve his goals, Hyde said.

"Being a drill sergeant is great," Lingley said. "I couldn't ask for anything more. As soon as I could, I signed on to be a drill sergeant, came on the trail and haven't looked back."

SPRING BREAK

Summertime fun

Laura Martinson
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COMMENTARY



Did you ever notice how a certain scent can bring back a memory? For me, the aromas of spring and summer bring back the fondest.

Like the smell of freshly cut grass. It takes me back to a time where running barefoot was the rule, and a full two-foot tin wading pool was all my little sister and I anticipated.

Or the smell just before a summer rain. It was the one thing that could change our direction from swing sets and bike rides to mud pies and puddle jumping.

The scent of a warm summer breeze puts me right back into my grandma's backyard, where the thrill of the day was found in plucking the ripest grapes off her vine. Grandma would make jelly out of her picks, but my sister and I would snack on our finds beneath the enveloping arms of a red bud tree.

And there is one place, my favorite summer place, that has so many sights, smells and memories combined that it's hard to pick just one.

My grandparents started building it when I was four. The house, which began as a one-story with an unfinished upstairs, sits atop a hill that slopes down into Table Rock Lake.

The name was funny to us when we were little, and our parents told us it was named, likewise, for a large rock alongside the lake that looks like, well, a table.

It was originally my grandparents' summer home, and each year, the entire family, five sons and their families, would flock to meet there for a mini-reunion. For one week every summer, we ran wild, learned to ski, did flips off the dock, and occasionally got into a little trouble.

The home, which has grown each year, is where my grandparents decided to retire, and I can't say that I blame them. It holds an entire family's memories of one another, and though we now cannot all manage to meet there at the same time, we can find each other in the nooks and crannies where we played hide and seek.

I can picture every square inch of the house and grounds, and the way the lake rests during any given time of day. I can see the quiet and calm of the morning water, where only a few fishermen dare disturb the solitude. And the rush of a July afternoon, where boaters and skiers galore play in the sun like there's no tomorrow. It is my favorite place to be, and now I get to share it with my children.

I find myself now in another season of rebirth, and this time I'm the mommy, and I get to make the fun.

I now have the two little girls, and they bear a striking resemblance to the two found in my summer memories.

So I guess I'm lucky, because each spring I get called back, some 20 years ago, to a time of unparalleled innocence and freedom. And it makes me feel the same as it did back then. It draws me outdoors.

And I have every new season to remind me of those good times had.

Reservists deserve more credit

Don Dees
356th Broadcast Public Affairs Detachment, Fort Meade, Md.

WASHINGTON — "Weekend Warriors! Nasty Guard! Darn Reservists!" It's all been said.

Guard and Reserve troops have traditionally been viewed as inferior to regular Army soldiers.

When British Maj. Gen. Phineas Riall faced troops from the 6th Infantry Regiment during the War of 1812, he thought he would be facing militia members from Buffalo, N.Y. Instead he encountered soldiers who marched bravely through his artillery fires. Seeing their professionalism, Riall exclaimed, "Those are regulars, by God!"

Riall expected to encounter what today we would call reservists, and instead, he had to fight against soldiers from America's standing army.

Riall's prejudice nearly mirrors attitudes that still exist in some places regarding the Guard and Reserve. Some active-duty soldiers believe reservists just don't maintain the same standards.

Army Regulation 670-1 governs the wear and appearance of the Army uniform. The regulation does not say active-duty forces must wear it one way and reservists another. There is no provision for alternate uniforms for each component.

When it comes to drill and ceremony, Field Manual 22-5 does not differentiate between components regarding how to march.

The U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command regulates training for all soldiers, regardless of component. Basic trainees undergo the same rigorous indoctrination into Army life, regardless of component. New recruits also must undertake training for their specific job in the Army.

TRADOC regulates this advanced individual training for all components.

Reserve-component units must validate their capabilities upon mobilization, just as active units do through exercise evaluations and rotations through Army maneuver training centers.

Senior Army leadership promotes the notion of, "one team, one fight." Comparable training requirements ensure this can be a reality.

Winston Churchill had it right when he said, "The reservist is twice the citizen." Guardsmen and reservists live and work in their communities and serve their nation when duty calls.

Some active-component soldiers assume that with only two training days a month available, reservists cannot achieve the same level of proficiency.

This assumption ignores the fact that many reservists hold the same or similar vocation in private life.

The Army relies on reservists to carry out its mission. The U.S. Army Reserve Command manages 500 units as part of the Army's Force Support Package, according to the command's mission statement. These units would be activated immediately to provide combat support and combat service support capabilities in time of full mobilization.

Today, half the U.S. Army's combat power exists in the National Guard. National Guard units have been a part of the peacekeeping efforts in the Balkans since shortly after the 1995 Dayton Peace Accord was signed. In the last rotation, force protection at one cluster of base camps south of Tuzla, Bosnia, was the responsibility of a Georgia National Guard unit.

During Desert Storm, 13 reservists were killed and 43 were wounded Feb. 25, 1991, when a SCUD missile hit the building where the 14th Quartermaster Detachment was staying. That Reserve unit sustained the most casualties of any allied unit during the Gulf War.

Leaders at every level today must promote tolerance and acceptance of their reservist counterparts.

When soldiers face an enemy today, they will not be able to make the distinction that Riall did in the War of 1812. Reserve and Guard soldiers serve and die alongside "regulars."

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The Youth Services staff, Team Supreme Club and NIKE Swoosh Club would like to thank everyone who donated towels, blankets, dog and cat food at the "Help the Animal Shelter Night Dance" March 1. The donations were presented at the home of Maj. Gen. Paul and P.J. Eaton March 23 at the Spring Eggstravaganza to the veterinarian clinic. The vet clinic is always in need of these items and appreciated the effort made by the community to help.

Alan F. Stewart
Director of Community Activity

CORRECTION

There were several phone numbers listed incorrectly in the Newcomers' and Buyers' Guide 2002 published with the March 29 edition of *The Bayonet*.

The Army Community Service telephone number 545-6969 is no longer a valid number.

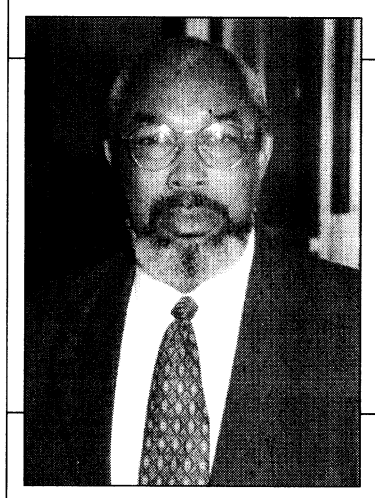
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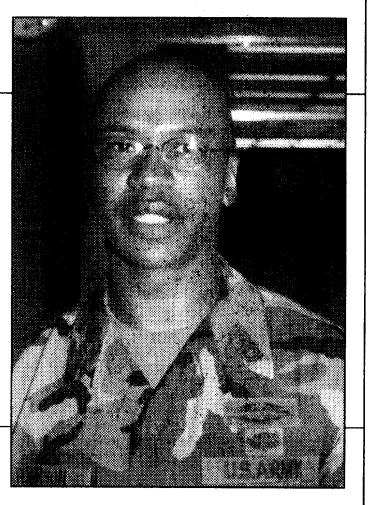
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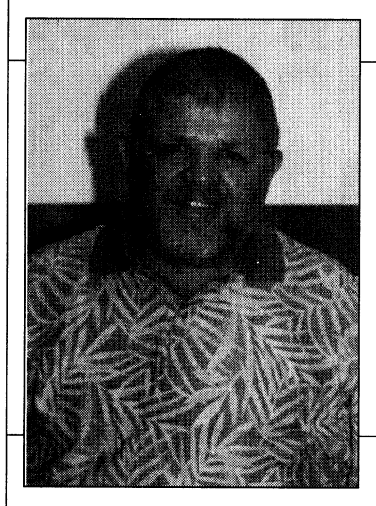
Now that spring has started, what are your outdoor plans?



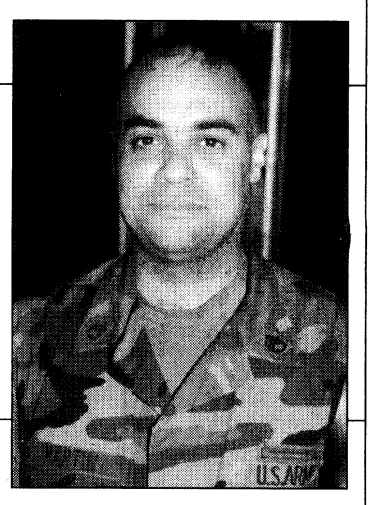
(Ret. Master Sgt.) James Brown — "I like to go fishing. It gives me the opportunity to relax and enjoy the great outdoors."



Sgt. 1st. Class James Robinson, Henry Caro NCO Academy — "Motorcycle riding. I enjoy the cool breeze and the sites."



Mike Hodge, DoD civilian — "Home-improvement. I save a lot of money doing the work myself."



Staff Sgt. Carlos Martin, A Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Soccer. It's easy to set-up, and plus it is a great cardio-vascular workout."



Denise Boldrey, AAFES employee. — "Fishing. It gives me quiet time and I enjoy doing it."



Pvt. Andrea Candlish, A Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Horseback riding. It's very relaxing and fun. It also gives me a great way to see the country-side."

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SCALING DOWN
Couple wins at losing game



'They were actually a little tight,' says Tony Ralph of his 68-inch pants. Ralph lost more than 300 pounds and now wears size 34.

Bridgett Siter
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Tony Ralph's weight-loss tale is atypical. His "weight struggle" was really no struggle at all. No yo-yo dieting. No bouts of depression and self-loathing. No fasting and gorging. By his own admission, he was fat and happy. And after 17 years of unrestrained eating, Tony weighed nearly 500 pounds.

"I never even considered dieting, didn't give it a thought," he said. "When I got out of the Army, I thought, 'I'll never have to diet or run again.' And I didn't. I gained 60 pounds the first six months."

From there it continued to climb, until he finally quit weighing himself.

"I had no idea how heavy I was. I couldn't find a scale that went high enough," said Tony, who was an instructor at Fort Benning's Combined Arms Tactics Directorate before leaving the Army in 1984.

"This is a fitness-oriented environment, so I had absolutely no credibility with soldiers," he said. "They look at an obese person and they see no discipline. Being overweight means more than excess pounds. It comes with excess baggage, too."

Still, Tony didn't try to lose the weight. Even later, when it interfered with his job at Fort Benning's Office of Inspector General, he didn't diet.

"It took me 10 minutes to recuperate from climbing one flight of stairs to my office. I couldn't even talk, I was so winded," he said. "I'd actually plan my day around avoiding those stairs."

Tony continued to drink between 6 and 12 colas a day sometimes eating a whole bag of candy bars. He ordered his size 7X shirts and 68-inch pants from catalogues.

His wife, Claudette, also battled her weight. But her's was a textbook example of post-childbirth weight gain, years of yo-yo dieting and, finally, resignation.

"I didn't have a problem till after my son was born. Then it was up and down, till I resigned myself to it. I work in an environment where that was acceptable," said Claudette, who teaches at Forrest Road Elementary.

Tony "avoided doctors like the plague," though he considered himself in poor health. Claudette was diagnosed with various weight-related illnesses, including high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes.

Then one day a relative recommended Weight Watchers, and the couple decided to try it.

"Why all of a sudden, after 17 years of abusing my body? I can't tell you," Tony said. "All I can say is it was God's timing, and everything came together at once. We made up our minds to commit to it."

But not without a lot of research. Claudette said Tony "is very analytical. He researches everything to death." Tony studied the program, which he described as "a check-book system" of spending points on food and earning points by exercising, and modified it to his needs.

Claudette, for the most part, was a "by the book" dieter.



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'Now I can hug him,' says Claudette Ralph. Together, the couple lost more than 400 pounds.

The success of their diet reads like a far-fetched advertisement touting overnight weight loss. Together they shed more than 400 pounds in little more than a year.

Tony, who figured it would take at least three years to reach his target weight of 182 pounds, lost 13 pounds the first week and became "obsessed with it." He started walking, 10 minutes here and there, and worked his way up to 15 miles a day, seven days a week. And he incorporated weight training into his routine. He reached his goal March 18, having lost 304 pounds in just 62 weeks.

"It just fell off. It was remarkable," he said. "I never hit a plateau, never gained an ounce. After a few months, I could actually control how much I lost per week."

Claudette's weight loss wasn't as smooth. She hit the occasional plateau and even gained, despite never cheating on the diet. But she stuck with it and lost 110 pounds in 65 weeks. The former size 22 now shops for size six and no longer requires medication.

"My Easter dress actually had horizontal stripes on it," she said. "That's something I could never wear before. Now I'm buying anything and everything. It's fun."

The couple, both 46, is now in the "maintenance phase" of their diet program, and they'll remain there for the rest of their lives, they said.

"This is it for us. This is how we live," said Claudette, referring to their system of journaling every day's meals, mentally tabulating food "points" and regular exercise.

"I don't ever want to go through this again," said Tony, who drew strength from his faith, using his walking time to pray and meditate. "I had to recognized it wasn't God's will for me to be fat. For me there were three elements to this program — diet, exercise and a spiritual component. Prayer was key," he said.



courtesy photos

These 'before' shots of Tony and Claudette Ralph hang on the couple's refrigerator, constant reminders to chose their meals wisely.

Tony believes his wife has been an inspiration to many family members and friends. Eight of her coworkers have joined Weight Watchers.

"We're not walking advertisements for Weight Watchers," Tony said. "There are lots of programs out there. I believe they're all good, as long as you eat nutritiously. Don't completely give up protein or carbs or fats."

And don't look for motivation in others, he said.

"Someone once asked General Perishing if it was hard giving up smoking. He said, 'No. The hard part was making up my mind to do it.' I agree," Tony said. "You have to take ownership of your weight. You can't blame it on someone else or circumstances in your life. You have to accept your responsibility. It's a self-inflicted wound.

"Then find a diet that suits your lifestyle and do something about it."

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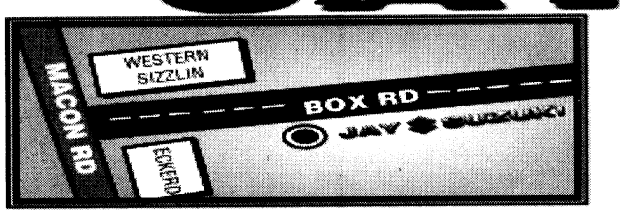


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11th Regiment sergeant major to retire

Leader leaves military life after 30 years

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Staring down the home stretch of a 30-year Army career, Command Sgt. Maj. James Boyett faces retirement with major wardrobe worries.

"I don't have a thing to wear," Boyett said, as he reflected on the various uniforms he donned in three decades of service and pondered the daily dilemma he'll face on the fashion front.

"I've worn fatigues, BDUs, permanent press, jungle BDUs ... I kinda liked not having to decide what to wear every day. I don't even know what kind of clothes to buy," he laughed. "I'm gonna miss the Army."

The 11th Infantry Regiment's command sergeant major will bid farewell to the regimented, regulated, rank-and-file life of a soldier Thursday. But he'll cling fast to the ethics and ethos that first drew him to the "old Army."

"It's never been about a uniform or a paycheck. To be honest, I couldn't even tell you what my LES reads," he said. "The Army has always been a way of life for me, not a job. And it will always be a part of my life."

The son of a retired soldier, Boyett enlisted in 1972, as the Vietnam War was winding down. "A peacetime Army," he called it, but one that faced monumental problems internally.

"Vietnam had ripped this country apart, and the Army wasn't popular," he said. "We faced a different kind of war within. Drugs were bad then ... even murder."

The postwar Army wasn't his father's Army, and a disillusioned Boyett would have left after his first enlistment. But the dedication and leadership of NCOs within his company inspired him to continue.

"And I've never regretted it," he said. "I'm glad I stuck it out, and if I could do it all again, I wouldn't change a thing. It made me realize how important NCOs are. It made me want to be the best leader I could be."

In the years since, through 10 stateside assignments and four overseas, Boyett has seen major changes in the Army. Housing has improved, equipment is "a heck of alot" better, today's barracks "are way better than the big open bays we had to live in," and the Army's education system has improved immeasurably.

"The enlisted soldier has always wanted the opportunity to get an education. For so long, there wasn't time. You couldn't take classes because of training," he said. "It's wonderful what they have available today."

But perhaps the most significant change is less tangible.

Boyett sees little evidence of the internal frustrations that plagued the Army after Vietnam.

"Sure we have issues, whether its berets or whatever. But we don't have the drugs and fighting we used to have," he said. "I believe in the old Army. It was hard-core. But we've come a long way toward bringing soldiers together. We're a more cohesive Army now."

Paradoxically, this "cohesive" Army is attracting more independent, free-thinking soldiers than ever before, Boyett said.

"There was no way I'd have approached my first sergeant or sergeant major when I was a private," he said. "Enlisted soldiers are a different breed these days. They're very intelligent, but very outspoken. They like to question things, and sometimes that's hard to take.

"But when push comes to shove, the Army does exactly what it's meant to do," he said. "We've proved it over and over. We're still training the best soldiers in the world."

Boyett and his wife, Charlene, will miss "the Army way of life —the friendships, the closeness you don't find in the civilian world," he said. "It's such a tight-knit society. We've always loved it, and it's hard to give it up."

"It's all we've ever known," said Charlene, the daughter of a career Marine.

"We both grew up living this life. Then we chose it ourselves. Leaving it is scary. I'm ready to retire, I'm just not ready to say good-bye to the Army."

The couple, who call Fort Rucker, Ala., home, are already making plans to visit their youngest son, Michael, in Germany, where he's serving with a military police unit, and Charlene's brother, who lives in Alaska.

And they plan to tour the states, to take a good, long look at the places they passed en route, as they criss-crossed the country from one assignment to another.

"We moved 23 times in 30 years," Boyett said. "The Army life is a gypsy's life. Now we're going to travel instead of transfer. It doesn't matter what we see, as long as we can take our time and enjoy it."

The public is invited to attend a reception in Boyett's honor at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Fort Benning Officer's Club. The cost is $12.25.

For more information, call 545-8195.

Boyett's retirement ceremony will take place at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Airborne Walk across from Infantry Hall. It is open to the public.



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Command Sgt. Major James Boyett and his wife, Charlene, pose for a photo at their residence. They look forward to traveling after his retirement ceremony Thursday.

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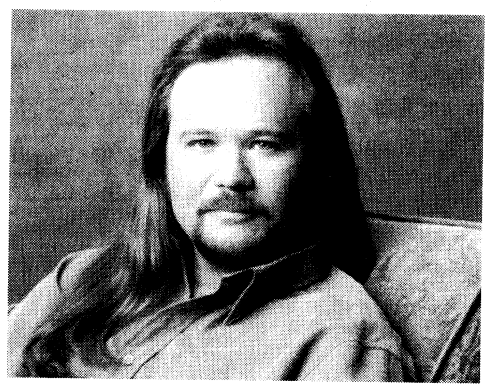
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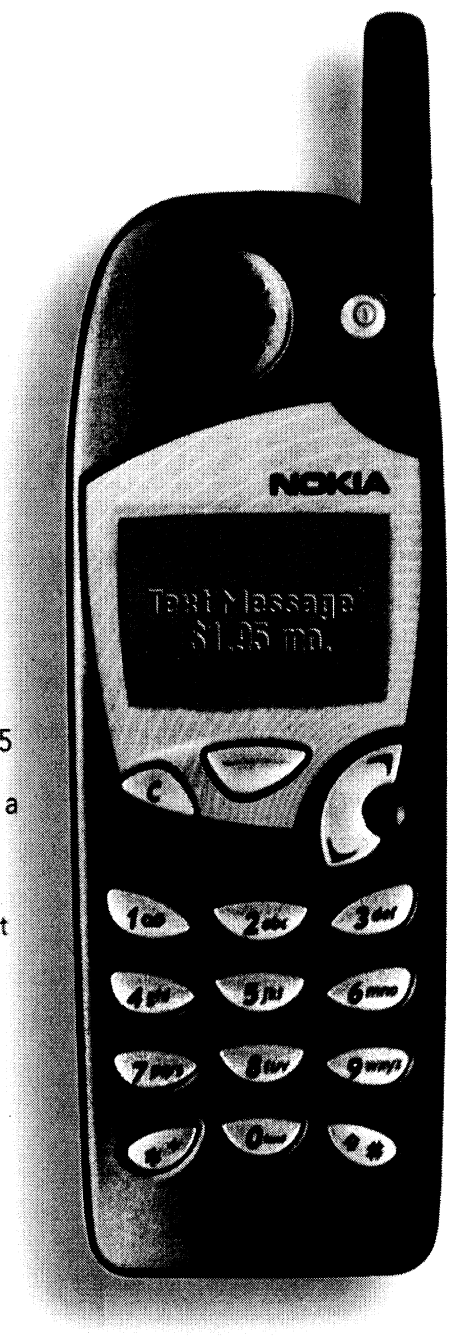
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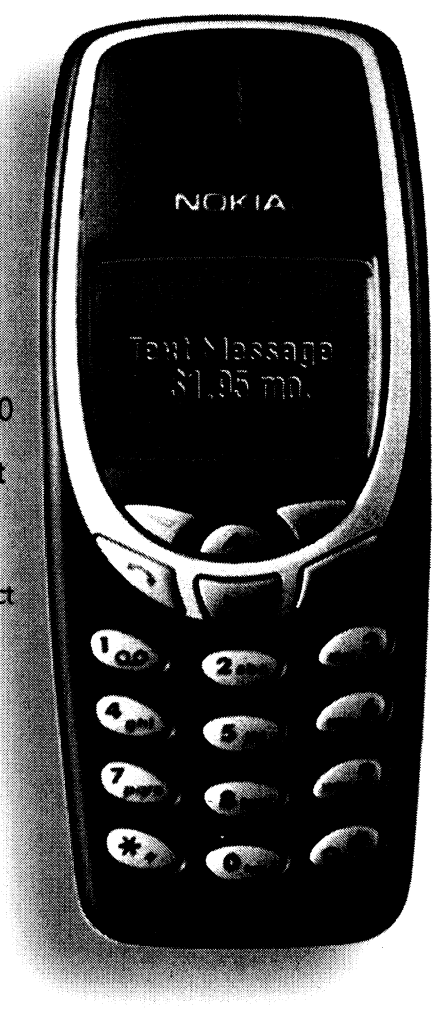
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Founded in 1942, the IAAP is the world's largest nonprofit organization for administrative professionals, with 700 chapters and approximately 40,000 members and affiliates worldwide.

Working in partnership with employers to promote professional growth and excellence in the administrative fields, Columbus' own Port City Chapter has members from AFLAC, Total Systems, Synovus, Fort Benning, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Kodak Polychrome, Meade Coated Board and many other Columbus and Phenix City businesses.

Certified Professional Secretary and Certified Administrative Professional ratings may be earned through the IAAP.

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In addition, IAAP membership benefits include information on the latest industry information and research, discounts on continuing educational products, opportunities to attend international and regional educational workshops and networking events, and the possibility of professional certification.

The Port City Chapter is active in community and charity events.

The Port City Chapter of the IAAP will have the annual Administrative Professional of the Year banquet at 6:30 p.m. April 23 at the Sheraton Four Points.

For more information about the benefits and certifications of the IAAP, contact Lauren Orrok on Outlook or see the Web site at http://www.iaap-hq.org/.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's General Technical score. The skills learned are applicable to military duties. The remaining classes scheduled are as follows:

April 22-May 10; May 20-June 17; June 17-July 9; July 15-Aug. 2; and Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

Classes will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 to 4:45 p.m.).

A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins.

The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

SJA closure

The Staff Judge Advocate Office will be closed from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Monday.

The Tax Center will remain open.

Special Forces brief

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta will hold a briefing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22-26 at Infantry Hall, Classroom 9.

For more information, call 545-8771.

Holocaust survivor trip

The USAIC Equal Opportunity Office will pay honor to the victims, as well as survivors, of the Holocaust, at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and the Holocaust Memorial at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta April 25.

The trip is for Fort Benning soldiers and DoD civilians only. The bus will depart Building 2509 (EO office) at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m.

Cost is $4 per person (admission into the museum). There will be a guided tour of the museum and a lecture and story with a survivor of the Holocaust.

Participants will need to provide their own lunch. Tickets are available at the main EO office on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665 or 545-8452 or see your Equal Opportunity advisor.

NCO, Soldier of Quarter

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. April 26 at the Main NCO Club. For more information, call 545-1500.

AUSA job fair

The Association of the United States Army will conduct a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 23 in Infantry Hall. The Fair is for soldiers (active duty and retired), DA civilians and their family members.

Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews. For resume assistance, call Army Career and Alumni Program at 545-2308 or the Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program at 545-6969 or 545-5516.

Asian Pacific Heritage Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers to provide cultural awareness activities such as: dancing, singing, martial arts demonstration or other talent that represents Asian, during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Luau. The luau is 4 to 10 p.m. May 31 at Uchee Creek.

The deadline for registration is April 22. For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-5535.

OCS selection boards

Officer Candidate School selection boards will be May 13-17 and July 22-26. Applications must arrive in Personnel Services and Readiness Division for the May board by April 26 and by June 28 for the July board. Applications must be complete and applicants must meet all prerequisites. For more information, call 545-4702.

Army Birthday Ball

The 227th Army Birthday Ball will at 6 p.m. June 14 at the Columbus Ironsworks Convention Center.

Tickets are $30 per person. Dress is formal. For more information, call 644-0425.

School registration

Spring registration for Vincennes University is now in progress.

For more information, call 689-0098.

Free education

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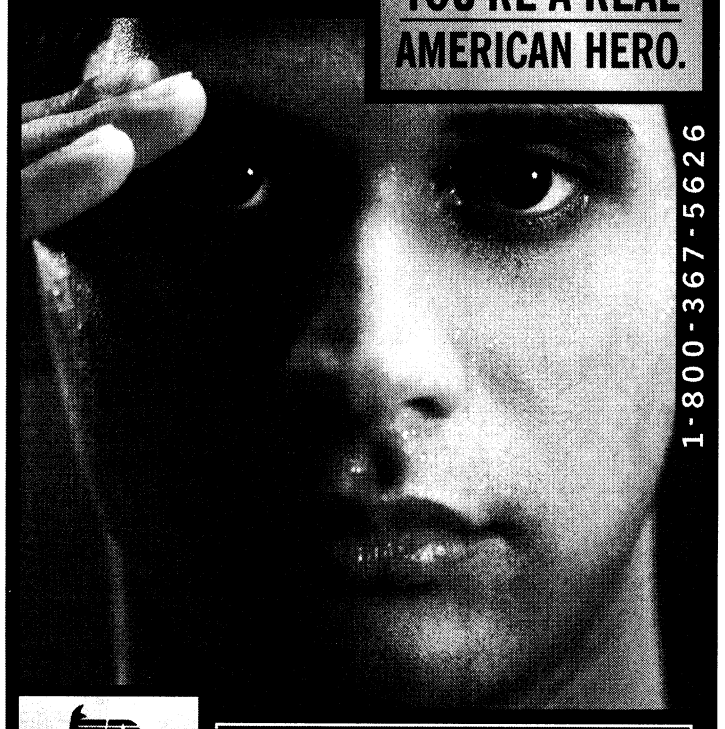
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DEERS update key

Plan rejects some elderly for ineligibility

Jeanette Graf
US Army Medical Command

Rejection! That's hardly the experience some 1.5 million jubilant military retirees and their family members expected when Congress voted to create the TRICARE For Life benefit last year for Department of Defense beneficiaries aged 65 and over.

Unfortunately, some elderly beneficiaries had TFL claims rejected because they had failed to keep their eligibility up-to-date in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System.

Now, the DoD is taking three steps to fix this problem and ensure older beneficiaries get the coverage Congress intended them to have.

First, it is going to go back and pay previously denied claims regardless of "expired eligibility" entries in DEERS records. Claims back to the TFL start date (Oct. 1, 2001) will be reprocessed automatically: no action by beneficiaries or health-care providers is needed.

Second, DoD will continue to pay claims for such beneficiaries until Aug. 1, to give them ample time to establish or renew their eligibility.

Third, it is launching a massive publicity effort to inform over-65 beneficiaries of the absolute necessity of getting and keeping their DEERS enrollments up-to-date. (Those who have already had claims rejected have received Explanation of Benefits statements explaining the problem. But those without recent claims need to be informed before Aug. 1.

DoD policy requires beneficiaries' eligibility be reverified every four years. After Aug. 1, beneficiaries who have not gotten their DEERS status straightened out will be cut off from TFL benefits again, and this time they will stay cut off until they do get their DEERS files up to date.

Officials are concerned about two challenges: how best to get the word out to elderly beneficiaries who may be out of touch with the military and how to help immobile beneficiaries accomplish their reverification.

"Word-of-mouth may be the best way to alert them," said a U.S. Army Medical Command spokesman. "We hope people who do hear about this will pass the word on to any elderly beneficiaries they know who might be homebound and might not get the news directly."

But media popular with retirees will also be used, and DoD is working with retiree organizations like The Military Coalition and the National Military and Veterans Alliance to reach to these beneficiaries and tell them how to update DEERS.

The mechanics of the process are simple enough for beneficiaries that frequent military installations but may be challenging for those in remote areas or confined to home.

Retirees themselves usually have identification cards of indefinite duration and should encounter few problems with DEERS. However, their family members receive ID cards limited to four years of validity. After four years, DEERS terminates their eligibility for military benefits (including TRICARE) unless they renew their cards.

This is normally done by visiting an ID-card issuing facility at a nearby installation. When the new ID card is issued, the facility automatically notifies DEERS to renew the recipient's eligibility for military benefits. (Note: ID-card facilities are operated by military personnel officials — not by TRICARE or military medical officials.)

Problems can arise for individuals unable to travel to a military installation. DoD officials are exploring how to make this process easier for such people.

Meanwhile, an Army Medical Command TRICARE expert says the best advice is for immobile beneficiaries — or those caring for them — to contact the closest ID-card issuer by phone, explain the problem, and work out a personalized solution.

Policies and options vary depending on service and location. In some cases, IDs can be issued by mail for genuinely homebound beneficiaries, if someone can secure a photo of the individual.

A list of nearby ID-card offices can be obtained by doing a search (by city, state or zip code) on this DoD Web site: http://www.dmdc.osd.mil/rsl/. More information on updating DEERS is found at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/DEERSaddress/.

Another alternative is to telephone (800) 361-2620. For information on TRICARE for Life, call (877) 363-5433, (877) DOD-LIFE).

Dogs: Make friends



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Sgt. Kristopher Upton and his adopted retired working dog, Big John, enjoy an afternoon walk.

Children can tend to be a little rough with dogs, he said. That could cause the dog to snap back at them. Seeing the dog retire and adopted can also be somewhat rough for the handler, Bailer said.

"It's tough if you were assigned to the dog," Bailer said. "You spend more time with the dog than you do with your own family."

In some ways, it's like watching a friend or family member leave knowing they won't return, he said.

Adopting a working dog is relatively new, and most of the adopters are handlers, Bailer said. In fact, Upton adopted his former working dog, Big John. Owning a working dog has been rewarding, Upton said.

"It's a great honor," he said. "I was eager to do it and more than happy to take him home with me.

"He served his country for 10 years."

The adopters and the dog are both screened before the dog can be adopted. This assures the proprietor that the future owners will take care of the dog and be able to afford any medical bills the pet will need, Bailer said.

MPs: Come home

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time with my family.

"However, I knew when I joined the military, deployments were likely to happen. I just hope people realize the sacrifice soldiers make everyday for this country."

It is an honor to have a soldier as a spouse, Davidson said.

"I know the sacrifices my husband makes everyday she said. I am just so proud of everything he does."

For family members, the week prior to the soldiers coming home was an overwhelming one.

"There were so many things going on," Davidson said. "Plus, there was the excitement of Kyle coming home, so it was a time of joy and nervousness."

Soldiers were excited before being dismissed to see their families.

"Seeing my family for the first time since before Christmas, I am almost speechless," Golden said.

"I am so happy to be able to just hug my wife and kids and not let go. I just want to get back home and spend some time with them."

For accomplishing their mission and working long days in Washington, D.C., the soldiers of the platoon will now get some much needed time off.

"Members can feel pride in what they did in Washington, D.C.," said Capt. Rosalyn K. Reese, rear detachment commander.

"The soldiers went above and beyond their mission requirements and set a new standard for the company," Reese said.

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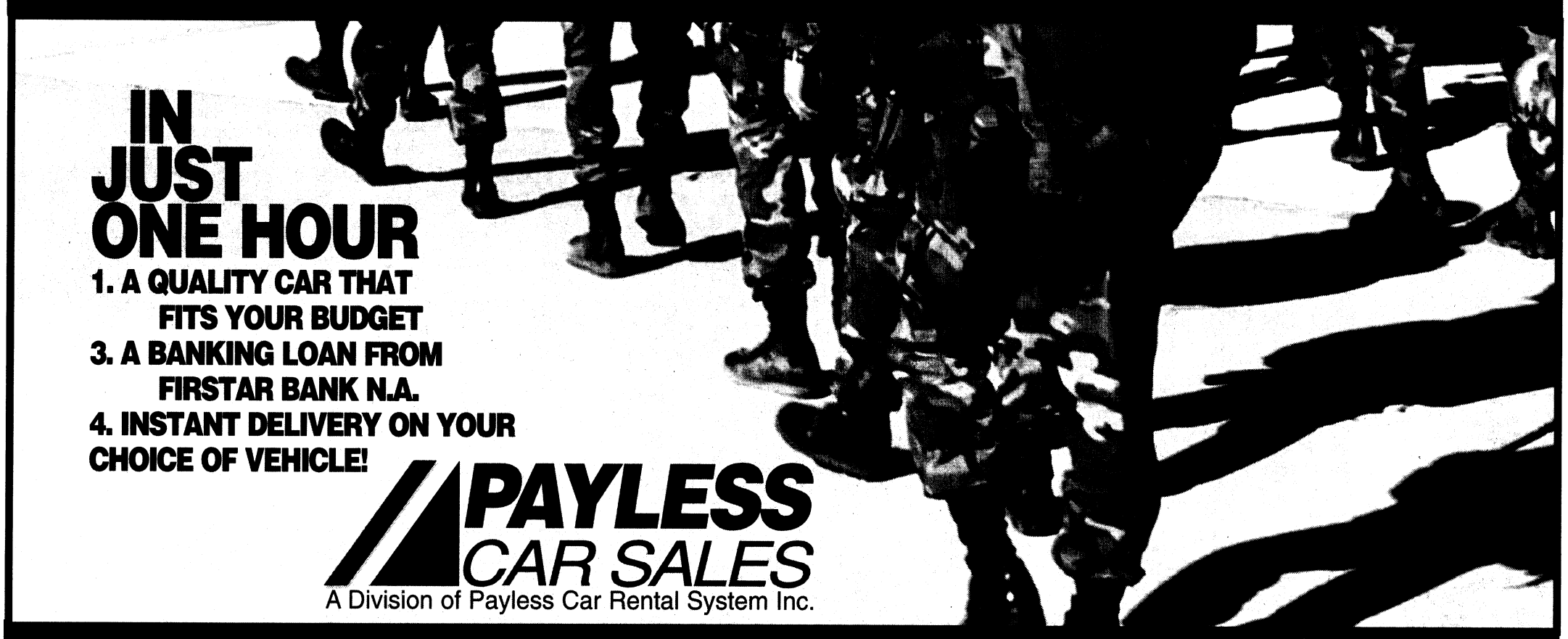
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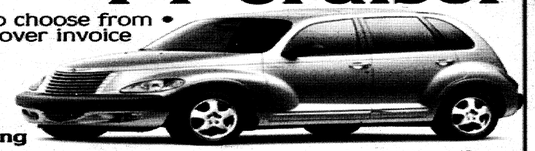
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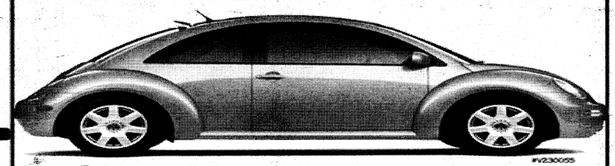


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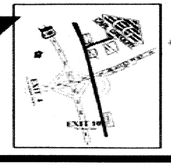
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OCS hits dirt during field exercise

Candidates learn valuable lessons in field

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
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Any commander or leader can make a decision based off various circumstances. Making the right decision is what counts most.

Officer candidates learn valuable lessons through mock exercises, and this is why leaders give them many opportunities to improve upon their decision-making skills.

Officer candidates from B Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, are currently at a Field Training Exercise performing tasks tuning their leadership skills.

"It's a learning experience for the candidates," said Sgt. 1st Class Andy Reese, tactical NCO in charge of the opposition force mission. "In the chaos of battle, it's extremely important leaders remain confident in their decisions."

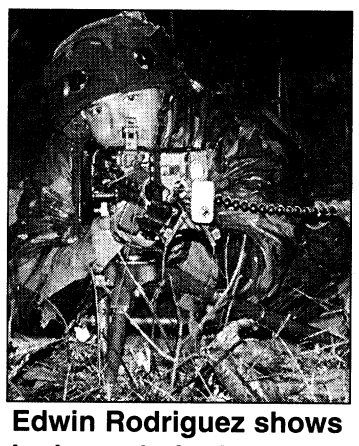
Leaders are the ones responsible for the success or failure of the mission.

"When your leaders and subordinates see you change your decision, they're not going to trust in your abilities to lead," said Officer Candidate Edwin Rodriguez.

This is just one of the lessons the candidates are learning during their FTX, Rodriguez said.

After spending seven wet, cold and sleepless days in the field, the candidates took part in a deliberate platoon attack Tuesday.

The mission was to clear an enemy ammunitions supply point. The opposing force was to hold the point at all costs necessary, but the objective for the instructors was to teach the candidates a valuable lesson about how stressful the field environment can be, said Capt. Tony Kim, platoon tac officer.



Edwin Rodriguez shows he is ready for battle.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Rodriguez secures the platoon perimeter during an exercise Monday morning.

"This exercise is for them to learn the command and control of a platoon size element and implore some basic infantry tactics," Kim said. "As future officers, they need to know their job, so they can lead soldiers when they're mentally and physically exhausted."

Being wet, tired, cold and hungry are just a few of the emotions soldiers go through while in the field, said Jamie Bazdaric, battle captain for the OPFOR.

"The experience helps me understand what they feel and think," Bazdaric said. "It helps me to understand how to inspire them when they are exhausted and their lives are in great danger."

The leadership skills learned in Officer Candidate School will transfer across the spectrum of military occupation specialties, said Bazdaric, a former staff sergeant. The styles and knowledge gained throughout the course will give candidates a more diverse ability to motivate and train soldiers.

"At OCS, we try to give them impact training," Reese said. "We want to milk as much leadership potential in 14 weeks as we possibly can."

Bradley units to complete operator training

Civilian instructors provide insight

Sgt. John Lewis
1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment

Led by some of the U. S. Army's finest noncommissioned officers, the New Equipment Training Company continues to provide instruction to mechanized infantry units receiving the latest Bradley Fighting Vehicles.

Recently, while at Fort Hood, Texas, the company finished fielding A Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Calvary Regiment (Infantry).

A Co. is the first unit of the 1st Cavalry Division's Bradley equipped units to complete operator training in a scheduled two-year fielding plan.

Bradley instructors have always been NCOs from 1st Bn., 29th Infantry Regiment.

Historically, trainers from the training company have been known around the world as infantry professionals, representing Fort Benning, and have successfully trained mechanized infantrymen in places such as Korea and Germany.

In the late 1990's, personnel authorizations were reduced and left the company with a current total of 28 soldiers.

Helping to bear the burden of personnel loss, United Defense Limited Partners and Eagle Corporation contracted to provide teams of civilian instructors to augment the company with its mission.

"Beneficially, most of the civilian instructors are retired mechanized infantrymen," said Ron Kuykendall, company chief.

Staff Sgt. Donnie Elsenpeter, Training and Doctrine Command's Instructor of the Year, and Sgt. 1st Class Bryan Bevley, site chief, have been instrumental to the success of the training company by offering the leadership required to provide the institutional standard of training necessary to field units gaining the new vehicle.

Elsenpeter supervises instruction with the corporation and Army National Guard units.

Bevley, along with defense partern's Mark Perry, supervise three new equipment training teams that are training active duty Army units at Fort Hood.

According to the Program of Instruction, gaining units can complete instruction in 47 training days.

Presently, the company is fielding B and C Companies, 2nd Bn., 5th Calvary Regt. (Infantry), with the most recent Bradley model, known as the M2A3.

The M2A3 is the first digitized Bradley vehicle and offers improved weapons accuracy and a second generation Forward Looking Infrared sight for the gunner and commander. It also provides Force XXI Battle Command Brigade and Below communications.

This allows the mechanized infantryman increased situational awareness by permitting commanders and squad leaders to have their own digital display of the battlefield.

"A key capability of this vehicle is improved visibility of the battlefield," Kuykendall said.

The 2nd Bn., 5th Cavalry Regiment (Infantry), is scheduled to complete training in May.

As for the near future, a fourth instructor team is being created to support BFV fielding and instruction to engineer units within the 1st Cavalry Division. All fielding and instruction of the 1st Cavalry Division is scheduled for completion in December of 2003.



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Basic trainees go through test

Day, night fire give soldiers test of real situation

Pfc. Chris Stephens
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Imagine sitting in a foxhole with a buddy and firing shots at the oncoming enemy.

How should a soldier feel about it, or better yet, what should a soldier do about it?

The soldiers of B Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, experienced a mock simulation of the situation April 4.

"They're sitting in their foxholes in the firing position waiting on the enemy," said Staff Sgt. Javier A. Tinoco, drill sergeant. "Then, all of a sudden, targets pop up left and right. They have to knock down the targets."

The soldiers are given three magazines of 20 rounds each to fire at the targets.

The targets range anywhere from 25 to 300 meters away from their position.

"It gives them a chance to experience this kind of situation," said Staff Sgt. Torrence T. Brown, drill sergeant. "Some of these soldiers will find themselves out on the battlefield and will face this exact situation, with hundreds of enemy soldiers firing at them from various distances."

Not only was the goal to allow the soldiers to experience what fighting in Afghanistan, the Philipines or other combat zones may feel like, it allowed the soldiers to learn Individual Tactical Training techniques and get them used to night fire, Brown said.

"I like the experience of night fire," said Pvt. Brady C. Love. "It's good training and will help us out in the field."

To get prepared for the firing exercise, soldiers clean and oil their weapons to allow the M-16A2 rifle to fire properly.

Still, even when properly taking care of their weapon, soldiers still experience malfunctions.

"If a problem arises, I just remember to use SPORTS," said Pvt. John J. Wood.

SPORTS is an acronym of different steps taken to correct a malfunction on the weapon.

It stands for slap the magazine, pull the charging handle, observe the chamber, release the charging handle, tap the forward assist and squeeze the trigger.

"Most of the time, that will fix the problem," Wood said.

Making sure the weapon is ready to go is not the only thing soldiers do to get ready before a firing exercise.

"I calm myself down and remember the four fundamentals of firing, which are steady position, breathing control, aiming and trigger squeeze," Love said.

The drill sergeants have something different in mind.

"We want to do everything possible to get in their heads or distract them," Tinoco said. "This is a simulation of the real situation.

"In war, there are all kinds of distractions going on around you. We just want to see if they can handle it."

The soldiers used the exercise to prepare for their upcoming field training exercise where they will use all the skills they have learned for practical use.

"I can't wait to get to FTX," Wood said. "Getting the chance to use everything we've learned will give us a real test. It will show how well we comprehend our training."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvt. John J. Wood performs SPORTS on his M-16A2 rifle. Wood and his company went through a day and night fire course on Range Malone 26.

Future infantry officers train to lead

Lts. beat feet down range for IOBC

Pfc. Kyle Neller
USAIC Public Affairs Office

Almost all the soldiers going through Infantry Officer Basic Course will eventually be infantry platoon leaders.

This is why officers from 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, were undergoing Squad Tactical Exercises at Ware Range Monday and Tuesday. STX is a basic exercise soldiers must maneuver when learning the fundamentals of reacting to contact and moving under fire in a squad-sized element.

When the squad moves through the course, they engage opposing forces in several defensive positions. The leading team seeks cover and concealment and begins laying down suppressive fire, while the following team flanks the enemy either to the right or left of the position. Once in place, the flanking team moves through the defensive position.

"This range is pretty basic," said 2nd Lt. Bruno Desolenni, student in IOBC. "It teaches how a squad should react when attacked by the enemy and how the squad moves when it is locked in a fire fight."

This training also helps the students understand how squads work together as a platoon during combat.

"Running squad-fire missions help us integrate from squad to platoon missions," Desolenni said. "Understanding how a squad moves is the first step in understanding platoon-fighting strategies."

This course teaches officers to follow as well as lead.

"To be a good leader you must also know how to follow orders," said 2nd Lt. Ken Enser.

The squad members are in positions normally held by enlisted persons, he said. The biggest benefit for the students is they can experience unfamiliar positions in the chain of command.

"It allows students to experience receiving commands from a lower echelon point of view," Desolenni said.

The future leaders gain a sense of empathy for enlisted soldiers after being in the field for several days in extreme weather.



Pfc. Kyle Neller

An IOBC student scans his area while pulling security during the Squad Tactical Exercise.

"It is good to know what our soldiers will go through," Enser said. "Our experience will help us make decisions that will benefit the personnel we will lead."

It also teaches the importance of motivation and quick thinking in a combat situation.

"We have learned the need for situational awareness," Enser said. "If you are not ready to exchange fire with the enemy at all times, you're as good as dead."

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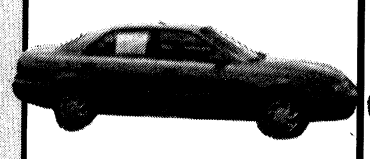


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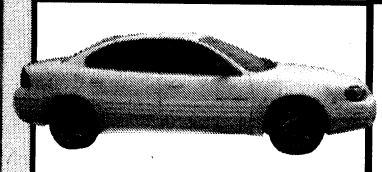
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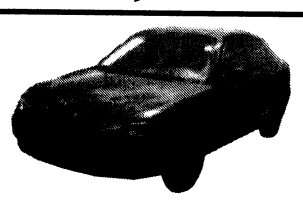
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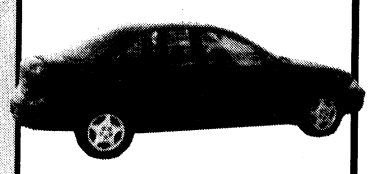
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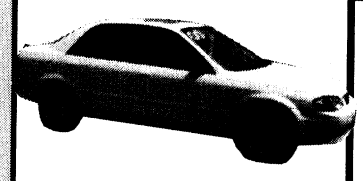
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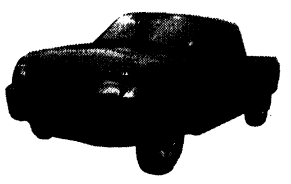
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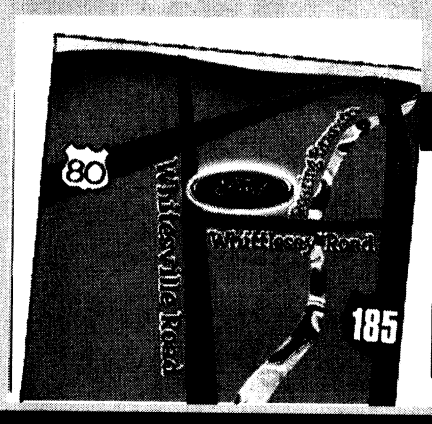
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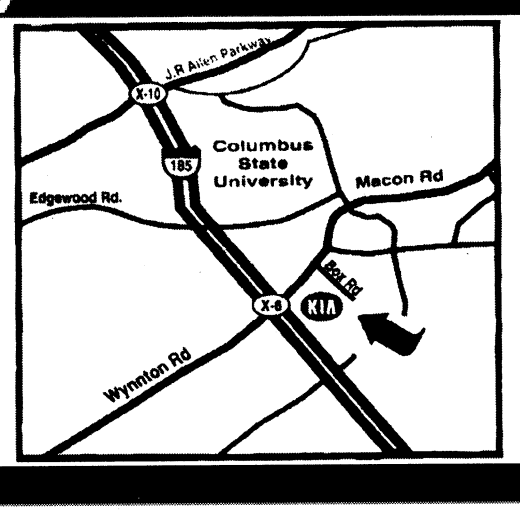
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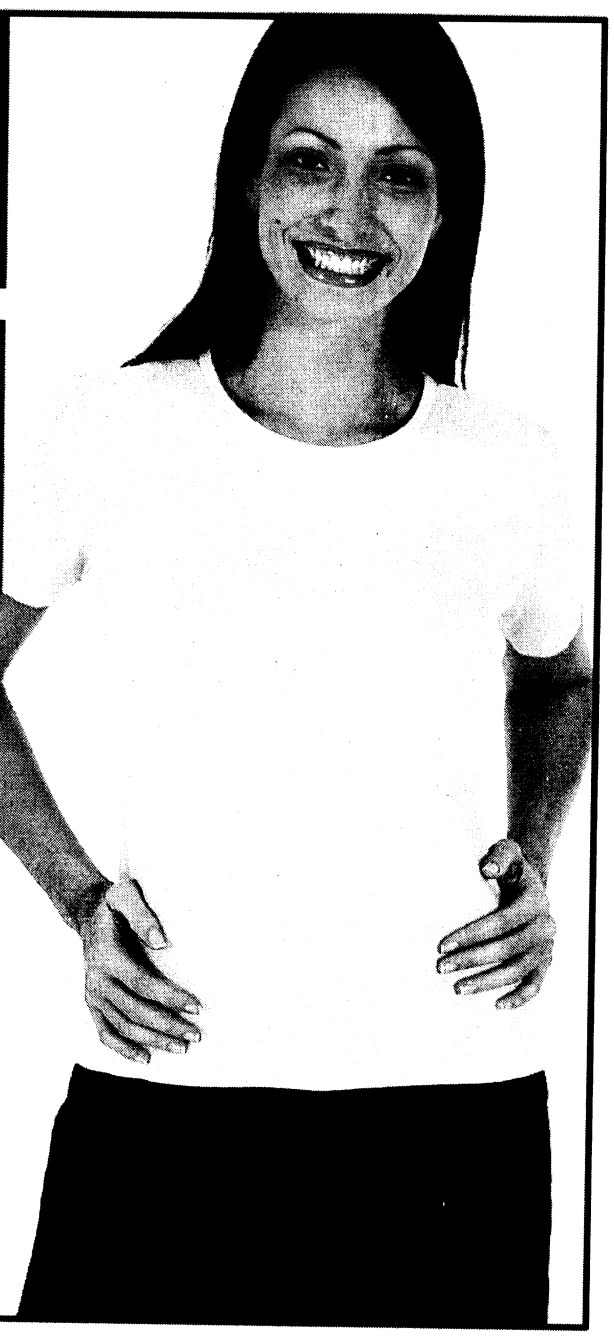
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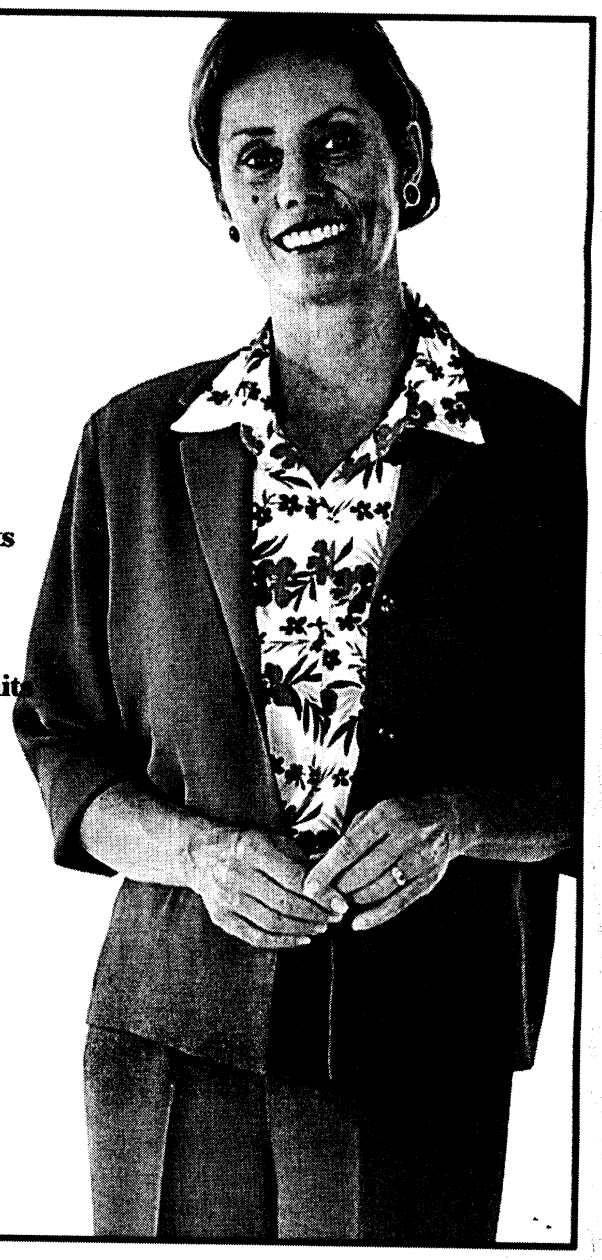


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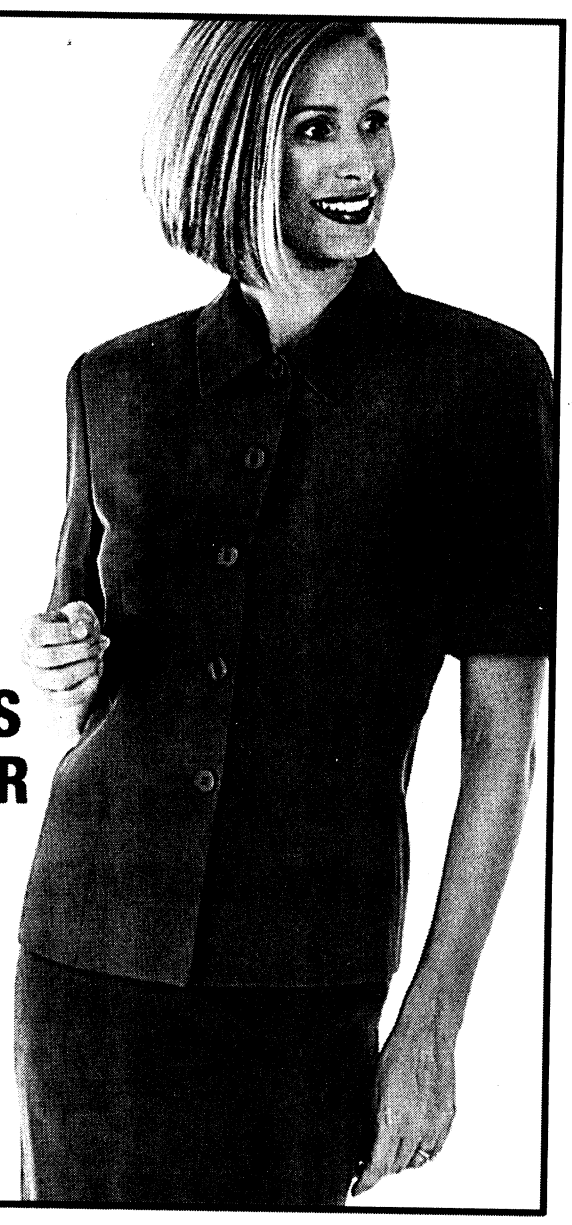
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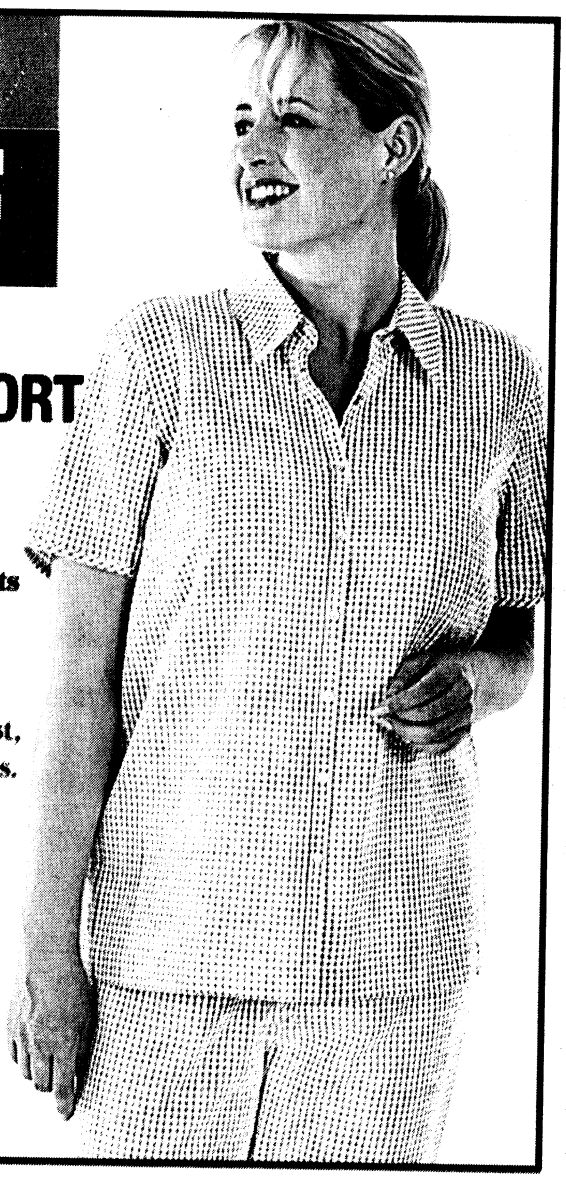


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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

COPS bike patrol readies for summer

New bicycles help MPs protect post

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Community Oriented Police Squad is set to put their 18 new bicycles into use this summer.

The new Cannondale Police Bikes are replacing the Specialize Hardrock model the bicycle squad was using. The new bike has a stronger frame due to better welds, and the frames are sized matched with the riders' body.

"The new bikes are a big step up," said Staff Sgt. Patrick Coiner, COPS senior squad leader. "The new parts are top brand and will not fail unless they are not maintained."

Coiner reviewed several models of bicycles for months before he decided.

"We've updated the bicycles twice since we started the bicycle squad nine or 10 years ago," Coiner said.

Coiner attended the International Police Mountain Bike Association basic bike course and instructors course to familiarize themselves with the new equipment and bicycle riding skills.

The bicycle squad was given its first week-long bicycle class this week. During the class, soldiers go over and master all the aspects of riding, including ascending and descending stairs.

During the first fielding of the bike, once the soldiers are efficient and proficient, they will be able to send someone to the instructors course in a few months.

"With a bicycle, we will be able to maneuver better in confined areas or large crowds like during the 4th of July," Coiner said. "The bike also makes us more approachable to the public. More kids come up and interact with us than when we are in a cruiser."

The squad members were very pleased with the new bicycles too.

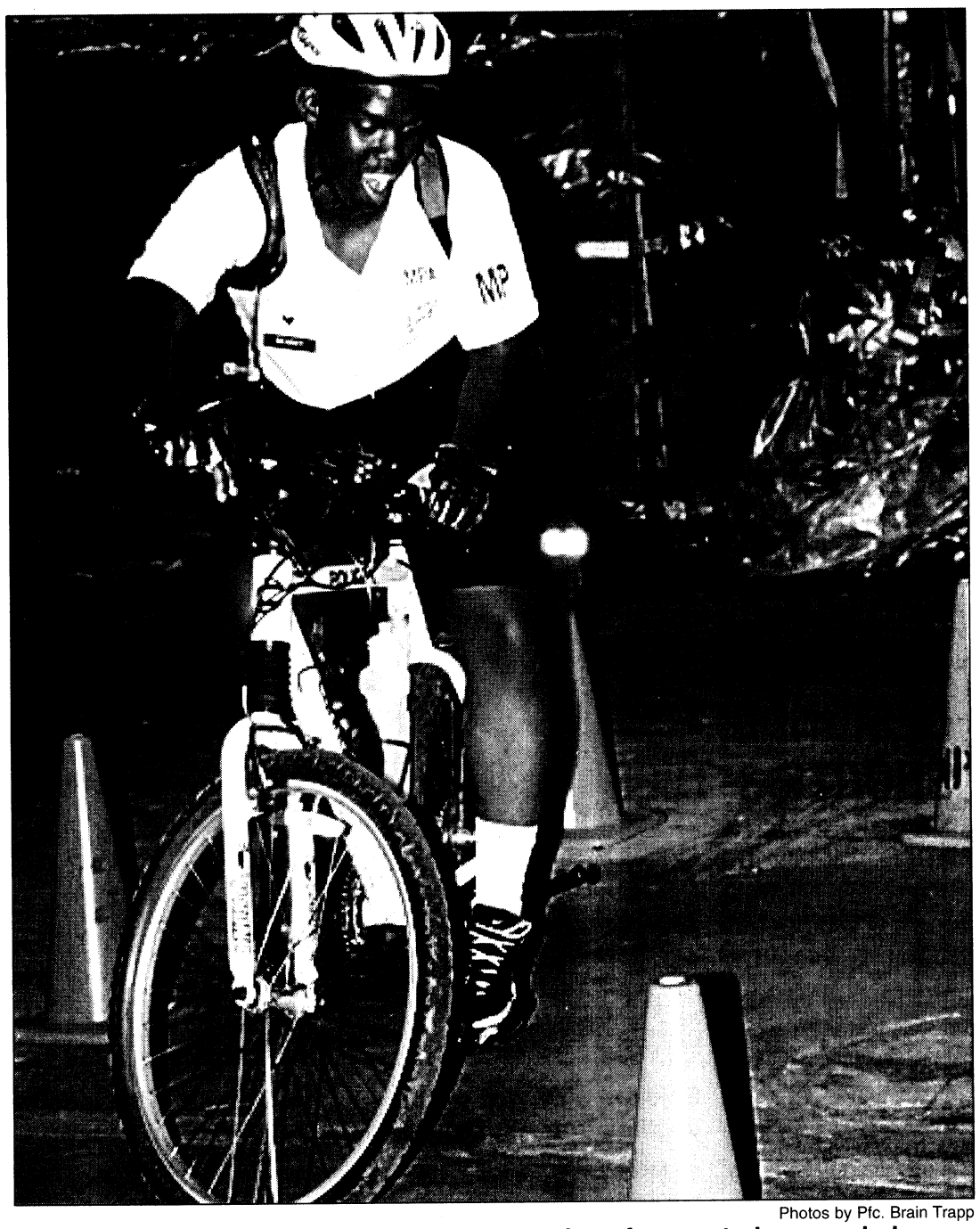
"The new bike will allow us to help make Fort Benning a safer place in which to live, work and play," said Spec. Matthew Holley, team leader with COPS.

The soldiers thought the class was very beneficial.

"It helps us learn how to take different turns and skills we are going to need in housing areas, and interact with the community," Holley said.



Spec. Ryan Mauk practices the kickstand dismount.



Photos by Pfc. Brain Trapp

Spec. Jason Seracy maneuvers around a series of cones to improve balance.

Take child to work April 25

Children get to learn about jobs

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

National Take-Our-Daughters-To-Work-Day will be celebrating its 10th anniversary April 25. The Army has extended this day to include sons as well to make it Take-Your-Child-To-Work-Day.

"It is important to bring the whole family into our military life to provide insight to what parents actually do on a day-to-day basis," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

According the official Take-Our-Daughters-To-Work Web site, successful programs involve adults providing visible and positive influences, the value of people in the workplace and its effect to preserve the economy now and in the future, have a space to be heard and seen, and to help with transition into early adulthood.

Last year, some units were able to make the day into a family day by setting up activities for families allowing the whole family to see how things get done.

Children should be between 8 and 15, but may vary depending on each unit. Fort Benning personnel are encouraged to participate.

Take-Your-Child-To-Work-Day will be an excused absence from school.

"I strongly encourage Take-Your-Child-To-Work-Day because it is another great way to share our military experience with our families," Torres said.

Post to celebrate Earth Week

Focus will be to help environment

Danielle G. Durante
Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

Earth Week is just around the corner and Fort Benning, Environmental Management Division has great activities planned for the community. Initially this event was planned only for a day, but because of its importance, Fort Benning is expanding Earth Day into a week long event.

Earth Day is an international event demonstrating concern and mobilizing support for the environment. Earth Day was first celebrated April 22, 1970, and rallied more than 20 million Americans to become involved in environmental activities.

As a worldwide event, Earth Day represents the commitment of the United States and other countries to environmental security. Active-duty military, civilian personnel, families and local community members contribute significantly to the impact of this monumental event.

To kick-off Earth Week, Sally Joyce, a volunteer with the Nature Conservancy, has an interactive presentation on bio-diversity she will present to McBride Elementary School. The presentation takes place April 19 and will be given to grades Kindergarten through third grade. They will focus on how the animals interact with the forest. Joyce will have the students interact by putting on a puppet show. This gives the students the opportunity to learn and have fun at the same time.

Fort Benning's Recycling facility, starting April 22, is having their Clean Your Files Day. This is an effort by the U.S. Conference of Mayors to recycle millions of tons of office paper, saving thousands of trees.

The Environmental Management Division would like to invite students and members of the community to participate in the Environmental Fair April 23. The fair is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Infantry Hall.

The fair, will give the community the opportunity to see the different ways to clean up and preserve our environment, and how the military interacts with the environment while still preserving Nature.

Along with the fair there will be a Dirty Sock Contest from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m April 24.

What is a Dirty Sock Contest? It is a demonstration of how auto emissions affects the air quality.

The Environmental Management Division will put a white sock onto the exhaust pipe of your car, and turn your car on for 30 seconds. The person with the dirtiest sock wins a free quick lube and oil filter at the Auto Skills center, and the person with the cleanest sock wins a two-night stay in a cabin at Uchee Creek. This contest is limited to 150 participants, so make sure you get there early. If there is a tie, there will be a drawing. The contest will take place in front of the recycling bins next to the Main PX Class 6 shoppette.

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Other events will take place throughout the week for Fort Benning Schools. Chris Slembarski, Environmental Awareness Trainer, is reading The Adventures of Wally the Water Drop, a coloring book provide by the Environmental Committee of Altrusa International, Inc. Slembarski is reading to third grade classes at Dexter, Stratton and White Elementary Schools to promote literacy as well as environmental awareness.

Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, will dedicate a tree in honor of National Arbor Day April 26.

DFEL outlines curbside pick-up program

Post residents should follow clear guidelines

Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

The Family Housing Curbside Pick-up Program is as follows:

For garbage, trash and recycle collection, follow these guidelines:

• To ensure maximum efficiency of the curbside recycling pick-up program, place only recyclable items in recycling containers. The contractor will not pick up any that contains garbage or trash along with the recyclables. Contractor will not pick up oversize (large) trash cans, or those weighing in excess of 50 pounds. The chart below lists types of items and whether or not they can be recycled. Proper disposable of non-recyclable items is detailed following the chart.

• Rinse food containers and flatten plastic and cardboard containers.

Disposal of non-recyclable items:

• Baby diapers — Should be placed in household garbage or trash container.

• Food waste — (To include paperboard cartons with food residue, pizza boxes for example) should be placed in household garbage.

• Household batteries — Should be placed in household garbage.

• Automobile batteries — Should be returned to the retailer where battery was purchased or the Auto Craft Shop will dispose for a $2 environmental fee.

• Scrap metal — Can be disposed of at the Material Recycling Facility (MRF), Building 4000, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The facility is closed weekends and holidays. For more information call 544-6142.

• Resident owned washers, dryers and furniture — Should be placed at curb on the day of garbage and recycle pick-up. The contractor identifies these items for a special pickup later that day or the following day. For more information ,call the Construction Inspection Branch at 545-4232.

• Resident owned refrigerators, freezers and air conditioners — Residents must dispose of appliances that contain freon. You may contact the MRF at 544-6142 for information on how to arrange a pick-up by a local business.

• Used motor oil — Can be disposed of at the MRF. The Auto Craft Shop will recycle used motor oil for a $2 environmental fee.

• Tires — Should be returned to the retailer where tires were purchased or the Auto Craft Shop will recycle for a $2 per tire environmental fee.

Garbage, trash and recycle collection schedule:

• Yard waste — Housing occupants should put yard waste at curbside by 7 a.m. each Monday morning. Yard waste will not be picked up on holidays occurring on Mondays. There is no make-up day scheduled.

• Allowable items for collection — Yard waste collected may consist of grass clippings, leave, or tree limbs and yard waste less than three feet long. Please do not place soil, rocks, sod, garbage, household items or other trash in yard waste containers. Containers and bundles of yard waste that contain any such prohibited items will not be picked up.

• Containers, sizes, weights permitted — The preferred container is a durable

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DA announces new ID system for Youth Services

Change provides kids safer place

Christina Hayashi
Special to the Bayonet©

The Department of the Army is requiring a new ID system for Child and Youth Services. The new system will allow all Army posts to conduct business the same way.

"This system will provide a safer environment for children," said Linda Laine, director of Youth Services.

The new ID's will inform staff members of any important health information such as food allergies and will also track members for reports to be given to headquarters. Participants will also have to scan their ID to get into the youth center.

With the new system, members will be able to take the card from one post to another without having to buy another one. The new card will feature a picture of the child, a bar code that holds information, and the Children and Youth Services logo. The new ID's affect all children who are currently members of Youth Services, as well as those who want to participate in any school age services and child development services.

Over the next few weeks, Youth Services will start taking photos to be sent to Central Registration where they will process and produce the cards and then be sent back for issuing.

"We are presently getting the computer systems installed and staff trained," Laine said.

> "This system will provide a safer environment for children."
>
> **Linda Laine,**
> Director of Youth Services

Pictures will be taken in groups or an appointment can be made by calling Youth Services at 545-3070.

To obtain a membership card, parents must purchase one at Central Registration on Custer Road. The cost is $15 for one child, $30 for two children and $35 for three children.

Infantrymen help at Waddell Elementary's field day

Spring break, block leave start with blast

Staff Sgt. Davis Parker
1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment

The arrival of April 5 was met with much anticipation for both the students at Waddell Elementary School in Columbus, and the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, involved in the Partners In Education program.

The day marked not only the beginning of spring break for the students and block leave for the soldiers, but a fun filled day of activities that left both students and soldiers with smiles on their faces. Field day had finally arrived for the Waddell Warriors and the "Can Do" Dragons, and each group was ready to show their stuff.

The weather was perfect as the school's principal opened the days' ceremonies by encouraging the students to have fun and enjoy themselves in the spirit of good sportsmanship. Different classes opened the festivities by performing various skits and routines, much to the enjoyment of fellow students and family members alike.



Staff Sgt. Davis Parker

Soldiers race with children during field day. The kids spent a fun fill day with soldiers from 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment.

The grounds were prepared for numerous physical activities, and a festive feeling was in the air as teams spread out throughout the field to compete for bragging rights.

The "Can Do" medics had toiled throughout the previous day to set up a challenging obstacle course that would demand the students' concentration and tax their abilities to work as a team. The course started with a 20-meter sprint, followed by a five-pylon negotiation course, leading to a mattocks handle that would be used similarly to that of a 'dizzy bat race.'

Once the students were sufficiently disoriented, they then needed to crawl through a tunnel constructed of camouflage netting. As if all of this was not enough, their teamwork skills were then challenged with a litter relay that would wrap up the course. The winning team was decided by the first class to have every student across the finish line.

The highlight of the day was without a doubt the competition between the third-grade classes. Iverson's Iguanas were ranked as the inside favorites (as they ran through the course on the 4th of April). Frank's Falcons were thought to be the closest competition to the Iguanas, but in the end it was Hall's Hawks with the come from behind, upset victory that left everyone but the Hawks speechless.

In all, the day was a smashing success for both the Waddell Warriors and the "Can Do" Dragons. The spirit of sportsmanship prevailed, and the bonds of friendship between the students and the soldiers were strengthened. At the end of the day, the Warriors and Dragons returned home tired, fulfilled and looking forward to the next Partners In Education event.

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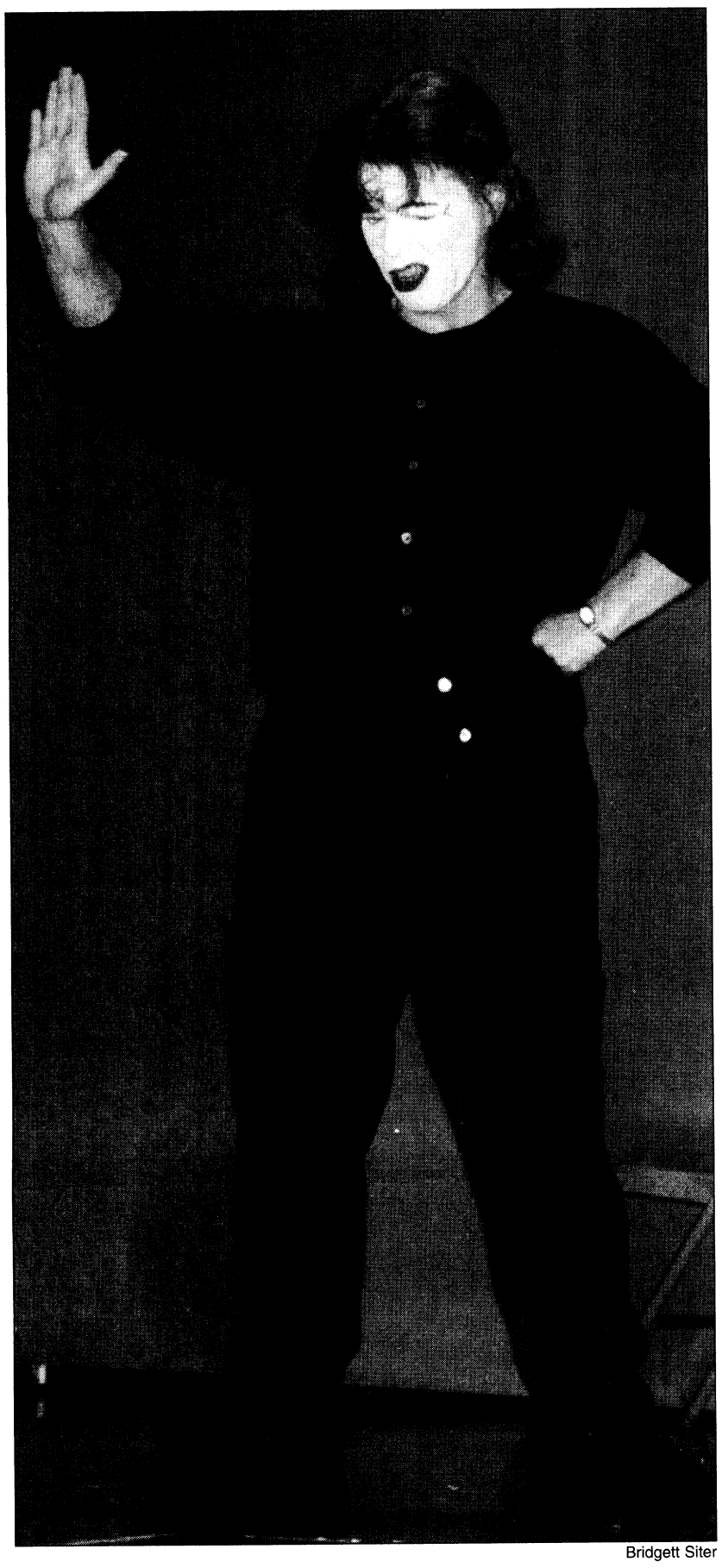
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Schedule changes — All changes to these schedules are published in *The Bayonet* and in the official *Benning Bulletin* two weeks prior to the change in service, which normally occurs around holidays.

For more information about the Fort Benning Curb Side Programs, call 544-6142. Call 545-2076 or 545-2292 with questions or comments.

That's mime!

Mary Ann Hart, a professional mime with the Georgia Council for the Arts, entertains students, parents and faculty at Stowers Elementary April 4. Hart worked with the students during 'Artist in Residence' week, teaching basic mime skills.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Youth Services Discovery Weekend — Youth Services will have a Middle School and Teen Discovery Weekend today and Saturday.

This event will take place from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Building 1056. Youth Services members ages 11 to 18 are encouraged to attend this free event.

Advance registration is required.

The Discover Weekend provides an opportunity for youth to come together and discuss things that are of interest or concerns to the youth of the community and gives the youth the chance to have input into programs and policies.

Activities are also available that encourages team building. For more information, call 545-3070.

Youth Services lock in — Youth Services annual Regional Teen Lock-In is 1 p.m. April 20 until 8 a.m. April 21. The Lock-In takes place in Building 1056 and is open to members ages 11-18. Advanced registration deadline is April 12.

For more information about activities and cost, call Youth Services at 545-3070 or stop by Building 1056.

Commissary closure — The commissary will close April 22 for inventory and will reopen April 23 with regular store hours.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Tour of Historic Homes — The Terrell County Historic Preservation Society will present its 13th annual Tour of Historic Homes from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. May 4. Homes are located in Dawson and Herod, Ga. Architectural styles range from Greek Revival-Victorian to country cottage. Additionally, the Herod Baptist Church will be open.

Tickets can be purchased in advance for $10 by calling Ann Duskin, tour chairman, at (229) 995-4593 or by writing to: TCHPS, P.O. Box 63, Dawson, GA 31742. Tickets will be available the day of the tour for $12.50 at the Terrell County Court House.

Boy Scouts' volunteers — There is a need for adult volunteers in the Chattahoochee Council Boys Scouts of America. For more information, call 685-1546.

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, glazed carrots, yeast roll, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** steak sandwich, tater tots, sweet peas, fruit, milk,
- **Wednesday:** taco pie with lettuce, spanish rice, fruit, apple crisp
- **Thursday:** hoagie sandwich, potato wedges, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** lasagna, garden salad with dressing, corn, hot roll, fruit, milk

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McBride students show writing talent

McBride Elementary School

From kindergarten to third grade, the writing process is in full force at McBride Elementary.

The teachers, students and parents are very proud of the wonderful authors that the students from McBride have become.

Below you will find a sample of writings from each grade level.

Kindergartners wrote about animals from McBride's Woodlands:

Mosquitoes

By Keuane Singleton

I like mosquitoes. They don't bite or sting me. They just fly over you.

Snake

By Kayla Baumgartner

The snake can stick people with its spikes. I saw a snake in the water.

Beavers

By Mrs. Ford's Class

There are many kinds of beavers. Beavers eat only plants.

Beavers are good swimmers. They can swim underneath the water for about 15 minutes. Beavers are 4 feet long. They weigh about 60 pounds. The beavers home is called a lodge.



Courtesy photo

Kindergartners Brianna White, Jalen Reid and Julianna Tice hold up a poem they recited for their parents during a recent program at McBride honoring military parents.

Second-graders wrote about famous women in history:

Beatrix Potter

By Brittany George

Beatrix Potter was born in July 1866. She died in 1943. She had 12 pets. She liked to take care of land. She had 17 farms. She lived in Castle Cottage, Sawyer, England. She is famous for writing children's books. She wrote books about Benjamin Bunny, Peter Rabbit and Squirrel Nutkin. She wrote letters to children telling them stories. These stories were loved so much that they were made into books.

Patricia Polacco

By Duron Preer

Patricia Polacco was born on July 11, 1944. She lives in Michigan. She has gotten lots of awards. I read *Thunder Cake* and she wrote that book. She did not die yet. She wrote good kid books. She had a hard time at school. She wrote books when she was 41. She got her ideas from her imagination. She had dyslexia. She didn't know how to read until she was 14. She lived five years on a farm. She had a family of storytellers, people who love to tell stories.

Third-graders wrote fairy tales:

Three Little Mice and the Big Bad Cat

By Susan Strickland

Once upon a time there were three little mice. They were going to their home in Mexico. They were cute little mice with these cute little pink noses and tails their fur was as white as could be.

These little mice were going to build the best cat trap ever. They were trying to trap this big bad cat that they have been running from all their lives.

The first cat trap was a mouse trapper with a mouse toy and when the cat pulled the toy it snaps down and holds the cat while the mouse went and got cheese and everything he wanted.

The second mouse cat trap was a piece of string tied in a circle on a pulley so when the cat steps into it the trap would trap him and would hold him while the mouse goes and gets cheese and everything he wanted.

The third mouse cat trap was a bullhorn and when ever the cat went to grab him then the mouse would run to the bullhorn and call the cat like the owner and then the owner would go and find him then the mouse would go and get cheese and everything he wanted.

All of the mouse plans were great but the best one is the third one because the owner of the house caught the cat trying to bite the mouse and got him locked in the cat carrier and was taken to the pet store and then mice never got bothered again and the mice got all the cheese and whatever they wanted and were never left alone again and had the best time of their life.

Kane update



Courtesy photo

Kane is doing very well. He has regained a lot of precious weight. He received the first of three heartworm treatment shots and is expected to make a full recovery.

Pets of the Week



Courtesy photos

This dog and cat are two of the many animals available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information, call 545-4826.

BIRTHS

Boys

LaDarien Tashon Jacobs — born March 23 to Sandra and Sgt. 1st Class Emil Jacobs.

Matius Alejandro Monreal — born March 24 to Rachel and Sgt. Gabriel Monreal.

Miguel Angel Uriostegui Jr. — born March 25 to Sonia and Spc. Miguel Uriostegui.

John Peter Taylor — born March 26 to Kristina and Staff Sgt. Steven Taylor.

Anthony James Lamendola — born March 26 to Nichole and Spc. Donald Lamendola.

Tautalatasi Enoka Tuliloa — born March 27 to Fuata'i and 2nd Lt. Tuliloa Tuliloa Jr.

Girls

Honestee Nicole Maldonado — born March 19 to Tiffany and Pfc. Benjamin Maldonado.

Kayla Ann Wiggins — born March 19 to Kimberly and Staff Sgt. Antonio Wiggins.

Synia Monay Holloway — born March 26 to Angela and Spc. Marcus Holloway.

Nataly Marie Vega-Montalvo — born March 28 to Jennifer Montalvo and Sgt. Orlando Vega-Torres.

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Marriage: Three-way street of life

Children, important part of marriage

Chaplain (Capt.) Deirdre Stokelin
2/58 Infantry Regiment

Mine, yours, ours! This past weekend I performed a wedding in which the bride requested I write vows for her son to say in the wedding.

I consider myself pretty liberal in these matters, but my first reaction was that I did not want to cheapen the solemn vows of marriage.

Wanting to please the bride and not compromise the occasion, I gave considerable thought to what it means for children to come into a marriage relationship. Having been a step-parent I have years of experience in mine, yours, and ours!

I realized early in the marriage that I did not only marry the man but I also married the children. Matthew 5: 27-32 clearly identifies marriage as a life long commitment of one man and one woman to each other.

However, these days marriage often joins together one or more children to the union.

On that note, I began to write the vows for little Craig. I wrote what I believed to be important to father, mother, and child. So my hands wrote what my heart directed.

"I, Craig, take thee Steve, to be my father. I promise to love, and respect you. I promise to obey you, as you teach me to be a man. I promise to walk with you, as your son.


Stokelin

I, Craig, love you mom. I will respect your marriage, and your husband. I promise to receive him as my father, and to obey you both, to care for you both in sickness and in health, for as long as I live."

Joyfully everyone was pleased with the results. Some thought that the vows were cute and others thought them quaint.

However, I renewed my perception of the importance of bringing children early into a marriage relationship. Marriage that incorporates children into the union is a three way street!

Children are people with feelings and in the middle of our romantic elation we tend to forget how they might feel about this other person who will become a part of their life.

Experience has shown me it is important to love and respect children and in turn they will learn to love and respect you.

Marriage is a dance of relationships and children pull the strings of the heart. If children are not taught to respect and obey the soon to be new parent during the courtship the marriage concert will sound of clashing cymbals.

Arguments between husband and wife will be sparked by the tensions of children acting out in anger, frustration, and fear.

"Honor your mother and your father."

Exodus 20:12
New International Version

I applaud this young bride for recognizing that the vows of marriage are not just for the husband and wife to be, the vows of marriage are for the family brought together after God's ordinance in the holy estate of matrimony.

If the marriage is to be healthy and lasting, all parties must vow, to love, honor, keep, and yes, obey!

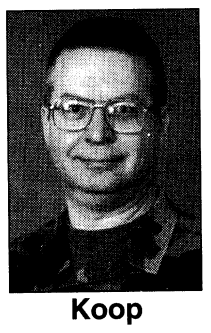
For all the weddings to come this year, may God eternally bless your unions with love, joy, peace, and prosperity.

Parents need alternatives to corporal punishment

Discipline key in making children obey

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Corporal punishment should be used as a last resort in disciplining children. When a parent states, if you (fill in the blank), I'm going to spank you, the parent is limited to only one course of action when the child misbehaves. The parent feels obligated to spank because that was the method of discipline promised to the child.


Koop

Parents should rather say to their child, If you (fill in the blank), I'm going to have to discipline you. This statement allows the parent to choose from a wide range of discipline strategies after a child disobeys. Two common alternatives to spanking include removing privileges and calling a time-out.

Calling a time-out allows your child to settle down and become composed. Praise your child after your child has become calm.

Discuss your child's anger or frustration. Let them know feelings can be channeled into positive action rather than negative behavior. If the rule is unfair, change it. If the rule is fair, stick to it.

Restricting television time, computer inter-net time, and automobile use are examples of removing privileges. Discuss the reason for the privileges being removed with your child before taking the privileges away. Limit the restriction to a week or less. Restrictions that go on for more than a week are difficult to enforce.

Do you desire help with parenting? Call the Chaplain Family Life Center for help. Call 545-1760; visit the Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza; or e-mail me at usarmychaplain@aol.com

CHAPEL NOTES

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for Middle and High School students has resumed its regular meetings, which are held in the chapel teen center in Building 239.

Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. (middle schoolers) and 6 p.m. (high schoolers).

Sunday School — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grown in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel.Mass is held along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7- 9 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Need some old fashioned time out with other ladies for some good company in a spiritual setting.

The PWOC meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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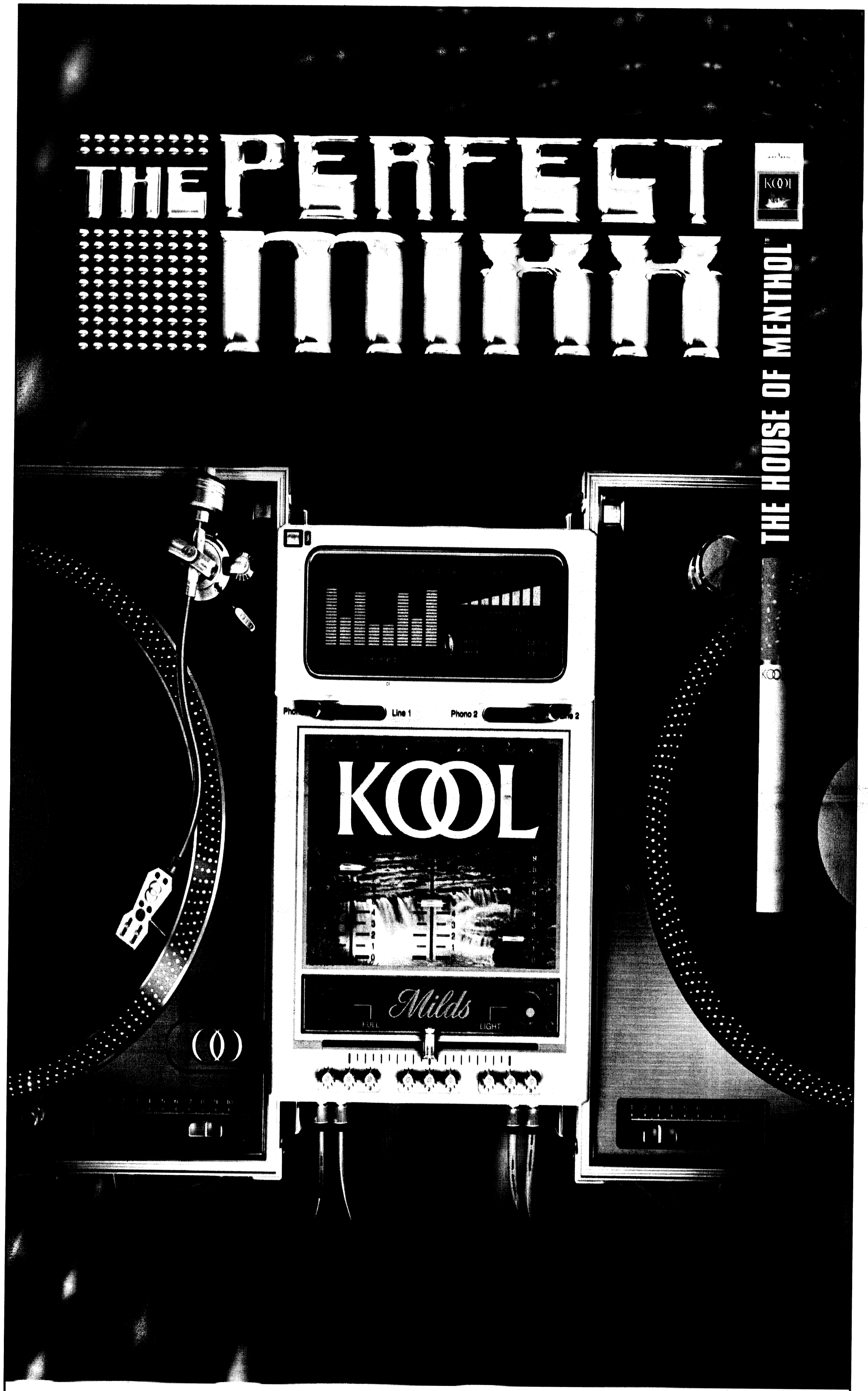
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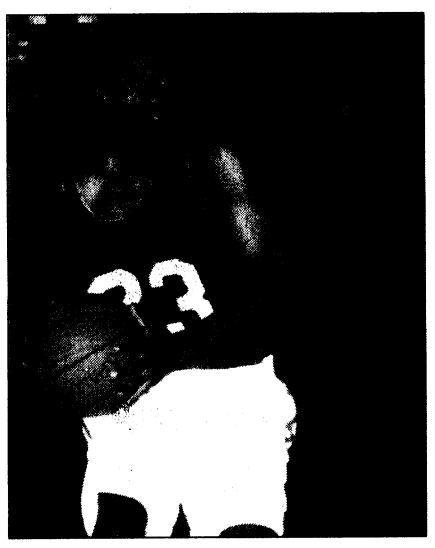
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SPORTS

SECTION C

Outlaws claim post championship



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Jerry Sonnier drives to the basket for two points.

Team posts third consecutive basketball title

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The Los Angeles Lakers are working on their third consecutive championship. In doing so, every team they play will by gunning to dethrone the champs.

For the 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, Outlaws, their quest for three consecutive post basketball championships is complete.

"It's a sense of pride," said Outlaws' Adrian Lewis. "Most of the players on the team are over the age of 30. It's nice to know we can hang with the young guys and girls."

The Outlaws posted a 50-45 win over the Raging Bulls of B Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, April 3 to stake their claim as the best basketball team on post with a reputation for success.

The Outlaws came into every game confident in their abilities to produce a win, Lewis said. And that is exactly what they did.

"It feels wonderful to be known around the basketball community as number one," said Author Davis, first-year player with the Outlaws. "I'm the rookie trying to gel with the team."

The Outlaw veterans had a positive impact on the younger players and have set the example for the younger players, Davis said.

"By winning the championship, it helps the younger players understand working together and focusing on goals can help you achieve anything," Lewis said.

The Outlaws regained their focus during the second half of the championship game to fulfill their goal of a three-peat.

The Outlaws trailed by as many as eight points, but they put together a 14-2 run and never looked back.

"Teamwork is the main ingredient to our success," Davis said. "Our press was paramount to our victory, and someone always steps up for us when we need it."

For the Outlaws, that someone was Jerry Sonnier.

"He stepped up big time," Davis said.

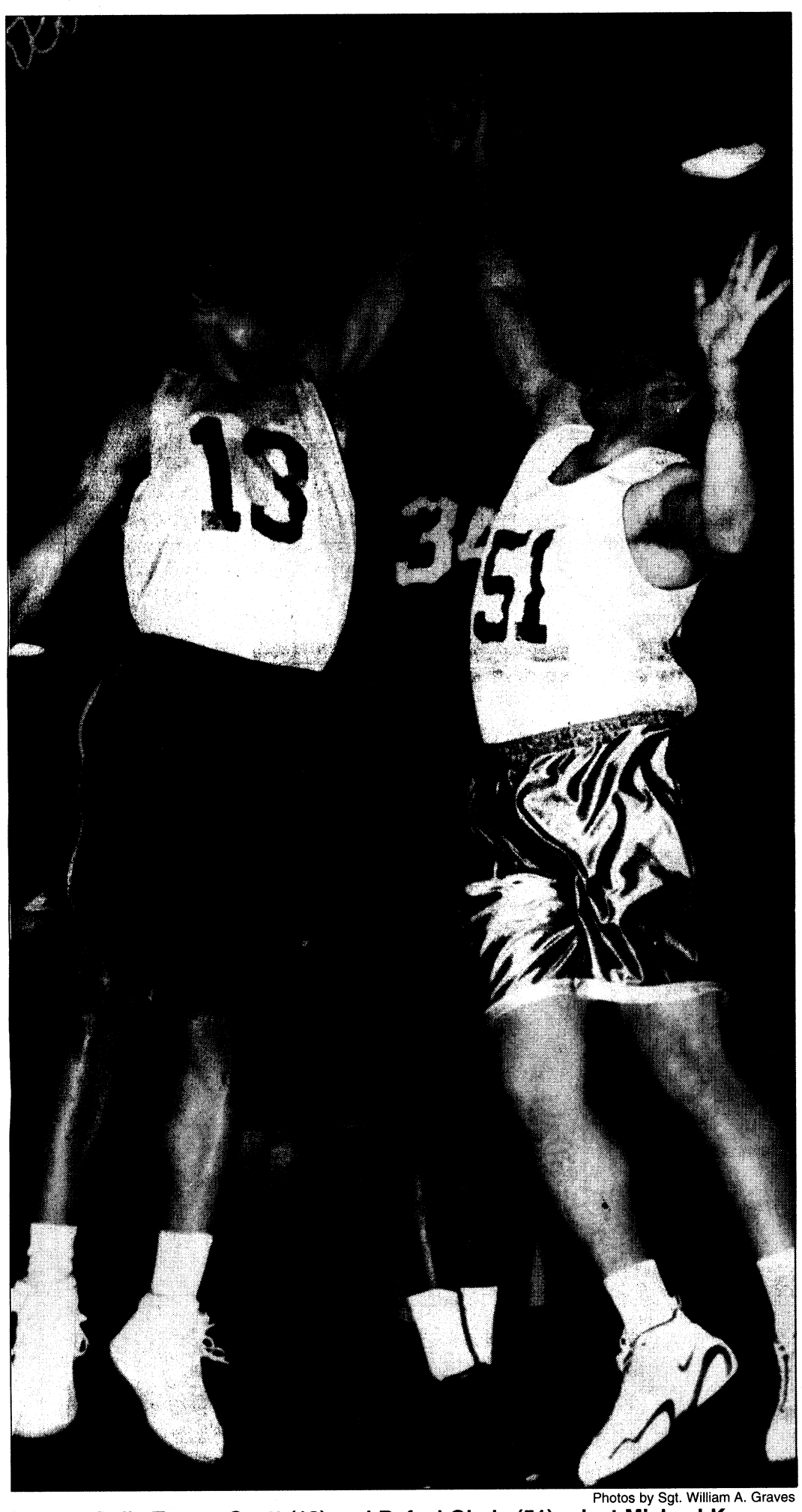
In the last 1:30 of the game, Sonnier came up with two steals, made five of six free throws and scored the team's final seven points to secure the victory.

"I'm a ball player," Sonnier said. "I just do what I have to.

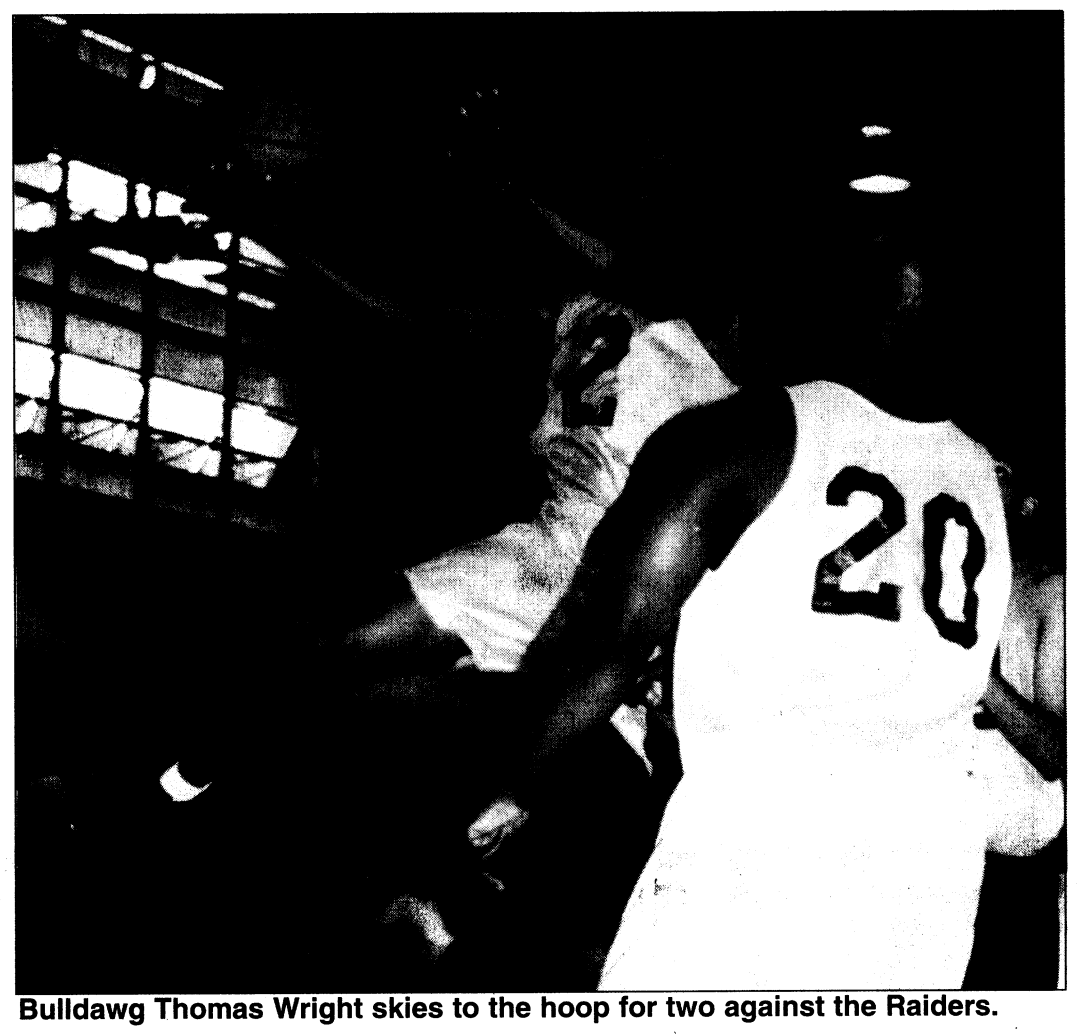
"The defense turned it on, and it gave us more opportunities on the offensive end.

"We used those to our advantage and it worked out in our favor."

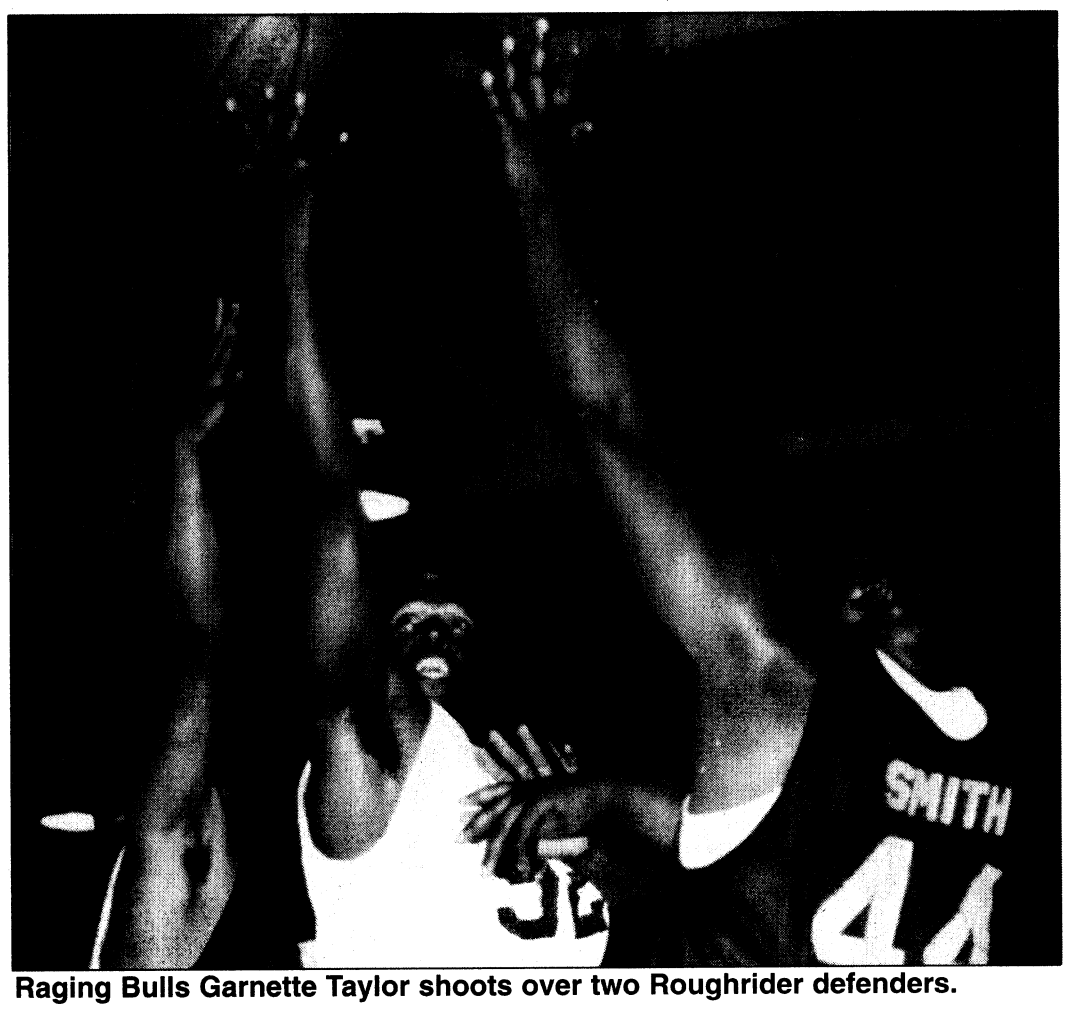
The younger players are excited to win their first championship and feel this experience has given them the edge they need to continue the winning streak, they said.



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves
Raging Bulls Tyrone Scott (13) and Rafael Ojeda (51) reject Michael Keys.



Bulldawg Thomas Wright skies to the hoop for two against the Raiders.



Raging Bulls Garnette Taylor shoots over two Roughrider defenders.

Roughriders earn final four victory over Bulldawgs

Engineers beat infantrymen to advance

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The setting didn't provide as much pomp and circumstance as the recent Final Four in Atlanta, but the Roughriders looked every bit like the ferocious National Champion, Maryland Terrapins at the post's version April 3.

Much like Terrapins' Lonny Baxter and Juan Dixon, the 63rd Engineer Company Roughriders had their inside, outside game hitting on all cylinders, in the form of Michael Keys and Patrick Roublow.

Scores of soldiers and family packed Briant Wells Field House to witness the Roughriders defeat the B Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment Bulldawgs, 54-50, behind Keys' 11 and Roublow's 17.

"The guys lived up to the engineer creed, 'Essayons,' which means, 'let us try,'" said 1st Sgt. John S. Johnson, 63rd Engineer Company, who came to show his support for his soldiers.

Behind the spark provided by Bulldawg Tereska Wattkins' clutch shooting, crisp passes, quick steals and unbelievable saves, they looked to pull away with 13 minutes left in the game.

However, the Roughriders used tenacious defense to crank up their fastbreak offense, and they pounded the boards and sank shots from downtown to launch a 19-7 run and lead 50-44 with 1:23 remaining.

"We turned up the defense in the second half," said Julian Martin. "Our passing improved, too."

The Bulldawgs would not play dead. Two quick steals by Bulldawg Buford Grigley and layups by big-man Desmond Williams cut the Roughrider lead to two, but the Roughriders hit free throws late and came up with a crucial steal of their own to smash the nail in the Bulldawg coffin.

The Roughriders showed a lot of heart, Johnson said. The soldiers have worked long hours the past couple of months, and they continued to give their all on the court.

"I am proud of them and their tenacity on and off the court, which represents the hard work ethic of this company," Johnson said.

Martin finished with 8 and Lincoln Smith scored 10 points for the Roughriders.

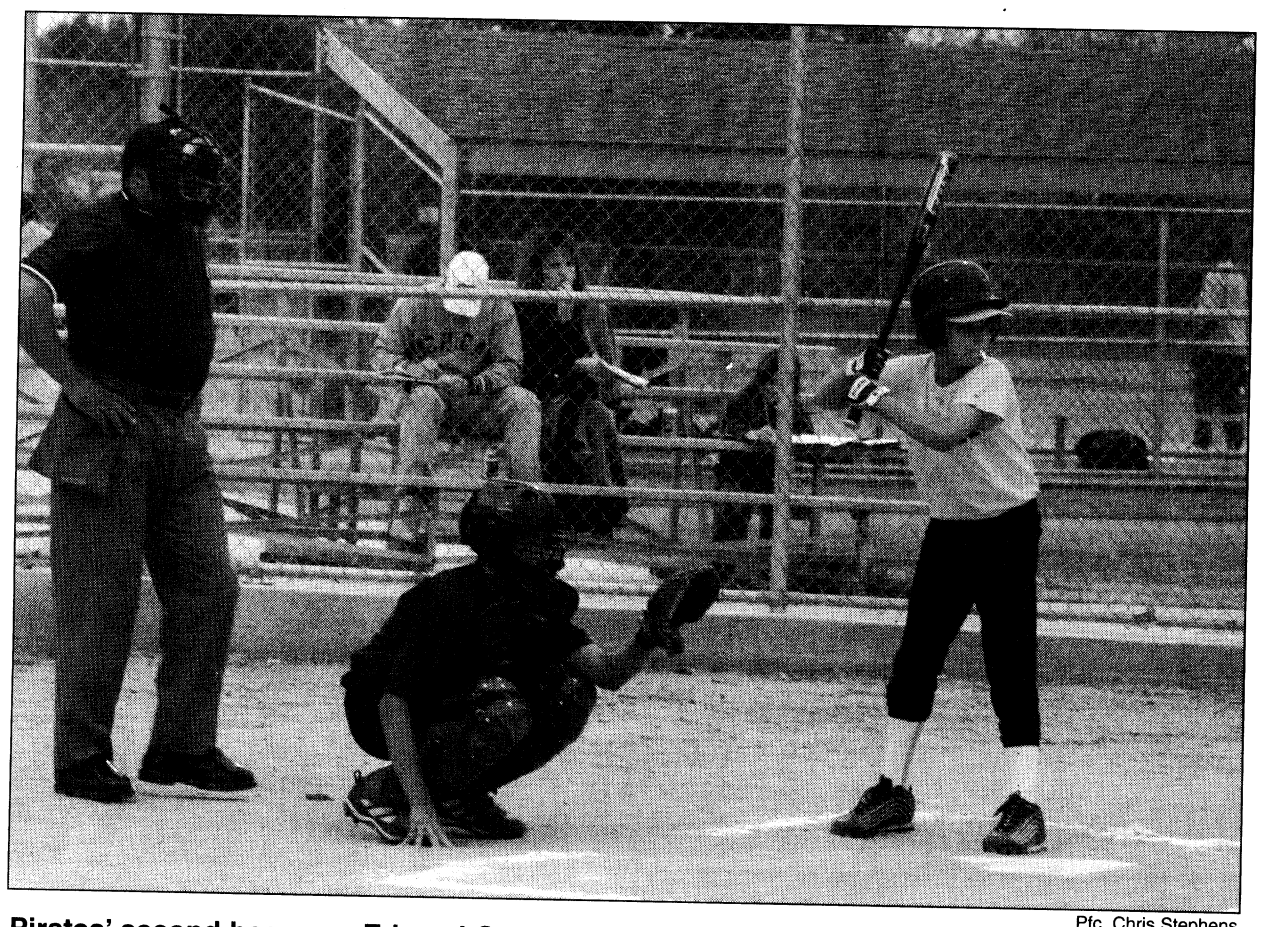
Thomas Wright had 10 and Grigley and Williams added 14 each for the fourth-place Bulldawgs.

Both teams played a sloppy first half. Turnovers, fouls and lackadaisical defense plagued both teams, and neither team could break it open. The Bulldawgs were up, 24-22.

Later in the evening, the Roughriders fought valiantly in the second game of the evening but fell to B Company, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment Raging Bulls, 68-59, to take home the third-place trophy.

"I think we did well," Martin said. "We've come a long way from two seasons ago when we were zero and eight. Now, our team is known on post — we're tough on defense, and we're balanced on offense."

The rookie



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pirates' second baseman Edward Cruz looks for a pitch during a Youth Services' baseball game against the Bruisers April 4.

OCS wants win

Joint military competition to be April 20

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Officer candidates will travel to Pensacola, Fla., April 19 for the April 20 Joint Military Athletic Competition. The candidates will compete against Air Force and Navy officer candidates in a variety of sporting events, which range from a 440-yard relay race to a volleyball match, for bragging rights and the "bomb," a 30-pound trophy of a dummy round painted in the victor's colors.

The competition originated in 1991 when an Air Force general suggested a friendly contest between the officer schools of the Air Force and Navy to foster unity among the branches. Since then, the competition has grown into a rivalry between four military branches.

"We are prepared at this time," said Dennis Berry, officer candidate and Army JMAC coach. "We are ready to win the bomb."

In the last nine competitions, the officer candidates of 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, have victoriously won the "bomb" eight times.

The winning streak began in 1998 for the Army's OCS team, said Capt. Luther Miller, company commander of B Company, 3rd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., and co-director for the Army team.

"We definitely want to uphold the standard," Berry said. "The competition is very intense. We won it so many times, and we don't want to lose."

The candidates have trained hard for six weeks to prepare for the competition, Berry said. Spending time training together has helped the candidates build team cohesion by challenging one another to exceed their limits.

For those who are interested about the outcome of the JMAC, there will be a score board outside the OCS barracks on the day of the event with updates on the leaders of the competition.

Everyone on post is welcome to stop by the barracks and view the score or travel to Pensacola to watch the event first hand.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Volleyball league — Intramural volleyball registration has begun. League play begins Monday.

For information and early registration, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595 or 544-9486.

Softball tournament — The annual preseason softball tournament registration has begun. The tournament will be played at Engineer Field April 20-21.

The deadline for registration is Wednesday. There will be a meeting at Gowdy Field Thursday at 3 p.m.

For information, call Carol Gearheart at 545-1940.

Intramural softball — There will be a mandatory meeting for all coaches April 26 for teams interested in the Fort McPherson, Ga., intramural softball league. All coaches must obtain a entry packet from the sports office and return the entry form by April 22.

For more information, call (404) 464-2409

Stowers Stampede — The Stowers Stampede is planned for April 20. It will feature the 1-mile fun run, 5K run and 5K wheelchair race. The event has been an annual event for more than 20 years. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Stowers Elementary school. Registration is $6 for children and $12 for those 15 and older. Participants will receive a T-shirt with the registration fee. Registration the day of the race will be $2 extra.

For more information, call 545-7793.

Golf league — Intramural golf registration has begun. League play begins Tuesday.

For information, call Andrew Snoddy at 545-4300.

Golf Pass — The American Lung Association of Georgia is offering the 2002 Golf Privilege Card for $25. The card offers discounts on more than 700 courses and helps the ALA fight lung disease.

For more information, call the ALA at (866) 609-GOLF.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15 through 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman at (425) 255-4645.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military, retired military, Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Fitness Challenge — The Hughston Health Clinic's fourth annual Fitness Challenge will begin 8:30 a.m. May 4 at the Hughston Clinic Outdoor Track and Fitness Center. Registration fees are $20 for individuals and $50 for a team. Cash prizes will be awarded to top female and male winners in each division.

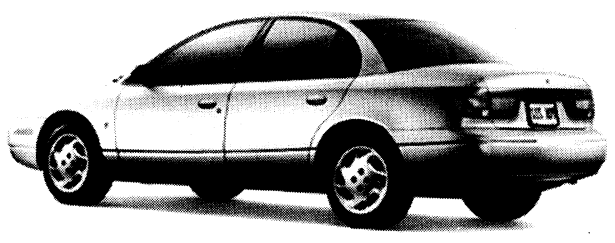
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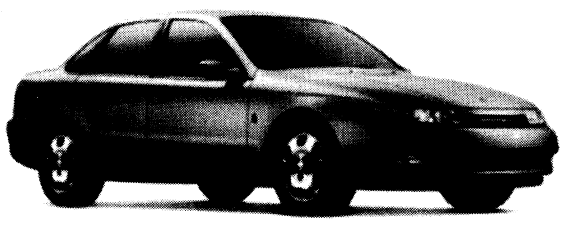
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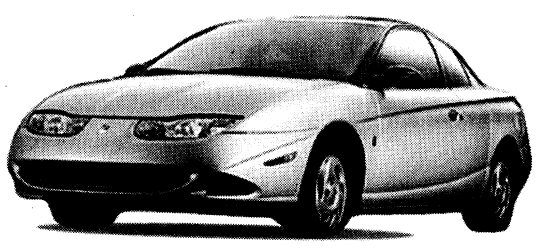
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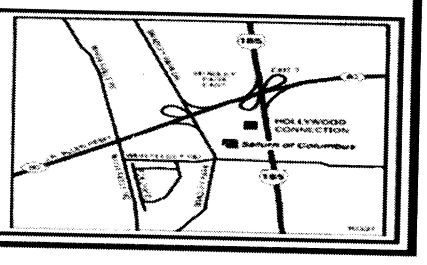
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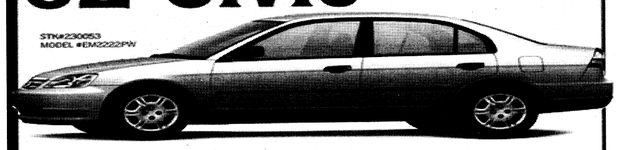
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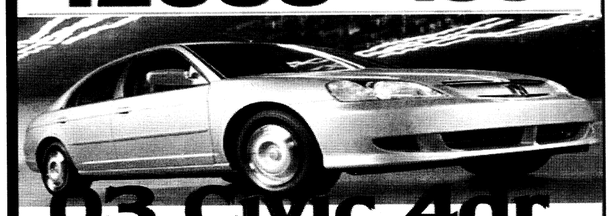
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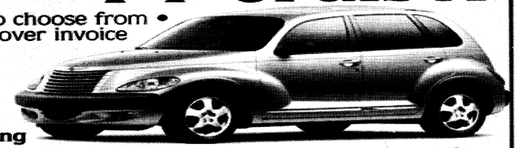
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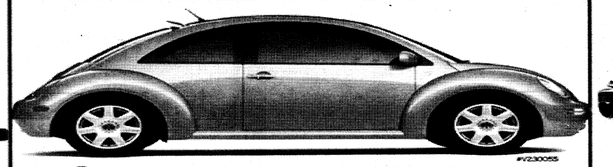


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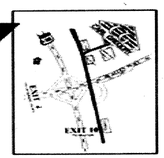
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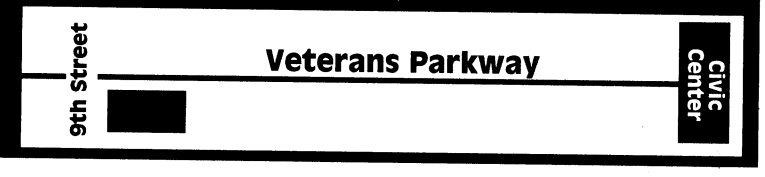
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104 Dial Street (Perkins Place) PCSing! Multi-family! Everything must go! Clothes, toys, kids stuff (12 months to 4 years), and more (F12)

Yard Sale - 210 Christian Lane (Custer Terrace) Sat. April 13 from 8-12. Sale includes rugs, baby items, toys, adult and children clothes, bikes, kitchen table, hiking pak, and misc. (F12)

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Everything Must Go!!! Rain or Shine, Sat 8am- until: Dresser, night stand, desk, toys, clothes, & misc. items. (F12)

Yard Sale 8am-until (Indianhead Terrace) 107 Lavoie Ave. (F12)

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PCS Yard Sale Saturday April 13th 7:30am- ?? 2-D Yano Court Bouton HeightsNear Stowers School and Community Life Center (F12)

Yard Sale- Adult and children's clothing, household goods and lots more. 648 Gibson Dr. (Custer Terrace) 8 am to noon. (F12)

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Found Property, If you are missing any items please contact INV Lombard at the Military Police Station at 545-3031/3041 (FTFN)

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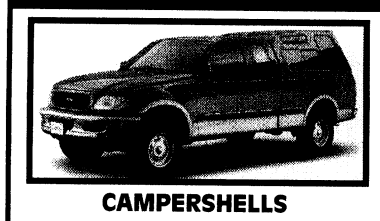
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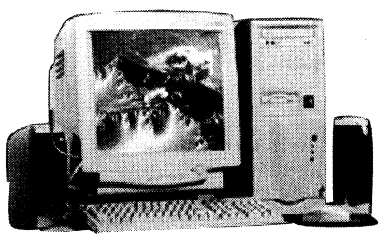
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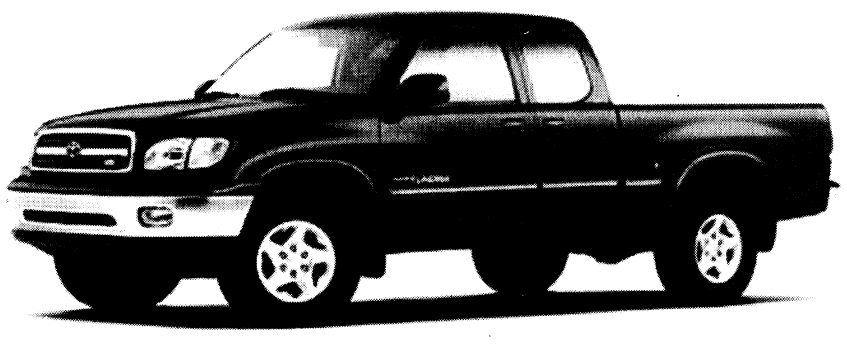
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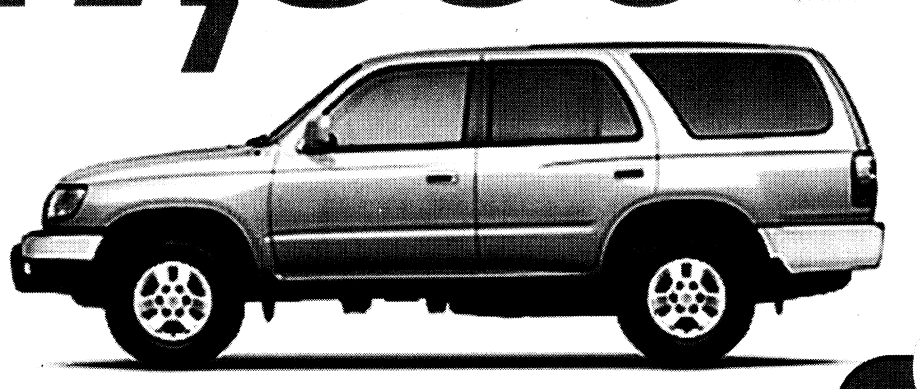
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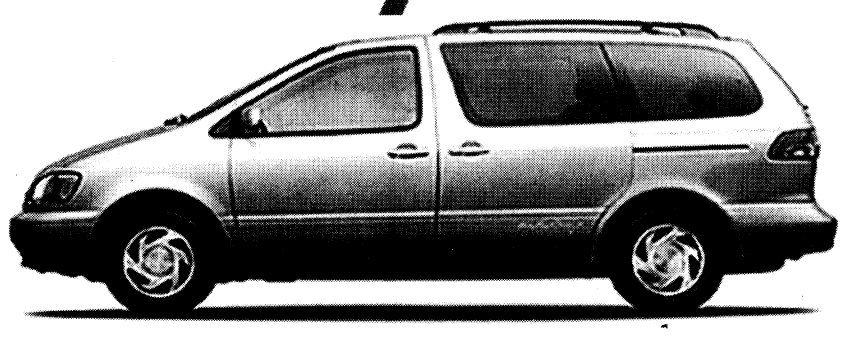
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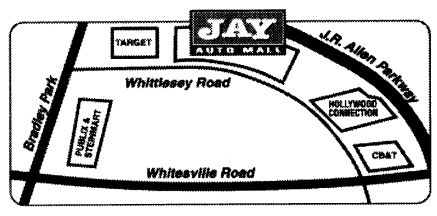
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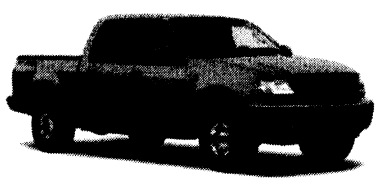
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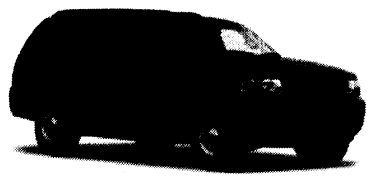
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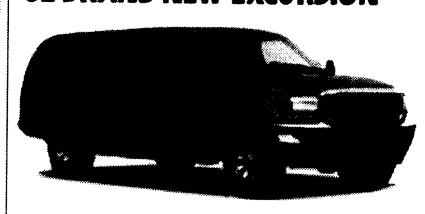
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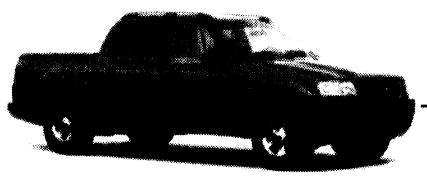
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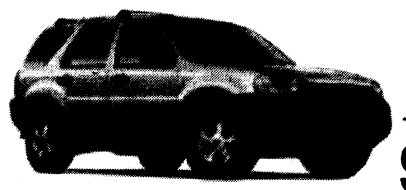
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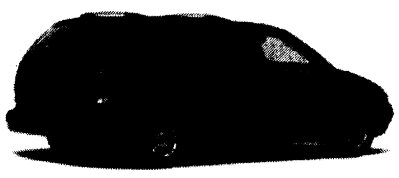
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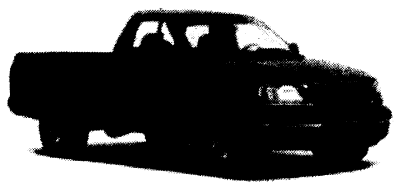
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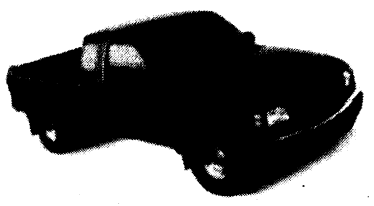
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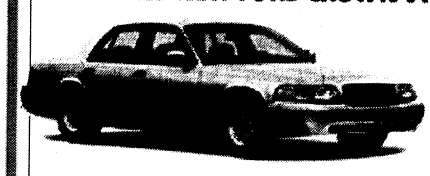
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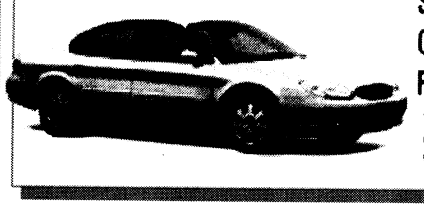
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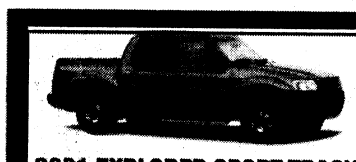
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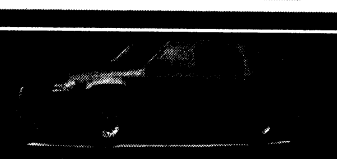


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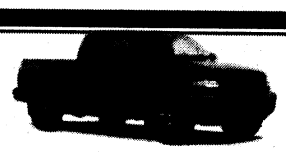
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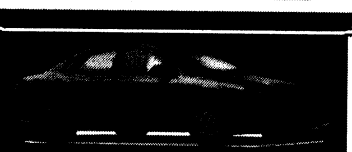
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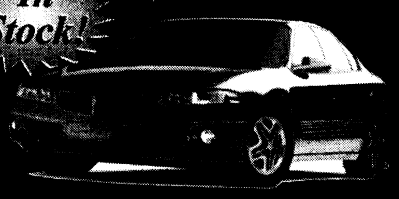


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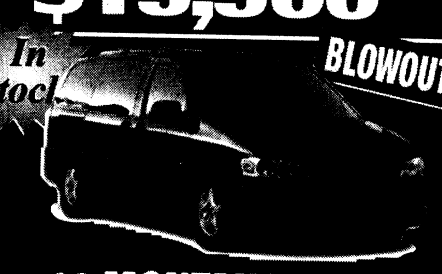


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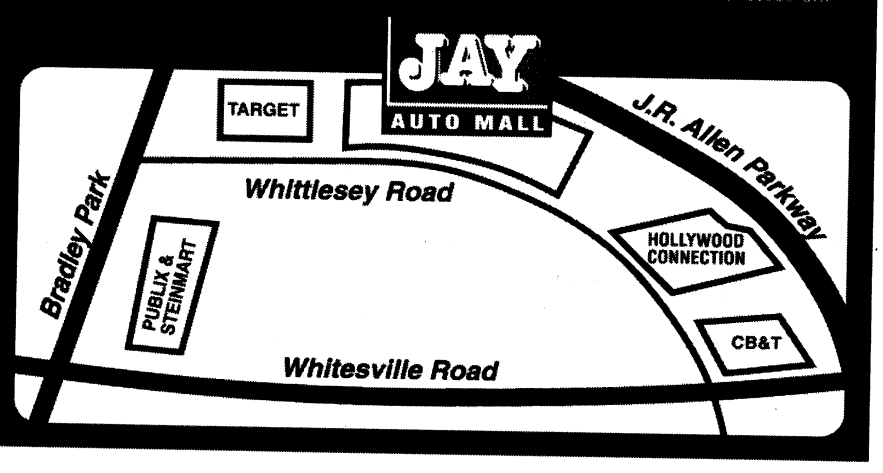
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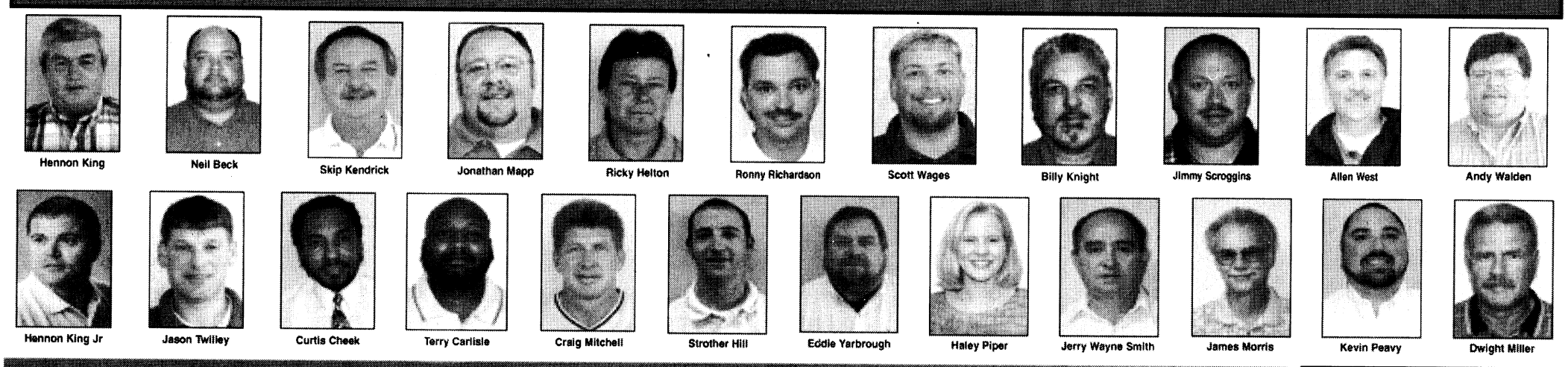


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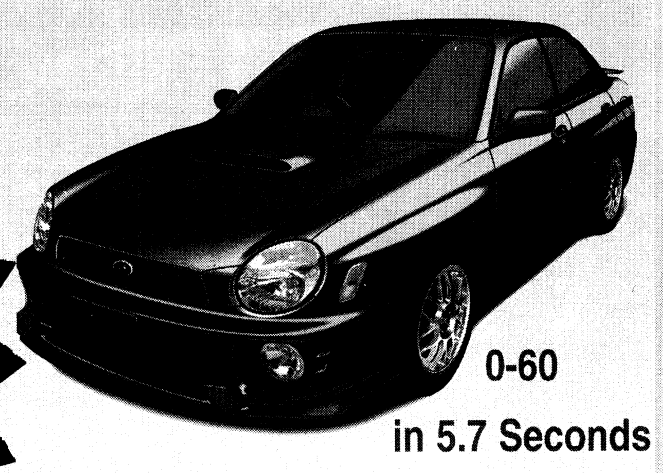


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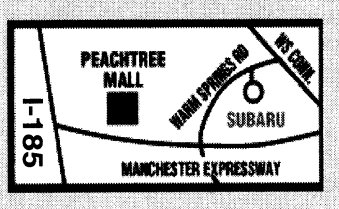
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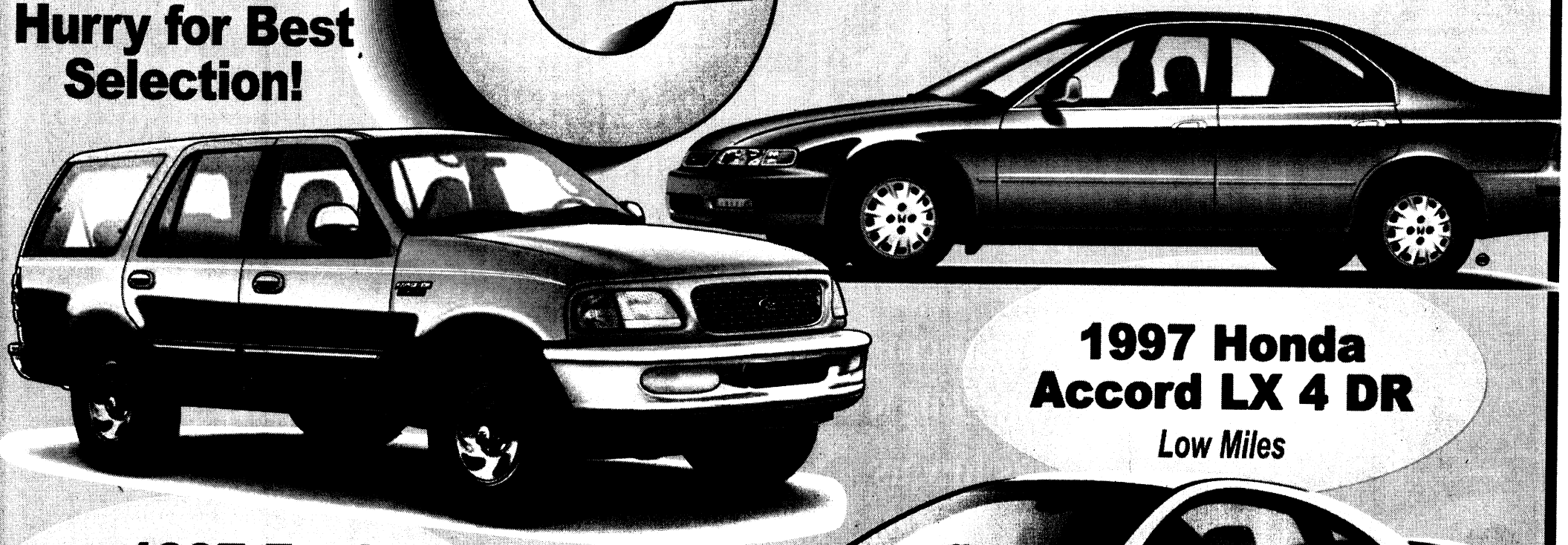
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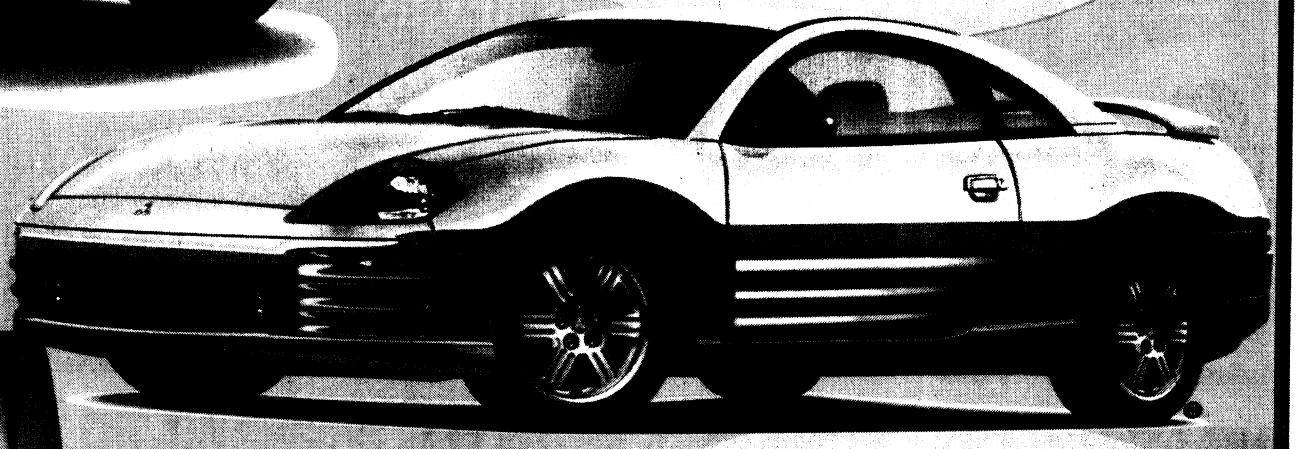
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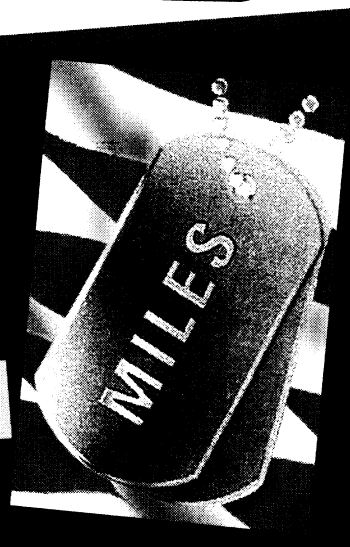
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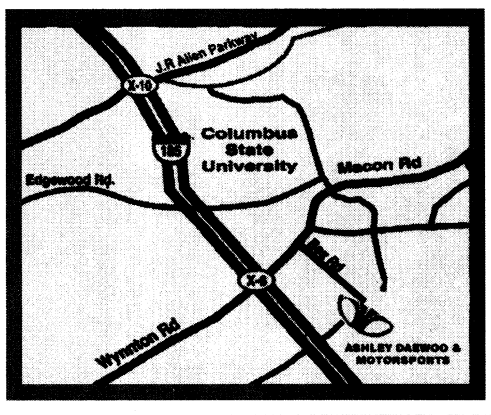
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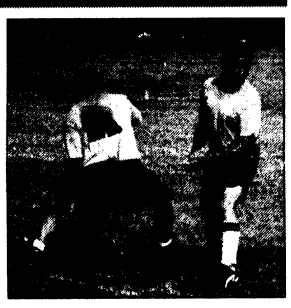
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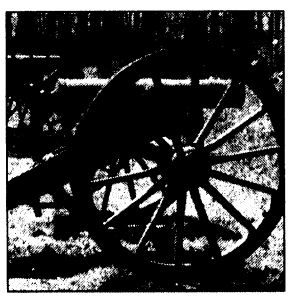
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Army unveils new Stryker

Quick-strike capabilities fulfill vision

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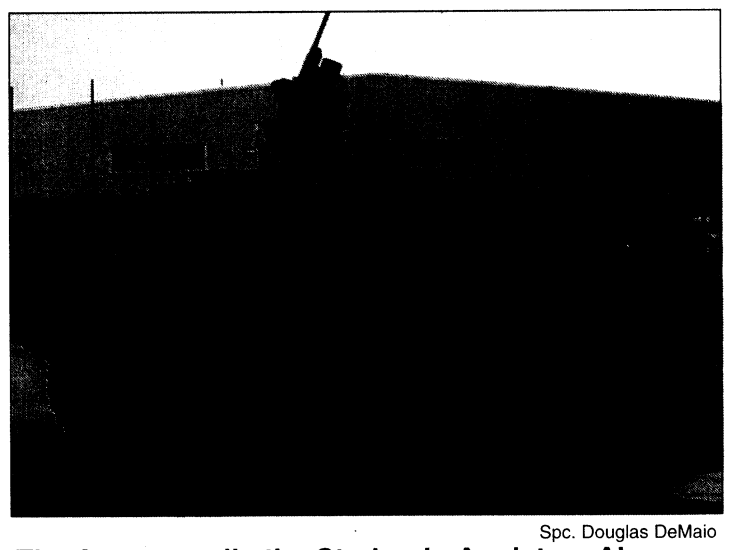
The physical transformation of the Army began with the unveiling of the Stryker April 12 at the Anniston Army Depot, Ala.

"The Stryker has ended up being the foundation for the transformation," said Col. Charles Betack, TRADOC System Manager for the Bradley and Stryker vehicles. "It gives us a new way of thinking."

The vehicle gives the Army more options and agility for the planing of missions, Betack said. It gives the Army a quick-strike ability to send in a medium armored vehicle, capable of withstanding a rocket propelled grenade with its additional add-on armor, into the battlefield with light infantry soldiers to give them more lethality and fire power.

In Operation Desert Storm, the Army discovered its short-comings and realized there is a need to be more deployable with greater lethality, said Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army chief of staff. This led to the goal of transforming the Army into a more responsive,

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Spc. Douglas DeMaio

The Army unveils the Stryker in Anniston, Ala.

988th MPs stand guard

Soldiers escort detainees

Staff Sgt. Alberto Betancourt
Soldiers Magazine

GUANTANMO BAY, Cuba — When terrorists attacked the United States Sept. 11, Pvt. Hunter Harshbarger was angry and wanted to immediately join the war on terror. But he couldn't because he was in his sixth week of Basic Combat Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

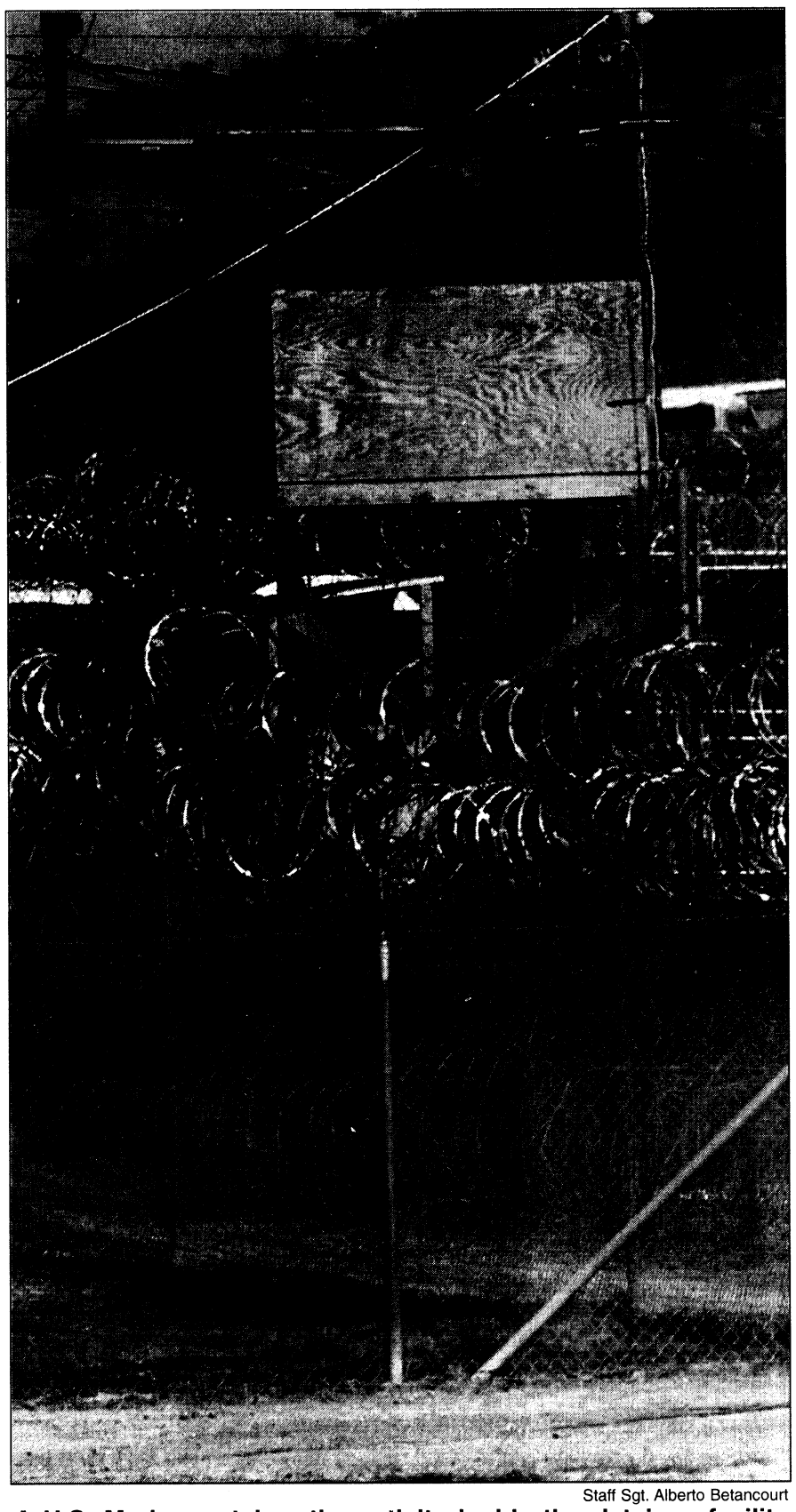
Four months later, Harshbarger's wish came true. However, he wasn't in Afghanistan as he'd originally hoped, but face to face with Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters detained at Camp X-ray, at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

"I never expected to go to Cuba," he said. "I realize this mission is as important as the mission other soldiers are doing in Afghanistan to support Operation Enduring Freedom."

Harshbarger, from the 988th Military Police Company at Fort Benning, arrived in Cuba in January to support Joint Task Force-160.

Capt. Darrell Sides, commander of the 988th, said JTF-160's mission is to take custody of designated detainees at the aerial point of embarkation in Kandahar, Afghanistan, from Central Command personnel. The detainees are then transported to a temporary detention facility

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Staff Sgt. Alberto Betancourt

A U.S. Marine watches the activity inside the detainee facility from one of the towers positioned around Camp X-ray.

American soldiers killed

Soldiers die as result of accident

Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
Army News Service

Four U.S. soldiers were killed and another injured in Afghanistan when a 107 mm rocket exploded April 15 while the troops were destroying captured weapons near Kandahar, according to U.S. Central Command officials.

The soldiers killed were: Staff Sgt. Brian T. Craig of Texas, 27; Staff Sgt. Justin J. Galewski, 28; and Sgt. Jamie O. Maugans, 27, both from Kansas, and Sgt. 1st Class Daniel A. Romero of Colorado, 30. The first three were members of the 710th Explosive Ordnance Detachment from San Diego and Romero was assigned to the 19th Special Forces Group in Pueblo, Colo.

CENTCOM officials said the wounded soldier was evacuated to a medical facility at Kandahar. The soldier's names have not been released.

"This tragic event highlights that even when not actively engaged against enemy forces that our service men and women remain at risk as they perform their mission around the world and particularly in Afghanistan," said Air Force Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

He underscored this point by describing several incidents from over the weekend in

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Airborne observes 25th annual reunion



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Veteran paratroopers accompany an airborne color guard.

Paratroopers honor history, comrades

Bridgett Siter
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Tenacity.

It's the common trait found in all airborne soldiers. It's the desire to "go the extra mile," to be more than a soldier. Tenacity is what sets paratroopers apart, said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Duke Armendariz, president of the 82nd Airborne Division Association.

"It's the biggest fraternity in the world, this airborne brotherhood. And tenacity is what makes us a part of it," he said.

And it's what brings them back, year after year, by the hundreds, to the Airborne Awards Ceremony on Fort Benning. Tenacity is what drives them, despite their growing frailties and dwindling numbers.

"It used to take several buses to bring them all," said Reiko Butler, as three chartered buses dispatched aging veterans, one right after the other, and their family members, mostly wives, who traveled from all over the country to attend the 25th annual event, April 11.

"They say we're losing the

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Volunteers talk the talk, walk the walk to cure cancer

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

COMMENTARY



Menopause.

That's something my mom has not yet experienced.

But cancer she has.

I'm sorry, I know words like menopause are somewhat taboo and unappealing to the reader's eye. So what about these? Breast, colon, uterine and skin.

Want to know what those four things have in common? Those are the four types of cancer my 83-year-old grandma has survived.

Did you know that having breast cancer before menopause increases the likelihood that you carry the gene for breast cancer, therefore increasing the likelihood of passing it on to your children?

Bet you can't guess how I feel about all of this. Worried? Scared for my own personal health? Guess again.

Let's backtrack.

When I was asked to write about volunteerism, I initially drew a blank. What do I know about volunteering? As much as I want to, I rarely manage my time well enough to accomplish my own daily tasks.

My editor subtly agreed. Then she reminded me of the things that I do that make a difference. Like the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life next month. No, this is not another plug for a charitable event.

Rather, I feel the need to remind everyone what a constant cancer is for everyone. But instead of shoving more statistics in your face, I'll tell you a little story.

I knew when I volunteered to do the walk I would have no problem raising the minimum $100 contribution for the American Cancer Society. When my daughter decided to join me, I thought we'd better get on the horn.

So I sent out an e-mail to the friends and family members I felt comfortable enough to ask for a donation. I explained to them that while helping out a more than worthy cause, young Kait would hopefully learn a lesson in giving.

What I got back was astounding. Not only did I reach my goal within a mere hour, but I also learned the far-reaching effect this disease has.

Dear Laura,

As you well know, my father had prostate cancer and both of my older brothers are cancer survivors. I'll put my check in the mail tomorrow.

Love, Dad

Dear Laura,

I would love to donate money to such a worthy cause. You know how I feel about it and you know why. My own mom had breast cancer at a very early age and is a survivor. I wish we could do the walk together.

Love, Jen

And so they came, one by one, responses about their own personal experiences and the survivors they know. Out of 15 people I sent the e-mail to, 14 responded with their story. I'd say that's a pretty good response. I'd also say that's a pretty powerful statistic.

So when I say I feel empowered by all of this, you may think me to be crazy. But I say I'm given an opportunity, one that may benefit my own health and my daughters'. Maybe that makes me selfish, but I choose to think it makes me wise enough to see the chance to give a gift to those I love the most.

So come May 17th, you can bet your top dollar you'll find me on the track. Better yet, donate your top dollar to someone who's walking. It just might be a favor you're paying yourself or someone you love.

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life begins at 7 p.m. May 17 to 1 p.m. May 18 at Kinnett Stadium, Columbus.

For more information, call 324-4573.

Help the Earth, clean out your files

Danielle G. Durante
Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

COMMENTARY



The environment is something people talk about but seldom do anything about.

Earth Week is just around the corner. In fact it is next week, and what better way to celebrate the earth than with a weeklong event of recovering a valuable natural resource — paper?

Fort Benning's Recycling Program, supported by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, is urging companies and the community to join in the "Clean Your Files Week" to recycle used office paper. The Recycling Program kicks-off this event on Earth Day, which is Monday.

The idea is to set aside one day of Earth Week to clean out your files, but with a twist. Don't just discard those old, dated piles of paper — all those memos, unwanted mail, reports and brochures you haven't read in a year and probably can't locate if you wanted to. Recycling instead.

By recovering them, you can turn a useful housekeeping exercise into an environmentally valuable one.

While all that paper stuffed in the file cabinets may have lost value to you, it's still valuable to the recyclers. Old memos can be transformed into useful fiber and eventually new products.

Offices not only contain large quantities of recyclable paper, but the paper industry finds the best quality paper for recycling into new products in the office as well.

Old mail, memos, letters and reports are prize commodities to recyclers. Printing and writing paper usually contain high quality fiber, making our offices rich deposits of raw material, which paper companies can use again after they remove the ink, adhesives and other impurities.

In short everyone benefits from Clean Your Files Day.

We empty our files of out-of-date paper to make room for more recent memos, reports and brochures.

The haulers have a valuable cargo to fill their trucks.

Fort Benning's Recycling Program gets a high-quality raw material to manufacture new products.

And, of course, the local landfill is free of tons of used paper, thus lowering disposal costs to local taxpayers and lengthening the life of landfills.

So join us for some spring-cleaning. You have nothing to lose but your old files.

Remember to separate your whites, it makes the paper more valuable.

For information on recycling pick up or Clean Your Files Day, call Fort Benning Recycling at 544-6142 or Walter Nichols at 544-7187.

Eye contact? No way, I listen for hissin'

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



I thought the branch lying across the bike path looked odd, somehow. But it was on the side Mr. Mileage was riding on, so I didn't pay much attention to it.

By the time I realized what it was and yelled, "SNAKE," it was too late.

He ran over it.

Since I hadn't rolled over the snake, I was reasonably certain that he wouldn't hold being run over against me. Just in case, Mr. Mileage and I didn't waste any time at our halfway point for our usual water break.

We turned around and headed straight back, hydrating on the fly. No point giving him enough time to set up a hasty ambush on the bike path, especially since Ranger Rocha wasn't along for the ride.

I shared the story of this particular close encounter with some *Bayonet* staffers, which led one of them to tell us about the (dead) snake her husband had recently brought home from a fishing trip. He went on to share some pointers on how to discern between a venomous snake and the nonvenomous variety:

"See his eyes? See the shape of his head? That's how you know he's bad."

I don't have an aversion to snakes, especially when they are in tanks, clearly identified. But I'm not getting close enough to an unidentified snake to examine his eyes and head to figure out if he's venomous or not.

If we're outside, all I really want to see are his back and tail … from a safe distance.

What's that rhyme? Is it "Red touches black, jump back Jack"? Or maybe it's "Red touches yellow is an OK fellow." Or maybe…what is it, anyway?

"It's red touches yellow will kill a fellow, red touches black, venom lack."

"Someone told me 'If his nose is black it means he's bad.' Or maybe 'If his nose is black he's not bad.'"

"You're not being very helpful. Which is it?"

"I don't worry about it. If I can't see his nose, he's going the right way."

The people I work with now are not the only co-workers I've had who have an aversion to snakes.

Take the naval reservist who was scheduled to go to "the field" one early spring weekend.

He was quite apprehensive about the whole excursion, especially since it had been unseasonably cool.

I tried to get him to look at the bright side of the lower temperatures.

"No bugs are out yet. That's a good thing. When you wake up in the morning, you'll be alone in your sleeping bag."

Aghast, he informed me that there were no women in his reserve unit.

"I wasn't talking about women, I was talking about snakes."

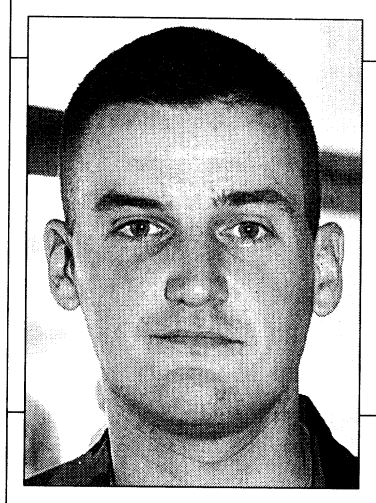
"SNAKES??? There are snakes out in the field?"

"Well, yeah. We have to keep them some place, and they don't like being cooped up in the building."

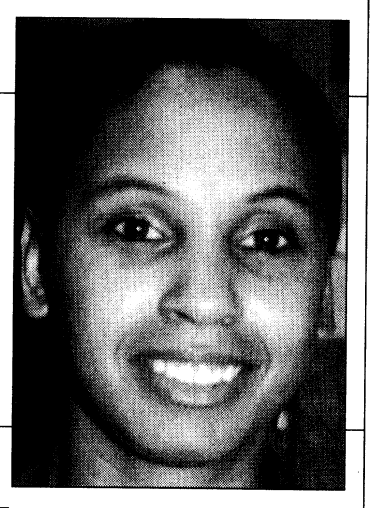
He wasn't the same for almost a week. Even Mr. Mileage recovered quicker than that.

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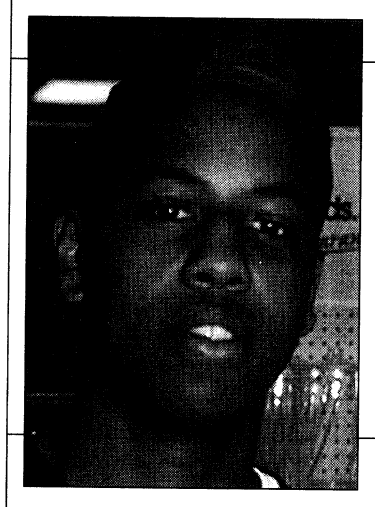
How have you responded to the president's call for volunteers?



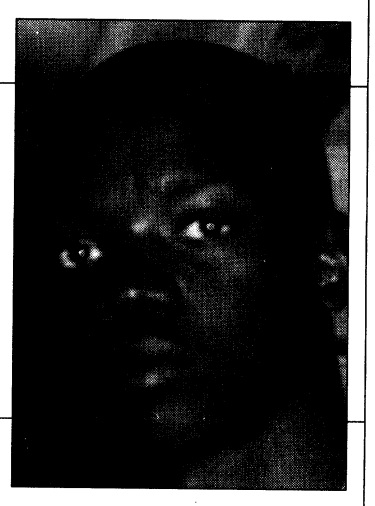
Capt. Jason E. Lester, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment — "I am a reservist, and I got called to active duty for one year to support training base expansion."



Sgt. Chontel Rideaux, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I volunteer with the Girl Scouts. We have cookouts, arts and crafts, sleepovers and lots of other fun stuff."



Phillip Thompson, family member — "I'm too young to volunteer, but if I was old enough, I would do it in a heartbeat. Volunteering is cool."



Sgt. Keveius Polite, 608th Ordnance Company — "I am currently looking at organizations I can volunteer in. I think volunteering is a good thing."



Master Sgt. Dottie Vick, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I'm still getting settled in on post. I plan on getting involved in the local churches. I think everyone should volunteer."



Peggy Daniels, AAFES employee — "I love to help out at church and do various things around there. I also believe prayer is a big part to answering the presidents call for volunteers."

Interviews and photos by Pfc Chris Stephens. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

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MPs: Guard Taliban prisoners at Guantanamo Bay

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at "Gitmo."

Although his 80 soldiers support JTF-160, Sides said their mission differs from that of other MPs at Camp X-ray.

"Our main mission is supporting JTF-170's Joint Interagency Interrogation Facility," he said.

His soldiers go into Camp X-ray and escort detainees out of the camp one at a time, taking them to one of several interview rooms set-up adjacent to the detention facility.

The MPs remain with the detainee while various law-enforcement agents and military-intelligence representatives from all the military branches conduct detailed interviews with the detainee. Once the interview is completed, the MPs take the detainee back to his cell.

"These detainees require more security than a prisoner sitting on death row," Sides said. "The people on death row generally want to live. Most of the detainees not only want to die, they want to take somebody with them in the process."

To ensure proper security, there are three MPs assigned to escort each detainee. Two MPs are on each side of the detainee while NCO follows closely in the rear serving as a third set of eyes and communication coordinator with other MPs who guard the detainees.

"It takes approximately 10 minutes to get through all the gates inside the detention facility before reaching the interview room," Sides said.

Because of the uniqueness of the mission in Cuba, the 988th soldiers went through additional training, including cross-training with the infantry.

"We trained in various nonlethal tactics before departing Fort Benning," said Staff Sgt. John Barnett. "We've also been developing training here as the mission continues."

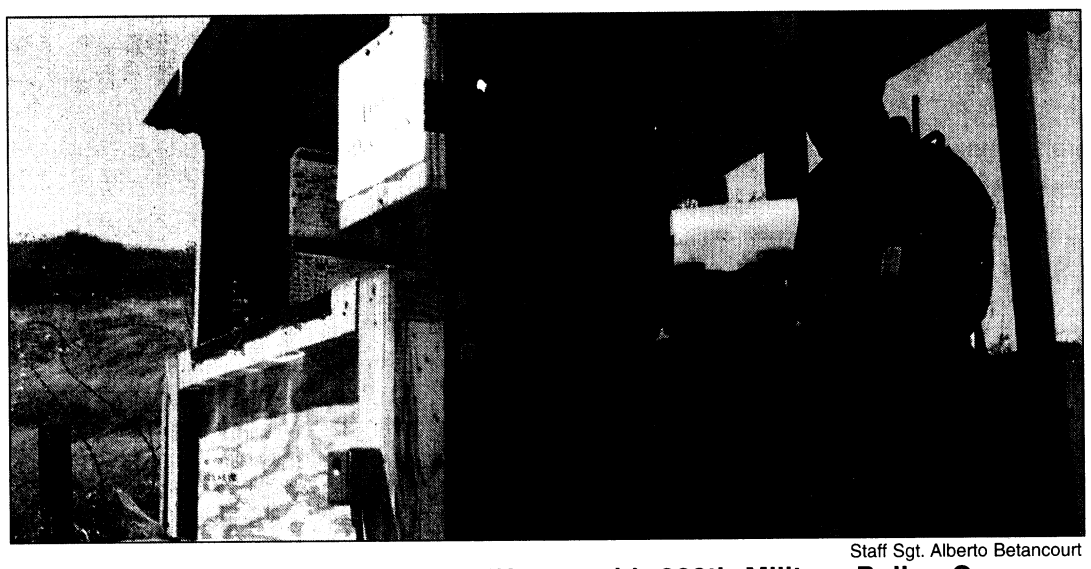
Sides said he only has half his company with him in Cuba supporting JTF-160, but all his soldiers have actively supported the nation's war on terrorism by providing security in different locations.

"One of my platoons was deployed to the Army War College at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., in September," he said. "Another platoon went to the Pentagon in December."

The Fort Benning MPs are splitting their tasking between the two platoons. Each platoon works 14 hours a day for two consecutive days, then they're off for two days.

Living in Freedom Heights, a tent city on a small hill overlooking Camp X-ray, the 988th soldiers are in a tactical environment.

When they get time off, they can travel three miles down the road and find themselves in a garrison environment where the aqua waters of the Caribbean Sea and Atlantic Ocean invite them in.



Staff Sgt. Alberto Betancourt

Sgt. Shelton Gore and Spc. Larry Waters with 988th Military Police Company man a guard shack inside the JIIF perimeter located adjacent to Camp X-Ray.

"Gitmo has great morale-support facilities," Barnett said. "Our soldiers have had the opportunity to scuba dive, snorkel, water ski and take part in other water activities."

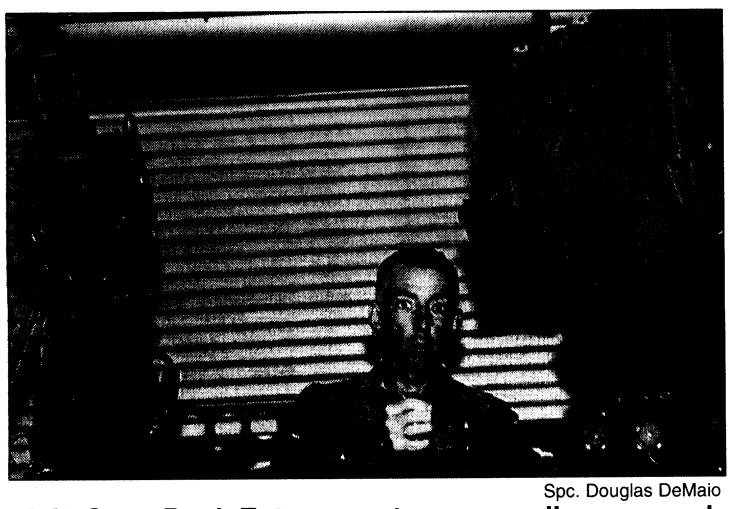
But when it's time to go back to work, the MPs become focused and are serious about their mission.

"I still remember how I felt on September 11," Harshbarger said. "But we keep our emotions to ourselves. Our company motto is 'Fair, Firm and Professional.' We treat the detainees like humans, but we also use every measure to protect ourselves."

Sides said he's proud of his soldiers and expects to be part of JTF-160 for at least six months.

"We're part of JTF-160 working to support JTF-170," he said. "And JTF-170's mission is to gather information to prevent further terrorist acts against Americans. This is a very serious mission."

Stryker: Helps Army become lighter, more deployable



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commanding general, operates the Stryker's controls.

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deployable, lethal, survivable and sustainable force.

"The vehicle is not as complex as the Bradley," said Thomas McNerney, transformation team chief for the Directorate of Operations and Training.

The Stryker is made by the Joint Venture Team of General Motors and General Dynamics Land Systems Defense Group. It is powered by a 350-horse power diesel engine, has a top speed of 60 mph and can climb a 23-degree incline.

"It's going to be a great improvement for the military," said Bob Sherman, senior technical specialist and driver for the Basic Combat Team. "It's a very stable vehicle.

"It's quick, maneuverable and easy to drive. And, it has a computer system to tell you if anything is wrong with it."

Out of the nine Infantry Carrier Vehicle configurations the Stryker has, Fort Benning will initially see four of them plus the Mobile Gun System fixed with a 105-mm turreted gun, Sherman said. All the vehicles will be for training purposes. The Mortar Carrier, Anti-Tank Guided Missile, Commander's Vehicle and Reconnaissance Vehicle are the vehicle configurations Fort Benning units will use to train.

Interim Brigade Combat Teams will receive more than 80 percent of the thousands of Strykers. Fort Lewis, Wash., will begin receiving their Strykers in May for their two interim brigades. Brigades at Fort Richardson, Alaska; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Polk, La.; and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard will receive their Strykers when the Army assembles their interim brigades.

The Stryker is named after two medal of honor recipients, Spc. Robert F. Stryker of C Company, 1st Battalion, 26th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division, for his valorous actions near Loc Ninh, Vietnam, and Pfc. Stuart S. Stryker of E Co., 513th Parachute Inf., 17th Airborne Div., for his unhesitating self-sacrifice near Wesel, Germany, March 24, 1945.

"You understand how we in the Army feel we have the perfect name for the vehicle, the Stryker," Shinseki said.

Troopers: Descend on Airborne Walk by hundreds

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World War II guys by 1,000 a day," said Thad Selman, one of our members of the original test platoon honored at the awards ceremony.

"We're thinning out," he said, as he scanned the crowd of more than 200.

Make no mistake, the airborne soldier is not an endangered species, and their fraternity will not disappear. New faces appear every year, veterans of Vietnam, Panama and peacetime. Like retired Sgt. 1st Class Joe Montoya, they come to honor their comrades.

"I come here out of respect for those who went before me," said the 20-year, 300-jump airborne veteran, who retired in 1971 after two tours in Vietnam. "I always thought jumping was just a way to get to work, but compared to these World War II soldiers, I'm just a novice."

The tradition started "many, many years ago," said B.C. Reese, as a reunion for the soldiers of the original test platoon, the Army's first parachute unit, which started in 1940. Only a handful of those paratroop pioneers remain, including Reese, but their reunions grew to include thousands of retired and active-duty airborne soldiers and family members.

Since 1986, they've met at Fort Benning, kicking off their reunion with a memorial service and wreath laying ceremony at the Airborne Walk, which was dedicated to "all American airborne troopers past, present and future."

They come wearing the insignia of more than 30 airborne and special forces units spanning 62 years of airborne history.

The airborne community has had "an extraordinary collective impact on our country and countless others," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, Fort Benning's commanding general, as he welcomed the veterans and visitors, including Maurice Renaud, of Normandy, whose father was the mayor of St. Mere Eglis during World War II, and Alan Boot, who traveled from Leicester, England, to pay homage to his "friends in the 82nd."

"I was just a lad in World War II, when the soldiers encamped around Leicester. I've come to say thank you," said the 74-year-old Boot, who remembers sneaking into the American's camp for cigarettes and candy. "They were good to us, and I've never forgotten them."

Renaud said he, too, attended the reunion to say thank you to the American soldiers who fought alongside his countrymen in France.

"We have a long and rich history with the airborne community, and it's one we wish to continue," he said.

The guest speaker, retired Lt. Gen. Carmen Cavezza, a former Fort Benning commander and master parachutist, said he visited the Airborne Walk just days before the ceremony seeking inspiration for his speech.

"And I found it right here, at this site, where such a good feeling permeates," Cavezza said. "Here I found my message, among these reminders of the great airborne soldiers and units of the past. The airborne is alive and well. It's still indispensable and irreplaceable.

"We're now engaged in another war, perhaps the most challenging ever, but this generation, this nation, will prevail once again. Our time, yours and mine, has come and gone, but these soldiers stand ready, and they need our moral support and encouragement," Cavezza said.

John Schroer was drafted into the Army in 1941, and volunteered for the 13th Airborne Division in 1943. He was late for the airborne reunion because he was attending his grandson's graduation from basic training on Sand Hill.

"That was more important, of course. But aren't we lucky we could be here together for this," he said, standing alongside 19-year-old Pvt. Tommy Schroer, a Kentucky National Guardsman who hopes to be an airborne soldier like his grandfather.

"This makes me feel ... It's hard to describe," the younger Schroer shrugged, as he scanned the crowd of airborne veterans. "It's impressive. Makes you want to be a part of it. Makes me proud to be an American soldier."

Soldiers killed in Afghanistan

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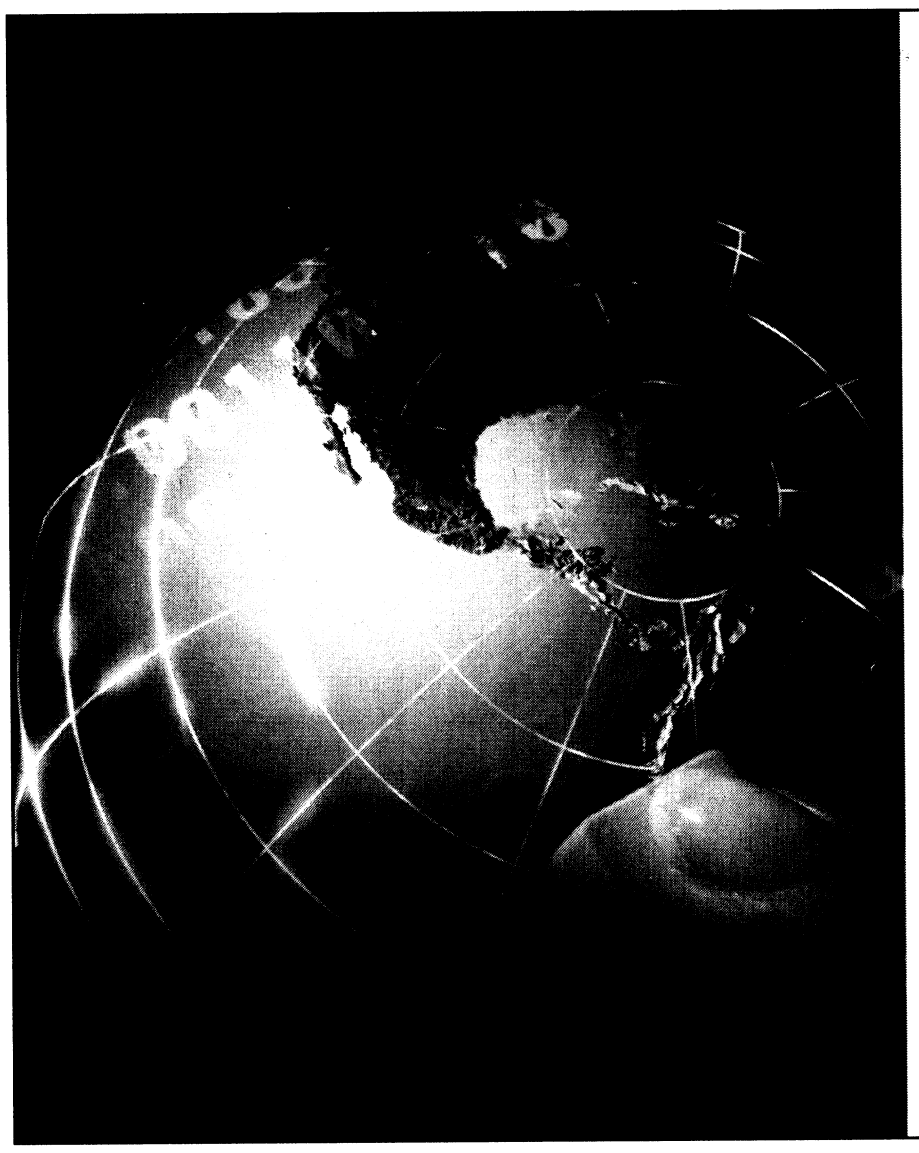
Afghanistan. The general described an apparent firefight April 13 in which a convoy of U.S. and Afghan forces was fired upon and called in a U.S. AC-130 gunship for support.

"The aircraft located and fired upon the enemy position, killing several of the enemy," he said.

Myers said U.S. Special Forces soldiers and friendly Afghan forces found several weapons storage sites while searching a suspected enemy complex. The sites contained mines, rockets, explosives and anti-aircraft artillery pieces "that we assess were used for training," he said.

Two incidences of suspected rocket-propelled grenade fire were reported in the vicinity of Khost over the weekend. Myers said two suspected RPGs were fired April 13 near U.S. positions at an airfield in the area, but resulted in no injuries or damage to friendly forces or equipment. Another two suspected RPGs impacted about two kilometers from the same airfield April 14. Myers said it was uncertain that the weapons were even targeting U.S. positions.

"While we've made good progress in restoring stability to Afghanistan, clearly getting a peaceful environment will take a good deal of time," Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said. "The country is fragmented politically. It does not have a strong tradition of democracy, as we all know, and I think any expectation that it will suddenly transform itself into a Western-style democracy ever, let alone instantaneously, is misplaced." However, he said, "the sporadic violence of recent days is nothing compared to the brutal rule of the Taliban and the al Qaeda."



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Michael Kelso no stranger to community

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Many say these words, but Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso demonstrates these values to the letter, said Col. Chip Cole, commander of Basic Combat Training Brigade.

Kelso took over the command sergeant major of the U.S. Army Infantry School position from retired Command Sgt. Maj. Miles Retherford March 4 and is just starting to settle into the seat.

"I'm not bringing anything unique that makes me different from my predecessors," Kelso said. "All the other sergeants major whom have assumed the position continued making the infantry school the premiere infantry training installation in the U.S. Army."

With such a long line of successful command sergeants major to follow, Kelso hopes to carry on their legacy.

"My goal is for the infantry school is to continue to turn out the finest infantry soldiers, NCOs and officers whom have been a hallmark of the infantry school since General George Marshall was the assistant commandant of the school in 1927."

As a command sergeant major, Kelso is living the NCO creed — All soldiers are entitled to outstanding leadership, and he is providing that leadership, said Cole, life time ranger buddy of Kelso.


Kelso

"His strongest characteristic is his absolute dedication to the mission and the welfare of his soldiers," Cole said. "He has an incredible amount of knowledge and shares it with NCOs and officers."

When Cole was a platoon leader in 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Kelso was one of the squad leaders. He also served as Cole's battalion command sergeant major at Fort Richardson, Ala., Ranger Regiment and the 501st Parachute Infantry Regt.

"I've been sleeping next to Sergeant Major Kelso in the field since 1979, and I've never heard anyone snore as loudly as him," Cole said.

Sleeping habits aside, Kelso loves the military and its long history.

Kelso is a military historian and finds satisfaction in learning the history of units. He collects military hardware, uniforms and equipment.

When Kelso was stationed in Alaska, there was a battalion headquarters there with nothing on the walls, Cole said. Kelso put together a museum of World War II paratrooper uniforms and equipment. It was an incredible inspiration to soldiers and had a positive effect on the morale and welfare of the unit.

Now, he looks to the future of the Army.

"Fort Benning has an important role to play in the transformation of the Army objective-force soldier," Kelso said. "No matter what the eventual look of the objective force is, the infantry soldier trained by Fort Benning will remain the world's premier combat soldier."

Kelso has already served at Fort Benning for several years and knows how important the school and his position are to the Army.

"I'm honored to have been chosen by (Major) General (Paul) Eaton and (Brigadier) General (David) Rodriguez and (Command) Sergeant Major (Gereld) Klein," Kelso said. "I have the tremendous pleasure of looking forward to working with all the personnel of Fort Benning."

His colleagues not only think he will do well, they trust him with their lives.

"Sergeant Major Kelso is the kind of NCO I would follow up a lit gasoline alley under intense fire," Cole said.

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> Commander, Basic Combat Training Brigade, on how much he trusts Kelso's ability to be the new command sergeant major for the infantry school

Fort Benning CIF receives black berets

Second roll-out to be soon for soldiers

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Fort Benning soldiers and other active-duty and mobilized reserve-component soldiers will get their second black berets.

The Fort Benning Central Issue Facility received the berets, and will soon inform soldiers when they will distribute them, said a post CIF official.

The fielding of initial berets was completed Jan. 25 with distribution to soldiers in 88th Regional Support Command, Fort Snelling, Minn.

The fielding of second berets to reserve-component units that are not mobilized will be complete by September 2003, Dave Geringer said, assistant product manager for Product Manager Soldier Equipment.

When Army and Air Force Exchange Services will stock the berets is still unknown, he said.

"The priority is to provide a sufficient stock to all units, including Reserve and National Guard, and establish a sustained supply," said Martin Fadden, a logistics management specialist for G-4, Department of the Army.

AAFES is given the option to purchase berets directly from the manufacturer instead of having to request supplies from Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Supply Center Philadelphia. That option could put berets on AAFES' shelves sooner than expected, Fadden said. The details are being worked out.

Unlike the first beret-fielding schedule that lasted eight months, the majority of the second shipment of berets will be completed in April, Faden said. Berets are in stock, he said, which is why fielding is going so well.

Last May when berets were scheduled to reach the troops for the Army's 226th birthday, delivery was delayed when three contracts were cancelled with U.S. companies that had beret factories in Romania, South Africa and India due to quality issues and an inability to meet delivery schedules.

In addition to the contract cancellations, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki announced that U.S. troops would not wear berets made in China or made with Chinese content.

An order for about 618,000 berets had been contracted to Kangol Limited, a British firm that subcontracted to produce the berets at a factory in China.

Currently Bancroft Cap Company in Cabot, Ark., and Dorothea Knitting, Canada, are the only beret manufacturers, according to officials at DLA. Small businesses have been solicited to compete for beret contracts, and two contracts will possibly be awarded in May to domestic small business firms, officials said.

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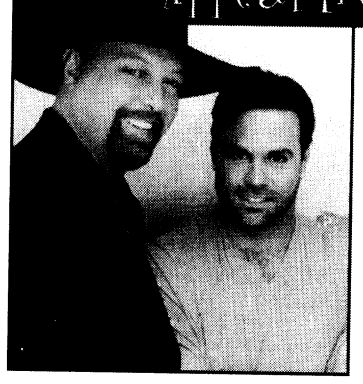
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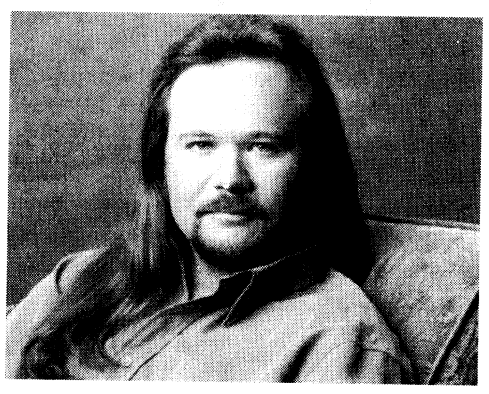
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The 36th Engineer Group food advisor, Master Sgt. Carolyn Lewis, traveled with two of her soldiers, Pfc. Felicia Ware and Pfc. Jeanette Castro, to Fort Lee, Va. March 12–14 to compete in the 27th annual U.S. Army Culinary Arts Competition.

The three combined for one Gold Medal, four Silver Medals and seven Bronze Medals.

"I felt it was a good experience," said Ware, a cook attached to 690th Medical Company, (Ground Ambulance). "I enjoyed the competition."

The competition allowed the soldiers to gain a greater understanding of their profession and grasp new and exciting culinary techniques for recipes, Ware said.

"It was a wonderful experience for me," said Castro, a cook attached to 608th Ordnance Co. "I learned many things I didn't know before."

Soldiers had the chance to learn from all the top cooks, Lewis said. It was a chance for young soldiers to gain a vast amount of experience.

In the field, the limited kinds of food, such as eggs, flour, milk, sugar and bread, can cause meals to be boring. However, if there is a creative culinary-arts student in the field, the meals made by the student will not only appeal to soldiers in the way they taste but also in the way they look.

"We have to come up with new ideas," Lewis said. "We want to make sure all the food tastes great and has good eye appeal."

Making the food eye-catching can intrigue a soldier to try foods they're not normally used to eating, Lewis said. It can also motivate the soldiers preparing the food.

"It's fulfilling to present soldiers with a meal that has taken planning, effort and ones own personal touch," Ware said. "Soldiers require the best.

"I also think Fort Benning should be very proud to have NCOs who put their soldier in to a position to excel."

Junior enlisted soldiers felt their NCOs helped them prepare for the competition.

"Every time we had a question they would be there to help us out," Castro said.

Being straight forward and not sugar coating things is the best approach toward improvement, Lewis said. Judges know what it takes to do things right and correcting mistakes leads to the path of success.

"Anytime a private can learn what's right from wrong and then execute a task without the presence of an NCO, that soldier will have a successful Army career," Lewis said.

Rewarding soldiers for their excellence and encouraging them to mentor their soldiers in the same fashion when they become leaders is a necessary part of team building, she said.

"It takes a team effort to be successful," Lewis said.



Courtesy photo
A Michael Jordan sculpted from chocolate.

Mexican defense minister visits post

WHINSEC, general talk about training

Sgt. Daniel Monroy
WHINSEC Public Affairs

Mexican Defense Minister Gen. Gerardo Vega visited Fort Benning and the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation April 10 for a tour of the Department of Defense school that trains students under his command.

Fort Benning was the first stop for Vega in the United States. He is scheduled to visit Fort Bragg, N.C., and Andrews Air Force Base, Md., next.

"For us, it was an honor to receive General Vega and walk him through some of the classes and introduce him to some of the students attending WHINSEC from Mexico," said Lt. Col. Jose Cruz, a Command and General Staff Course guest instructor from the Mexican army.

"I think his visit was especially important to the junior (Mexican) service members attending WHINSEC courses. It's important for soldiers to see their leaders face to face. It lets them know that their leadership knows they're here and that they are progressing professionally," Cruz said.

"We wanted to show him (Mexican Defense Minister) the opportunities available here for professional development and invite more students here from Mexico," said Lee Rials, WHINSEC Public Affairs Officer.

Seven Mexican students are projected for this fiscal year, Rials said.

During his visit, Vega received U.S. Army Infantry Center and WHINSEC briefings and a lunch with Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, U.S. Infantry Center commanding general and Col. Richard D. Downie, commandant.

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FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score. The remaining classes scheduled are as follows:

Monday through May 10; May 20-June 17; June 17-July 9; July 15-Aug. 2; and Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

Classes will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill.

There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.). A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

Special Forces brief

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta will hold a briefing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through April 26 at Infantry Hall, Classroom 9.

For more information, call 545-8771.

Holocaust survivor trip

The USAIC Equal Opportunity Office will pay honor to the victims, as well as survivors, of the Holocaust, at the William Breman Jewish Heritage Museum and the Holocaust Memorial at Greenwood Cemetery in Atlanta Thursday.

The trip is for Fort Benning soldiers and DoD civilians only. The bus will depart Building 2509 (EO office) at 7:30 a.m. and return around 5:30 p.m.Cost is $4 per person (admission into the museum). There will be a guided tour of the museum and a lecture with a Holocaust survivor. Participants will need to provide their own lunch. Tickets are available at the main EO office on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity Office at 545-6665 or 545-8452 or see your Equal Opportunity advisor.

CPR course

Martin Army Community Hospital will teach a BCLS (CPR) Instructor Course from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 8-9. The course will be at Building 880 on Main Post.

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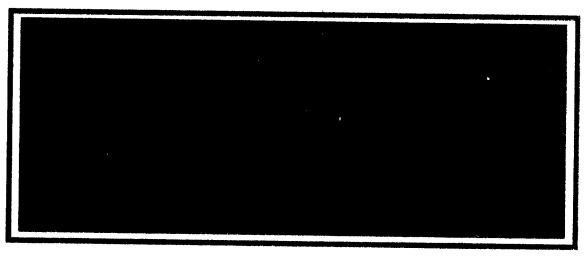
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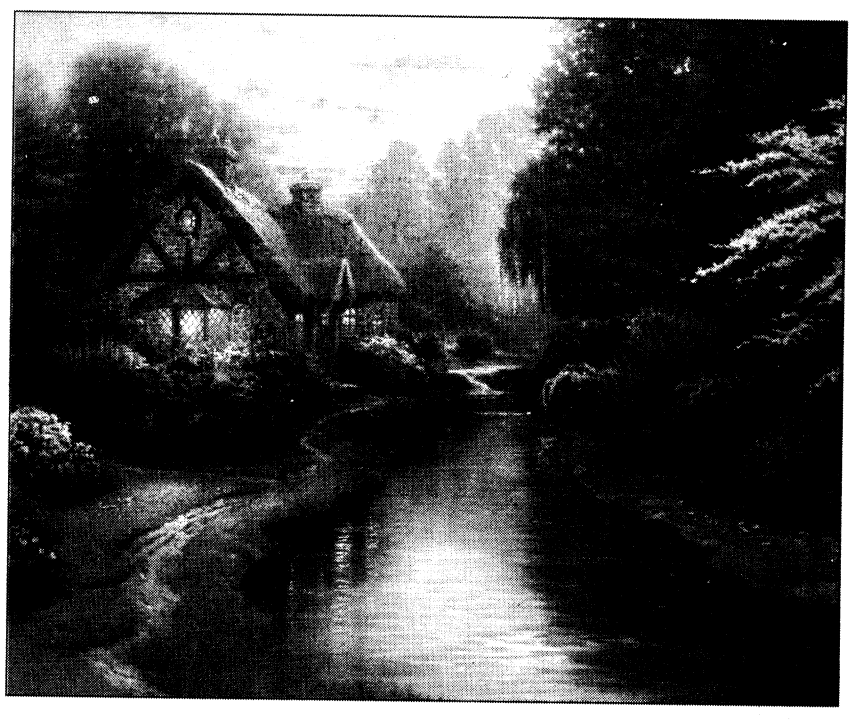


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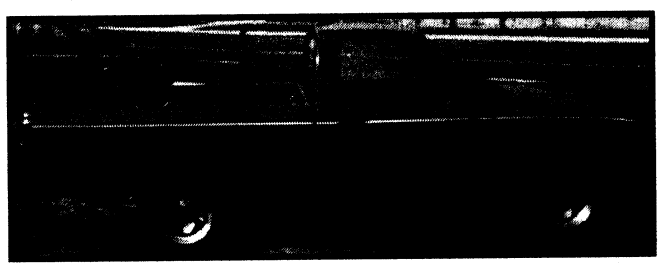
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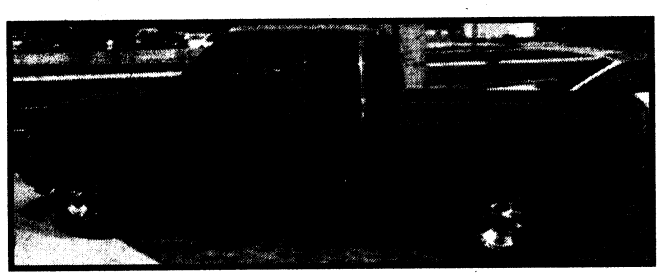
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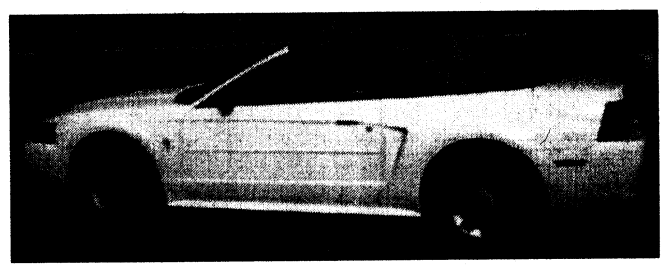
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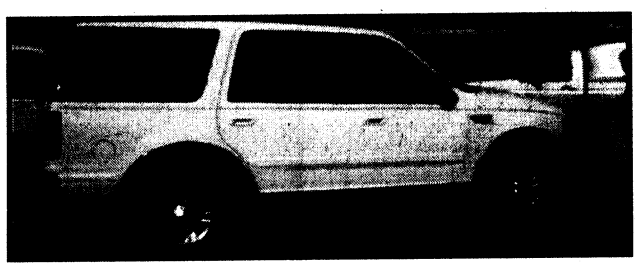
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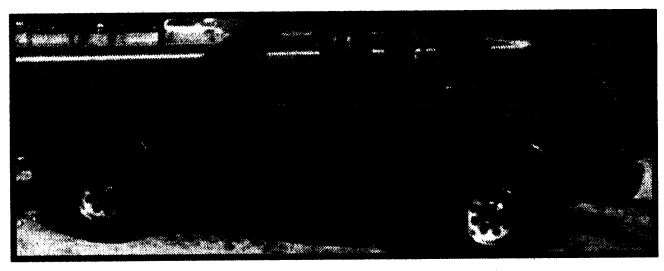
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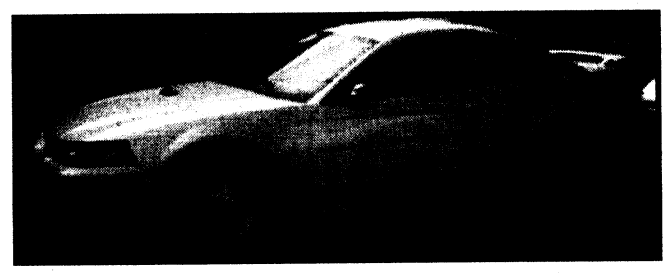
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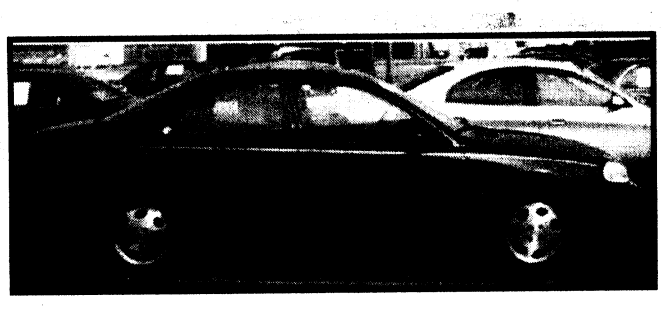
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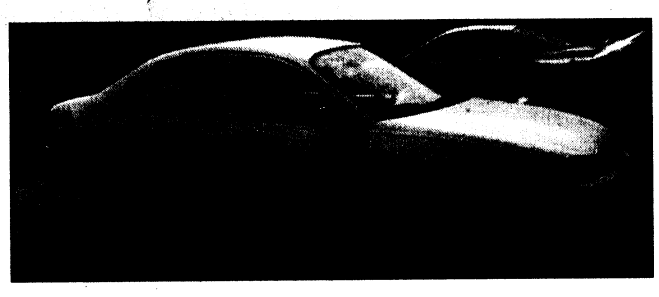
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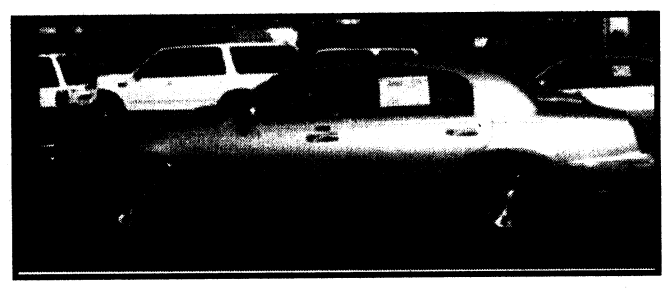
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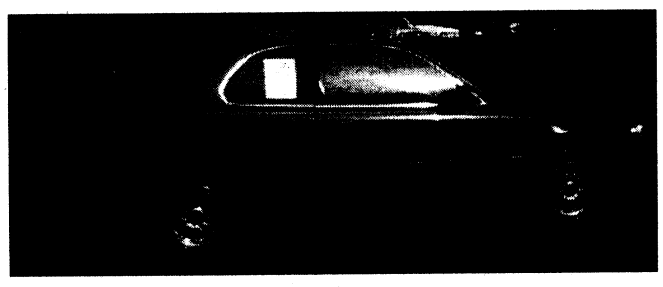
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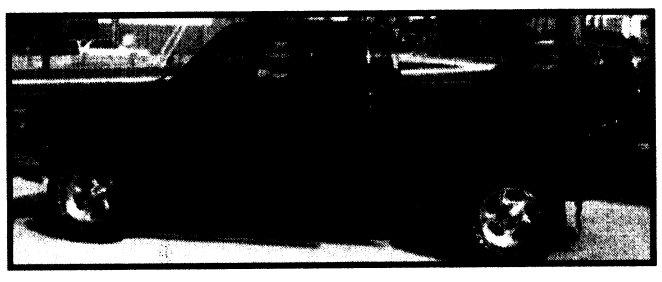
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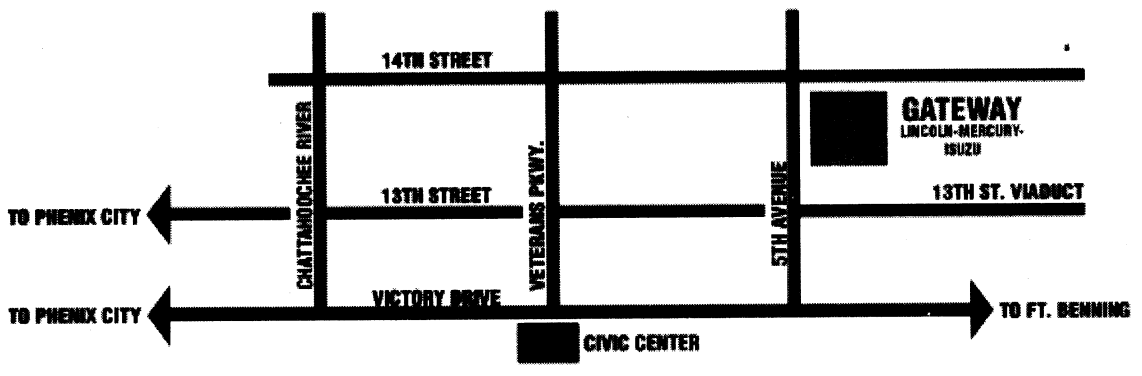
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Army introduces 'old' recruiting initiative

Civilians now enlisting for special duty

Spc. Kyle Cosner
U.S. Army Special Operations Command

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — A new Army program that allows recruits to enlist directly into Special Forces training here is currently underway and receiving a favorable response from civilians interested in earning the Green Beret, said officials from the U.S. Army Recruiting Command at Fort Knox, Ky.

"Since we restored the program, the results have been extremely positive," said Capt. David P. Connolly, a public information officer at the U.S. Army Recruiting Command. "We anticipate achieving mission success well before the end of the fiscal year."

Revived in mid-January, the Special Forces Recruiting Initiative is a return to the original SF recruitment process, which began in 1952 and allowed both civilians and servicemen to sign up for the nearly two years of training necessary to become a Green Beret.

"I think this program is the best thing to happen to Special Forces in years," said Col. Charles A. King, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne) commander. "It will allow us to recruit the right kind of guy off the street, train him, prepare him and mold him right from the start."

In 1988, the recruiting process was adjusted to allow only soldiers to become SF qualified.

"The Army at that time had three-quarters of a million people in it, and Special Forces was about 20 percent smaller than," King said. "With the Army being bigger and Special Forces being smaller, we discontinued the (recruiting) program. Now we're down to a 480,000 person Army with significantly larger SF groups."

"We're restoring a program we used to have in order to meet our current operational requirements," King said. "We looked back and studied the (pre-1988) program. We're going to improve on it (with the Special Forces Recruiting Initiative)."

As of March 28, Army recruiters have already filled 140 of the 400 slots allotted for civilians enlisting into the Special Forces Recruiting Initiative, Connolly said.

He said since the pilot program started in January, it has met with much interest among those interested in the military.

According to data provided by the recruiting command, the first 56 SF recruits shipped out during the first week in April to begin nearly two years of training required to earn the beret.

Among the 140 SF hopefuls recruited so far, Connolly said 22 possess undergraduate degrees, three have a master's degree and two have earned a Ph.D.

"We're seeing a great deal of quality in these applicants," Connolly said.

Recruits who begin training under the new program will enter the Army as a private first class, eventually earning the rank of sergeant when they complete training, King said.

"This program is not about putting privates on Special Forces teams. A soldier that comes in under this program will join a team as a noncommissioned officer," he added.

Capt. Joe Martin, a 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Abn.) training detachment commander, said new recruits will have a slightly different initial training process, resulting in a higher success rate than past SF hopefuls going through the process.

Special Forces Assessment and Selection is designed to advance only highly qualified soldiers to the next levels of training.

Martin said traditional in-service recruits go straight to Special Forces Assessment and Selection from their unit when they volunteer. To prepare those recruited under the new recruiting initiative for success, the 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Abn.) has created the Special Operations Preparation and Conditioning course.

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> Commander, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne)

"A soldier coming through (the course) will be better prepared for assessment and selection than one who didn't," Martin said.

During the class, veteran SF soldiers conduct intensive training in land navigation, physical training and other soldier skills with recruits.

In just four weeks, a class of soldiers who volunteered for SF training from infantry training at Fort Benning improved their average score on the Army Physical Fitness Test by 30 points at the conditioning course, from 229 to 259, Martin said.

The recently enlisted soldiers were used as training prototypes for the civilians recruited under the new initiative.

King said the initial Special Operations Preparation and Conditioning courses' successes were outstanding — out of 39 soldiers, only 3 didn't meet the assessment and selection standard.

"We typically lose about 50 percent of the class," he said.

King also said another advantage of enlisting civilian volunteers directly into SF training was the fact they would be able to provide more years of service than someone recruited in-service, who typically has about eight years of service when they volunteer.

Chris Crain, a retired SF master sergeant, enlisted directly into Special Forces training in 1969.

He said the return to "off-the-street" recruiting is something he feels will help bring highly qualified individuals into the Green Berets' ranks.

"I think there's going to be a select part of our youth that will see this as an opportunity to do something they might not otherwise have an opportunity to do," Crain said.

German-based soldier gets life for killing her children

Finance clerk drowns kids in bathtub

Army News Service

MANNHEIM, Germany — A military judge found Spc. Lillie Morgan, the finance clerk charged with drowning her two young children, guilty of premeditated murder and sentenced her to life in prison.

Morgan, 22, was a finance clerk for the 39th Finance Battalion in Hanau, Germany, when she killed her 2-month-old daughter, Jazmin, and her 3-year-old son, Joshua.

Morgan and others testified she filled a bathtub with water on the evening of Sept. 18 in her home at Sportsfield Kaserne in Hanua. Then she held her son underwater for at least three minutes before pulling her baby daughter from a crib and dunking her in the tub.

Morgan pleaded not guilty, though, by reason of insanity, in the court-martial that began April 1. Although Army psychiatrists diagnosed Morgan with schizophrenia and psychosis, a psychiatric board determined she was not insane and knew what she was doing.

Prosecution attorneys argued Morgan killed her children to get revenge on her husband. Morgan herself testified she argued with her husband the night before because he wanted to run around with other women.

Her husband, Robert Spencer Morgan, never appeared at the court-martial. He was involuntarily separated from the Army last year.

Lt. Col. Stephen Henley was the presiding judge in Morgan's court-martial at the Army's Mannheim Law Center at Taylor Barracks. Morgan waived her right to be tried by a panel of her peers. After hearing closing arguments April 11, Henley deliberated for about four hours before rendering the guilty verdict of two counts of premeditated murder.

Morgan's sentence also included a reduction to the rank of private (E1), forfeiture of all pay and allowances and a dishonorable discharge from the U.S. Army.

Although sentenced to life in prison, Morgan will be considered for parole in 20 years, according to military regulations.

Morgan served pre-trial confinement at the European Regional Confinement Facility, Coleman Barracks, Mannheim, Germany.

She will now be taken to Fort Leavenworth, Kan., for processing, Army officials said, before serving her life sentence at the Naval Consolidated Brig in Miramar, Calif., the military's only long-term confinement facility for women.

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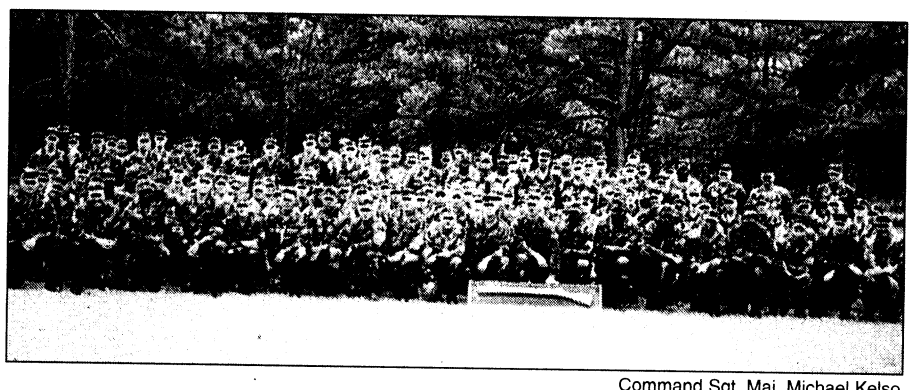
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Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso

Expert Infantry Badge earners pose for a photo after a ceremony celebrating their achievement and an high success rate of persons who passed.

EIB graduates 78 percent

Infantry soldiers meet, defeat many challenges

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Weeks before the Expert Infantryman Badge test, 1st Lt. Jason Slutsky said, "I feel confident I can pass," and pass is exactly what he and 105 other soldiers did. Now they wear the EIB with pride.

The challenge of accomplishing a test covering a wide range of physical and mental challenges are measure to an infantry soldier's attention to detail.

"The EIB is a difficult award to get and the mark of a qualified infantry soldier," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, U.S. Army Infantry School command sergeant major.

The skills tested were skills all infantrymen know, but the test required precise sequence, accuracy, time and attention to detail.

"I feel validated as an infantryman," said Slutsky, ammunition support platoon leader with 29th Infantry Regiment. "I'm wearing crossed rifles on my left collar, and now I have the badge to prove I have the knowledge to back it up."

The commander of the U.S. Army Infantry School conducted the postwide EIB test April 9-11 at Burroughs Range.

This year, participants' companies tested land navigation, weapons qualification, the 12-mile timed foot march and physical fitness test as a prerequisite to entering the test.

By frontloading the sections of the test with the highest attrition rate, it raised the number of soldiers who passed.

Out of the 134 soldiers who started the test, 105 earned the badge which is a passing rate of 78 percent. That blew away the usual 12 to 20 percent.

"Based on the information from the field, we will continue testing for the EIB in this fashion," Kelso said.

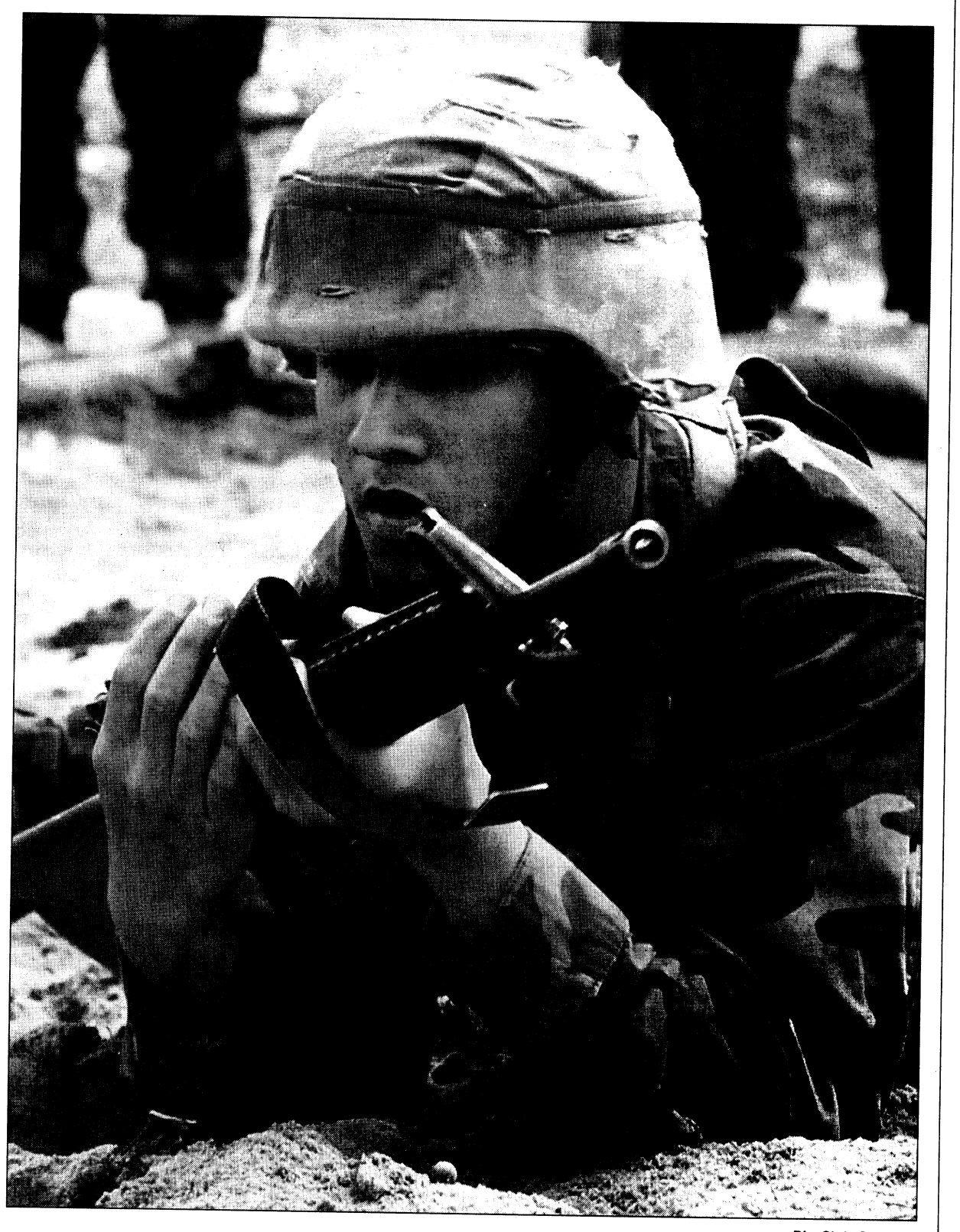
While units train soldiers all year on the same tasks tested for the EIB, the test never has or will ever become easier, Kelso said.

"The new method was just as challenging at the test site, the standards didn't change," Kelso said. "It's the same EIB standards we've always had."

The new method had operations tempo advantages too. With the method used in previous years, the train-up and testing period took up to a month, Kelso said. When the units did the prerequisite testing, it took about one and half weeks.

"This way it makes it easier on units because they depend on their NCOs and need them there," Kelso said. "In today's Army, time comes at a premium."

Hooah!



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvt. Rodney Wilcox from C Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, puts his M-16 A2 rifle in his hands and demonstrates the high crawl to his platoon members during the company's Individual Tactical Training exercise Tuesday. The exercise was designed to prepare the soldiers for a live-fire course later in training.

Officers help soldiers, gain experience

Advanced Army program benefits doctors, soldiers

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Seven Fort Benning officers have been getting to "the root" of countless soldiers' problems.

No, they're not asking Freudian questions about mothers. They are trained dentists who are treating thousands of post soldiers' complete dentistry needs every year.

The officers are a product of the Health Professions' Scholarship Program that pays their dental school tuition in return for a four-year commitment. The first year they take part in the Advanced General Dentistry Program here or at seven other posts worldwide. They spend the remaining term working where the Army needs them.

"I'm glad I did it," said Capt. Rick Ranen, a dentist in the program. "I would recommend it, 100 percent. It's a fantastic experience, especially coming right out of school. We receive advanced training in every specialty area of dentistry. We have mentors in each area — experienced senior officers who help us with everything we need. There are no civilian residencies like that."

In fact, most civilian programs have only two general dentists, said Col. Lee Covington, director of the program.

"The AGDP is one of the top residency programs in the country," Covington said. "It gives them immediate experience and advanced technical knowledge that increases their confidence and efficiency in providing more types of procedures. They can diagnose and manage complicated cases much better than if they had gone into a civilian practice right after school."

Furthermore, the doctors receive, among their plethora of lectures, training on how to manage a practice, expert instruction from visiting doctors and the latest research and development information on new products and procedures.

The advanced training is icing on the proverbial cake.

"They are well trained," Covington said. "The term "resident" is kind of a misnomer. They could leave the military today and go practice outside if they wanted to."

Instead, they stay and fulfill their payment to country, and the post appreciates it, he said.

The dentists work on "Class 4" patients who require examinations and "Class 3" patients who have a dental problem that could become a hindrance to their mission within the next six months. Both classes are non-deployable, and therefore, could slow down Fort Benning's mission.

Besides helping the post's state of readiness, the dentists offer seven additional sets of hands that render more types of specialty care than the post would otherwise receive.

"They provide comprehensive dentistry," Covington said. "They help patients with everything they need without having to send them somewhere else. The residents build more of a relationship with their patients as a result."



Capt. Bernie Manasan works on Staff Sgt. Leroy Hill's, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, crown and bridge with help of Kimberly Bailey, dental assistant.



Dentists perform a root canal on Stephanie Thomas, 203rd Forward Support Battalion.

The dentists also help the Dental Activity's short-suspense cases, such as those that arise with reservists or last-minute deployments.

"(The program) is functioning well," Covington said. "They learn more in one year here than in four years of dental school, easily. In return, Fort Benning soldiers receive faster and better dental care."

Patients seem to agree.

"(The care) is very good," Staff Sgt. Leroy Hill, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. "This is the second time I've seen (Capt. Bernie Manasan), and it makes me feel better because he knows me and my history."

Manasan is very prompt and makes the dental experience tranquil, he said.

"The atmosphere is great," Hill said. "He constantly asks if I feel anything and tells me to let him know if anything is uncomfortable. I can tell he and all of the residents are very concerned about their patients."



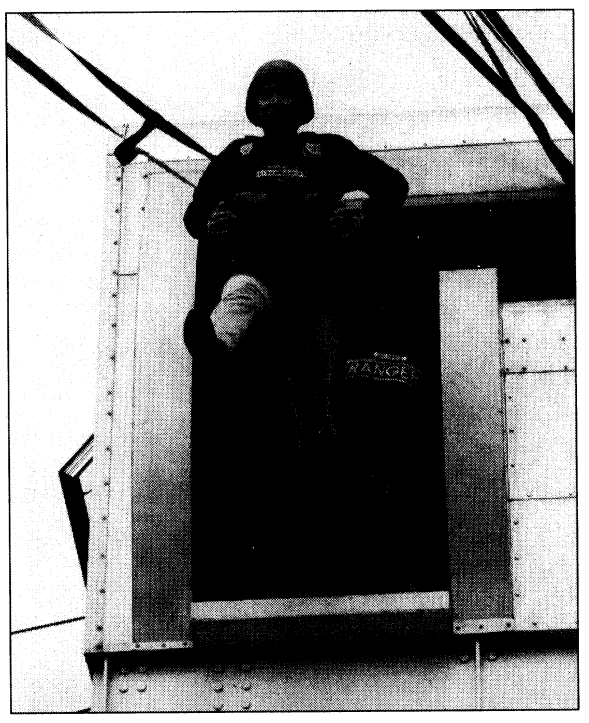
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Capt. Ryan Zollman performs a check-up on Sgt. Tony Manning, 203rd Forward Support Battalion, Wednesday.

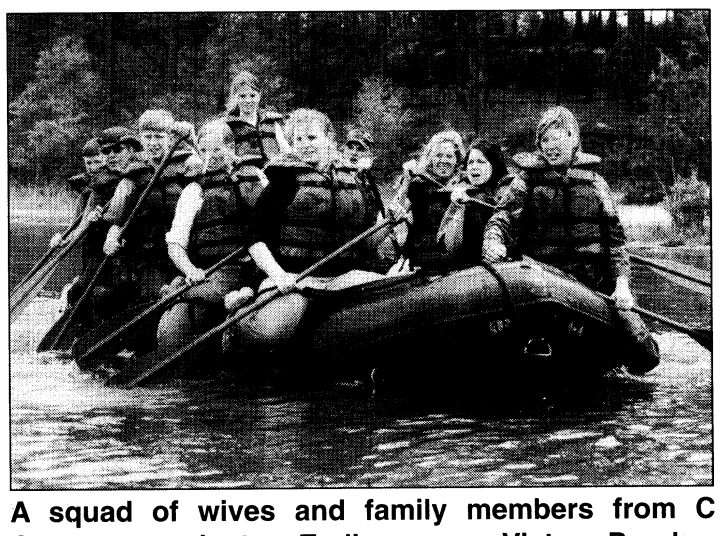
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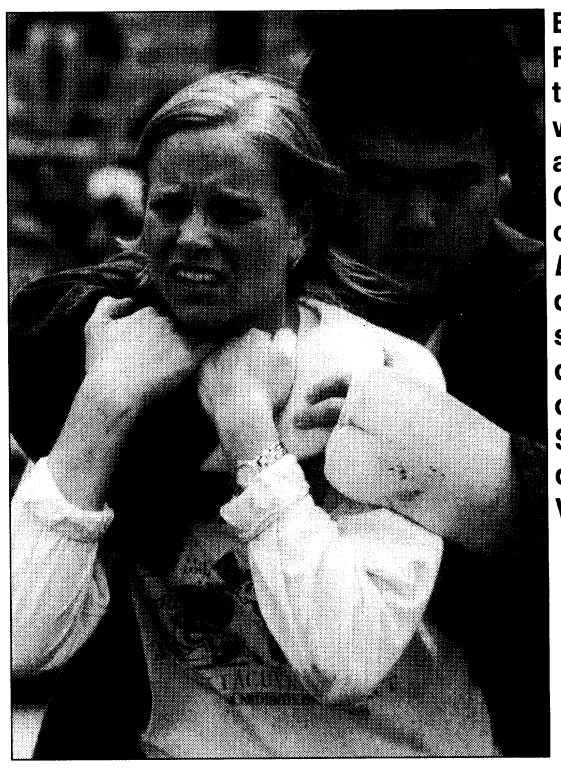




Kim Brackin takes the plunge from the 34-foot jump tower on Eubanks Field, right. Brackin pauses before dropping into Victory Pond, left, during the log-walk-rope-drop.



A squad of wives and family members from C Company navigate a Zodiac across Victory Pond.



Beth Ann Rembold tries to ward off an attack by Greg Chan, of *BACKOFF!*, during a self-defense class, Saturday, during Jane Wayne Day.

It's 8 a.m., and there's a steady drizzle outside — my favorite kind of Saturday. Gimme a cup of coffee, the newspaper and the lulling taptaptap of raindrops on my window, and I'm a happy woman.

"Awright! Everybody out of bed. It's Jane Wayne Day," cries this maniacal goon standing at the foot of my bed. He looks like my husband.

"It's raining outside. Call it off," I mumble and go back to Dear Abby.

"Get out of bed, Ranger wife!" He's fairly roaring now. "Rangers train in any kind of weather ... hail, sleet, snow ..."

"I thought that was the mailman. And even he's not out yet. Lemme alone."

Jane Wayne Day. A chance for the wives of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion to play ranger for a day, to get a firsthand look at what our husbands put ranger students through every week. A chance to climb tall obstacles and jump off of them. Hooah.

It sounded like a lot of fun when I first heard of it, from a comfortable distance, five weeks ago. Sure I'll do it, I said. How bad can it be?

How bad *can* it be? I asked myself now, as I slithered out of bed and into a pair of BDU pants and a sniper T-shirt — in retrospect, I'm sure I was subconsciously thumbing my nose at the rangers.

"If I break a leg, it's your fault," I muttered to my husband.

"Just don't break a nail, Mom," my 6-year-old daughter called from the next room.

Now I don't consider myself a high-maintenance kinda gal. If my nail polish just happened to match the sniper tab on my T-shirt, well, it was just a happy coincidence. I'm well past the day when I felt the need to prove myself. I have trophies in the basement that attest to my days as the queen of step aerobics. But these days the only real obstacles I encounter are the ones I vacuum around, and I work up a sweat if I type more than 46 words a minute.

Jane Wayne I'm not, and I'm OK with that. I live a gentle life and it suits me fine, thank you very much.

The rangers planned a host of activities for children, so my kids were far more excited about the day than I was. But their enthusiasm was infectious, and by the time we reached Camp Rogers, I was feeling pretty good about this little adventure.

How bad can it be? I said to myself, with a little more pep to my step, as I joined the 42 other women who braved the elements, such as they were, to participate.

We were divided into companies, according to our husbands' affiliation, then six competing squads. I joined the gals from HHC's third squad, the self-proclaimed "social squad," with absolutely no inclination of competing on any kind of threatening level.

"The objective is to have fun," said Lt. Col. Greg Hager. I took him at his word.

We were issued kevlar and canteens and herded onto trucks which took us to our first challenge, the 34-foot jump towers on Eubanks Field, an exercise designed to simulate the experience of exiting an aircraft. Now don't kid yourself if you've never done this. The tower only measures 34 feet from the ground up. From the top down it multiplies, like dog years, 34 times seven.

One right after another, trussed up with belts and snaplinks and cables, we plodded up four flights of stairs, allowed ourselves to be tethered to a harness, filed to the doorway and plunged into nothingness. Of course it didn't run quite so smoothly. There were those of us who paused in the doorway long enough to recite The Lord's Prayer, the sinner's prayer *and* John 3:16.

But we all jumped, and we all survived.

We made it to Simpson Range by noon. After a quick safety briefing, we were handed ear plugs, goggles and an M-4 rifle with 20 rounds, pointed down range and given three to five seconds to hit each target at 50 meters.

Remember me, the one in the sniper T-shirt? I hit three. I think that's pretty good, and nobody told me any different since I had a gun in my hand. The way I figure it, 50 meters, minus 20 rounds equals 30 something or another, divided by five seconds equals six, takeaway three seconds leaves three. There were those that actually scored higher, but I don't think they can reconcile the math.

After a quick MRE lunch, we tackled the Water Confidence Course at Victory Pond. It started with a boat race. Pretty strenuous stuff, though I'm not complaining since I didn't man a paddle. I was dead weight, snapping photos as my teammates struggled to row our Zodiac across the pond. We didn't win, but we didn't capsize, and I think that says a lot about something, though I'm not sure what.

The next events took place simultaneously on Hurley Hill — the 60-foot rappel tower, the log-walk-rope-drop and the suspension traverse.

I've rappelled before, so I was up for it. No big deal. The secret is not to look down. I climbed the tower never lowering my eyes, backed up to the good sergeant responsible for getting me down alive and listened closely as he gave instructions.

"Place your left hand on this rope," he said.

"Am I gonna die?"

"No, ma'am. Put your right hand out to your side just so," he said.

"Am I gonna die?"

"I don't think so. Now keep your legs straight and lean back," he said.

"Oh, dear Lord, I'm gonna die."

"You can do this. Now back slowly to the edge and lean, lean ... There you go."

And there I went, over the edge from 60 feet up in the air. Over I went, completely, till I hung upside down, dangling like a possum, and giggling.

"OK, I didn't die," I thought to myself, as I braced my legs against the wall, straightened, and inched my way down. This was fun.

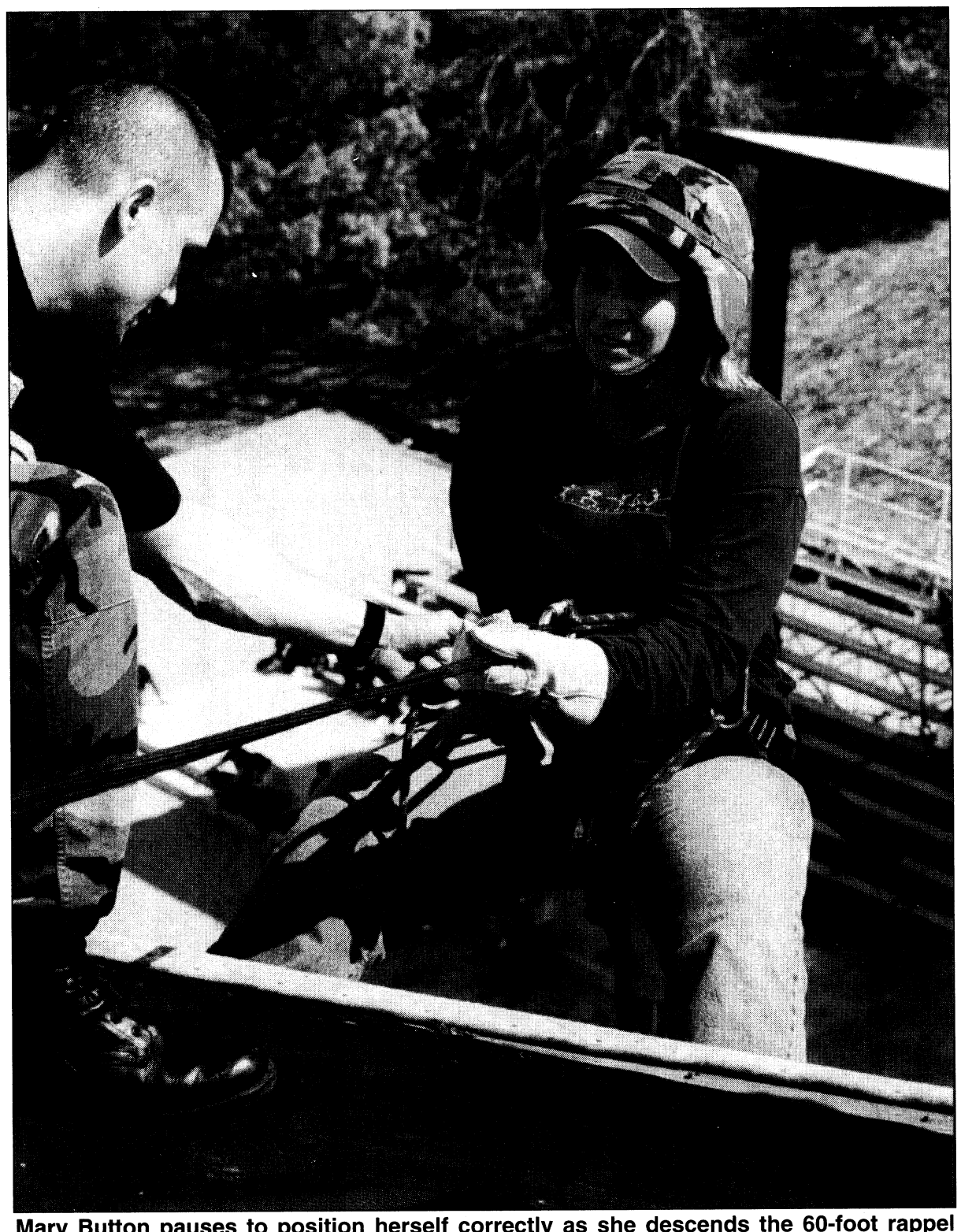
Now I'd like to tell you about the log-walk-rope-drop. Really I would. It looked pretty scary from where I sat, along with most of my teammates, who decided then and there that facing our fears wasn't nearly as appealing as it might've been in our younger days. Knowing your limits is a sign of maturity, we said.

But there were hordes of others willing to take the challenge. They climbed 34 feet, teetered across the suspended logs (the whole time trying not to fall into the water), wrapped themselves around the rope (still trying not to fall into the water) and inched their way out over the pond. Then they lowered themselves into a hanging position — let go — and fell into the water.

The final obstacle was the suspension traverse, or "slide for life," yet another long climb — 75 feet —with no way down but a 250-foot cable that spans the water at a declining angle. This time there was no harness, just a life vest and a suspended pulley. The object of the challenge was to hold on to the pulley and slide down the cable at an alarming speed until we were just above the water. Then release.

Needless to say, my team didn't take home any prizes — they weren't awarding trophies for maturity. I'm not complaining, mind you, but I've got bruises in places this paper won't print, and though I didn't break a nail, I did suffer a severe splinter wound to my right pinkie. And I ache all over. Call me a sore loser.

But all in all, I'd say Jane Wayne Day was a big success. I appreciated the opportunity to play ranger for a day, and given the opportunity, I'd do it again. I think. How bad can it be?



Mary Button pauses to position herself correctly as she descends the 60-foot rappel tower on Hurley Hill. Soldiers from the 4th Ranger Training Battalion manned each station during the daylong Jane Wayne activities.



Staff Sgt. Eric Emde helps his daughter, Anna, fire blanks from an M-4 rifle. Kristine Emde gives her daughter extra protection from the loud discharge.

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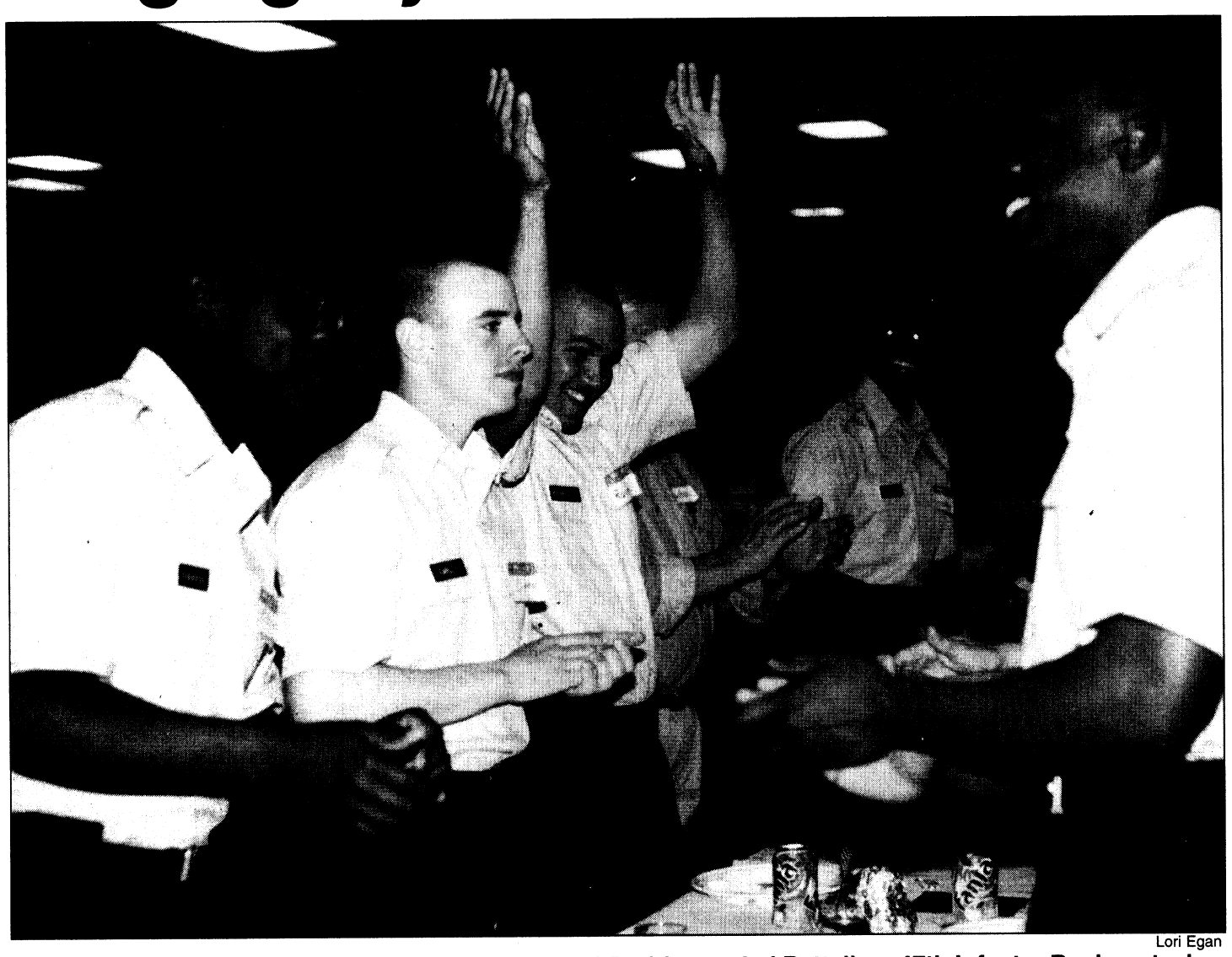
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Singing *My God*



Lori Egan

Madison Robinson, left, Cameron Farley and Raymi Rodriguez, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, sing and dance to the St. Luke Praise Band's rendition of *My God* during Operation Appreciation at St. Luke United Methodist Church March 23.

OPERATION APPRECIATION

Soldiers relax, eat pizza

Local church offers basic trainees respite from stress

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

After five weeks of basic training, 20-year-old Pvt. Chris Olson had forgotten what pizza tasted like.

But he and approximately 40 other soldiers from 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, quickly remembered what food outside the dining facility tasted like when members of St. Luke United Methodist Church served the soldiers 37 pizzas, 6 gallons of ice cream, soda and a cake for 100 people.

"This is a dream come true," Olson said, as he tasted the pepperoni pizza.

The soldiers were at the church for Operation Appreciation, a ministry the church started with Basic Combat Training Brigade a little more than two years ago when the Brigade activated.

Dr. Hal Brady, St. Luke's senior pastor, said the ministry provides the community a way to say thank you to soldiers for their sacrifices in serving the country.

Pvt. Chris Folau from Salt Lake City, Utah, said he joined the Army Reserves to give something back to the country — to contribute.

"After Sept. 11, I just had to do something for the nation," the 19-year-old said. "To give something back."

The ministry is beneficial to both the Army and the community, said Staff Sgt. Donald Robertson, who has been a drill sergeant with 3rd Battalion for almost a year.

"This is great because the soldiers get a chance to relax, away from the stress of basic training," Robertson said. "And it gives the community a chance to hear soldiers' issues."

Talk centered on forbidden food, getting up at 4 a.m. for physical training, teamwork and being in touch with the outside world again.

Pvt. Meredith Purifoy explained to volunteer Libby Housand, that "smoking" wasn't about punishment but instead about building teamwork.

"We had a soldier go AWOL. He jumped a train, but then he came back," Pvt. Thomas Clark, from Spartanburg, S.C., said.

"The drill sergeants smoked us not because he went, but because we didn't talk him out of it — we weren't a team," Purifoy said.

Pvt. Marcus Simpson, from Fayetteville, N.C., told Housand, who teaches middle school and coaches a coed soccer team, that making friends helped ease the homesickness.

Olson, from Little Rock, Ark., admitted to being homesick at first but now he and his battle buddies call the bay "home."

Twenty years ago, Bryan Newman was a basic training commander and he remembers the loneliness and stress soldiers feel, which is why he volunteers today.

He said Operation Appreciation gives the community a chance to get to know soldiers face-to-face.

"This (ministry) has opened the eyes of St. Luke to the caliber of soldiers who serve — to make an attachment," said Newman, who works with the Directorate of Operations and Training.

The next Operation Appreciation is Saturday and A and B Companies, 3rd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt. soldiers will graduate from Basic Combat Training Brigade April 25 at Pomeroy Field.

Post students place in YMCA art contest

Artists receive saving bonds for efforts

Bridgett Siter
Special to the Bayonet©

Two Fort Benning students were named finalists in the Armed Services YMCA Military Family Art Contest 2002.

Alexus Small and Brighettia Gibbs, fifth-grade students at Wilson Elementary School were named first- and second-place winners, respectively, in the annual poster contest, which is sponsored by GEICO.

Their artwork will be featured on posters promoting Military Family Week in November.

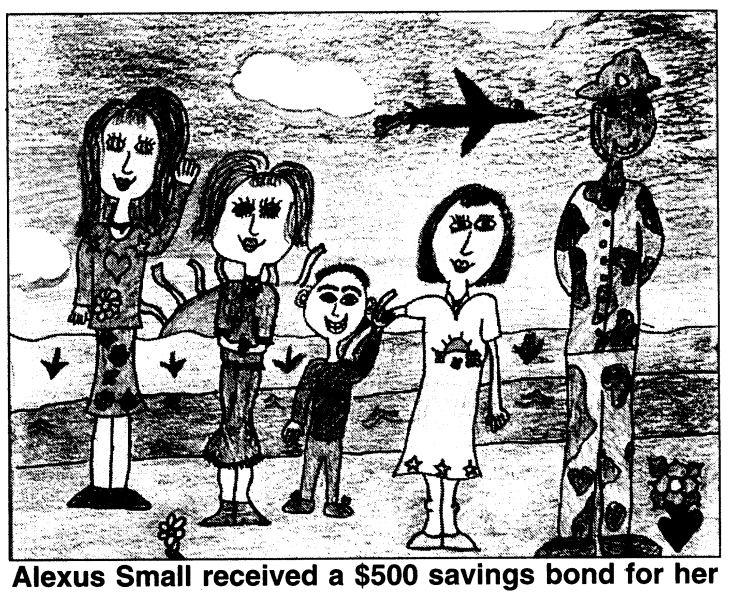
"I'm very surprised, excited," said Small, who received a $500 savings bond for her colored pencil and marker rendition of her family. Small is the daughter of Staff Sgt. Loren and Regina Small.

Gibbs was awarded a $100 savings bond for her artwork, a colored pencil drawing of her family. Gibbs is the daughter of Sgt. Clarence and Thelma Holley.

The contest awards prizes to one first- and second-place winner from each of the services, including the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard and National Guard.

All the winning artwork appears on the Armed Services YMCA Web site, www.asymca.org/art_contest.htm.

The art contest winners page also lists the winners of honorable mention certificates, including Fort Benning first-grader Jacob Mobley, second-graders Alexis Campagne and Taneisha Johnson, third-grader Diana De LaRosa and fourth-grader Jessica Hipolito.



Alexus Small received a $500 savings bond for her artwork.



Brighettia Gibbs received a $100 savings bond for her artwork.

Make appointment for maintenance

Residents can schedule a.m. or p.m. repairs

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Have you ever experienced the frustration of placing a work order and not being home when the repairman comes to call? Well, relief is in sight.

Post residents can now set up appointments with Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics and BSI to get repairs taken care of at a time that's convenient for them.

Convenience for the customer is, in fact, the sole reason for the change, said Glenn Todd, chief of Work Coordination Branch, DFEL.

"Until now, our program for getting the work orders placed was more on a first-come, first-served basis, and it just wasn't working," said Todd, who added that a four-hour window of availability gives customers a better chance of getting the work they need. "These changes are based upon customer feedback."

Residents are not the only beneficiaries of the change. DFEL and BSI perform maintenance on the barracks, motor pools and administration buildings.

But it is the people who live here who have the most difficult scheduling dilemmas.

"Many families have two parents working outside of the home, so they can't just sit around all day waiting for someone to show up," Todd said. "We found a way to make our families happier and we

See **MAINTENANCE,** B-

Self-help tools on recall

Residents frustrated with shortage

Laura Martinson
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If you borrow it, bring it back. Seems simple enough?

The post command elements are doing what they can to assist those who live on Fort Benning, but some angry residents say not everyone lives by the same rules.

"When I go to borrow tools to take care of my lawn, they're not there," said Eva Epting, Fort Benning resident.

The U-Do-It Center, commonly known as the self-help shop, provides tools and supplies to help residents take care of their lots on post. But, for some reason, the tools they loan out are not brought back when they're supposed to. The tools that are returned come back broken or unclean, and sometimes they're not brought back at all.

What this means for the rest is delay. And some residents are getting impatient.

"It's not fair that I can't do what I need to in my yard because other people don't do what they should," Epting said.

There are rules enforced by post housing regarding the care of lawns, and most people do their part to follow those guidelines, said Ken Hankins, chief of housing. But a lack of resources can always hamper those efforts, and that's the end result of this waiting game.

"If residents think the only person they're hurting is their

See **SELF-HELP,** B-4

Post gets new garrison CSM

McCord a man of "worldly" experience

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Look out folks, there's a new guy in town. As of March 18, Command Sgt. Maj. Robert McCord is Fort Benning's newest garrison command sergeant major, and he brings with him, literally, a world of insight.

"Living overseas provides experiences you wouldn't otherwise get," said McCord, who comes to the post from the NCO Academy in Grafenwoehr, Germany. "You become a more well-rounded person because you learn different qualities of life. In each place I've lived, I've found something neat about it that doesn't exist here."

His travels have taken him everywhere from Germany to Italy to Africa, and while he loves some of the qualities other countries have to offer, nothing replaces his homeland.

"Fort Benning is a magnificent place to be, all you have to do is drive on post to recognize it," said McCord, who feels people are the post's best attribute. His experiences lend him to believe that it's the military's diversity that makes it what it is.

"We truly are a melting pot, there's no doubt about it," he said.

The melting pot has its own demands, and the voice of the soldier says he's got a big job ahead of him.

See **COMMAND,** B-4

Hospital implements new standards

Organization re-designs system to help patients

Maj. Patrick Barrett
Martin Army Community Hospital

Last year the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations safety standards for hospitals visited Martin Army Community Hospital.

JCAHO is the nation's predominant standards-setting organization that evaluates and accredits nearly 18,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States.

The new patient safety standards address a number of significant patient safety issues including the implementation of patient safety programs: the responsibility of organization leadership to create a culture of safety; the prevention of medical errors through the prospective analysis and re-design of vulnerable patient systems; and the hospital's responsibility to tell a patient if he or she suffered harm by the care provided.

JCAHO outlines specific criteria and establishes standards to improve patient safety and reduce risk to patients. Beginning with 2003, JCAHO will annually establish six National Patient Safety Goals as part of its intensive efforts to reduce errors in health care. The hospital is responding to the improvement of patient safety by establishing a Patient Safety Committee, implementing facility upgrades, and instituting policy changes. The MACH Patient Safety Committee is a committee of physicians, nurses and administrators whose purpose is to identify, evaluate and reduce the potential for harm to our beneficiaries and staff, and to improve the quality of care. The MACH pharmacy performs double checks on all prescriptions dispensed and uses an automated system to check for any possible drug interaction or overlaps in drug therapy. The pharmacy also waits to fill the patient's prescription until the patient is at the pharmacy window. This allows for an important dialogue between the patient and pharmacist to ensure the patient receives the maximum health benefit and to avoid any harmful side effects or possible drug interactions.

There are numerous facility upgrades in progress or recently completed at MACH. The Family Practice, Pediatric and Allergy Clinic redesign includes the installation of handicap restrooms with push button doors to allow access for wheelchairs and motorized carts.

Some of the other facility upgrade projects related to patient safety are the installation of tamper resistant receptacles in all pediatric areas, push button type shower faucets on the psychiatric ward, and "patient safe" furniture on the psychiatric ward.

The hospital's outlying buildings are also included in the redesign plans. There is a handicap restroom leading into Building 9204, which houses the Tricare Service Center and Tricare Plus Office.

Concerns over child safety in the hospital led to the revision of the policy on non-patient children in the facility.

Effective immediately only patients can access examination or treatment rooms. The presence of non-patient children is often distracting for the patient and the provider.

In addition, non-patient children are often at risk under these circumstances because of the inability to provide adequate supervision for them. Parents or sponsors need to arrange for childcare for non-patient children. Patients, who have non-urgent scheduled appointments and who arrive with non-patient children must reschedule their appointment.

It is the goal of MACH to ensure the safety of all patients accessing the healthcare facility. MACH continues to strive to improve safety by adhering to JCAHO safety standards, facility improvements and improving policies and procedures.

Tuberculosis not disease of past

Decline in TB makes country vulnerable to complacency

Ely Melendez
Martin Army Community Hospital

Many people think that tuberculosis is a disease of the past — an illness, like smallpox, that no longer threatens us today.

We are currently seeing a decline in TB, and that very success makes us vulnerable to the complacency and neglect that comes with declining numbers of visible persons suffering with TB.

TB is an ancient disease and is also one of the world's deadliest.

An organism called Mycobacterium Tuberculosis causes TB. When a person with active TB disease coughs or sneezes, tiny particles containing M. Tuberculosis may be expelled into the air.

If another person inhales air that contains these particles, transmission from one person to another may occur. Not everyone infected with the TB germ will become sick. Two TB related conditions exist: latent TB infection and active TB disease. Both conditions are treatable and curable.

Each year, 8 million people around the world become sick with TB. One-third of the world's population is infected with the TB bacillus. An estimated 10 to 15 million people in the U.S. are diagnosed with latent TB infection, and about 10 percent of these infected individuals will develop TB disease at some point in their lives.

There are more than 2 million TB-related deaths worldwide.

It is the leading killer of people who are HIV-infected, accounting for one third of AIDS deaths worldwide.

According to the Georgia Public Health Department and the Center for Disease Control, a total of 703 TB cases were reported in Georgia in 2000. This was an increase of 5 percent from 670 cases in 1999.

Georgia ranks fifth in the nation in TB cases. The metro Atlanta area reported 53 percent of TB cases in 2000.

A person with latent TB infection has TB germs in his body but does not feel sick and is not contagious, but he has the potential to one day get sick if the TB germs become active and multiply in his body.

A person with active TB has active TB germs in his body feels sick, and experiences symptoms such as coughing, fever, weight loss and is capable of spreading the disease to others if TB germs are active in the lungs or throat.

HIV and TB Connection:

HIV weakens the immune system, therefore HIV-positive persons with TB infection have a very high risk of progressing to TB disease. Approximately 10 to 15 percent of the national totals of TB cases are reported in people living with HIV.

TB continues to kill more people each year than any other infectious disease. The challenges of TB prevention have evolved over the years, but the fact remains that TB elimination is an achievable goal. By making TB elimination a priority, we can make TB, once and for all, a disease of the past.

For more information about TB, call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

BIRTHS

Boys

Joseph Tyler Gonzalez — born March 29 to Rebecca and Capt. Rodney Gonzalez.

Nikolas Austin Bill — born March 29 to Amy and Sgt. Jason Bill.

Christopher Lee Brown — born March 30 to Pfc. Laura and Douglas Brown.

Kane Ramon Vina — born March 30 to Pfc. Andrea and Ramon Vina.

Jonathan Curtis Lamar Battle — born March 30 to Sgt. Dionne and Curtis Battle.

Jayden De'Shon Person — born March 31 to Spc. Tanya and Malcolm Person.

Zachary Leo Brennan — born March 31 to Tracy and Pvt. Casey Brennan.

Samuel Lea Moore — born April 1 to Victoria and Sgt. Michael Moore.

Girls

Emma Lauren Hunter — born March 30 to Kristi and Staff Sgt. Warren Hunter.

Mackenzie Destiny Porcher — born March 30 to Cpl. Cicely Powell-Porcher and Sgt. Derrick Porcher.

Karina Vanesa Cabrera — born April 3 to Jessica Cabrera and Sgt. Ricardo Cabrera Flores.

Paige Leigh Megehee — born April 3 to Leasha and Capt. Paul Megehee.

Shekinah Leedell Burden — born April 3 to Teresa and 1st Lt. Thedius Burden.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

Community Oriented Policing

The Fort Benning military police will conduct DUI, speed enforcement patrols in the following areas:

Monday	Indianhead Terrace
Wednesday	Hwy. 27, I185
April 29	Custer Terrace

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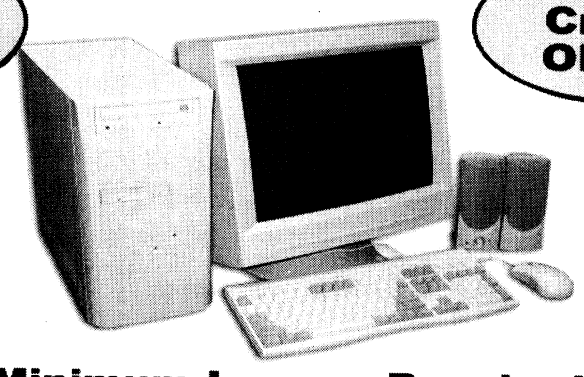
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Hints for happy kids

Rebecca Welch
Family Advocacy Program

Are you a hurried parent who could benefit from hints on how to enhance communication with your kids, tips on getting along better and guidelines on how to improve your relationship with your children? Please read on.

The parenting tips that follow provide a fresh perspective, an opportunity to build on your own positive parenting skills so that when difficult issues arise, you already have a strong foundation to build on.

BUILD CONFIDENCE

1. Be positive.

• Look for ways to give compliments.

• Remember to laugh with your child.

2. Emphasize your child's strong points.

• Praise special, unique traits in your child.

• Help your child understand that nobody's perfect and that's OK.

• Help your child understand that everyone is good at something and not so good at other things.

3. Give your time.

• As parents, you are all probably short on time and may often feel overwhelmed with all your responsibilities. However, it's important for you to know that the best gift is to give your child regular, undivided attention.

• If you're experiencing guilt, you need to work through that and work on specific times to be with your children. You could begin by scheduling monthly "dates" together.

4. Say "I love you."

• Give this message in different ways. Try nonverbal as well as verbal.

STAY CONNECTED

1. Listen.

• Give your full attention. Keep good eye contact, nod, even touch your child.

• Listen for feelings. There are no wrong feelings. Acknowledge your child's feeling, then reflect those feelings back. (Don't interpret, either repeat their words or use similar words to reflect your child's feelings.)

• Keep your talk to a minimum. Simply saying you understand and care may be enough. Being there for them is the most important.

2. Take time to be with your child.

• Read a book or watch TV together. Talk about the book or program. Use this time to give your full attention to your child.

• If you're a working parent, call your child from work to just say "hello" – not to remind him or her about chores or homework.

• Make time for regular heart-to-heart talks with your child. Keep conversations free and open.

USE POSITIVE DISCIPLINE

1. Set rules.

• Determine what rules are important. Set limits and boundaries. Make sure everybody understands the rules and consequences.

• Apply rules consistently. If you make an exception, make sure your child understands that it's a special treat (i.e., staying out later than usual).

• Rules are flexible in that they're appropriate to the age of the child.

• Physical discipline is almost never effective.

2. Address a problem.

• Respond to the problem as soon as possible.

• Be firm. You're the parent. Do not underestimate your parenting ability.

• Keep calm, use your anger in a positive way. Address the problem, discuss the consequence, follow through. Don't blow up!

3. Criticize the behavior only.

• Choose your words carefully. Address the behavior, not the person. For example, you could say, "I'm upset that you hit your friend," instead of "You're a bad boy for hitting."

HELP IN PROBLEM-SOLVING

1. Define the problem.

• Try to help your child solve the problem, don't solve it for him or her. Teach your child how to problem-solve.

• Ask your child what exactly the problem is. What are their feelings about it?

2. Brainstorm about ways to solve the problem.

• Talk about every possible solution with your child. List them out. Discuss and weigh the outcomes of each potential solution.

3. Pick the best solution.

• Talk about, and role-play if necessary, the way you or your child will implement the solution.

4. Discuss the outcome.

• Did the solution work? Why or why not?

• If not, talk with your child about trying another solution.

For more information, call Rebecca S. Welch, manager, Family Advocacy Program at 545-7517.

ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Austin J. Goodrich
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: What is bankruptcy? Is it an option for me? Will it make my financial problems go away?

A: Bankruptcy is a legal proceeding whereby a debtor who is hopelessly behind in paying their bills can legally discharge his or her debts. Its specific design is to assist the honest debtor by giving him or her a fresh start. However, bankruptcy should only be considered as a tool of last resort, because of the severe, and long-term, effects it can have on your credit history. A bankruptcy judgment will be listed on your credit report for a period of 10 years. Furthermore, certain debts may be excluded from discharge no matter what. These debts many times include obligations for alimony or child support, certain taxes and student loans, reaffirmed debts or those debts incurred by false statements or representations.

There are two methods for declaring individual bankruptcy: Chapter 7 and Chapter 13. These two methods and the differences between them are spelled out in detail in Title 11 of the United States Code.

Generally, a Chapter 7 bankruptcy, or a total liquidation, involves the debtor turning over all non-exempt property to a bankruptcy trustee. The trustee then converts this property to cash and distributes it to creditors. By order of the bankruptcy court, the person is then discharged from all debts.

Those individuals who are unemployed, have large medical bills or who have seriously over-extended their credit, usually file for Chapter 7 bankruptcies.

Bankruptcy laws, however, only allow an individual to file a Chapter 7 once every six years.

Under a Chapter 13 bankruptcy, a wage-earner bankruptcy, the debtor pays his creditors back through a monthly repayment plan, which he develops with the assistance of a trustee. This repayment plan, which will generally last from three to five years, must be filed in good faith, must provide for feasible payments in light of the debtors financial situation and must provide payments over time which are equal in value to that which creditors would have received under a Chapter 7 liquidation.

A Chapter 13 is only available to individuals with regular income whose non-contingent, liquated unsecured debts are less than $250,000 and whose secured debts are less than $750,000. Chapter 13s are common for those individuals who are trying to keep real property where payment on the property is in default.

As a general rule, if after taking into account your monthly budget, including all of your reasonable bills, you still have money left over to make a contribution towards your debt, then a Chapter 13 may be the best option. Chapter 13 often allows debtors to keep property they would otherwise lose under a Chapter 7. Conversely, if you do not have any excess income after paying your monthly minimum expense, a debtor may be inclined to file for Chapter 7.

In light of the impact a bankruptcy judgment has on an individual's credit, it is in their interest to seek out all available alternatives before filing. Many non-profit organizations, such as the National Foundation for Consumer Credit and the Debt Counselors of America, are available for counseling related to money management, restoration of good credit ratings, debt counseling and debt repayment plans for both individuals and families. Moreover, the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate Legal Assistance division is available to give general advice regarding any contemplated bankruptcy decisions. While the Legal Assistance division cannot represent you in any court proceedings, they can refer you to qualified attorneys.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 545-3281.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Youth Services lock in — Youth Services annual Regional Teen Lock-In is 1 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday.

The Lock-In takes place in Building 1056 and is open to members ages 11-18.

For more information about activities and cost, call Youth Services at 545-3070 or stop by Building 1056 on Baltzell Avenue.

Commissary closure — The commissary will close Monday for inventory and will reopen Tuesday with regular store hours.

Gospel services — Sightseeing Road Gospel Services will celebrate their 27th choir anniversary at 4 p.m. Sunday at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Chaplain Shawn Conners is the pastor, the choir director is Winnie Wimberly, and the minister of music is Gerald Sewer.

For more information, call 327-9034 or 545-2169.

Town Hall meeting — There will be a Town Hall meeting for East and West Main Post at 7 p.m. May 16 at the FUN Center (Building 359) in the auditorium.

All Main Post residents are encouraged to attend.

The Town Hall meeting for Custer Terrace is 7 p.m. May 29 at the FUN Center.

All Custer Terrace residents are encouraged to attend.

Schedule changes — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing May 27.

The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be June 3.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in Family Housing May 27.

Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Monday will be picked up May 28.

Refuse and recycle collection in family housing for May 28-31 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Boy Scouts' volunteers — There is a need for adult volunteers in the Chattahoochee Council Boys Scouts of America.

For more information or to volunteer, call Ken Caruthers at 685-1546.

Car care — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday.

Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

Victim's Rights Week — In observance of National Victim's Rights Week, the Victim and Witness Assistance Program cordially invites the public to an open house from noon to 2 p.m. April 26 at the Victim, Witness Office, located at 1011 Third Avenue in Columbus.

Job fair — Chattahoochee Valley Community College will host the Spring 2002 Career "Job" Fair from 10 a.m. to noon April 25 in Wilson Hall, 2602 College Drive in Phenix City.

Twenty-four companies, temporary agencies and financial institutions will be available to discuss employment and career opportunities.

Participants are urged to bring their resume.

The career fair is free and open to CVCC students, alumni and the community.

For more information regarding the career fair, call 291-4998 or 291-4992.

Teacher recruitment fair — The Muscogee County School District annual Teacher Recruitment Fair will be from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Midland Middle School.

Walk-ins are welcome the day of the event.

For more information, call David Jackson at 649-0529.

CVCC scholarships available — Full tuition scholarships in music and theater performance at Chattahoochee Valley Community College are available for vocalists, pianists, instrumentalists, actors and theater technicians for academic year 2002-2003.

Auditions will be by appointment only Saturday.

To schedule an audition, call Emily Davis, CVCC Music and Theatre Office, at (334) 291-4988.

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Command: Leader views people as promise of post

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"The garrison sergeant major should address any issues on the post that affect soldier welfare. That includes morale, housing, and infrastructure improvements. Those should be his primary focus," said Staff Sgt. Ted Chavis, U.S. Army Special Operations Command, who's completed the majority of his infantry training on the installation.

"And since this is the Home of the Infantry, he should also be involved in overseeing the schools on post that produce infantry soldiers."

"We do all of that and a lot more," McCord said. "It's hard to throw it all in a basket and say, 'This is what we do.' But we take care of everything from the busses that take your kids to school to the water in the sink at the main exchange."

That's a hefty load to haul during his expected two-year tour, but McCord is confident. He uses a technique all his own.

"Have you ever heard of the MBWA degree? It's called Management By Wandering Around," he said. "If you want to know what the soldiers are doing, you have to be around them. Leaders can't fix problems they don't know are there."

But McCord sees more positives than negatives at the home of the infantry. After all, he said, success at Fort Benning comes as a collaborative effort.

"One person can't do it all, and I certainly won't do it alone," he said. "We are all in charge of this post, and the people working here are all more than competent at what they're doing. That's why we live in a community of excellence year after year."

His long-term goal is to continue that excellence.

But as far as the short of it goes, he's already gotten a jump-start on the tasks at hand, patrolling the post and assessing the work that lies in front of him.

"I've been out in the neighborhoods talking with people. I like to stop and ask them, "What's up?" and find out what they're happy about and what needs to be fixed," said McCord. "I want to be out among soldiers and their families, and find out their strongest concerns to ensure they get voiced and fixed if possible."

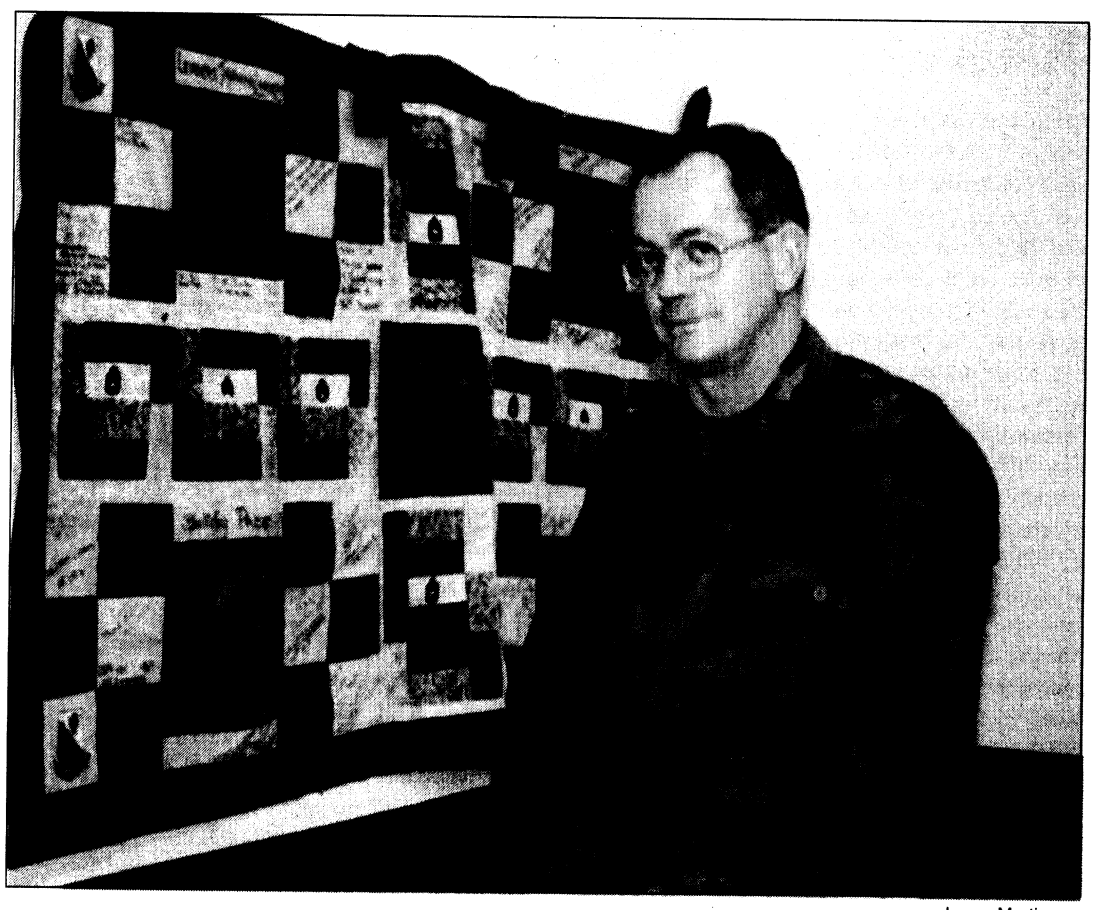
McCord reminds people that change is not something that's always recognized immediately.

"In this business, once you apply a fix, it's not obvious to anyone for about 5 years, so improvements people are seeing now are a result of what someone did 5 years ago," he said.

"I hope that in 2007, soldiers and families will benefit from what we do right now."

McCord and his wife, Gisela, plan to retire in Columbus when all is said and done, and they just purchased a new home in the area.

"I'd love to stay here longer," he said, "but the Army won't let me do more than 30 years."



Laura Martinson

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert McCord displays this quilt in his new office at Fort Benning. The quilt was a going away present handsewn for him by the soldiers at the NCOA Academy in Grafenwoehr, Germany.

Maintenance: Order now

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want them to know we understand their time is valuable, too."

The appointment system is nothing new to BSI, which uses the four-hour window to schedule kitchen appliance repairs for all 4,000 homes on post and full housing maintenance for about half of those.

While there is an adequate staff to meet the post's needs, customers who miss appointments throw a wrench into the plans.

"It's a huge task, and many people don't know what goes into having an appointment scheduled and sending out a technician," said Don Dearing, chief of BSI. "It's frustrating to put forth all of that effort and then not be able to perform the task. It knocks us off track and we have to scramble.

"This system helps eliminate all of that, and allows flexibility to our technicians and customers," he said. "This is an organizational tool, and it works."

There are some tips customers can follow to ensure a work order gets taken care of in a timely manner:

- Orders should be placed 24 hours in advance of when work is desired to allow technicians to plan ahead. However, emergencies will be handled as such, outside the routine maintenance procedures.
- Customers should be home during the four-hour window designated for their appointment.
- If an appointment time becomes inconvenient, call in advance to reschedule.

To schedule an appointment, call 545-2135 or BSI at 689-5400. For an emergency work order, call 545-2135.

Self-help: Returns mean less delays

neighbor, think again," he said.

A late return of borrowed goods can result in a suspension of shop privileges, and the cost of the tools can be deducted from a soldier's pay if not returned altogether, Hankins said.

"It's often a surprise to soldiers when it happens," said Hankins, who added that the money deducted goes toward replacing the misplaced item. "We try to put all of this information out at the self-help briefing, but people don't always hear all that you've told them."

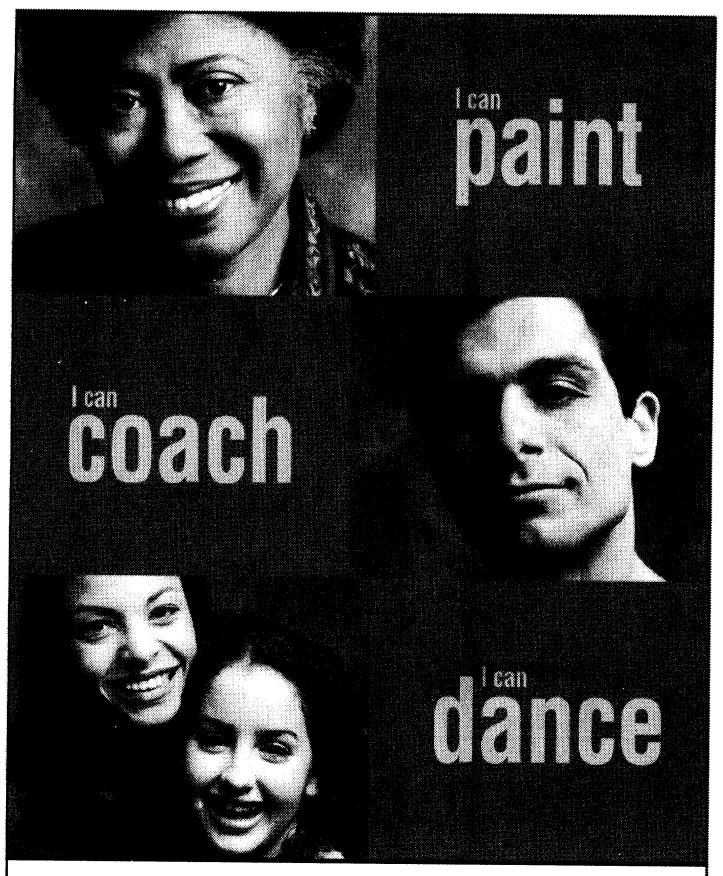
A mandatory self-help briefing is required of all new post residents before they're able to use the shop. The briefing is held every Wednesday at 9 a.m. at the facility, and representatives from the fire department, community life office and housing are on hand to give out safety tips and housing rules.

"Everybody just needs to take care of their place and take care of each other," Hankins said.

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How to plan a perfectly good wedding

Take time to plan the wedding of a lifetime

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor
11th Infantry Regiment

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Many times the well meaning couple will begin their planning for that blessed day only to find themselves frustrated and discouraged.

Planning a wedding is stressful enough, but when people overlook some basic, common sense, things, the planning can turn into a nightmare. Here are a few things to consider:

• Military chapels make a nice setting for a military wedding. The Infantry Center Chapel (TIC) is beautiful and historic. And don't forget the use of the chapel is free to authorized personnel — ID card holders and their immediate families can use the chapel. That does not include your brother, first cousin or grandchildren.

• Don't assume the chapel will be available the date you want it. You should always check the availability of the chapel before you set a date.

• The same is true for the minister who will conduct the wedding. Don't finalize the date until you talk to the chaplain or civilian minister who will conduct the wedding. You may find he's not available the day you need him. How many times have we seen couples get stressed out when they find that the chapel or the minister is not available for the day they have on their printed announcements.


Taylor

• Weddings are not totally free. The chapel and chaplain are available at no charge, but other things do cost: flowers, musicians and coordinators. The chapel staff can help you get started, but we're not wedding planners. It's your responsibility to pull the details together.

• You want a military wedding? You want a military chaplain to perform your wedding? You have a chaplain in your unit — he'll do your wedding, right? Not so fast.

Just because you have a chaplain does not mean he'll do your wedding. Chaplains are ordained clergy representing various religious bodies. Some churches have specific requirements about whom their ministers may perform weddings for. Chaplains themselves may have their own personal requirements as well. So ask questions early. And be sure to be up front about your circumstances.

Whether you have been married before may make a difference to the chaplain. How your previous marriage ended may be the factor that decides whether he can perform the wedding or not. Don't assume the chaplain will perform your wedding just because you ask.

And no, TIC Chapel does not have a chaplain on staff that will perform weddings for anyone who asks.

We want your marriage to succeed. Fort Benning policy requires that couples getting married in a chapel must have pre-marriage counseling. This can be done by the person who will officiate your wedding or by the Family Life Center on post.

You need to plan far enough ahead to make sure you can meet this requirement. It is never a good idea to come into the chapel and tell us you want to get married next weekend.

Marriage is sacred, and we want yours to begin on a happy note. But plan ahead and don't assume anything. Ask questions of us, and don't be upset if we do the same of you.

We're glad to help make sure your wedding doesn't turn stressful.

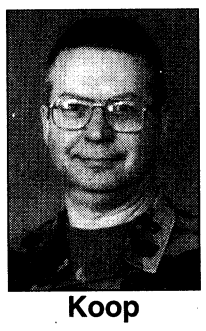
10 principles of corporal punishment

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

I do not recommend corporal punishment. There are better forms of discipline than physical punishment. However, some parents spank their children. Spanking should be rarely and sparingly used. Here are ten principles to follow when using corporal punishment.

Both parents should be involved in disciplining their child. They need to agree on the rules, consequences and steadiness of discipline. Children need to know and understand these rules.

Do not threaten to spank. Instead say, "If you (fill in the blank), I will punish you." Always give yourself the option of using an alternate form of discipline.


Koop

Corporal punishment should be used as a last resort. Use alternative forms of discipline first. Explain the reason for the discipline before spanking the child. Let the child know what they should have done to avoid the spanking.

Do no harm. Don't physically abuse the child. Don't resort to slapping, punching, hitting, pushing and shoving, arm twisting, etc. Bruises and raised redness are typical signs of physical abuse. Avoid using a paddle or other object. The goal is not to hurt the child, but to help the child remember not to misbehave. Limit the number of swats administered. Never spank a child when angry. Don't vent your anger or frustration on the child. Parents don't realize how hard they are spanking a child when they are angry.

Swat the child on the buttocks where they have the most padding. Don't have the child remove clothing before spanking. Don't swat the arms, legs, torso or head.

CHAPEL NOTES

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings, which are held in the chapel teen center in Building 239.

Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. (middle schoolers) and 6 p.m. (high schoolers).

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel.

Mass is held along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7-9 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Need some old-fashioned time out with other ladies for some good company in a spiritual setting?

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Fort Benning Religious Services

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8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
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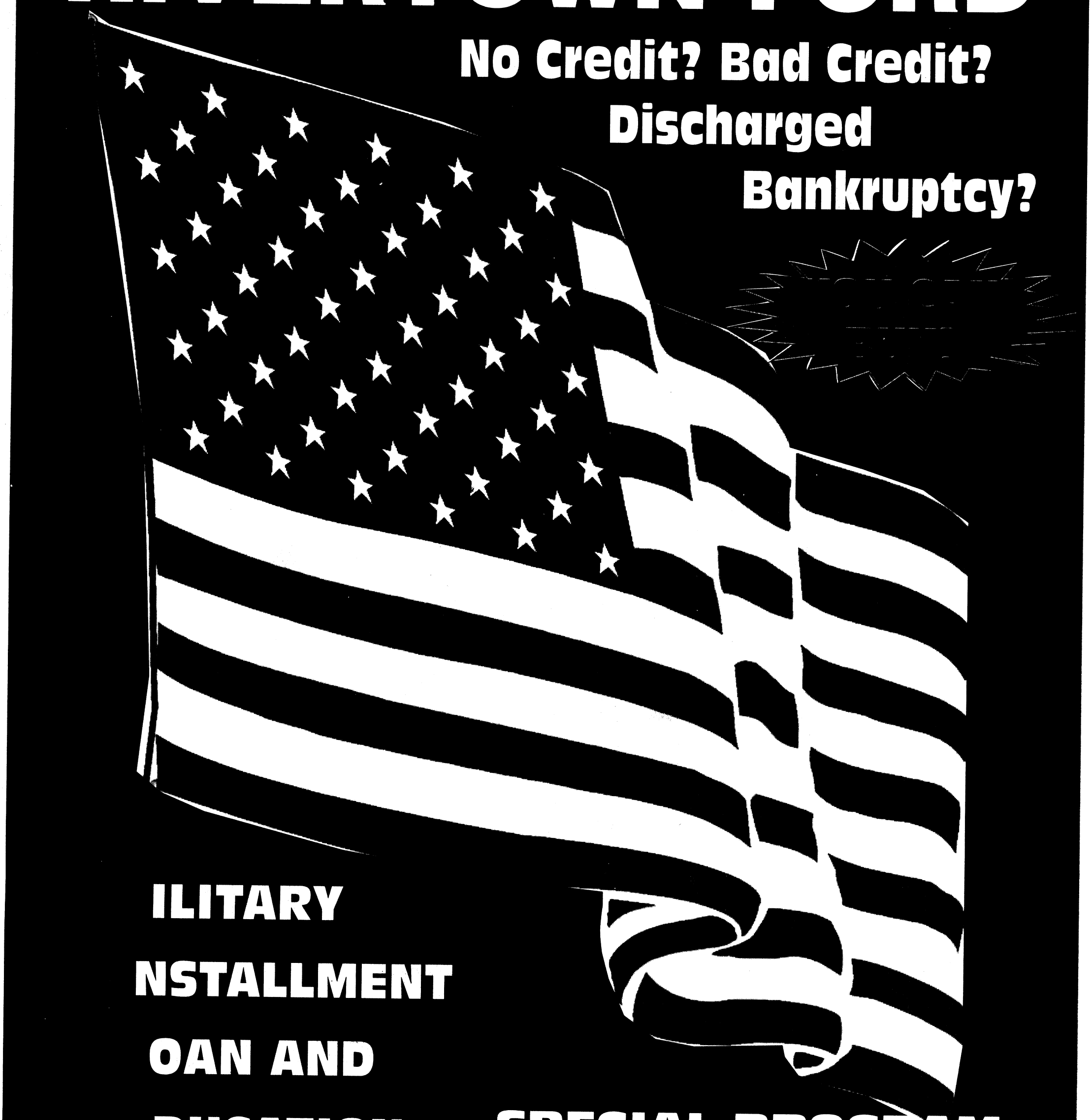
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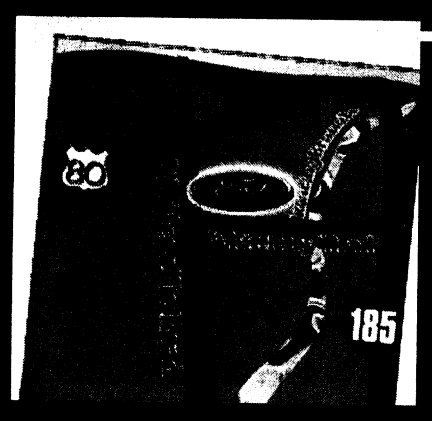
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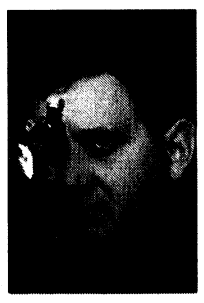
SECTION C

Four-time Olympian marksman retires

Infantry officer, marksman leaves unit

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

He's held many titles — officer, infantryman, war veteran and Olympian. But after 20 years of service to his country, an international rifle shooter with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit has put down his gun and said goodbye to the Army.



Dubis

Capt. Glenn A. Dubis, a Desert Storm veteran and four-time Olympian, retired from the Army in March, after serving for more than 20 years. During his shooting career, Dubis won the World Rifle Championship three times, the World Military Rifle Championship five times and set or tied six world records. He represented the United States in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire — known as CISM or the Military World Games — more than a dozen times. He is a member of the USAMU International Rifle Hall of Fame as well as his hometown's Athletic Hall of Fame.

"I am proud to have served as an Army officer," Dubis said. "I will miss my Army teammates and U.S. Shooting Team colleagues and the friends I have made from around the world. I will also miss the pride and satisfaction that comes with representing the U.S. Army and the United States of America. I have traveled over most of the world and made friends from many places all while doing something I had the fortune to be good at and that I also love.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve the Army and our nation. It has been a blessing to be able to pursue my goals and dreams in such a way.

"The Army and the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit were critical to my success," Dubis said. "They provided me with the time, resources and infrastructure to achieve my full potential as a rifle shooter. If it were not for the Army, it is unlikely that I would have succeeded. I would certainly recommend the Army as a career to others."

Dubis thanked the commanders, past and present, of the USAMU who helped him throughout his career, as well as members of his Army Rifle Team.

"I owe the most to Bill Krilling, my coach on the Army Team for 19 of my 20 years of service," Dubis said. "He helped me build my position and monitor my progress; together we made adjustments, then he just let me do the shooting."

"Dubis was the greatest military CISM shooter in the world and a big asset to the Army team," Krilling said. "He was just a special shooter, easy to work with and had a very positive outlook. Although he was a real champion, he was a humble person. He meant a lot to the team and to me.

"He was quite popular in Europe; he'd win a match and his fans would cheer for him,"

See **DUBIS**, C-2

WHINSEC's Commandant's Cup kicks off

Team ties Americans, 2-2, in soccer match

Sgt. Daniel Monroy
WHINSEC Public Affairs

Kicking off a five-game series between Command and General Staff Course students and faculty, the first game of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation's Commandant's Cup — a soccer match — ended in a 2-2 tie April 8 at French Field.

"It was a hard-played game that tested the physical endurance of guys who aren't in their 20s anymore," said Andrew Stewart, dean of Administration and Student Affairs who also participated in the contest.

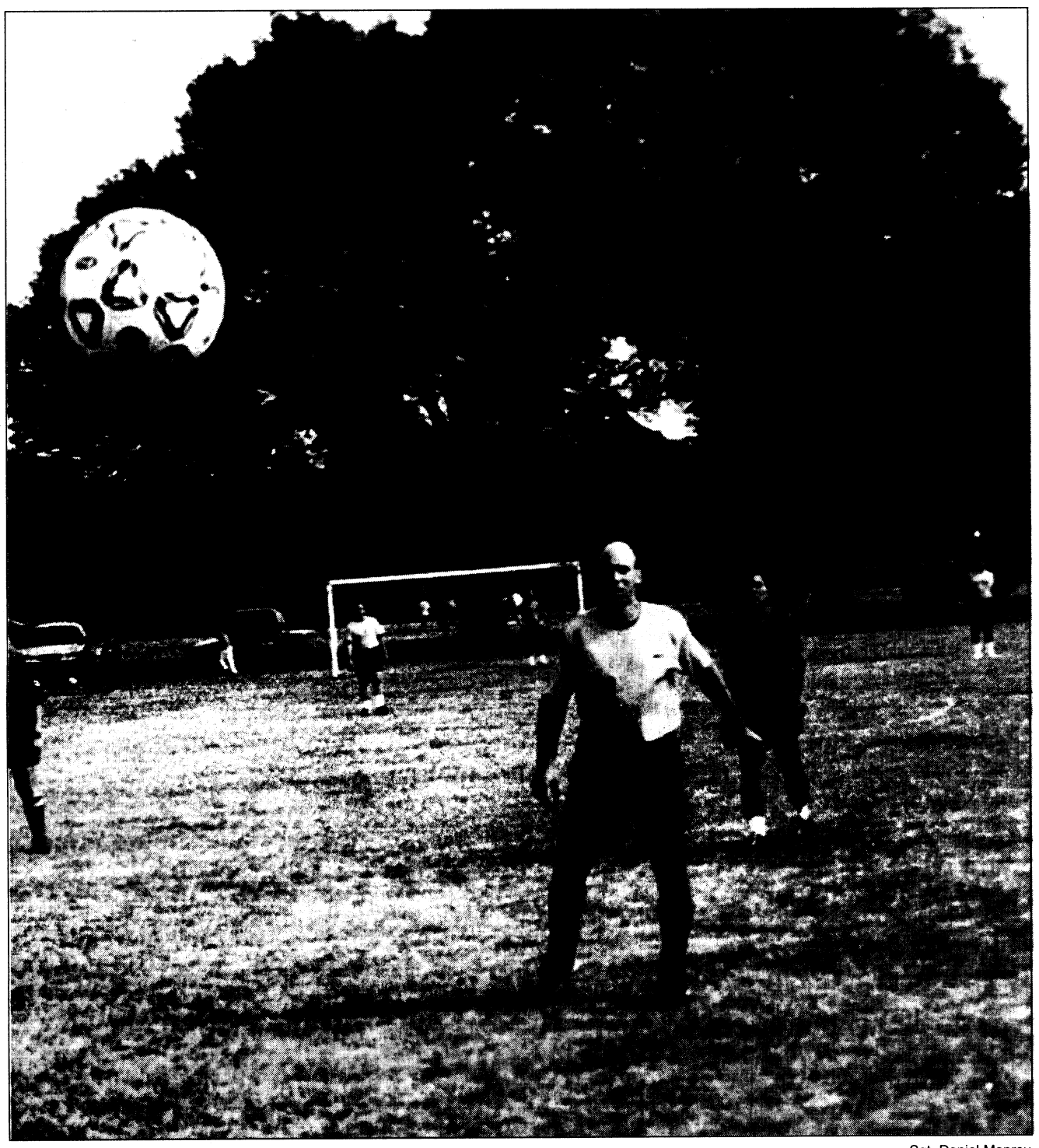
For many of the Latin American course students, the game of soccer came second-hand, which resulted in many one-on-one battles for the ball that left their U.S. counterparts a step or two behind.

"These guys are really agile and have great ball movement down the field," said Jose Solis, who played the sweeper position for the WHINSEC faculty team.

The last line of defense against an ensuing offense, Solis was charged with covering a substantial amount of turf to prevent a mismatch between the goalie and multiple offensive pressures.

"It's very exhausting. They're coming at you from all angles. So when I can get my foot on the ball, I try to blast it out of the danger area," Solis said.

However, gutting it out, the WHINSEC faculty was able to stave off further assaults to their goal, and they were able to put together several scoring opportunities that panned out for the team. Late in the second half, Kwesi Adinkrah sped by defenders and launched one from about 30 yards away that caught the back of the net and locked the game, two up, for the WHINSEC faculty.



Sgt. Daniel Monroy

Capt. Jose Solis, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation watches his shot sail, in the Commandant's Cup, April 8 at French Field.

Adinkrah, who works in Directorate of Logistics section at WHINSEC, grew up playing soccer in his native Ghana.

"Having played soccer all of my life, it is easy to tell which players are experienced," Adinkrah said. "You look at how they dribble, pass and how they set up a shot."

However, the remainder of games to be played for the Commandant's Cup includes, volleyball, football and America's pastime — baseball.

"The mix of games will help even the score a bit," Stewart said.

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Laura Martinson
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It's that image that matters most to Mozelle and Al Dunn, because first impressions are lasting.

They are, in fact, the two who toiled at the sasanqua so the shade wouldn't overwhelm the already come and gone azaleas.

"It's time to prune and fertilize for next year," said Mozelle, who's cultivated the Follow Me golf course with her delicate 75-year-old hands. She calls it "cosmetic surgery."

Al is always by her side, his hands less delicate than strong, but 6 years her senior. The 81-year-old retired Army major and WWII and Korea veteran does more of the brawny work, but babies the grounds just the same. And they have reason to love it the way they do — a 48-year history with the course.

"We've played golf here since 1954. Our children were raised on this course," Al said. And there's no doubt they take their stake at Fort Benning seriously.

"If it looks neat and nice, people tend to come back,"

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Rangers break out bats, gloves in Columbus' softball league

Team wins big in first game of season

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Ahhhh, spring time again and time for the big bats to come out.

Young people don't use these bats, though.

A group of soldiers use them in the city of Columbus' softball league.

The Ranger Joe team consists of Fort Benning Rangers, who are out in the city facing some real competion.

"It's great playing on post," said Jimmy Armstrong, Rangers manager. "But, the competition level is not as high as it is out in Columbus."

The Rangers started their season off with a 24-4 victory over the Columbus Power team, Monday. The Rangers capitalized on nine Power errors.

"We stayed alert and realized they were dropping fly balls," said Tom Siter, Rangers' outfielder. "We just used their mistakes to score easy runs."

Siter helped lead the attack with a homerun, three singles, three runs batted in and two runs scored.

"I just concentrated on getting good swings," Siter said. "When the ball looked like it was in a good spot, I just swung and made great contact with it every time."

Other Rangers leading the charge were James Piette with two doubles, a triple and three runs scored; Will Lendoff with a double, a homer and four runs scored; and Metz Luchey with two singles and three runs scored.

"We're a very competitive team," Armstrong said. "We have good ballplayers, and they're working together as a team. That is the only way we're going to keep winning is by working as one unit."

While the soldiers are out on the field to win, they are also out to have fun.

"It's nice to have time off to do stuff," Siter said. "It gives us great experience. Plus, we get to see some of the other people in the Columbus area."

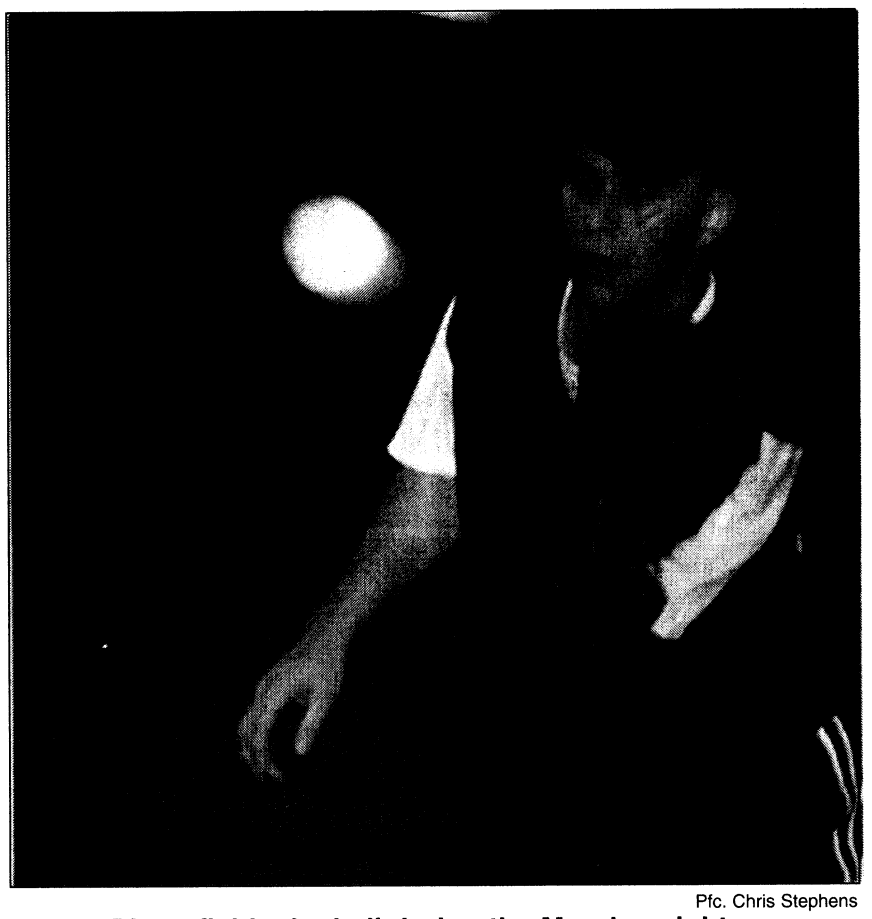
The Rangers are looking to show the public they are for real.

"Our goal this year is to win the division championship," Armstrong said. "Then as we enter these big tournaments, we want to let people know we're here to play."

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> **Jimmy Armstrong**
> Ranger's manager

The Rangers have the weapons and the maturity to go wherever they want to this season, he said

"The players are competitive and good sports in any situation," Armstrong said. "Those are the two keys to being a successful team."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

James Piette fields the ball during the Monday night game.

Couple: Maintains golf course

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Mozelle said. "This is a professional sort of game, and I know I wouldn't come back to a messy golf course."

With a recently trimmed maintenance staff, the course relies upon its volunteers for the detailed upkeep. The Dunns and a handful of others take to the tasks of trimming, edging, planting flowers and beds, weedeating around lakes and keeping the course and cart paths clean.

"The main responsibility of the maintenance crew is taking care of the greens, tees, fairways, and roughs," said Ray Meredith, course maintenance supervisor. "If we don't take care of that, people don't play.

"Volunteers see the need and they help."

Al and Mozelle are the sort of volunteers who give proper credit to Meredith for his "true dedication to the course." But it's a game of ping-pong compliments, as Meredith recognized the impact of a nicely decorated course.

"They've done a lot of ornamental planting up around the clubhouse, and that's been very time consuming," he said. "It's great to have those because it's the first thing you see when you enter the course. If that looks good, other things start to look good, too.

"It's not exactly the easiest thing, to be out in the elements performing hard labor," Meredith said. "A lot of people choose a different path when they get older, but the Dunns seem to have a lot of energy to come out and volunteer regularly."



Laura Martinson

Mozelle and Al Dunn trim a sasanqua tree at the post golf course.

Last year they worked on Fridays, but this year they can be found trimming trees and collecting branches and litter on Wednesdays. Both also have a full golf card, and they play three times a week, but only once together.

"Once a week is enough," they said, laughing. But once a week is not enough of Fort Benning. The Dunns settled here in 1960 after Al retired.

"We would have lived near an Army post anyway," Mozelle said. "You just have to see that flag flying when you come on post."

Respect for country and course is something Meredith recognizes in his volunteers.

"The main thing volunteers bring to the table is a lot of pride," he said. "They make this place an attractive place to be and a fun place to play golf."

This year the couple received a bonus in addition to the gratitude of the golfing community.

"We have geese. They're at the lake and that's the first time in 54 years we've had them here," said Mozelle, who also boasts six hatchlings in one of her hanging pansies.

"They want to do their part," said Meredith, "and we would be much worse off without their efforts. That's for sure!"

Dubis: Heads to veteran ranks

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Krilling said.

"He so dominated the CISM matches that his scores would intimidate other shooters. When Dubis showed up to a match, his competitors figured the best they could do was take second place."

In Europe, he is quite a celebrity, said Robert W. Aylward, USAMU deputy commander. He's the Michael Jordan of the shooting world and people call the CISM rifle trophy the 'Dubis Trophy' because his name is engraved on it so many times; he's won the CISM more times than everyone else in the world.

Dubis joined the Army Feb. 1, 1982, at which time he started shooting with the Army Marksmanship Unit. From 1984 to 1985, he was a platoon leader on Kelley Hill for 1st Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, 197th Infantry Brigade (Separate), which is now the 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division. In 1990, he moved to brigade level as the officer in charge of the Emergency Operations Center. Dubis deployed with the brigade for Operation Desert Storm and served as the assistant operations officer. In 1991, he returned to USAMU International Rifle Team.

After this year's World Championships, Dubis said he will be hanging up his gun. He said he wants to travel, get a coaching position and marry his long-time sweetheart Melanie Libby of USA Shooting.

"I recently heard it said that the most likely candidate for the title of Man of the Century is the American GI. The American GI has influenced events in more places around the world during the last century than any other person," Dubis said. "I was once an American GI, but now I'm out, happy to join the ranks of the retired veterans. I'm looking forward to the rest of my life."

Scramble tourney today

Show support for soldiers, by playing golf

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The annual Association of the U.S. Army spring golf tournament will begin at 11 a.m. today.

Today AUSA hosts a four-ball scramble tournament best-ball method to raise funds in support of soldiers' programs on Fort Benning twice a year.

"It's for a worthy cause," said Willie Wells, AUSA president.

AUSA wants to accomplish two things during the tournament, Wells said. They would like for people to come out and enjoy an afternoon of fun, and they would like for people to show their support for soldiers.

"As a professional soldier, I appreciate AUSA in championing our cause for programs needed by the Army for both active and retired," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gereld Klein, post command sergeant major.

AUSA plays an important role in solving issues for the Army, Klein said. They show support by taking issues to congress and the senate to fund the Army's cause.

Players can register prior to tee time. The cost is $35, which includes a cart, green fee and range balls. Food and beverages will be provided so community members should come out and show their support, Klein said.

For more information, call Larry Cruise at 687-1940 or Bud Redfield at 544-8566.

SPORTS BRIEFS

CG Golf Scramble — The CG pay day golf scramble will be at the Fort Benning Golf Club 12:30 p.m. April 25.

Food and beverage will be provided to all tournament players.

Prizes for the winners along with giveaways will be awarded at the end of the scramble.

For information and early registration, call 687-1940.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15 through 20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman at (425) 255-4645.

Fitness Challenge — The Hughston Health Clinic's fourth annual Fitness Challenge will begin 8:30 a.m. May 4 at the Hughston Clinic Outdoor Track and Fitness Center.

Registration fees are $20 for individuals and $50 for a team. Cash prizes will be awarded to top female and male winners in each division.

For more information, visit www.hughston.com or call Mary Ann Collins at 321-3440

Stowers Stampede — The Stowers Stampede will take place Saturday. It will feature the 1-mile fun run, 5K run and 5K wheelchair race. The event has been an annual event for more than 20 years. Race day registration begins at 7:30 a.m. at Stowers Elementary school. Registration is $6 for children and $12 for those 15 and older.

Participants will receive a T-shirt with the registration fee. Registration the day of the race will be $2 extra.

For more information, call 545-7793.

Stowers Stampede Entry Form

All races start and end at Stowers Elementary School
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One-Mile Fun Run for Ages 9-14

9:30 a.m. - Wheelchair and 5K Run

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Please make checks payable to Stowers Elementary School and send to:

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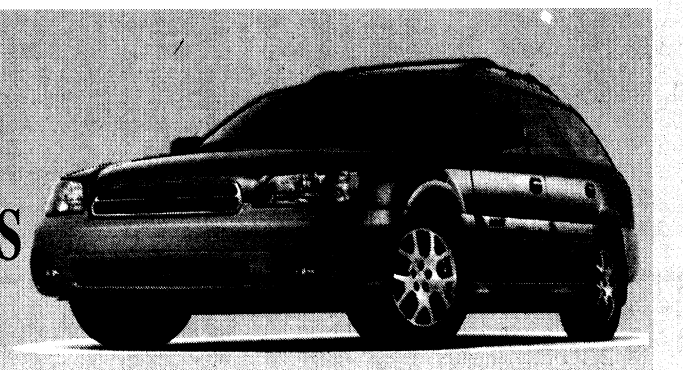
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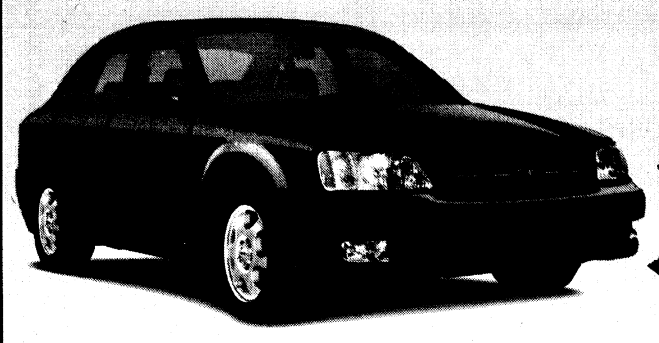
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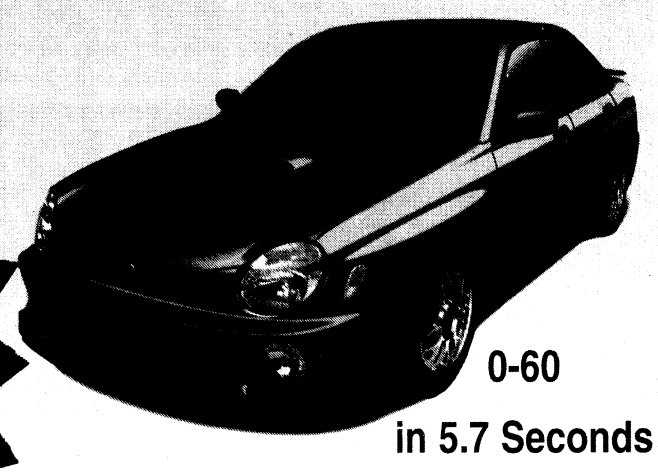
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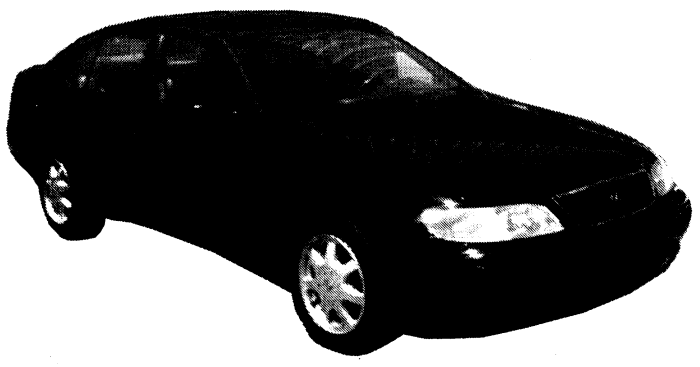
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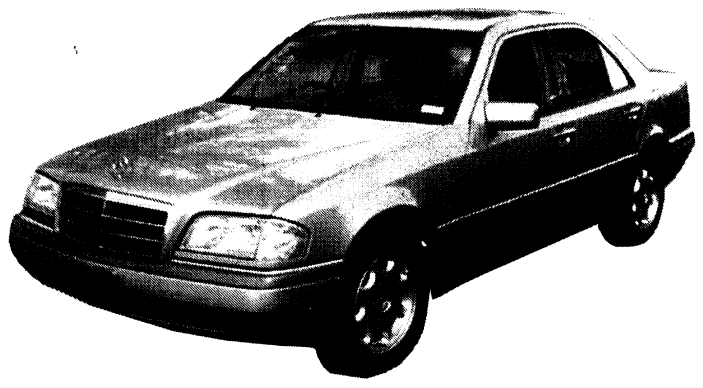
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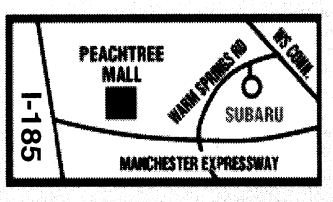
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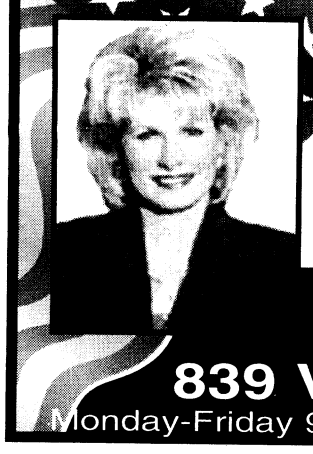
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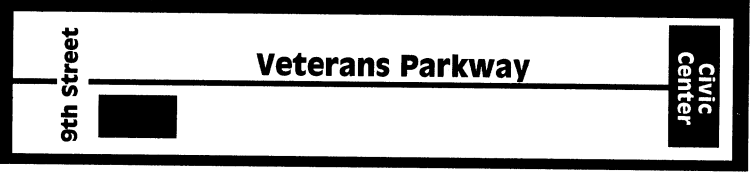
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Lost and Found

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Found: female dog found near soccer fields on Bjornstad Wed 4/3. Medium sized wiry haired; looks like Sandy from "Annie". Call Stacy at 685-8653 to identify. (F26)

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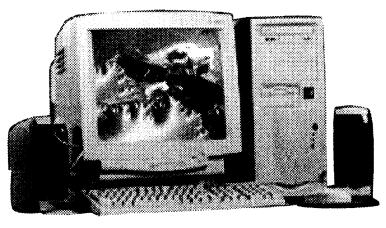
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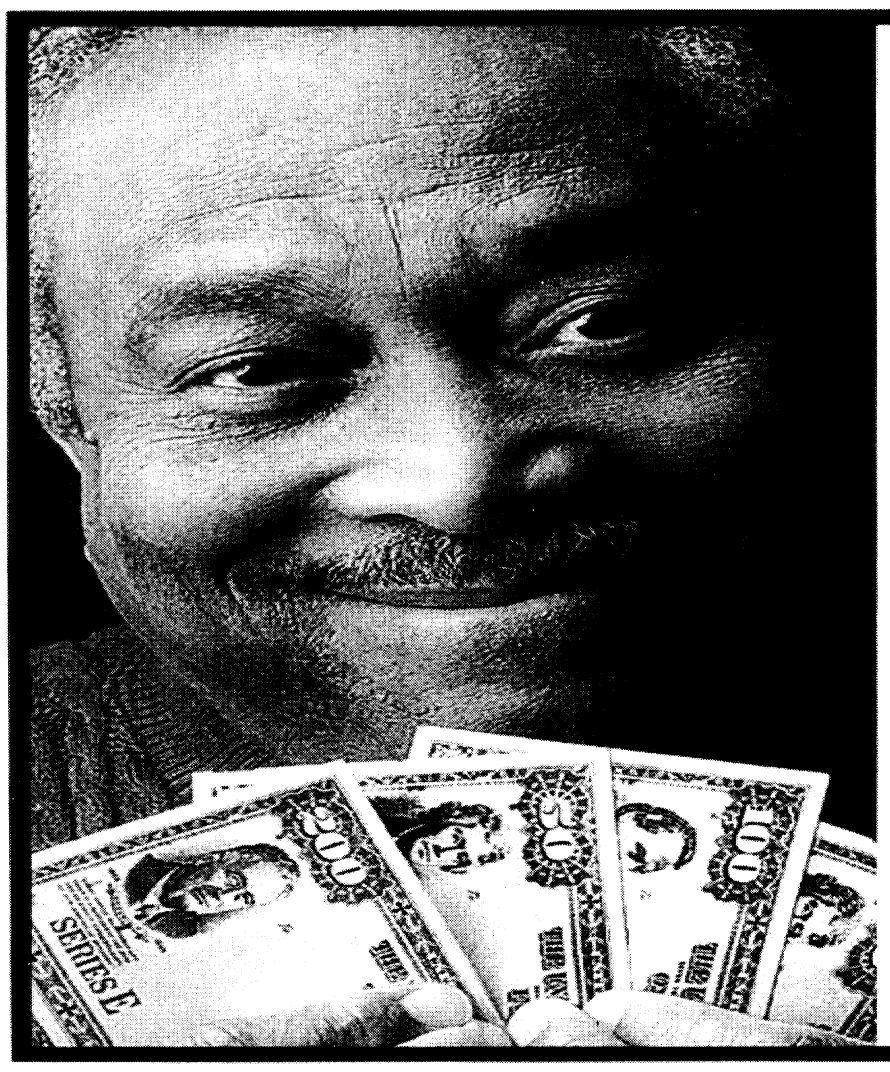
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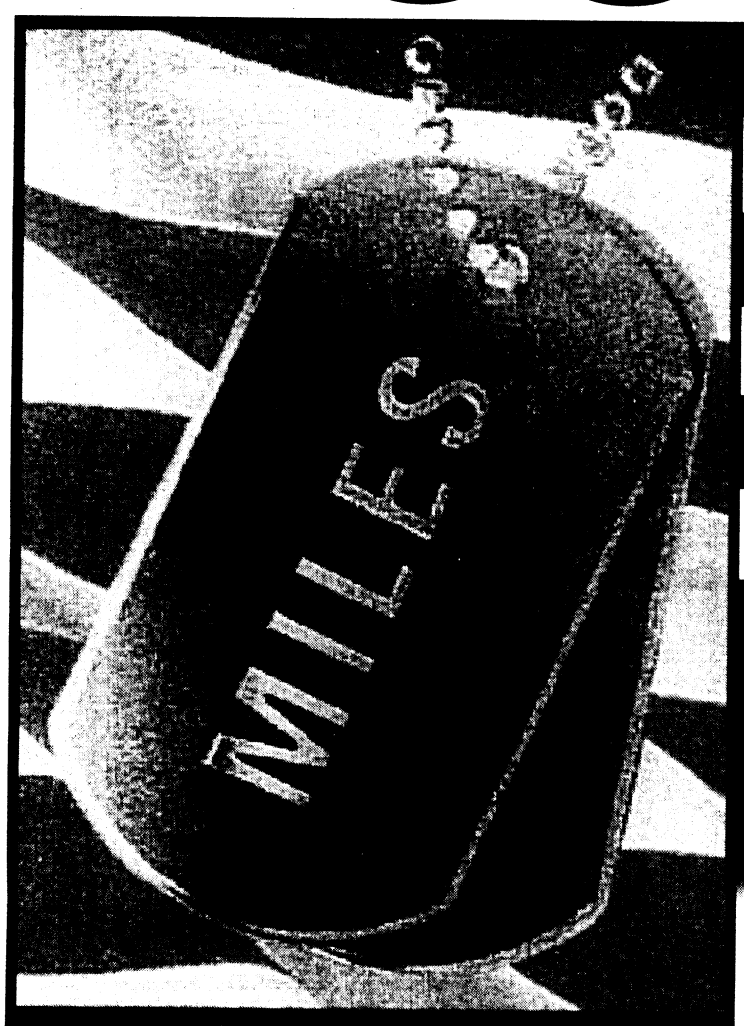
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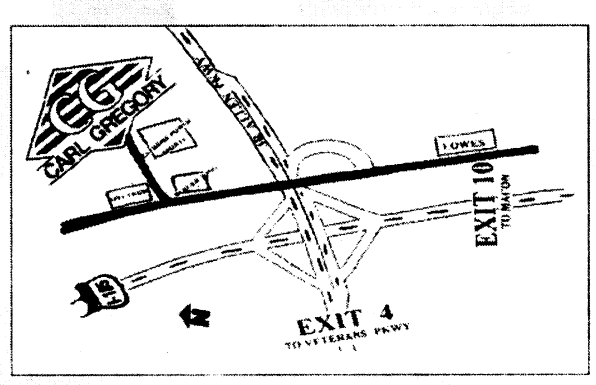
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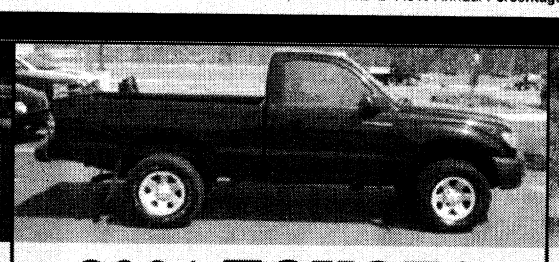
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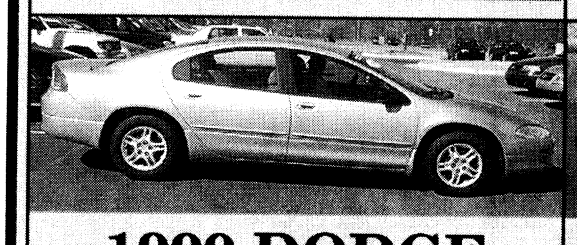
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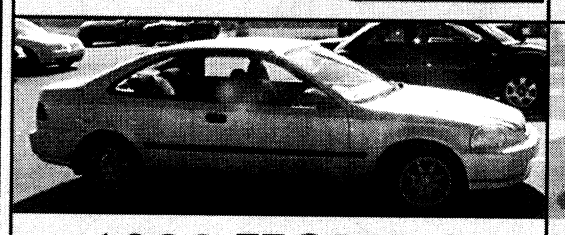
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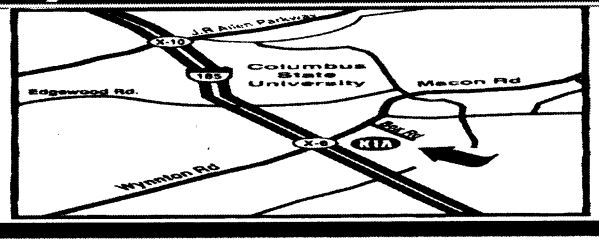
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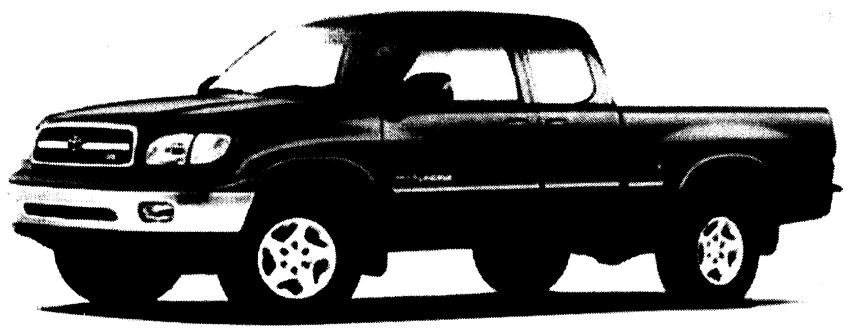
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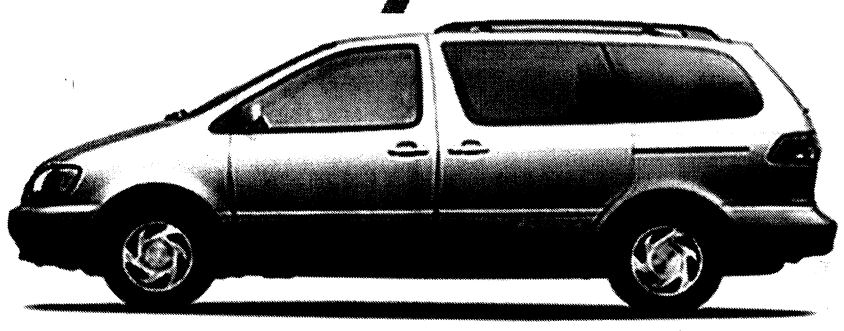


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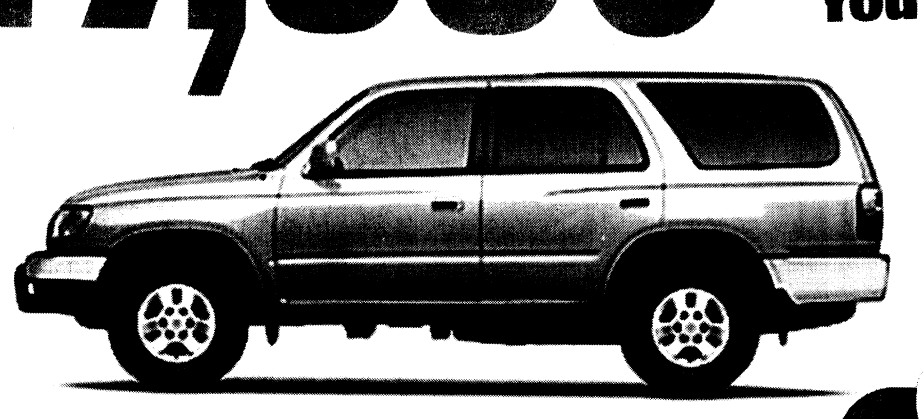
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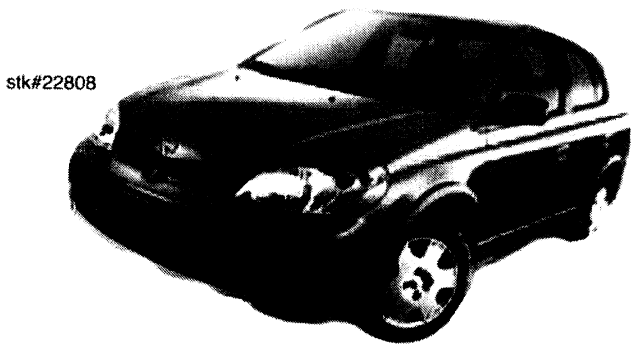
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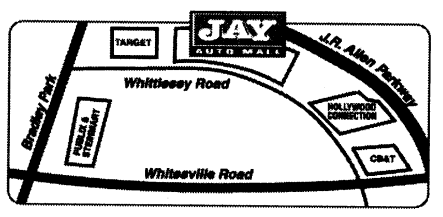
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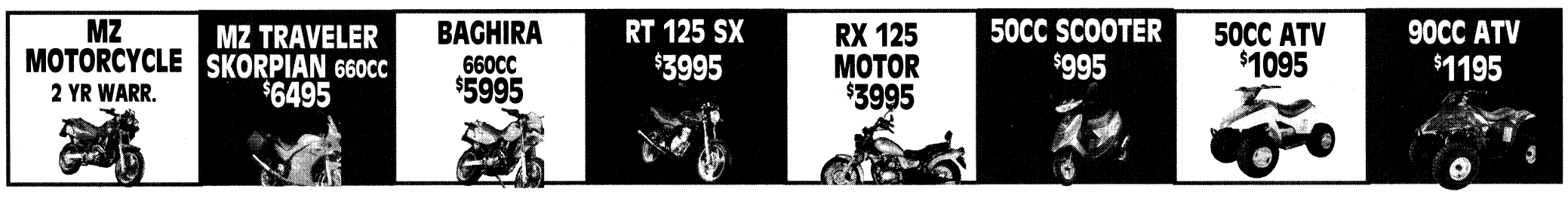


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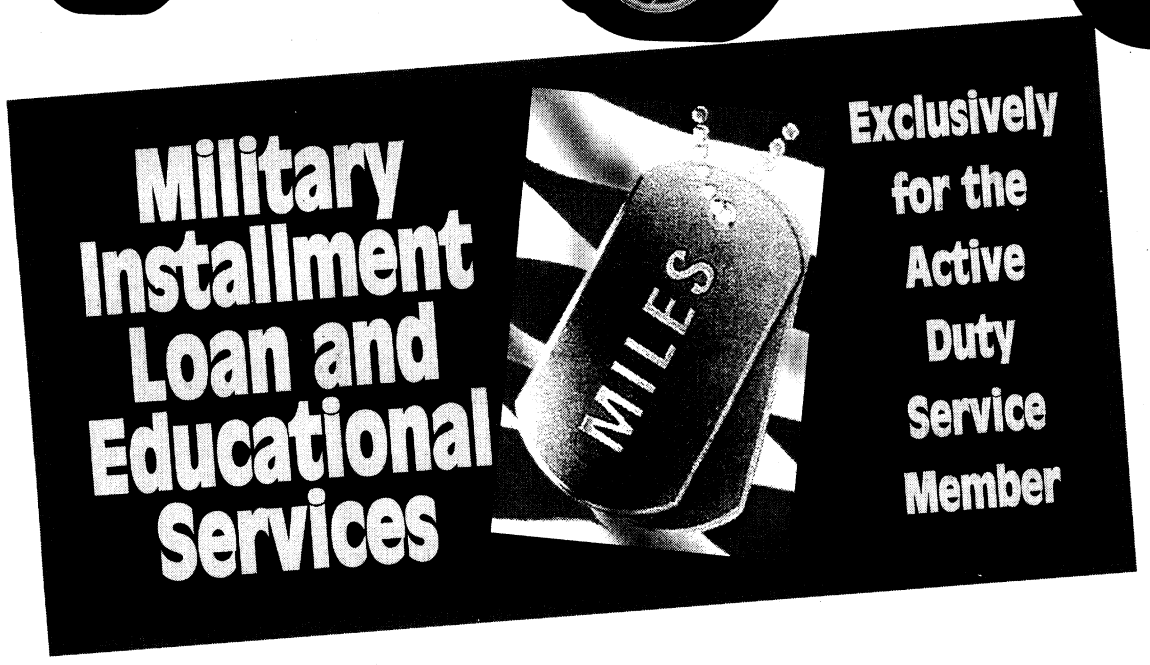
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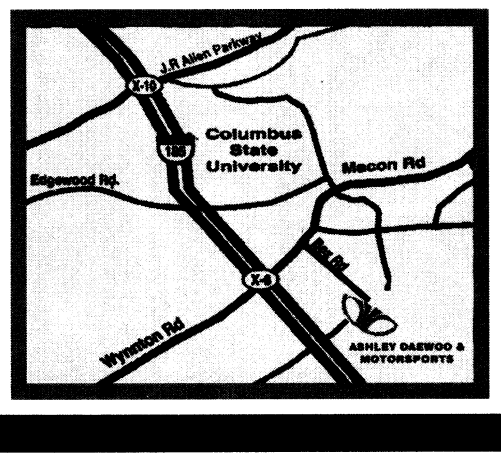
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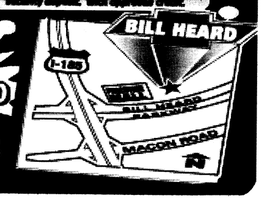
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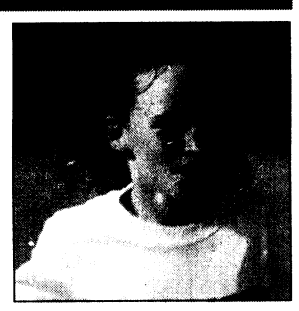
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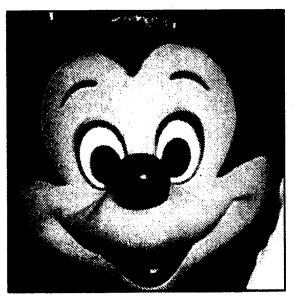
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TRADOC chief briefs locals

Rumors about Benning's future cause concern

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

In an effort to still rumors about how the Army's Transformation will affect Fort Benning, Gen. John N. Abrams, commander of the Training and Doctrine Command, met with a delegation to discuss future plans.

The delegation, which consisted of Sen. Max Cleland, and Reps. Mac Collins and Sanford Bishop and area representatives with military ties invited by the congressional delegates, met with Abrams in a closed-door meeting Monday at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

The issue was whether the creation of a Maneuver Battle Lab at Fort Knox, Ky., and TRADOC sending subject matter experts to help stand up the new lab would detract from Fort Benning's mission.

Post Commanding General Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton attended the meeting.

"General Abrams reaffirmed the importance of Fort Benning and the infantry to the Army's and the nation's security," Eaton said. "As we've said many times, the infantry is the force that takes the last 100 yards."

After the meeting, retired Maj. Gen. Jerry White, a former post commander and member of the Civilian Military Council, asked Abrams what Fort Benning would look like in four years and if the chief of infantry would have the tools necessary to do the job.

"I was told all the pieces of the infantry will remain at Fort Benning," White said, "including the schools, the leadership, the ability to write infantry doctrine, the battle labs, land warrior and the objective force. What will change is the technology and some of the distance learning."

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> **Retired Maj. Gen. Jerry White**
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Best Ranger starts today

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

In what may be a first, an Air Force technical sergeant will be at the starting line for the annual David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition, which kicks off today near Malvesti Field.

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Jim Brown, an 11-year Air Force veteran, is eligible to compete for the "Best Ranger" title because he is ranger qualified. He earned his ranger tab in 2000. He estimates that he is one of less than 50 ranger-qualified Air Force personnel on active duty.

"I'm really in to triathlons, marathons and endurance events," Brown said. "And this competition gives me a chance to represent the Air Force in a different light than most people see us.

Brown's job is to bring in close air support for Army maneuver units.

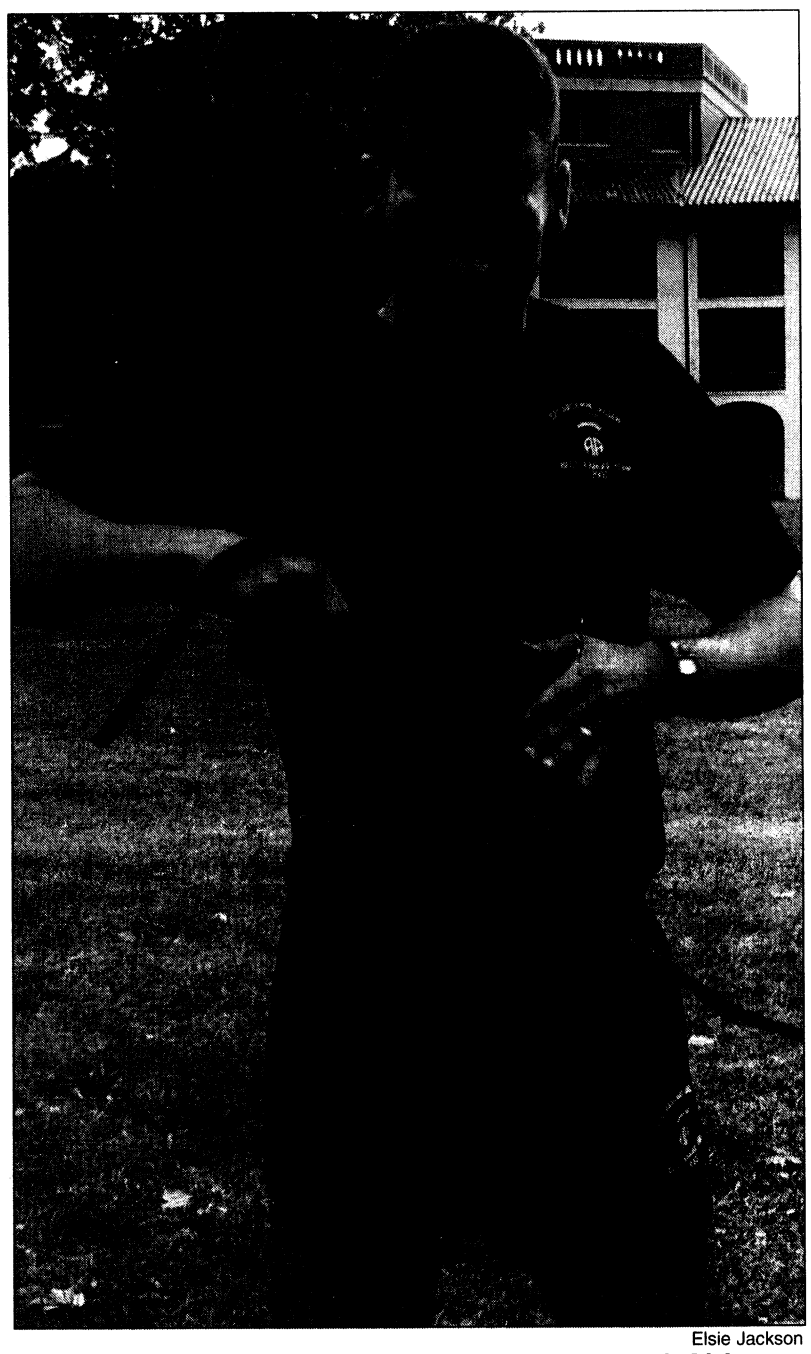
"I always work on Army posts. Going to Ranger School gave me a better understanding of the Army and how it works." Brown and his partner, Army Sgt. Paul Putney, are one of three teams representing the 2nd Infantry Division. It is their first Best Ranger competition.

The Best Ranger Competition got its start in 1981, when the Chairborne Rangers, a civilian organization, asked the Ranger Department to design and conduct a "Ranger Olympics" to identify the best two-man Ranger team in the Army. A competition was designed to place extreme demands on the teams' physical, mental and technical abilities.

The first competition was held in 1982. It has been conducted every year since then, except for 1991 when it was cancelled because of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Capt. Shane Lazenby, is another

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Elsie Jackson

Capt. Shane Lazenby, a lawyer with the 82nd Airborne Judge Advocate General, practices rope techniques Monday. The Best Ranger Competition begins today.

Benning, Gordon shape future

Objective Force key to Transformation

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Two Georgia-based Army posts are showing how to build soldiers who will be capable of fighting on the battlefields of the future.

They're also showing how it will be done more efficiently and with less cost.

Fort Benning and Fort Gordon are vital players in the Army Transformation campaign. The objective of the campaign is to create an Objective Force, powered by a Future Combat System.

The FCS will be a system of systems that will be lighter, more mobile, but more lethal than today's armor forces. It will also have more protection for crews than today's M-1 Abrams tanks. Boeing and Science Application International Corporation have been selected as the coordinators of a team of contractors beginning developing the FCS.

The FCS is scheduled to be completed in time for the first Army units to begin transitioning to the FCS and become the Objective Force about 2008.

A powerful C4ISR (command, control, computer, communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance) will enhance the Objective Force's situational awareness, increasing effectiveness and precise lethality through the full spectrum of missions, from peacekeeping to major theater of war.

"Who could do the experimentation for the Objective Force Warrior?" asked Gen. John N. Abrams, commander of Training and Doctrine Command. "It's got to be Benning. That's where the expertise is and that's where the warrior tradition is."

Objective Force Warrior will be an integration of man and technology to make individual soldiers more effective, more aware and more lethal than ever before. The capabilities each

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Post celebrates spirit of giving

Volunteers save Fort Benning $1.9 million

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Fort Benning volunteers saved the installation $1,936,112 last year.

More than 400 soldiers, retirees and family members gathered on the lawn of Riverside, the home of Fort Benning's commanding general, Wednesday, to celebrate volunteers and the spirit that drives them. They represented the 26,000 volunteers who donated 126,000 hours to improve the quality of life for military families last year.

"Our theme is 'Celebrate the American spirit,'" said Deborah Holton, the Installation Volunteer Coordinator. "And in light of what our nation has come through, it's fitting to recognize those who dedicate themselves to making Fort Benning a better place to live for all of us. We couldn't do all that we do without our volunteers."

Indeed, volunteers serve the Fort Benning community in countless areas — the Red Cross, Martin Army Community Hospital, Youth Services, the tax center, Scouting, the officers and enlisted spouses' clubs, the thrift store, golf course, chapels and schools to name a few.

"And knowing the Army's methods of record-keeping, I suspect we'll never know where all our volunteers work and how many hours they give," said Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, assistant commandant. "I figure these numbers represent only a small percentage of volunteer hours."

One thing is certain, said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, Fort Benning could never afford to pay for the work our volunteers do.

"Without you, we wouldn't be able to do the things we do ... to execute many of the tasks we do. You certainly make my job easier, and this is a very small attempt to say thank you, to show our appreciation."

By donating their time, volunteers answered the president's call to action, Torres said.

"You answered the questions, 'If not me, than who? If not now, than when?' And you answered them with action."

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Frank Plass was named Retiree Volunteer of Excellence for his contributions as president of the 29th Infantry Regimental Association, president of the Pioneer Chapter of the National Infantry Association and honorary command sergeant major of the 29th Infantry Regiment.

"You know, people ask me why, after more than 30 years in the Army, why I keep coming out here. I'm trying to give back what the Army

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Tune in to great TV turnoff

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COMMENTARY



It's TV-Turnoff Week. Everyone all together now, turn it off. Hey, you with the remote behind your back! Put it down and back away slowly with your hands where I can see them.

The eighth annual TV-Turnoff, sponsored by the TV-Turnoff Network of Washington, D.C., is designed to encourage families to find creative alternatives to mindless, marathon television viewing. They want us to think outside the box, you might say.

Let's face it — TV programming isn't what it used to be. Innocent humor and family entertainment has been replaced by violence, vulgar innuendoes and raw sexuality. Once considered a safe electronic babysitter, it's now a time-bomb waiting to spew poison at the minds of immature viewers, those who aren't quite capable of filtering the garbage for themselves. And parents everywhere are allowing it to happen.

Don't believe me? Just look at the statistics:

• 99 percent of the U.S. population own TV sets, and 54 percent have one in their bedroom.

• Children spend an average of three hours each day in front of the tube.

• Adults spend an average of four hours every day watching television.

• And get this — for children older than 7, 95 percent of television viewing is done alone and unsupervised.

I like the way the organization's executive director, Frank Vespe, puts it. "Allowing a set in a child's bedroom is essentially inviting a stranger into your house." Wow, talk about a turnoff!

Now I'm not suggesting we all throw out the television set, though I applaud those who do. TV does have its value, and occasionally, when the stars are perfectly aligned and the moon is blue, you can find really wholesome entertainment, maybe even educational. The Discovery Channel has some amazing programs the whole family will enjoy.

What I am suggesting is that we all accept the challenge — one week without television. That'll give you a pretty good idea what kind of role television really plays in your life.

If you're sweating and trembling by the end of the week, you may want to think about reducing the number of hours you watch on a regular basis.

And to help you in your quest to fill those empty hours, I've compiled a list of possible activities:

• Take a nice long walk with the kids, before the weather gets too hot to enjoy. Explore Fort Benning's forests.

• Visit The Infantry Museum, the library or a playground.

• Wash the car. If it doesn't need it, come wash mine.

• Yard work. Plant some flowers. Better yet, plant a tree and leave a lasting reminder of your presence on Fort Benning.

• Organize your sock drawer, junk drawer or coat closet.

• Read anything — a book, a poem, the newspaper, a cereal box. Just read.

• Volunteer, visit a nursing home or take magazines to the hospital.

• Riverfest!

• Take the kids to see the Best Ranger Competition and make up a really good story about the year you almost won.

• Play board games, cards, charades or ball.

• Go fishing.

• Make dinner together, from scratch.

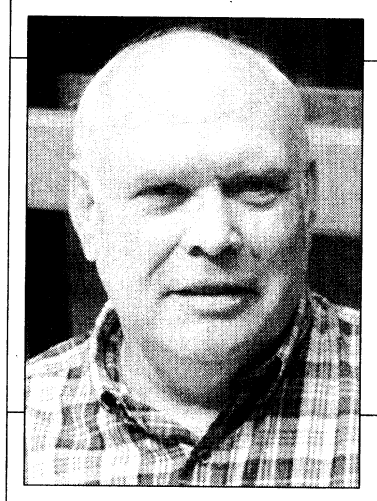
• Clean out your basement or garage for the upcoming postwide yard sale May 4.

• Go for a bike ride.

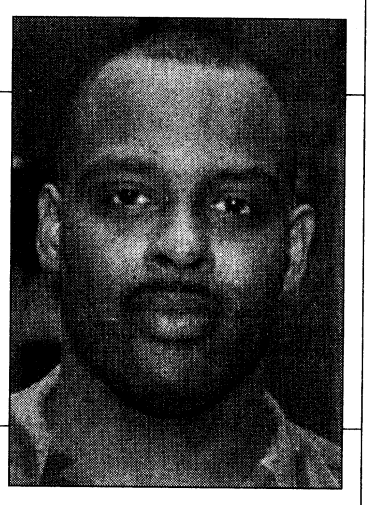
Whatever you decide to do, leave the TV off for a week. I dare you.

VARIOUS VOICES

How much TV do you watch, and do you limit your TV viewing?



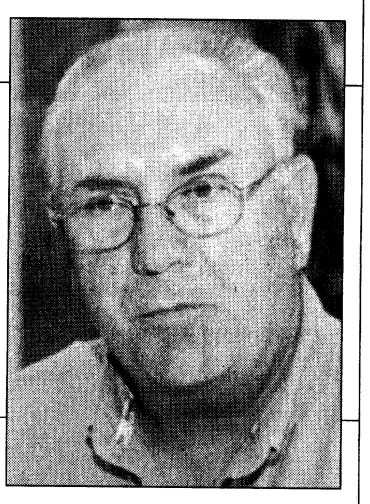
Retired Sgt. 1st Class, Donald Quick, Columbus — "I watch seven hours of television a week give or take a few depending on how busy I am. When I do watch television it's just the news."



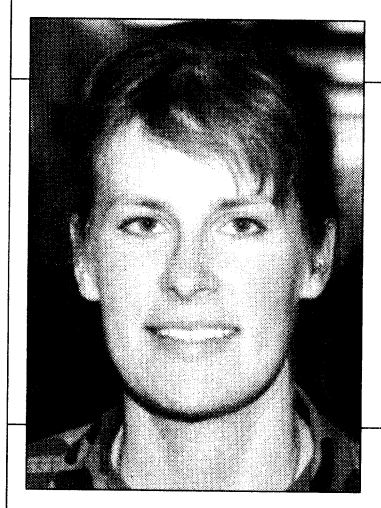
Sgt. 1st Class Ira Steele, 91st Division, Camp Parks, Calif. — "I watch the news every morning and evening. If I have time I watch a few hours of HBO or the History Channel."



Gayle Campbell, family member — "I have children so we watch a lot of family-oriented channels and learning programs. We never watch any violent or R-rated movies. On average we watch about 12 hours of TV a week."



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Ed Mullins, Columbus — "I watch two to three hours of television a week. Mainly news and information, and sometimes a movie."



Sgt. Zie Lovedy, 302nd MPAD, Bell, Calif. — "I watch one hour of TV on Thursday nights. My job doesn't leave much down time, but watching TV is a nice way to relax."



Spc. Sandra Mercado, 302nd MPAD — "I never have a chance to watch TV, but if I do it's something funny like Drew Carey."

Interviews and photos by Pfc. Kyle Neller. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

SPELL CHECK

Not all it's cracked up to be

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

"I have a spelling checker
I disk covered four my PC
It plane lee marks four my revue
Miss steaks aye can knot see."
"Ode to Spell Checkers" by Jerry Zar, Northwestern Illinois University



No doubt about it. Spell check has really changed the way we do business.

I'm not convinced that's a good thing.

In my humble opinion, spell check stinks. It's a crutch that too many people are way too dependent on. I'm not saying that a dependence on Spell Check will lead to the decline and eventual end of civilization as we know it, but surely the lack of attention to detail that lures people to use Spell Check can't be good.

"Each frays come posed up on my screen
Eye trussed too bee a joule.
The checker pours oar every word
To checque sum spelling rule."

I studied journalism in college, I've worked on training manuals from start to finish, worked on two school papers, played editor for more club newsletters than I care to remember and have copy edited everything from term papers to memorandums to articles for *The Bayonet* and everything in between for a long time.

If you are the author of something, even if it's just a note to your child's teacher or a classified ad, part of the writing process is taking the time to review what you've written. If you don't have enough time to review something you've written, either budget your time better or learn to proof read faster.

"And now bee cause my spelling
is checked with such grate flare,
There are know faults in awl this peace,
Of nun eye am a wear."

It never hurts to have other people proof your masterpiece either, especially if more than one person is going to be reading your final product. Typos, spelling errors, poor punctuation and fractured grammar can say more about you and the message you are trying to send than the actual content of your message.

"To rite with care is quite a feet
Of witch won should be proud,
And wee mussed dew the best wee can
Sew flaws are knot aloud."

When it comes to written messages, you can never be two care full.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Girls Scouts' bags stolen from parking lot

Saturday, April 20, between 4:30 and 5 p.m., a flight bag, an Army sleeping bag and a black sleeping bag were taken from the Doughboy Stadium parking lot.

The bags belonged to two Girl Scouts and they would like their belongings returned to them.

The stuffed animals were gifts from their grandma who passed away last month.

Please call me at 221-2872 or return the bags to Doughboy Stadium and I will pick them up.

Please return the contents of the flight bag.

— Paula Palmer
Columbus

Speeding still problem in post housing areas

Speeding in post housing seems to be one of the hottest topics going. This blatant show of disrespect to the rules and regulations as well as to one another is perhaps one of the most dangerous acts a Fort Benning resident can participate in.

Daily, my daughter, as well as hundreds of other children's lives around the installation are put in danger because people are in too big of a hurry to obey the speed limit. (Such as the white, 2001 Ford Mustang, that everyday, like clockwork at 7 a.m., noon, 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. comes speeding in front of my house.)

When I first learned to drive, my father told me about a friend of his who, for three years, had refused to get behind the wheel of a car.

While doing the speed limit through his neighborhood one day, his next-door neighbor's 3-year-old ran into the side of his truck on a tricycle and died.

The man not only faced manslaughter charges but also the pain of having to see his neighbor's face every day and knowing he had killed a child.

It took becoming a mother to realize the pain both my father's friend and the child's parents felt and were forced to deal with every day — the man was even doing the speed limit!

Every time I see a neighbor speeding through Custer Terrace, without a care in the world, I think of the possible tragedy.

— Jennifer Vchulek
Fort Benning

CORRECTION

In last week's paper Col. Thomas Cole was referred to as Chip Cole.

The Bayonet apologizes for the error and regrets any inconveniences it caused.

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Officials try to reduce checkpoint congestion

Alternate access points recommended

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Rising temperatures don't have to mean rising tempers.

That's the message the chief of Law Enforcement Division wants Fort Benning drivers to remember as summer approaches.

"Waiting lines at access points may well get longer as more and more people get out and about," said Lt. Col. Terry Kelley. "People should be a little more patient and remember that there's more than one way to get on post."

Kelley referred to the seven access points, or "checkpoints," around the installation: South Lumpkin Road, Benning Boulevard off Victory Drive, the I-185 entrance, Custer Road, Sand Hill, Eddy Bridge and 1st Division Road near the 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

Kelley said wait times average less than 10 minutes, even during peak traffic times at I-185, the most congested of the checkpoints. But there are ways to decrease the delay.

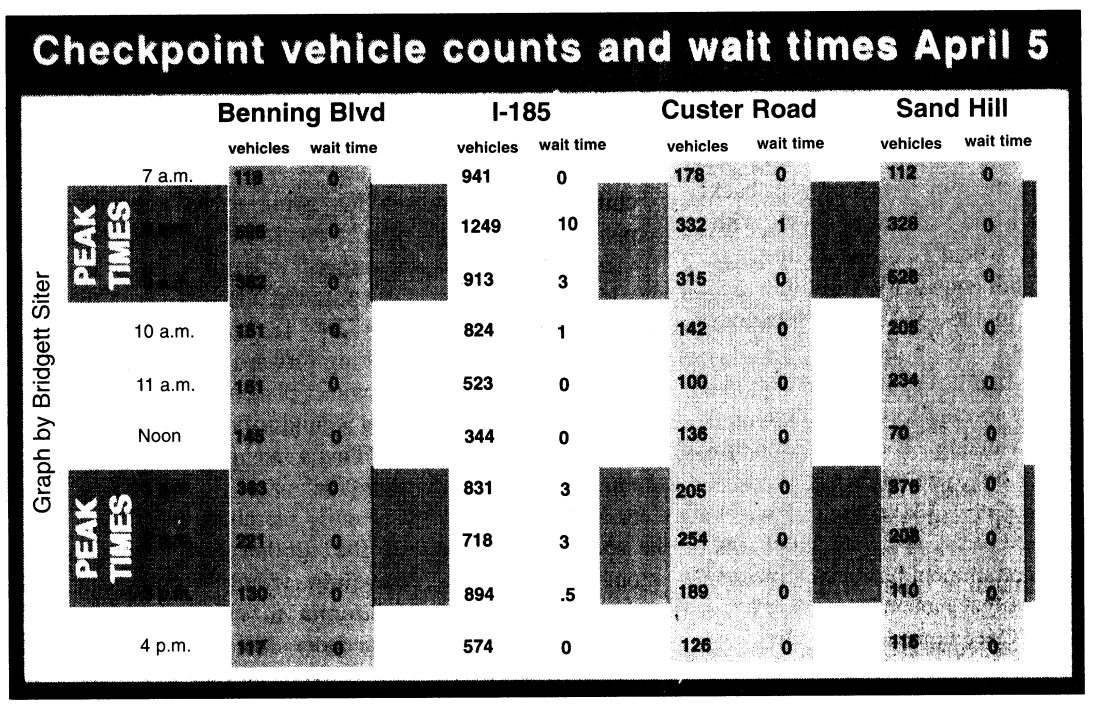
"Me, I'm the world's worst waiter. I'm too impatient," Kelley said. "I'd rather drive 30 minutes then wait 15. I suggest drivers consider entering post from one of the less congested points. They may drive a little out of the way, but they'll save themselves a little time in the long run."

Capt. Cary Cowan, the training officer in charge of access control, does just that. He lives off I-185, but enters post on Benning Boulevard.

"I just get off an exit early and drive around. There's less traffic and it saves me time," Cowan said.

Kelley said the I-185 checkpoint entrance will be widened to four lanes, at an unspecified date, to speed the process. Speed bumps will also be installed in the next few weeks, a reminder to drivers to enter and exit the checkpoint area with caution. The South Lumpkin access point is now open 12 hours, from 5 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day to help alleviate traffic congestion at other points, Kelley said.

On average, the I-185 entrance experiences the most traffic flow throughout the week, with surges between 7 and 9 a.m. (as many as 1,400 vehicles) and around noon (more than 700 vehicles).



The Benning Boulevard entrance experience the second largest traffic flow with between 300 and 400 vehicles at peak times.

"That's a big difference, worth taking a closer look at if you don't want to wait in those long lines during the summer heat. Try a different route," Kelley said.

Company sets new standard in eArmyU

Achieves 100 percent participation

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet Staff

A Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, has just set a new standard in eArmyU.

The company achieved 100 percent participation from all eligible soldiers in the program.

eArmyU is a program designed for enlisted soldiers to earn a college degree online.

Soldiers can choose from earning a certificate in a job field, an associate's, bachelor's or master's degree.

When first hearing about the program, A Company soldiers got started right away on it.

"I felt if the soldiers heard about it, and then saw someone take the lead, then that would get them motivate," said 1st Sgt. Paul Horton.

"So, I took the lead and enrolled myself in the program. I am now studying to get my bachelor of arts in English."

Horton, like many others in the company are starting a road to success.

"This program gives soldiers opportunities to learn various skills," said Capt. Edlyn E. Smith, company commander.

"In today's world, computers run a lot of things. These soldiers are learning how to use these computers that are important to us in battle. So, not only are they helping themselves out, but they are also helping out the mission," he said.

The program was created to allow soldiers who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend classes, to take their required courses over the Internet.

"If eArmyU wasn't available, I would have to wait until I am out of the Army to take classes," said Spc. Silas L. Chapman. "Now, I can take the courses in my free time and earn my associate's degree in criminal justice."

After being enrolled into the program, a soldier is sent a technology package within seven to 10 business days of being put into the system.

The technology package includes a laptop computer, a printer and free Internet access.

The only requirement for the program is soldiers must finish 12 credit hours within two years of receiving the package.

There is another requirement to the program that is an unwritten requirement.

"eArmyU takes a lot of discipline and a lot of motivation," said Elaine Livingston, chief, Staff Education and Training Division. "Soldiers are going to have to discipline themselves to sit down in front of the computer and complete these classes. There won't be someone there to tell them to do their work."

For the soldiers who discipline themselves and stay motivated to complete their degree, the rewards will be endless.

"This program is helping me be successful as a soldier," Chapman said. "Also, when I am out of the Army, it gives me something to look forward to in job field I will be going into."

eArmyU gives soldiers many opportunities to do a program they want and gives them an opportunity to do their work when they have time.

It's like a schedule, once you get used to it, it's easy," Horton said.

"I also believe that every eligible enlisted soldier should get involved in the program. When new soldiers come to our unit, we brief them about it, and encourage them to get involved," he said.

"I think that all chain of commands should push for their soldiers to join the program," said Staff Sgt. Klent L. Plummer. "It's helping me and it will certainly help them."

> "It's like a schedule, once you get used to it, it's easy."
>
> **1st Sgt. Paul Horton**
> A Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment

To apply for eArmyU a soldier must be enlisted and have three years of service left in the Army.

If a soldier meets these requirements, they can attend eArmyU briefings given every Wednesday morning at 9:30 a.m. in Infantry Hall, Classroom 32-B.

Benning consolidates recognition ceremonies

Sara Hodges
Quality Management Division

Fort Benning responded to customers' requests for greater emphasis on employee rewards and recognition by consolidating several recognition ceremonies and formalizing the opportunity to recognize people into a full day each quarter devoted to excellence appreciation — the Commanding General's Quarterly Excellence Recognition Day.

The event allows the commanding general, commanders, directors and personnel and special staff officers to recognize and honor soldiers, civilian employees and volunteers, as well as dignitaries and citizens from the local civilian communities.

This recognition helps to enhance cohesiveness, morale and esprit de corps within the Fort Benning team and the community.

The Commanding General's Quarterly Excellence Recognition Day is held each quarter on publicized dates.

The events at post level begin with the Two-Star Excellence Breakfast (7:30 a.m. Officers' Club) where as many as 400 military and civilian personnel gather to witness approximately 100 of their peers being recognized for performance excellence, for going above and beyond their expected performance.

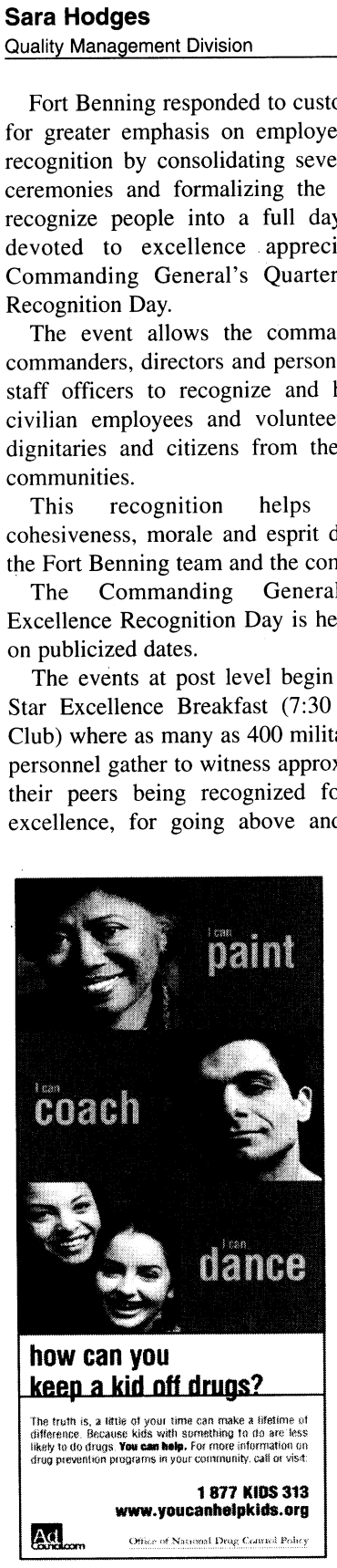
Other awards presented at the breakfast include the winners of individual and team competitions conducted each quarter for "Best Customer Service," and "Best Self-Help-U-Do-It Project," as well as safety awards, retention awards, volunteer awards, Employees of the Month awards, and higher headquarters and community service awards.

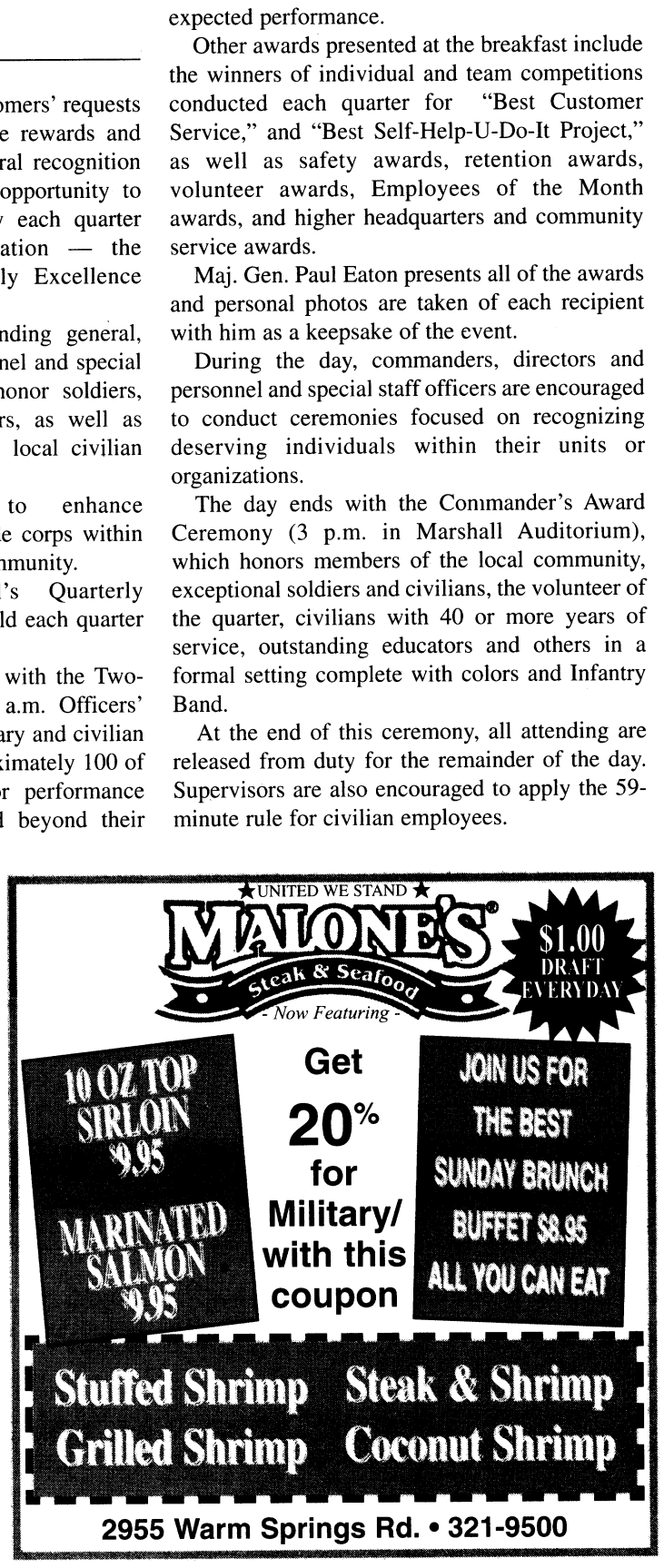
Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton presents all of the awards and personal photos are taken of each recipient with him as a keepsake of the event.

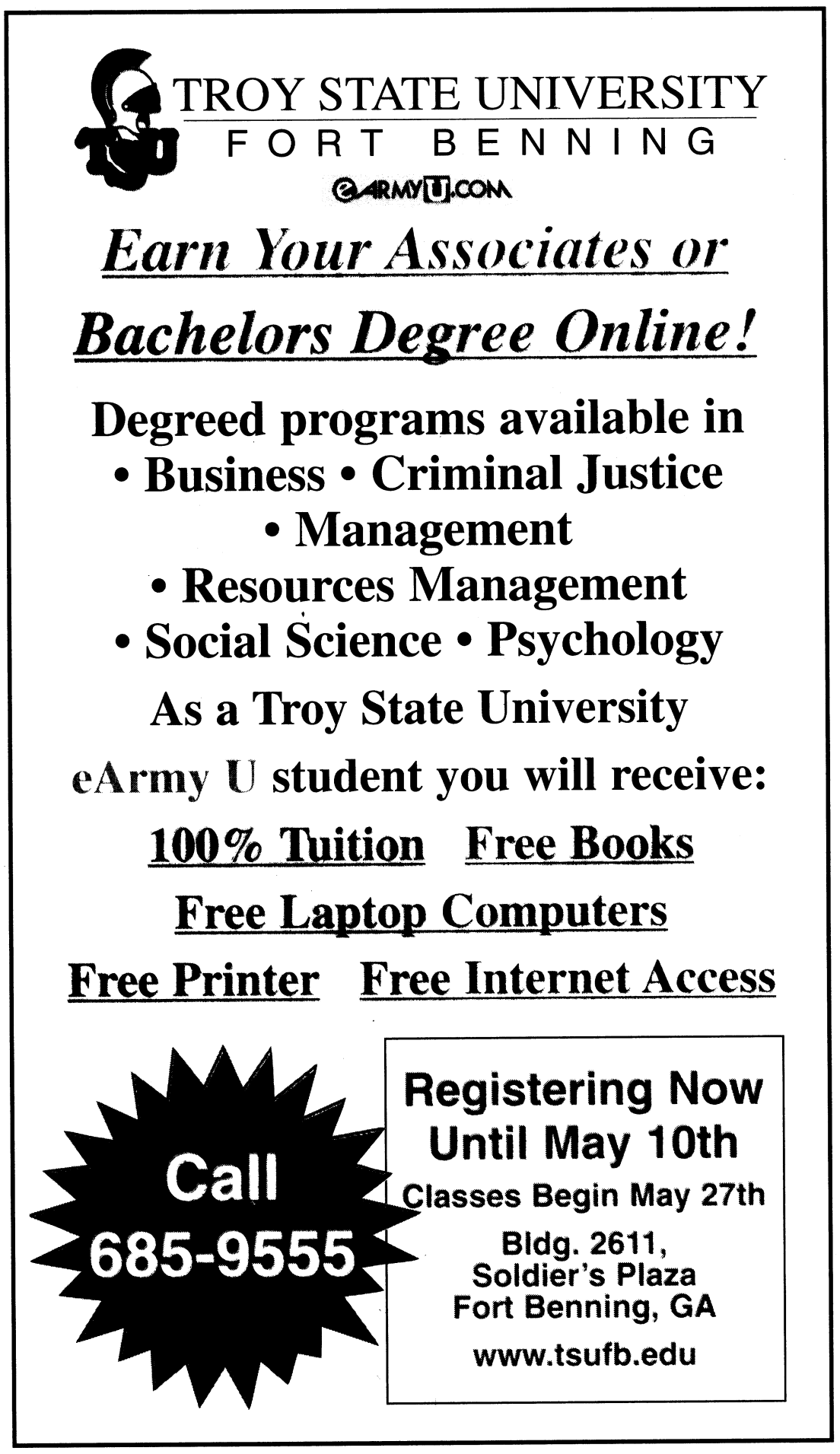
During the day, commanders, directors and personnel and special staff officers are encouraged to conduct ceremonies focused on recognizing deserving individuals within their units or organizations.

The day ends with the Commander's Award Ceremony (3 p.m. in Marshall Auditorium), which honors members of the local community, exceptional soldiers and civilians, the volunteer of the quarter, civilians with 40 or more years of service, outstanding educators and others in a formal setting complete with colors and Infantry Band.

At the end of this ceremony, all attending are released from duty for the remainder of the day. Supervisors are also encouraged to apply the 59-minute rule for civilian employees.







Best Ranger: Keeps competitors busy for 60 hours

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first-time competitor whose presence may raise a few eyebrows. Lazenby is an Army lawyer assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"We think he's the first JAG officer to compete," said 82nd coach Sgt. 1st Class Brandon Jenks. "He's in good shape, but technically, it took more for him to train up to get to the same level as the others because he doesn't do a lot of the tasks on a daily basis."

Lazenby, who finished Ranger School in 1995, agreed.

"I had to learn one task, the M-240B machine gun, from scratch."

Lazenby served as an enlisted medic and infantry officer before going to law school. He said he has always wanted to compete for the Best Ranger title, but his only other opportunity before this year conflicted with law school. He and his partner, Cpl. Andrew Fain, make up one of five teams representing the 82nd.

"I think we have a good chance of finishing," he said. "My partner is infantry and he is very strong."

One team that does not lack experience is the Infantry Training Brigade team of 1st Lt. Rick Ahern and Staff Sgt. Philip Savatino. This will be Ahern's sixth Best Ranger competition in seven years, and Savatino's third.

Ahern and his partner Marc Messerschmitt, then second lieutenants and representing the Student Officer Detachment, won the competition in 2000.

"I took a break last year and coached a team, but while I was watching them compete, I knew I was on the wrong side of the engineer tape," said Ahern. "When three guys volunteered to represent ITB this year, nobody had to force me to be the fourth."

A team from Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, also boasts an experienced competitor. 1st Lt. Lucas VanAntwerp and his partner Staff Sgt. Michael McNulty, placed third in last year's competition. VanAntwerp is competing with a different partner this year, his older brother Capt. Jeffrey VanAntwerp.

"Knowing each other really well is going to help us get through the competition," said Capt. VanAntwerp. "I think we've got a pretty good chance."

"It's going to be awesome, just awesome, competing together," said 1st Lt. VanAntwerp, the younger of the two by 18 months. "I'm looking forward to it. Whether we win or place, though, the real goal is to glorify God.

"That's all I'm really out there for."

Family members and friends of the brother team will be traveling from Virginia and California to cheer them on. "Our mom, dad, two sisters and little brother will be here," said Capt. VanAntwerp. The VanAntwerps are one of four teams competing for the 25th Infantry Division.

If awards were presented for "Most Traveled Team" or "Most Determined to Get Here Team," three teams would sweep both categories. Staff Sgts. Robert Ossman and Mark Roland are competing during a hiatus from a deployment in Kosovo. Capts. Matthew Bartlett and Jesse Abreu, and their alternate, 1st Lt. Nat Wilson, have just returned from a deployment in Bosnia.

Both teams are coached by Sgt. 1st Class David Ventura.

Two 3rd Brigade soldiers attached to the 10th Mountain Division in Kosovo, Capts. Tracy Trudell and Ryan Shipley traveled from Camp Monteith, Kosovo.

Shipley credits Command Sgt. Maj. Steven Greer with their presence here.

"Command Sgt. Maj. Greer has been our biggest supporter all along," said Shipley. "Telling us what paperwork we needed to get done, different techniques that have worked for him in the past."

"He's been such a huge asset to us," Trudell agreed. "We've found a fountain of knowledge in him. He's done the BRC four times and trained several teams. I just wish we had more time with him."

"People look at us like we're crazy for wanting to do this," laughed Trudell.

"This is the toughest competition. That's what Lt. Col. Kurt Fuller, the OIC of G-3, was telling me after I told him I wanted to do it. I told him about all the triathlons I've won and he said 'I don't think you are understanding me, captain. These are professional, world-class athletes and only half of them are even finishing. This is the toughest military competition in the world.'"

Trudell and Shipley trained for the competition while fulfilling full-time duties on the Kosovo deployment. They were not sure they would be able to compete until they received authorization in January.

"We are definitely ill-prepared for this competition, and we realize that, but we love being the underdogs," said Trudell. "I think we're ready mentally. It's just like Ranger School, one big challenge, but you have to have the stamina to drive on with the ranger objective and complete the mission."

Families and friends of the competitors will be able to watch in-depth coverage of the Best Ranger Competition on the Outdoor Life Network, which is covering the event for the first time this year. OLN camera crews have already been at work across post for nearly two weeks. Nearly a dozen OLN camera crews will be following the competitors through the weekend.

OLN will broadcast three one-hour episodes of the Best Ranger Competition during prime time on May 13, 20 and 27. All three episodes will be aired back-to-back on Memorial Day, May 27.

Exact air times will be posted on the network's Web site, www.olntv.com.

ESPN is also covering this year's Best Ranger Competition. A one-hour program will premiere July 7 and run throughout the month.

Near real-time coverage will be available online at www.bestranger.com.

Editor's note: *Spc. Molly Jones with the 131st MPAD, stationed in Kosovo, contributed to this article.*

OFW: Keeps Benning busy

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soldier is given by the OFW developments essentially make them a system of systems, which will make up the future combat system.

OFW is an improvement on the Land Warrior system, which was also developed at Fort Benning's TRADOC System Manager–Soldiers organization.

The Infantry Center has led the Army in consolidating the military occupational skills. Instead of having a different MOS for an infantryman with several more skills than another soldier, MOSs were combined to drastically reduce the maintenance of the numbers of MOSs.

Fort Benning's post commander Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton said the Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab is key to the Army's future and will continue to play a vital role in Army Transformation.

"The Benning battlefield lab is going to work harder than they've probably ever worked before," said William Briscoe, director of TRADOC Transformation. "They're going to have to work across the DTLOMS (doctrine, training, leader development, organizations, materiel and soldiers) to ensure infantry capabilities get blended into a system of systems architecture.

"Battle labs are going to be rechartered so that we start building this cadre of subject matter experts who understand system of systems development in branch capabilities and how those capabilities have got to be present across the tactical and strategic levels of war to support the warfighting CINC (commander in chief)."

The Infantry Center's expertise in small unit leadership training for infantry soldiers and officers is the reason it was selected to conduct pilots for a planned Basic Officer Leadership Course, Briscoe said.

"New officers have already completed their basic training, whether it's at the Officer Candidate School, Reserve Officer Training Corps summer training camps, or at West Point," he said. "BOLC orients that training to ensure they have the basics of small-unit leadership that prepares them for their individual branches."

Briscoe said that a final site or sites for BOLC has not been selected.

A new approach in training soldiers so they're able to begin contributing to their first Army unit of assignment also is in a pilot course at Fort Gordon.

"The assignment-oriented training process takes a hard look at the critical tasks that are currently in our programs of instruction (POI), and makes a determination whether an individual really needs all those skills at that first unit," said Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commander of TRADOC's Army Accessions Command.

"You take those less relevant tasks out of the POI and reduce the training time. That provides a more highly competent soldier to the operational Army in a shorter period of time."

The pilot involves Signal Corps soldiers who will operate and maintain mobile subscriber equipment. Every Army signal unit does not use all the equipment. Soldiers trained only on equipment used by their first unit have shortened class time from 13.6 weeks to 9.6 weeks.

The Signal Center at Fort Gordon leads the "lifelong learning" concept, through the creation of its University of Information Technology.

"When their soldiers graduate from training, the school stays linked with them," Briscoe said. "The school gives each one a CD, and the soldiers stay in communications, linked through a Web site. That gives soldiers updates on tasks and changes to skill tasks to ensure they maintain their proficiency at their skill levels."

Fort Gordon is also the test installation for a new $25 million Guaranteed Fixed Price Remediation contract to clean up 26 hazardous waste sites. The contractor is responsible for all coordination with state and federal environmental officials through ensuring cleanup meets their regulatory approval.

Recently there have been news stories repeating rumors that the Fort Benning battle lab will close, or another training function there will be transferred to another installation.

The Signal School was rumored to be moving from Fort Gordon to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

"You just can't do away with the level of expertise and the credibility places like the Signal Center at Fort Gordon and Infantry Center have for the Army," Briscoe said. "There's a fundamental culture and a doctrinal mainstream identification for those two organizations, and for what they do to build our force. You can't lose that."

Meeting: Answers questions

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Fort Benning is a vital player in the Army's Transformation, Eaton said. The objective is to create an Objective Force, powered by a Future Combat System. (See article by Jim Caldwell on page A-1.)

Abrams briefed the Congressional delegates and area representatives on the emerging changes of asymmetrical threats, the proliferation of technology and the need for the force to be a forward presence.

The emerging changes drive Army doctrine changes, such as how soldiers are trained, leader development, organizations, materiel, Abrams said in a press release.

The dismounted soldier and small unit leader are crucial to winning our nation's wars and Fort Benning's Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab is key to the Army's future and will continue to play a vital role in the Army's Transformation, Abrams said.

Working with other TRADOC battle labs will integrate battle functions and enhance the Objective Force's Land Warrior System, he said.

"The Benning battle lab is going to work harder than they've probably ever worked before," Abrams said. "They're going to have to work across the DTLOMS (doctrine, training, leader development, organizations materiel and soldiers) to ensure infantry capabilities get blended into a system of systems architecture.

"Battle labs are going to be rechartered so that we start building this cadre of subject matter experts who understand system of systems development in branch capabilities and how those capabilities have got to be present across the tactical and strategic levels of war to support the warfighting commander in chief."

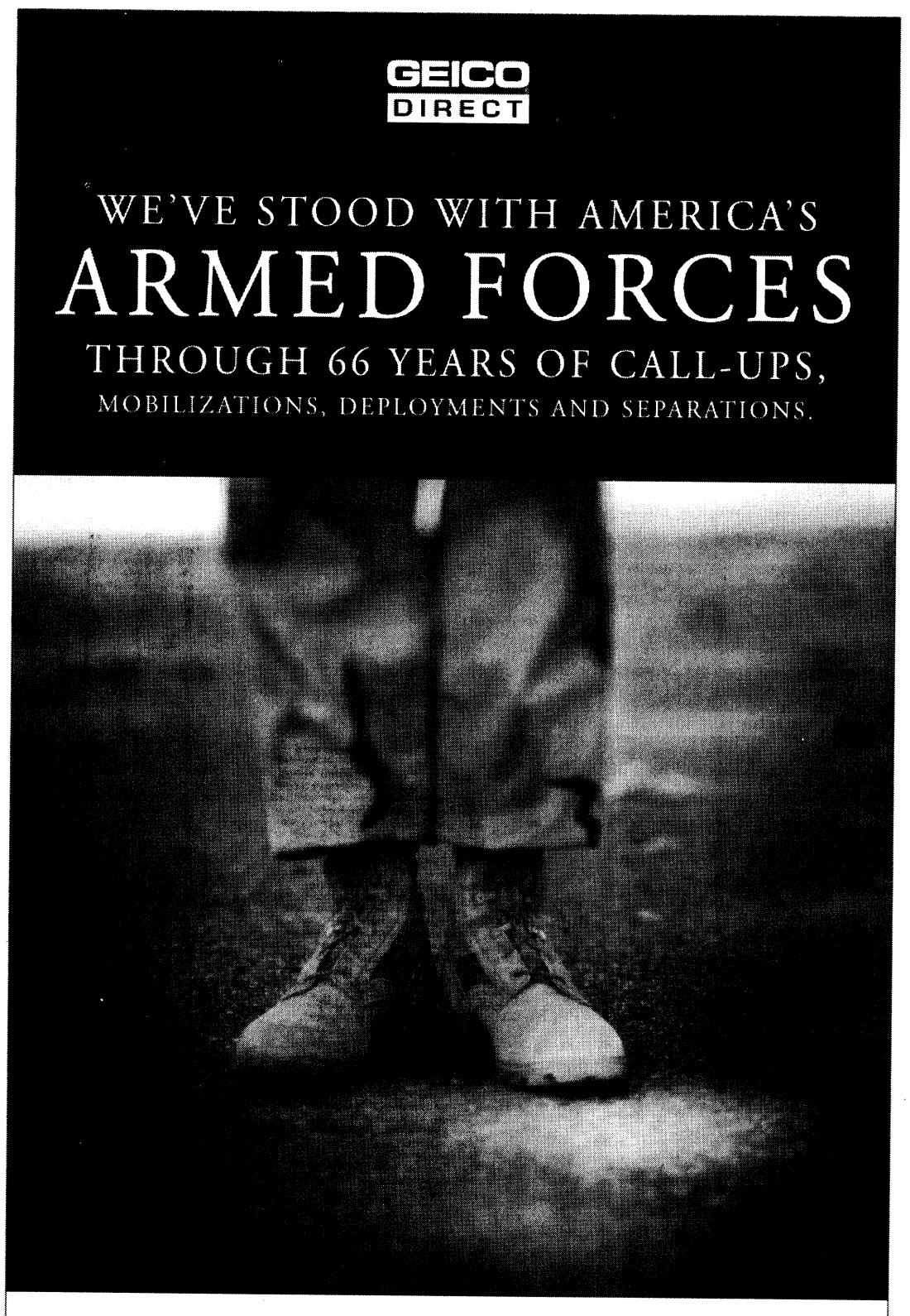
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Senator visits post

Max Cleland speaks at luncheon

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning celebrated Law Day with a luncheon Monday at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Among those in attendance were U.S. Sen. Max Cleland, D-Ga., and Columbus Mayor Bobby G. Peters.

The purpose of Law Day is to reflect on the role and rule of law in the United States and celebrate personal freedoms.

"The ceremony draws attention to the importance of law in a civil society," said Ron Mulling, a lawyer and member of the Columbus Bar Association. "The lawyers I know try to do the right thing."

In Columbus, the bar association emphasizes their Pro Bono Project, geared toward volunteering legal services for community members.

"Lawyers donate their time to those who have disputes," said Capt. Josh Shuey, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "Columbus fosters the spirt of giving and expects lawyers to donate their time."

Though attorneys tend to get a bad rap, it's only the few celebrated cases that make lawyers look bad, Shuey said.

"Lawyers do a lot for people," he said, especially sustaining the laws and the system established.

When people blame lawyers for raising criminal activity by freeing criminals, they are under cutting the law, Cleland said.

"People vilify lawyers rather than chant them," Cleland said.

The government and the system are in place to hold people accountable, the senator said. Each generation must recommit to justice. The system is vulnerable and may not be perfect. But Law Day will guide the system to achieve its goal to provide equal justice under the law.

AER exceeds goal

Benning contributes more than $180,000 to campaign

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The post AER campaign ended April 19. The campaign surpassed the goal of $170,000 producing $180,658, as of press time, and residual donations are still coming into the AER office.

Army Emergency Relief is a private nonprofit organization incorporated in 1942. AER's mission is to provide emergency financial assistance to soldiers.

"We're grateful we were able to achieve and exceed the goal, said Al Deane, installation AER officer. "It started out slow, and then it began to pick up after the fourth week."

During 2001, the AER office assisted 978 clients — family members, retirees and active duty soldiers — with $848,846.73 in grants, loans and scholarships.

The money that the Fort Benning area contributes is funneled into a central bank, consolidated, and made available worldwide.

The AER office asked the major subordinate commands and the directorates to assist them during the campaign.

"It's very important to go to all the soldiers and explain how it helps support fellow soldiers," said Command Sgt. Maj. Joe L. Bradley, 29th Infantry Regiment command sergeant major. "We gave 100 percent of the soldiers the opportunity to contribute to AER, and I think we did very well."

The contributions will also go towards the Maj. Gen. James Ursano program, providing scholarships to children of active duty or retired soldiers. Each organization or directorate that donated will receive a certificate of appreciation for their contributions.

For more information about AER, call 545-2536 or 545-7517.

Volunteers: Celebrate

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gave me. That's what it's all about," Plass said.

Stephanie Koop, the daughter of Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond and Shirley Koop, was named Youth Volunteer of Excellence for her work with the Fort Benning Youth Advisory Council, Youth of the Chapel, Club Beyond, Habitat for Humanity, the Valley Rescue Mission and the Professional Clown Ministry.

The Family Readiness Group Volunteer of Excellence was awarded to Cindy Applegate. Applegate organized the Martin Army Community Hospital's Family Readiness Group.

The 29th Infantry regiment was named the Volunteer Organization of Excellence for their work with Partners In Education, Special Olympics, JROTC, Santa's Castle, Red Cross blood drives and mentorship programs.

The 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment was presented the FRG Organization of Excellence Award.

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Team Of Excellence Award: Cross-Functional Category: The Bradley Master Gunner Distance Learning Pilot Course Team
Team Members are Elaine Livingston, Directorate Of Operations And Training; Sgt. 1st Class Charles Inderrieden & Staff Sgt. Donnie Elsenpeter, 29th Infantry Regiment
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PUBLIC NOTIFICATION MONITORING/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS NOT MET

Water System Name:USA-Fort Benning Water System
County: Muscogee Date of Release: January 1, 2002 to February 26, 2002
Contact Person: Joseph Wilkins
Phone: (706)545-2400
Mailing Address: US Army Infantry Center, DFEL-Environmental Management Division, Building 6 (Meloy Hall)
City: Fort Benning State: Georgia Zip: 31905
Violation: The USA-Fort Benning Water System failed to complete the monitoring and reporting requirements for chlorite (a disinfection byproduct) for compliance period 1/1/02 to 2/28/02

Fort Benning's drinking water is produced totally from water treated from the Upatoi Creek. As you can imagine, there are numerous quality checks that we run through before we release the water into the distribution system so as to insure that all of our users are provided with safe drinking water. At the beginning of this year, a brand new requirement was levied to test for chlorite, a by-product of the purification process. It took us a period of time to get ramped up to accomplish this test and find suitable laboratories to conduct the off-site test. Unfortunately, this process took longer than we anticipated.

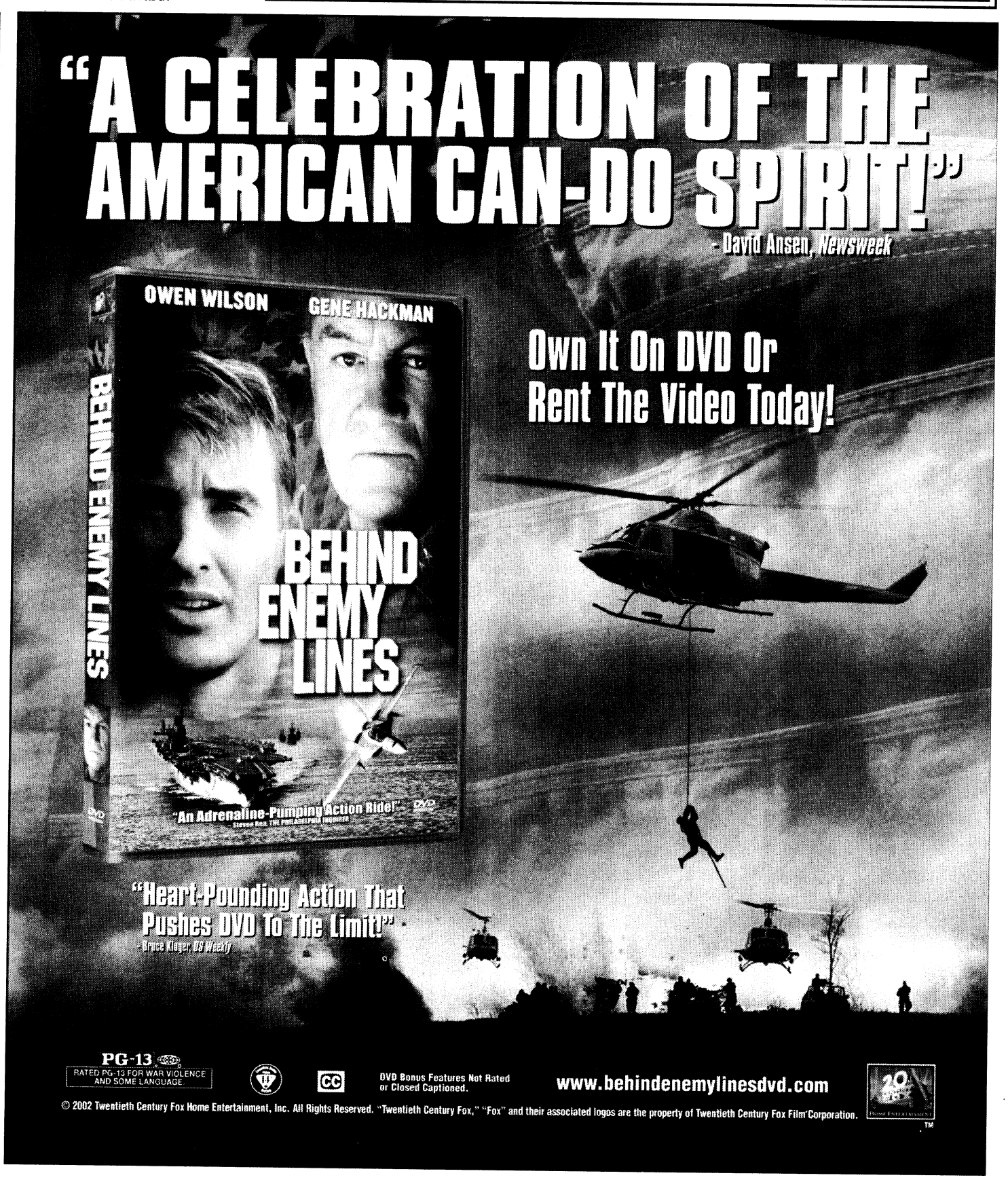
We are therefore required to advise you of this lack of testing. This is the notice we are required by the State to publish:

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not our drinking water meets health standards. During compliance period 1/1/02 to 1/31/02 and 2/1/02 to 2/28/02, we did not complete all monitoring or testing for chlorite and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time.

What does this mean? In February and March, when the proper tests were completed, our results averaged only trace elements of chlorite in the amount of 0.421 parts per million. These are well below the tolerances for safe drinking water. The absence of the test poses no threat to the quality of the water supplied. Fort Benning's users should not be alarmed nor do they need to seek alternate water sources. As of 27 February 2002, Fort Benning has assembled the proper equipment and began the daily checking of the water for chlorite in accordance with newly established testing protocols.

For more information, please contact the Fort Benning Water system manager, Mr. Don Parsons at 545-2916 or Mr. Joseph Wilkins, at the DFEL Environmental Management Division, 545-2400.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score.

The skills learned are applicable to the individual's military duties. The remaining classes scheduled are as follows:

Today through May 10; May 20-June 17; June 17-July 9; July 15-Aug. 2; and Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

Classes will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 to 4:45 p.m.). A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004.

Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only. For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

Special Forces brief

The 1st Special Forces Operational Detachment-Delta will hold a briefing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today at Infantry Hall, Classroom 9.

For more information, call 545-8771.

ID Card section

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 11 a.m. today to perform student ID card processing requirements.

Normal operational hours will resume on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. For more information, call Dollie Stutson at 545-1411.

NCO, Soldier of Quarter

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. today at the Main NCO Club.

For more information, call 545-1500.

CPR course

Martin Army Community Hospital will teach a BCLS (CPR) Instructor Course from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 8-9.

The course will be at Building 880 on Main Post (across from Wynnsong 10). DoD personnel, active-duty, reserve and civilians are eligible.

Prerequisites include a current BCLS Level C (Healthcare Provider) card.

Registration is required.

To register, call 544-4230 or 544-3591 or via email at gary.white@se.amedd.army.mil. Seats are limited, so register no later than May 1.

AUSA job fair

The Association of the U.S. Army will conduct a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 23 in Infantry Hall.

The fair is for soldiers (active-duty and retired), DA civilians and their family members.

Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews.

For resume assistance, call Army Career and Alumni Program at 545-2308 or the Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program at 545-6969 or 545-5516.

Asian Pacific Heritage Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers to provide cultural awareness activities such as: dancing, singing, martial arts demonstration or other talent that represents Asian, during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Luau.

The luau is 4 to 10 p.m. May 31 at Uchee Creek. The deadline for registration is April 22.

For more information, call 545-6665.

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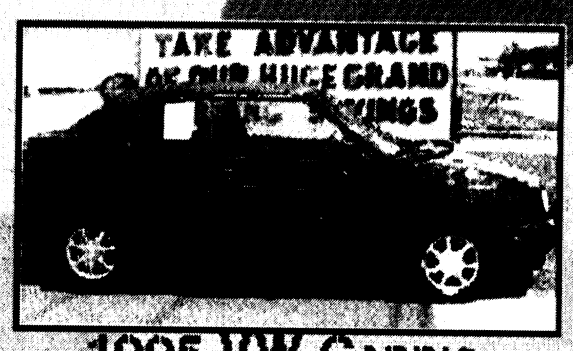
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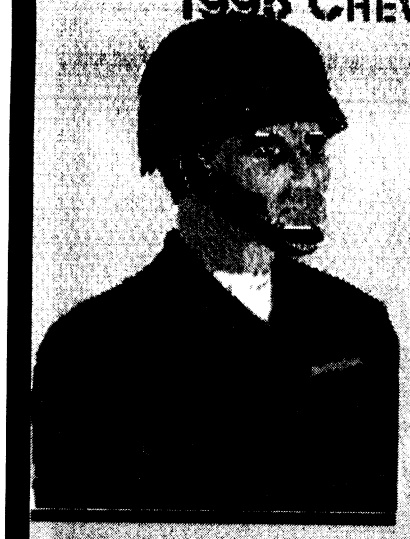
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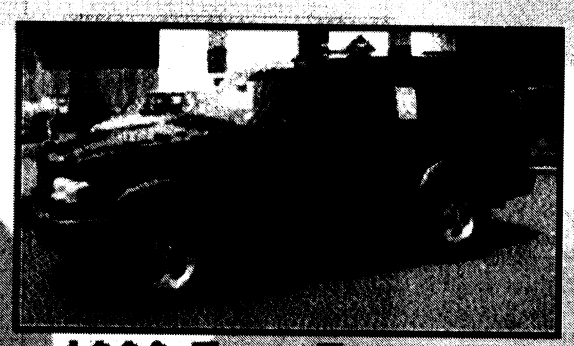


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Army to boot out microfiche

Soldiers will access official military files online by June 1

Kevin Larson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army is saying good-bye to an old mainstay.

After years of service, the microfiche system used by personnel units and soldiers to keep tabs on their careers is going the way of the dinosaur and dodo bird.

The online Official Military Personnel File will completely replace the old microfiche system by next year.

Over the coming months, the Total Army Personnel Command plans on pulling microfiche in phases, said Theresa McGuire, branch chief of Officers' Records.

The first phase will be to stop sending microfiche to soldiers in the field, McGuire said, followed by eliminating the readers and associated accessories from PERSCOM.

Phase one should be completed by this summer, McGuire said. She said the personnel system should be completely electronic by next year.

The OMPF for every soldier is currently online on a test-run basis.

By June 1, those records will be available to access, said McGuire.

Previously, only majors, captains, sergeants first class and staff sergeants being considered for promotion had access to their online files.

Currently, the OMPFs for soldiers eligible for promotion to lieutenant colonel or master sergeant are available online.

The old microfiche readers will become turn-in equipment, McGuire said.

"What we're trading-in is a horse-and-buggy and we're not getting a Model A, we're getting a brand new Chevy," said Col. Howard Olsen, the Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center commander.

Replacing the old microfiche system with an online system is "monumental," Olsen said.

"We're empowering the soldier to have greater participation in career management," he said.

Under the old system, soldiers had to write letters requesting a microfiche copy of their records, said McGuire. Soldiers then had to wait four to six weeks for the microfiche to come in the mail.

"Then you had to find a microfiche reader, and those are hard to find," McGuire said.

With the online system, soldiers will be able to log onto their Army Knowledge Online account and view their records to make sure everything is correct and complete.

If a document is missing, all the soldier needs to do is take a copy of the document to one of 30 digital centers and have the document verified and scanned in for addition to the record, Olsen said.

"It's going to allow people to update records in a day or two," McGuire said.

Promotion boards will also access soldiers' files via the online system.

When soldiers pull up their records, they're only looking at a mirror image of the actual files, Olsen said. The actual file is tucked away safely behind several computer firewalls in a database.

Off-site backups of the files are kept, too, Olsen said.

By putting personnel files on the Web, the Army will not only make updating and viewing personnel files easier, it will also save money, Olsen said.

Every six months McGuire's branch spends $50,000 on film and developing materials, mailing costs and other microfiche-related expenses, she said. It also takes a four-person staff to mail the "fiches."

The price tag for providing microfiche records to enlisted soldiers was about $350,000 a year, Olsen said.

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Thank you VOLUNTEERS

Former black hat pins on son's wings

Son follows father's footsteps to airborne school

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Trying to parallel what Dad does is no easy task, but one man is following in his father's footsteps while still taking his own path.

Marine Sgt. Duke Duplessis, 2nd Recon Battalion, Camp Lejeune, N.C., graduated Airborne school April 19 with C Company, Class 21-02. His father, a former pathfinder instructor and retired airborne black hat, pinned on Duke's wings at the ceremony.

"I'm proud of him just like any dad would be, pinning the wings on his son," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Aaron Duplessis.

While his father was stationed here, Duke spent most of his childhood years growing up in the Fort Benning and Columbus area.

"When I was little I watched all of the training from Faith (Middle School), but I never expected that one day I would end up graduating the course," Duke said. "Now kids watching me train may eventually end up here too."

But having a father who is a retired black hat does lead to a little teasing.

"I told Duke if I was his black hat, he would do a lot of push-ups, but it's all just for fun," Aaron said.

After Duke made his first jump he called home. His father still called him a "nasty, dirty leg,"

"All the teasing is just in good fun," Aaron said. "I'm very proud of him."

Airborne school was Duke's first experience training with the Army.

"It was enjoyable, the instructors were professional," Duke said. "I wish I would have gone through A Company, because that's where my father was the instructor."

Aaron sent his son off to jump school with a bit of helpful advice.

"I told him think positive and keep his head up because they don't just give the wings away," Aaron said.

Military wife shares Citadel memories

First female grad teaches on post

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Three years after becoming The Citadel's first female graduate, Nancy Mace still believes the most important lessons she learned were not academic.

"In the long run, adversity doesn't have to have a negative impact on your life. It can make you stronger," said Mace, who lives on Fort Benning with her husband, 1st Lt. Chris Niemiec.

Mace said the challenges she faced when she bucked The Citadel's 160-year-old "male only" policy made her a stronger person. She recounted the public criticism and the pressures she endured during her first year as a cadet at the South Carolina military academy in her book *In the Company of Men*, published by Simon & Schuster in November.

The book is based on journals she kept during her three years at the institute, beginning in 1996.

"Journaling was an outlet for me, a way to let out both the angst and the happiness. The Citadel is a place you love one minute, hate the next. Journaling helped me get it off my chest," she said.

Indeed, the book reads much like a teen-ager's diary, focusing on incidents and anecdotes rather than the politics of assimilation. Mace said she wrote it for a young audience, but believes the book reaches across generation and gender lines.

"It's a great book, a short read. You can read it from cover to cover in just a few hours," she said. "But I believe it will appeal to anyone and everyone, whether they agree with allowing women there or not."

The book describes the college's practice of hazing and the freshmens' induction into the school's notorious Fourth Class System, something all cadets endure. But it also recounts the many times Mace was singled out, ostracized or abused.

She recalls one Citadel alumnus who repeatedly taunted her at football games. Reeking of alcohol, he wiped his muddy soles on her spit-shined shoes and whispered obscenities in her ear.

"I would sit at attention while he whispered, my cheeks burning, my eyes smarting with tears, as nausea rose and nearly overpowered me," she wrote.

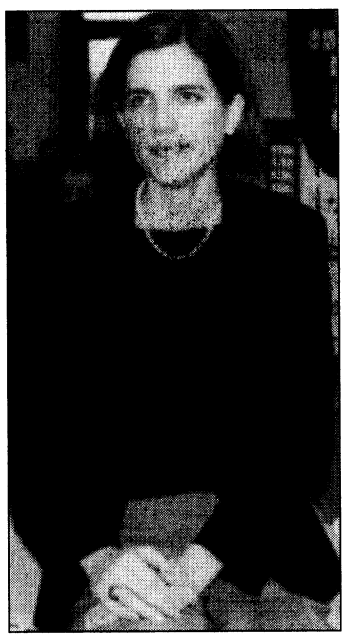
But the uproar she and three female classmates caused when they enrolled in The Citadel has "died down to some extent," Mace said, and she rarely encounters that kind of vicious animosity anymore, though she occasionally meets disgruntled alumni at book-signings.

"I've learned to ignore it. I can't carry around that kind of negative baggage," she said. "Anybody who wants to waste their time talking about me must live a very boring life."

Mace entered The Citadel with several college credits under her belt, enabling her to graduate a year ahead of her classmates. She opted to pursue a career with a management consulting firm instead of the military.

But the long hours and constant travel kept her away from her husband, so Mace switched gears last fall, accepting a position as substitute teacher at a Fort Benning elementary school.

"I was a military brat, then I went to a military college and now I'm a military spouse. This is a new hat for me, one I've not had much time to enjoy because



Bridgett Siter

Nancy Mace works at Dexter Elementary School.

I've been on the road so much," said Mace, the daughter of retired Brig. Gen. James Mace, who served as The Citadel's commandant of cadets when Mace was a cadet.

A self-described workaholic, Mace will continue to travel when she's not teaching. She tours the Southeast promoting her book and acting as a consultant for the upcoming TV movie by the same name, which is due to air sometime this fall.

She plans to return to school next year to pursue a master's degree in journalism or mass communications.

"There are so many things in my life right now ... being an author at such a young age. And now the movie. I try to be humble," Mace said. "But I wouldn't be here at all if it wasn't for The Citadel. My life is so full, so rich because of my experience there.

"I want to give something back because I've been given so much. If it helps recruit for the school, or inspires another young lady, so much the better," she said.





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Soldiers practice treating patients in a mock chemical environment.

Hospital conducts casualty exercise

Hospital trains to experience real situation

Pfc. Chris Stephens
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So, how does the hospital get ready for a wartime situation? By conducting a two-week mass-casualty exercise in the field.

"The purpose of the exercise is to test the soldiers to see if they can react in the way needed to in a hostile situation," said Lt. Col. Judith Lee, hospital battalion commander. "We also wanted the soldiers to get familiar with the equipment they would be using out in the field."

There are many types of equipment used in the field hospital, because there are many different jobs, including nutritionists, dieticians, dental services, X-ray, lab, operating room, emergency medical technicians, intensive care units, physical therapy and intermediate care units.

"All units are important to the completion of the field hospital," said Sgt. 1st. Class Yvonne Hicks, chief wardmaster. "Without each of these units, the hospital would not be successful."

The hospital spent two weeks out in the field mocking a wartime situation. The operation depicted situations where many casualties were being brought to the hospital by ground and air, and each casualty had to be placed in the correct area and treated properly.

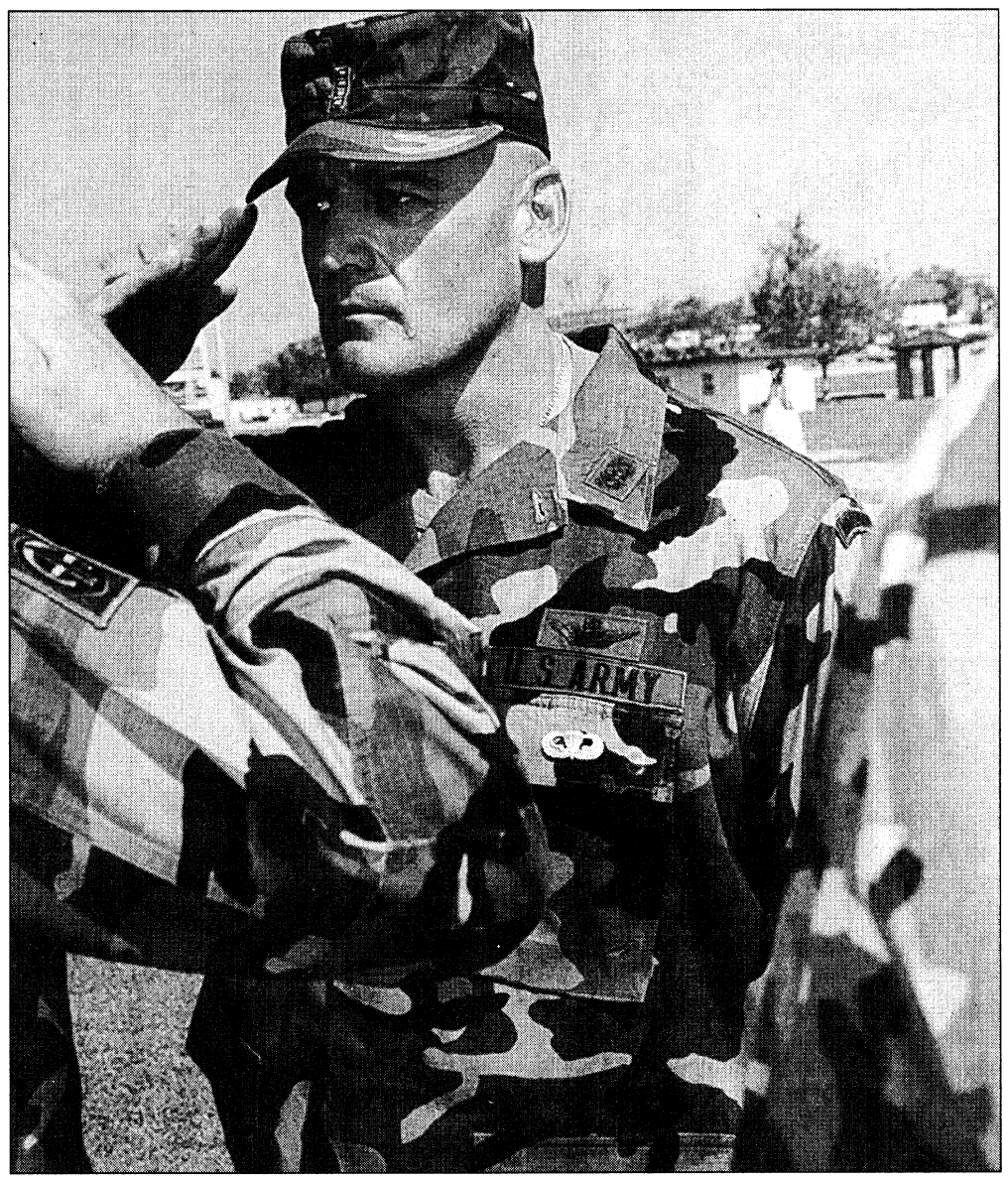
As the exercise was going on, there were supervisors there making sure they were doing the right thing.

"For the 413 soldiers assigned to the field hospital, they have to get used to working with soldiers they're not used to working with," Lee said. "We have soldiers here from Fort Gordon, Ga., Fort Stewart, Ga., Fort Jackson, S.C., and Fort Huachua, Ariz."

The soldiers used the two weeks to learn how to work together as a team.

"The requirements of this training mission were brought about due to 9-11," Lee said. "We realized how unprepared we were and now we are fixing the situation and preparing ourselves for whatever may be thrown at us in the future."

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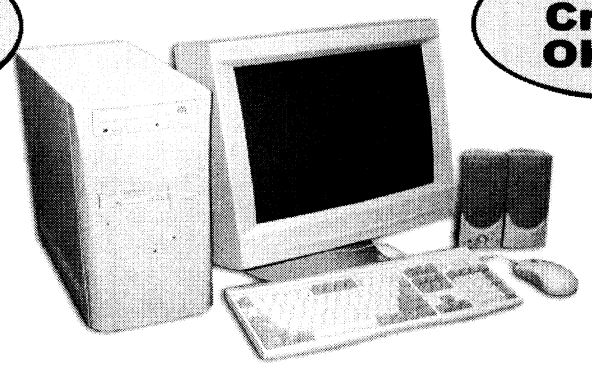


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Chief Warrant Officer Nick J. Garcia, with 160th SOAR (A), Fort Campbell Ky., 45 was the officer honor graduate for C Company, Class 21-02. He was presented the Ryder Award April 19 by Col. Gordon Mereness, 29th Infantry Regiment commander.



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Soldiers develop teamwork skills on course

Squads tackle obstacles for training

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The only one-station unit training infantry cycle in the Basic Combat Training Brigade navigated the team development course April 15.

There were few changes for A Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, to make. The adjustment to train infantry soldiers were the addition of two drill sergeants from the Infantry Training Brigade and training the company's drill sergeants to teach the infantry classes, before they picked up their cycle April 12.

"It doesn't matter the MOS you're training, you want to produce a strong, disciplined soldier," said Capt. John McLaughlin, A Company commander. "The training has to be as good as it can be, you owe that to the soldiers."

Fort Benning has to train more infantrymen, said Lt. Col. Chip Lewis, 2nd Bn., 47 Inf. Regt., commander. To be able to do that there is a need for more cycles. "But, we have reorganized and adapted ourselves, and we will execute the mission we are assigned and do it to standard."

The soldiers ran the course during their fourth day of training enhancing their leadership and teamwork skills while having to problem solve their way through the obstacles.

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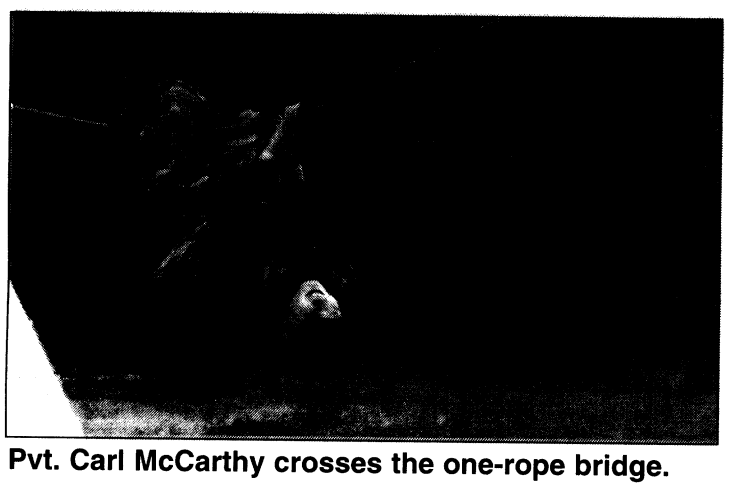
"The soldiers don't know each other very well yet, so this training will build bonds for success," said Staff. Sgt. Jermal Dubose, drill sergeant. "Doing this now helps to enhance and sharpen a soldier's skills so they work better in more critical times."

For the "broken bridge" obstacle, the soldiers had to move the squad and a barrel across a gap using three boards and stumps in the ground to navigate across.

"I love doing stuff like that, it helps me build leadership skills," said Pvt. Chase Whitham.

Teaching both basic training and infantry training adds a lot of variety to the drill sergeants' tour, Lewis said. It will also help them maintain proficiency on infantry skills.

"Being infantry myself, I might be in the same unit with these guys somewhere down the line," Dubose said.



Pvt. Carl McCarthy crosses the one-rope bridge.



Pvt. Jason Enriquez lays down boards to help his squad solve the broken bridge obstacle.

Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp



2nd Lt. Michael Hadicke fires the M-82 A1 rifle during a firing exercise.

Pfc. Chris Stephens

German snipers fire

Foreign officers train on Benning

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet Staff

Three German officers are spending three weeks at Fort Benning for training in U.S. Army weapons and tactics.

German 2nd Lts. Ralph Schwarzfischer, Michael Hadicke and Johannes Schweizer, will be firing weapons like the M-16 A2 rifle and the M-24 sniper rifle, and will also go through portions of airborne training and ranger training to include swamp training.

The officers are here because they were the best in their class at German officer school, and were selected to go through foreign training, said Capt Mark Trott, commander of C Company 1st Battalion 29th Infantry Regiment.

"The choice was obvious when we found out we would do foreign training," Schwarzfischer said. "We wanted to see how the Americans train and go through some of the things they do. "We've always been interested in the training, and now we are getting to experience it firsthand."

The officers fired two types of weapons April 19. They fired the M-82 A1 rifle, which uses .50 caliber rounds, and the M-24 sniper rifle.

"The object of the exercise is to allow the soldiers to familiarize themselves with the types of weapons we use," Trott said. "It also allowed them to have some fun."

The German officers will be here through the first week in May.

Two of the officers will be going through parts of Ranger school, while the other officer will be going through Airborne school.

After airborne training and the mountain phase of ranger training, the officers will finish up with one week of the swamp phase of ranger training with the Ranger Training Brigade at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida.

"I'm looking forward to it," Schwarzfinger said. "It will broaden my horizon and give me the chance to do something I've never done before."

Field Artillery arrives at Camp Doha

1-10th FA joins Operation Desert spring

1st Lt. Christopher D. Pike
1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery

RSOI. Another acronym in the Army's endless effort to shorten communication. For the soldiers of 1st Battalion 10th Field Artillery Regiment deploying to Kuwait for Operation Desert Spring, it's a fast paced drill of moving parts pushing soldiers to perform at their best.

RSOI is an acronym for reception, staging, onward movement, integration.

After 24 hours of travel, arriving in Kuwait was a welcome opportunity for the soldiers to stretch their legs and begin the first step of the RSOI process, reception.

The seriousness of the deployment is evident when an armed military police escort meets them with weapons drawn. Any doubts in a soldier's mind of the importance of this deployment fades fast.

Soldiers file onto buses for transport to Camp Doha, a military compound on the edge of Kuwait City that houses all of the U.S. soldiers and equipment in country.

An hour later, the soldiers arrive at the camp and move onto the core of the RSOI process, staging.

Here, a complete battery will be drawn, inventoried, loaded and signed for in less than six hours.

This process is eased with the help of the Army Central Command personnel who keep the equipment in top-notch condition; lay everything out for the soldiers, and have individuals standing by to assist in anyway possible.

This event is run by the unit's NCOs and managed under the supervision of the battalion Command Sgt. Maj. James Mclaurin.

Once the vehicles are ready to move out, all the tracked vehicles are loaded onto heavy equipment transports.

The wheeled vehicles are lined up for the convoy and the start of onward movement.

The units make their way to a release point where tracked vehicles download and combine with the units wheeled vehicles into new convoys under the watchful eye of ARCENT safety personnel and an armed MP escort. When the vehicles are ready, the convoys depart for their respective Kabals.

For most of 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt. soldiers, Virginia Kabal is their final stop.

An hour later, the guard towers and berms of Virginia Kabal come into view, and for the soldiers, the last step, integration.

An abandoned camp, the tents are empty, and soldiers go to work to turn into the Force Field Artillery Headquarters in Kuwait under the command of the 1st Bn., 10th FA Regt. commander Lt. Col. John D. Harding, Jr.

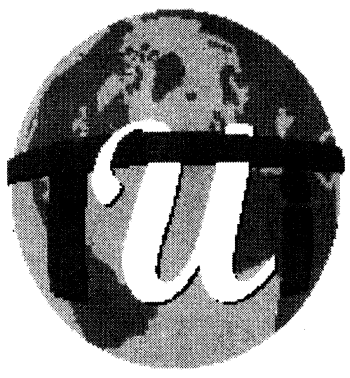
"The tents being emplaced prior to arriving helped speed the process and keep them from worrying about sleeping arrangements," said Staff Sgt. Eugene Broadus, a Charlie Battery gun chief.

Soldiers built structures, put up more tents, set up command and control systems, and pushed to get operation orders in place. To an outsider, it would look like organized mass confusion.

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SECTION B

Animal killer on loose

Highly contagious parvo claims unprotected pets

Laura Martinson
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Three dogs are dead on a single street in Upatoi Terrace, and neighbors say the killer could have been stopped.

"I just don't want to see any more dogs die the horrible death mine did," said Sharon Cusson, whose 2-year-old, 7-pound dog, Belle, died last week from a confirmed case of parvovirus.

Canine parvovirus disrupts the gastrointestinal tract of dogs, causing the lining of the small intestine to slough off. The lining serves as a barrier between bacteria, so when it's lost, the bacteria moves to other parts of the body. The secondary effects, bloody diarrhea, vomiting and septic shock, are most often the causes of death, said Capt. Louis Huzella, post veterinarian.

"The dog can either survive it, based upon its resistance, or succumb to it," Huzella said. "Dogs that get so sick they die are the ones not vaccinated against the virus. Parvo is very preventable with timely and complete vaccinations."

"I should have had her shots up to date. Maybe she'd still be with us today," said Cusson, who now believes it's her responsibility to increase awareness.

Although the three cases were not seen at the post vet clinic, the clinic has averaged about four cases per week for the past two months. Getting timely care for a sick dog is equally important in preventing a worse fate.

"Are all cases of diarrhea parvo? Probably not, but it's very important for pet owners to take care of animals who are sick," Huzella said. "It's out there, in the environment, and highly contagious. Owners should take great care to prevent it, including keeping pets away from animals of unknown health status."

Transmission of the virus is limited to fecal-oral contact. It is specific to dogs, which can get it from sniffing or licking the ground, or stepping in feces of an infected animal and then licking its paws. What makes it even more difficult to control is that the virus can live a full season in a yard, and often makes a resurgence in spring because the weather is more conducive to the virus' growth.

Once a yard or other area is infected, all feces should be removed and the area disinfected using a solution of one cup of bleach per gallon of water. Never put bleach on your dog.

The most common misconception about parvo is that it's not treatable, Huzella said.

"That's just not true. Most will survive the virus," Huzella said, "but owners should be knowledgeable of the vaccination status of their pets."

A puppy can get its first vaccination as early as 6-weeks-old, and boostered every three weeks until they're four months old. Treatment of parvo can be expensive, costing from $200 to $400, and that could be supportive care alone, Huzella said, which does not ensure that the dog will live.

The vet clinic is in the process of hiring additional staff and expanding office hours to meet the vaccination needs of a growing animal population. The parvo vaccine costs $6.50, so call the vet clinic at 545-4444.

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What to look for

The American Veterinary Medical Association suggests you consult your vet if your pet shows any of the following signs:

- Abnormal discharges from the nose, eyes or other body openings.
- Loss of appetite, marked weight losses or gains or excessive water consumption.
- Difficult, abnormal or uncontrolled waste elimination.
- Abnormal behavior, sudden viciousness or lethargy.
- The first signs of canine parvovirus are often depression, loss of appetite, vomiting and severe diarrhea.
- Initial signs often appear five to seven days after the dog is exposed to the virus.
- Most deaths occur within 48-72 hours of the onset of symptoms, so the sooner the animal is seen by a vet, the better its chances.

What to do

- Owners should not allow a dog to come in contact with fecal waste of other dogs at parks, playgrounds or along streets, especially before the dog is 6-months-old.
- Dispose of waste promptly and properly.
- Check lawns, sidewalks and street gutters for fecal waste from neighborhood dogs, and urge neighbors to do the same.

Focusing on fauna



Laura Martinson

Patrick Elmore examines tiny insect eggs on a tree in the Woodlands ecosystem, located behind McBride Elementary School. The school uses the nature trail as a hands-on tool for students to learn about ecology and respect for earth and its critters. See page B-3 for details.

Lions share gift with post resident

Fourth-grader receives braillewriter

Bridgett Siter
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A little girl with a big heart received a very special gift from Lions Club International.

Tara Thomas, a 10-year-old Fort Benning resident, is used to sharing with others. Twice she's donated nearly a foot of her lush red hair to Locks Of Love, an organization that collects hair to create wigs for cancer victims. And she's making plans to one day open an animal shelter for abused and abandoned pets.

So when members of the local chapter of the Lions Club learned that Tara needed a braille writing machine, they anted up the money to surprise her.

Diagnosed with coloboma of the retina when she was 2 months old, Tara is functionally blind.

The fourth-grader, who attends Edgewood Elementary School in Columbus because Fort Benning doesn't have a sight teacher on staff, used a powerful magnifying lens and large print until the beginning of the school year, when she was introduced to a braillewriter.

The machine, which looks like a typewriter with six keys, opened new doors for Tara, her mother said.

"It made her so much more confident," said Tina Raby. "With the large print, she could never keep up with her classmates. It inhibited her schoolwork, slowed her down a lot. Some of the kids even teased her.

"With the machine, she can be more involved in classroom activities, and she's no longer treated differently. The other kids even want to see it and find out how it works. The biggest thing it's done for her is give her back her confidence," Raby said.

But the embosser she used, on

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Church honors public safety workers

MPs, veterans among those recognized

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"Oh beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife. Who more than self their country loved and mercy more than life."

— Third verse of *America the Beautiful*.

"We've always known what our servicemen do for us, but Sept. 11 was a somber reminder of the price they pay to serve," said Dr. Hal Brady to the congregation of St. Luke United Methodist Church. The church held a breakfast and special service Sunday at the Columbus Iron Works to "honor those who serve."

Law enforcement officials and firefighters from Columbus, Phenix City and Fort Benning were the guests of honor, and were thankful for the notice.

"It's nice the community is doing this for us, especially since September," said Spc. Brandon Visner, 988th Military Police Company. "Since then, we've all been working hard, especially the MPs."

"It's a small token of appreciation, really," said Paul Kirkpatrick, St. Luke member and Army veteran. "It all splinters from Sept. 11. We always knew it, but I think we're all more cognizant of the importance of law enforcement and the military."

Mayor Bobby Peters said area police officers and firefighters have responded to hundreds more calls than normal since the terrorist attacks.

"They doze but they never close," Peters said. "They never know if they'll be home tonight, so you'll never know how much this means to them."

"You can tell we're all working toward one goal," said Col. GT Meyers, Fort Benning provost marshal. "It's events like this that make people want to serve.

The message, "Claim your mountain," reminded guests that nothing, including freedom, comes without hard work and sacrifice.

"Dreams should be great enough to include God, and long enough to include eternity," Brady said. "If the dream is big enough, the facts don't make a difference. So keep dreaming."

Fort Benning after school group on mission to clean up play areas

Angela Sachitano
Bayonet correspondent

If you're a parent, chances are you've been to one of the many playgrounds on Fort Benning. After all, what better chance is there to let the kids work off some energy while you take a rest?

"The children are cooped up inside of a classroom all day," said Diana Austin, a home child care worker on Fort Benning. "Playground time is a valuable part of my kids' day."

For some time now, Austin said, the playgrounds on Fort Benning have been cluttered with trash.

"The kids are in danger with all that trash around. Last week, we found a lighter and a knife near the swing set at one playground. I'm fed up with it," Austin said.

Instead of just complaining, Austin has decided to do something about the littered play areas.

"I told the children that if they want to play outside they have to pick up the trash first," Austin said. "At first they complained because they were afraid they wouldn't have enough play time. But I bought some trash bags and we made a pact to clean for 20 minutes. The rest of the hour could be their free time."

"I don't want to play on a trashy playground," 5-year-old Chase Guill said. "I pick up all the stinky stuff."

"We found pizza boxes, broken glass, cigarettes, matches and even a mattress," said 5-year-old Ja'Male Morrow.

Austin and the children she watches after school started cleaning the playgrounds last month. They've already cleaned dozens of playgrounds on Fort Benning, and they don't intend to stop.

"Tuesday is our clean up day," said Austin. "We try to target a different playground every week. The kids are really learning the importance of keeping their neighborhood clean."

Evelyn Livermore, the mayor of the Bouton Heights Housing Area, is also working on a plan to straighten up the playgrounds.

"The trash issue has plagued our kid's play areas for too long," said Livermore. "It's all of our responsibility to keep these areas clean."

Cleaner playgrounds have been a topic of concern at the monthly garrison meeting for some time now, Livermore said.

Livermore has begun knocking on the doors of residents in her area to ask for their support in cleaning the playgrounds.

"If we can get the community's support, it's a start," Livermore said.

In the meantime, Diana Austin's crew of kindergarten and first-graders will be spending Tuesday afternoons with trash bags in their tiny hands.

"I tell my friends at school what we are doing," said 5-year-old Chase Guill. " I tell them not to be dirty because the playgrounds are for fun."



Courtesy photo

Ja'Male Morrow, 5, totes garbage from a Bouton Heights playground Tuesday. Morrow's day care provider, Diana Austin, encourages her crew to clean.

"It's heartwarming to see these kids out there, " said Austin. " They have a sense of accomplishment when they're done cleaning the playground. I wish more parents would get their kids out there to help out. They'd be surprised what a difference it would make."

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

School board meets Monday — The next meeting of the Fort Benning School Board is 1 p.m. Monday at Faith Middle School, 1375 Ingersoll Avenue. An agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today. For more information, call 545-7276.

YS gym closes for renovations — The Youth Services gym will be closed Monday through May 3 for renovations. For more information, call 545-3070 or 545-3540.

Red Cross needs volunteers for Summer Youth Program — The American Red Cross is now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program. The program will run from June 17 to July 26. The hours available to volunteer will be 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. All volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 18.

Applications can be picked up at the American Red Cross, Soldiers Plaza, Building 2626. In addition, units that are interested in having a volunteer placed in their facility this summer may make requests by calling or faxing request along with job description to the American Red Cross. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 545-5194 or fax request to 545-5118.

Postwide yard sale — The postwide yard sale is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 4. Yard sale permits are not required. The Thrift Shop will be open 2-4 p.m. to take sellable items. For more information, call 687-4830.

Car buying seminar — The Financial Readiness Program, Army Community Service, is sponsoring a car buying seminar 6:30 p.m. May 7 at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359.

The car buying seminar will provide you with some of the best car buying secrets available. The information will help make your car-buying experience pleasant and make you the winner in the negotiation process. All of your most important questions will be answered.

Registration is required, so call 545-5485 before the registration deadline of 3 p.m. May 3.

Spring Fling at White Elementary School — White's annual Spring Fling is 4 to 6:30 p.m. May 17. Bring the kids for lots of fun and games including the Moonwalk, Dunking Booth, pony rides, Merry-Go-Round, and Kiddie High Striker.

The children can compete in a variety of games and win prizes. Food and drinks will be available. Rangers will be providing a static display and a fire truck will be on hand as well.

There will also be a "What-Not Bazaar." Spaces are $10 — reserve one today. Call 685-1844 for more details.

Town Hall meetings — There will be a Town Hall meeting for East and West Main Post at 7 p.m. May 16 in the FUN Center (Building 359).

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** ham and cheese sandwich, potato rounds, peas and carrots, fruit, milk, apple cobbler
- **Tuesday:** chicken and cheese enchilada casserole, spanish rice, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, fresh roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** hoagie sandwich, potato wedges, carrot sticks, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** steak sandwich, oven fries, broccoli with cheese sauce, fruit, milk, cookie

A Town Hall meeting for Custer Terrace will be at 7 p.m. May 29 in the FUN Center.

Boy Scouts' volunteers — There is a need for adult volunteers in the Chattahoochee Council Boys Scouts of America.

For more information or to volunteer, call Ken Caruthers at 685-1546.

off post

Teaching scholarship available — Applications are being accepted for the Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship.

Sarah Klenke was 19-years-old when she was killed in a car accident. Always a lover of children, Sarah hoped to be an elementary education teacher.

She was very active in high school and especially loved JROTC and softball. The scholarship was set up by her family and is intended to help other deserving young adults achieve the goal of becoming a teacher.

Applicants must be a graduating senior or high school graduate enrolling in secondary schooling; desire to major in education, an average student, preference given to GPA between 2.0 and 3.0; and participation in JROTC, softball or baseball.

Applicants should submit the following to be considered: Handwritten essay on why interested in education as a major or career; letter from coach or teacher confirming participation in JROTC, softball or baseball; information on how to contact applicant following the award of the scholarship and applicant's grade point average

The scholarship will be awarded June 30. All participants will be notified. The initial award will be $1,000 and will be made directly to the secondary school. Winners may be eligible for future awards.

Submit all applications to: Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship, Attn: Deborah Klenke, 4427 Stradford, San Antonio, TX 78217-1371. Entries should be postmarked on or before May 31. For more information, call Deborah Klenke at (210) 654-6473.

Gift: Helps student write

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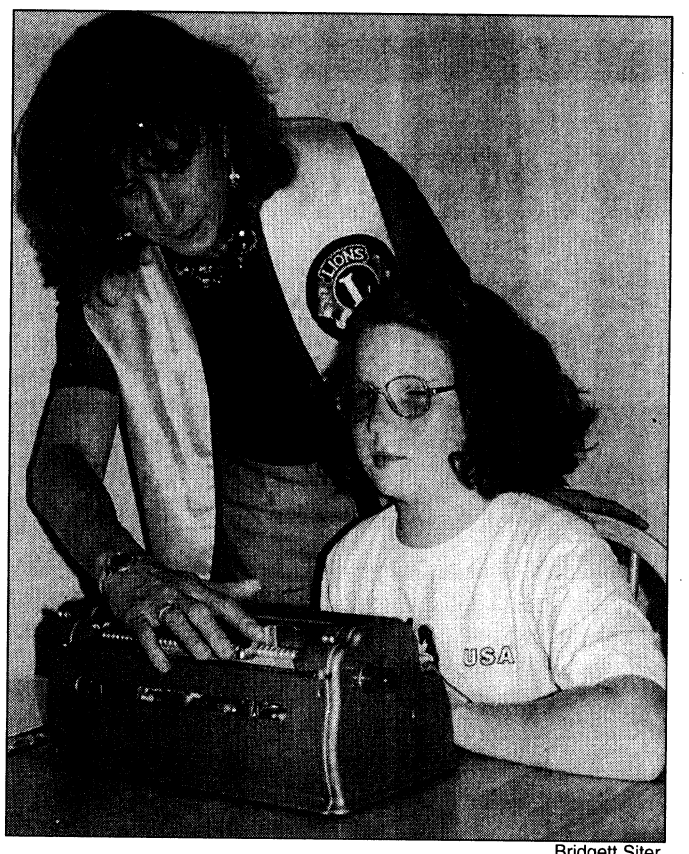
loan from the school, would have to be returned at the end of the school year, and Tara dreaded the prospect of spending the summer without a writer.

The machines are hard to find and expensive, beyond the family's budget, Tina said. So she mentioned their plight to Tara's teacher, Marlene Culpepper, who is a member of the Lions Club of Columbus, an international nonprofit organization with more than 44,800 clubs worldwide, recognized for their service to the blind and visually impaired.

Within weeks Tara received her embosser. Now the A-B student is "doing excellent, reading better and writing well," her mother said.

"I like school. My favorite is social studies, but I'm real good at fractions," said Tara, who hopes to one day teach Braille to other children.

In the meantime, she's looking forward to attending a summer camp for the visually impaired in Forsyth, Ga., courtesy of her friends at the Lions Club.



Bridgett Siter

Tara Thomas demonstrates her new braillewriter for P.J. Eaton, a member of the Lions Club of Columbus, the organization that purchased the machine.

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Since 1917, Lions Club International has been raising funds to help the world's poor and needy, with a definitive focus on serving the blind and visually impaired.

Now, with more than 1.4 million members in 188 countries, Lions Club is the largest service club organization in the world.

The World Health Organization estimates one-fourth of the world's population needs some type of corrective eyewear. Unfortunately, for many people in underdeveloped countries, the cost of corrective lenses is exorbitant. In some places, an eye exam costs as much as a month's wages.

For 70 years, the Lions Club has collected unwanted eyeglasses for redistribution to the needy all over the world, including the U.S. In 1996, they launched a sight recycling program and designated each May "Recycle for Sight Month."

The public is encouraged to donate eyeglasses and sunglasses to the local chapter of the Lions Club, or they can be dropped off at offices of members of the American Optometric association, Goodwill Industries or LensCrafters stores.

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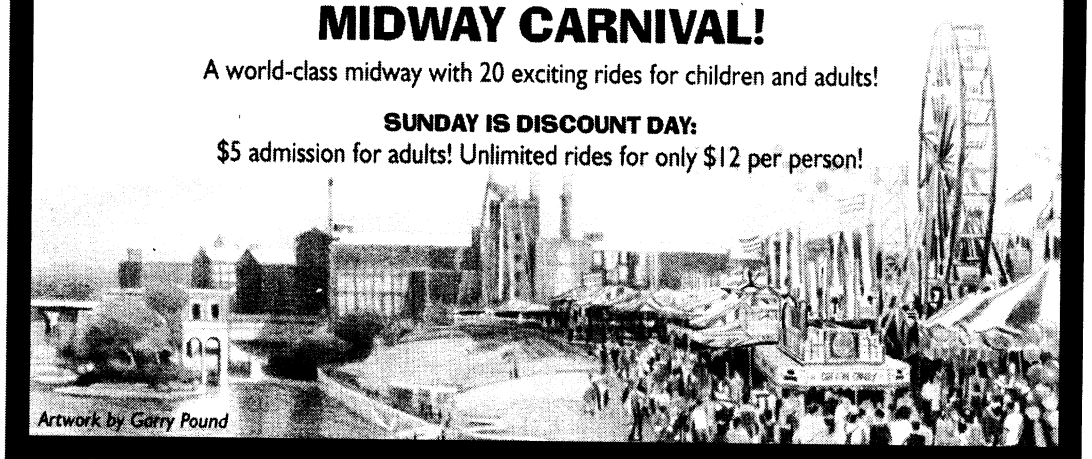
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Thomas Overtree points out what he calls the "mouth" of a tree on the Woodlands nature trail. Gaping holes in trees along the paths are often used to house animals or insects. Luckily, none were spotted here.

Someone yelled 'Bear!'

McBride students get down to earth in learning lessons

Laura Martinson
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"Tell me and I will forget.
Show me and I may remember.
Involve me and I will learn."
—Confucius

For McBride Elementary school, hands-on involvement is a way of life, and their Woodlands ecosystem is where students go to look, touch and smell their way through the learning process.

I went to McBride Monday to cover an Earth Day presentation given by Sally Joyce at the Nature Conservancy. Joyce gave two shows to the students on conservation and ecology, which not only ties into the Earth Day celebration, but also to the outdoor curriculum the school calls "McBride Pride." Joyce does all of this, by the way, as a volunteer.

But as I was invited to go for a walk through the woodlands nature trail, I was reminded that interviews often end up being something other than the expected.

Dressed for success (in interviewing, that is!), wearing a sleeveless sweater, white capri pants, and black slip-on sandals, I was nowhere near ready to go hiking with a bunch of second-graders. No bug spray, ankles and arms exposed and nothing but a camera, pen and notepad to separate me from the elements.

Marie Hand, gifted education and enrichment teacher, handed out clipboards to the students, who were to find 26 items in the woods — one for each letter of the alphabet.

I was asked to join in the hunt, and in a matter of minutes, I was being led by the hand by my 3-foot-tall hosts with the most.

"Did you know if you count the rings on the stump, you can tell how old the tree is?"

Well, of course I knew that. But those second-graders one-upped me with a vast knowledge of the great outdoors. The frequent mini field trips to the woods behind the school gave them the edge as we trucked and trodded up hills and down again, reading some 30 labels on a variety of trees and plants, most of which, they could identify without the labels.

All was well, until that dreaded screech was heard.

"SPIDER!!!!"

Before I could utter the words, "Step on it!" I rethought my instinctive decision to smash the little critter. Mrs. Hand assured us — well, me mostly — that bugs are good. They all serve a purpose. I'm sure she would understand if I explained my overwhelming fear of the tiny creatures, that the only purpose they serve for me is a good Halloween fright. When she herself got tangled in a cobweb spun across the trail, I knew I wasn't the only one with an aversion for arachnids.

Nonetheless, we walked on, and the kids pointed out dead trees that would soon be one with the earth. We admired the majesty of the tall, tall trees, the loblolly pine, the southern red oak and the canopy they formed over the habitat. They showed me the prickly devil's walking stick and the largest poison ivy leaves I'd ever seen. Leaves of three, we left them be.

"I'm getting itchy," said one sandal-wearing student, and I empathized. There's just something about walking past a poison ivy plant that makes me want to scratch, though I'm sure you can't catch it by taking a picture of it, right?

The ecosystem, which is just a short walk from the back door of the school, is separated into several regions, including three walking (and exploring) trails, a wetland area, inhabited by beavers and their lodge, which is fully equipped with a slide for the beavers to travel back and forth from the lodge with more wood for building. The Upatoi creek runs through the habitat all the way to the Chattahoochee, changing the topography of the land with its currents. An island sits in the middle of it all, giving the beavers a good place to take a load off.

It's inhabitants include the white heron, the red-cockaded woodpecker and the white-tail deer. Contrary to what some may have been told, there are absolutely not giraffes that live in the woods eating the leaves from trees. I mean, who would believe that?

"BEAR!!!!"

I really wished they'd stop doing that.

"Mrs. Hand, I heard a bear!"

"Now, there aren't any bears out here, dear, but listen to the sounds and tell me what you hear."

Ooh, I could answer that one. Frogs croaking, birds chirping and bugs, well, creeping me out, but not one single bear was heard. Thank goodness!

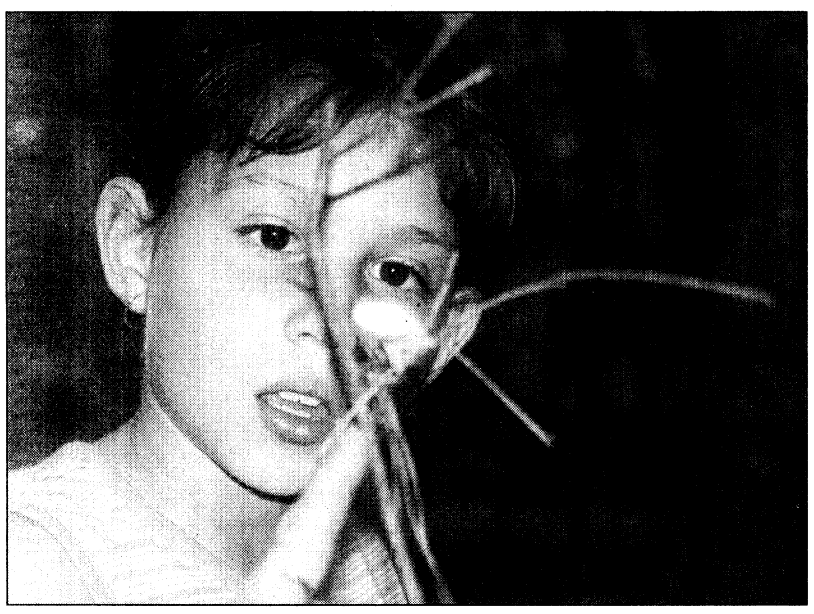
When all was said and done, my young tour guides had gotten every letter except for X, and I was missing a few more than that. They were, after all, the subject matter experts, who enjoy their learning adventures so much, they often coerce their parents to join them there after school hours.

"Mrs. Hand, do you know your way back?"

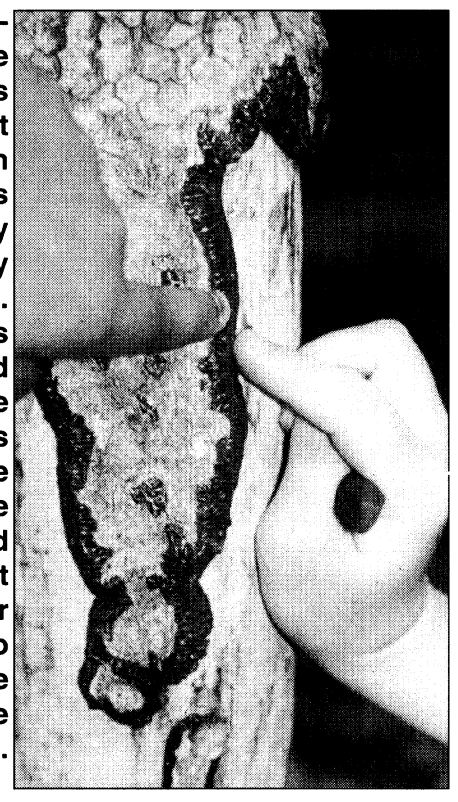
I was relieved to hear that of course, she did. She gives the tour on a regular basis to her students, and they're all the wiser because of it. I was all the wiser for having gone on the trip, as biology and zoology lessons I thought were long lost suddenly came rushing back to me. I actually do remember some of the things I learned in college.

And I'm pretty sure the students lucky enough to have this real-life learning experience will remember the feel of a cocoon and the smell of the honeysuckle.

Since the woodlands are open to the general public, I think I'll go back and play the alphabet game again soon. Next time, I'll be bring my own little learner, and leave the pen and camera at home. But I'll be sure to wear some good walking shoes and pack the pest repellent. Do you think it scares bears away, too?



Ashley Frye is fascinated by a cocoon found on her tour through the woods. Among other finds were an abandoned bird's nest, translucent, bubble- like insect eggs (inhabitants unknown), and from a distance, broad-leaved poison ivy on Miracle Gro.



Second-grade fingers point out tooth marks made by nearby beavers. Students explained the beavers chew the bark off the trees and carry it down their "slide" to their lodge in the wetlands.

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Students build tepee

Constructing tepee gives students math experience

White Elementary School

Can you imagine having all your possessions and those of your family contained within a 15-foot tepee?

This was the question posed to a group of fifth-grade students during their cross-curricular study of The Native American Cultures of The Plains.

To find out what life was like for the nomadic warriors of the Plains, the fifth-grade classes decided to construct a tepee.

The students used 15-foot bamboo poles and recycled white bed sheets rather than animal hides. The students calculated the circumference, measured for ridgepole placement and calculated the area inside the smallest traditional tepee using the formula pi times radius square.

The actual area was a surprising 176.63 square feet. The circumference, which students calculated using the formula circumference is equal to pi times diameter, yielding a total of 47.1 feet.

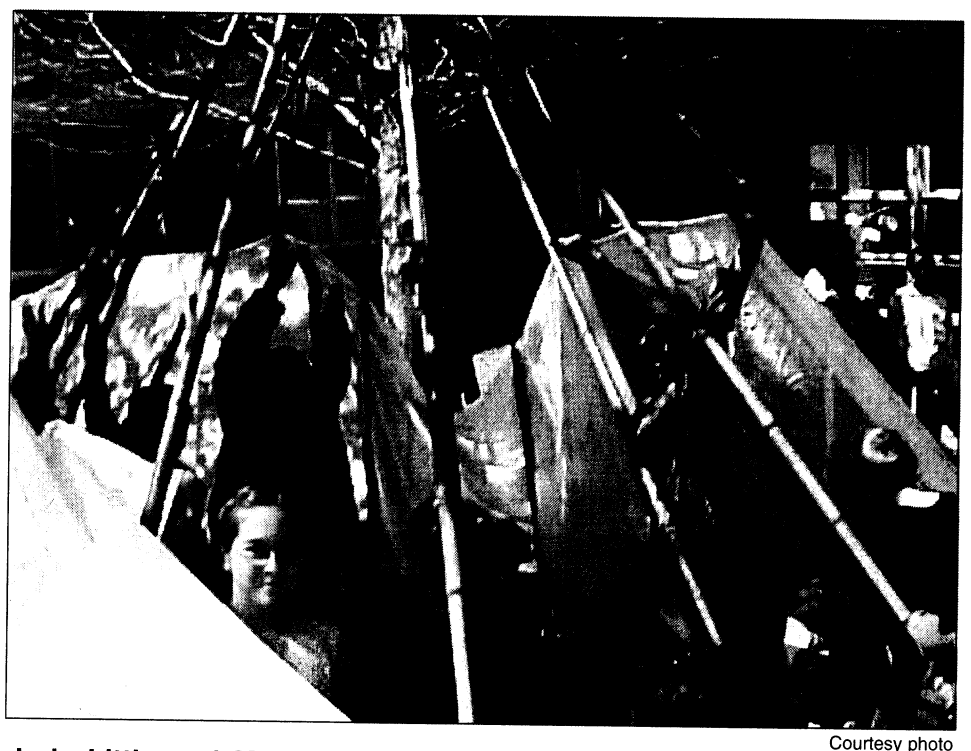
After setting the ridgepoles, students attached "skin" covering, and painted authentic Native American symbols along the lower third of the tepee.

The students really enjoyed getting the opportunity to construct this tepee, said Judy Little.

In addition to this on-going activity, students learned about plains area insects, and studied indigenous plants used for dyes. Each student selected an insect to draw and created a model using clay. After drying, the insects were fired in the kiln, painted, and displayed.

Students also conducted tours of the tepee that enabled other classes to benefit from their accumulated knowledge of tepee etiquette and Native American myths.

Special guests included Dr. Tommy Lee, the school's principal, Dr. Dell McMullen, superintendent of Fort Benning Schools, Richard. Skinner, assistant superintendent of Fort Benning Schools, and Dr. Elaine Hinman, DDESS Superintendent from Washington, D.C.



Courtesy photo

Judy Little and Mary Joe Judge's fifth-grade classes build a tepee during their study of the Native American cultures of the Plains.



Courtesy photo

Nick Kreis and Victoria Hayes hold the map while Joshua Hansen locates California.

Kindergartners learn map skills

White Elementary School

Students in Carolyn Phillips' class think it is exciting to receive mail at school.

She asked parents to contact relatives and friends that live in various states to mail picture postcards to their child at school.

The picture postcards show the countryside or something of interest in the state. The postcards are used to compare how states are alike and different.

The children are also learning the names of the 50 states and to locate the states on a map. The class has received between 150-200 postcards and they are still coming in!

"It feels good to get a lot of postcards from different states," Hannah Watkins said. "It helps me learn the United States. I like to see how different states look."



Courtesy photo

Hannah Watkins shows her classmates the many postcards she's received from her friends and relatives.

Hannah has already received 40 postcards from 25 different states.

"One of my favorites shows the fishing boats in Massachusetts," Hannah said. "It is from my Nana. I love her."



PETS OF THE WEEK

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Pray without ceasing through entire day

Prayer is vital in everyday walk with the almighty

Chaplain (Capt.) Randall E. Bowen
1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment

Pray without ceasing. Many people believe prayer is to take place in a church on holy days and special occasions.

Is this the only time to pray? Some people only pray when bad or tragic events occur. I have found when people lose their jobs, when a relationship sours, or when someone dies, that is when people come to the Lord in prayer.

But is this the only time we should pray? Or is there another time when we should pray? It is my conviction that we should pray all the time. Pray during the good times as well as the bad times.

As spiritual beings, we would be much more fulfilled if we bring God into our complete lives on an everyday basis.

Before you go to work pray for the Lord to bless your day — pray without ceasing. Before you are about to take a PT test or even going to the gym — pray without ceasing.

As you are walking around in your every day activities — pray without ceasing. As you are about to talk with your boss who is difficult to work with, pray without ceasing.

When you go to the movies pray — without ceasing. Pray in all your

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deliberations.

Pray for everyone and see what the Lord will do. Ask God to lead you in all your life. See if the Lord won't bless you as you begin to lift up all your needs before God.

Why does God want you to pray? Our Lord is a personal God, and he wants to talk to you. If you want to continue to have a strong relationship with your wife, you talk with her.

What would happen if you just talked with her once a month? Do you think you would foster an intimate relationship with her? If you are unsure of the answer, let me tell you, you will not have a good, intimate relationship with her if you don't talk with your spouse.

The same applies in your relationship with God. The Lord desires a deep relationship with his people. So you must spend quality time in prayer with the Lord.

If you feel far from God, come back to him through prayer and friends. I have a group that gets together at least two times a week to go through the Westminster Shorter Catechism.

The purpose is to help us cultivate a deeper spiritual life. One soldier, a specialist, so desires to learn about the Lord that he frequently asks me to get together for Catechism.

A few soldiers from the Catechism group meet with me on a daily basis for fellowship and prayer.

We get together in order to facilitate a much more fervent walk with God. Of course, we frequent the cappuccino bar for a more stimulating discussion and a spirited game of Risk!

I have another friend, a captain, with whom I meet about four times a week for morning prayer. We get together to pray for family, friends and for our mission. We also read the Scriptures together.

Meeting with all these soldiers has helped keep my life fervent for the Lord, and has helped others to have a much more dynamic walk with God.

If you would like a more dynamic spiritual life, I would encourage you to find at least one person to be a prayer partner with. Get with your friend at least once a week to pray to the Lord. See what God will do when you begin to pray to him.

Watch and see how prayer helps your entire life. Pray without ceasing. Godspeed.

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings, which are held in the chapel teen center in Building 239. Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. (middle schoolers) and 6 p.m. (high schoolers).

Sunday School — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is held along with a special program.

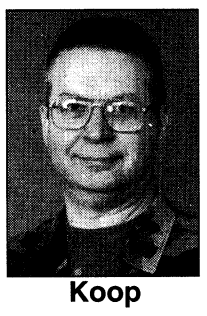
National Day of Prayer — The annual celebration of the National Day of Prayer is Thursday. Check with chapels for further information.

Drinking causes many problems

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

According to health experts, alcohol is the most widely used substance in the U.S. Approximately 14 million Americans or 7.4 percent of the population meet the diagnostic criteria for alcohol abuse or alcoholism. About half of all U.S. adults have or have had a close relative with a drinking problem.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reports that in 1998, alcohol abuse cost this country an estimated $185 billion, including health care costs, productivity losses, traffic crashes and alcohol-related crime. Unfortunately, only about one in 10 receive the help they need.


Koop

For most adults, a drink a day causes few if any problems. (One drink equals one 12-ounce bottle of beer or wine cooler, one 5-ounce glass of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof distilled spirits.) But if you have a family history of alcohol abuse, are taking certain over-the-counter drugs or prescription medications, are pregnant or trying to become pregnant or have medical conditions that can be made worse by drinking, then, even moderate alcohol use may lead to significant health problems

Alcohol problems do not discriminate. Any possible benefit of alcohol use is not a reason to start drinking. Get the facts.

"Alcohol problems do not discriminate."

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Now is the time for all of us to reconsider our own habits, risk factors and knowledge so that we can decide where we each need to limit the amount of alcohol we drink.

Rather than judging, pointing fingers or renewing Prohibition, let's acknowledge that alcohol affects health and can cause serious difficulties. Let's understand the risks and make healthy decisions.

Do you desire more information? Do you feel you need to drink less? Call the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-4415 for help.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel,Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

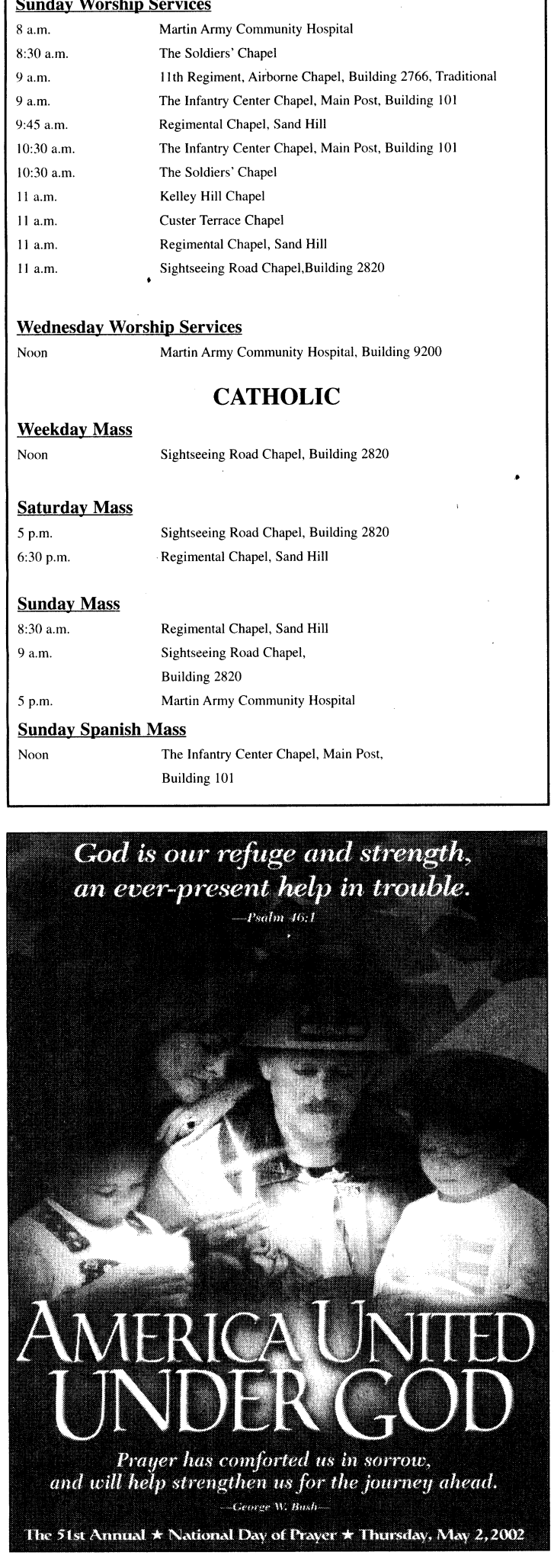
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6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

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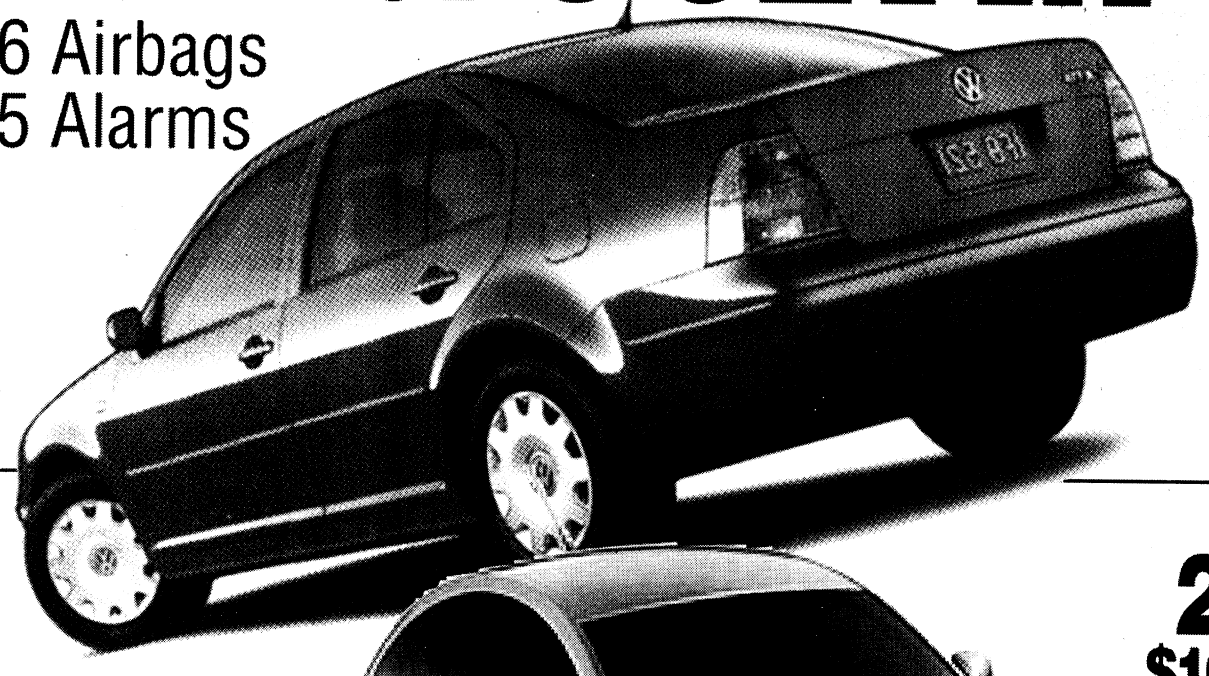
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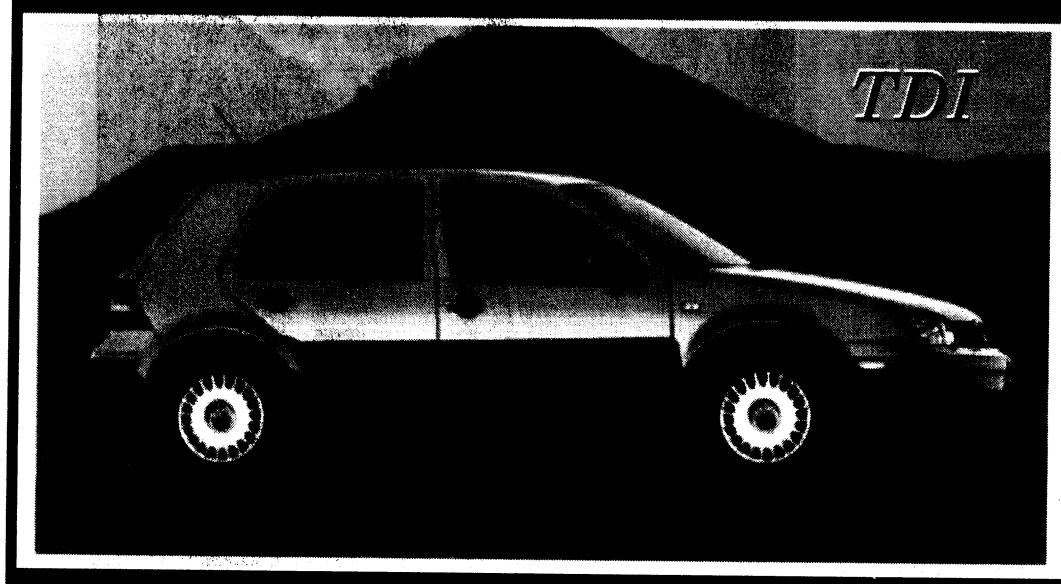
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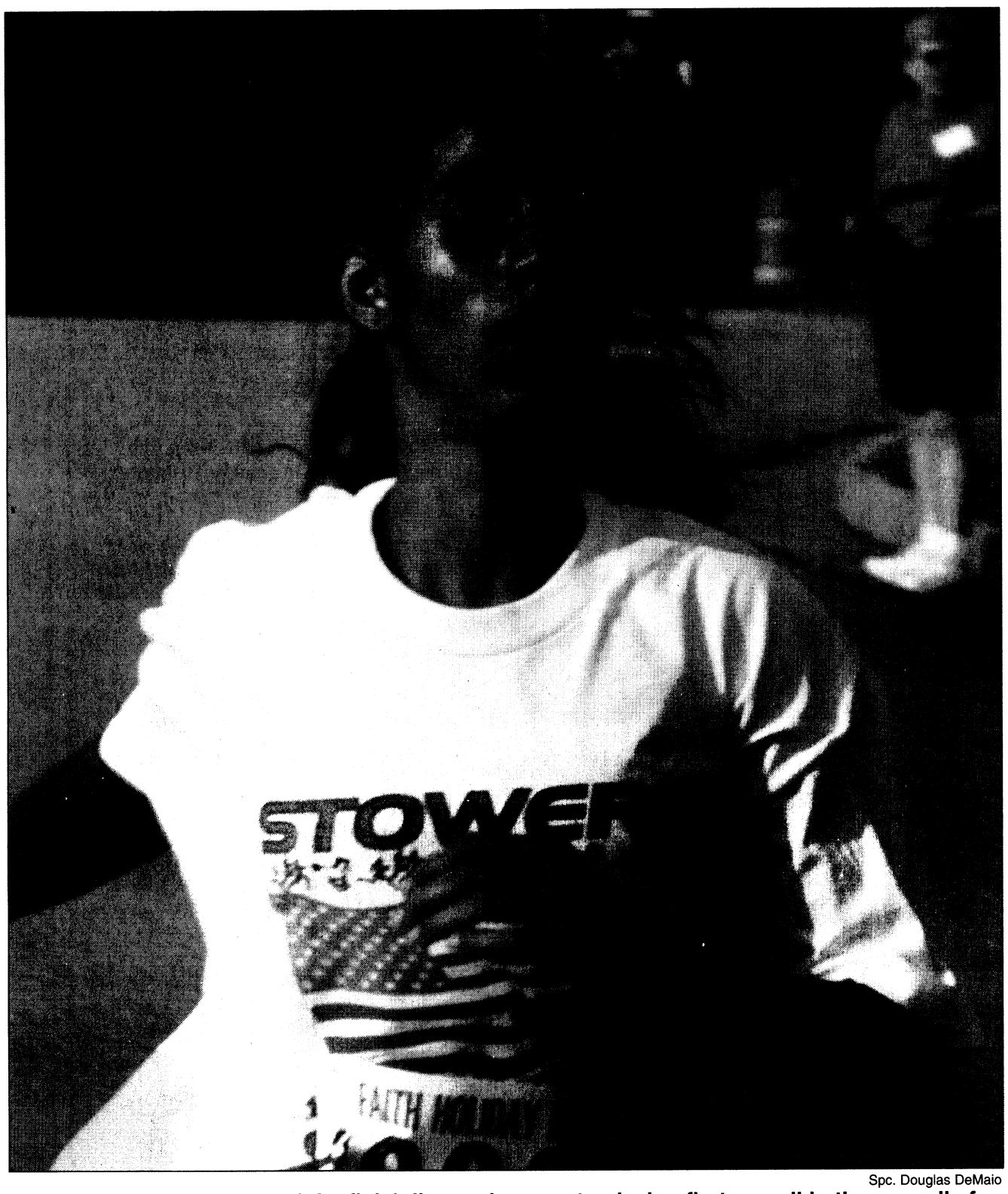
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SPORTS

SECTION C

Stowers Stampede builds family ties



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Jennifer Hadley runs toward the finish line on her way to placing first overall in the one mile fun run at the Stowers Stampede. Hadley finished with a time of seven minutes, two seconds.

Running teaches students not to give up dreams

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Her dreams are inspired by opportunities available to her and by the amount of support she receives from her parents.

For Faith Middle School seventh-grader Jennifer Hadley, winning the Stowers Stampede one-mile fun run is a step toward achieving her dream of becoming an Olympic runner.

"It felt good to win," Hadley said, who posted a time of seven-minutes, two seconds in the race. "It makes me proud and encourages me to run."

Practice and mental preparation have helped her improve her running, she said. Hadley's best time in the mile is 5:50.

"I think she did a good job on the mile," said Adam Weinbaum, her physical education instructor. "She's a great runner and she's built for speed."

Weinbaum directed the race along with Stowers Elementary physical education instructor, Becky Archilla.

"The run is for fun," Archilla said. "It's to get everybody out running, but it's mostly for the enjoyment of running."

Not only did the run inspire some young athletes, but it also allowed families to come together and build relationships through sports.

Families who are active together are close, Archilla said. They are able to bond and learn valuable lessons from one another.

Cody Camilo, a fifth-grader at Stowers, learned from his father how important it is not give up on himself.

"Running teaches me that it doesn't matter how much speed you have, just keep running," Camilo said. "I know if I let myself walk and give up on myself, I'll lose."

In the long run, Camilo understands that running shows determination and it's something he can do to help him stay fit for the rest of his life., he said.

"We stress these type of activities," Archilla said. "Running is one of the best life-long sports."

Hadley said, running is similar to life. Even though the goal isn't within sight and the path has its ups and downs, it's important to remain steadfast and not give up on the dreams and objectives that lie ahead.

The results of the Stowers Stampede are:

One mile fun run –
1- to 5-years-old
Boys– Johnanathan Harling
Girls– Erin Laverenz
6- to 8-years-old
Boys– Shawn Murphy
Girls– Adilen Cruz
9- to 11-years-old
Boys– Charlie Conner and Joshua Harling
Girls– Ari Hines
12- to 14 years-old
Boys– Robert Stevens and Jeremy Reynolds
Girls– Jennifer Hadley

5K Road Race –
15- to 20-years-old
Males– Jamael Smith
Females– Jasmine Small
21- to 25-old-years
Females– Jennfier Sherrill
26- to 30-years-old
Males– Sam Murphy
Females– Stacy Thompson
31- to 35-years-old
Males– Charlie Conner
Females– Judith Louissaint
36- to 40-years-old
Males– David Bruce
46- to 50-years-old
Males– Chris Robb
Females– Lynn Betack
51- to 56-years-old
Males– Bill Cox
66- to 70- years-old
Males– Don Smith

Three first-place winners in AUSA tournament



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Dennis Linton chips the ball onto the green from a sand trap during the AUSA spring tournament.

Flights give more players chance to win

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The annual Association of the U.S. Army spring golf tournament was played April 19 at the Follow Me Golf Course.

In all, there were nine teams that placed in three flights of a four-ball scramble 18-hole tournament, best-ball method.

In the first flight, the Bustamante team scored a 54 to place first, the Directorate of Operations and Training team shot a 63 to place first in the second flight and 317th Engineer Battalion's team took first in the third flight with a 71.

The tournament is like having three tournaments in one, said Kathy Burns, tournament official.

Each flight had a first-, second- and third-place winner.

"I think it was an excellent idea to have three flights," said Bruce Cleveland, a member of the DOT team. "There are a lot of good golfers on Fort Benning and this allows new golfers a chance to win."

The tournament was very relaxing, Cleveland said. There was ample opportunity for the teams to take their time and the money raised was for an excellent cause.

"Most of us in Infantry Hall enjoy doing things that benefit soldiers," he said.

Funds raised from the tournament support soldiers' programs on Fort Benning.

Besides the registration fee to play, teams were allowed to buy three mulligans at $5 a piece, which gave the team makeup strokes for a misplaced shot.

"We were able to minimize our mistakes with the mulligans," Cleveland said.

His team used the mulligans to save par on a few holes, which kept them in championship contention, he said.

Winning wasn't the only thing everyone had on their mind. For the person who hit a hole-in-one on the par three, the team would be awarded a 2003 Chevy Blazer.

"We would have given it to the person who hit it in," Cleveland said. "Hole seven is always a tough hole to put a good prize on and it always plays long.

"It's probably one of the toughest par threes on the course."



Bill Cornelus watches the flight of his chip shot.

Ruggers to play in upcoming championship tournament

Rugby players come to compete for national honors

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet Staff

Rugby is a sport of pride. Players don't get paid to play. They play for fun. The fun has its costs though. Rugby is a sport where injuries can easily occur. There is no equipment used by the players. They wear the standard uniform, which is a shirt, shorts, socks and cleats.

The fun is still there for the players.

According to a story by Lisa Gartner called, *The Rookie Primer*, rugby is the only sport where after a match is played, teams lay all differences aside and have a party.

There is a passion for the game despite all rivalries, according to the primer. The passion is shared by everyone who plays it.

Fort Benning will experience the passion May 10-12.

The USA Rugby National Military Club Championship Tournament will play its annual tournament to see who the best military rugby team is in the nation.

"We're expecting a little more than 20 teams to be coming in," said Gary Kent, Fort Benning Cruise-a-matics treasurer. Most of the teams will be from the continental U.S., but we are also expecting teams from U.S. Forces Europe."

The tournament will be run just like World Cup Soccer.

Teams will be put into pools and play each team in their pool once. Then, depending on the number of teams and number of pools, the top teams will go onto a single-elimination tournament, with the championship game slated for the afternoon of May 12.

For more information on the tournament, call Gary Kent at (706) 324-4924, or go to USA Rugby's website at www.usarugbysouth.com.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Youth Volleyball – Sports for Youth Foundation inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls aged 15-20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman (425) 255-4645.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Fitness Challenge — The Hughston Health Clinic's fourth annual Fitness Challenge will begin 8:30 a.m. May 4 at the Hughston Clinic Outdoor Track and Fitness Center. Registration fees are $20 for individuals and $50 for a team. Cash prizes will be awarded to top female and male winners in each division.

For more information, visit www.hughston.com or call Mary Ann Collins at 321-3440

Basketball camp — The Ten-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp is evaluating applications for its camps, one of which is in Gainesville, Ga. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter.

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Play baseball in Australia — The Coast to Coast Baseball Stars is now seeking 11- to 18-year-old players from Georgia who would like the opportunity to represent the United States at a two-week summer tournament in Australia.

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For more information, e-mail info@coasttocoast athletics.com or call (740) 373-4455 or visit their Web site at www.coasttocoast athletics.com.

YMCA run — The YMCA World's Largest 5K run and walk will be 9 a.m. June 22 at the South Commons Civic Center. Awards will be presented to males and females in 12 different age groups and to the overall male and female winners.

Register at the YMCA central branch located on 11th Street and 2nd Avenue. Pre-entry fee for adults and children is $18 before May 24 and $22 after May 24.

For more information, visit www.active.com or call (706) 322-8269.

Riverfest race — Part of this year's Riverfest festivities includes the 5th annual Contact Road Race. The race will begin Saturday at 8 a.m with a 1-mile Fun Run and Walk. The 5K and 10K run begin at 8:30 a.m. at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, 801 Front Ave.

Participants will receive a one-day pass to Riverfest, T-shirt, refreshments and a race packet. Registration is $10 for the 1-mile Fun Run and Walk and $15 for the 5K and 10K.

Proceeds benefit the CONTACT Helpline, the 24-hour crisis intervention information and referral line.

For more information, call the Riverfest office at 323-7979 or 324-3417.

Chess tournaments — Ranked and unranked players of all ages and school chess clubs are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum. Come play someone new, improve your game.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6 p.m., 6:45 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

For more information, call 649-0713.

Coaches certification — There will be a Youth Services certification clinic for basketball coaches May 24 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Youth Services gym, Building 1055.

For more information, call 545-3070.

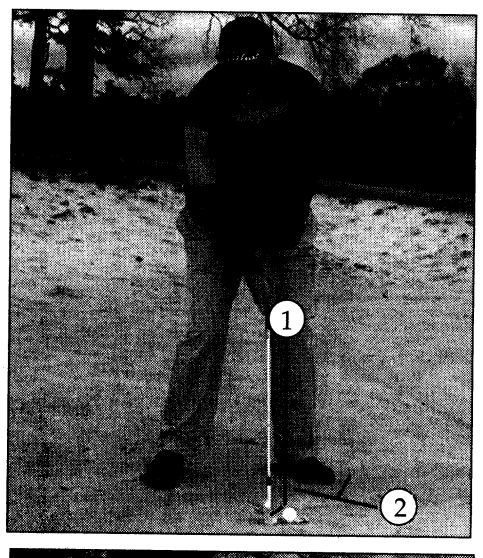
Rugby club — The Columbus, Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Avenue and Blanchard Blvd.

Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. throughout the season. The spring season features the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Sand shots

Golf tips by the post golf pro, Larry Cruise

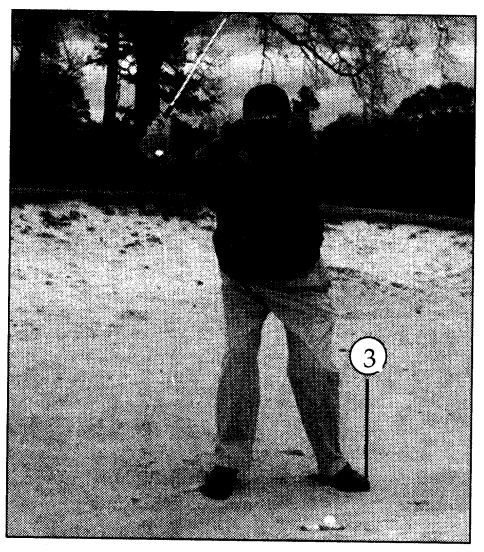


Here are some tips for sand shots:

"Use a dollar bill to help you understand the correct swing from the sand."

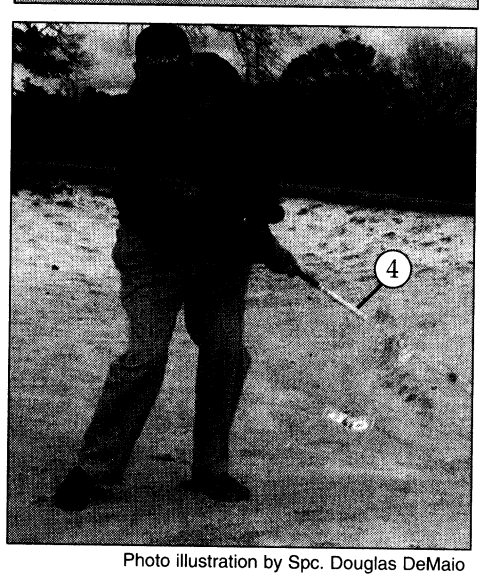
(1)– Place a ball on the middle of a dollar bill. Open up the face of the club and place it two inches behind the ball.

(2)– Move the forward foot back and angle it so that it's pointing more toward the ball than the target. Place your weight on the forward foot. This position will open up the hips and allow for a fluid, well-balanced swing.



(3)– Keep the weight on the front foot during the back swing and rotate at the hips.

"The most common mistakes people make with their bunker shots are they close their club face and don't follow through on their swing."



(4)– Hit the ball with a relaxed downward stroke and keep the hands moving throughout the swing. The open face club should push the sand and the ball out of the bunkers.The follow through will allow for the sand to displace the ball.

"Notice the dollar bill float through the air. The swing should go into the sand and lift the ball from underneath the sand."

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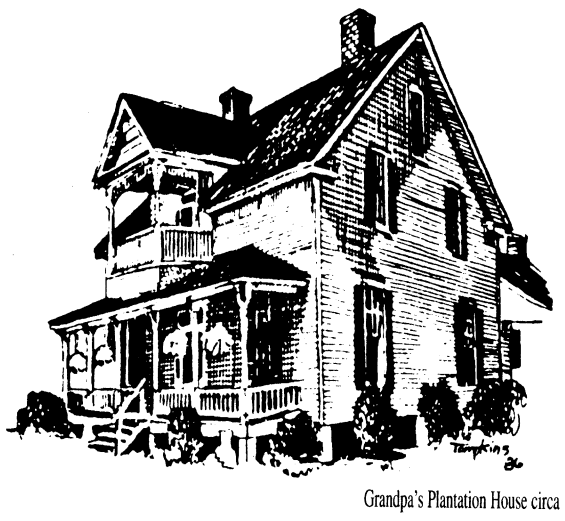
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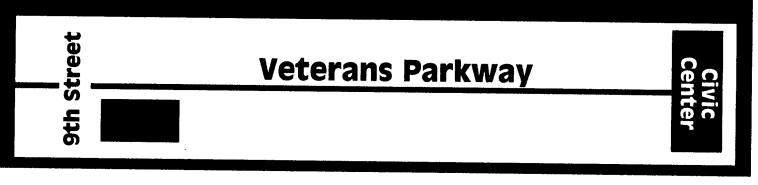
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Large Freezer, older model but works great, $65 687-8012 or 587-2727 (F26)

2 KEF (British) floor standing speakers, 100 Watt each, $50 pair, 562-1950 (F26)

Vacuum Cleaner, 'Fanton Lightning', Conister, Bagless, HEPA Filter, 12.o AMP. Hardly used, $100. 563-2887 after 5 pm, leave msg. (F3)

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Whirlpool refrigerator 18.5 cub.ft.; less than 1 yr old asking $300. 689-8298 (F3)

Washer and Dryer (Kenmore) $400 obo, sofa and loveseat $400 obo, excellent condition 689-4621 (F3)

Furniture

Victorian style wrought iron bed $35, white glider rocker with wedgewood blue pad $40 ex cond, children's computer desk with shelves $25, 6 country style solid wood dining chairs $10 ea or all 6 for $45, little tykes painting/drawing easel $10 call after 5p 687-4938. (F26)

Black leather sectional w/ chair & black bar schrunk, can be sold together or seperate to best offer. Please call at wk 554-1781 or hm 685-0935 for more info (F26)

Solid wood daybed w trundle and 2 new mattresses, excellent condition $180, wood gun cabinet $50, 562-1950 (F26)

Wanted: Used living roomset in good condition, leather or leather type. 855-4393 (F3)

Waterbed Frame. Super Single with mirror on headboard, fair condition. $35. 687-0903. (F3)

Moving Sale Nice wood frame Futon couch/bed $125 Recliner $45 682-0679, leave a message-we'll call you back. (F3)

Dining table with 6 chairs--excellent condition light wood $350 serious inquires only - 660-9663 (8-4) after 5 480-4941 (F3)

Computer Desk $50 689-4660 (F3)

PCSing must sell: fish aquarium w/goldfish, toddler bed, infant carseat, baby bouncer, and more. 687-7900 (F3)

Moving, must sell...sleeper sofa ($50), pure wood coffee table and 2 end tables ($40), AB doer II workout machine ($50)never been used, Child/Young adult hammock ($25), Rod iron/wood chandelier ($50), CD/Video shelf ($15) new. Everything must go!! Call 689-5237 or 332-6763 to set up a time to look at anything. (F3)

Beige Metal lawn furniture set, round table, 5 chairs, 2 end tables, 2 lounge chairs, 1 foot rest, $150, 682-5846 (F3)

Two drawer metal filing cabinet, 15$, Light colored wood entertainment center, 30$, call 682-5846 (F3)

Legal Notice

Deceased Personnel: Anyone having claim against or indebtness toward the estate of the late PFC Nathan E. Cain, 459-71-7236, C Co, 3/75th IN, Ft. Benning, Ga 31905 at (706) 545-3934 (F3)

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Miscellaneous

Civil War/military prints "Medal of Honor" by Don Stivers, triple matted and framed, $400, "Even to Hell Itself" by Donna Neary, triple matted and framed $200, ex cond. Call after 5p 687-4938. (F26)

ETSING? New style PT uniforms wanted. Size XL long. Must be in very good condition & reasonably priced. Cash paid. Will pick up. Call evenings 221-8137. (F3)

Mens Road Bike - 2001 GIANT OCR3, exc. cond., less than 100 mi.; Shimano brakes, derailleurs & shifters; Selle Italia saddle; $450 obo w/accesories (helmet, camelbak, etc). Lance: 687-5296 or 464-5740 - no answer leave message. (F3)

Men's Medium size full wet suit, barely used, $25, Men's medium black parachute jump suit, never used, $25 after 5p 687-4938.(F26)

AMD K6-2 450mhz computer for sale tower only 44x CD Rom 3 1/2 Floppy drive 96MBS of Ram $250 Call SSG Fitzmaurice Work:706-544-8586 0900-1700 Home:706-221-2233 1700-1000 (F26)

Men's Golf Clubs, set of 3 McGregor Battlesticks $30 687-8012/587-2727 (F26)

1 set HAAS Dress Blues and 1 set HAAS Class A's. 46"C; 36"W. Gently used. Asking $100 per set. 221-8946. (F26)

Buying Used DVD's in good condition, call me with what you have until 10 pm. 855-4393 (F3)

Full size tubular wrought iron bed, can be painted any color $20, Minolta XG-M 35mm camera with sunpak auto 26 FD flash, $30. 687-4938 after 5pm. (F3)

Civil war print: Lee and His Generals, double matted and framed, ex cond, $40.00. Youth (girls)26 inch 12 speed bike. Ideal for preteen girl. Like new, $35.00. Call 687-4938 after 5pm. (F3)

Preception Prism Kayak including paddle and life vest, 1 yr old, only used 2 times-$300 Spirit Blade in-line roller blade skates, men's sz 10-10 1/2, like new, $20 (orginally $100); Breadman automatic breadbaker, excellent condition-$20. 682-9120.(F3)

WANTED: Nice used, reasonably priced maternity clothes sizes 16. Needed asap! 687-2920 or calebswifey@yahoo.com (F3)

Garham "La Scala" hand cut full lead crystal glasses, decanter and pitcher. 12 each of the following, water goblet, ice tea, wine, chanpaqne, cordial and double old fashioned $1500 obo, most items never used. 568-1518 (F3)

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Two roundtrip airline tickets to anywhere US Airways flys in the continental US. $350 each. Call Lisa for details 685-8700 (F03)

Children's Items

Boys 16" bike, green and black $15, girls bike, pink $15, sky fort for kids w/ fireman pole, ladder, shade top $90, 687-8012; 587-2727 (F26)

White, 3-drawer w/ 2 shelves and a wardobe on one side dresser for child $45. Graco 3-speed, multi-position, open swing $30. Baby bouncing seat 2-position seating, vibration seat and musical lights $10. 687-7548 or 587-6452. (F3)

Yard Sale

2 family yard sale Saturday 20th 8a.m. to ? 909A O'Brien Circle Upatoi Terrace Toys, furniture, clothes, misc. (F26)

PCS'ing YARD SALE, 227 Lavoie Avenue (Indianhead Terrace), 8am-2pm, Sat., April 20th, lots of girls clothes, 8 x 10 aluminum storage shed, sofa & loveseat, misc. household goods & linens, childrens toys. no early birds please. (F26)

102 Dilbeck Street, Perkins Place, East Main Post. Saturday, April 20th, 8am until noon. Multi-family yard sale. Postponed if rain. Baby equipment and much more. (F26)

Multi-Family Yard Sale at 115 Dial Street, Perkins Place - Saturday, 27 April 2002, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Household items, stuffed animals, toys, clothing, etc. Everything must go. No early birds please! (F26)

Yard Sale 842E Arrowhead Rd McGraw Manor Saturday 4-27. Toys, clothes and much more. (F26)

2 Family Yard Sale Saturday, April 27 8-? Something For Everyone 147 B Arrowhead RD 687-3947 (F26)

149C Magrath St. Toddler Boys Clothes, Toys, 6-12 month girl clothes, picnic table, large carpet and much more (F26)

Yard Sale at 2569 Mesa St in Oakland Park. Sat. Apr. 27. (F26)

Moving Sale April 27, 2002 8 AM until. Baby items, ladies clothes, girls clothes, house hold items.144A Margarth Street Fort Benning. (F3)

8am to 1pm, lots of items, clothes, toys, furniture, household items. 119 Ingersoll Loop. McDonald Monaor. Sat. 4-27-02 (F26)

SAT 27 Apr 8 AM-? 6160 Candlestick Loop Columbus, GA, Toys, furniture, baby items, clothes, misc. Call 569-8096. (F3)

Yard Sale, 618 Gibson Court (Custer Terrace) clothes, odds and ends, lots of stuff. (F26)

YARD SALE: 27TH April 0800-1300 Hours at 116-A Arrowhead Rd (Custer Terrace) Moving Sale. Many different items that must go!!! (F26)

Homes & Land for Sale

93 Palm Harbor 14x80, exc. cond, asking $21K, loan value is $26K, Will consider reasonable offer, Land is leased, Day 545-7022 or Night 327-9654.(F26)

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6901 Flagstone Dr., 3BR, 2BA, LR, DR, den, 1950 sq. ft., $149,900. Call Sheila R. Hill, 689-8100 or 566-2933. TM Lowe Co. Realtors. (P10)

2420 10th St., 3BR, 2BA, near Lawyers Lane, $48,000. Call Sheila R. Hill, 689-8100 or 566-2933. TM Lowe Co. Realtors. (P10)

7086 Vinings Way, 3BR, 2BA, Great room, ofc., 1590 sq. ft., $122,900. Call Sheila R. Hill, 689-8100 or 566-2933. TM Lowe Co. Realtors. (P10)

9141 Pinewood Dr., 4BR, 2 1/2BA, sep. LV/DR, Great room, ofc., 3499 sq. ft., $255,000. Call Sheila R. Hill, 689-8100 or 566-2933. TM Lowe Co. Realtors. (P10)

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93 Palm Harbor 14x80, exc cond, located on 1 acre private lot in cusseta, Access to fishing pond, $500. monthly rent, Day 545-7022 or Night 327-9654.(F26)

Looking for room mate to share a three bedroom 1 1/2 bath house. Off of exit4 Buena Vista Rd .Quiet neighborhood on Betty Dr. $350 per month. Call SSG Fitzmaurice Work: 706-544-8586 0900-1700 Home:706-221-2233 1700-1000 (F26)

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AKC Large German Shepard puppies. $250, 6 weeks old, 1st shots. Call Lynn at 563-6350 or 563-0010. (FTFN)

Jack Russell Terrier free to good home 689-5216 (F26)

Jack Russell, free to good home, neutered, all shots, house trained 682-6095 (F26)

Male AKC Shitzu,7-8 months old, looking for good home. I 685-0508 for more info (F26)

Lost and Found

Found Property, If you are missing any items please contact INV Lombard at the Military Police Station at 545-3031/3041 (FTFN)

Found: female dog found near soccer fields on Bjornstad Wed 4/3. Medium sized wiry haired; looks like Sandy from "Annie". Call Stacy at 685-8653 to identify. (F26)

Found: Small black male dog, found in Custer Terrace. Call 682-8125 to identify. (F26)

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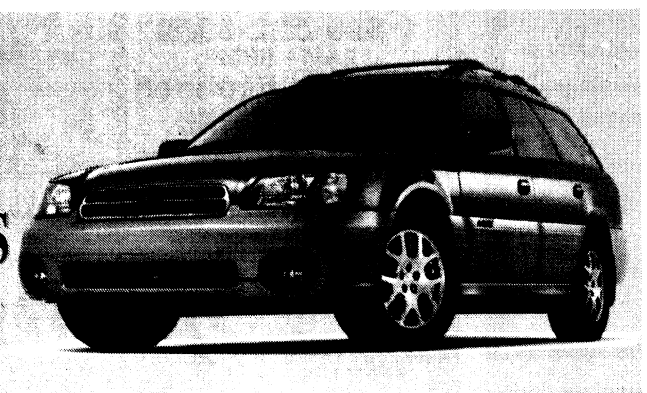
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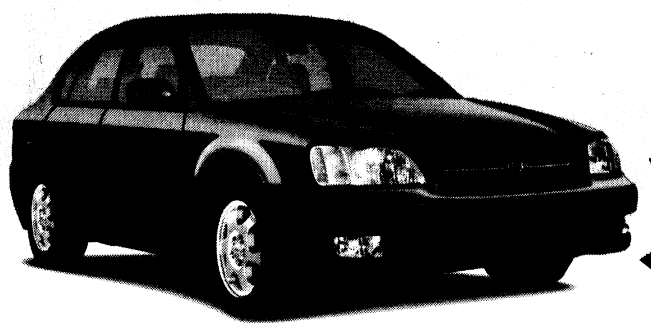


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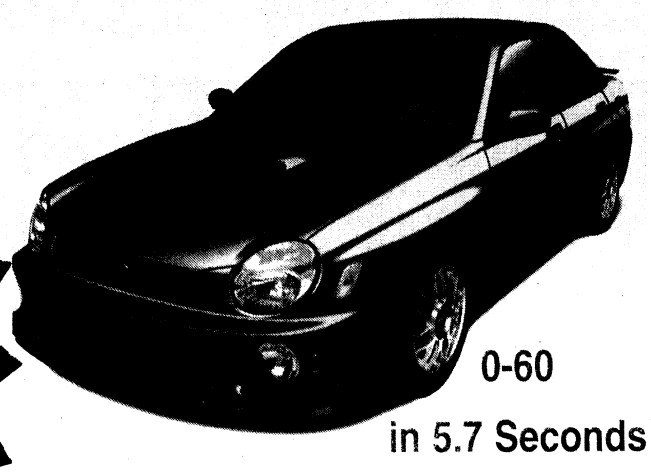


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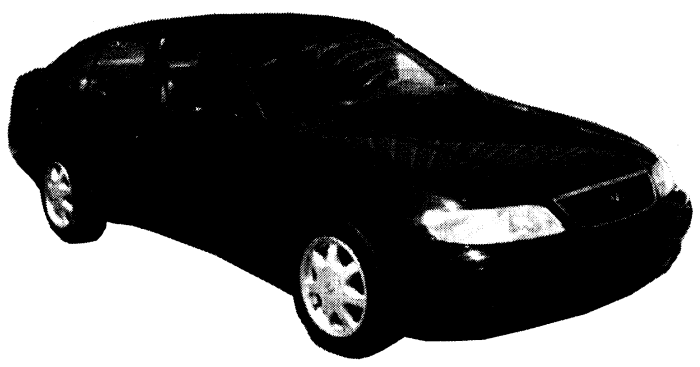


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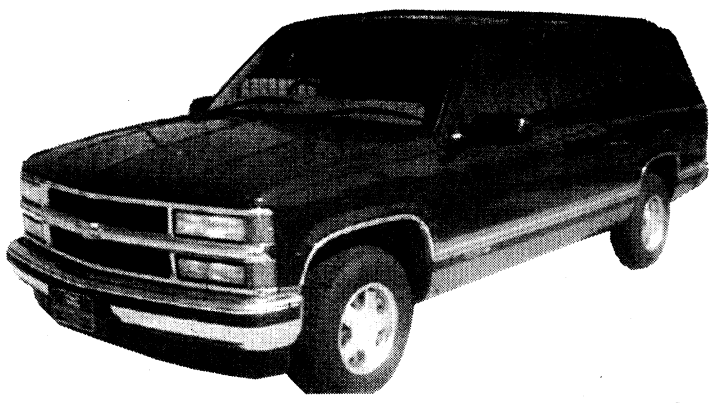
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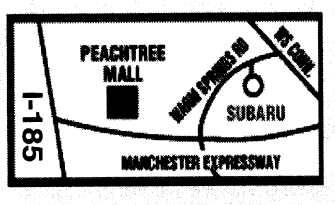
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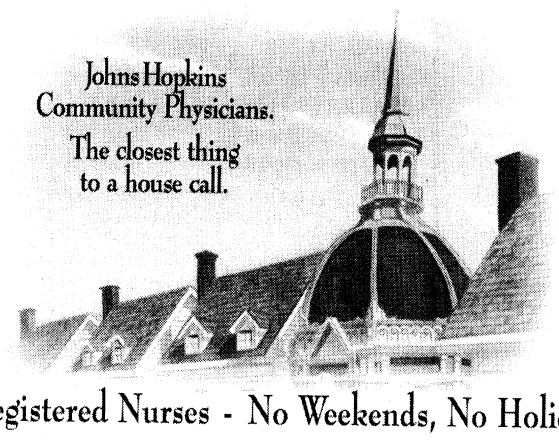
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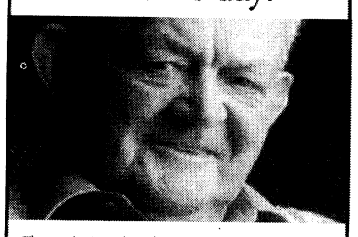
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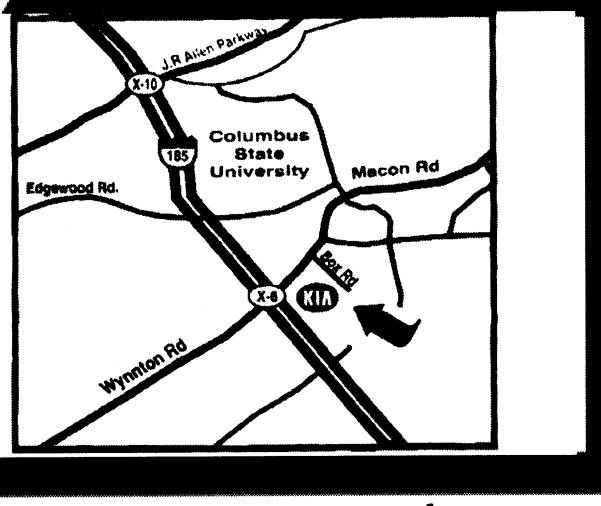
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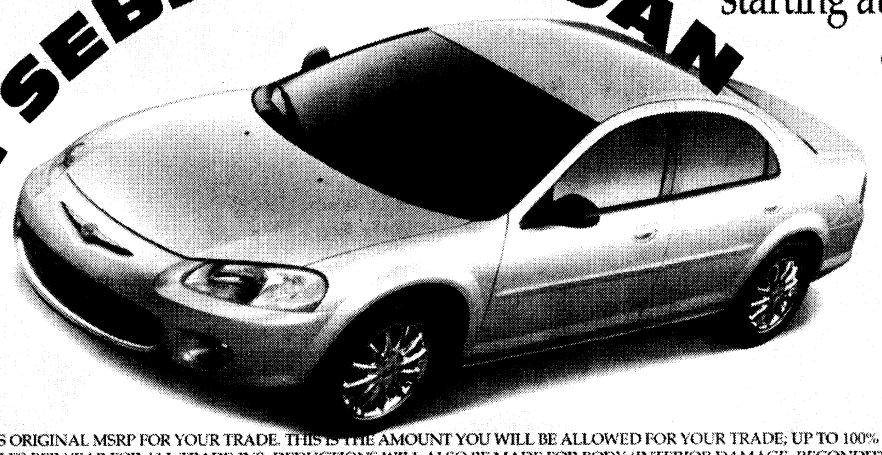
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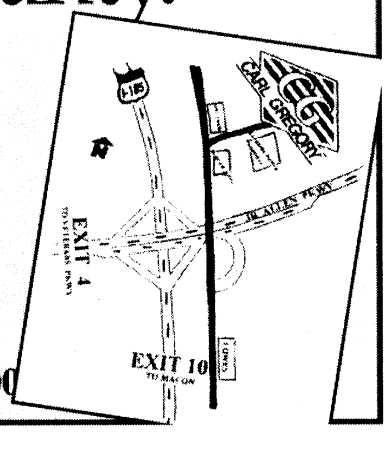
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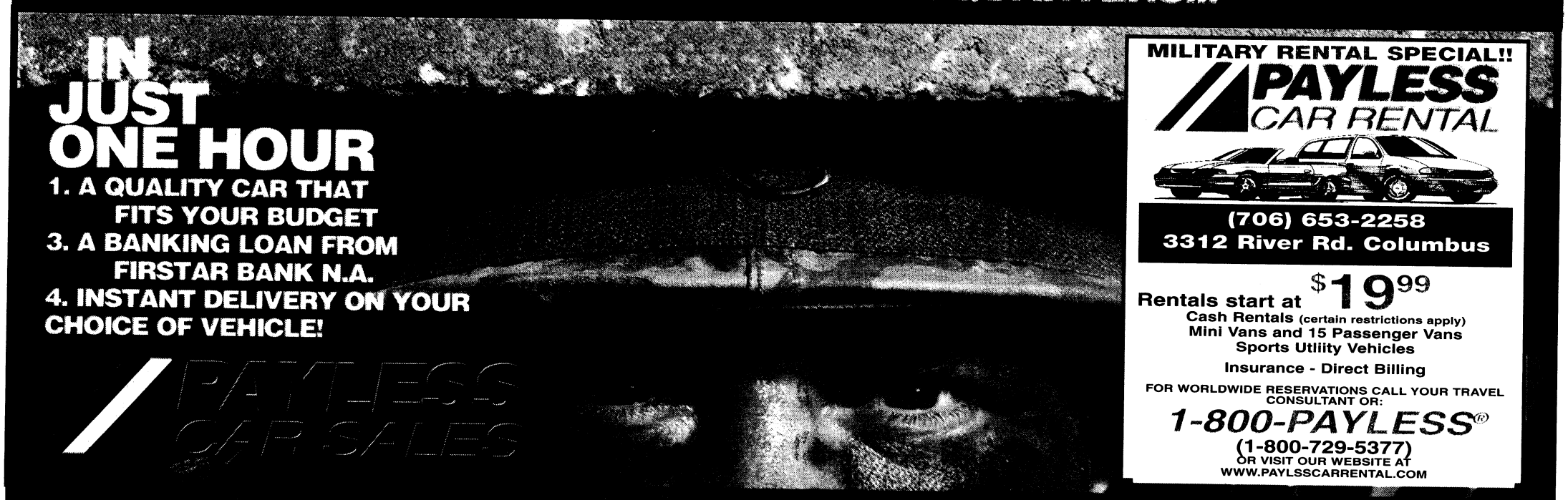
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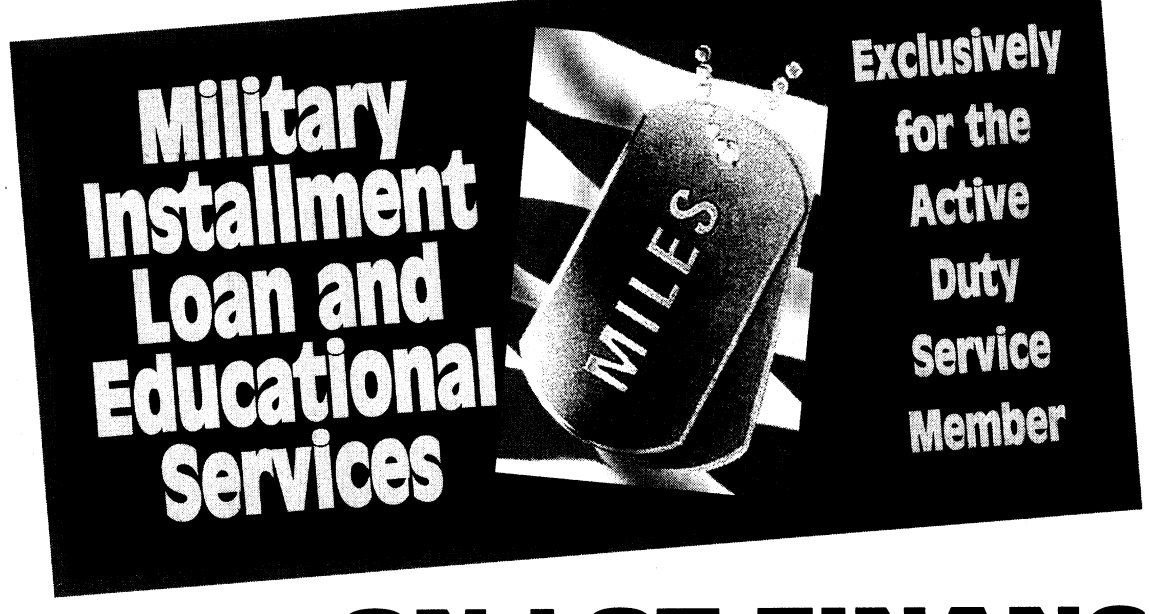
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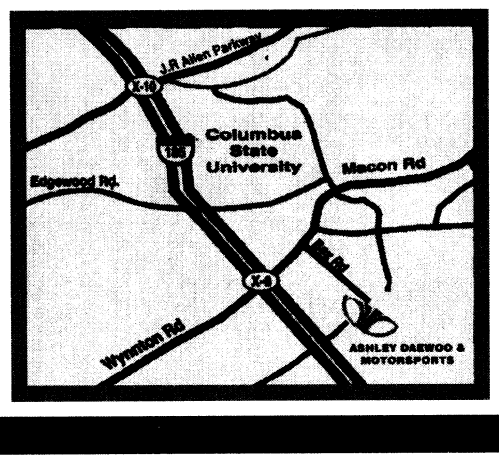
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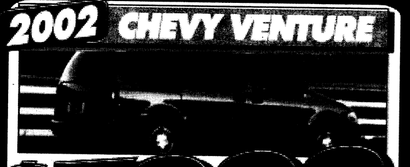
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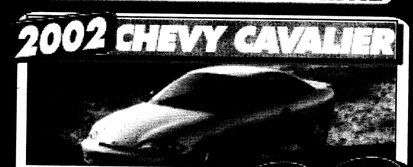
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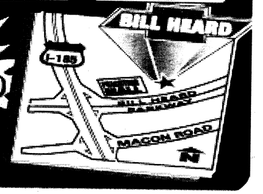
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Friday — high 83, low 64

Saturday — high 84, low 64

Sunday — high 86, low 64

National Weather Service

Dear Readers,

Because of our expanded coverage of the Best Ranger Competition, several sections have changed for this week's paper.

The Follow Me section starts on Page A-7 and continues on Page A-10.

The Community section starts on Page A-11.

Best Ranger coverage is the B section of the paper.

Lori Egan, editor

Jobs stay in-house

Adjutant General to keep providing soldiers' services

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

There were cheers, tears and high fives when the garrison commander told the work force of the Adjutant General, Directorate of Military Personnel, the results of a three-year study that looked at whether or not the work should be done in-house or contracted out to private industry.

"The work will stay in-house," Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, said April 26 as soon as the results were known.

The study, known as the A-76 or the commercial activities study, analyzed the most efficient provider of the service and determined that Fort Benning's bid would save the government $5.8 million over a 60-month period, Torres said.

Training and Doctrine Command compared the AG's bid with one submitted by Cirrus Technology, located in Huntsville, Ala. Cirrus Technology provides the same type of services the AG performs.

Their bid was $29.12 million to provide the services, and the AG bid was $23.23 million, Torres said.

See **AG**, A-6

Ranger, lead the way



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Hoffman, front, and his partner, Staff Sgt. James Yaw, 6th Ranger Training Battalion, Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., compete on one of the obstacles at the Darby Queen at Camp Darby Saturday. Hoffman and Yaw finished in ninth place in the 20th annual David E. Grange Best Ranger Competition. For more information on the competition, see the B section.

Program turns soldiers into teachers

Funding available for qualifiers

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

If ever the thought of being an educator came to mind, now couldn't be a better time, said Bill Kirkland, Georgia Troops to Teachers program manager. For those interested in becoming a teacher after retiring from the military, the Troops to Teachers program can — and will — help get you there.

Troops to Teachers is a joint initiative of the Departments of Defense and Education to assist transitioning military personnel who wish to teach. Those qualified may be eligible to receive up to $5,000 in federal funding to use toward teacher certification, and up to $10,000 in funding if willing to work for three years in a "high needs" school.

"It's exciting because it's something you can do after the military that really makes a difference," Kirkland said. "I think military experience and savvy really benefits the program."

Academic requirements for the Troops to Teachers program are a four-year degree in any subject from an accredited institution or one year of college and six years of experience in a vocational skill, such as an auto mechanic.

Joseph Miles is a prime example of a Troops to Teacher success story, Kirkland said. The former "hard and charged" Army soldier now teaches math, reading and computer science to kindergarten through fifth grade at Johnson Elementary. After retirement, the decision to become an educator was easy.

"When I got in the Army, I had nothing," said Miles of college experience. "When I retired, I had a bachelor's in human resources. I was blessed to be in the position to get so much schooling."

But it was his time as an ROTC instructor at Auburn University that convinced him that teachers really do make a difference.

"Being a mentor to all those cadets and teaching military structure, well that's just a really decent feeling. When you see all those people graduate, you

See **TEACHERS**, A-6

Mail carriers to collect for families

Postcards will be delivered next week as reminder

Bridgett Siter
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The letter carriers employed by the U.S. Postal Service to deliver your mail will be looking for a handout May 11.

They'll be collecting canned goods and nonperishable foods, and every bit — or bite — collected on Fort Benning goes directly to the Army Community Services food locker to benefit soldiers and their families.

It takes a lot of groceries to feed Fort Benning's hungry, said Al Deane, the Army Emergency Relief officer in charge of the emergency food locker, and much of the funding for the food locker comes from an ACS support fund. But the food locker gets a little help once a year from an unlikely source — the postman.

Sometime next week, Fort Benning residents will find postcards in their mailboxes reminding them that next Saturday marks the 10th annual food drive, the largest one-day effort of its kind in the country.

Sponsored by the National Association of Letter Carriers, in conjunction with the U.S. Postal Service, Campbell's Soup, United Way and Saturn, last year's drive netted more than 60,000 pounds of nonperishable foods for local food banks, including more than 2,000 pounds collected on Fort Benning, a significant increase over previous years, said Jerry Hooks, the 75-year-old retired letter carrier from Columbus who helps coordinate the local "Stamp Out Hunger" drive each year.

> "And every bit of what we collect on Fort Benning stays right there on Fort Benning to help Fort Benning families."
>
> **Jerry Hooks**
> Local coordinator

"And every bit of what we collect on Fort Benning stays right there on

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POSTWIDE YARD SALE

Loveseat not for sale

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COMMENTARY



"Hello, thank you for calling the classifieds. This is June. How may I help you?"

"Yes, I'd like to place an ad for a multi-family yard sale Saturday."

"OK, dear, what types of items will you be selling? You have up to six lines for a very cost effective $40."

"Uh, well, I have this great set of Korean candelabras, no, wait, those were a gift from the husband. Um, oh yeah, I have a ton of maternity clothes. You see, I went kind of wild with my second! Anyway, I won't be needing them anymore, or will I? Oh, I know, we have one of those Sony Playstations — what honey? No, I said don't drive through the weigh station. Yeah, you can put that on there, and ... "

"Ma'am, I don't mean to be rude, but when I asked what kinds of things you'd be selling I was hoping you could break it into categories like household goods or furniture."

"Oh, no, we don't want to get rid of any furniture, but we are looking for a nice loveseat. Are there any ads for one of those?"

"Ma'am?"

"OK, I'm sorry. Look, I have a little of this and a little of that. Some crazy lady is going to come to my house and buy all the socks anyway — she does it every time — so you don't need to list those. And do you know she bought my breadbox to store them in? Says she has breadboxes all over her house that she paints funky colors and stores, well, socks in them. Anyway, I do have a wonderful assortment of McDonald's Happy Meal toys, all the Dalmatians, in fact! Lots of junk, I guess, but I don't know if that would be such a good marketing ploy, huh?"

"No, ma'am, why don't you call back when you know what you'll be selling, OK? Good-bye and thank you for calling the classifieds."

Come on now. I mean what is a yard sale anyway? An auction for the items in your house that don't quite qualify as trash, but for some reason, you don't feel comfortable giving to a friend. Can it really be that complicated if it's in your front yard?

Now, don't get me wrong. There are some high quality finds at yard sales, for example, the baby swing I used for both of my children, although it did get a little tired and slow on our second, and we replaced the batteries weekly. But some people just don't need or use a baby swing anymore. So that sale would be in the spirit of practicality.

What is not practical is having a yard sale with friends and walking away having traded with that very friend more than was sold. Was that a good investment of $40 for advertising? My husband would not think so, as I talk him out of his prized holey T-shirt and his permanently stained hat, which by the way teen-agers pay top dollar for at Abercrombie & Fitch, all in the name of "getting rid of things we don't need." I can understand his frustration when I come home with Amy's crystal serving dish and Denise's eucalyptus basket. But they really were a steal, so he can't stay mad for long, can he? Only if he finds out about the Playstation.

Now, I have to ask myself, do we like yard sale items because they are someone else's? Is there something great and mysterious about seeing the contents of one's house spilled on their front lawn? Makes me feel kind of vulnerable.

But the most vulnerable I've felt during a yard sale was the one time we forgot to add the "no early bird" rule to our ad, and I found neighbors I'd never met foraging through my house at 7 a.m. because I did not yet have my yard set up. Do these people sleep? They certainly don't have small children.

Another fond memory was the muggy spring morning in Savannah when all the sand gnats on the east coast swarmed my front yard, and, as always, I was the primary bug target. Must be that sweet blood of mine. In an effort to keep them away, I doused myself in a good, thick layer of bug spray, and quickly came to the conclusion that those softball-size welts forming on my arms and legs were an allergic reaction to the spray. After showering it all off, and nearly itching the skin off my arms, I picked the lesser of three evils and dressed in pants and long sleeves and sweated a cesspool by the time the sale was over. But I made $82 dollars and lost three pounds.

Now, I will tell you I never spent $40 on advertising. For that much I could hang signs on every corner of Fort Benning promoting the postwide yard sale, and that's what this is really all about anyway. That's right. Saturday, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Fort Benning's finest will find their way to another man's junk, or another man's treasure that will eventually become their junk, all in the name of practicality. So put on your walking shoes and Camelbak, but let's keep it clean. No hair pulling or eye scratching over those Korean candelabras. But if you happen upon a comfy but not too worn loveseat, just keep on walking, because it's mine!

Hey buddy, can you spare a can?

Bridgett Siter
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COMMENTARY



Sorry Fort Benning, when it comes to stamping out hunger, we're running a distant second.

For the past 10 years, mail carriers (postmen I used to call them before I was one) all across the country have been collecting food for the needy the second Saturday in May.

And for the past few years, the local chapter of the National Association of Letter Carriers has been including Fort Benning in the effort. They collect food for our own food bank. Imagine that.

Statistically speaking, we're not doing a lot to help ourselves.

While Columbus area residents donated nearly 60,000 pounds of groceries last year, Fort Benning folks sacrificed a paltry 2,000.

Now no one expects us to meet or beat everyone else in the county, but per capita, we're way behind the power curve.

So I propose a challenge. Let's all do a little spring cleaning. As we busy ourselves about the house getting ready for tomorrow's postwide yard sale, buzz through the pantry and the kitchen cabinets and bag a dozen cans of vegetables, a couple boxes of cereal and pasta and a plastic bottle or can of juice.

It's that easy.

The mail carriers do the hard part.

They'll lug our donations — no matter how many trips it takes — down to the Custer Road Fire Station, and "they'll be pleased as punch to do it," said Jerry Hook, the retired mail carrier and former soldier responsible for spearheading the Fort Benning Stamp Out Hunger campaign.

And when they get all the goods to the station, they'll weigh them before turning them over to the Army Community Services food locker, where folks like you and me who find themselves in an occasional monetary emergency can get a little help feeding the kids.

And I'll be sure to let you know how well we do this year. Unless I'm too ashamed to print it. Please don't let me down. Let's stamp out hunger on Fort Benning.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park needs flags

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Committee has held and enjoyed many functions throughout its history.

We are planning a pre-Memorial Day program at 10:30 a.m. May 18.

There are 119 deceased veterans honored with their name on the wall at the park, and a flag is flown for each name listed on the wall.

Also, the installation of the sculpture that represents three Vietnam veterans of diverse backgrounds makes the Vietnam Veterans Wall complete.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park was completed and continues to thrive solely through donations of time, labor, materials and money. We are requesting the help of the tri-community to help continue with the upkeep efforts at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park.

Inasmuch that the memorial flags are worn out and damaged, and to implement the park to the level our fallen comrades deserve, we need 119 flags.

The replacement flag needed is a 3-by-5 foot nylon flag. Lowe's Department Store has pre-ordered the 3-by-5 foot flags, which cost $22.95, and have made them available for this community project.

We are asking that you buy the flag(s) needed and present them to the Memorial Park or send your financial donation to the First Union Downtown Branch, account number 2000001852718 for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Fund.

The flags or money donated to help defray the cost of this project will be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, call 687-5357. Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

— Lonnie Jackson
Co-founder, VVMPC

CORRECTION

In last week's paper, a photo on Page C-1 was incorrectly identified. The picture was of Mike Menapace, not Dennis Linton.

The Bayonet apologizes for the error and regrets any inconveniences it caused.

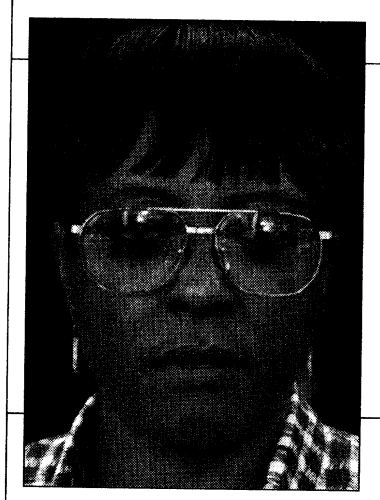
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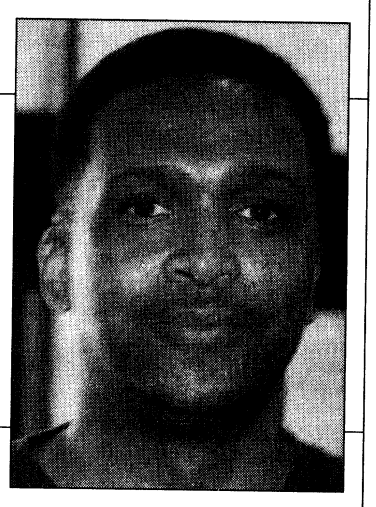
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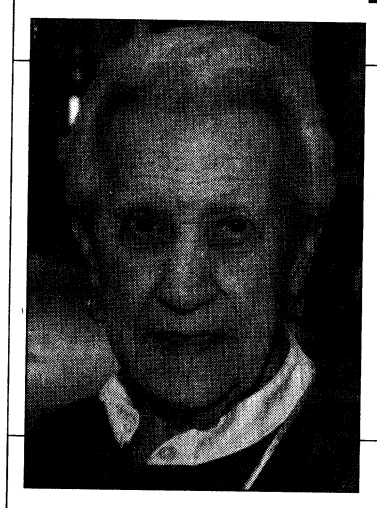
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Interviews and photos by Pfc. Kyle Neller. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

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Sneaky snake strikes sleeping soldier

Copperhead takes bite out of trainee

Angela Sachitano
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Fort Benning soldiers train their entire careers to defend themselves from the enemy.

But when the enemy is a 3-foot-long copperhead snake, all of the defense tactics in the world may not be enough.

"I was sleeping and the sneaky thing must have crept up on me when I least expected it," said Pvt. Tyrel Zamora, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment.

Zamora has only been in the Army for a few short months and he's already had a taste of real danger.

Danger has also had its taste of him.

"It was early in the morning and still dark out," said Zamora. "I woke up to see two blood streams shooting down my hand."

It was during a rest from a field training exercise April 23, when a copperhead snake punched its venomous fangs into Zamora's thumb.

"I couldn't believe it," said Staff Sgt. Robert Hill, drill sergeant. "I knew the bite could potentially be fatal if we didn't get him to a hospital immediately."

Zamora was quickly taken to Martin Army Community Hospital, almost 35 minutes away. By the time he reached the emergency room, his arm was swollen up to his shoulder.

"The doctors gave me painkillers and nine vials of antivenin," said Zamora. "My fingers were so swollen I couldn't close my fist or feel anything on my left arm."

Doctors also gave Zamora a blood transfusion in an attempt to flush out the poison in his blood and for the next 48 hours, watched over him very closely.

Doctors said the chances of Zamora having an allergic reaction to the poison were high.

"If it wouldn't have been for the fast thinking of our men and everyone at the hospital, things could have been a lot worse," Hill said.

In nine years of service, Hill said he's only seen three soldiers with snake wounds.

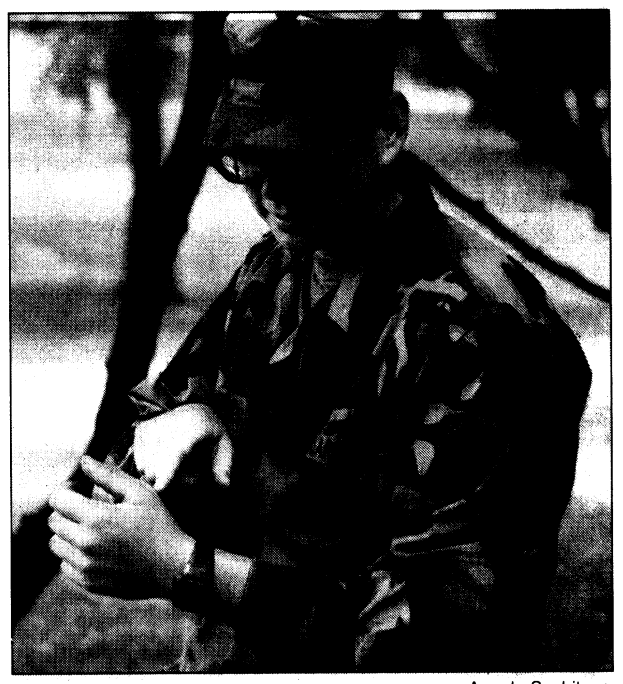
Hill hopes other soldiers will learn from this incident and be overly cautious when it comes to snakes, especially in swampy areas during the hot months.

"Soldiers don't need to try and be the ultimate snake killer if they see one," said Hill. "It's best to get away as soon as possible and notify other members of the unit."

In the meantime, Zamora has been released from the hospital and has healed quickly. The swelling is gone and the wound has almost disappeared.

"I've tried to stay as calm as possible," Zamora said.

"The doctors assured me I would heal. But all I kept thinking about was that I was supposed to graduate from Advanced Infantry Training Saturday. Nothing was going to keep me from that."



Angela Sachitano

Pvt. Tyrel Zamora points out where the copperhead bit him.

Mule surprises family expecting colt

Family wants community help for name

Pvt. Andrea Candlish
USAIC Public Affairs Office

A Fort Benning family found an unusual visitor waiting for them Thursday afternoon.

Tracy and 13-year-old Katie Vaughn went to feed their horse, Rosie, they found their mare had had its baby.

They expected a foal, but discovered instead a fuzzy brown baby girl with really long ears.

The long awaited foal turned out to be a "molly" (a mule that is a hybrid cross between a donkey and a horse.)

"We weren't expecting this, but she is really cute," Tracy said.

Tracy bought Rosie in mid-February, after her husband Chaplain (Capt.) Tommy Vaughn was assigned to Sand Hill.

The man who sold the mare told the Vaughns Rosie was pregnant only after Tracy had fallen in love with her.

"She wasn't that great looking, but she had a smooth gait and was very spirited," Tracy said. The man told Tracy Rosie's due date was sometime before May, and the father was a black and white paint.

"Well, he was right about Rosie's due date," Tracy said with a laugh." She plans to keep her for right now and see how things go.

"The baby is really independent, so we have to have to start training her right away," Katie said.

The Vaughns are asking the Fort Benning community for their help in finding a name worthy of Rosie's mule.

After all, the mule is the Army's animal and has played an important role in Army operations, hauling weapons, ammunition and supplies.

In 1899 the mule made its debut at the Army vs. Navy game.

West Point legend says when the Navy goat and the Army mule were introduced at the end of the game, the mule whirled around and hoisted the goat towards the Navy stands.

Needless to say the crowd got a good laugh from the incident.

Since 1899 mules like Mr. Jackson, Buckshot, and Spartacus have represented the Army at the Army vs. Navy Games.

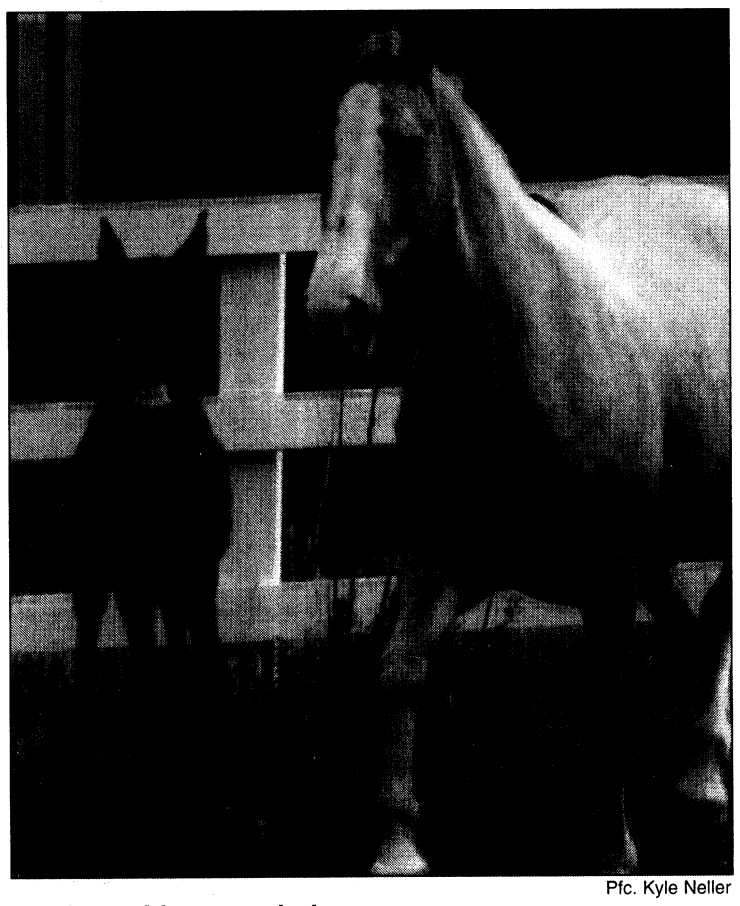
The current reigning senior mule mascot is Traveller.

The Fort Benning Hunt Club is sponsoring a pick a name contest for Rosie's mule. The winner of the contest will be announced at the Hunt Club's Open House June 22. The winner will receive a free pony ride.

Contest entries can be sent to "Pick a name contest" C/O Fort Benning Hunt Club, Marne Road, P.O. Box 51924, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

Hunt Club manager Andrea Pitts said this is the first mule born at the Hunt Club.

Rosie's mule, along with Rosie, will be in the Parade of Breeds, which features different breeds of the equine species, planned for the open house.



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Rosie and her new baby.

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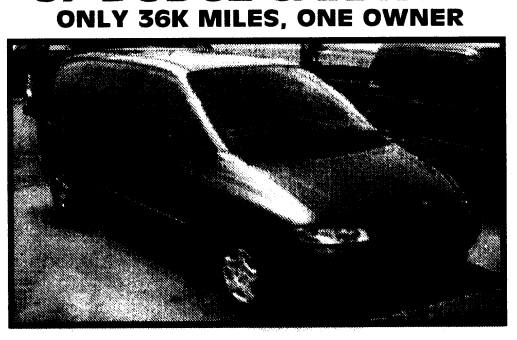
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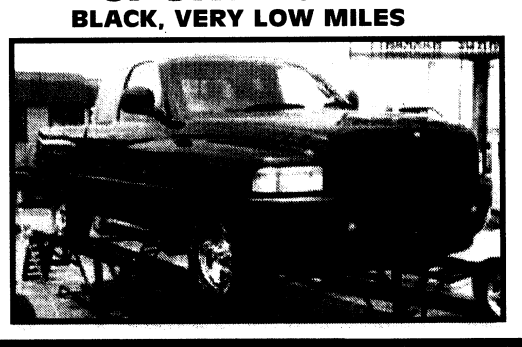
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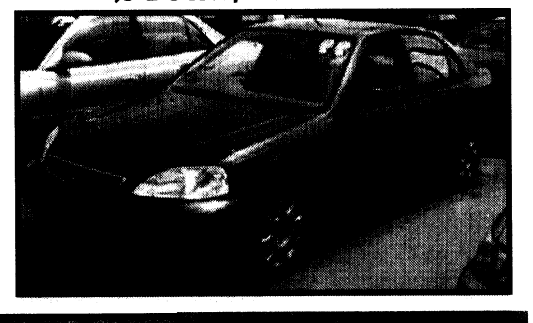
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Fort Benning 'owns the night'

Night vision series donated to Infantry Museum

Laura Martinson
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The history of military equipment is told through its transformation, and as of 2 p.m. today, Fort Benning will chronicle yet another legacy.

A series of night vision equipment dating from the 1960s to present day will be donated to the National Infantry Museum to become a part of its permanent collection.

"The devices will show the progression and evolution of night vision equipment over the years from original devices to what the services use today," said retired Lt. Col. John Spencer, Northrop Grumman, who witnessed the changes in technology firsthand and has been working towards getting the display to the museum for several years.

Northrop Grumman Corporation's electro-optical systems business unit will present several image intensified devices for a night observation device display. This display represents a chronological cross-section of the night vision products designed and produced by several premier companies now integrated under EOS, Spencer said. Together, these companies represent a major portion in the U. S. that were involved in the development and growth of image intensified night vision devices since the early 1960s. Currently EOS remains a major supplier of NODs to the U. S. military, as well as many friendly foreign countries around the world.

Fort Benning is the logical location for such a display, said Frank Hanner, National Infantry Museum director.

"Throughout history, nighttime battles were the most difficult, and during Vietnam, it was said that the 'enemy owned the night' because they knew the terrain better than our soldiers," Hanner said. "Since then, the Army's been the major proponent in finding a solution for fighting at night, and to make our soldiers the 'owners of the night.'"

Spencer said the post should be the home of the display since the Electronics and Special Developments Division of the Infantry Center's Combat Developments has been the lead on most of the requirements documents for night vision devices that have evolved over the past several decades.

"Although all TRADOC schools have participated in the process, Fort Benning has been the leader and motivator for most of the devices used by U.S. ground forces today," Spencer said.

"Benning has been known as the User Center of Excellence for Night Vision for a number of years based on its development of the requirements documents, testing of these devices, formulation of methods of usage and determination for the fielding of the devices."

Included in this unique display are sights spanning almost 40 years of image intensified night vision development, Spencer said. First-, second- and third-generation devices are featured to include goggles, rifle sights and observation devices.

Some of the first generation devices are the AN/PVS-3A, AN/PVS-2A, AN/TVS-2, and the AN/TVS-4, which are all weapons sights and observation devices developed in the late 1950s and early 1960s.

In the 1970s, second generation devices were introduced and include the AN/PVS-5 Goggle, the AN/PVS-4 Rifle Sight, and the AN/VVS-2 Driver's Viewer. Third generation devices came into use in the 1980s, such as the AN/PVS-7 A & B goggles, AN/PVS-10 Sniper Night Sight in use by U. S. military Snipers today, and the AN/AVS-6 Aviators Night Vision Goggle which was the second ANVIS ever made, and whose predecessor was the AN/PVS-5 Infantry Night Vision Goggle.

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> **Frank Hanner**
> National Infantry Museum director

"The NODs will be a living display as new devices will be added as they become available," Spencer said.

"It is hoped that other companies will participate in providing night vision equipment unique to them."

The display will be open to the general public Monday.

For more information, call the National Infantry Museum at 545-2958.

Army study identifies NCO concerns

NCOs want feedback on how they rate

Joe Burlas
Army News service

WASHINGTON — NCOs want better information as to how they stack up technically, tactically and leadership-wise with their peers, according to the latest round of the Army Training and Leader Development Panel study.

Based upon written surveys, focus groups and one-on-one interviews with more than 30,000 active-duty, Reserve and National Guard soldiers and spouses, the panel's NCO study results were released May 2.

"The NCO study is another example of the extraordinary integrity and credible authority of the chief of staff of the Army's Training and Leader Development Panel," said Brig. Gen. David Huntoon, executive agent for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "This report is about the U.S. Army taking a bold and forthright look at itself — expressed in the clear and courageous voice of its soldiers. It's about the human dimension leading transformation. And, it is about making a great, professional noncommissioned officer corps even better."

The NCO ATLDP results raised many of the same issues of an officer ATLDP study conducted in 2000. The officer study results were released last May.

Both studies agreed that Army practices are out of balance with soldier beliefs, the Noncommissioned Officer Education System needs improvement, there is a need for more trust and less micromanagement between seniors and subordinates, training resources need to be maintained, improved and provided as required and that pay and benefits could be better.

Combined Arms Center Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett, who purposely chose not to review the officer study findings in order not to be prejudiced when evaluating the NCO data, said she wasn't surprised that the two outcomes were so similar.

"The NCO study just validates the earlier officer study — there are some real issues here that must be examined," Pritchett said. "It also shows the Army's commitment to its people — that the Army is not afraid and needs to take a close look at itself."

There was one comment from an NCO that did surprise many of the panel members, Pritchett said. The NCO wrote that he did not feel responsible when one of his soldiers failed to perform or meet standards.

That comment reinforced many survey participants' views that top-down training management leaves little, if any, time for NCOs to conduct their own sergeant's time training, she said.

The study found that there is a need for more consistent standards and better enforcement of those standards. Part of this issue reflects back to the perceived need to improve NCOES, because many Mission Training Plans are outdated or nonexistent. The MTP is a formal document that lays out the individual, leader and collective tasks, conditions and standards that each type of Army unit can expect to perform in carrying out its mission.

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> **Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia Pritchett**
> Combined Arms Center, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

"There was a time that everyone in the Army trained to published tasks, conditions and standards," said retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Robert Hall, who served as a senior mentor to NCO ATLDP members. "For many reasons — top-down management, OPTEMPO, 9-11, lack of current MTPs — the Army has slipped from training that way. There is a real need to ground the new generation (of NCOs) with current MTPs."

While survey participants did not fault the NCO Evaluation Report per se, they said it was not being used effectively to provide the feedback they need to improve, said Pritchett.

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Many of the respondents, especially among the younger NCOs, said they would like to see something like the old military occupational specialty tests that were given annually more than 20 years ago, Pritchett said.

About one-third of NCOs surveyed do not believe NCOs maintain MOS skill proficiency, while more than half said unit mission essential tasks are not being trained to standard, stated the study's final report.

"Don't look for any fixes coming out of this study because the NCO corps isn't broken," Hall said. "The NCO corps isn't like a rusty old heap sitting in the driveway; it is like a Mercedes just needing a wash and a wax. This study will help arm Army leadership with the facts it needs to make decisions that will ensure the NCO corps' and the Army's successes of the past 226 years will keep pace with transformation."

The final report on the NCO ATLDP study should be posted on the Web by today at www.army.mil/features/ATLDNCO.htm. The earlier officer report is located at www.army.mil/features/ATLD/ATLD.htm.

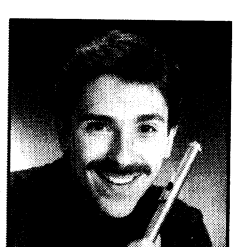
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Environmental Fair



Danielle G. Durante

Mark Thornton, a threatened and endangered species biologist, answers questions during the Environmental Fair April 23. The Environmental Management Division at Fort Benning put on the first Environmental Fair. Fourth-graders from Stowers, Lloyd and Wilson Elementary Schools and and sixth-graders from Faith Middle School participated in the fair. The fair gave the students an opportunity to interact with professional environmentalists and learn different ways to clean up and preserve our environment. The fair also focused on how the military interacts with the environment while still preserving it. The booths at the fair consisted of staff from Fort Benning's Environmental Management Division, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper, Fort Benning Forestry, The Nature Conservancy, Georgia Forestry Commission, Oxbow Meadows Education Center, the Fort Benning Fire Department and U. S. Fish and Wildlife. The Environmental Management Division plans to continue having the Environmental Fair during Earth Week in years to come.

Hunger: Keeps people collecting

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Fort Benning to help Fort Benning families," Hooks said.

"Knowing that their contribution stays right there on post, I'm hoping Fort Benning residents catch on and make this the biggest drive ever."

The eight mail carriers that serve Fort Benning will deposit donations at the fire station on Custer Road, where Hooks will get an accurate weight before it goes to the food locker.

Hooks and Mack Toole, president of the local NALC, said Columbus carriers are hoping to top last year's total. With that goal in mind, nearly 30 retired carriers, many military veterans, will be joining the effort.

Fort Benning residents are asked to leave nonperishable foods, such as canned meats, tuna, fruits and vegetables, dried milk, cereals, juices, pastas, boxed food mixes and juices by their mail boxes, where it will be picked up when the mail is delivered. No glass containers please.

AROUND POST

SJA closes for award luncheon

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close at 11 a.m. and reopen at 1 p.m. Wednesday. The closure is in order to participate in a office staff luncheon and award.

Drill Sgt. ceremony

The 24th annual Drill Sergeant of the Year Ceremony is at 10 a.m. May 10 in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall..

For more information, call 545-4633.

OCS selection boards

An Officer Candidate School selection boards will be May 13-17 and July 22-26. Applications must arrive in Personnel Services and Readiness Division for the July board by June 28. Applications must be complete and applicants must meet all prerequisites.

For more information, call 545-4702.

AUSA job fair

The Association of the U.S. Army will conduct a Job Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 23 in Infantry Hall. The fair is for soldiers (active-duty and retired), Department of the Army civilians and their family members.

Interested parties should bring 20 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews.

For resume assistance, call Army Career and Alumni Program at 545-2308 or the Army Community Services Employment Readiness Program at 545-6969 or 545-5516.

Asian Pacific Heritage Luau

The Equal Opportunity Office is looking for volunteers to provide cultural awareness activities such as: dancing, singing, martial arts demonstration or other talent that represents Asian, during the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Luau. The luau is 4 to 10 p.m. May 31 at Uchee Creek.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-5535.

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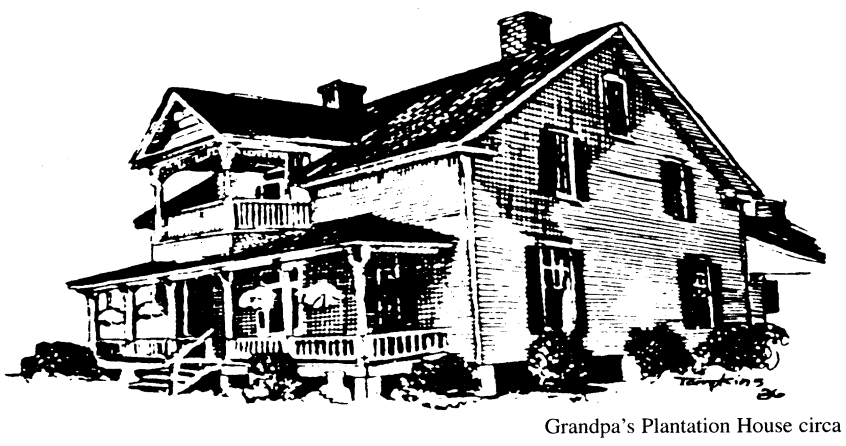
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CALL team learning lessons from Afghan front

Idea behind center is learning from mistakes

Spc. Greg Heath
Army News Service

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan. — A team from the Center for Army Lessons Learned just returned from Afghanistan and is analyzing data collected from soldiers fighting in Operation Enduring Freedom.

The CALL team arrived in Kuwait in late March, upon the request of Lt. Gen. Paul T. Mikolashek, commander, Combined Forces Land Component Command.

CALL, based out of Fort Leavenworth, Kan., has a full-time staff of mostly civilians. The 17-member team sent to Kuwait, though, was hand-picked from various Training and Doctrine Command installations based on individuals' expertise in their field, officials said.

The team members went into Afghanistan with a collection plan consisting of a list of predetermined questions that served as a loose guide for information gathering, but allowed for a free exchange with unit representatives, said a CALL team member.

"Often (the interviewed units) are the first ones in and nobody else had done some of the stuff they were doing," said Maj. Dennis McNulty, S-3, 5th Engineer Battalion. "They're normally quite proud of their accomplishments."

These "unsolicited observations" are often the most important ones to the CALL observers, McNulty said.

"We capture them so next time, when a similar situation occurs, soldiers will have references and tips on how to handle the problem," McNulty said.

Initially founded in 1985, CALL was created to capture relevant lessons learned at the National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Ca., because rotating units consistently made similar mistakes. In late 1989, as a result of Operation Just Cause in Panama, CALL expanded its mission, capturing and disseminating wartime lessons learned.

"The test for CALL and the entire lessons learned system is whether it can help soldiers and units perform their missions right the first time, regardless of the mission," said Maj. Leonel Nascimento, CALL operations officer.

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Maj. Leonel Nascimento
Center for Army Lessons Learned operations officer

CALL also draws from many resources, Nascimento said.

"CALL collects and analyzes data from a variety of current and historical sources," Nascimento said, "including Army operations and training events, to produce lessons for military commanders, staff and students."

"Sometimes mistakes not only result in lost time and effort, but sometimes they result in people being injured or even lives being lost."

"Our job is to be as unobtrusive and objective as possible," said Maj. Norman Emery, defense language instructor, 229th Military Intelligence Battalion, about the team's information gathering techniques. "We're here because we were invited; we're not the Inspector General or evaluators."

The information gathered not only aids soldiers in current operations, but can also be incorporated into Army training and doctrine.

"What we learn can help improve training at all different schools," Emery said. "What we bring back can be included in the Army schools' curriculum and improve the soldiers that they turn out."

Nascimento said he is often amazed by the number of lessons learned the team collects.

"U.S. soldiers are just so ingenious in the way they do things," he said. "No unit does the same thing all the time. Every unit finds a different way of overcoming a challenge. That's what makes us special — because we are so unpredictable."

Once the lessons learned are complete, they are distributed throughout the Army in various print and electronic publications. Some of the most popular publications are the bi-monthly *News From The Front* and various Combat Training Center bulletins, newsletters and articles.

All of the publications and reports can be accessed via CALL's Web page at http://call.army.mil. The Web site also contains an extensive archive of past lessons learned which can be specifically looked up with its high-powered keyword search option.

Soldiers are also encouraged to submit their own lessons learned on the Web site.

Editor's note: *Spc. Greg Heath is a member of the Fort Leavenworth public affairs team.*

Teachers: Recruiting retirees

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really get to see the fruits of your labor," said Miles, who added that military life and teaching really aren't that different. "You always know you can find someone in the schools who's faced the same challenges as you, and they can help you find a solution. The camaraderie and esprit de corps exists within the schools just like in the Army."

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Al Parham, assistant principal of Spencer High School, couldn't agree more.

"The cultures that exist are so similar. Soldiers enjoy the camaraderie of a platoon or a company, and teachers enjoy the camaraderie of the classroom," he said. "You can get into a position and become an expert in the area, and you don't have to worry about moving, but you can still get promoted.

"Most military people who end up teaching fit in very comfortably in the school."

Parham retired from the Army in 1995, and because of a 10 percent disability, qualified for financial Veterans Affairs assistance to complete his teaching certificate.

"Part of what makes teaching attractive to retirees is the structure and regimen. There's still a definite chain of command, and we all follow codes of behavior," said Parham, who added that the pay and health benefits for teachers are comparable to that of the military, and that adds appeal to the occupation as well.

Military service requirements are as follows: Active duty members should be within one year of retirement before applying.

Those retired after Oct. 1, 1999 have up to four years after retirement to be eligible for the program.

For added convenience, the Troops to Teachers Web site provides a referral service, where interested candidates can submit a resume and communicate with schools nationwide. There are 25 contacts across the country ready to assist in placing candidates in desired schools. Additional requirements and conditions are listed on the site.

For more information, call Kirkland at (800) 745-0709 or visit www.troopstoteachers.org.

AG: Jobs stay

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Fort Benning's bid streamlines the now 100 civilian and 70 military positions to just 104 civilian positions starting at the end of January 2003.

Jim Brinson, AG director, said a lot of hard work went into the bid process.

"Our work force reviewed the jobs and is doing the work with less manpower," he said.

Brinson credited process improvements as the reason for the directorate's success. Although the AG is losing 70 military positions, not all of those positions were filled, he said. Soldiers not currently on PCS orders will be reassigned to other positions on post.

Civilians affected by AG's downsizing will be eligible for job placement assistance through the Army Career and Alumni Program and for registration in the Priority Placement Program.

Torres said employees will receive information on separation incentives as they become available, including severance packages, retirement options and other transition programs.

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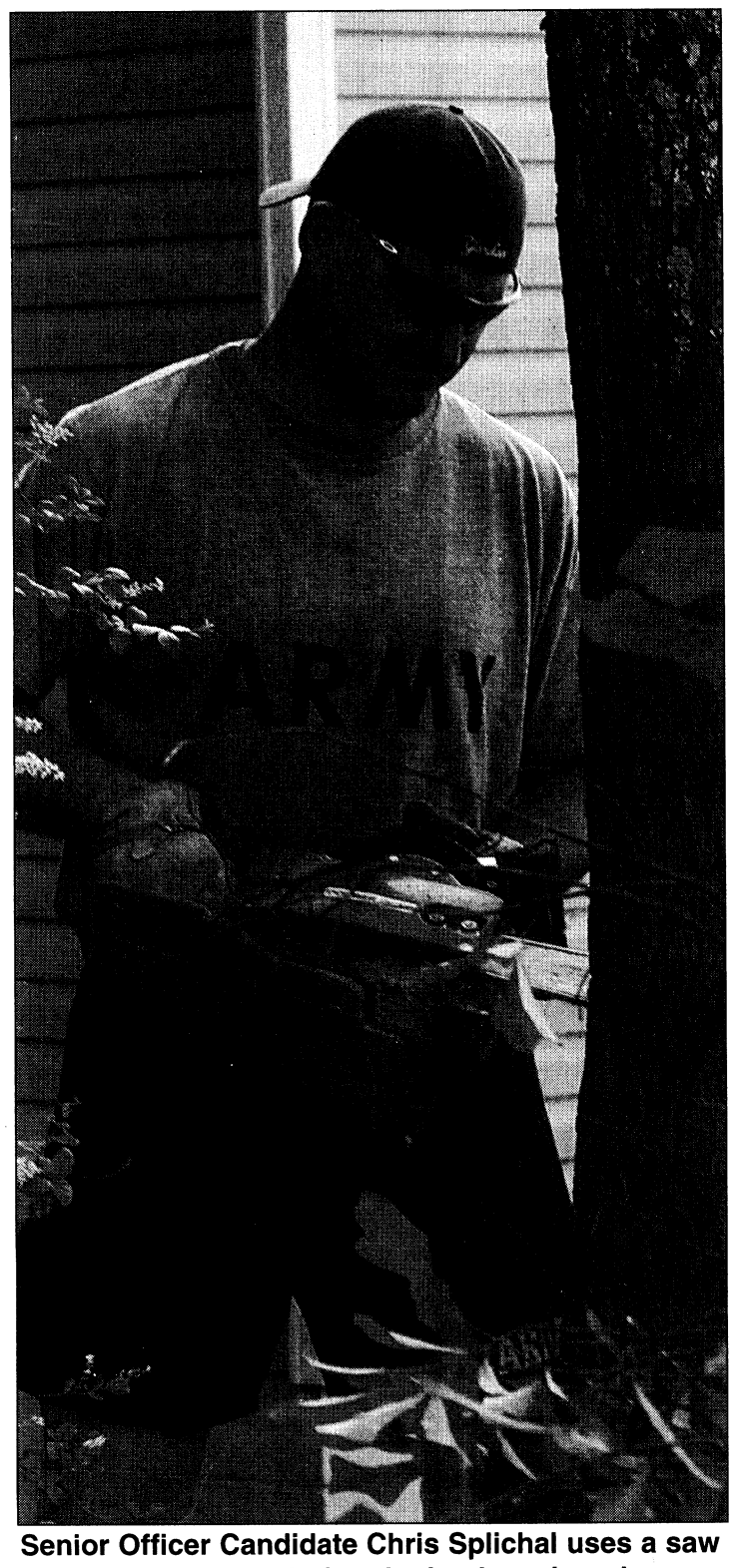
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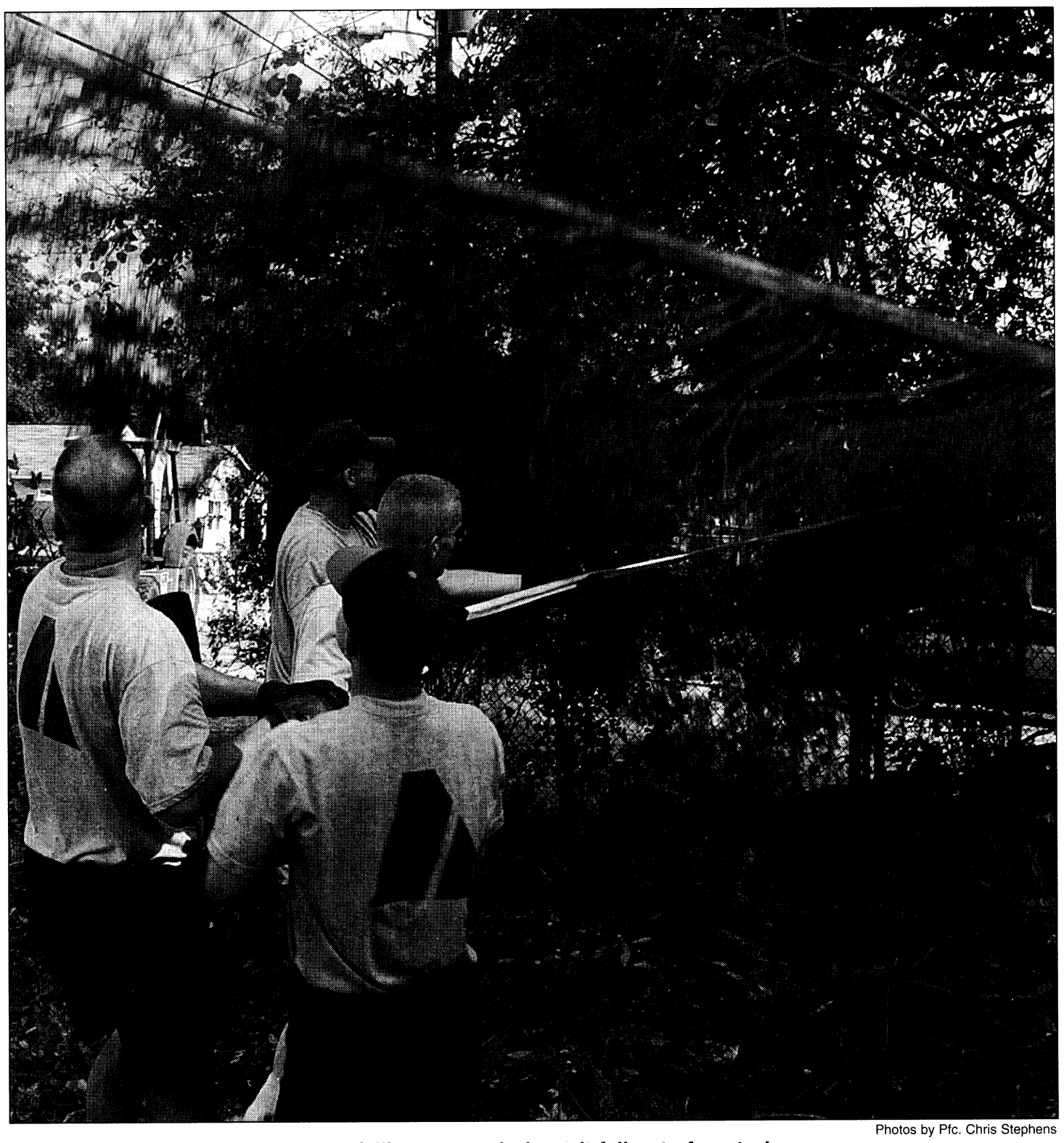
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Senior Officer Candidate Chris Splichal uses a saw to cut down a tree during the landscaping phase.



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Senior officer candidates steady a falling tree so it doesn't fall out of control.

Candidates help Habitat for Humanity

Soldiers give hand to community

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Senior officer candidates of Class 03-02 helped the Columbus community Tuesday with Habitat for Humanity in downtown Columbus.

In Officer Candidate School, there is a requirement to volunteer in the community in some way.

So, the SOCs put their heads together and decided to help with Habitat for Humanity.

"This was something we all wanted to do," said Senior Officer Candidate Dennis Berry. "It's something we enjoy doing."

The SOCs worked on 12 houses Tuesday.

They did various jobs such as landscaping, painting walls and putting up drywall.

> "We wanted to touch the hearts of not only ourselves, but also the people we're helping."
>
> **Dennis Berry**
> Senior Officer Candidate

"By starting early, we will get things done," Berry said. "We will be helping out the community a lot more."

For the SOCs, Habitat for Humanity was more than something they wanted to do.

"It was more than a job," Berry said.

"We wanted to touch the hearts of not only ourselves, but the people we're helping."

The SOCs were satisfied with all the help they gave the community.

"I'm glad to be out here helping," said Senior Officer Candidate Keeley Brown.

"It shows our appreciation to the community for the support they have given us."

"The Columbus community has supported Fort Benning in many aspects," Berry said.

Fort Benning has helped the Columbus community with Habitat for Humanity projects.

"The Fort Benning community is still the largest supporter of Habitat for Humanity in this area," said Cathy Walker, coordinator. "They continually come through and help provide volunteers, when volunteers are needed."

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit, non-denominational Christian housing organization.

For more information, call Walker at 653-6003.

Aviation unit supports Fort Benning



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

A Blackhawk UH-60 flies out for the helocast event during the Best Ranger Competition Sunday.

UH-60's ready for support

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The mission is to support the Rangers on their training operations, but for some pilots it's more than that.

The pilots and crew chiefs of the Directorate of Operations and Training Aviation enjoy the thrill of flying the Blackhawk UH-60's.

"We love to fly," said Sgt. Thomas Lilly, crew chief. "We perform maintenance of these helicopters and make sure they're in great shape. Then, when they are taken in the air, it's cool to see how well they run from the work we did on them."

The crew chiefs perform various types of maintenance on the helicopters to ensure the helicopter is in good working condition.

"We check the bearings, panels, tires, rotor-blades regularly," Lilly said. "We also check to see if anything is broken, and if it is, then we replace it. We've signed for these aircrafts and it is our job to take care of them. They are our babies."

There aren't many soldiers assigned to the unit, so the soldiers perform many duties, he said.

"Besides the maintenance, we also fly on the helicopters to support the missions for the Rangers," Lilly said.

The Blackhawk helicopters require two pilots and two crew chiefs.

"Before taking off, I check to make sure everything in the helicopter is correct," said Chief Warrant Officer Richard Wilken, pilot. "When up in the air, I do everything possible to assist units in getting the most out of training."

In addition to the Rangers, the pilots support other units including the Airborne, and Sniper schools.

The helicopters log in about 25 hours each month individually," said Capt. Michael Bentley, flight detachment commander. "That is over 1,200 hours combined each year. Compared to other bases and the size of our detachment, that is a lot.

"Those hours are credited to our crew chiefs. Without the extra hours they gladly put in, the mission would not be able to be complete."

So, next time you see a Blackhawk over Fort Benning, remember there is a Blackhawk unit ready to support the post and its various efforts, said Bentley.

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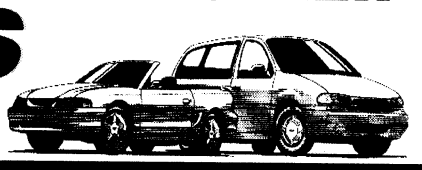


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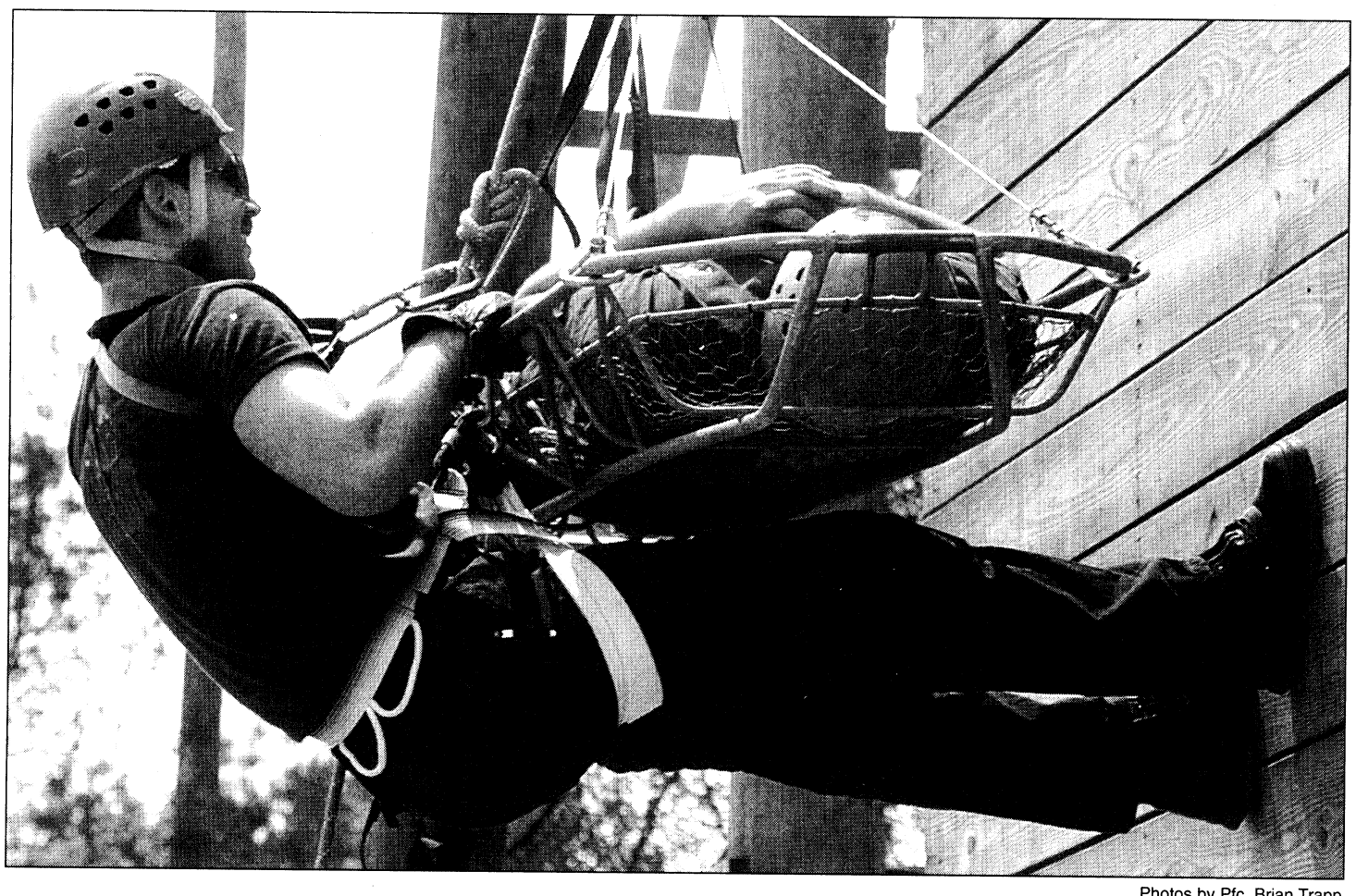
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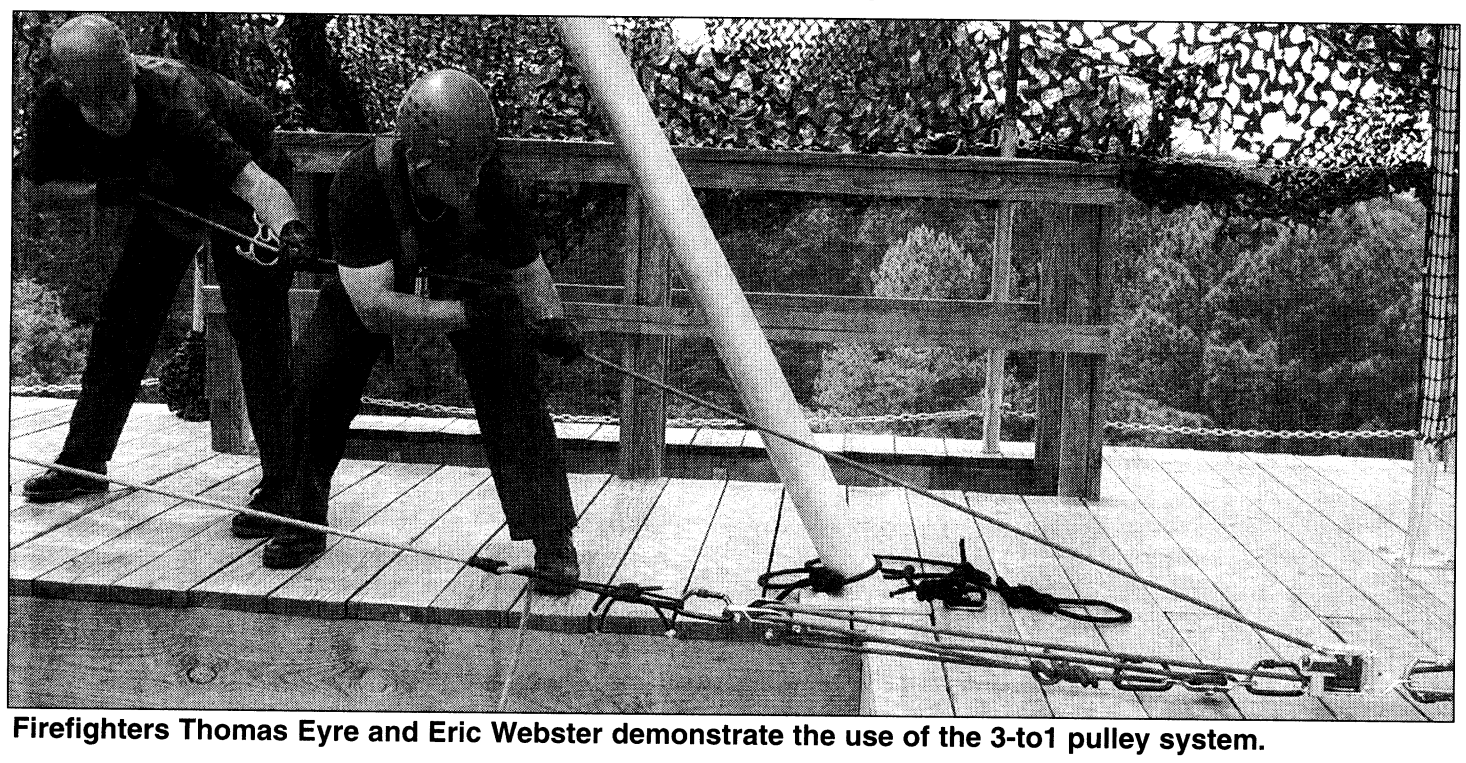
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Firefighters team-up for rescue training



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Firefighter Rick Pagels begins his ascent up the wall steadying the Stokes rescue basket.



Firefighters Thomas Eyre and Eric Webster demonstrate the use of the 3-to1 pulley system.

SORT practices extractions

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Special Operations Response Team with the Fort Benning Fire Department trained for high-angle extractions at the Eagle Tower April 25 on Sand Hill.

The team was formed 10 weeks ago combining all of the specialized rescue teams, bringing them together to make a team where the members are experts in all areas of special response rescues.

"I saw the need for a rescue team like this for a long time," said Arthur Simmons, Fort Benning fire chief. "As soldiers are busy fighting wars, the fire department loses manpower, so we have to work smarter."

The firefighters won't be able to just use sheer numbers if they have a lowered work force due to deployments, so they depend on mechanical aid.

The team can use a rope system to rescue people off the side of a bridge, cliff or even to pull someone out of a manhole or well.

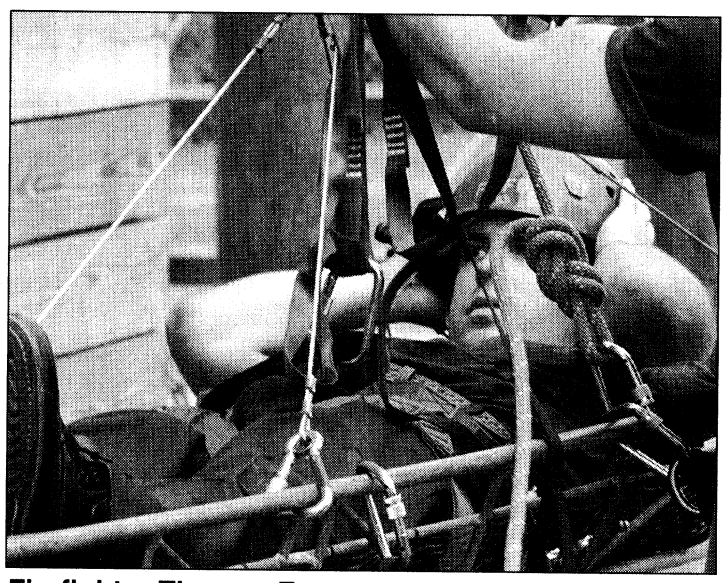
"Anyone can pull a rope, but we need to train guys on how to set up the system and tie the knots," said Rick Pagels, firefighter with Main Post Fire Station.

The team used a Stokes rescue basket and a 3-to-1 pulley system to haul a firefighter and an "accident victim" up the rappel wall of Eagle Tower to simulate a victim who had fallen off a bridge and needed to be brought back up to be cared for.

The pulley system helps three firefighters to move 400 pounds up the wall, due to mechanical advantage. In a real situation any number of people could help quicken the process.

"It's good to be prepared, but to do that we need to practice routinely," Pagels said. The skills SORT has to specialize in need to be done often, otherwise they may forget a step.

"I'm proud of what these guys have accomplished," Simmons said. "If the soldiers are risking their lives for us, the least we can do is keep their families safe."



Firefighter Thomas Eyre prepares to be lifted.

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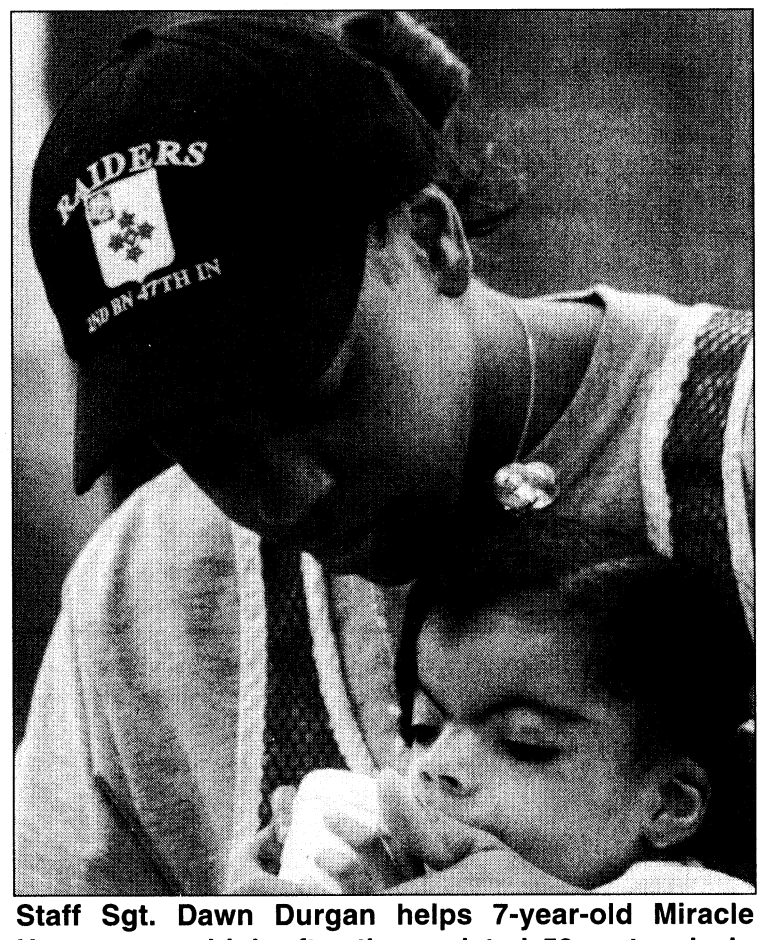


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Sgts. Tashana Menzie and Heather Orland, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, carry Caroline Whiddon to a victory in the assisted 50-meter dash. Six soldiers from the unit traveled to Russell County High School April 26 to assist more than 300 children with disabilities.

"When our eyes met, Miracle just came to me. She wanted me to hold her, and I just couldn't resist."

Staff Sgt. Dawn Durgan
2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Dawn Durgan helps 7-year-old Miracle Horace to a drink after the assisted 50 meter dash. Miracle, who's deaf, spent the day by Durgan's side. "She truly is a miracle," Durgan said.

Soldiers display spirit of giving

Troops race to finish line to lend a helping hand to students

Laura Martinson
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After years of working at a chemical plant, Morris Oliver decided it was time to use his work to make a difference.

"I got tired of working for a paycheck. I wanted to do something more," said Oliver, who's now a special education teacher for Russell County Schools, and for the first time, coordinator for Russell County Special Olympics.

"Special Olympics gives the kids the chance to compete against others at their level instead of those who have an advantage."

Students with one or more of 13 exceptionalities such as learning and behavior disorders, mental retardation and autism competed in events from the 100 meter dash to wheelchair races, and some of Fort Benning's own were there to help.

Sgt. Heather Orland and six other soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, were on the high school football field to lend a helping hand to 300 exceptional children from the Russell County school district, but Orland has personal reasons for volunteering.

When a standard test given during pregnancy revealed that her unborn baby would be born with Down's syndrome, she made it her personal goal to educate herself, her husband and 9-year-old daughter, Amanda, about the condition.

"We wanted and needed to know everything we could about what our baby would be like and what special needs he'd have," said Orland, who later found out the alpha-fetoprotein test often has false positives, and an amniocentesis revealed such was the case for her unborn son, Jacob, who's now 7-months-old.

"We've learned we're very blessed. In volunteering we can show the kids how special they are," Ogden said. "This has taught me that every child, no matter what the situation, can be anything they want to be."

Tiffany Parker, 10, firmly believes in that very ideal, and though she is confined to a wheelchair, she sets no limits for herself.

"I want to be a lawyer when I grow up," she said. When someone suggested her professional goals come naturally due to a love to argue, she shot back an emphatic, "Uh-uh!"

Tiffany was excited to announce her "momma, daddy, poppa and nanny" were all in the crowd to cheer her on to a win in the girl's wheelchair race.

But the day's events weren't all about competition.

"Every child here today will win something," said Sharon Ogden, instructional assistant to 7-year-old Preston Floyd, who has autism. Ogden spends eight hours a day, five days a week with Preston, so she felt it was only appropriate that she be on the sidelines to cheer him on. "You get very attached to the children when you spend that much time with them, and I've certainly become attached to Preston."

Ogden's husband, 1st Sgt. Patrick Ogden, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, though completing a 25-mile road march just hours before the Special Olympics, wasn't going to let blistered feet and a tired body keep him away.

"This is our last year here, and we've connected with so many children," Ogden said. He and his wife will be PCSing to Fort Polk May 29.

"I have very mixed feelings," Sharon said of leaving her students. "But I'm just going to move on and see what good I can do wherever I go."

For more information about Special Olympics, visit www.specialolympics.org.

Survivor reaches out to cancer victims

Kelleys join victors in Relay for Life

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Lynda Kelley is a survivor, not a victim. The wife of Fort Benning's chief of law enforcement, she knows a thing or two about fighting back.

Lynda is one of many survivors who'll take to the track at Kinnett Stadium next week in a show of solidarity and strength against the nation's number one killer — cancer. She'll walk side-by-side with her husband, Lt. Col. Terry Kelley, and their 23-year-old daughter, Heather.

"I have a difficult time walking, so she'll walk on one side, and he'll walk on the other. That'll make it easier," said Lynda, who suffers the lingering affects of three brain surgeries, the result of a blood vessel disease, and breast cancer.

"They walked me through the cancer and held my hand. We came through it together, so we'll walk the survivor lap together," she said.

The survivor lap will kick off the American Cancer Society's annual Relay For Life May 17 and 18. It's the biggest single fund-raiser for cancer research and treatment nationwide.

And it's an "incredible, awesome" experience, Lynda said.

"Last year was my first time. I didn't know what to expect. The doctors and nurses and families lined the track, applauding and crying as we circled ... It was just incredible," she said.

Lynda's story of cancer and recovery is incredible, too. And she's anxious to share the lessons she learned with those who may one day walk in her shoes.

Lynda said it was no surprise when she discovered a lump in her breast two years ago.

"My mother died of cancer. I always knew I'd get it one day. I just knew it. But it didn't show up on a mammogram, and it wasn't a hard lump like cancer's supposed to be," she said.

"Cancer doesn't behave the way we expect it to. It doesn't follow any rules. That's why it's so important for women to know their bodies, to do self-exams. Even very young women."

A malignant lump was removed from Lynda's breast two weeks after her diagnosis. Twelve weeks later she underwent a series of blood transfusions and radiation treatments, a procedure she feels is critical for recovering cancer patients.

"The moment I learned about (the cancer) I called my friend JoAnn. She fought cancer for years. She was an old pro at it. We were long-distance cancer sisters," said Lynda, who attended her friend's funeral in Kansas two weeks ago.

"She was such a sweet person, so trusting. She trusted her doctors — didn't question them. Didn't educate herself and demand radiation or chemotherapy.



Photo by Bridgett Siter

Lt. Col. Terry and Lynda Kelley celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary Thursday.

"I believe she'd be alive today if she had one of those procedures. You can't just let someone else do all the thinking for you," said Lynda, and her husband echoed her message.

"In the Army we say 'No one will manage your career the way you will.' So we tell women 'No one will manage your health the way you will," Terry said.

"Educate yourself now. Don't wait till it happens to you or someone you love."

And if it does happen to someone you love, reach out, the Kelleys said.

"It's better to reach out and be wrong than not to reach out at all," Lynda said. "Just call, bake cookies, send flowers. Say 'I know this is terrible. What can I do?' You may not be able to do a thing, but be willing to reach out anyway."

"And if you're going through this know, you're not in this alone," said Terry. "Cancer hits the whole family. Find a support group or someone who can tell you what to expect. Not knowing what will happen is the worst of it."

Fear of the unknown was, indeed, difficult to deal with, Lynda said.

"I knew I'd get it. The question was where and when. When the doctor told me ... well it was kind of a relief. Like 'OK, this is the way it's going to be. I can handle it,'" Lynda said.

"It's like going to a ballet. You don't understand any of it until they give you a program. Then you say 'Now I understand. Now I know what to expect.'"

The Kelleys, who celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary Thursday, said they found strength in their faith during the darkest hours of Lynda's battle.

"I used to say I could handle anything if I understood why. There was a time or two I said 'God, what is it you're trying to teach me here?' I wanted to know why. Why me?

"Well, why not me? Why should I be exempt?" Lynda said.

"God said to trust him in the big things just like we trust him with the small things. Why isn't really so important anymore, but if there's a lesson, it's to trust God, keep the faith."

Lynda's been given a clean bill of health. The cancer is gone, and she believes it won't come back.

"Just like I always felt I'd get it, now I feel like I'll never get it again. I'm healed. There's no fear," she said.

And to prove it, she'll join hands with her own relay 'team,' Terry and Heather, and walk the victor's lap at Kinnett Stadium.

Daisies planting flowers

Minnie Kinard, a 4-year-old Daisy from Fort Benning's Girl Scout Troop 20, is earning her gardening patch April 26 at the Thrift Store. Troop 20 Daisies planted flowers and shrubs around the front of the store to replace those that had decayed and cleaned leaves and debris from the parking lot. A light rain watered the garden just as the girls finished their work.



Bridgett Siter

BIRTHS

Boys

Claude Minaret Warren — born April 19 to Spc. Kenyata Reid and Clarence Warren III.

Michael Hunter Eastabrooks — born April 21 to Cpl. Sara and Staff Sgt. David Eastabrooks Jr.

Jordan Thais Russell — born April 23 to Chasity and Sgt. Winston Russell Jr.

Ian Joshua Cameron — born April 23 to Wennifer and Spc. Kesney Cameron.

Joseph Sterling Emde — born April 24 to Kristine and Staff Sgt. Eric Emde.

Joel Joseph Maldonado — born April 24 to Josefina and Pfc. Joel Maldonado.

Jack Garrett Fromdahl — born April 25 to Jennifer and Spc. Wayne Fromdahl.

Jacob Eli Hatcher — born April 25 to Megan and Staff Sgt. Christopher Hatcher.

Girls

Kassidy Yvonne Johnston — born April 19 to Anna and Spc. Jason Johnston.

Abigail Rebekah Holmes — born April 22 to Melissa and Sgt. Gregory Holmes.

Teniya Necole Lewis — born April 22 to Necole and Pfc. Terrell Lewis.

Tavianna Neshelle Scott — born April 22 to Pvt. Princess Scott.

Rachel Tupousulu Tuiolemotu — born April 24 to Elisapeta and Pfc. Agaiotupu Tuiolemotu.

Taylor Renee Davis — born April 24 to Lisa and Sgt. Justin Davis.

Margaret Paige Roller — born April 24 to Shelby and Spc. Brandon Roller.

Reiley Jade Clarke — born April 24 to Dejeun and Capt. Jason Clarke.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Red Cross needs volunteers — The American Red Cross is now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program.

The program will run from June 17 to July 26. The hours available to volunteer will be 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. All volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years old.

Applications may be picked up at the American Red Cross, Soldiers Plaza, Building 2626.

In addition, units who are interested in having a volunteer placed in their facility this summer may make requests by calling or faxing request along with job description to the American Red Cross.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 545-5194 or fax request to 545-5118.

Postwide yard sale — The postwide yard sale is 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Yard sale permits are not required.

The Thrift Shop will open at 2 p.m. to take sellable items. For more information, call the Thrift Shop at 687-4830.

Car Buying Seminar — The Financial Readiness Program, Army Community Service, is sponsoring a Car Buying Seminar 6:30 p.m. May 7 at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359.

The Car Buying Seminar will provide you with some of the best car buying secrets available.

The information will help make your car-buying experience pleasant and make you the winner in the negotiation process.

All your most important questions will be answered.

Registration is required, so call 545-5485 before the registration deadline of 3 p.m. today.

Newcomer orientation — There will be a Newcomer and Spouse Orientation May 10 in Building 359 on Ingersoll Avenue. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Child care reservations can be made by calling Tot Town Child Development Center at 689-8698. Spaces are limited.

For more information, call 545-4485.

Spring fling at White Elementary School — White's annual Spring Fling is 4-6:30 p.m. May 17. Bring the kids for lots of fun, excitement and games including the Moonwalk, Dunking Booth, pony rides, Merry-Go-Round, and Kiddie High Striker.

The children can compete in a variety of games and win prizes. Food and drinks will be available.

The Rangers will be providing a static display and a fire truck will be on hand as well.

There will also be a "What-Not Bazaar." Spaces are $10 – reserve one today.

Call 685-1844 for more details.

Town Hall meetings — There will be a Town Hall meeting for East and West Main Post at 7 p.m. May 16 in the FUN Center (Building 359) in the auditorium. There will be a Town Hall meeting for Custer Terrace at 7 p.m. May 29 in the FUN Center (Building 359) in the auditorium.

Schedule changes — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing May 27. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be June 3.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in Family Housing May 27. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Monday will be picked up May 28. Refuse and recycle collection in family housing for May 28-31 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** hamburger, tator tots, sweet peas, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** cheesey ham and potatoes, sweet peas, yeast roll, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** BBQ sandwich, oven fries, green beans,, fruit, milk, apple crisp
- **Thursday:** stuffed crust pizza, garden salad, corn, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** chicken quesadilla, spanish rice, pinto beans, fruit, milk

off post

Teaching scholarship available — Applications are being accepted for the Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship.

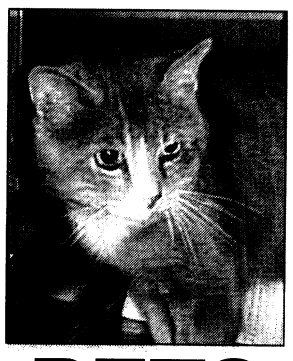
Sarah Klenke was 19, when she was killed in a car accident. Sarah hoped to be an elementary education teacher. Additionally, she was very active in high school and especially loved JROTC and softball. The scholarship was set up by her family and is intended to help deserving young adults become a teacher.

Applicants must be a graduation senior or high school graduate enrolling in secondary schooling; desire to major in education, an average student, preference given to GPA between 2.0 and 3.0; and participation in JROTC, softball or baseball.

Applicants should submit the following to be considered: Handwritten essay on why interested in education as a major or career; letter from coach or teacher confirming participation in ROTC, softball or baseball; information on how to contact applicant following the award of the scholarship and applicant's grade point average

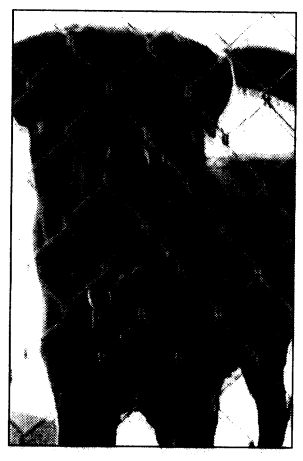
The scholarship will be awarded June 30. All participants will be notified. The initial award will be $1,000 and will be made directly to the secondary school. Winners may be eligible for future awards.

Submit all applications to: Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship, Attn: Deborah Klenke, 4427 Stradford, San Antonio, TX 78217-1371. Entries should be postmarked on or before May 31. For more information, call Deborah Klenke at (210) 654-6473.

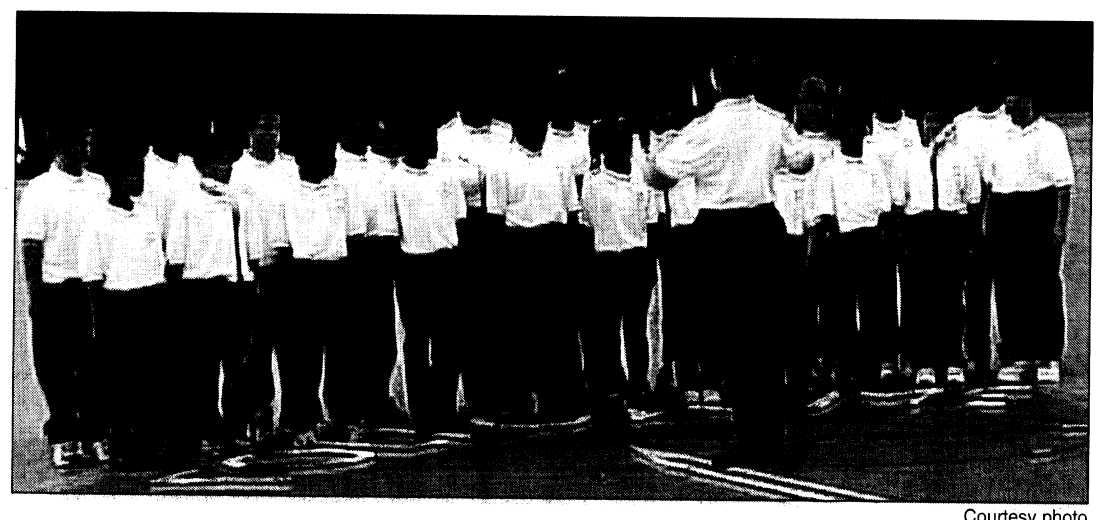


PETS OF THE WEEK

These animals are available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information on how to adopt a pet, call the clinic at 545-4826.

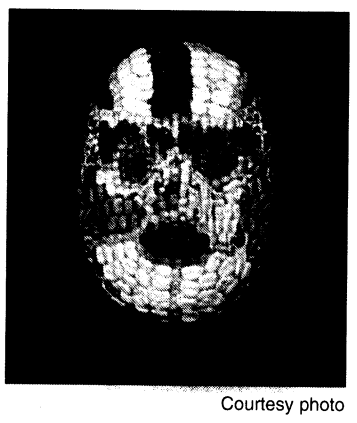


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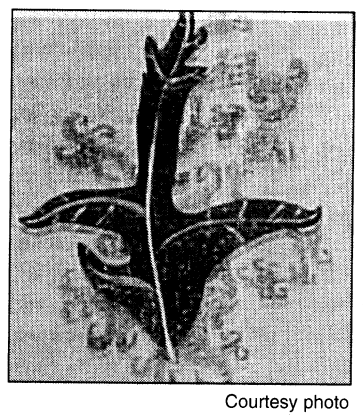
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Members of Wilson chorus perform at 3rd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt., graduation.



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Mask made by Wilson student.



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Leaf drawing made by Wilson student.

Students sing at graduation

Wilson Elementary School

> "All the soldiers were marching at the same time. That takes a lot of practice."
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> **Travis Torgerson**
> Fourth-grader choir member

The lyrics of the Army Song have been echoing through the halls of Wilson School for the past several weeks.

Students from the Wilson School Chorus had the honor of singing the opening song for the graduation ceremonies for 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, April 25. The chorus, under the direction of music teacher Jo Ann Yates, worked for several weeks on their rendition of the Army Song.

Students traveled to Pomeroy Field on Sand Hill to participate in the event. Being asked to sing at the graduation is just the latest partnership between the school and the Basic Combat Training Brigade.

For many of the chorus members, this was their first time attending a graduation of this type. Fourth-grader Travis Torgerson was very impressed with the event.

"I liked the singing and watching the soldiers march. All the soldiers were marching at the same time. That takes a lot of practice."

Laura Brunnelson was equally impressed.

"The soldiers did as they were told and did everything at the same time. I think we sang well too. We sang loudly, and we were able to keep up with the band."

The 22-member chorus plans to sing at future graduations.

Wilson students celebrate art

Wilson Elementary School

If you remember elementary art class as nothing more than crayons, scissors and paste, then you haven't visited Audrey Leanza's class at Wilson School. From making paper mache' and seed mosaic masks to repousse, the art of tooling metal by pushing in on it from both sides, students at Wilson School are immersed in multiple artistic mediums.The success of this type of diverse teaching is evident in Leanza's art program. In her 12-year tenure as an art teacher with the Fort Benning Schools, her students have entered various competitions and have had their work selected. Winners have been selected from the local, state, national and international levels. In the recent Armed Services YMCA Art Contest, an international contest with thousands of entries, Wilson students placed first and second in the world, and six students were recognized with honorable mention. The students enter an average of five contests per year.

Leanza is very modest about her successes and is careful to give all the credit to her students.

"I don't know how I do it. I just tell them to look and observe what's there. But most importantly, I tell them to have fun."

Students take her advice to heart. Even the most reluctant students love art class.

"Mrs. Leanza has taught us about symmetry and how to use it in art. She's always telling us to blend, blend, blend, and it really helps," believes fourth grader Brittany Bullock.

Zack Arabinko is equally complimentary about the art program.

"We've learned about the seven types of lines. We created an abstract picture using this technique. Mrs. Leanza has a great sense of humor, and she's a great art teacher."

This type of enthusiasm prompted the school to designate the weeks of April 22-25 as Mrs. Leanza Week at the school. Each day, different classes showed their appreciation by surprising the teacher with cards and homemade gifts.

MTV's *The Osbournes* teaches lessons

Music Television follows family of Ozzy Osbourne

Chuck Colson

Here is an interesting lesson in being a parent from a most unusual source.

The past few weeks, more than 6 million Americans have tuned in to MTV to watch the latest example of so-called "reality television." This is the largest audience in that network's history.

Part of the "reality" they're seeing is a lesson in the personal and cultural consequences of the 1960s spirit of personal liberation.

The Osbournes tells the story of singer Ozzy Osbourne, his wife, Sharon, and their two children, Kelly and Jack. Osbourne is the father of "heavy metal" rock music and is nicknamed the "Prince of Darkness." His best-known antic is biting the heads off live bats during his concerts. MTV cameras followed the Osbourne clan through their daily lives for six months.

The show's entertainment value lies in the juxtaposition between Osbourne, the outrageous rock icon whose career was built on pushing the boundaries of acceptable behavior, and Osbourne now, the overwhelmed family man.

Thus, the audience is treated to a sight of a tattoo-covered man fulminating against his daughter for getting a very small one.

Then there's drugs. Osbourne was legendary for his heavy drinking and drug use, which makes it hard for him to say anything about his son's marijuana use. It's clear that

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Osbourne and his wife adore their kids, and their kids adore them, but there's more to being a parent than affection. There's a need to teach right from wrong, to be a good role model, and to instill a sense of moral limits. These are problems for *The Osbournes*.

It is almost impossible for them to assert any moral authority over their children at all because their well-publicized lifestyles and values disqualify them as moral teachers.

But the Osbournes try. He and his wife lecture their kids, but Kelly, the daughter, fires back: "What you and Dad have to understand is that me and Jack have been brought up very differently from everyone else" in other words, a libertine lifestyle. That's why the Christian Science Monitor said, "Osbourne is a poster boy for 'don't do what I did, honey.'" But it's more than just parental hypocrisy or inconsistency. Osbourne and his antics are the extreme embodiment of the 60's world view that has shaped many of today's parents.

This world view values such ideas as self-expression and individual autonomy above everything. It believes that the church, government and family have led us astray. So salvation lies in liberation from the constraints imposed by these institutions, and nowhere is this world view more dominant than in the music world Osbourne inhabits.

And as audiences are learning every Tuesday night, what works for a rock star onstage fails him offstage. That's because before you can expect someone to exercise self-control and respect authority, you have to provide them with a belief system that treats those virtues as important and be a role model. Parents who aren't notorious rock stars shouldn't feel smug about the Osbournes' dilemma. Most American parents, and our educational system, subscribe to the same values we see on display at Ozzy's house.

The results may not be as extreme — or as lucrative — but their impact is just as real on the lives of the kids who aren't going to embrace good values they have seen their parents reject.

In the end, the real lesson of *The Osbournes* isn't about fame or fortune. It's about how what we believe shapes not only our lives, but the lives of those we love most.

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CHAPEL NOTES

Teacher Training — A special teacher training workshop for those teaching in chapel programs such as Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, Children's church, CCD and youth ministries will be offered May 17-18.

The workshop will be in the Infantry Center Chapel from 7-9:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Child care will be provided.

For information and registration, call the Religious Education Office at 545-4715.

Vacation Bible Schools — Both the Catholic and Protestant communities are gearing up for VBS this summer. Announcements about registration will be made later in May.

There is a need for teachers and helpers in all age groups. The Catholic program will be June 10-14. The Protestant VBS will be the following week June 17-21.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Need some old fashioned time out with other women for some good company in a spiritual setting?

The PWOC meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth group for middle and high school students has resumed its regular meetings, which are held in the chapel teen center in Building 239.

Regular meetings are held Sundays at 4:30 p.m. (middle schoolers) and 6 p.m. (high schoolers).

Sunday School — There are classes for all ages including adults for those who wish to learn more about and grow in their Christian faith. Classes meet at 9 a.m. in White Elementary School.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

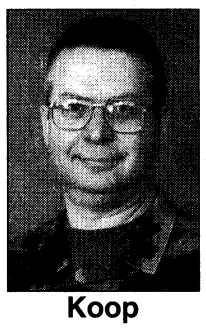
Story time gives children imagination

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Bedtime stories should do more than put children to sleep. Reading a story to children forms strong bonds between parent and child and creates lasting memories.

Storytelling is a wonderful opportunity to snuggle and savor together the beauty of a story and its illustrations. Whether your children are preschoolers or teen-agers, reading stories aloud together creates opportunities to know and understand your child.

The best books possess great literature and quality illustrations. From picture books and nursery rhymes to biographies, novels, mysteries and science-fiction, good books become friends to share together and pass on to the next generation.



Koop

Adventure books such as *Swiss Family Robinson*, *Treasure Island* and *Robinson Crusoe* help develop a child's imagination and sense of wonder. Wholesome stories like *Little Women* depict how families handle separation and grief and accurately depict the consequences of making life choices. Books by Dr. Seuss provide humor and fantasy. Bible stories teach spiritual truths and exhort us to godly living.

The Hobbit and *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy enthrall us with the conflict between good and evil and warns us of the corrupting effect of power. *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis does the same for younger listeners.

Elements in the story serve as metaphors for real life. Dragons no longer exist, but there are powerful people who walk the earth. We may not meet an ogre, but we may battle against poverty and oppression.

The time spent together in reading aloud to your child forges lasting relationships and cherished memories.

Are you seeking to form lasting memories with your children? Call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 for help or visit the center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza.



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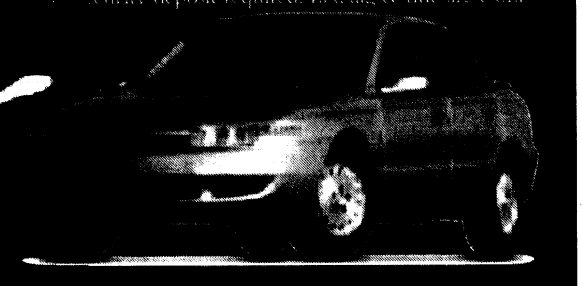


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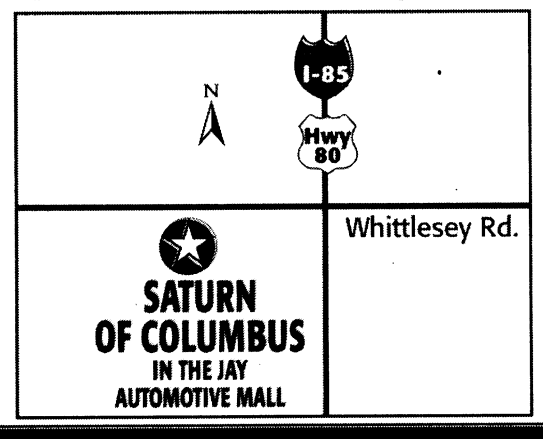
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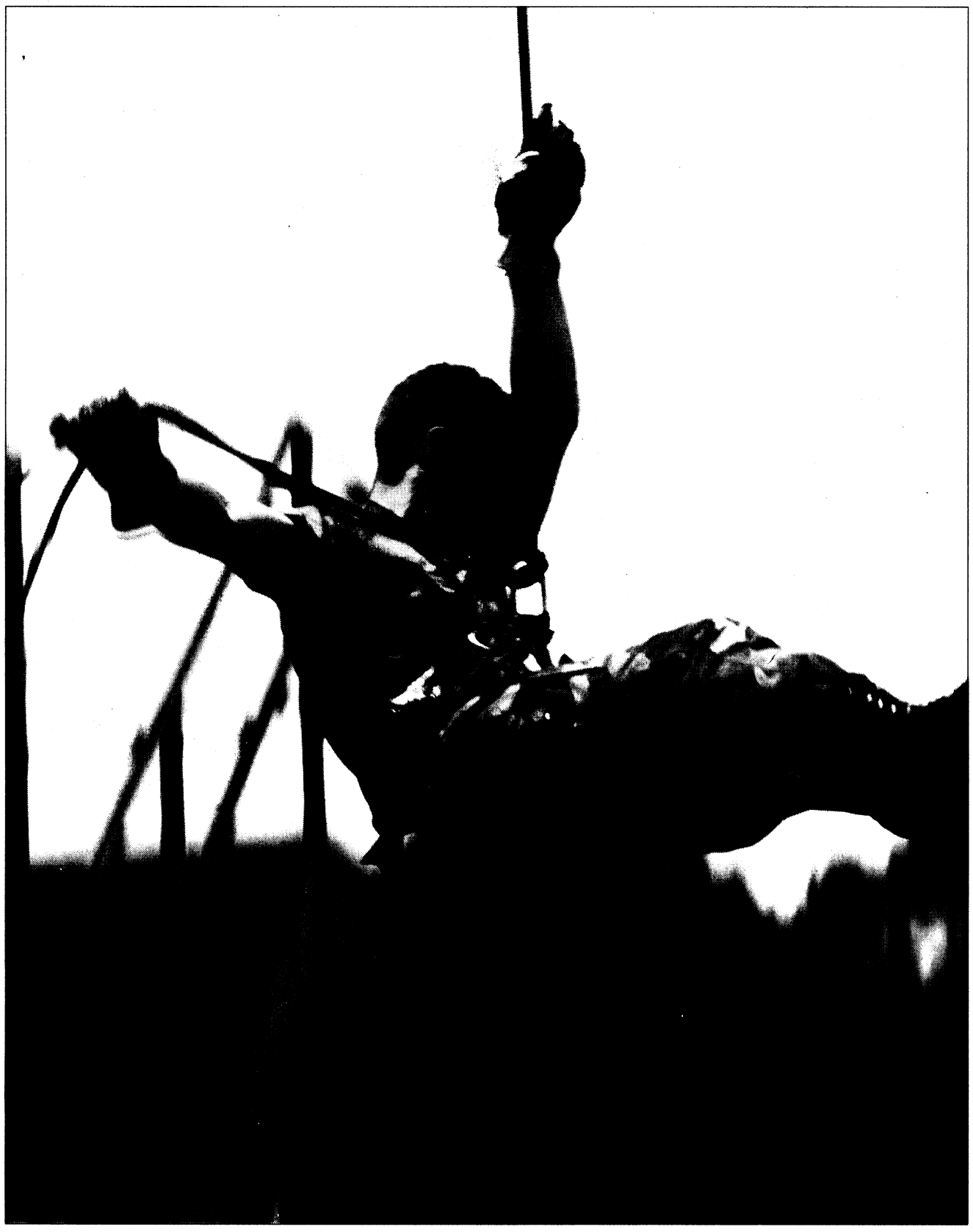
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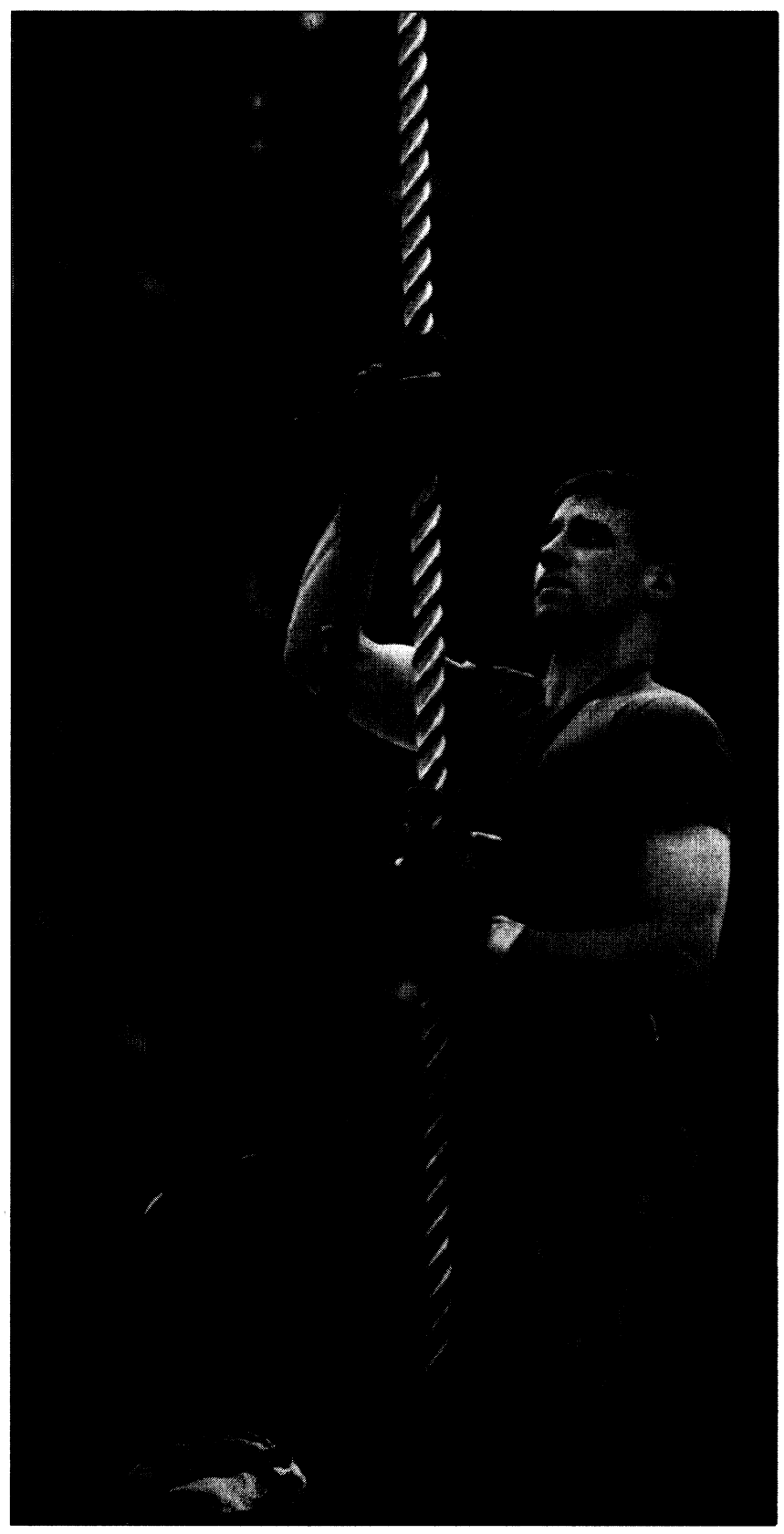
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BEST RANGER



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Capt. John Serafini, 11th Infantry Regiment, gives it all he has on his way down the tower of the Prusik Climb.



Serafini uses his upper-body strength to climb the 60-foot tower on the Prusik Climb event.

Twelve teams finish ranger competition

Team in lead after road march never looked back

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Descending from a helicopter 1,500 feet above the drop zone, a competitor in the 20th annual Best Ranger Competition had a gust of wind carry him into the trees. Physical harm quickly came upon as he hit the sharply pointed branches. Spectators gasped, as they grasped a sense of the dangers involved with the competition.

Physical dangers exist throughout the competition and each year injuries to competitors are as common as a May thunderstorm in Georgia. The 60-hour event puts stress on the mind, joints, muscles and bones, and the injuries could impede a competitor's will to continue, but many tolerate their injuries and continue forward.

Staff Sgt. Shane Jernigan of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion continued on his quest to finish the competition and did so with a broken ankle.

"You know it's going to hurt coming into it," said 1st. Lt. Scott Wence, 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

The competition is tough, said Gunnery Sgt. Keith Oakes, winner of last year's competition with partner Sgt. 1st. Class William Patterson. It demands more than some can give.

"All these guys have had major lifestyle changes," Oakes said. "All your free time goes toward training.

"Your mindset starts to change. You watch what you eat. Your sleeping patterns change.

"It very demanding on these guys."

The competitors are disciplined, said Capt. John Serafini, 11th Infantry Regiment. They endure many hardships during the competition.

"This is the most physically demanding thing I've ever done," Serafini said.

The challenges are just as tough mentally as they are physically, said Lt. Col. David Pound, Ranger Training Brigade executive officer. Each year the competition is changed to challenge the mental toughness of the competitors.

"A lot of this competition is psychological," Pound said. "We want to throw in enough twists to even the playing field. We try to take these guys out of their comfort zone."

Experienced competitors may have an advantage during the competition, so extending an event, like the road march or adding an additional event, tries to equal out the advantages an experienced competitor may have over a first-time competitor, he said.

"Experience was the biggest thing I've found in helping me succeed," Oakes said, who competed three times prior to winning the title. "Experience leads to success."

On the other hand every year is different and this year was no exception.

This year the fitness test required the competitors do sit-ups immediately following their pushups, which didn't allow the participants any time to catch their breath and took them by surprise, Pound said.

The road march was also changed. Instead of marching 20 miles, a mark many of the competitors thought was the finish of the march, the march was extended an additional three miles.

"It threw the dynamics off the guys who thought they would stick with the pack," said Sgt. Anthony Mayne, competitor from 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment. "When the pack didn't make it, it hurt a lot of the competitors."

More than half the

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competition becomes a family affair

Story and photos by Bridgett Siter

Billing themselves "the people's team" for no other reason than it looked good on paper, Staff Sgt. Justin Trenary and 1st Lt. Scott Gilpatrick proved to be just that. Black T-shirts dotted the crowd of spectators at every event of the Best Ranger Competition, proclaiming 2002 the year of "the people's team."

Trenary designed the T-shirts, which featured caricatures of the duo, and nearly 30 family members and fans donned them every day as they tracked their team's success at every event.

"There were plenty of times I would've liked to call it quits, but knowing they were there waiting for me to make it kept me going," Trenary said. "That's motivation. They pushed us to do our best."

Family support is crucial to the success of any team, Trenary said. Competitors typically begin training several months before the competition, and the long, grueling hours of PT sometimes infringe upon family time.

"We don't fight, but let me tell you, when he missed my birthday last year, it was a big one," said Lori Gilpatrick, whose husband, Scott, finished fourth, along with Trenary. "I had never even seen a competition, and I had no idea how big it was. I really resented the time he spent away. I just thought it was a major inconvenience.

"Then I went to it to watch him, and it was incredible. I was never more proud of him. I wanted him to win more than anything," said Lori, who has two children, 5-year-old Conner and 19-month-old Hadley. "The day it was over, we both said 'Next year.'"

Lori, who calls herself "only a mediocre military wife," because she "hates it when he's gone," was much more supportive this time around. She stocked the kitchen with healthy foods — lots of carbohydrates, lean meats, peanut butter and fruit — and took care of the lawn work so her husband could train.

"I hate mowing," she laughed. "But whatever it takes. This year I was all about the competition."

> "She sacrificed so much so I could do it. For so long it was my whole focus. The next couple of months are all about her."
>
> **Capt. Chip Colbert**
> Best Ranger competitor

Capts. Chip Colbert and Shawn Fitzgerald trained incessantly for three months prior to last weekend's event. Colbert said he trained with a mental image of his wife and parents waiting at the finish line.

"And when it was time for the buddy run, we knew we'd have to win to take third. Shawn said 'This is it. They're waiting at the line.' That was my motivation," said Colbert.

Colbert said his wife's support was "unbelievable."

"She sacrificed so much so I could do it. For so long it was my whole focus," he said. "The next couple of months are all about her — anything she wants to do, even shopping. And I hate shopping."

Erin Colbert said the Best Ranger Competition was "a lot of fun, but torture at the same time."

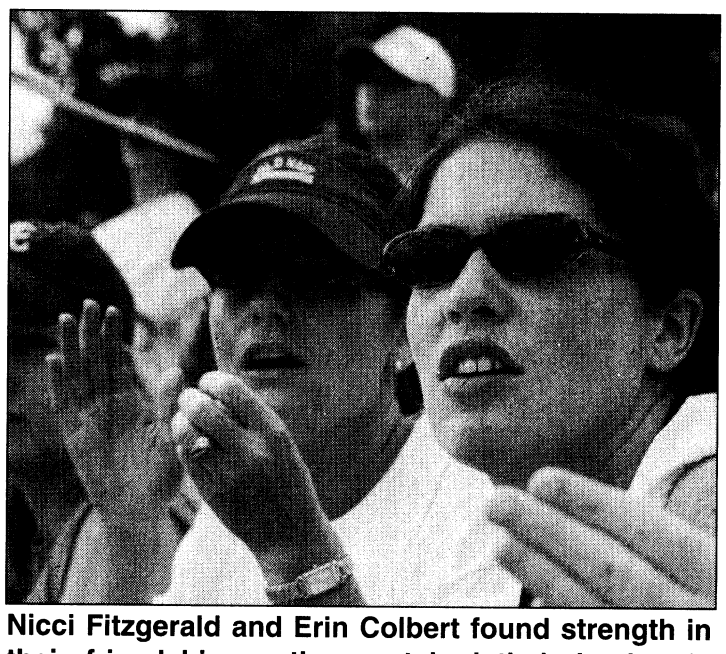
"I'm such a wreck," she said as she watched her husband compete in Saturday's Ranger Stakes. "I didn't know it would be this bad. I can't eat. I can't sleep. This is agony."

Darcey Trenary said following her husband from event to event took its toll on her nerves also.

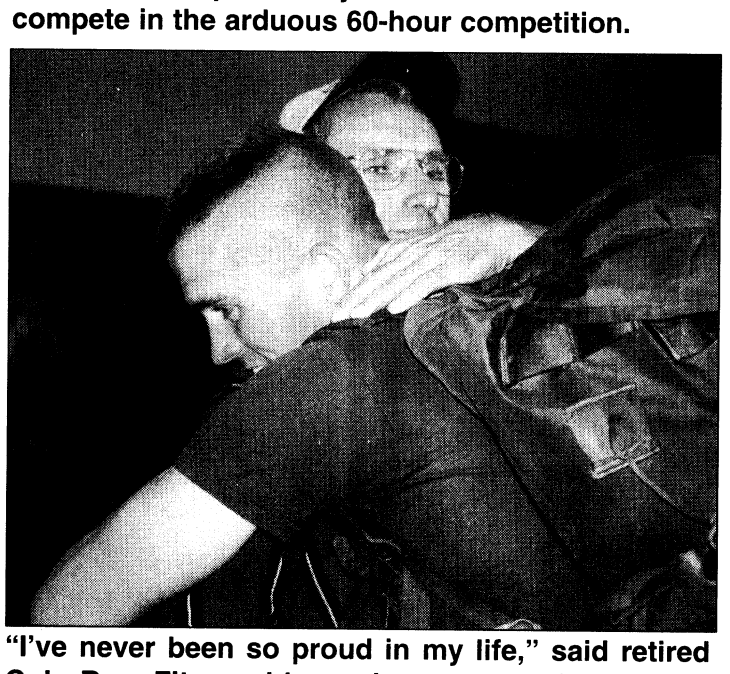
"I had nightmares last night, something crazy about running all over the place," she said Saturday, as she watched her husband head out on the land navigation course.

"Yeah, we didn't expect to be running around like this," said Bob Gilpatrick, who travelled from Daytona Beach, Fla., to watch his son compete. "But that's OK. It's worth it. I don't believe I've ever seen him so dedicated to anything in his life.

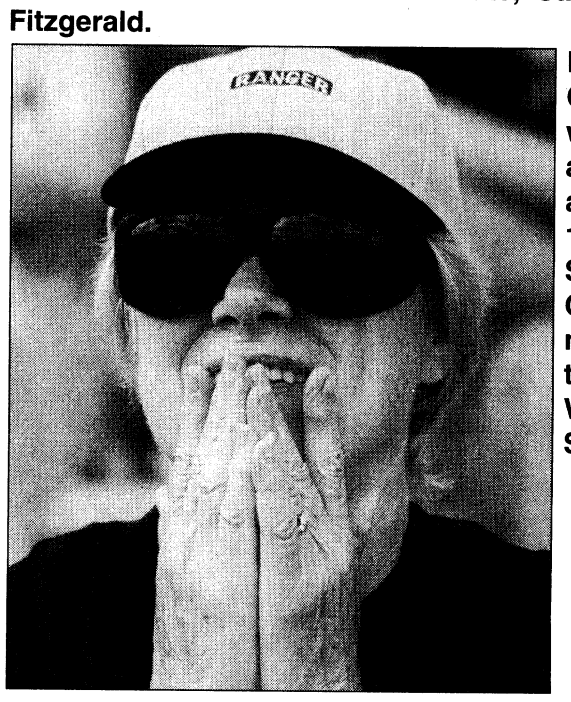
"I'm proud of him. I'm proud of him. Never been prouder. That pretty much sums it up."



Nicci Fitzgerald and Erin Colbert found strength in their friendship as they watched their husbands compete in the arduous 60-hour competition.



"I've never been so proud in my life," said retired Col. Ray Fitzgerald, as he greeted Capt. Chip Colbert at the end of the the buddy run. Fitzgerald is the father of Colbert's teammate, Capt. Shawn Fitzgerald.



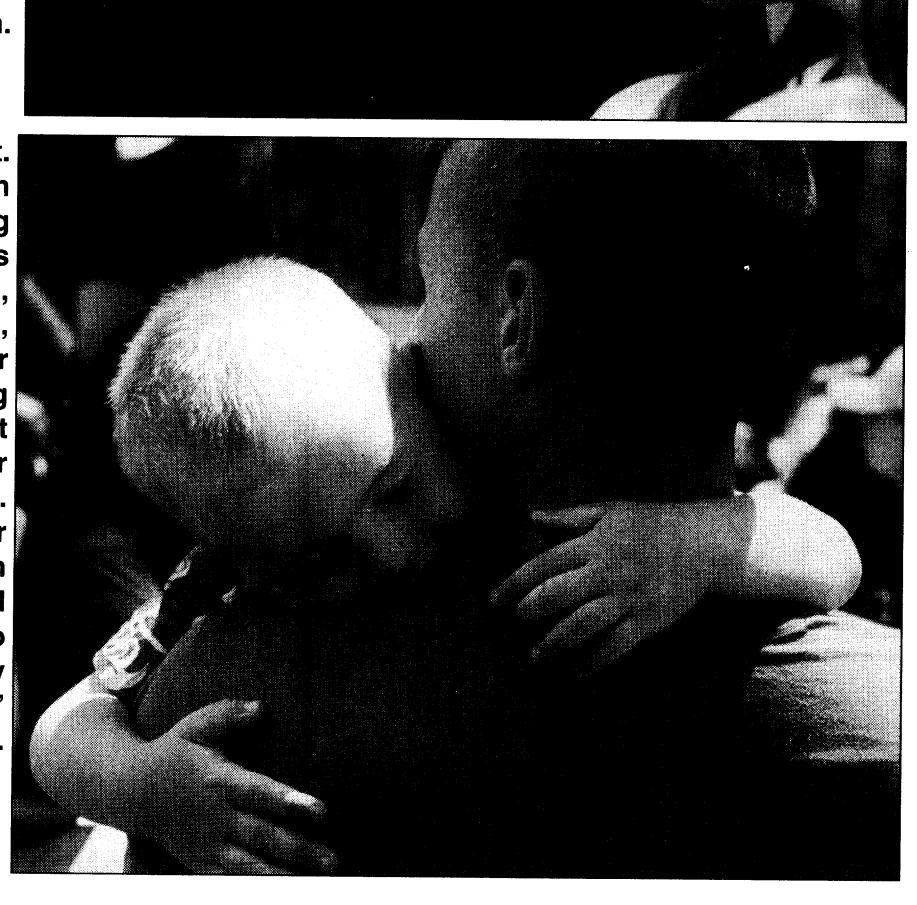
Dianne Gilpatrick watches anxiously as her son, 1st Lt. Scott Gilpatrick, navigates the Log Walk Sunday.



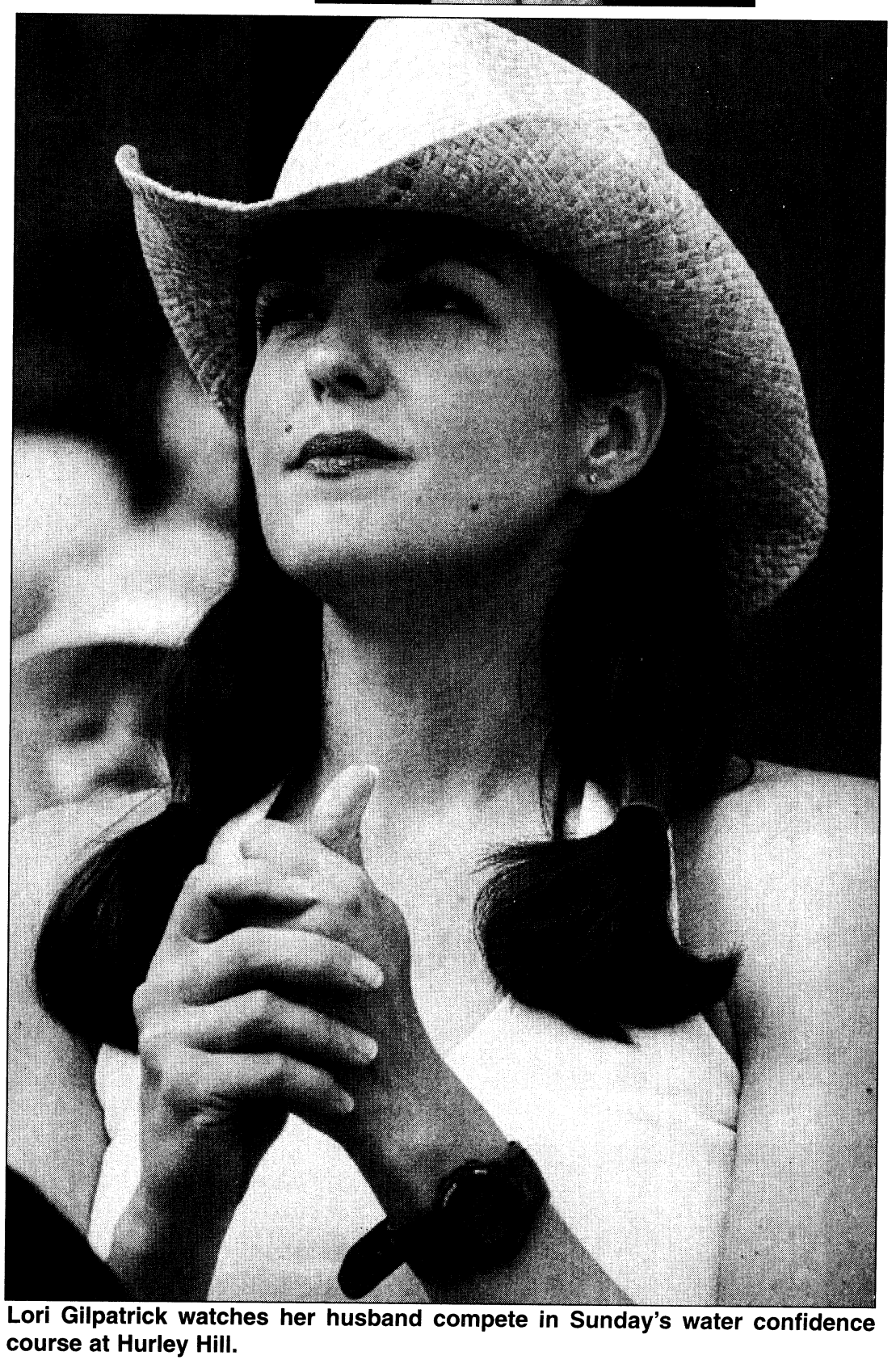
Darcey Trenary keeps an eye on the sky during the Helocast event.



"She's great," said Lori Gilpatrick, of Darcey Trenary, left. The two women forged a friendship when their husbands teamed for the competition.



Staff Sgt. Adam Nash gets a big hug from his son, Addison, after completing the Best Ranger Competition. "Win or lose, when it's all over, I get to go home to my little buddy," Nash said.



Lori Gilpatrick watches her husband compete in Sunday's water confidence course at Hurley Hill.



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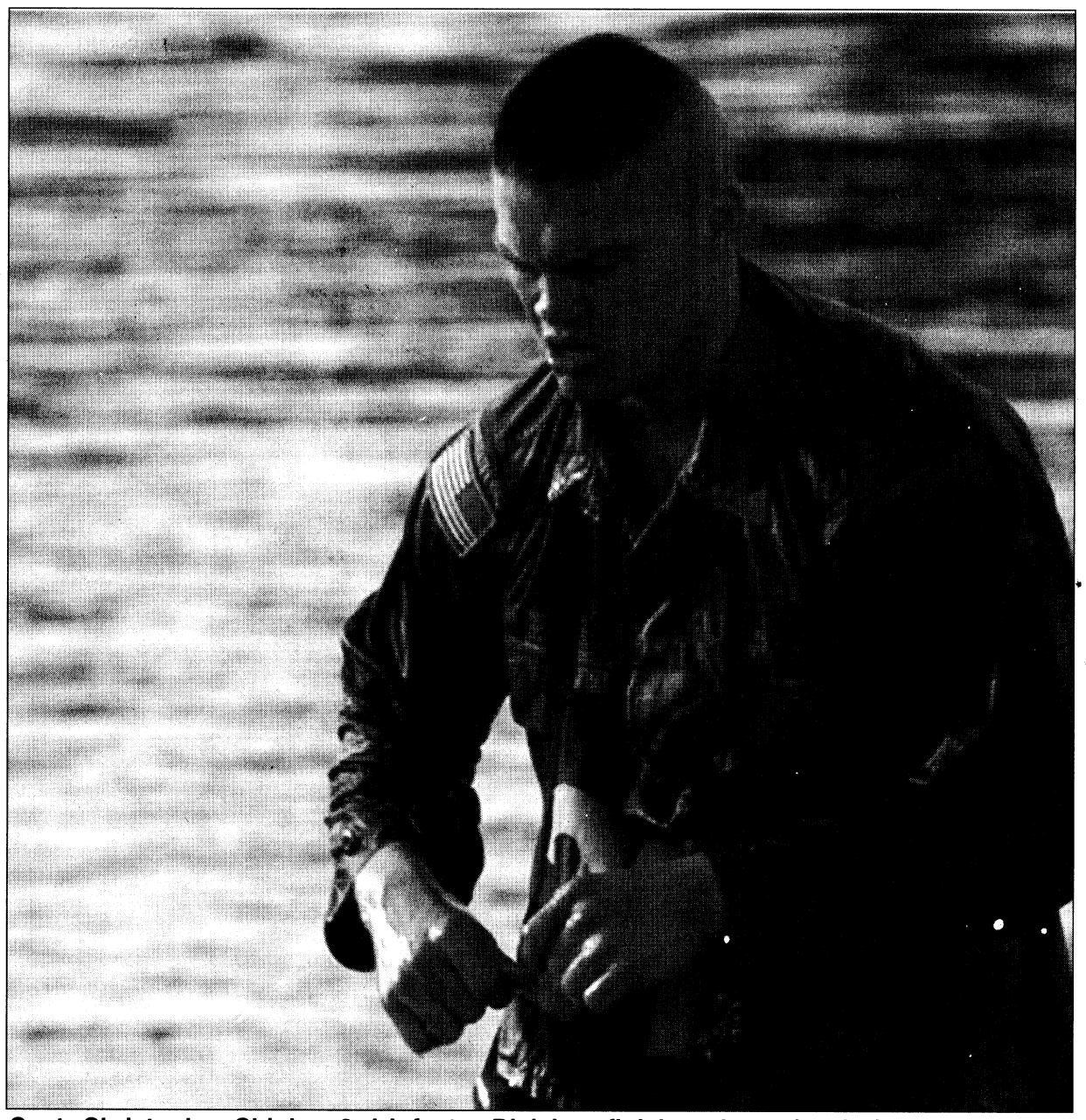
Sgt. David Jarzab, front, and Sgt. Dae Han Park jog from Lee Field during the 20th annual Best Ranger Competition. After parachuting from a UH-60 Blackhawk 1,500 feet above the drop zone, competitors carried their equipment more than a mile to the close quarter combat event at Malone 17.



A competitor lands next to his teammate on the drop zone at Lee Field during the airborne operation event.

Day One

Begining the 20th annual Best Ranger Competition, competitors started out with an Army Physical Fitness Test. They ran the Malvesti Run, which is about a five-mile run with a swim. The competitiors ran three miles, swam 300 meters and ran another two miles. When they reached their destination, they cleared a room using close quarters combat techniques. From there, the teams were airlifted to a drop zone and jumped from 1,500 feet. Following that, they shot weapons at targets and began a road march that finished on the second day.



Capt. Christopher Shipley, 3rd Infantry Division, finishes the swim during the Malvesti Run. The swim was a little more than 300 meters or six laps in an Olympic size pool.

Ranger: Fort Benning home of 'best' competition

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participants were knocked out of the competition during the road march event. Only 15 teams remained out of the original 47.

So strategies paid off for a few teams who used the march to move up in the standings, Mayne said.

"We moved up in the standings and ran our race," he said. "We were not concerned about what the other teams were doing and continued with what we were doing."

After completing the event many of the teams were worn down and not fully recovered by the second day.

"You can recover from the first day of events," Oakes said. "The road march is where it really starts. It will settle everything."

After the road march, the leaders were Capt. Duane Patin and Staff Sgt. Daniel Jenkins from the 5th Ranger Training Battalion.

The team held the lead throughout the remainder of events and never looked back. On the final day, 12 teams were anxious to finish, Mayne said. Although Jenkins and Patin had pretty much sealed the deal to be dubbed the 2002 Best Ranger, the rest of the ranger competitors lived by their creed and fought on to complete their mission.

"It feels like we accomplished something," Mayne said. "It's a personal achievement, but the experience is the biggest factor."

The Army's goal for the competition is to display some of the finest tactical and technical soldiers in the world and to allow the ranger participants to incorporate what they have learned in the competition and teach their platoons the knowledge they've gained, Pound said.

"It highlights the best two-man-buddy team," Pound said. "In their own right, they are world-class athletes.

"They are the best of the best."

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army chief of staff, felt the same way, as he spoke at the award ceremony.

"It is a test of will," Shinseki said of the competition. "Trust and teamwork are demands of the Ranger Creed and you will all take these lessons learned back to your units."

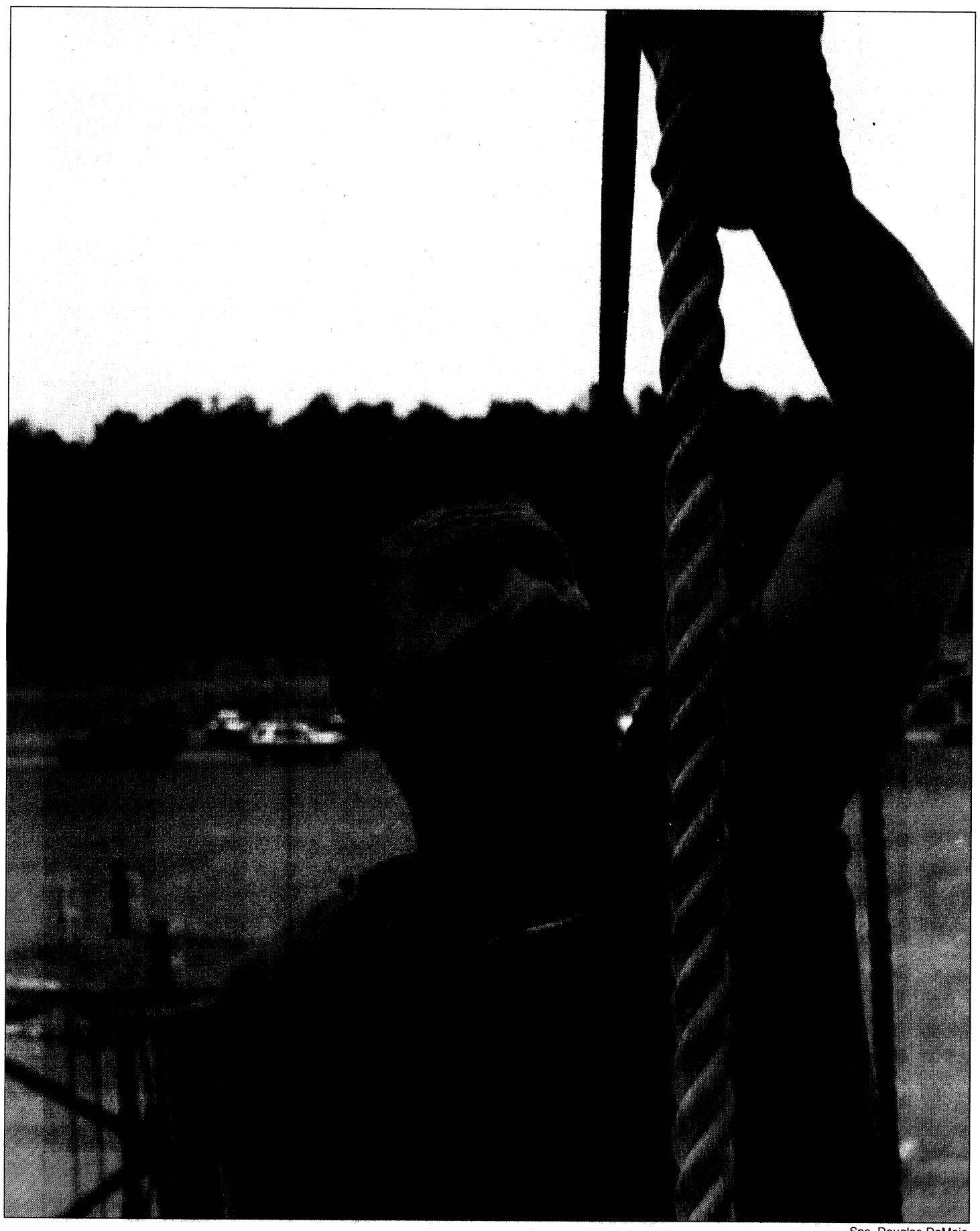
In a way, sharing their knowledge with their units is like contributing to a big family, said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commanding general, who has known the second-place winners, Capt. Jeffrey VanAntwerp and 1st Lt. Lucas VanAntwerp, since they were kids.

"This competition is part of a great, big family," Eaton said. "The family is part of the U.S. Army. Mothers, daughters, dads, wives, sons and girlfriends are all celebrating in this incredible competition."



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Brothers Capt. Jeffrey VanAntwerp and 1st Lt. Lucas VanAntwerp make their way across an elevated wire during the Darby Queen obstacle course. The two placed second in the Best Ranger Competition.



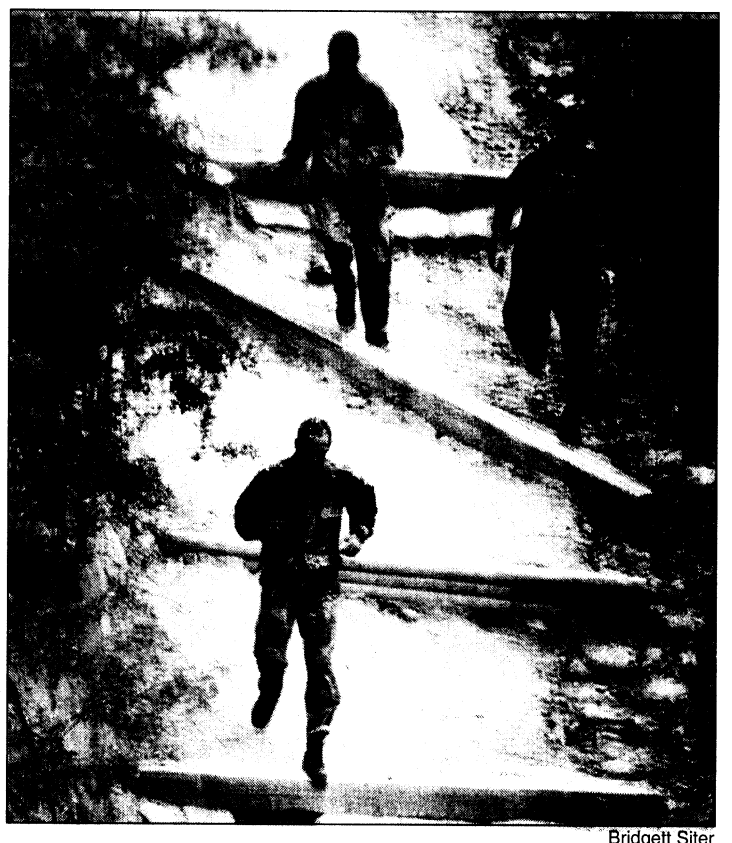
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1st Lt. Phillip Radzikowski climbs up a rope to the top of the tower during Day Ranger Stakes. The second-day's events were the foot march, Night Ranger Stakes, Bayonet Assault Course, Day Ranger Stakes, Darby Queen and orienteering.



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Hoffman helps his partner, Staff Sgt. James Yaw, on the Skyscraper at the Darby Queen event.

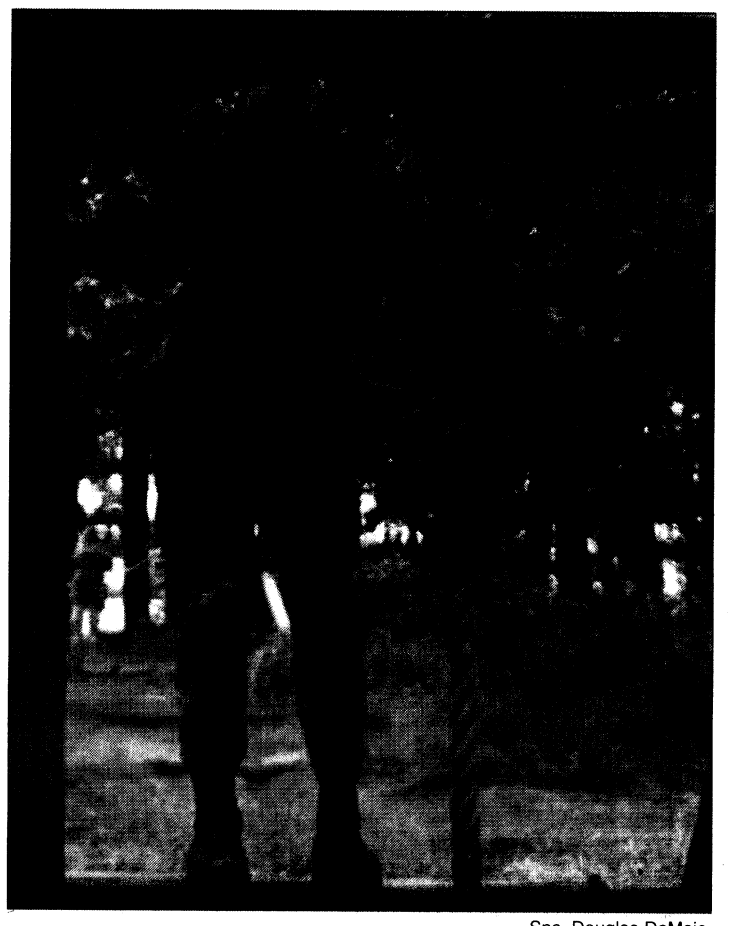


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Sgt. 1st Class Brian Waterman and his partner, Staff Sgt. Franklin Rosario, try to improve their score as they run downhill during the Darby Queen course.

Day Two

On the second day, participants finished a 23-mile march, raced against time through three obstacle courses to acquire points and began land navigation. Thirty-two teams fell out by the end of the road march on the second day.



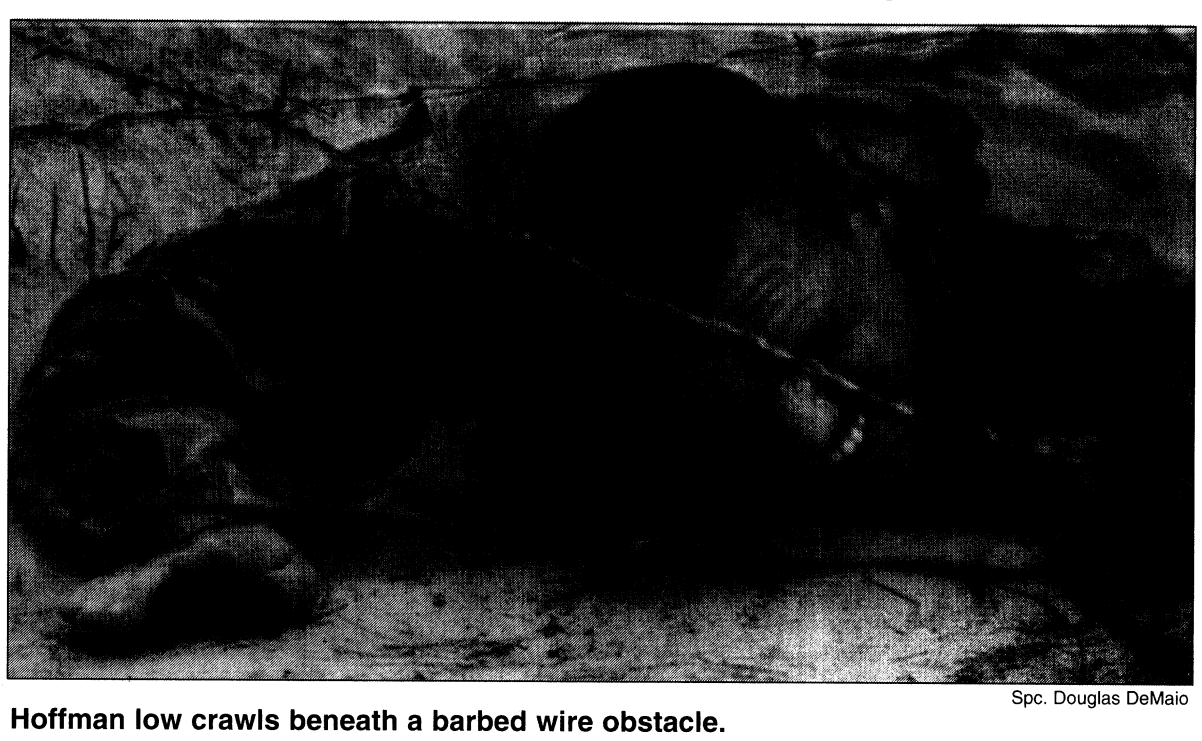
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Staff Sgt. Adam Nash lifts himself to the top of the first obstacle on the course.



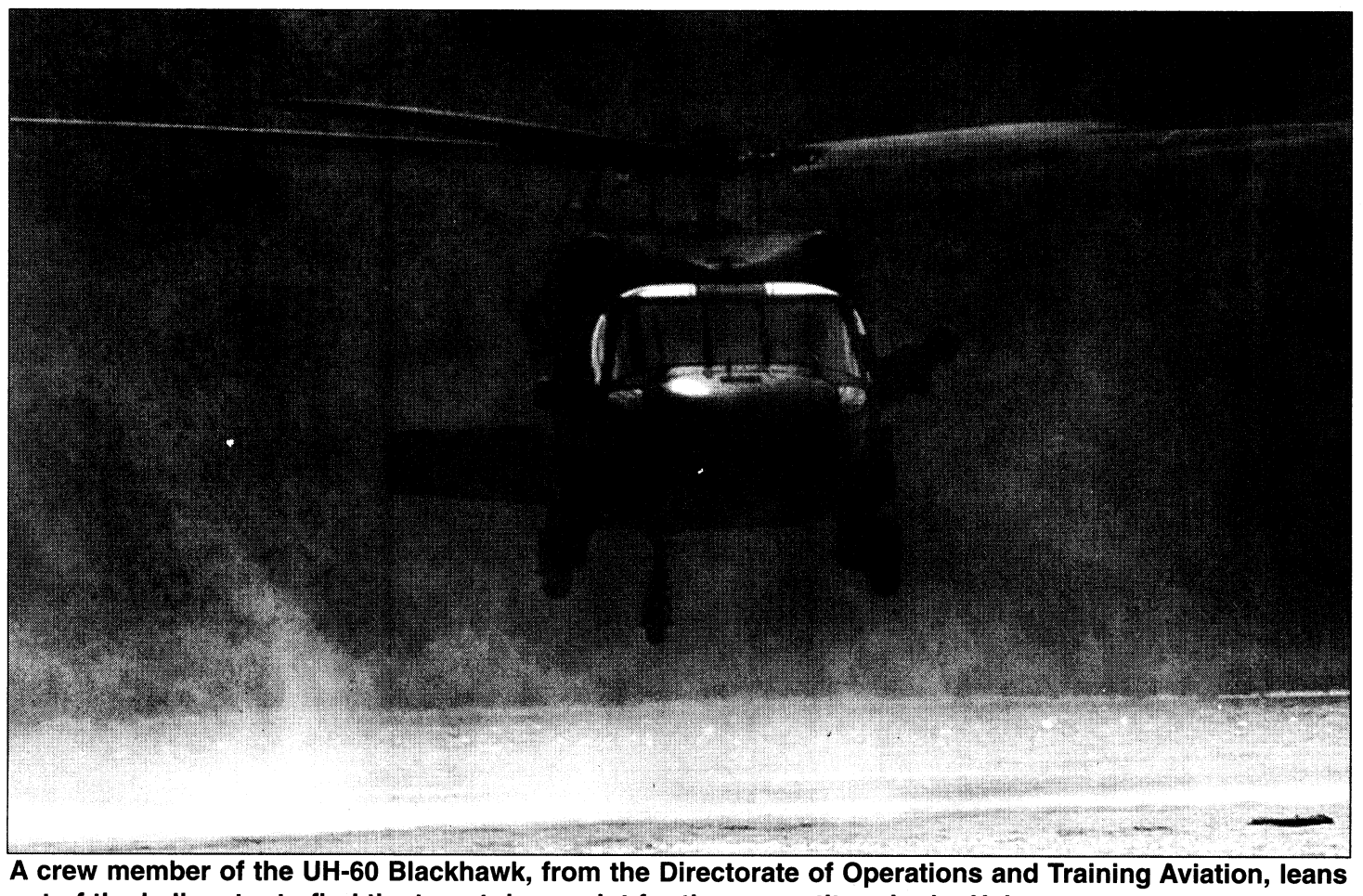
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Sgt. Jeremy Waechter, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, gets a few moments to hydrate himself before he and his partner, Sgt. Anthony Mayne, move onto their next challenge.

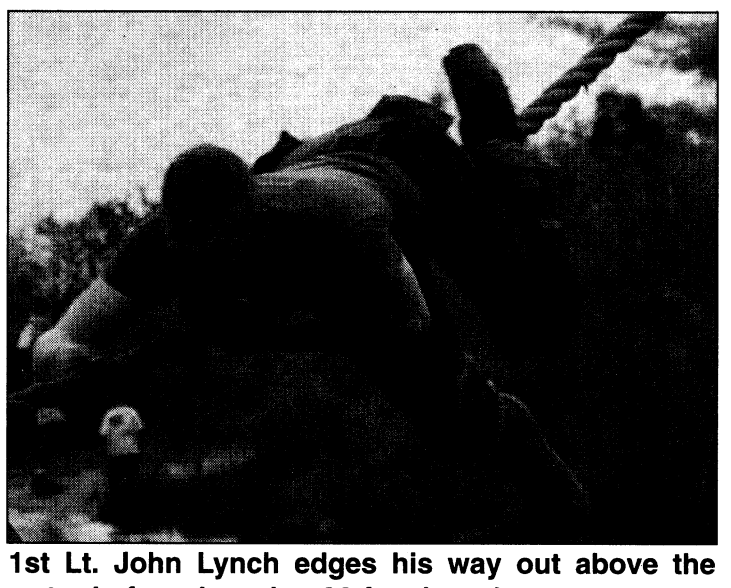


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Hoffman low crawls beneath a barbed wire obstacle.



A crew member of the UH-60 Blackhawk, from the Directorate of Operations and Training Aviation, leans out of the helicopter to find the target drop point for the competitors in the Helocast.



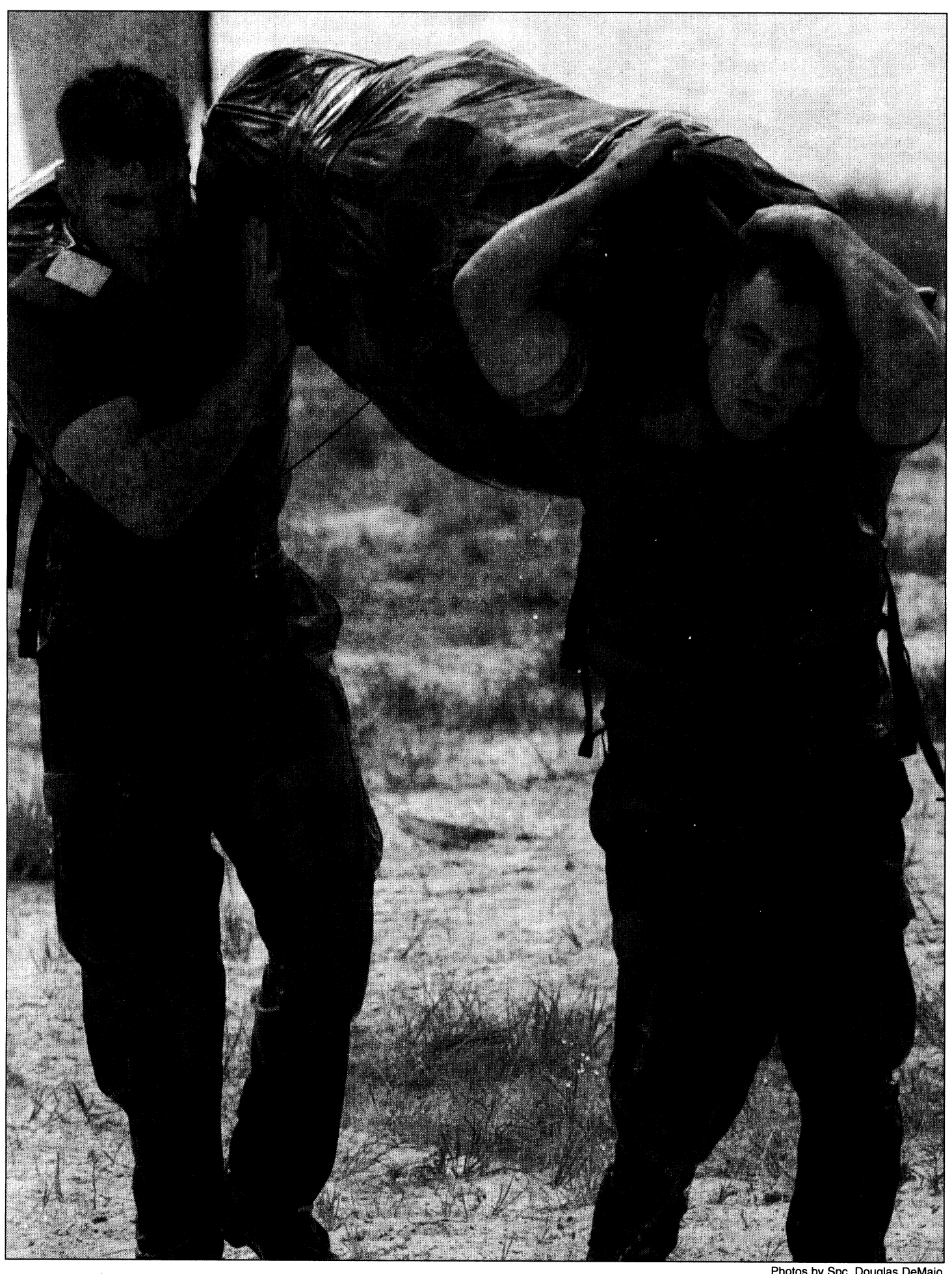
1st Lt. John Lynch edges his way out above the water before dropping 30 feet into the water.

Standings

1st – Patin and Jenkins, 5th RTB
2nd – VanAntwerp and VanAntwerp, 25th ID
3rd – Colbert and Fitzgerald, 4th RTB
4th – Gilpatrick and Trenary, 4th RTB
5th – Nash and Young, 3-75th RGR RGT
6th – Cruz and Teague, 11th RGT
7th – Mayne and Waechter, 3-75th RGR RGT
8th – Waterman and Rosario, 1-509th RGT
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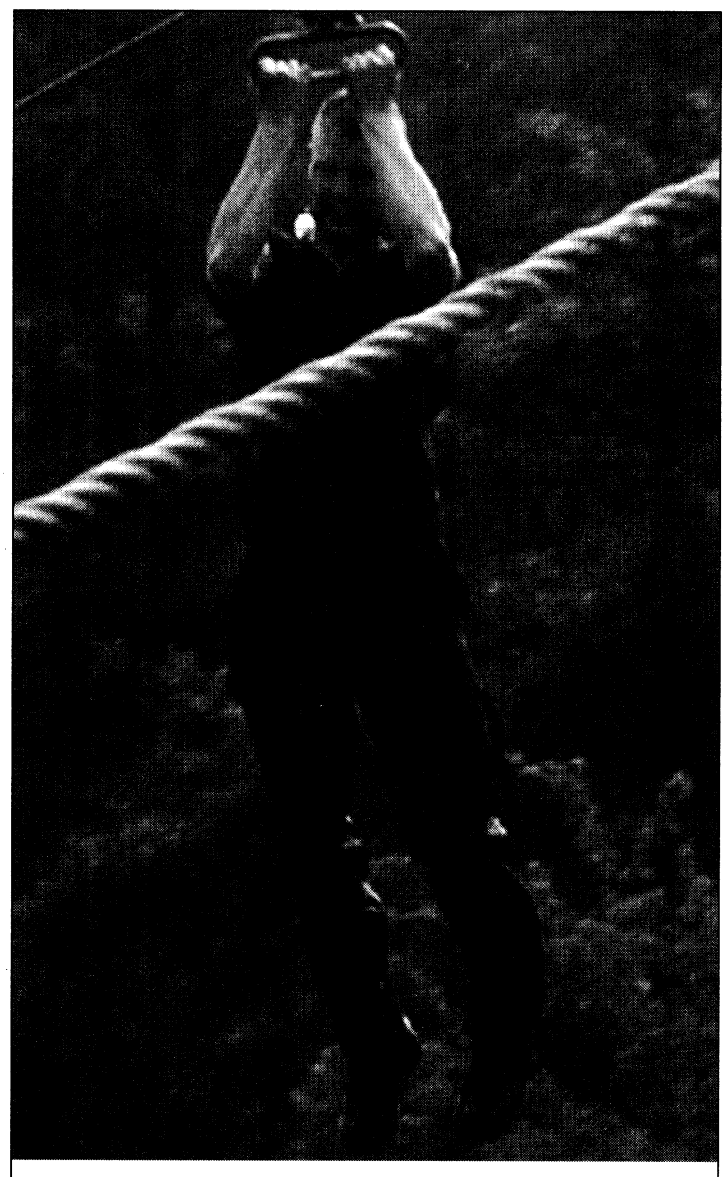
Day Three

The third day began with land navigation. After that, the teams moved to Victory Pond where they compete in a water obstacle course. Then they were air lifted to the middle of Victory pond for the Helocast. They dropped from the helicopter and swam 150 meters to the shore line. They finished the competition with the three-mile buddy run and the day was celebrated with family and friends at the "super supper."

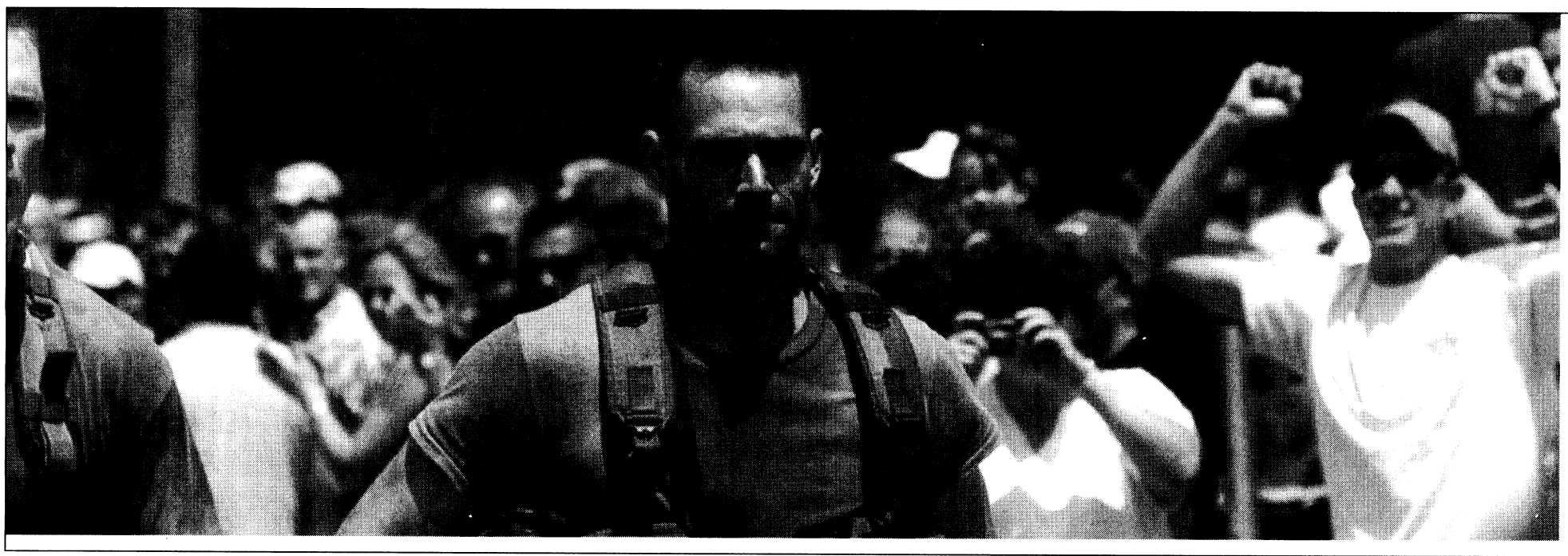


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Staff Sgt. Shane Jernigan, front, and Sgt. Adam Reiber carry their equipment to the shore after swimming 150 meters from the helicopter. The equipment weighs about 300 pounds. Jernigan suffered a broken ankle in the competition, but he still managed to cross the finish line.



Lynch holds on tightly during the Slide for Life on the last day of the competition.



Capt. Duane Patin and Staff Sgt. Daniel Jenkins finish the competition victorious and stake their claim to be called the Best Ranger team of 2002.

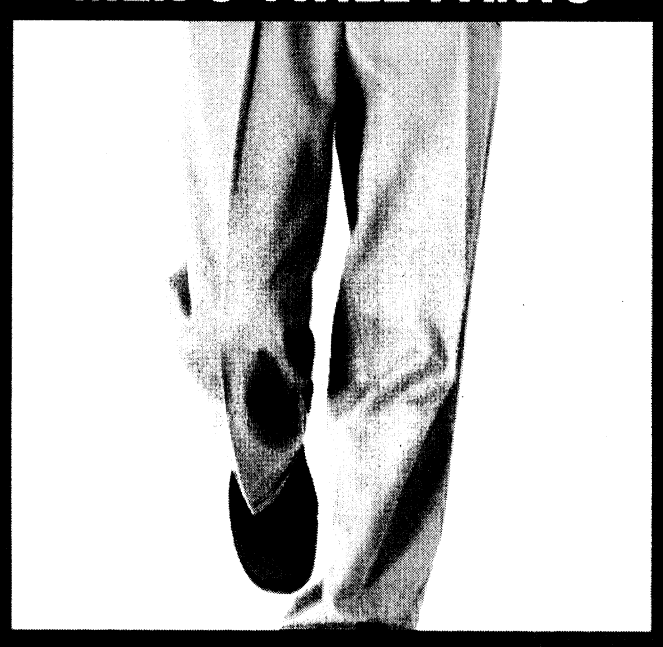
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SPORTS

SECTION C

Marksmen teach women gun safety

AMU teaches handgun fundamentals

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Nine times out of 10, women shoot better than men their first time out — a bit of trivia brought to you by Sgt. 1st Class Roger Jacobson, of Fort Benning's Army Marksmanship Unit.

The reason women make better shooters, Jacobson said, is that women make better students.

"He tends to think he knows it already. She's willing to listen and learn," Jacobson said.

Listen and learn they did. Twenty-six women from Fort Benning and Atlanta learned the basics of handgun safety from Jacobson and his AMU cohorts Saturday at English Range, during a daylong gun safety course.

The class is conducted annually and sponsored by Fort Benning's Rifle and Pistol Club. But this was the first time the course was instructed by soldiers from the marksmanship unit.

"Not everybody is aware that we teach," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs, of the AMU's service pistol unit. "We travel and shoot and compete, but we also teach the fundamentals of marksmanship and safety to soldiers, civilians, law enforcement officers and, like this one, classes geared toward women in particular."

The first lesson women need to learn about handling firearms is this — don't learn to shoot from your husband or boyfriend, said Jim Graham, of the club.

"Typically husbands don't make good teachers, even if they're qualified to teach. It's the dynamics of the relationship," he said. "I certainly don't recommend it."

But husbands are the ones bringing home the guns, and more and more Fort Benning families have some form of firearm in their quarters, Graham said.

"September 11 was a watershed for the firearms industry. There's been an infinite number of guns sold in this area. And husbands tend to buy handguns for their wives before they deploy.

"For whatever reason, there are a lot of pistols out there in these quarters. If they're going to have them, they need to handle them safely," Graham said.

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> Coach for the Army Marksmanship Unit's service pistol unit

Gun safety means handling the firearm safely *and* comfortably, said Ray Arrendondo, coach for the AMU's service pistol unit.

"It doesn't do any good to have a gun in the house if you're afraid of it," said Arrendondo, who taught the women how to recognize different types of guns and ammunitions, how to load and unload handguns, how to grip the gun and how to stand, kneel or lie while firing.

The students, most of whom had very limited exposure to firearms, took turns shooting targets at 15 yards.

They practiced slow firing, double taps (firing twice rapidly), antiarmor shots (hitting body parts not covered by a bullet-proof vest), right- and left-handed shooting, shooting from the waist and firing from various positions.

Nancy Lin was once a competitive shooter. She was on her high school's pistol and rifle team in China.

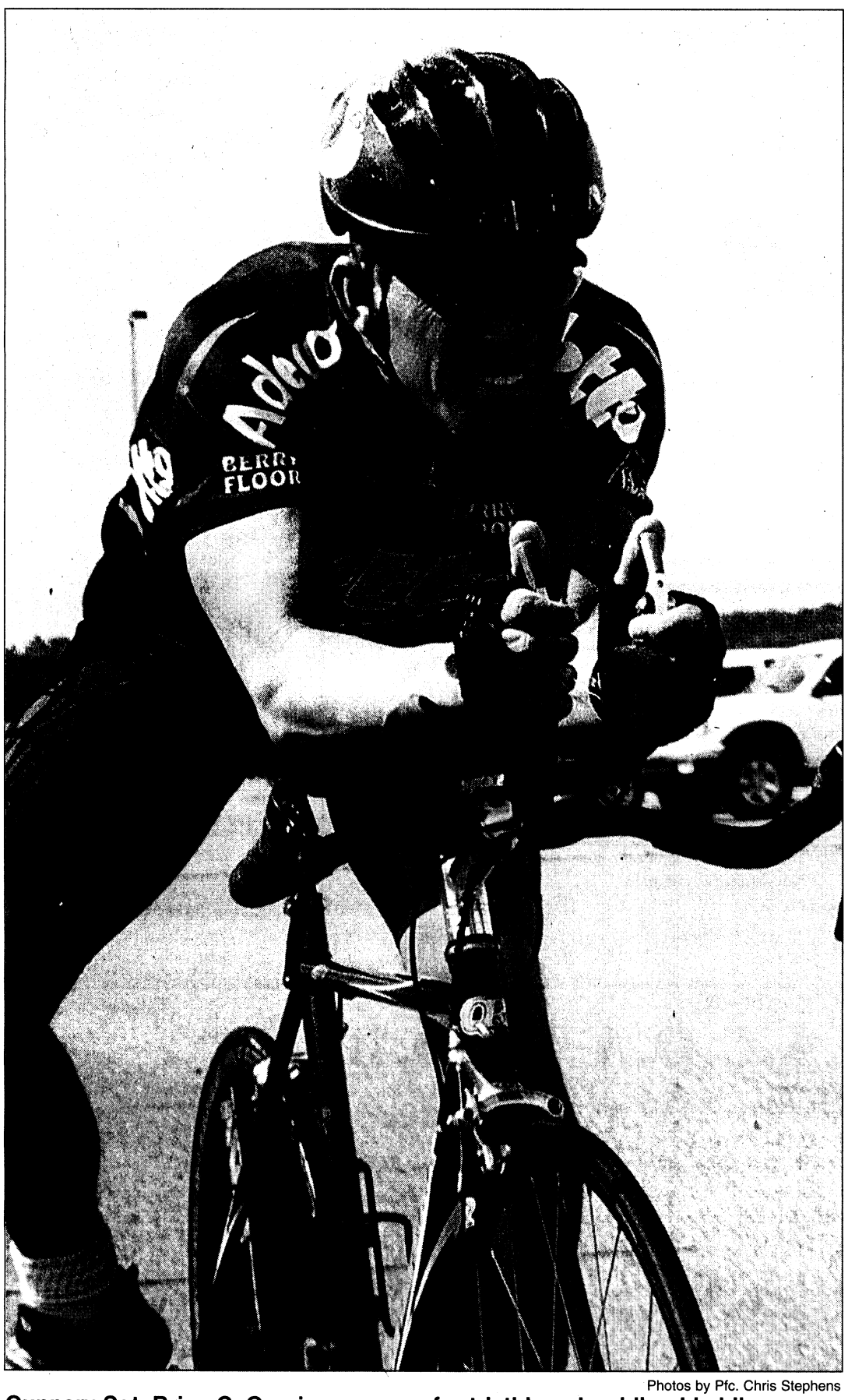
"But that was many years ago. I haven't picked a gun up since," said Lin, who learned of the class from a coworker in Atlanta.

"Apparently I haven't forgotten how to do it," she said, pointing down range to her bullet-riddled target. "Maybe I'll check into this. I might like to compete again."



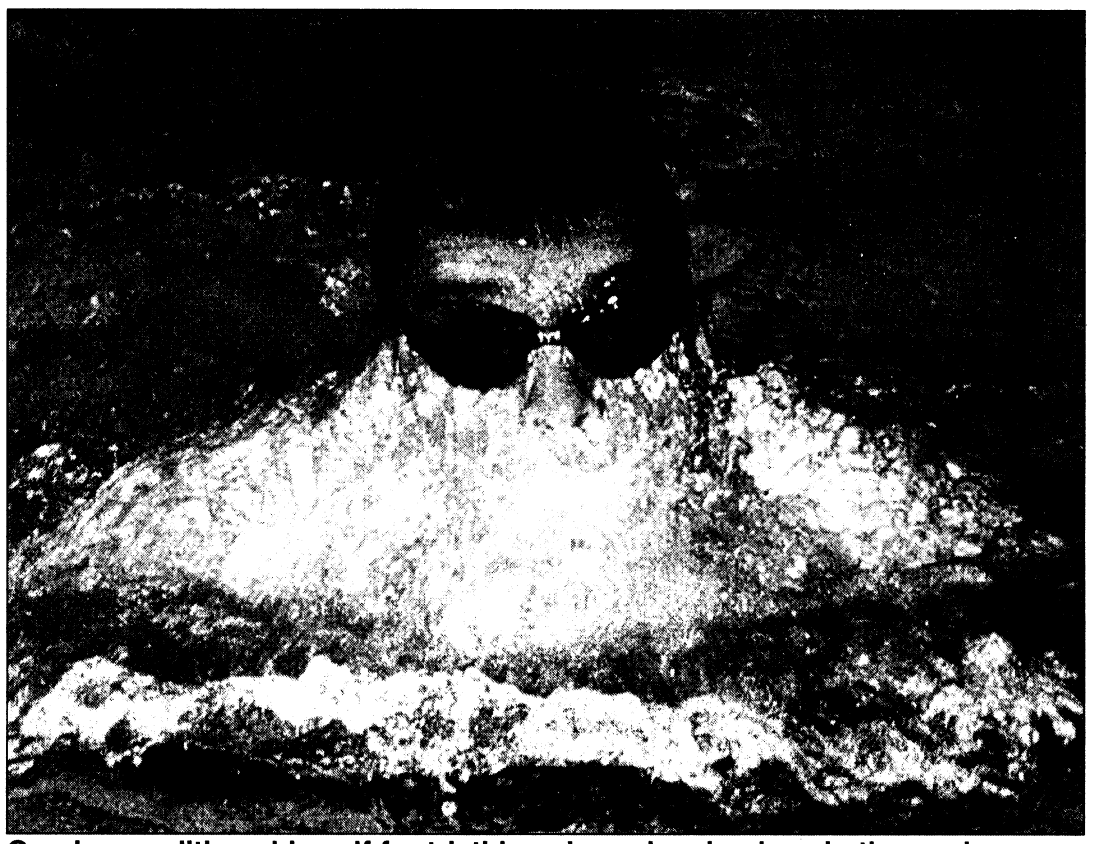
Photos by Bridgett Siter

Tiffany Ledger receives feedback form a basic handgun safety instructor while she points her weapon down ranger Saturday during a basic handgun safety course at English Range.



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Gunnery Sgt. Brian C. Grenier prepares for triathlons by riding his bike.



Grenier conditions himself for triathlons by swimming laps in the pool.

'Gunny' prepares for triathlon Nationals

Single parent works hard to achieve

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Gunnery Sgt. Brian C. Grenier is not afraid of a good challenge.

The 1st of the 507th soldier handles the challenges of single parenthood, while juggling his military job and his favorite pasttime — triathlons.

"They're a great way to enjoy the open air and get a workout and get in shape," he said.

Grenier is using his "workouts" to prepare for the Nationals in Cour d' Alene, Idaho.

"I've been training for a long time for the Nationals, and I know I am ready for it. I'm going there to do my best, but win or lose, I know my children will still be proud of me," said Grenier, of his children, Steven and Sarah.

The children "put up with a lot," while their father trains, "but they encourage me and always tell me they're proud of me," said Grenier,

Grenier said his children are his number one priority, but he has to concentrate on his technique during each event.

"Technique is key in the triathlon, especially during training, because if you do it in training, then you'll do it in the race."

"Everything is a mind game," he said. "If you tell yourself you can do it, then you will do it. I've told myself many times I will make Nationals and now look, I'm doing it.

"I'm achieving a goal I have worked hard for, but I couldn't have done it all on my own," he said, crediting his children for their support and encouragement.

Grenier needs donations to help him get to Nationals.

For more information on triathlons, triathlon races or to help Grenier go to Nationals, e-mail him at thegreniergroup@cs.com.

Post to have archery tournament



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Charlie Dove stays on his game by practicing at the archery range Monday.

Fort Benning Archery club reopens

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Archery Club has reopened and is scheduled to sponsor a public archery tournament.

The Fort Benning Archery Championship tournament will begin at 9 a.m. and run through 3:30 p.m. Sunday and participants can sign up on site.

There will be shooting divisions for all skill levels and ages, from children to professionals.

Children younger than 12 compete for free and will receive a medallion.

"It's a good sport for kids to get into," said Charlie Dove, club member. "Archery is a sport for young and old."

The course will be a walking trail with 3-D targets; 20 targets will be at unknown distances and 10 at known distances.

"We put on an entertaining tournament, we try to make it so it's challenging but not too difficult for people competing," said Brian Dansby, Fort Benning Archery Club president.

The membership and entry fees go toward targets and maintaining the archery range.

"We're not out here to make a profit, we're here to have fun and be part of the club," Dansby said.

Dove started bow hunting deer with some friends for a couple of seasons, then they invited him to a 3-D archery course.

"I used to fish before I started archery, and I haven't been bass fishing for about three years now," Dove said.

"It's an individual sport, but you make such good friends from doing it you would barely notice."

"The fellowship from shooting with other people is one of the biggest reasons to join an archery club," Dove said. "It's a real family-oriented sport."

One of the reasons for joining is the availability of the same type of 3-D targets used in national tournaments, which can cost hundreds of dollars, but the members get them for the price of membership.

The archery club also is planning on putting on clinics for hunters, children and lady archers, Dansby said.

The tournament entry fee is $10 for youth and novice classes, $20 for the Big Money competition and $15 for all other classes.

Family memberships cost $45 and individual memberships cost $35. There are military and Archery Shooters Association members.

Archery Range is located on Aldrich Road in the Harmony Church area of Fort Benning.

For more information, call 221-6838.

Darby's Rangers prepare for season

Softball team smacks down opposition

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Darby's Rangers, 4th Ranger Training Battalion, defeated the Free Agents, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, 15-11, in the U.S. Army Infantry Center annual Spring Softball Tournament at Gowdy Field April 20.

The tournament prepared the defending post champs for the season ahead of them, said Darby's Rangers' coach Tom Siter. It helped the team settle into their positions and gave the coach a chance to determine the skill level of this year's players.

"We have almost the same team as we did last year," Siter said. "There's a lot of veterans on our team who have played in competitive leagues."

Throughout the tournament, the team averaged 16 runs per game and batted a .600 average.

The Free Agents were offensively productive even though they had two days of practice before the tournament, said Free Agents' left centerfield, David Gray.

"The tournament helped us understand what we need to work on and how we were batting," Gray said. "Not knowing the players all to well and not having practiced hindered our performance on the field."

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> **Tom Siter**
> Coach

While the Free Agents were trying to find their identity, Darby's Rangers' offense was rolling and the coach was pleased with the production on the offensive end, he said.

"We wanted to concentrate on our offense," Siter said. "If you don't score the runs, you're not going to win the game.

"I wasn't going to expect anything less of them than winning the tournament."

Greg Hager, Darby's Rangers' second baseman, felt the team was confident in its ability to win, but was relieved to win the title, he said.

"All the teams were really good and everybody wants to win," Hager said.

The athleticism of the team contributed to the success on the field, Hager said.

The team is deep in many of the positions on the field, but feel they are well backed with their pitching, Siter said.

"We have one of the best pitchers on post," he said. "He puts it across the plate every time."

"These players know what is expected and are ready to play every time."

Continuing their dominance this season in all aspects of the game is part of the plan, Hager said.

"Everyone has a lot of pride and wants to continue the trend," he said.

However, their path to success this season will travel through the Free Agents, who will avenge their loss, Gray said.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf Classic — The annual G. G. Gunby Jordan Memorial Golf Classic, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation, Georgia Chapter's Southwest Branch, has become a tradition. Columbus' amateur golfers seeking the title of tournament champion will await a noontime shotgun start Monday for this year's event.

Held at Columbus' Green Island Country Club, the golf classic offers foursome and twosome golf teams, cocktail reception, door and team prizes and a "door prize" drawing to conclude the day's events and round out fund-raising efforts to help more than 1.8 million adults and children in Georgia who battle arthritis.

For more information, call 576-4086.

Ranger Lacrosse — The Ranger Lacrosse Club has started its spring season.

For more information, call Shelley Carey at 568-1671.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15-20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman (425) 255-4645.

YS gymnastics registration — Youth Services is taking registrations for gymnastics 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Youth Services, Building 1056, on McIver Street.

Classes for different age groups will be held Mondays through Thursdays. Parents who are interested in the program can pick up a class schedule from Youth Services prior to registration. Classes are limited to seven slots per time frame and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Special Mom and Me classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

Classes are open to youth family members ages 1 through 8 of active duty personnel. Participants must be a member of the Child and Youth Services Program.

For more information, call Youth Services at 545-3070.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Rugby club — The Columbus-Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Avenue and Blanchard Boulevard

Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. throughout the season. The spring season features five league matches, the St. Patrick's Day Tournament in Savannah, Ga., the Mardi Gras Tournament in Mobile, Ala., and culminates with the Military National Tournament in Columbus.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Basketball camp — The Ten-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp is evaluating applications for its camps, one of which is in Gainesville, Ga.

Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter.

For a free brochure, call (704) 568-6801.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum. The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m. The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

Fort Benning Officers' Club Pool

Starting **May 4**, the pool will be open weekends only. Hours of operation are: Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1p.m. to 6 p.m.

Normal summer hours will begin **May 24**, and will be as follows:

Monday through Friday, lap swim only from 6a.m. to 8a.m. and noon to 1p.m.

Open swim will be from 1p.m. to 8 p.m.

Wednesday night is Raft Night from 6p.m. to 9p.m.

Weekend and holiday lap swims will be from 10a.m. to 11a.m. and open swim will be from 10a.m. to 6p.m.

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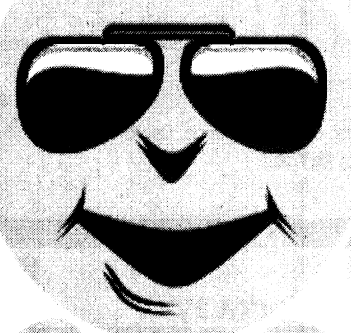
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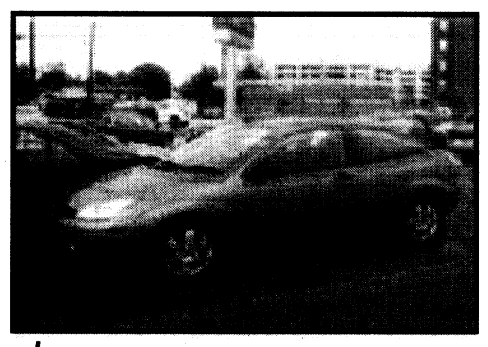
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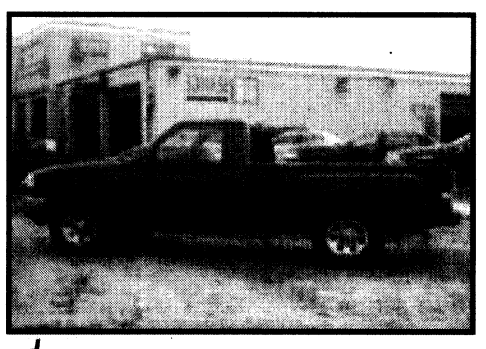
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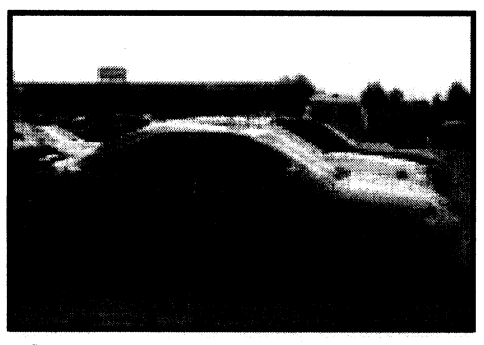
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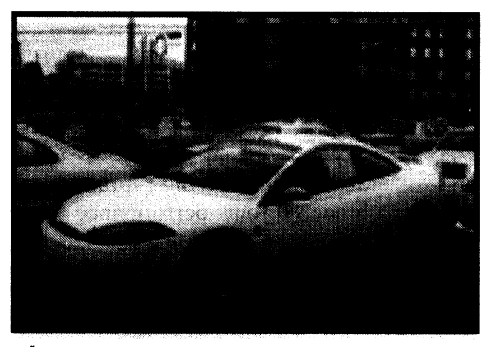
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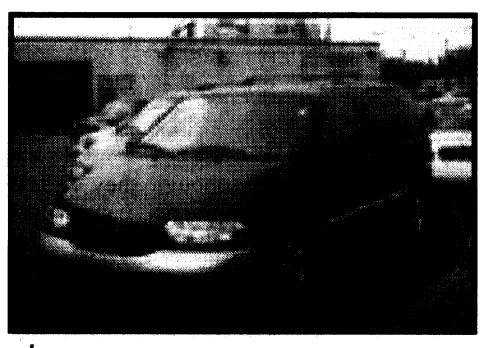
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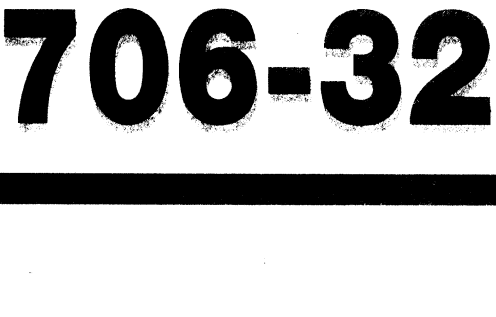
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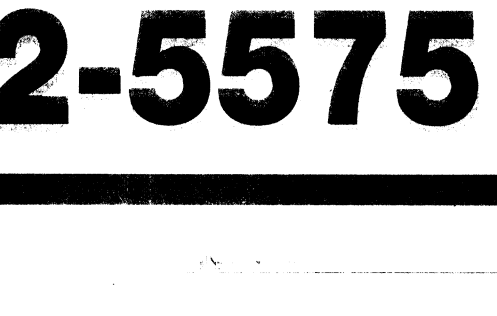
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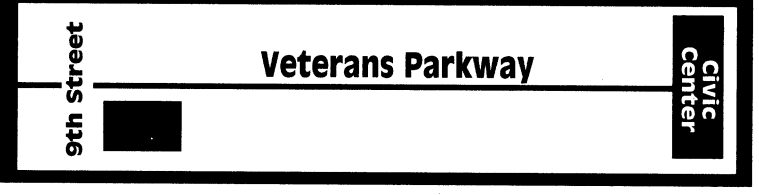
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PCSing must sell: fish aquarium w/goldfish, toddler bed, infant carseat, baby bouncer, and more. 687-7900 (F3)

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Full size tubular wrought iron bed, can be painted any color $20, Minolta XG-M 35mm camera with sunpak auto 26 FD flash, $30. 687-4938 after 5pm. (F3)

Civil war print: Lee and His Generals, double matted and framed $40. Youth (girls) 26 inch 12 speed bike. Ideal for preteen girl. $35. 687-4938 after 5pm. (F3)

Preception Prism Kayak including paddle and life vest,$300 Spirit Blade in-line roller blade skates, men's sz 10-10 1/2, $20 ; Breadman automatic breadbaker, $20. 682-9120.(F3)

Leather Jacket, dark brown, worn once. XL Unisex. $30. After 6pm 289-4214. (F10)

WANTED: Nice used, reasonably priced maternity clothes sizes 16. Needed asap! 687-2920 or calebswifey@yahoo.com (F3)

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YARD SALE: May 4th from 8am-2pm. 113-A and 113-B Arrowhead Rd (Custer Terrace). Multi-family/ETS'ing. Many items iincluding baby clothing and furniture. Girl sizes from infant-6x and infant boy clothing (F3)

PCSing Sale- Toys, tramopline, clothes, etc. Sat 8-1 Custer Terrace- 105A Monteith Ct. Off Arrowhead Rd. (F3)

Two Family Yard Sale- May 4, 8AM to 12 943A Carpenter ST(Norton Court) Mostly toys, clothes, kitchen items, and a large crab sand box. (F3)

Don't forget to hit Burr St. on main post (next to movie theater) on May 4. We have many families moving soon and a lot of things to unload 8am-2pm. (F3)

119 A Arrowhead Rd, Custer Terrace. Baby items, adult items, baby bed, and more. All are welcome. From 8-11. Don't miss out (F3)

Yard Sale- 606 Bjornstad Street - children's and adult clothing, misc. Sat May 4th.

3 family yard sale on sat the 4 at 8 till? at 1 b Devore court and 1 c. There will be lots of good stuff, baby stuff and maturnity clothes and much more. (F3)

PCS Multi-family yard sale. Lot's of good stuff! 948A Carpenter St. Norton Court next to Faith Middle School. (F3)

Moving Sale- Furniture, rugs, toddler iitems, & much more. Oakland Park Area, 21755 Knox Street. Directions-683-0828/315-3771 (F3)

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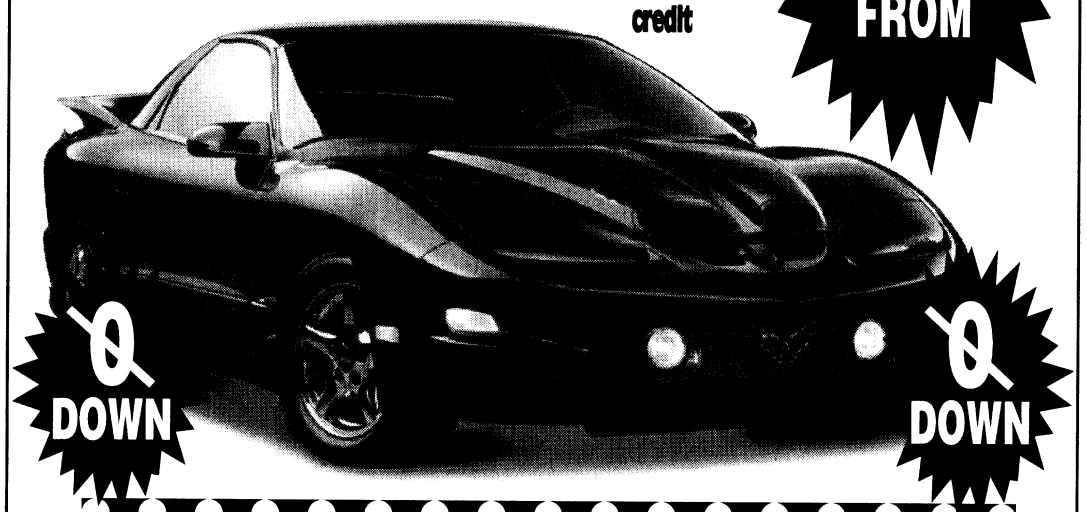
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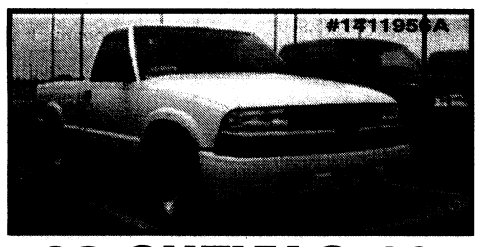
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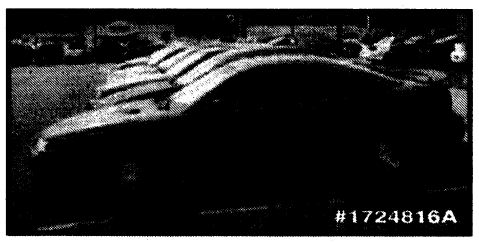
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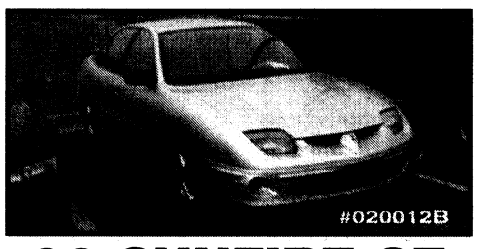
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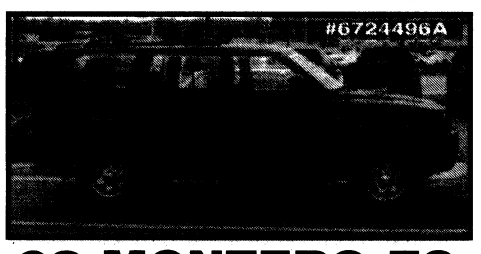
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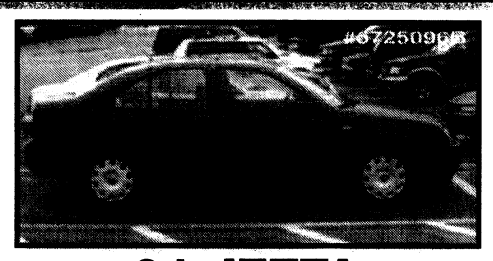
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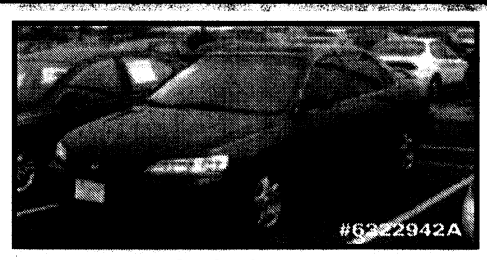
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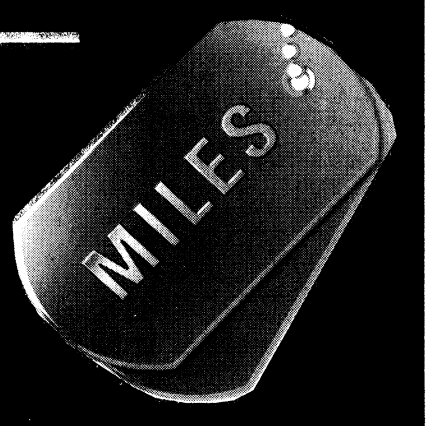
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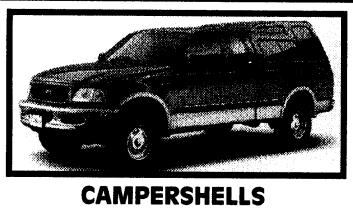
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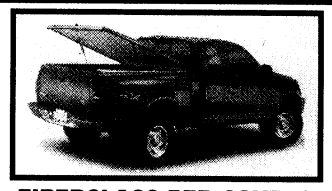
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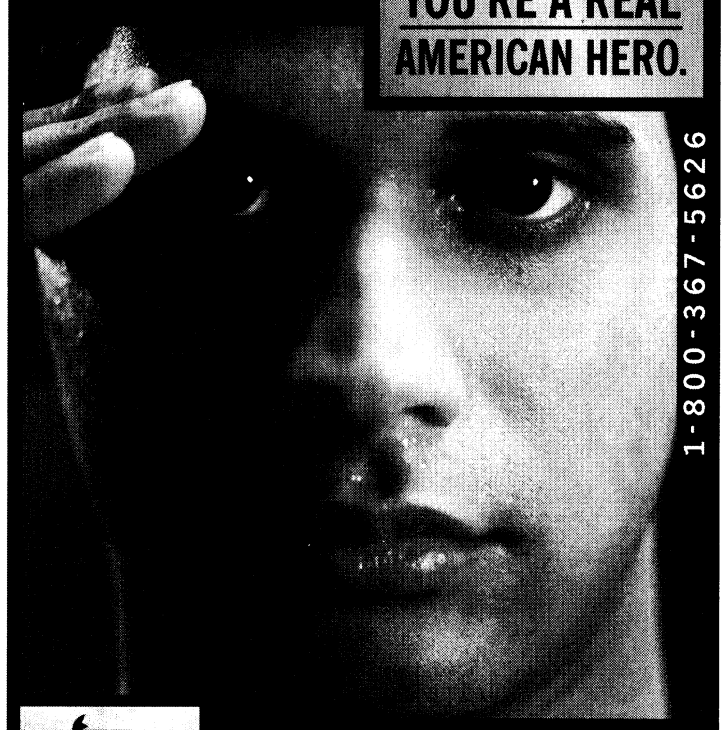
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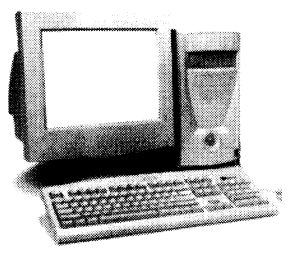
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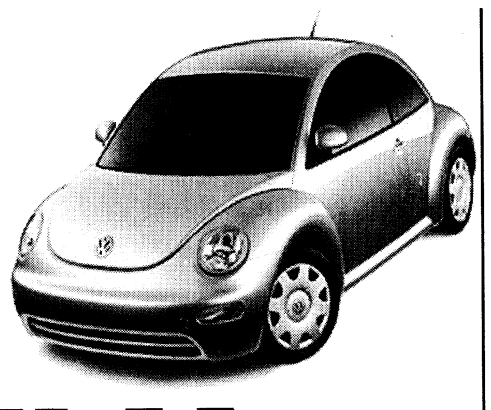
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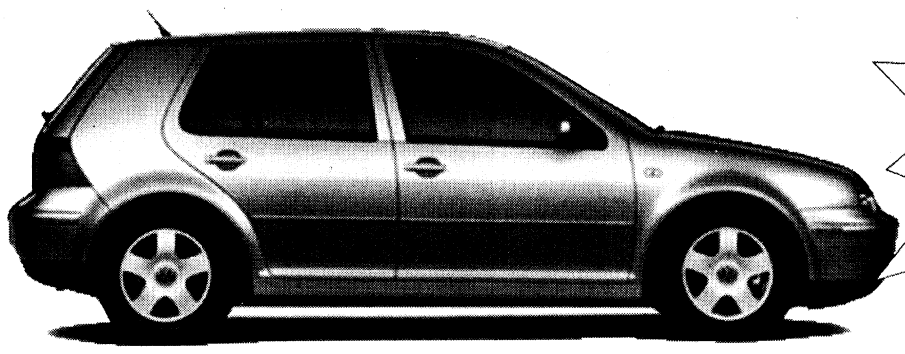
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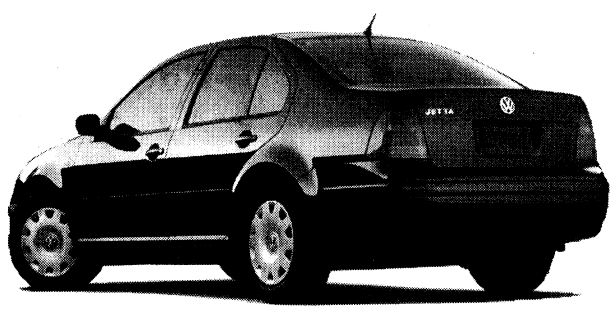
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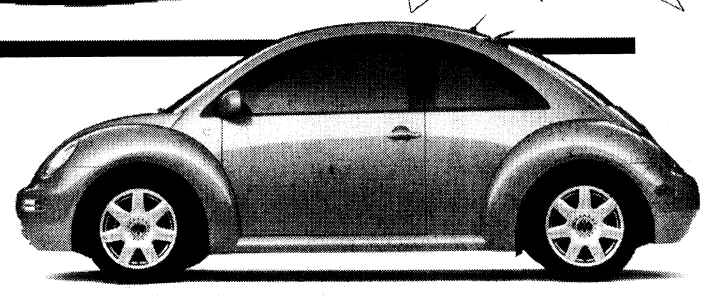
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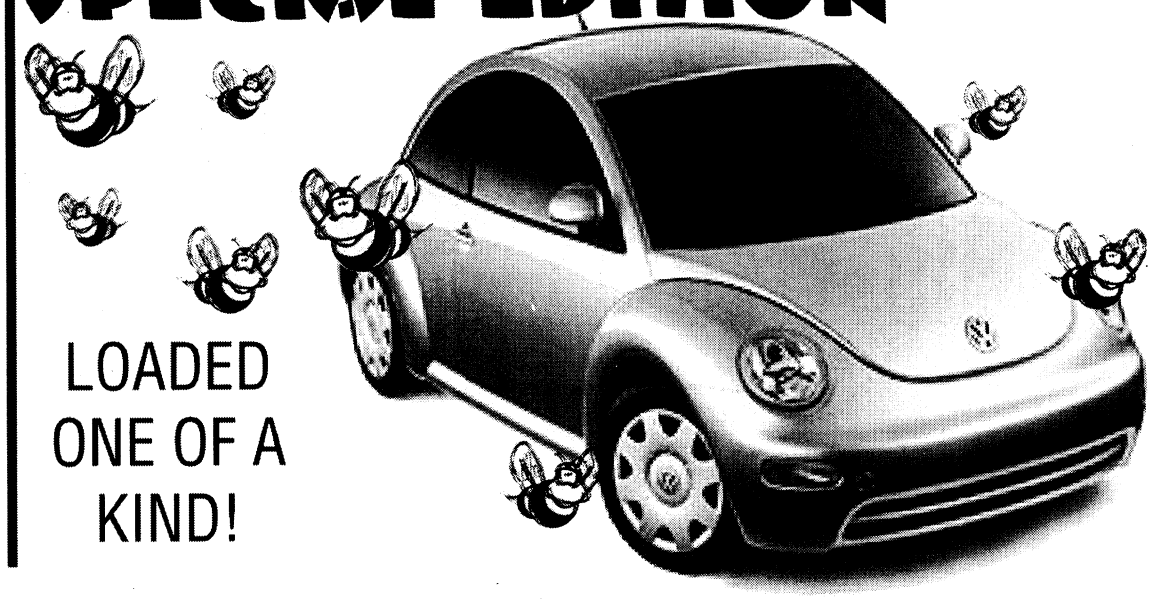
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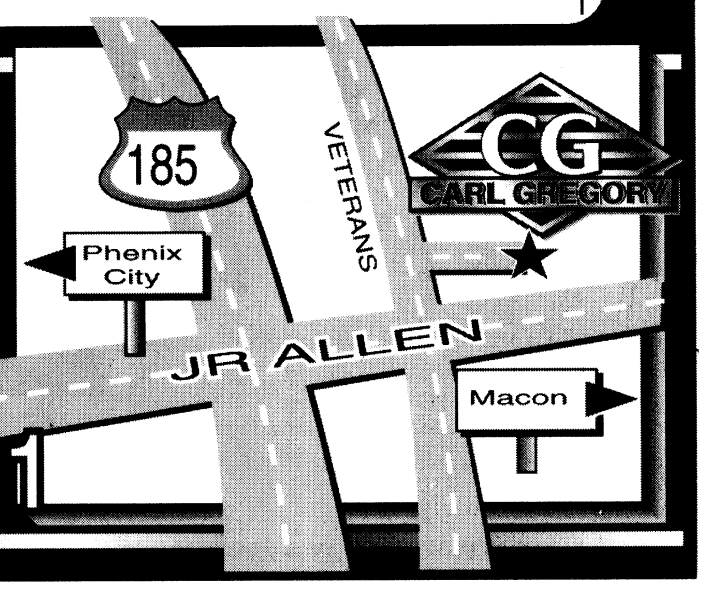
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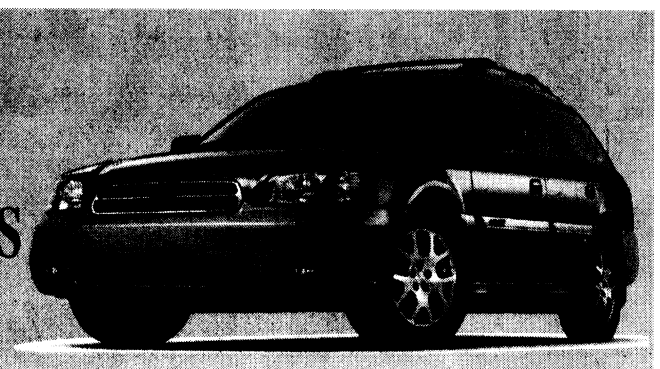
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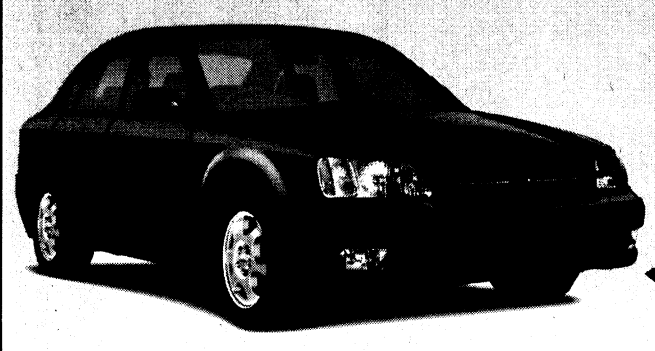


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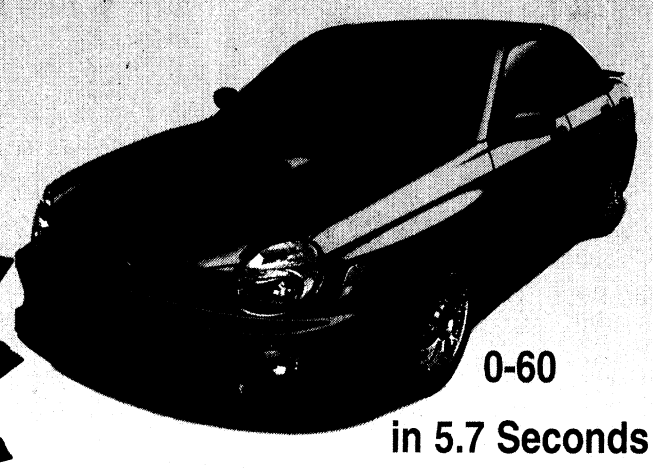


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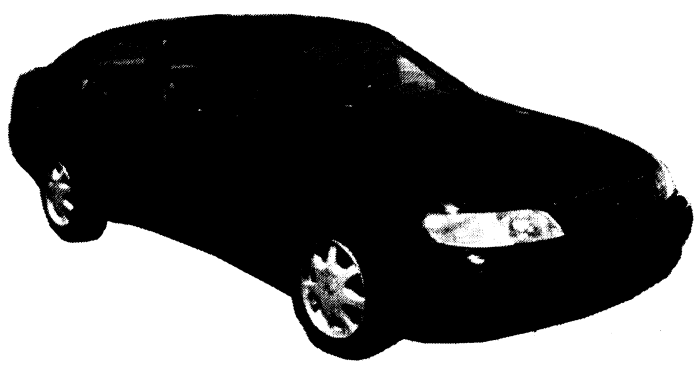


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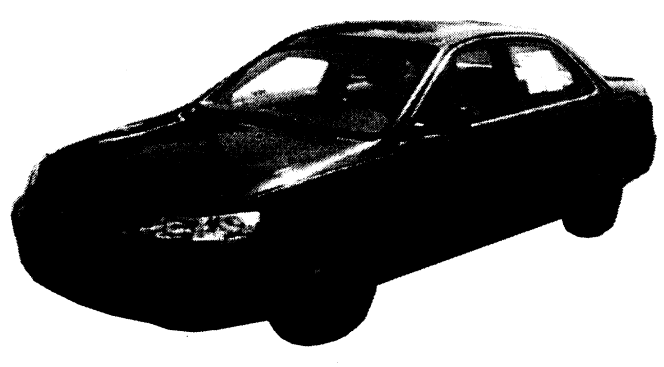
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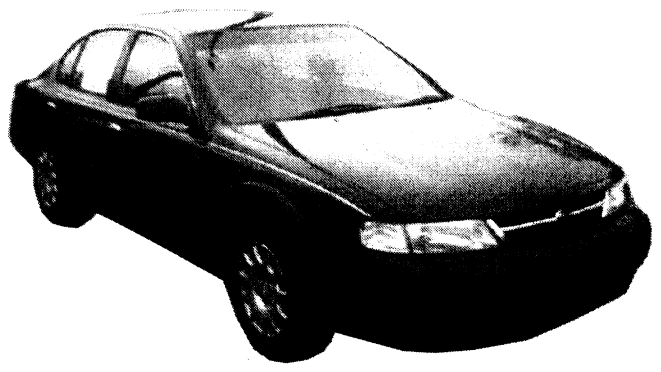
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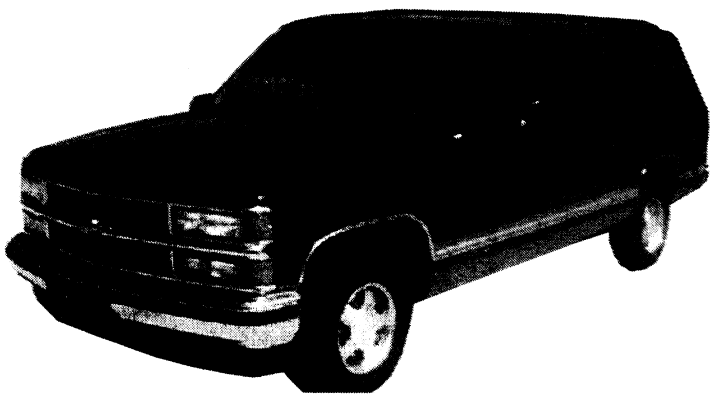
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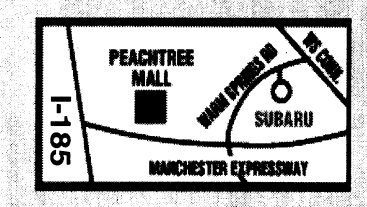
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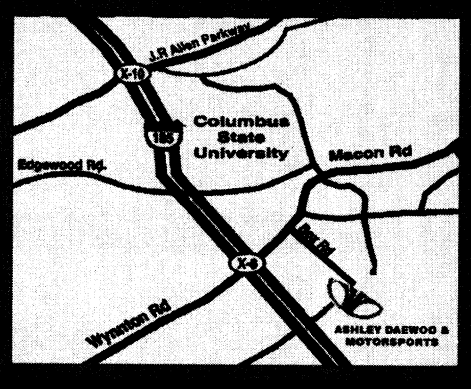
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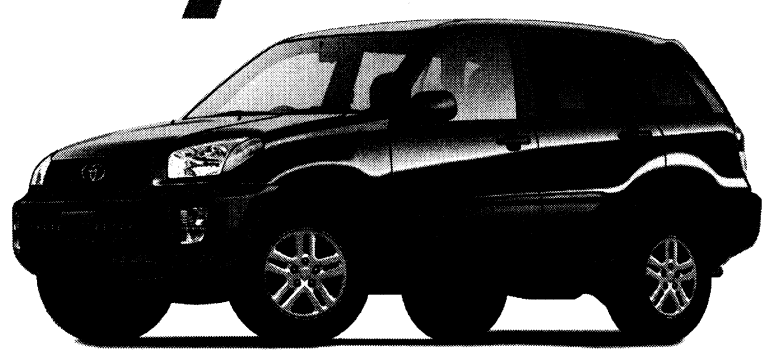


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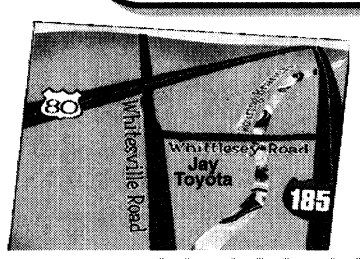
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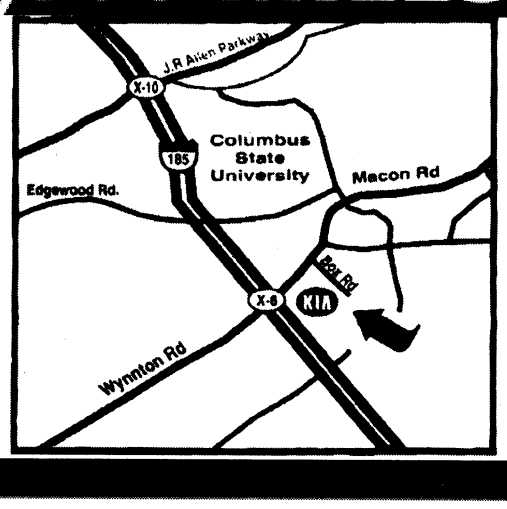
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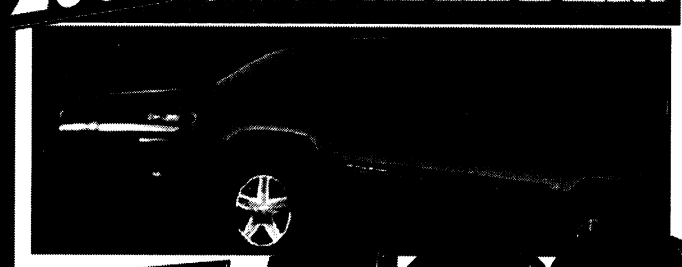
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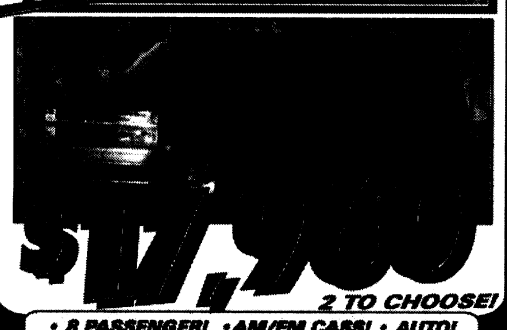
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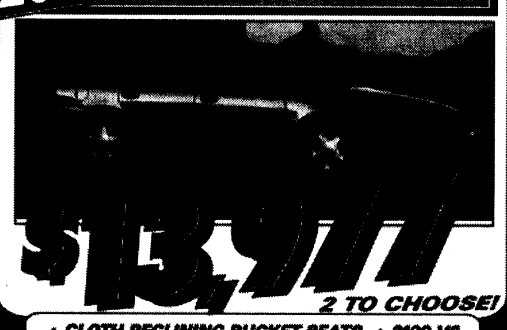
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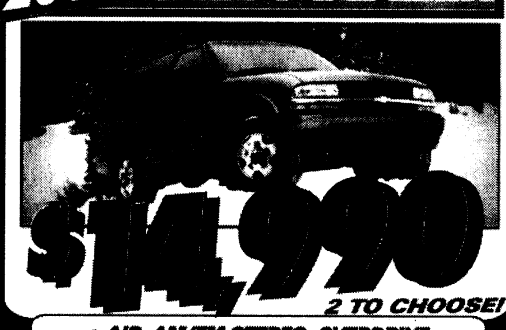
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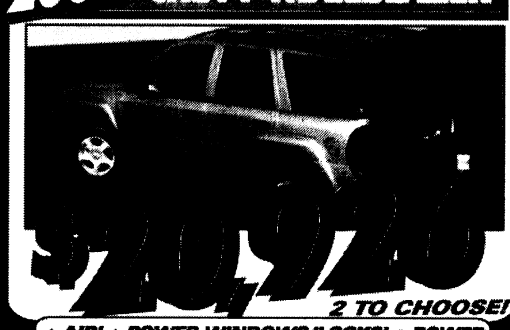
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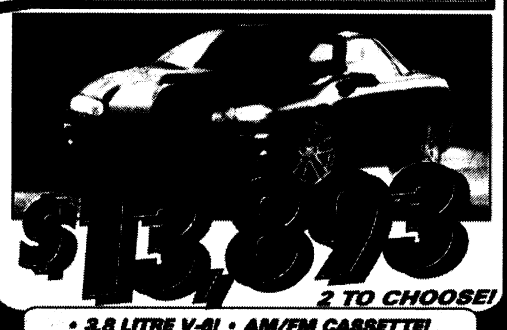
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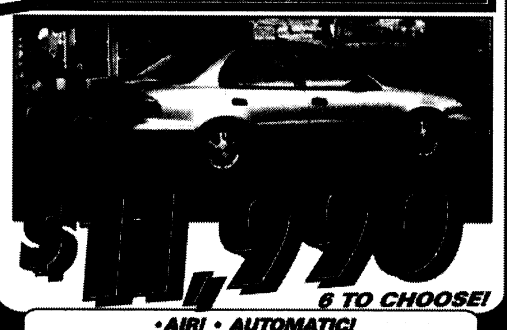
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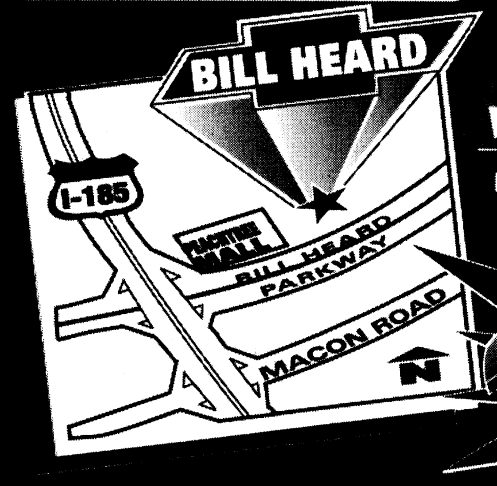
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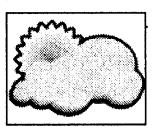
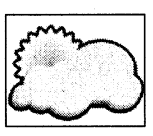
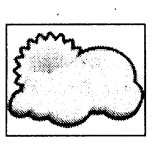


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Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Sgt. David Hayes holds his son, Matthew, at the welcome back ceremony for soldiers from 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, returning from Kosovo Tuesday night.

Soldiers return from Balkans



1st Lt. Don and Kay Shawley hug each other after six months apart.

Families, friends join celebration for job well done

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, returned from Kosovo Tuesday evening to a cheering crowd of mothers, wives, daughters and sons.

Family members attended a ceremony at Kefurt Gym to welcome the soldiers back and recognize them for a superb job in their peace-keeping mission.

"They feel like they were serving a purpose there," said Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, assistant division commander of maneuver for 3rd Infantry Division. "I think they did, and we're glad to have them back."

So are the families and girlfriends of the soldiers, said Tandra Smith. Life can be very demanding when a spouse is deployed.

"If you take care of the whole house by yourself, it's hard." Smith said. "I'm in desperate need of a vacation."

Smith's children are involved in sports, Girl Scouts and school activities, so having help is a relief, she said.

The soldiers were in Kosovo for six months.

"It's a little lonely," said Pfc. Mathew Casterline. "It would be nice to have someone here waiting for me.

"Although, it's nice seeing other

See **SOLDIERS**, A-3

160th MPs to deploy to Guantanamo Bay

Soldiers help fight against terrorism with deployment

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A reserve unit based in Florida is deploying only 500 miles from home, but a world away, to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The 160th MP Battalion, Headquarters Company (Enemy Prisoner of War-Civilian Internee) advance party will leave post soon, followed by the remainder the company for an undetermined amount of time.

The Tallahassee, Fla., based unit was alerted on Christmas Day they were going to be activated for a year starting Jan. 7. They were originally deploying for a mission in Afghanistan, but the

See **MPs**, A-3

Post to honor war dogs

May 11 to be war dog handler day

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

There will be an unveiling and dedication of additional monuments surrounding the War Dog Memorial Saturday on Sacrifice Field.

Columbus Mayor Bobby Peters honored the military working dogs Tuesday for their duty and loyalty to soldiers they aided in foreign war victories.

At the ceremony, the mayor signed a proclamation, declaring Saturday as Military

See **DOGS**, A-3

Home of the Infantry receiving facelift

New security measures behind changes

Angela Sachitano
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If you've walked by the outside of Infantry Hall lately, you may have wondered what all the buzz is about.

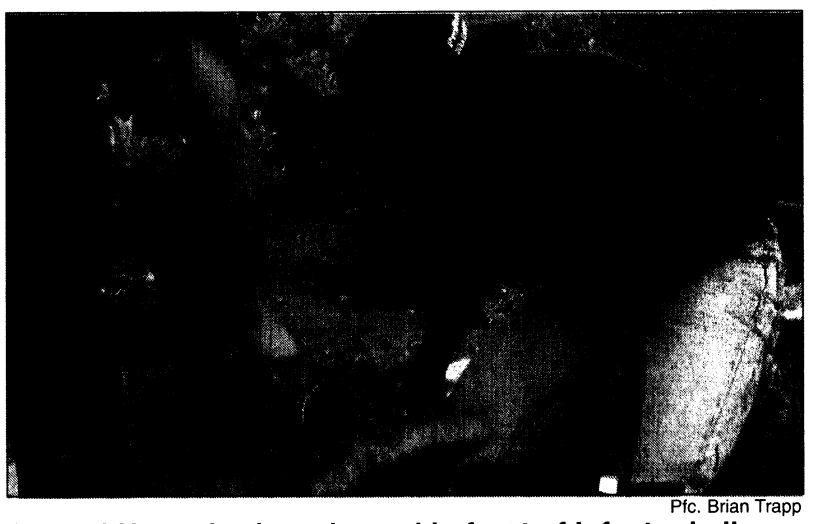
Buzzing is literally what you will hear as the sounds of tree trimmers and trucks full of sod modernize the landscape around Infantry Hall.

"You never get a second chance to make a first impression," said Don Campbell, landscape architect with French and Associates. "This is the Home of the Infantry, and it's often the first place visitors ask to see when they come to Fort Benning."

When the post placed protection barriers around Infantry Hall shortly after Sept. 11, Campbell said the plants and trees around the building were destroyed.

That's when engineers from Fort Benning decided it was time to give Infantry Hall a new look that would express the pride of the post.

See **GRASS**, A-3



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Manuel Herendez lays the sod in front of Infantry hall.

Super spouses spotted here

Laura Martinson
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COMMENTARY



Military personnel may very well be the least appreciated workers in the universe. And running a close second, always by the side of the ones they hold dearest, is the military spouse.

So, for all the military spouses do in support of a husband, wife, and country, one week in May is set aside each year to honor their contributions.

Which leads me to ponder, why exactly our spouses, the steadfast soldiers, appreciate us.

Is it because we can readily identify terms and acronyms unheard of to the average civilian? Is it because we can spit shine boots and iron enough starch into a uniform to make it stand on its own two legs?

Perhaps it's our delicate appreciation for the finer things in life. Take my next door neighbor. She'd rather slap a rucksack on her back and push her stroller alongside her husband in a little heated competition as opposed to trading it all in for an exclusive ladies' gym. Now that's what I call a real woman.

My husband might suggest he "appreciates" my ability to multitask. Now I can't speak for all military families, but my husband can and will do everything to complete the mission down to the last detail. Let's face it, military spouses have a different mission entirely, and we have little choice but to succeed. After all, if we don't multitask, the kids and dogs will starve, the bill collectors will start calling, the PT shorts won't get washed and the grass will grow to cover the windows. So when my husband suggested the other day I'm Superwoman, I had to laugh to myself. He only says that because I know where all the children's clothes go.

But I'd say I'm surrounded by military spouses who raise the bar for all who follow. They, in fact, are Superwomen in their own rite.

My friend Ce, an accountant by education and trade, has to be the most resourceful woman I've ever met. She is a one-stop shop for everything from screws for a swing set to chicken broth. And if she doesn't have it or know how to make it, she knows where to find it for next to nothing. Ce can also make a delicious meal out of just about anything, so if all you have left in your cupboards is peanut butter, mustard and olives, just give her a call. She'll know just what to do with it. And if your lawn mower won't start, well, she's your gal.

Laura, besides having my favorite name, has more talents than I think she's aware. She can make a ball gown in 24 hours, bake a 10-layer cake in less than that, and give a fabulous cut, highlights and up-do in an hour. She juggles all of this along with the everyday tasks involved in being a ranger wife and mother while pursuing a degree in art history. Let's just say, multitasking is her specialty.

Candace has not only won the heart of my baby girl, but just about everyone she meets. An accomplished pianist, gardening wiz and avid bird watcher, she has an amazing warmth that endears her to children, birds and any stray cat that walks by. She juggles three children, two in soccer and her own piano lesson clientele and again, the day to day tasks that never seem to end around the schedule of her drill sergeant husband, whose hours are long and relentless. Now, she's heard the rumor that the drill sergeant tour is known as "divorce duty" because of all the hours spent apart. But she doesn't worry about that a bit. Never has. Superwomen just don't have time to worry about things like that.

Yes, it's the "job" of the military spouse to do many things at many times all the time. And the further along a career develops and the more kids, dogs, cats, birds, fish, iguanas you throw into the mix, well, the more there is to do. So, to all of those who do it and do it well, I salute you.

For the newcomers, don't worry, you'll be in over your head soon enough. And for the rest, I suggest a time management course and a couple pots of coffee. We've got our work cut out for us.

Bike rodeo to give free helmets

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



I've decided to quit harping on adults who bike without helmets. I've come to the conclusion that I'm wasting my breath. Besides, there's a need for organ donors and helmetless riders have great potential to fill that need.

If you're an adult and you want to bike without a helmet, completely disregarding post regulations, not to mention your personal safety, I say "Ride on." And in the event I am ever a transplant patient, let me take this opportunity now to say "thank you" from the bottom of your heart (or kidney or liver).

Children, though, are a different matter. Aside from post regulations that say everyone riding a bicycle needs to wear a helmet, Georgia and Alabama law requires helmets for children, age 16 and younger riding bikes.

If a bicyclist wearing a helmet properly is involved in an accident, their risk of a head injury is reduced by 85 percent and the risk of brain injury is reduced by as much as 88 percent. Helmets also provide protection to foreheads and faces.

Do you need more incentive to slap a properly fitted helmet on your child?

How about this?

Your children, 15 years old and younger, can get a NEW HELMET for FREE between noon and 2 p.m. Saturday at the annual Safe Kids Bike Rodeo.

This year's rodeo will be held at the Hughston Sports Medicine Center, 6262 Veterans Parkway.

All you have to do to get a NEW HELMET for FREE is show up.

Not only can children get a NEW HELMET for FREE, the event sponsors will make sure that it is a good fit. They'll show you and your child how the NEW HELMET they will give you FREE should be worn.

Bring the bikes and trikes, too, for a free safety inspection. After their wheels get checked, your kids can wear the NEW HELMET they got for FREE as they weave their way through a safe biking course.

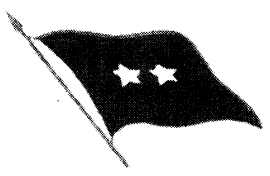
If you ride without a helmet, pay close attention when the people from the Safe Kids Coalition drop a cantaloupe on the pavement to show why you should.

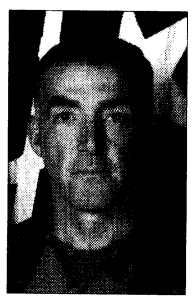
If it changes your opinion about helmets and you start wearing one, you'll be setting a great example for your children.

Then they'll come away from the afternoon with more than just a NEW HELMET that they got for FREE.

For more information about the Safe Kids Bike Rodeo, and the FREE HELMETS, call the Safe Kids, Columbus Coalition at 321-6183.

Post recognizes spouses's help





President Ronald Reagan proclaimed May 23, 1984, the first Military Spouse Day. The following year, the Secretary of Defense standardized Military Spouse Day as the Friday preceding Mother's Day. In keeping with that important tradition, this year we will recognize and honor our military spouses today.

Since the earliest days of this nation's history, spouses of those who serve have made their own unique sacrifices. Their contributions to the ideals of patriotism, service, family and freedom are immeasurable and enduring.

This special occasion allows us to recognize the commitment of the Army's spouses and celebrate their critical role in the vitality of our nation and the well-being of our people — soldiers, civilians, retirees, veterans and their families.

Army spouses bring qualities of strength, of resilience and of leadership to the home, to businesses and to their communities around the world. When our families must endure times of separation, they act as both mother and father, and they compassionately mentor and care for others in need. Now, as our soldiers fight the war on terrorism, our spouses provide support, encouragement and a sense of stability with the same courage and profound dedication that has become their legacy, reminding us that sometimes courage resides outside our ranks, as well as within.

So everyday, and especially today — Military Spouse Day — do not forget the devotion and pride that the Army spouse represents and take time to demonstrate your gratitude. Everywhere there is an Army family — whether active, guard or reserve — there is a community made stronger by the example and contributions of the Army spouse.

Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton
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Fort Benning to remember war dogs

To recognize military working dogs, also known as war dogs that have served in combat operations with their handlers in World War II, the Korean conflict and the Vietnam War; and are wartime heroes, I designate May 11 as War Dog Day at Fort Benning.

The dogs were trained to save lives by alerting on snipers, booby traps, mines, tunnels and weapons caches, by following enemy trails, by warning troops about ambushes and other enemy troop movements, and by guarding military installations.

Although most of their handlers returned home, many of these canine soldiers were declared "surplus armaments" and were either euthanized or left to unknown fates.

We welcome the handlers and their families and friends as they gather at 1 p.m. Saturday at the War Dog Memorial on Sacrifice Field.

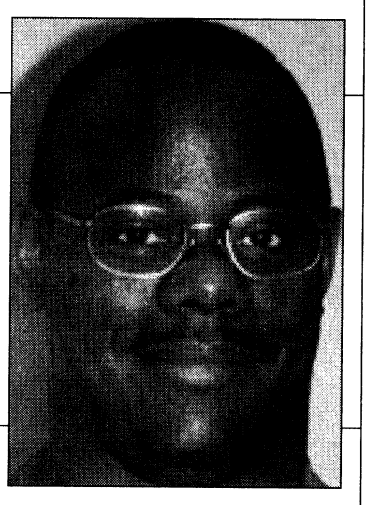
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Why do you appreciate your military spouse?



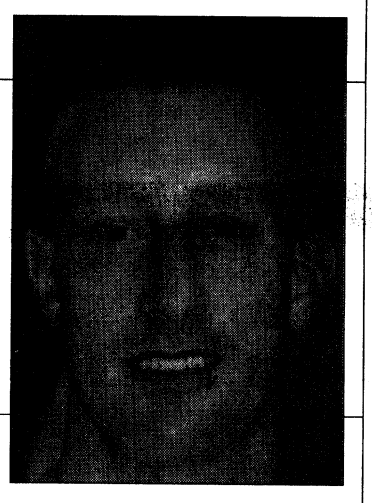
Cpl. Kendra Bannach, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "Because my husband is in the military, he understands the demands and long hours of the job, even though his job is more demanding."



Sgt. 1st Class Frederick Harris, 3rd Brigade — "My wife's been supporting me for 16 years. She always makes sure everything's taken care of and does all she can to improve our life, all while having her own job."



Sgt. Jennifer Marquez, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "My husband pushes me to strive, and go to the board and get promoted. When we had our son, he was very supportive of me staying in the Army, because I just didn't want to get out."



Spc. Travis West, 3rd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — "She's very tolerant of the lifestyle the military brings, like when I went to Ranger School, being separated and being 18 hours away from home."



Laurie Glemser, family member — "I appreciate his understanding the things I go through, especially the traveling and being separated from my family. He takes time out for me when I need it."



Naomi Jackson, family member — "My husband's retired and he's home now — I appreciate that. I understood when he signed the contract he belonged to Uncle Sam. I knew about all his training. Now he gets to help with the things that I've done when he was in the Army."

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Soldiers: Patrol Macedonia, Serbia borders, come home

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guys come back to see their family and girlfriends."

Jennifer O'Dell drove 15 hours from Waco, Texas, to see her boyfriend.

"We've been dating ever since he went to basic training," O'Dell said. "Talking to him every other day really helped our relationship.

"It's funny. While they're here, you can talk for hours about nothing, but when they're gone and you only have a half hour to talk once every four days, it makes you think about what is important to the both of you."

What was important for many of the soldiers was coming back to their children, said Staff Sgt. Shawn Crane. Seeing children in Kosovo surely reminded soldiers of their own families back home.

"Kids would always hang around our post, and they would know your name," Casterline said.

Some soldiers spent time in Kosovo teaching kids English, and the citizens appreciated all the support and protection from the American soldiers, he said.

"You would drive through the streets, and they made you feel like the most important person around," Casterline said.

Soldiers patrolled the boarders of Macedonia and Serbia to protect ethnic Albanians in Kosovo against the smuggling of weapons and drugs and immigration into the Balkans country, Casterline said. The soldiers received intense training to prepare them for their mission, but the situation in Kosovo never escalated to the level for which soldiers prepared.

"The training helped," said Sgt. Felix Ceja. "Everything was subject to change, and it did."

During the training, eight to 10 soldiers guarded a check point. While in Kosovo, they had only four per check point.

"The deployment was very squad- and team-oriented," Ceja said. "I worked with my team exclusively."

These sort of situations helped soldiers understand how their fellow soldiers think and will benefit the battalion in war time situations, Crane said. As a result, the esprit de corps within the unit is at an all-time high.

The soldiers did a great job, Austin said.

"We went there and did what we had to do. Now we're done," Ceja said. "Hopefully we can get some rest and relaxation while we're back."

MPs: Prepare for deployment to Guantanamo Bay

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mission changed.

The reservists have been training and working on Fort Benning for four months while waiting to deploy to Guantanamo Bay.

The company specializes in handling prisoners and refugees, said Capt. Scott McGaha, personnel officer with the company, and a U.S. marshal in North Florida. "There's no active-duty unit like us."

Many of the MPs in the company are police officers or corrections officers in their civilian lives and deal with prisoners more often.

"I think this is a better mission for reservists," McGaha said. "We are more experienced with handling prisoners than some MPs."

As reservists, there's always a possibility of being deployed, but we're ready for it when it happens," said Spc. Kim Metzger, an engineer with the company, who will be maintaining the camp and assessing it for possible security breeches. The unit has trained for prisoner transport, prisoner restraint and riot control in the last four months to help prepare for the deployment.

"I feel confident about the mission because of the people I'm going with," said Spc. Nicholas Leone. "I'm excited to get to go do something to help the effort against terrorism."

During their time on Fort Benning, soldiers worked with the Directorate of Public Safety performing security details and vehicle registration.

"Fort Benning has done a really good job of putting us up and taking care of our needs," McGaha said.

Even with the holdover, spirits seem high in anticipation of the deployment.

"It's a once in a lifetime experience," McGaha said. "You don't get a long-term detainee camp like that set up every day."

Dogs: Save more than 10,000 lives in Vietnam

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Handler Recognition Day. The proclamation honors American military working dogs and their handlers.

One of the monuments unveiled will be that of Robert Willard Hartsock, a wardog handler with the 44th Infantry Platoon (Scout Dog), 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, and the only Medal of Honor recipient from a Scout Dog unit, said Frank Hanner, director National Infantry Museum.

Hartsock earned a Medal of Honor for his actions in Hau Nghia Province, Republic of Vietnam, where he fought off enemy soldiers to protect the lives of his fellow soldiers.

Also added to the memorial will be five pedestals representing the various war dog units, which are infantry-platoon scout dogs, combat-tracker teams, sentry-dog teams, patrol-dog teams, and mine, booby-trap and tunnel-dog teams.

"Military dogs are a huge part in the war on drugs, fighting domestic and international terrorism and homeland security," according to the book, *Dogtags of Courage*, by retired Master Sgt. John C. Burnam.

"In Vietnam, war dogs saved lives by alerting American soldiers of snipers, booby traps, mines, tunnels and weapon caches. More than 10,000 American lives were saved in Vietnam because of the war dogs."

The war dogs also served the country during World War II and the Korean War.

The National Infantry Museum will open at 10 a.m. in time for the dedication of the pedestals and monument which will take place in a public ceremony on Sacrifice Field at 1 p.m.

The exhibit is open to the public. For more information, call the museum at 545-2958.

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>
> *Dogtags of Courage*

Grass: Landscape beautification part of modern Infantry

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"About two dozen trees and a variety of beautiful flowers will align the sidewalk of the building," Campbell said. "We're going to put in a colored deck around the Follow Me statue and some cherry trees around the flag poles. It will be a formal, uniform look that fits the image of the Infantry."

Campbell will also plant yellow and orange day lilies, red and white annuals, and crepe myrtles during the next few weeks.

Campbell should finish the project just in time for many of the change of command ceremonies that are planned for this month.

"Many of the traditional ceremonies of the are held right outside this building," said Craig Taylor, Chief of Engineering with the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. "The new look is going to enhance the beauty of the statue and the importance of Infantry Hall."

The changes to Infantry Hall are just a start in a string of landscape changes to be seen around post.

"As the security around our buildings becomes better so will the landscaping," Taylor said. "This is all in step with modernizing the look of Fort Benning."

"You want to be proud you're in the Infantry so the landscaping around our buildings should reflect that," Campbell said. "And I assure you, it definitely will."

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Career fair opens doors for soldiers

AUSA brings employers to Benning

Angela Sachitano
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Every few years, the same question arises for many soldiers.

Many men and women want to know what the civilian world can offer them if they decide to get out of the Army.

The annual Association of the U.S. Army Career Fair brings close to a hundred employers to Fort Benning from around the country to answer that very question.

"These employers are not coming here unless they have job openings," said Bruce Tait, the local Georgia Veterans Employment representative. "They are looking for a variety of skill levels, ranks and education."

The AUSA Job Fair is unique among other job fairs on post because it doesn't only deal with employers in the local community.

Dozens of companies from cities around the nation will be on hand looking for former military personnel.

"Only 20 percent of our military stay in Columbus after they get out of the Army," Tait said. "That's why it's extremely important we give our soldiers the opportunity to see what is out there for them, wherever they decide to go."

Employers will be interviewing men and women from 9 a.m to 2 p.m. May 23 in Infantry Hall.

All soldiers interested must bring at least 20 copies of their resume.

"Dress is also extremely important," Tait said. "Wear duty uniform or other appropriate clothing that emphasizes your professionalism."

Spouses are also a target of many employers. Tait said there are several businesses, local and national, of which working spouses can take advantage.

"These companies know the quality of our military families," Tait said. "They know these me, and women are willing to sacrifice and work hard for the better of the team. "

Last year, the AUSA Career Fair put more than 2,300 soldiers and spouses in touch with employers.

"The changes in the economy have made things a little more competitive out there," Tait said. "But the employers at this career fair have positions to fill. These companies may be the jumpstart into the civilian world."

Spouses can get help with their resumes from Mark Mills, Employee Readiness Manager at 545-2836.

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Here is a list of some of the employers scheduled to be at the career fair May 23:

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Cherokee County Sheriffs Department
City of Macon
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Columbus Regional Healthcare
Columbus State University ROTC
Columbus Technical College
Dekalb County Police Department
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Florida Highway Patrol
Forsyth County Sheriff's Department
Fort Lauderdale Police Department
Georgia Department of Corrections
Georgia Troops to Teachers
Goodwill Industries
Gwinnett County Police Department
Intermet/Columbus Foundary
Met Life Financial Service
Metro Transit Police Department
Muscogee County Sheriff's Department
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Polk County Sheriff's Dept.
Pre-Paid Legal Services
Ridge Creek/Hidden Lake Academy
Southeast Regional Federal Bureau of Prisons
Southeastern Facility Management
Southtrust Bank
Spectrum Stores
St. Francis Hospital
Staffing Solutions
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TEK Systems
TIC Federal Credit Union
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Tuscaloosa Police Department
United States Secret Service
Walgreen's
Wal-mart Distribution Center
Wellstar Health System

Hometown recruiting boosts enlistment numbers

Initiative sends soldiers home for 2 weeks

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A recruiting initiative that sends Advanced Individual Training graduates back home to tell the Army's story continues to boost enlistment numbers.

"The Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program remains effective because new recruits can give their peers an up-to-date perspective on what Army life is like," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Schenkel, a recruiting station commander in Holland, Mich.

More than 30,000 soldiers participated in the program in fiscal 2001, and the Army credits 1,687 enlistments to HRAP, said Army recruiting officials. This fiscal year, more than 14,000 soldiers have participated in HRAP, and 571 enlistments have been made so far, officials said.

Schenkel credits two enlistment contracts this fiscal year to HRAP at his station, but he said there's no way to quantify the rapport the 22-year-old program helps build among the recruiters and the community.

"When the community — schools, churches, neighbors — see that the young soldier is happy with the decision to become a soldier, the community starts to trust us more," Schenkel said. "They start to associate the Army with the soldier's success."

Selected soldiers can return home for up to 14 days, at no cost to the government, to assist recruiters.

The recruits bring friends and relatives to the station to learn about Army opportunities, or they escort recruiters to their former school for presentations.

Learning a skill that can be used in the civilian workforce is one of the most important benefits the Army offers, said Pvt. Benjamin Martinez, an HRAP participant, which is why Martinez said he pitches that the hardest when discussing Army benefits.

"When I talk to my friends, I tell them about the skills the Army gives you, the college benefits and the discipline and focus the Army helps you gain," Martinez said.

The 20-year-old recruit graduated from AIT at Fort Eustis, Va., as an OH-58 Kiowa Warrior repairer. He's participating in HRAP to help the recruiters that assisted him in paving the path for his future, he said.

> "There are some people who would give up on a person without a degree or a GED, but the Army is here to give them an opportunity."
>
> **Sgt. 1st Class Jason Schenkel**
> Recruiting station manager

Martinez enlisted in the Army in the GED Plus program, an initiative that requires non-high-school graduates to complete an attendance-based General Educational Development program, while serving in the Army's Delayed Entry Program.

Applicants who want to participate in the GED Plus program must score in the top half of the nation on the Armed Forces Qualification Tests, which measures the applicants' academic skills.

They must also score in the top 75 percent on the Assessment of Individual Motivation test, which measures dependability, adjustment, dominance, achievement orientation and agreeableness.

AIM is used as an attrition tool, officials said.

The test shows promise for improving the Army's capability to select applicants who are more likely to complete their obligated term of enlistment, officials said.

"The Army has a lot of programs to help young people get started in life," Schenkel said. "There are some people who would give up on a person without a degree or a GED, but the Army is here to give them an opportunity.

"HRAP gives us a chance to let a living example talk for us because my early experiences in the Army happened 10 years ago," Schenkel said.

After being back home a week, Martinez has already given recruiters seven possible leads.

Unlike some of his friends who are unsure about the Army right now, Martinez said he knew he wanted to join the Army, and he knew what he wanted to do.

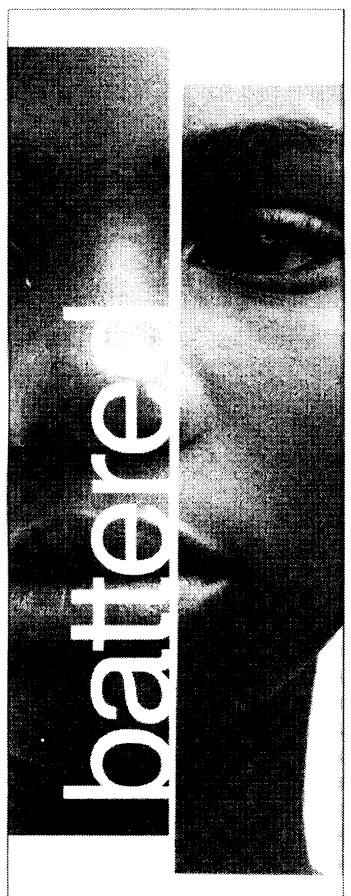
"I just walked into the station, and when I saw that I could work in aviation, I just did what I had to do to become eligible and join," Martinez said. "I'm happy with my decision. I've learned a lot of discipline and focus, and that's what I tell my friends when I see them just hanging out on the streets."

Martinez's first duty station will be at Fort Carson, Colo., and he said he's looking forward to learning how to be a leader.

Just three years ago, the Army fell about 6,300 soldiers short of its recruiting goal of 74,500, and the Army Reserve was 10,300 below its goal of 52,084, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki said to members of the House Committee on Armed Services. Reporting to the House on the Army's readiness,

Shinseki said new recruiting initiatives sparked a year-end upturn in the number of enlistments.

In fiscal 2001, the Army met its goal of 75,800 recruits almost a month early. This fiscal year the active Army's mission is 79,500 of which 43,265 has been achieved, and the Army Reserve's mission is 28,825, and 19,325 has been achieved, according to USAREC officials.



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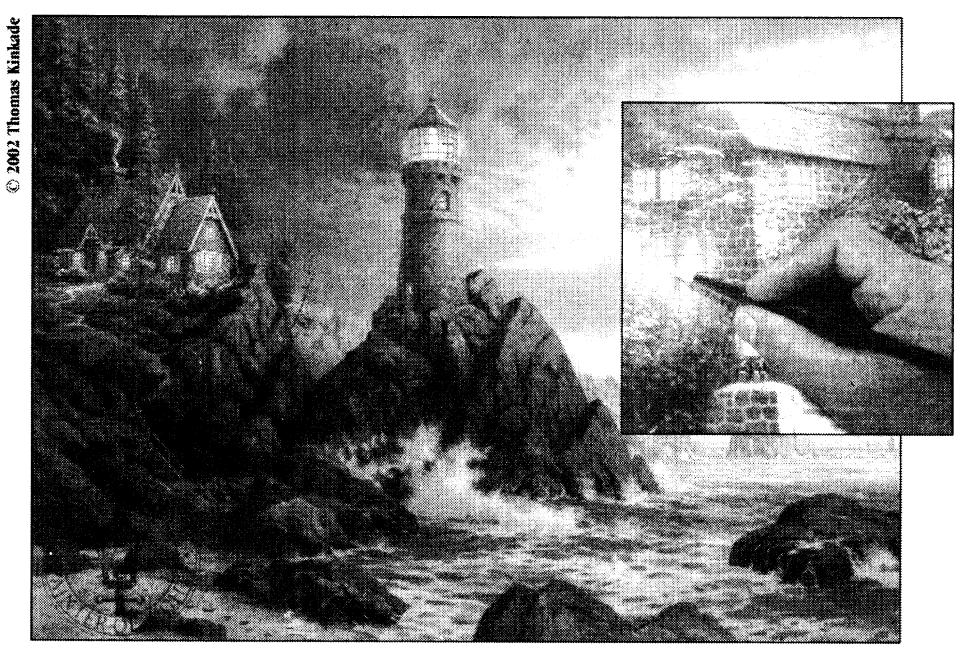
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Summer turnover affects hospital access

Hospital plans on hiring additional staff

Maj. Patrick Barrett
Martin Army Community Hospital

Every summer Martin Army Community Hospital, like all military organizations, experiences the summer turnover of soldiers.

For health-care providers and support staff, this creates a challenge due to an underlap of replacement personnel and the reassignment of enrolled patients to a new primary care manager.

The expected underlap is two months because of providers departing in late May and early June with their replacements not arriving until late July and early August.

Military deployments will further exacerbate the summer turnover of providers and support staff this year, said Col. Gale Pollock, Martin Army Community Hospital commander.

"We are actively recruiting civilian physicians and physician assistants to fill the void," said Lt. Col. Thomas P. Garigan, chief, Family Practice Community Care Services. "Physician assistants will treat the active-duty soldiers, freeing up appointments for family members. Work shifts are being implemented to provide evening hours for our patients."

> "We want our beneficiaries to know about our staffing issues and to know that we are doing everything possible to ensure their continued access to care."
> **Col. Gale Pollock**
> Martin Army Community Hospital commander.

The Aviation Family Practice Clinic is currently experiencing a 66 percent reduction in physician staffing.

Winder Family Practice Clinic, Aviation Family Practice Clinic, Pediatrics and Internal Medicine are all experiencing the effects of deployments.

The Pediatric Clinic is experiencing a 33 percent reduction in physician staffing and will reach an expected 50 percent reduction in July.

Two new providers will arrive in August, said Capt. Erin Leopold, Pediatric Services chief.

To meet the Tricare access standards, Martin Army Community Hospital is actively responding to these shortages through several means.

The hospital is hiring additional civilian and contract providers, nurses and support staff; however, it will take several months to recruit and hire new providers and staff.

In the interim, the Central Appointments Office is appointing patients to other primary care clinics that have open appointments that day. Additionally, MACH will authorize acute care downtown on a case-by-case basis, depending on the medical necessity.

As in the past, summer rotations and deployments will also cause MACH to change patients' PCMs and clinic assignments to ensure continuance to meet the Tricare access standards for enrolled beneficiaries.

"We want our beneficiaries to know about our staffing issues and to know that we are doing everything possible to ensure their continued access to care," Pollock said. "Most importantly, I want our beneficiaries to know my entire staff greatly appreciates their patience during this time."

Longtime post employee wins dream home

Donating to charity pays off for woman

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Flashback 15 years ago. Columbus resident Mary Gist is working at the Fort Benning Commissary trying her best to make ends meet.

Fast forward to May 2002, and Gist is moving her belongings into a brand new home worth more than $200,000.

"It's truly a blessing from God," Gist said. "I had a feeling something special may happen when I donated to charity this month. I just didn't know it was going to happen to me."

Gist has worked on Fort Benning for more than 20 years. First, as a cashier at the commissary and now as a teller with the finance division of military payroll. She said she's always given a portion of her paychecks to the needy.

But it was a $100 donation to the St. Jude Hospital last month that has changed her life forever.

"I don't know what to say. I've never expected anything back from giving," Gist said. "I can't believe all this is mine."

The St. Jude Dream Home contest covered several states in the south, including Georgia. For every $100 a person donated to the hospital, their name was put into a drawing.

The prize was a $225,000 new home in the Garrett Creek subdivision near Midland. The home is decked out with a jacuzzi, expensive chandeliers and matching patterns of wallpaper throughout the rooms. A porch runs along the entire back of the house, overlooking a huge private back yard with dozens of shady trees.

"To be honest, I wrote the check to St. Jude and didn't think about the contest at all. I never thought a poor person could win something like this," Gist said. "Never in my life."

Gist's name was drawn on local television April 21 as she was busy taking care of her sick mother. She did not see the telecast, but within minutes her phone was ringing and her daughter told her she had won.

"I've always been the giver in my family. I've taken care of my mother and other family members for sometime now," Gist said. "Winning the home will not change who I am."

But it will change where she lives.

Gist has lived in the same home on St. Mary's Road for more than 20 years. She does not consider herself materialistic and said she can't even remember the last time she had a credit card debt.

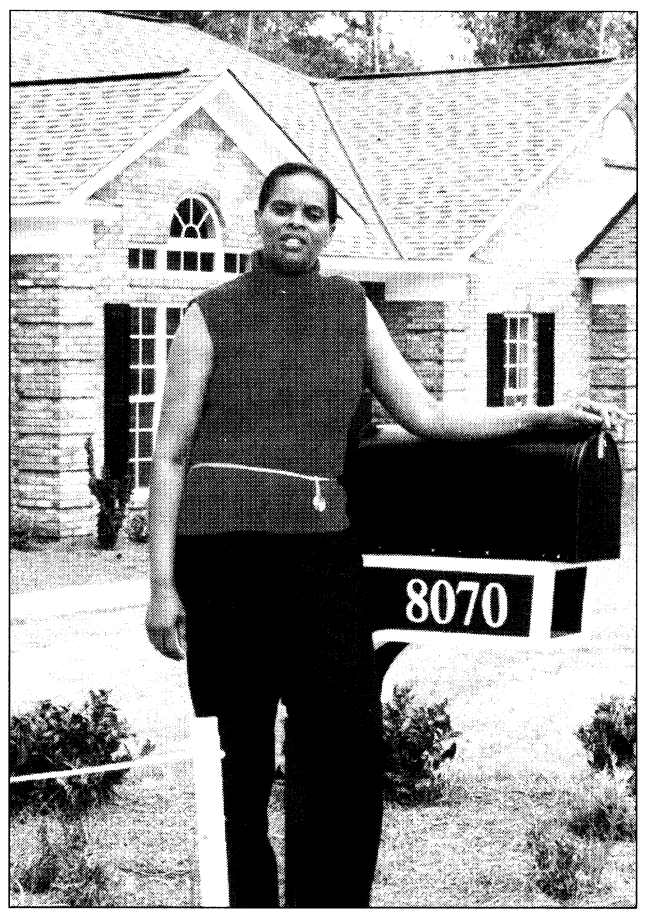
"My daughter wants me to buy all new furniture for the home," Gist said. "I'm in no rush to decorate. I think I'll check out some yard sales first."

Gist does have to pay a gift tax on the house, which is close to a third of what the home is worth.

She said she may use the money she makes from selling her current home and then finance the rest.

"I know God wants me in this house, and I will live there and give praise to him everyday," Gist said.

Gist will receive the keys to her new home May 22.



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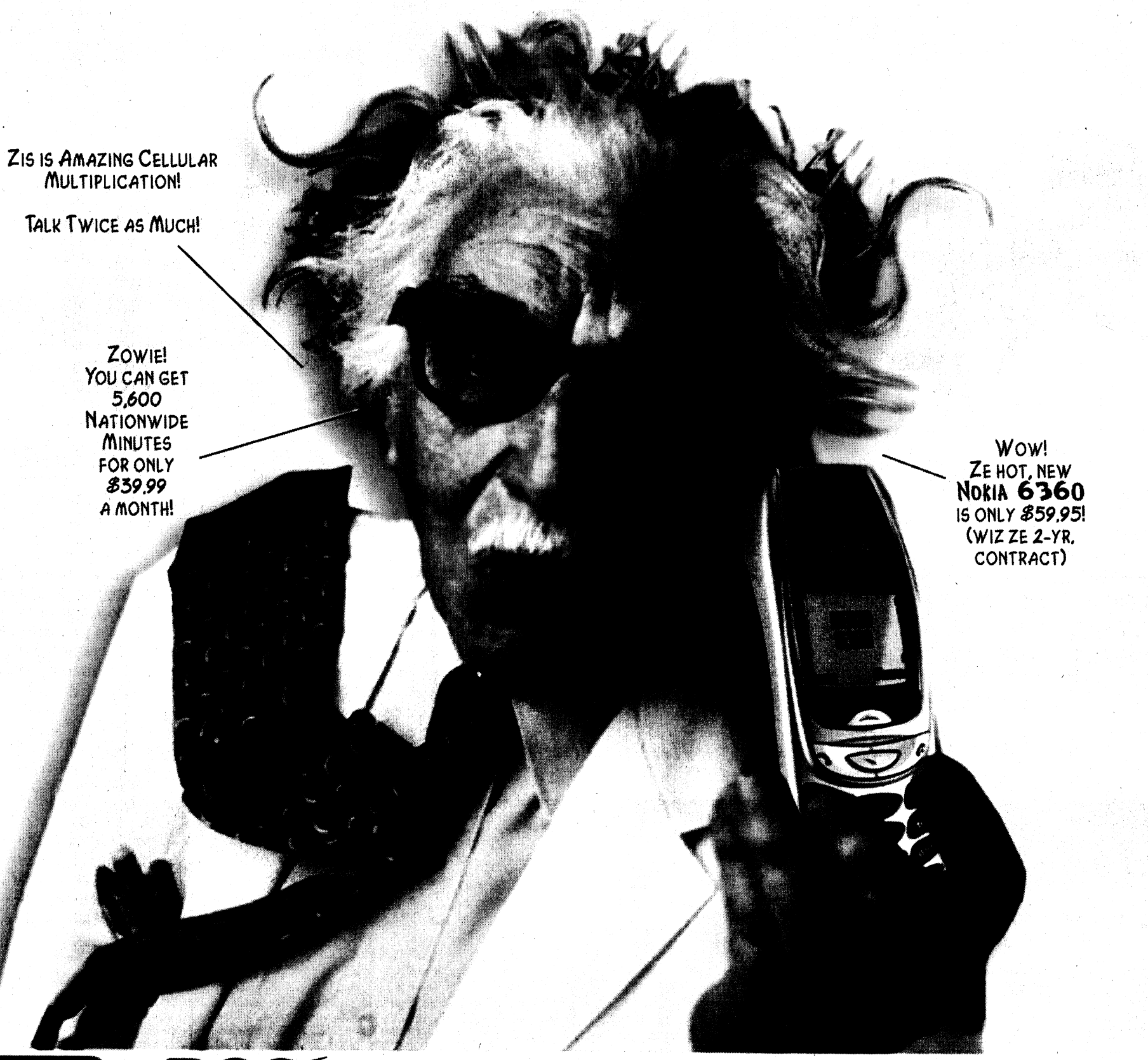
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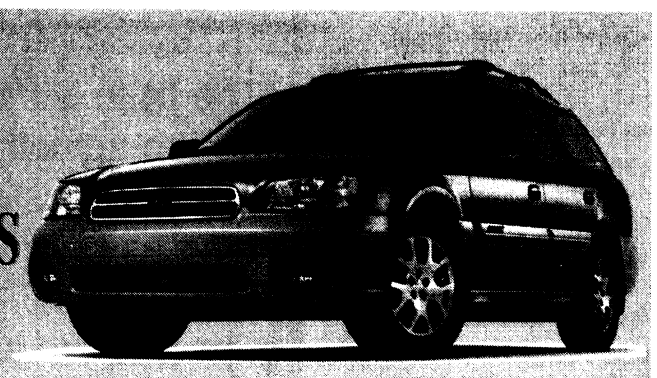
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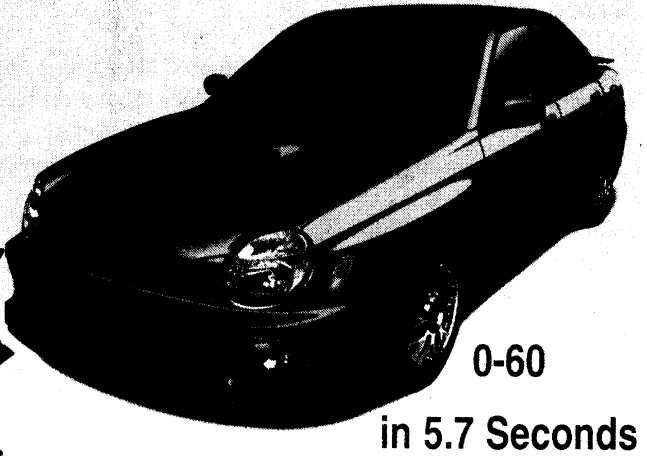


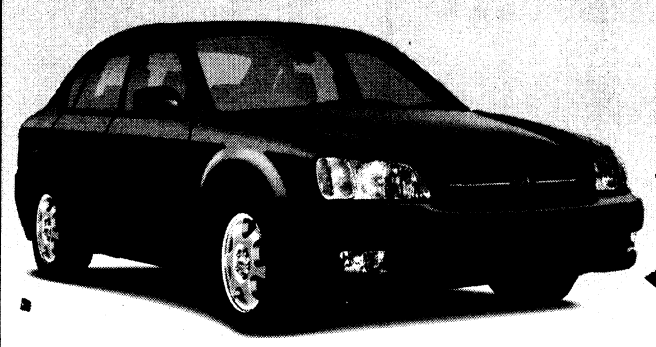
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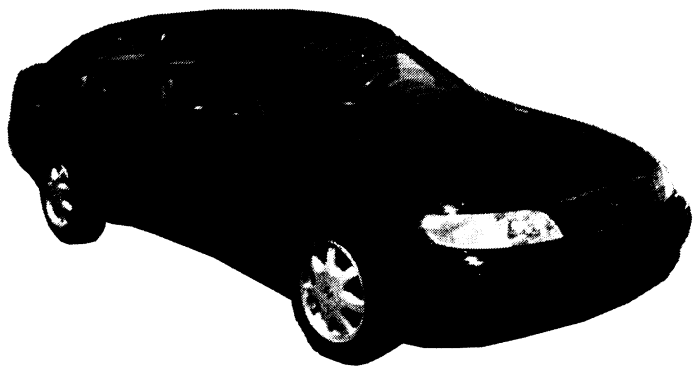
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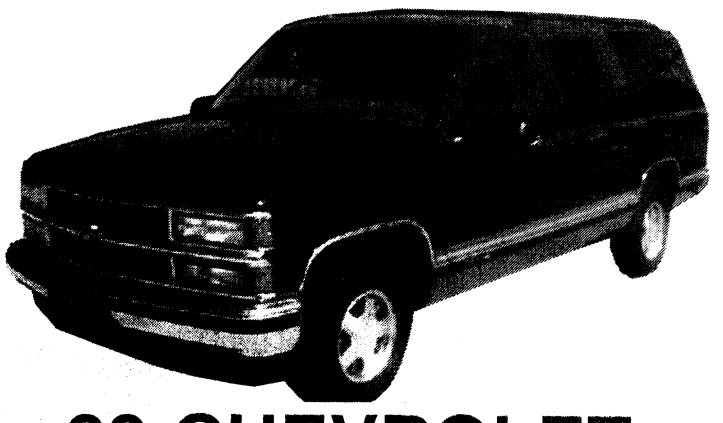
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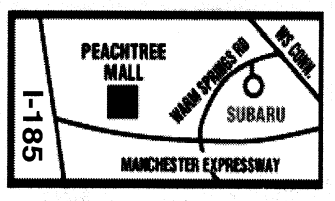
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Jazz artist makes waves in black and white

Soldier sets fears aside, eyes on talent

Laura Martinson
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At first glance, the BDU clad infantry soldier appears to the average Joe — G.I., that is — as just another "squared away" comrade. But that's only if Joe judged the book by its cover.

Staff Sgt. Timmie Glover, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, is one soldier who views "being squared" as a means to an end — an artistic end. Glover, who's polishing off a 20-year Army career, uses oil, canvas and sometimes a little tape, to make squares, circles and musical instruments into a blend of Picasso's cubism and Pollack's expressionism.

"They're my two favorite artists because people can understand what they're looking at," said Glover, a self-taught artist who believes art is more appealing to the viewer if they can make the title of the piece agree with what they see.

"I just love to paint and let people enjoy it. I don't try to be so outrageous that they can't understand it," he said. "There are a lot of people who see the title but don't really see the work. So I put myself in my viewer's shoes when I work."

His down to earth approach may be why his black-and-white *Jazz Series* was chosen to accompany the opening for the Columbus RiverCenter.

"I chose black and white because I wanted to show those two colors can be just as colorful as red and yellow," he said.

The five-piece set, depicting a jazz musician on five different instruments, was used to set a French Parisian cafe theme to an opera concert by Jessye Norman.

"It was so neat because the quartet set up in the corner mirrored the paintings on the wall," said Glover, who finds most of his inspiration in music, "mainly jazz, but some classical, too."

Among his faves are Miles Davis and Bob James, but Glover's love of music comes more of an appreciation than personal talent.

"I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket," he said laughing.

But experts in the field recognize Glover's strengths, and describe his set of silhouettes as "crisp and very accessible."

"He's very enthusiastic about his art, and that's refreshing," said James Baudoin, director of the Rivercenter. "His nature makes him appealing to young people."

His enthusiasm comes from a love of art and family support. His first dabble in art came only 16 years ago, when in 1994, his wife gave him an unexpected gift.

"I always talked about painting. I always said I wanted to do it. But I never did anything about it," he said. "But that all changed when my wife bought me an art set for Christmas. I guess she just got tired of hearing me talk about it.

"The truth is I was scared to actually go for it, and I was safe as long as I just kept talking about it," he said. "She's my inspiration. I'd still be procrastinating if it weren't for her. A lot of people are just afraid of art and messing up."

But when Glover accidentally dripped a dot of black paint on the *Piano Man*, the first in his black and white series, he decided to just "go with it."

"I said, 'Man, that looks good,' and just splattered black and white paint over what I thought was a finished portrait," said Glover, who could think of five other paintings he'd "messed up" that turned into "something great."

"My wife reminds me a mistake can always be turned into an opportunity," said Glover, who relies on his wife's artistic opinion. "She's my biggest critic and my biggest fan."

The original *Piano Man*, which was completed in one night and inspired by Bob James' *Winchester Lady,* hangs in a radio station in Norfolk, Va., where James was later interviewed and complimented Glover's work.

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> **Staff Sgt. Timmie Glover**
> *Jazz Series* artist

"I didn't get to hear it because I was out fishing," Glover said with a laugh. "But I did get to meet him after the fact. I'll never forget that."

Though he didn't pick up a paintbrush until 1994, he credits his older brother with first showing him how to draw when he was 10.

"Our house looks like a museum," Glover laughed, "and every time he comes to visit, I point to all the paintings in my house and say, 'This is because of you.'"

Glover's work has been on display by the Columbus Arts and Crafts League, Riverfest and Columbus State University.

And while Glover might be found in his off time fishing or perusing local art galleries by day, by night he burns the midnight oil at home.

"I love painting and listening to jazz, so when everyone in the house goes to bed, I paint. It's how I detach myself from everything," he said. "I express myself by putting it all down with oil on canvas."

Though Glover is a self-described abstract artist, Baudoin said his work appeals to everybody.

"Artists can have a very realistic or a very abstract approach to art," Baudoin said. "His is a blending of the two. It can be appreciated by anyone, regardless of their taste."

He's now working on a piece inspired by Miles Davis and a commemorative piece dedicated to September 11, which depicts the Statue of Liberty waving an American flag instead of the torch and surrounded by firefighters, policeman, and military personnel, as well as debris from the World Trade Center. The portrait is based on a famous French painting that shows Lady Liberty carrying a flag and leading people into battle.

"I want people to enjoy my paintings the way I enjoy others," Glover said. "I'm not looking for fame or getting rich. I'm just an easy-going person, and I love life.

"After you do something for 20 years, when you leave, you're going to miss it," Glover said of his military career. "I've had the chance to do something I always wanted to do as a boy growing up, and that's being a soldier. Now I'm looking forward to a new career."



Photos by Laura Martinson

Staff Sgt. Timmie Glover painted the original *Piano Man* in one night, and four others in his *Jazz Series* soon followed.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Drill Sgt. ceremony

The 24th annual Drill Sergeant of the Year Ceremony is at 10 a.m. today in Marshall Auditorium, Infantry Hall.

For more information, call 545-4633.

5th RTB Open House

The 5th RTB will play host for an open house at Camp Merrill, Dahlonega, Ga., 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

Events include a 5- 10- and 15-K run, aircraft displays an awards ceremony and a Ranger In Action demonstration.

For more information, call 864-5969

Aviator to speak

An Army aviator who was flying the first helicopter shot down in Mogadishu in 1993 will speak about his experiences in Somalia at 1 p.m. Tuesday in Marshall Auditorium.

Chief Warrant Officer Perry Allman, his co-pilot and their crew of three were on board a UH-60A Blackhawk when the aircraft was hit by an antitank round and crashed in the streets of Mogadishu 10 days before the now infamous "Blackhawk Down" incident.

Despite the aircraft's ballistic floor protection, three crew members were killed and both pilots injured. Initial reports by another aircraft indicated that there were no survivors in the crash. Somalis armed with rifles and grenades routed a Pakistani ground rescue expedition and the pilots had expended all of their ammunition before they were rescued, under heavy fire, by a United Arab Emirate search party investigating the crash.

Allman underwent five surgeries and spent six weeks recovering from injuries he sustained in Mogadishu. He was awarded a Purple Heart.

He is stationed at Fort Rucker, Ala., where he is an instructor for the Aviation Warrant Officer Advanced Course.

eArmyU briefing

The eArmyU briefing scheduled for Wednesday has been cancelled.

For more information, call 545-1774.

6th RTB Open House

The 6th Ranger Training Battalion will place host to an open house at Camp James Rudder 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 18. Adults and children of all ages are welcome for this free event.

Demonstrations throughout the day include Rapelling, Hand-to Hand Fighting, Ambush Techniques, Freefall Parachute Jump, Weapons and Equipment display, Dive Team display and the famous Reptile Class.

Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

From Fort Benning, take HWY 85 south from I-10. Turn right off of HWY 85 onto Lewis Turner Parkway (HWY 189). Follow the signs off Lewis Turner Pkwy to the Camp.

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score. The remaining classes scheduled are as follows:

May 20-June 17; June 17-July 9; July 15-Aug. 2; and Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

Classes will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.). A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

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OCS selection boards

The Officer Candidate School selection board will be July 22-26.

Applications must arrive in Personnel Services and Readiness Division by June 28 for the July board. Applications must be complete and applicants must meet all prerequisites.

For more information, call 545-4702.

Army ball

The 227th Army Birthday Ball will at 6 p.m. June 14 at the Columbus Ironworks Convention Center.

Tickets are $30 per person. Dress is formal.

For more information, call 644-0425.

CID Brief

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of numerous Snap On brand tools and other tools from the motorpool of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, between Dec. 13-17.

The assistance of the local community is being requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s). Anyone with information concerning this individual call the CID duty agent at 545-8916 or the Military Police at 545-5222. The identity of anyone providing information will be kept in the strictest confidence.

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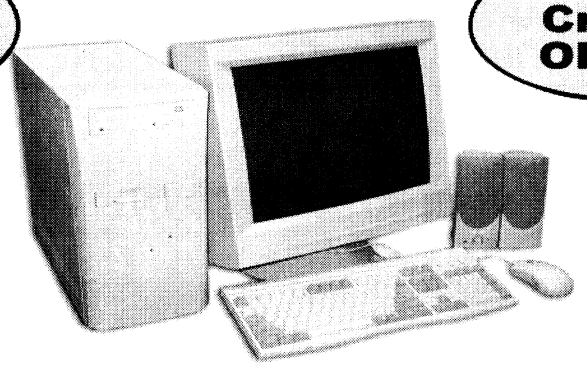
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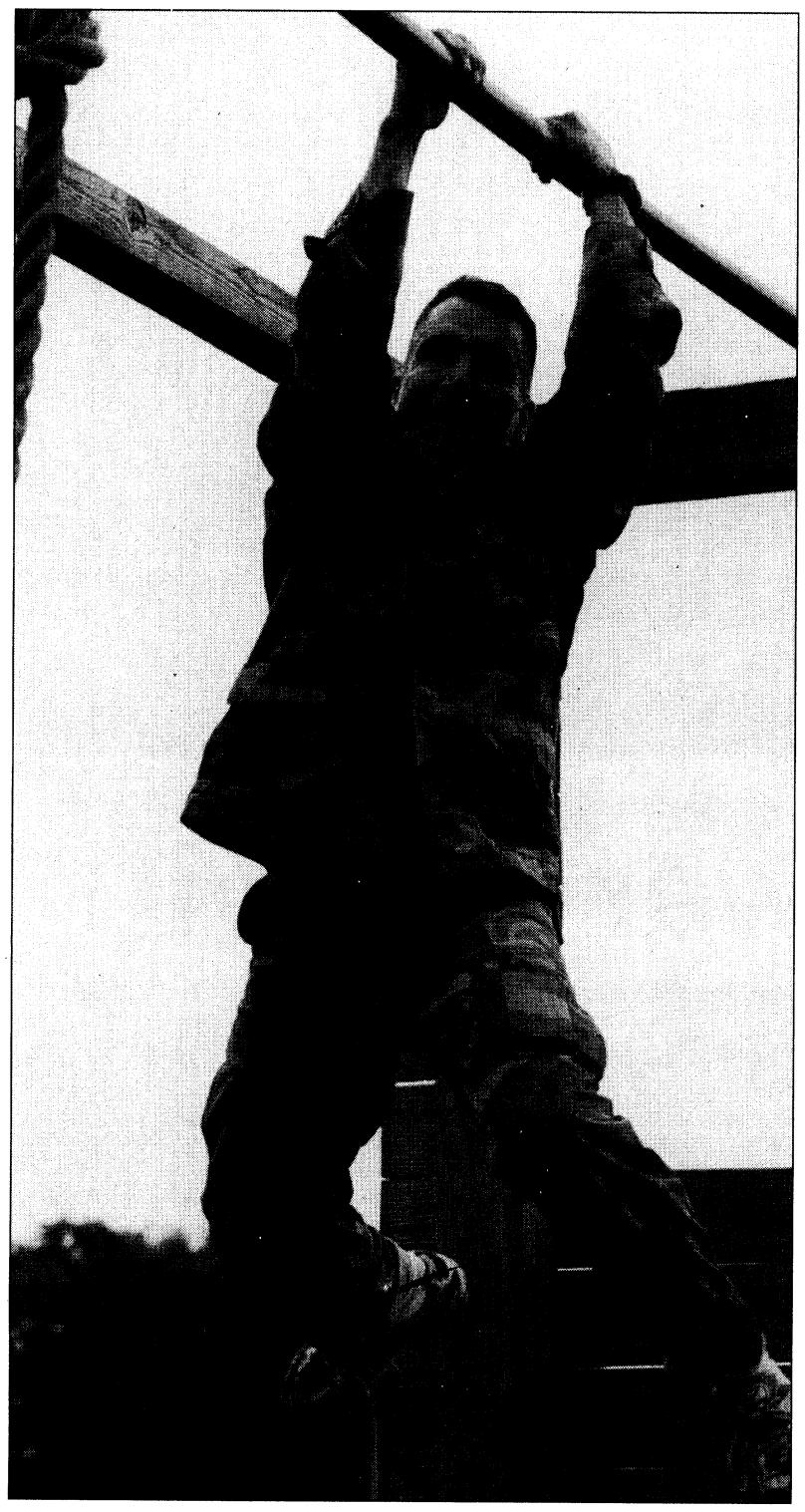
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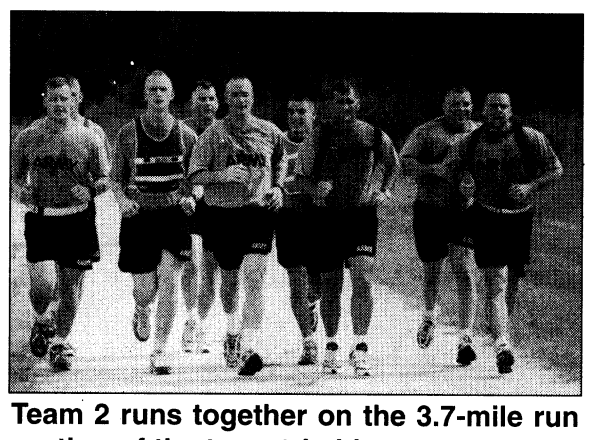
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Maj. Chad Sullivan works his way across the rope bar during the team obstacle course May 3 during the 11th Regiment's team triathlon. Sullivan was a member of Team 2, which placed second in the event.



Team 2 runs together on the 3.7-mile run portion of the team triathlon.



Team 3 members work together to get a faster time on the bike.

Work as one

11th Infantry Regiment officers competed in a team triathlon May 3.

Six teams, consisting of seven or eight officers each, participated in the event, which included a 3.7-mile run around Friar Drop Zone and an 11-mile bike race from the drop zone to the 11th Regiment's obstacle course. There the competitors negotiated 11 obstacles.

Col. Steven Sifers said the triathlon was designed to be a team-building exercise and encourage camaraderie. Each team had to stay together and compete as one throughout each event.

Team 5 won, led by Lt. Col. John K. Carothers, with a time of 1 hour, 45 minutes and 47 seconds.

Soldiers lob live grenades

Basic trainees face fears, earn badge

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet Staff

A soldier lays on the ground as he waits for his signal to throw a grenade.

When he gets the signal, he uses the twist, pull pin method, then takes a peek and counts one one-thousand, two one-thousand and throws the grenade to his target and takes cover.

Soldiers of D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, practiced the same exercise May 2.

The purpose of the exercise was to give soldiers experience in throwing grenades from the prone and standing positions, help calm their nerves and build their confidence about grenades.

"All soldiers threw the grenades," said Staff Sgt. Harold Green, drill sergeant. "Nobody backed out of it, and they all completed a requirement to graduate basic training, which is to throw two live grenades."

Still, some soldiers had reservations.

"When I first found out I would have to throw live grenades, I was nervous," said Pvt. Wade McCumber. "But, when I learned what to do with the grenade, I relaxed and did what I had to do to meet the requirement."

The drill sergeants of D Company were pleased when all the soldiers passed the live-grenade throwing.

"The soldiers had nerve, confidence and courage to push through their fears," Green said. "There's always a few in every cycle who don't want to go through it. This time they all threw the live grenades on the first time."

Besides throwing the live grenades, soldiers also went through a grenade assault course where they had the chance to earn another marksmanship badge to wear on their Class "A" and "B" uniforms.

All of the stations of the course required the soldiers to keep a low profile while throwing a dummy grenade toward a targeted position.

The soldiers also had to identify grenades, whether they were smoke, signal, concealment, riot control or fragmentation grenades.

If the soldiers completed all seven stations correctly, they earned an expert grenade badge.

If they missed one station, they earned a first class grenade badge, and if they missed two stations, they earned the second class grenade badge.

"Earning the grenade badge is not a requirement of basic training, but it is still nice to say you earned it," McCumber said.

Drill sergeants stressed one thing to the soldiers.

"The key is to just relax and throw the grenades," Green said. "If a soldier doesn't relax and drops the grenade at his feet, then he is about to have a bad day."

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Felipe Mojica
Directorate of Intelligence and Security

In America's war against terrorism, it's important not only to protect your country and community but also to protect yourself with Level 1 Anti-Terrorism and Force Protection Training Guidance classes.

The briefings are mandatory for soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, family members and children older than 14 who go outside the U.S. for a permanent change of duty station, temporary duty or a vacation.

"We integrate current intelligence in the briefings," said Al Harvey, director of the Directorate of Intelligence and Security. "It's more than just to protect yourself against terrorists. It provides you the tools to protect yourself, family members and your home."

The installation intelligence fusion cell has been around since 1997, but the mission has increased since Sept. 11. Cell members include DIS, Directorate of Public Safety, 902nd Military Intelligence Group and others to ensure thorough analysis is conducted on raw information.

The cell has both a training and operational mission, taking raw data to reach analysis, whether or not there's a threat.

"Our mission is extremely critical," Harvey said. "We assist the eyes and ears of the installation.

"A threat could appear from anywhere, and anything could be an indicator."

If people see something suspicious, hopefully, it will get back to the cell, where they have thousands of bits of information to pour through to build the big picture, Harvey said.

"Every person needs to understand if you see something suspicious, you may be the only one, and you need to report it," said Felipe Mojica, DIS project officer. "We all have a responsibility to bear. Thinking it's not your problem may cause people to die. If you see something that isn't right, go with your gut instinct and report it."

The only way DIS can find out some things is if it is reported to the MPs. They are the first line of defense.

"We receive information from numerous law enforcement agencies — state and federal," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bonham, Directorate of Intelligence and Security project officer, and a member of the Middle Georgia anti-terrorist task force.

People have to change their mindset and awareness about terrorist attacks. We're all in this together, Mojica said.

In light of recent events with the mailbox bombings in the midwest, domestic terrorists pose as much of a threat as international terrorist groups.

"A lot of intelligence groups think domestic terrorists would use this as an opportunity," Bonham said. "Or, they may link up with international terrorist groups and strike. It's important we don't lose focus of the threat domestic terrorists pose."

"I think a lot of people are realizing and opening up to the idea that Americans have been targets for years," Mojica said. "And, it needs to be taken very seriously."

The content of Level 1 training changes daily based on worldwide and local situations. When people have the in-depth view of the new look of terrorism, they see changes, he said.

Suicide bombers aren't always middle-eastern men anymore, Bonham said. They can be young women of a different descent.

There are pens that can fire a 22 caliber bullet. Technology has changed the way a lot of groups operate.

Terrorism is a global issue that is being addressed more and more, Mojica said.

"A lot of people don't believe we are at war," Mojica said. "We are in a global war to stop terrorist groups from operating or moving."

The Level 1 Anti-Terrorism Force Protection Training Guidance briefing, Individual awareness training, and a country briefing update is 2 to 3 p.m. Wednesdays in Building 2605 at Soldiers' Plaza.

For emergency or official last minute travel notifications, individual awareness training is conducted on a case-by-case basis. For more information, call 545-4519.

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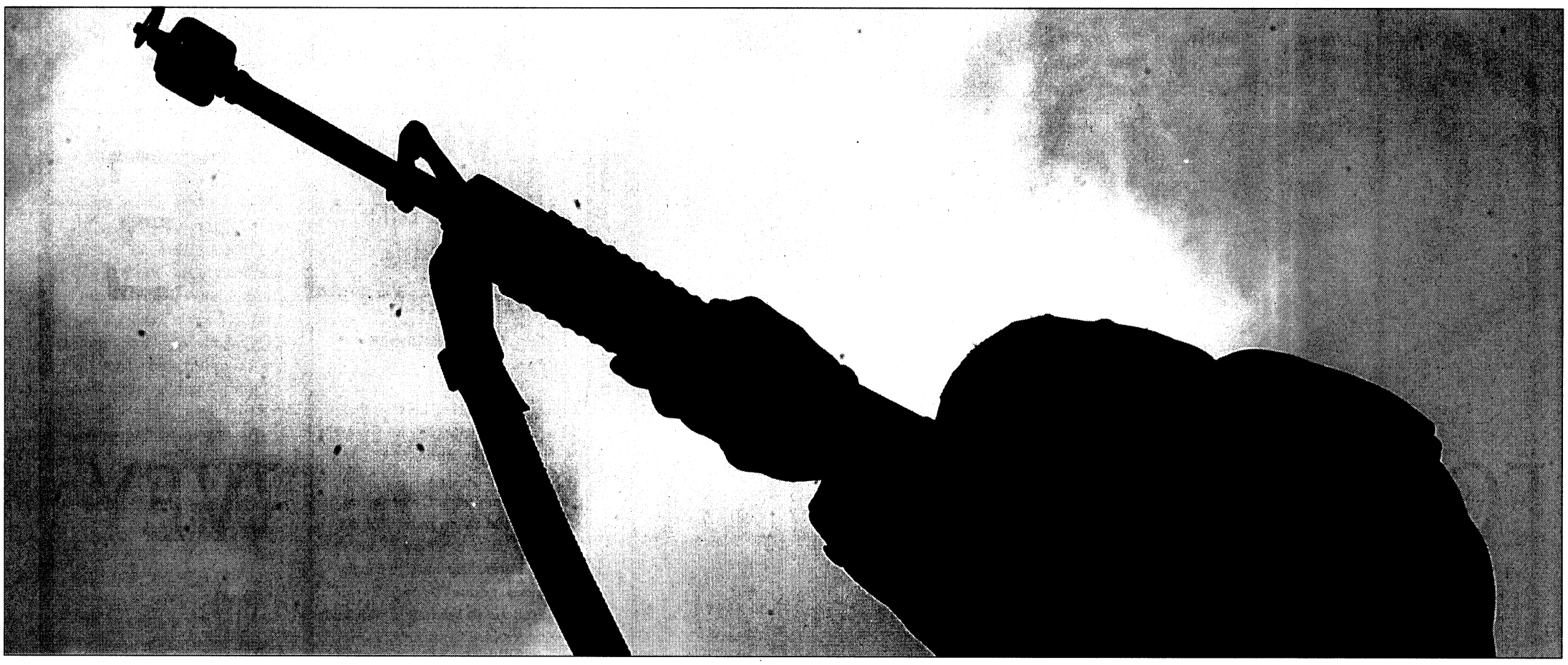


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Sgt. William A. Graves

A 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, soldier spots an enemy Tuesday at Sand Hill's Area of Operation-Yellow during a squad attack.

Soldiers train to fight war on evil

Infantrymen perform squad drills

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

There was one overriding theme during squad tactical training on Sand Hill's Area of Operation-Yellow Tuesday.

"I could be doing this for real next month in the Philippines or Afghanistan, and I better take it seriously," said Sgt. Adam Zigelhofer, an Oakland, Calif., native who reclassed from field artillery.

The squad attack, break contact and fire-team movement drills the soldiers performed set F Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, up for success, he said.

"I'm confident I will know how to react if I receive fire while leading a team," Zigelhofer said. "Among many other infantry-essential tasks, our drill sergeants and STT trainer did an outstanding job teaching us how to react to direct fire and how to return fire properly."

Consequently, less experienced soldiers soaked up loads of knowledge, he said.

"With any training they receive, they hit it real hard — 110 percent, and it's encouraging to see everyone helping each other out," he said. "A machine is only as strong as its weakest link, and we've been spotting and tutoring them.

"I'm proud to be training with these men."

The men did what they were supposed to do — learn from their mistakes, said Staff Sgt. Torriano Allen, an instructor with 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.

"At first, many of them were being unsafe — not firing down their lanes, from behind their buddies and laying down in the open when a tree was within one-arm's length from them," Allen said. "But, by the end of the day, they were communicating well, seeking cover and paying attention to their other team members."

As a result, the soldiers have more confidence in their abilities to operate as a cohesive unit, he said.

One basic skill Allen emphasized was the individual movement technique.

"Instead of giving the enemy a whole man silhouette at which to fire, you give less of a target by using proper methods," he said.

While the Army has maintained the same standard for the technique and all other skills soldiers learn, America's new war has made training more vital, he said.

"The soldiers don't want to miss anything," Allen said. "They want to be prepared if they get the call, so they have no problem asking questions."

The extensive training soldiers received was the basic foundation for understanding platoon movements and will, ultimately, pay dividends in the war on terror, said Sgt. 1st Class James Holbrook, a senior drill sergeant with the battalion.

For instance, Tuesday was the first time soldiers had the chance to direct other elements of their assigned fire teams. As the day progressed, soldiers began developing the leadership qualities needed to complete missions to standard, he said.

"Battle drills such as react to contact are the bread and butter of an infantrymen," Holbrook said. "That's how we fight, and these are the soldiers who will do it."

The new war has made one aspect of drill sergeant life easier.

"In one way or the other, the Army is going to put everyone here in harm's way," Holbrook said. "They know they are each important to our country's security."



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Sgt. Adam Zigelhofer performs a three-to-five second rush.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

A soldier uses cover for the exercise.



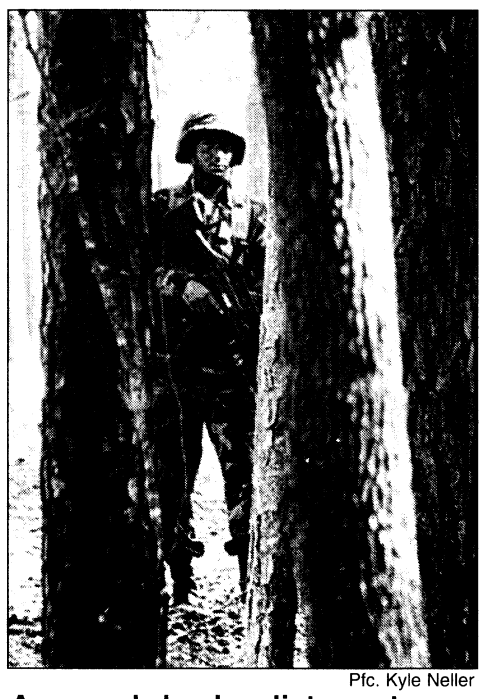
Sgt. William A. Graves

Pvt. John Moss finds concealment during a squad attack.



Sgt. William A. Graves

Pvt. Terrence Scott, team leader, advances while his team members cover him.



Pfc. Kyle Neller

A squad leader listens to an instructor during a walk through.



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Zigelhofer prepares to get into the prone.

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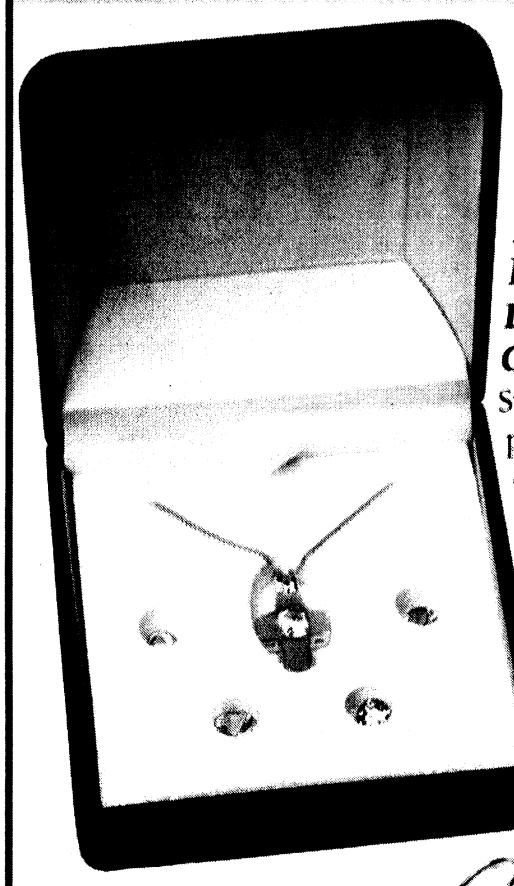
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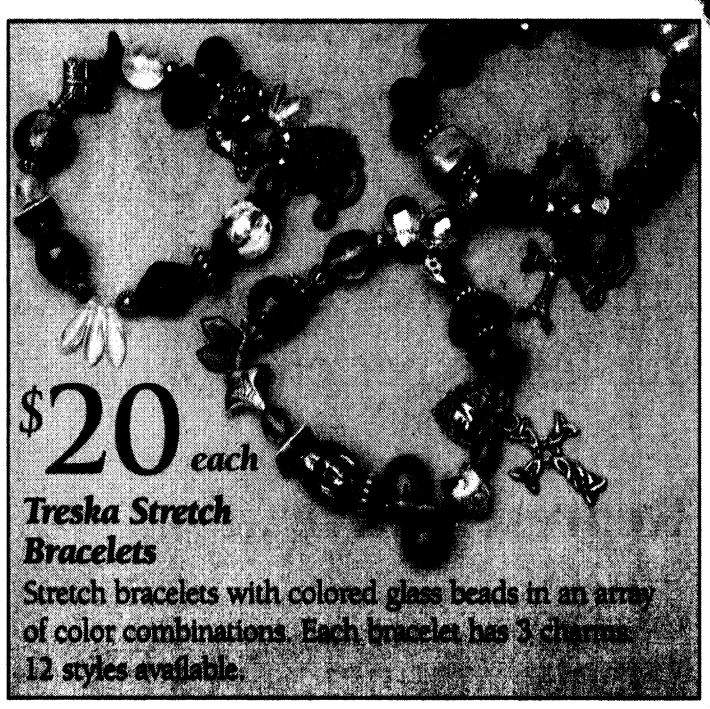


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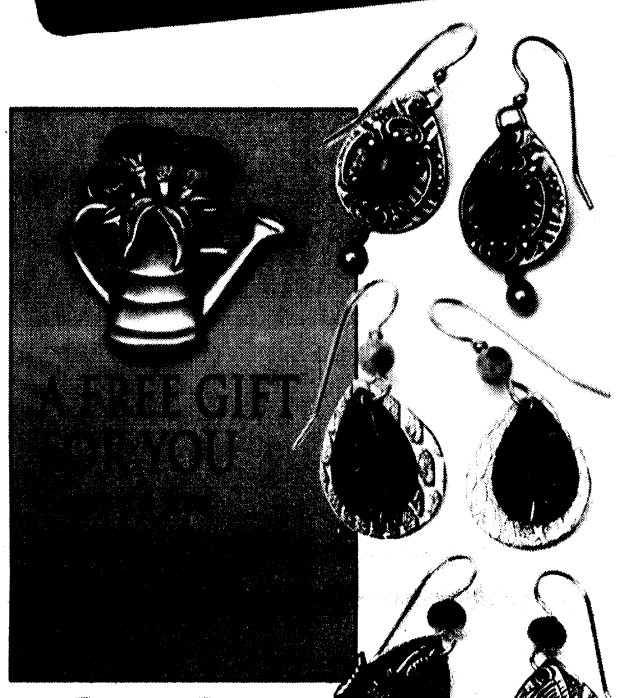




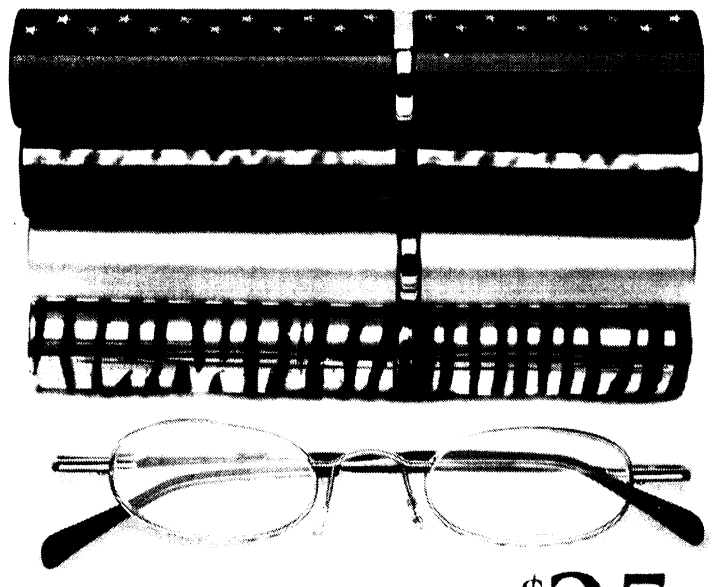
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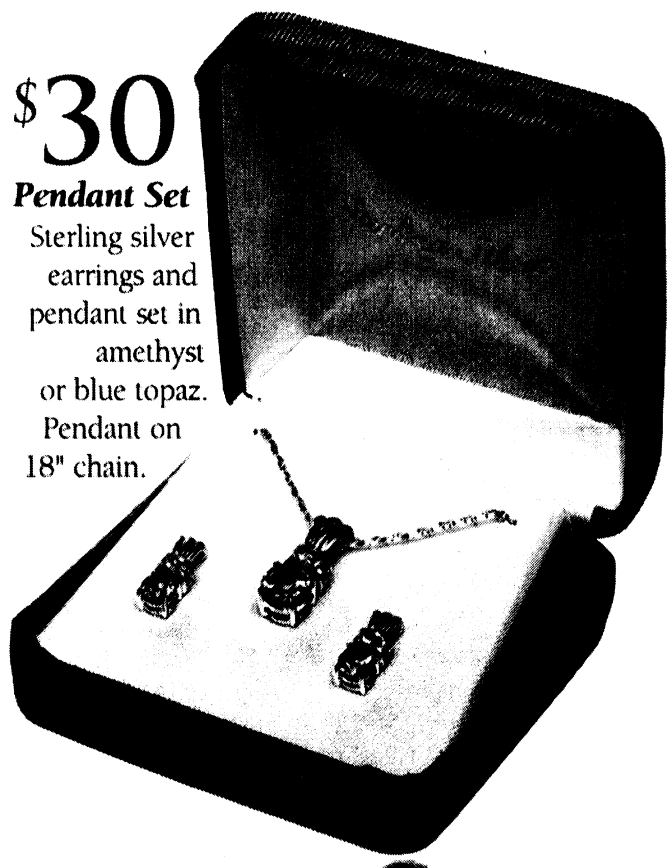
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Tyler Best, kindergartner at Dexter Elementary, tests his driving skills behind the wheel of a palletized loading system at field day activities May 3, brought by Dexter's partners in education, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment.

Partners meet lofty goals

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Thirty-five nominations, 72,000 hours, and $143,000 spent, and all in the name of education. Sometimes numbers say it best, and in this case, they explain why the Fort Benning and Columbus area's Partners in Educations are known throughout Georgia as the best in the state.

"Some call us lucky, but we're not. We're making our luck," said Michael Gaymon, president and CEO of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Gaymon gave high praise to government leaders, educators, business owners and military personnel at the PIE Appreciation Luncheon Monday. He said it's their selfless service that earned the highest awards ever for PIE. Local schools were, in fact, visited during the past year by representatives from Tennessee, South Carolina and Alabama schools, all wishing to emulate what area schools are doing right.

"We've set lofty ideals and high standards, and we've met them all," said Helen Johnson, chairperson, Partners in Education board of directors.

"We've formed over 7500 partnerships. And they said it would never happened. Well, it's happened," Gaymon said. "But people also said no one would ever be able to run a four-minute mile, and people are beating that record everyday."

Harris, Talbot, and Muscogee county, Fort Benning, and private, independent and church schools recognized their partners for their diligent work throughout the previous school year.

"Partners are those who put the interests of others before their own," Gaymon said. "And they're the ones out there making a difference in the lives of our children."

Fort Benning units recognized were 29th Infantry Regiment; Basic Combat Training Brigade; 1st Battalion, 10th Infantry Regiment; and Martin Army Community Hospital.

Gold level awards were given to the 29th Infantry Regiment and MACH.

2nd Lt. Levias Lewis has a personal reason for partnering with Dexter Elementary — his 8-year-old daughter, Alexis.

"As a parent, it makes me happy to know people are taking an interest in what our children are doing," Lewis said. "Besides, it's nice for the kids to learn about what we do. Maybe we can help them figure out what they want to do in the future."

Gaymon was especially thankful to those who take the time out of busy schedules to make a difference.

"We know as jobs get more complicated, those who work find it difficult getting time off," he said. "The key to the process is the leaders in businesses, units and schools communicating to make the partnership great on both sides."

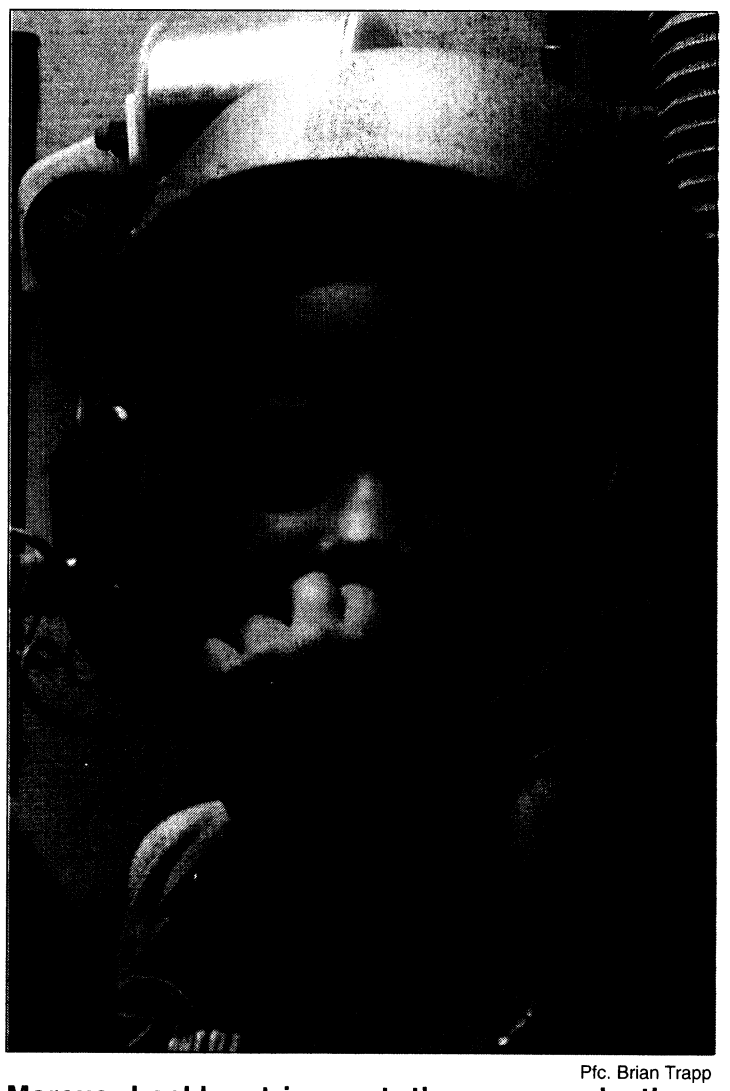
Lewis agreed that the key to success for Dexter and his soldiers is communication.

"It's all about the choices you make," said Randy Jones, 2002 Winter Olympic Silver Medal Winner and guest speaker. "It took me 10 years to win a silver medal. I learned you can chase your dreams, but it only takes one person to back you up to make all the difference."

Partners regularly visit the schools to give tutorials, career development courses and just spend quality time.

"This is a wonderful reminder of why we do what we do," he said. "We need to continue to ensure all we do focuses on the growth of children in our community.

"A partnership is something you work at every day," he said. "It's a two-way street, so if it's not what it needs to be, work it out. Make it become even better and stronger, and who knows what next year will bring."



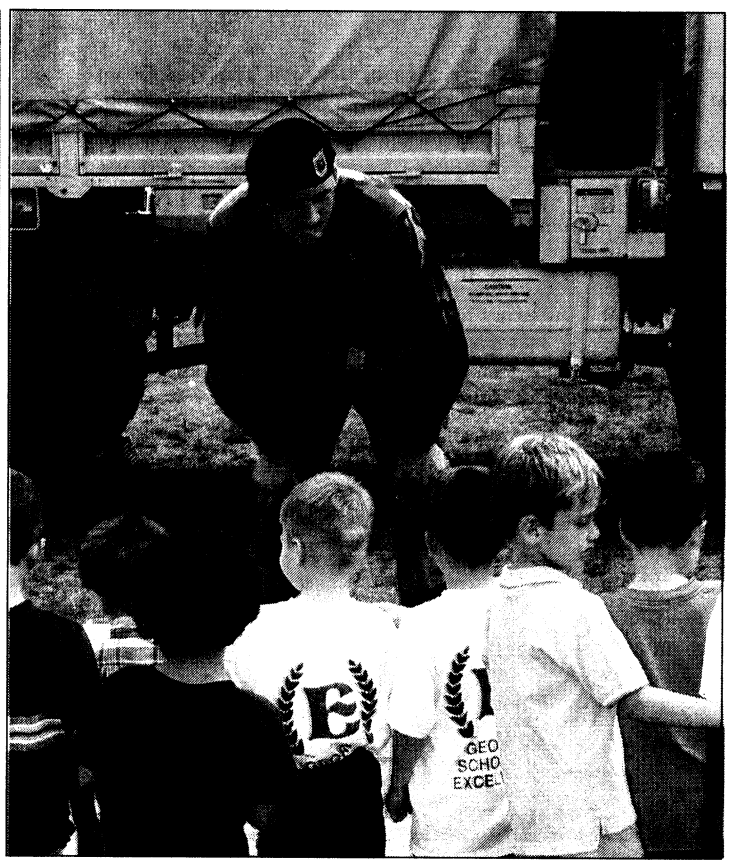
Pfc. Brian Trapp

Marcus Lockley tries out the communications system inside the M-109 A6 Paladin.



Courtesy photo

Wilson Elementary students greet soldiers from the Basic Combat Training Brigade after delivering cookies and singing *God Bless America* to the troops. Soldiers with tear-filled eyes were seen throughout the crowd, and students reported one soldier said, "I will never forget this day as long as I live."



Pfc. Brian Trapp

"I give teachers all the credit in the world," said Spc. Anthony Smith, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery, seen here giving his own lesson to Dexter students.



Laura Martinson

McBride Elementary students Valencia Murphy, Bruce Warren, Jacquline Beyers and Christopher Rijos put the finishing touches on a banner to welcome home their partners in education, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment. The battalion returned this week from a six-month deployment to Kosovo. "My mom's really really happy my dad's coming home," Beyers said.

Families prepare for deployment

Family picnic on Kelley Hill bonds battalion

Angela Sachitano
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Fort Benning families searched to find the right words to say goodbye to their loved ones as soldiers prepared to deploy in one of the most dangerous times in the nation's history.

"A part of me is so afraid I will show too much sadness," said Debbie Cranston, the wife of Sgt. Carl Cranston. "This is my husband's first real-world deployment. I know he needs my support."

Families of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, are trying to stay strong, as soldiers begin deploying this month to Kuwait for the start of a six-month tour, she said.

Families gathered at the Kelley Hill Recreation Center Friday for one final day of food, fellowship and encouragement before the deployment.

"Our battalion is really new at this," said Michelle Ossa, Family Readiness Group leader. "All of the company commander's wives are fairly new, too. The most important thing right now is keeping the wives unified and setting the rank issue aside."

Dozens of activities and sports, music and barbecue kept families entertained for hours at the Family Day Celebration.

Spiritual reflection also played an important role during the day's events.

"I held a prayer breakfast with the battalion this morning," said Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond Folson, battalion chaplain. "The reaction was overwhelming. I'm here for the men and their wives. It's time to renew our faith."

A renewed faith in God and the Army's mission is exactly what many wives said will keep them strong over the next six months.

"The Army needs them. The world needs them," said Audrea Folson, wife of the chaplain. "I told our soldiers to give the enemies of the United States exactly what they deserve."

"Our women are stronger than they've ever been right now," Ossa said. "We have spent the past month in and out of pre-deployment meetings. We are well connected with the Red Cross, the Army Community Service and especially each other."

Families had a chance to talk with the Red Cross firsthand at the Family Day event. Volunteers set up booths inside of the recreation center for last minute questions soldiers and their wives had.

"I got the chance to meet the people who I could potentially be leaning on for help," Cranston said. "It adds to my peace of mind."

Some of the wives of the battalion are pregnant and will have their babies while their husbands are deployed. The Red Cross assured the women it would notify their husbands should an emergency occur.

"I'm going to drive to Michigan to have the baby. That's where my husband's parents live, and they will help me out while he is gone," said Karey Nell, wife of Staff Sgt. Chris Nell. "I'm thankful for days like today. I'm cherishing our time together now."

Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Twomey was inducted into the regiment as an honorary sergeant major during family day.

"I've been to war before. It was many years ago and these guys want to know what it was like," Twomey said. "These soldiers are motivated, and they are well trained. I'm completely confident in their mission."

Perhaps the greatest confidence comes from the soldiers themselves. As the day wound down, soldiers publicly recognized each other for their commitment to the battalion and to their country.

"I've been impressed with the dedication of these men and especially the dedication of their wives," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Ossa, battalion command sergeant major.

"All of the families are here today to show their support for one another. We are all in this together."

Students remember 9-11 with garden

Wilson Elementary School

Seventeen students in the Environmental Protection Club have decided to honor those affected by the Sept. 11 tragedy.

When the disaster struck, many of the Sept. 11 victims, such as individuals at the World Trade Center and Pentagon, were demonstrating the value of duty, going about their daily work routines in an effort to provide for their families. Others, such as the courageous passengers of Flight 93, demonstrated selfless sacrifice in refusing to allow terrorists to destroy more innocent lives. Still others, such as the firefighters and members of the police department, demonstrated personal courage as they sought to aid the injured.

The students in EPC have determined that a memorial garden is a means by which they can honor these individuals and say to their loved ones, "We remember."



Courtesy photo

Stephanie Hadly, left, Katie Miller and Nathan Simons plant a garden in memorial of Sept. 11.

A memorial garden will be designed, planted and managed by students to honor the victims, their families and all others affected by the Sept. 11 tragedies. It will also serve as an outdoor classroom for grades pre-K through five.

Rain gauges, a thermometer, a sundial, birdhouses and other appropriate materials and equipment will be available in the garden for classroom use.

The students of the Wilson EPC, along with their club sponsors, Jennifer Sherrill and Beth Young, will design, plant and manage a memorial garden that will benefit directly the 450 students plus parents, faculty, staff and frequent visitors to the school.

The EPC is applying for the National Garden Association Grant in order to obtain garden tools and educational resources for use in the garden, and Wilson's Partners In Education, the Basic Combat Training Brigade, have already volunteered their time to help break up the soil and prepare the land for our students to garden.

Wilson students have learned how important loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage are to the development of character. They have gained an increased desire to honor those who demonstrate these values.

There is a great sense of pride in the Wilson students for their school and community. While the EPC is involved in on-going litter patrols of the school grounds and throughout the Indianhead Terrace housing area, members of the club would like to promote environmental awareness through more dynamic action.

The September 11th Memorial Garden will be just one small way the Wilson students can express their sorrow over the events of that tragic day and their pride in being a part of our military community.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Newcomer orientation — There will be a Newcomer and Spouse Orientation today in Building 359 on Ingersoll Avenue. Registration begins at 8 a,m. Child care reservations can be made by calling Tot Town Child Development Center at 689-8698. Spaces are limited.

For more information, call 545-4485.

Town Hall meetings rescheduled — There will be a Town Hall meeting for East and West Main Post at 7 p.m. **May 21** at **White Elementary School.** There will be a Town Hall meeting for Custer and Upatoi Terraces at 7 p.m. **May 22** at the **Custer Terrace Chapel**.

Spring fling at White Elementary School — White's annual Spring Fling is 4 to 6:30 p.m. May 17. Bring the kids for lots of fun and games including the Moonwalk, Dunking Booth, pony rides, Merry-Go-Round, and Kiddie High Striker.

The children can compete in a variety of games and win prizes. Food and drinks will be available. The Rangers will be providing a static display and a fire truck will be on hand as well.

There will also be a "What-Not Bazaar." Spaces are $10 – reserve one today. Call 685-1844 for more details.

Youth Services yard sale — Are you tired of all those old toys and games lying around? Youth Services is holding a Kids Yard Sale from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 18 in the YS parking lot. Tables are on sale until May 17. Cost per table is $5 or $1 per space.

For more information, call Dorrie Wagner at 545-3070 or 545-3540.

Red Cross needs volunteers for Summer Youth Program — The American Red Cross is now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program. The program will run from June 17 to July 26. The hours available to volunteer will be 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. All volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years old.

Applications may be picked up at the American Red Cross, Soldiers Plaza, Building 2626.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 545-5194 or fax request to 545-5118.

Schedule changes — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing May 27. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be June 3.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in Family Housing May 27. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Monday will be picked up May 28. Refuse and recycle collection in family housing for May 28 to31 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

off post

Vidalia onion sale — The Kiwanis Club of greater Columbus will hold a Vidalia onion sale from 10 a.m. and 6 p.m today and Saturday. Onions will sell for $8 per 10 pound bag and $16 per 25 lb. bag.

Proceeds from the sale will be used locally to provide assistance to such organizations as the Boy Scouts of America, Boys Club of Columbus, Valley Rescue Mission, Children's Miracle Network, Pioneer youth football and the Hugh O'Brian Foundation. Sales locations are as follows: Wal-mart parking lot on Airport Thruway, River Road and Cascade Drive (near the entrance to Green Island Hills) and Lowe's parking lot on Veterans Parkway.

Camp Concharty — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council, Inc. will present the Resident Camp. Camp Concharty is a place for campfires, hayrides, songs and s'mores. Camp Concharty is open to all girls (not just Girl Scouts) from first through 12th grades.

For more information, call the Girl Scouts of Concharty Council at 327-2646.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** chicken strips, whipped potatoes, mixed veggies, hot roll, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** ham and cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks with dip, potato wedges, fruit, milk, cookie
- **Wednesday:** hot dog, macaroni and cheese, green beans, fruit, milk
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- **Friday:** patty melt, tater tots, garden salad with dressing, fruit, milk

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'I was given an incredible gift'

Moms share thoughts on coping with stress, surviving loss

Bridgett Siter
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I recently talked with two moms who made *Bayonet* headlines this past year. Moms whose lives were drastically changed, suddenly and forever, by events or circumstances beyond their control.

Moms who celebrated the last Mothers Day with no inkling of what an incredible turn their lives would take in one year.

I asked them the same questions, and from their two very different perspectives, I discovered certain shared truths in one's loss and one's gain.

Pfc. Kris Stonesifer was killed in a helicopter crash in Pakistan Oct. 19, one of the first casualties of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 28-year-old 75th Ranger Regiment soldier died before receiving the news he had a new nephew, 2-day-old Kristofor Stonesifer, his namesake.

Ruth Stonesifer now finds solace in her 6-month-old grandson's "warmth and sweetness."

Here's what Ruth has to say about life without Kris:

How are you coping?

"Surprisingly well, I think. Kris actually helped me. He was such a strong, bright spirit that I believe it would be a dishonor to his memory to set around at home and not live my life. He's my inspiration every day."

Where do you find joy?

"Well, I can look at it as if something was ripped from my life, which is correct, or I can look at it like this: I was given an incredible gift for 28 years. That's a positive thing, a joyous thing.

"I think about Kris and I smile all the time. He was such a great friend."

Who do you turn to for inspiration?

"Friends and family. And my new grandson. How can I be sad with this bundle of joy?"

What do you say to someone who finds themselves in your situation?

"About a month after Kris died, I got a call from a lady whose son was killed in Grenada 20 years ago. I asked her if it gets any better.

"She said some days are better than others. She gave me a gift — permission to be sad, even 20 years from now.

"I wondered 'How do I face a lifetime of this?' And she gave me permission to be sad, to go on and to function, but to be sad. That's what I tell others."

How has this shaped your view of your duty as a mother?

"I was so confused at first. I'd always been grateful that I'd been handed my mission in life, to be a mother, and I took it very seriously.

"Now, through Kris's death and the birth of Kristofor, I feel a renewal of my mission — to be the best grandma I can be."

Spc. Steve and Amber Brown had tried to conceive for nearly nine years.

Then one dose of a "fertility cocktail" did the trick.

Last summer, while Steve was stationed on Kelley Hill, the couple discovered Amber was carrying a baby ... and another ... and another ... and — *five in all.*

Gabriel, Gavin, Crystal, Garrett and Cheyenne were born Sept. 26 in Palo Alto, Calif., a few weeks premature, but remarkably healthy.

In fact, all five babies were released from the hospital within a couple of weeks.

Steve and Amber now live at the Fort Ord Military Housing Community, and Steve works as a chaplain's assistant at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey.

When I spoke with Amber she was hoping to catch a 30-minute "power nap" before the quints awoke from their afternoon nap.

Rest is hard to come by in a day that starts before sun up and ends around 9 p.m., when the last baby falls off to sleep.

How are you coping?

"Really well. I have a great family support system. This is where both our families are, so we're really lucky to be able to live here.

"My mother-in-law and Steve's grandma come over to help a lot, and my mom comes over in the evenings. They help a lot.

"And the babies are on a schedule. We're pretty regimented right now, but they seem to like that. They're very happy."

Where do you find joy?

"When they wake up each morning and smile at me. That's amazing."

Who do you turn to for inspiration?

"My mom. If I can be half as good a mother as mine was, I'll be doing great. She's my encouragement and my support."

What do you say to someone who finds themselves in your situation?

"Don't be surprised by the number of diapers you go through. Get them on a schedule. Have a family support system.

"And have an outlet. I have my dog. I play with him, or go out back and water my flowers. I try to go out with friends at least once a week, even if it's just coffee. That kind of stuff. It helps."

How has this shaped your view of your duty as a mother?

"We waited nearly 10 years for this. It took so long to get them, and life has changed drastically, but it's worth every bit of it. We're going in a different direction, but it's a wonderful direction. I wouldn't change a thing."

There you have it. Two moms who refuse to wallow in the sadness or the chaos of the moment.

One finds joy in remembering the past and celebrating the future with a new generation.

One counts her blessings and multiplies by five, preferring to focus on the joys instead of the challenges.

Both strong, dedicated mothers.

Both with a shared message for others, like themselves, who may one day face drastic change:

"One day at a time. That's all you can do. Take it one day at a time," Amber said.

"And know that some days are better than others," said Ruth. "And there's joy and happiness still."

Mum's the word

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When the good Queen Mother died last month, at 101, she was eulogized for her dignity.

The headlines, the reporters, even her children and grandchildren lauded her for her dignity. Mainly, I suppose, because she kept a stiff English upper lip while her offspring made royal fools of themselves.



"Dignified" is a fine and admirable adjective, but it's not exactly how I want to be remembered when I join the Queen Mum, by and by, for a spot of tea.

And it's not how I'll remember my own dear mom, though thankfully it's nowhere near her tea time either.

Mom was and is the quintessential 60s mom — heels and skirts and home-cooked meals everyday. She's faithful, passionate, funny and wise. But dignified? Pulease!

When we, my six siblings and I, were children, Mom would gather her skirt around her legs and hunch down on the ground to play marbles with us. Very undignified.

She'd get up extra early to make a hot breakfast, bundle us up in coats and mittens, and walk us to the bus stop with her hair still in rollers.

And she laid out a fine spread at suppertime, but the meal itself was rowdy and jovial and, well, not exactly proper like I imagine suppertime to be at the palace. Mom held court over seven lively jesters, interrupting our revelry only occasionally with "Eat before it gets cold."

And she lost her dignity over many an episode of *Andy Griffith* and *I Love Lucy*, cackling like a schoolgirl as we all gathered round to watch a drunken Lucy pitch Vitavitavegemin.

Mom was quick to chastise in public if we needed it. She was also free with the hugs and kisses and hand holding no matter who was watching. Undignified I tell you.

And she was always as honest as the day is long.

One time, when I was a teen-ager easily prone to bouts of mortification, Mom made an undignified scene in an upscale department store, insisting the sales clerk had cheated herself out of a few bucks.

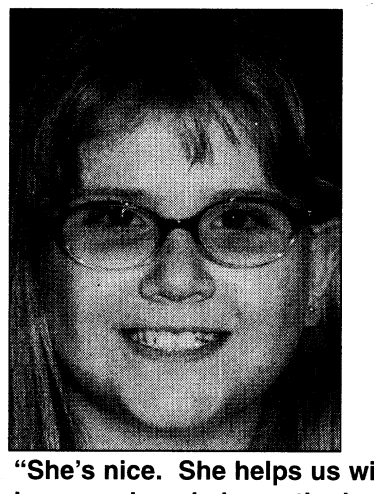
The clerk denied it, Mom demanded she take the money, and I cowered by the front door, ready to make a quick exit if any of my friends came in. I couldn't risk losing my dignity.

And Mom could never keep a stiff upper lip. She wept openly in church every Sunday as the choir sang about God's amazing grace or glorious mansions in heaven.

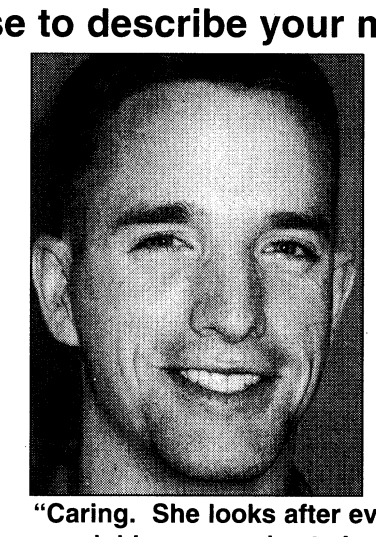
No, Mom'll never be eulogized for her dignity. For that I'm truly glad. I'd be hard pressed to think of a single word that would adequately describe Mom.

This Mother's Day I'm thankful for a mother who realized that real love — real life — is sometimes worth losing your dignity over.

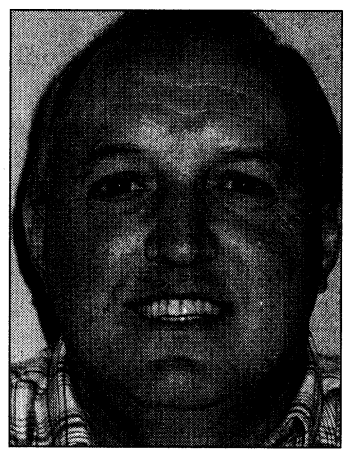
What word would you use to describe your mom?



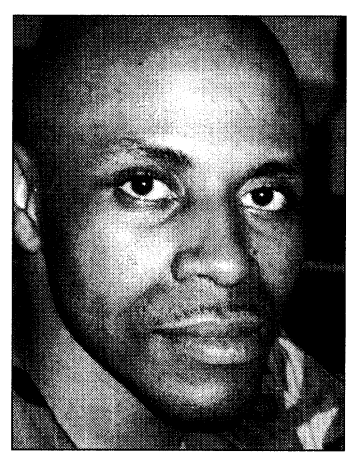
"She's nice. She helps us with our homework and cleans the house and makes jambalaya." Brandi Anthony, family member



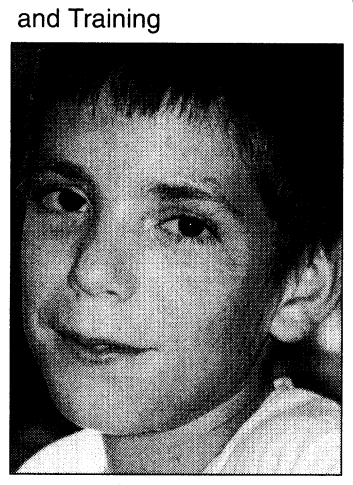
"Caring. She looks after everybody ... neighbors, people at church, everybody." Capt. Tim Ferber, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment



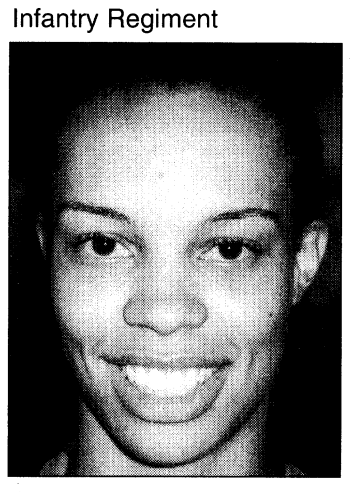
"Selfless. She raised seven children and sacrificed a lot for our sake."
Bob Jordan, Directorate of Operations and Training



"My stepmom is my mom. There's not one word that could sum up how I feel about her." Sgt. 1st Class Dennis Williams, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment



"Busy. She does everything. She works, she goes to school and comes home to cook every night." Michael Gatien, family member



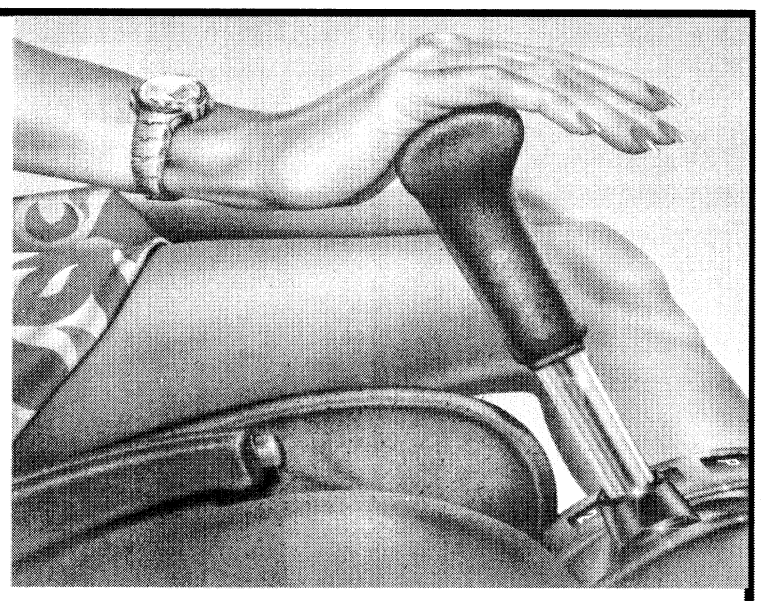
"Loving. I can still call home and cry on her shoulder if I need to. She's always there for me." Spc. Jocelyn Stokes, 608 Ordnance Company

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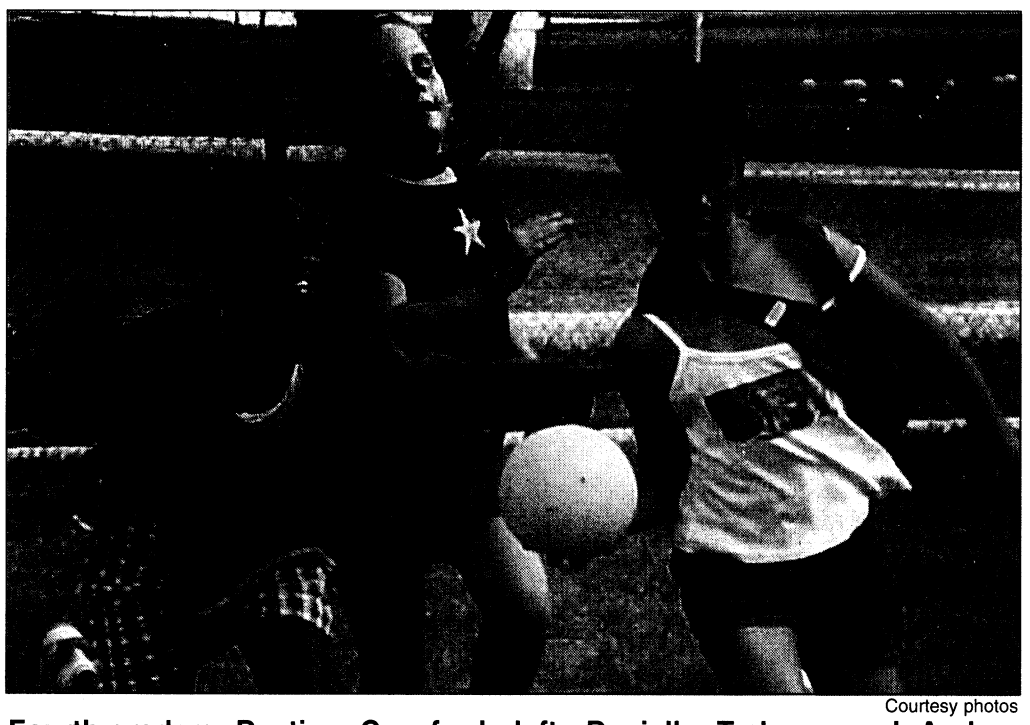
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Fourth-graders Destiny Crawford, left, Danielle Terhune and Audrey Banach participate in Angle Ball during field day May 3.

Soldiers help children

Dexter Elementary School's field days, May 2-3, were put on with the help of soldiers from 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment and Officer Candidate School.

The children enjoyed their favorite games from gym class, said Pam Koon, physical education instructor. "The soldiers were wonderful, they made the whole show," she said. "It couldn't have done it without them.



Senior Officer Candidate Chris Splichal, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, takes a break from field day fun with students Hannah Vigil-Shuck, left, and Christian Sullivan.

Sixth-grader shares art knowledge

Vicki Rogers
Dexter Elementary School

Inspired by sixth-grader Emily Toon, students in Susie Reynolds' fourth-grade are putting the brush to the palette as they create their own versions of a Monet watercolor.

"The interest in Monet grew out of an interdisciplinary study of the novel *The Secret Garden*," Reynolds said.

"Knowing that, Emily, a former Dexter student, was a fan of Monet's, I invited her to share with our class what she had learned about this fascinating painter of the 19th century."

Toon chose to use powerpoint slides to present some of the highlights of Monet's life. As she talked about paintings such as *Water Lilies*, the *Garden at Giverny* and the *Japanese Bridge*, she pointed out the unique brush strokes and the pastel colors that were typical of impressionist paintings.

"He had a way of making dark things light up by using different colors and short little brush strokes," Toon said, as she pointed this out on her personal copy of the *Lady with the Umbrella*.

Toon shared that she first became interested in Monet in third grade when she saw his paintings at a museum in Canada. "I liked preparing this presentation because Monet is one of my favorite artists, and this gave me the opportunity to learn even more about him," she said.

And that's exactly what happened with these fourth-graders — they didn't encounter Monet in a museum, but instead



Courtesy photos

Emily Toon shares her knowledge of Monet.

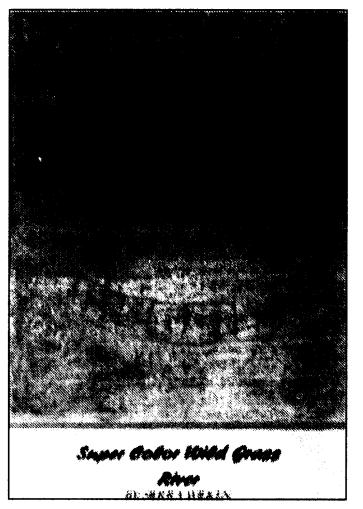
were inspired to learn more because of the enthusiasm of this sixth-grader. Fourth-grader Sierra Wilken, whose chalk reflection appears in this article, learned that Monet's short strokes are better seen from a distance.

"The colors blend better," she said. "Making a reflection is a bit harder because you have to use a lot of chalk."

Reynolds agreed, noting that these students "found it odd to make short brush strokes instead of continuous lines."

Students wanted to produce very neat pieces instead of experimenting with messy chalk and a sketchy appearance. However, when they related Monet's weakened eyesight due to cataracts to his style of painting, they began to understand his unique talent.

"Students were able to further apply what they learned from the novel The Secret Garden to their study of plants and gardening in science and



social studies," Reynolds said.

And that's exactly what they did. Students have designed their own Monet-like notecards, and then, after studying several of Monet's prints, such as the Japanese Bridge and Water Lilies, they are now creating their own chalk drawings of Dexter School as seen on Dexter Elementary School's website (http://benning-w1.odedodea.edu/Dexter/default.htm).

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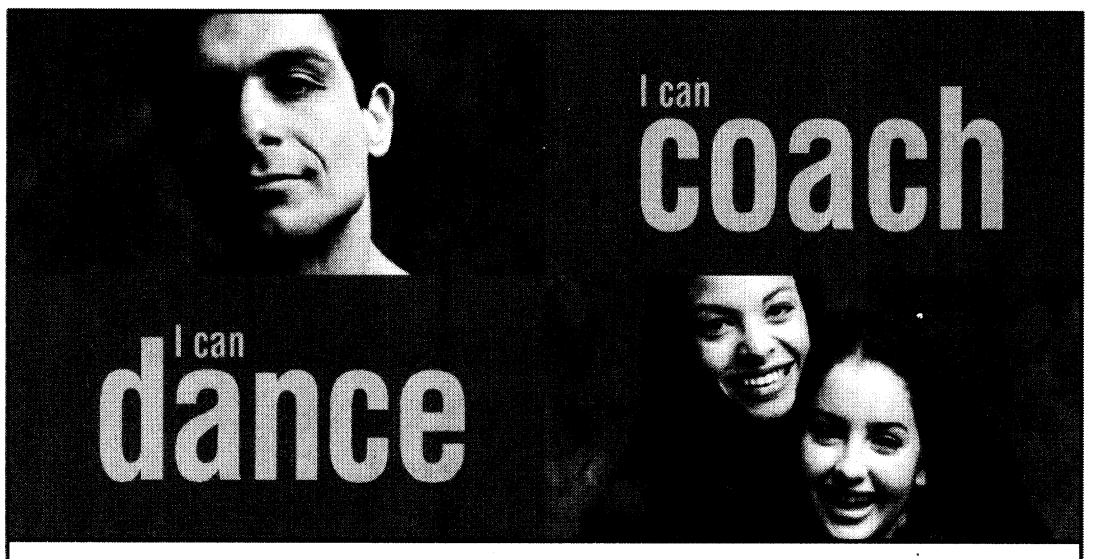
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Apostle tells us to excel in marriage

Bless and be blessed, Peter said

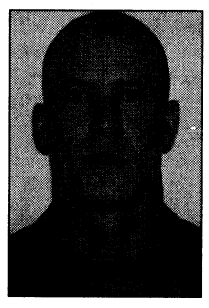
Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond E. Folsom
1st Battalion, 15 Infantry Regiment

"To sum it up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted and humble in spirit, not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult but giving a blessing instead; for you are called for that very purpose that you might inherit a blessing."

1 Peter 3:8-9

These two verses might make you think about someone you worked with or a person who has been on your less than favorable side for some time now.

You might have a myriad of people in mind, but whom is Peter specifically addressing? What was Peter writing before "summing it all up?" If you open your Bible and read 1 Peter 3:1-7, you will discover that Peter is talking about the relationship between a husband and wife. Take time and read 1 Peter 3:8-9 again.



Folsom

This time, think of you and your spouse and the intended readers of his words. How did your marriage stand up to the counsel?

Everyone knows Peter's counsel is easier said than done. Where do you start? Well, the starting point must be with you. As the song says, "It must start with the man in the mirror." You are the master of your universe, that is to say, the universe of your thoughts and reactions. To break it down more, it is a matter of handling one insult and evil act at a time.

That will start at home. How you respond to your spouse when your spouse is angry and says things that rip your heart out? How do you respond when your spouse does something evil? We all know what normally occurs. The old favorite, fire for fire, stone for stone, right? Peter wants us to understand that God's people are above reacting to insults and evil with primal ungodly instincts.

We are to bless instead of curse — to walk the second mile. This new way to react to insults and evil is a life style. Simply put, if you can bring yourself to treat your spouse with blessing, you'll be blessed.

The Army has manuals describing standards for everything. It is that line everyone must cross to achieve success. Success meets the standard, but excellence exceeds the standard.

Peter in the following verses 10-22 describes for us our need to excel. We should excel in marriage, the treatment of others, caring for the helpless and loving one another. I agree, some people take more effort to love, but Jesus exceeded the standard, and we are asked to do no less.

Parents help kids learn work ethic

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Through playing house, children depict their early work ethic. The activities of playing house, such as cooking, cleaning, mowing the lawn and raking, help prepare our children for adult roles and responsibilities. Their play often mimics the work ethic of their parents.

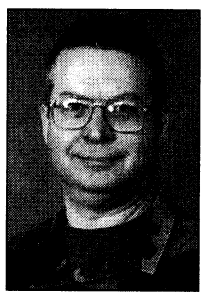
Parents help young children learn to do a task well when they work with their children in doing household chores and doing homework.

By working together, the parent instills into their youngster the right attitudes toward work and the high standards needed for doing a job well done.

As children grow older, kids can do more with less help and supervision from their parents.

Rewarding children for their work helps instill positive self-esteem and confidence. Rewards may include praise, tasty treats, special privileges, awards and money.

To help my daughter manage money, I would pay her for doing an extra task or for earning good grades. I did not give her a weekly allowance. With this money, she would set aside 10 percent for her savings account, 10 percent for charity (tithe), and the rest could be used to buy the things she wanted.



Koop

From the money that I budget monthly for her clothing, I have her purchase what she needs. If I think the item is unnecessary, I tell her that she can buy it with her money if she really wants it.

I'm amused to see how many things she doesn't want, when it is her money that she is spending.

Would you like more ideas on establishing a work ethic and money management in your children? Call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 for help. Visit the Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza; or e-mail me at koopr@benning.army.mil.

Fort Benning Religious Services

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic, Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

CHAPEL NOTES

Teacher training — A special teacher training workshop for those teaching in chapel programs such as Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, children's church, CCD and youth ministries will be offered May 17-18.

Walk Thru The Bible Ministries from Atlanta will provide the training.

The workshop will be held in the Infantry Center Chapel from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday.

Child care will be provided. For information and registration, call the religious education office at 545-4715.

Vacation Bible Schools — Both the Catholic and Protestant communities are gearing up for VBS this summer. Announcements about registration will be made later in May. There is a need for teachers and helpers in all age groups.

The Catholic program will be June 10-14. The Protestant VBS will be June 17-21.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Need some old-fashioned time out with other women for some good company in a spiritual setting? The PWOC meets from 9:30 a.m. to noon every Thursday at Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is held along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Pentecost Mass and picnic — The Fort Benning Catholic community will celebrate Mass and have a parish picnic on Pentecost Sunday, May 19, at Uchee Creek Lodge.

Mass will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a picnic lunch, volunteer and CCD recognitions and certificates, games and an opportunity to farewell Chaplain (Capt.) Joe Angotti. Each family is asked to bring a salad or covered dish, and a dessert. Hamburgers, hotdogs and drinks will be provided.

There will be no 9 a.m. mass, noon Spanish Mass or religious education classes that day.

"Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."
1 Peter 3: 10-12

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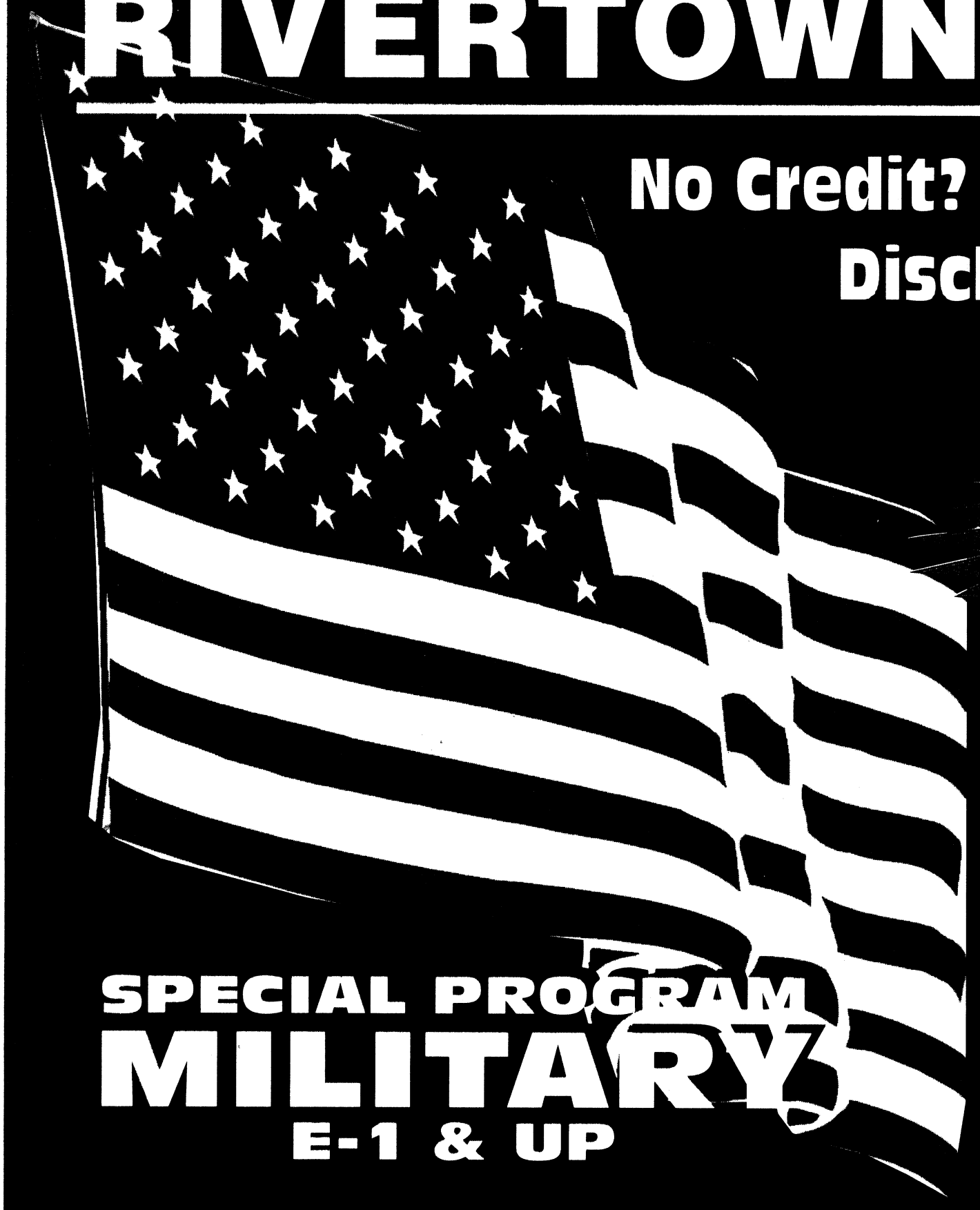
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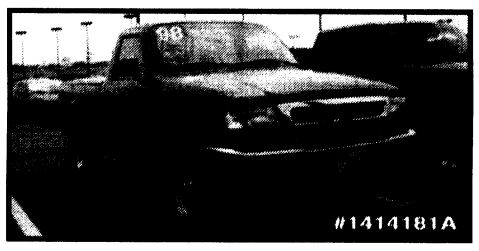
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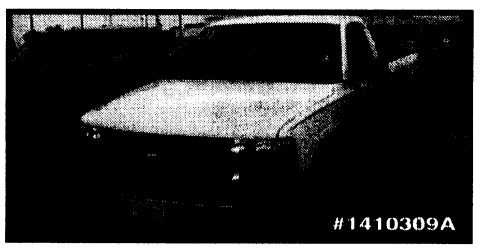
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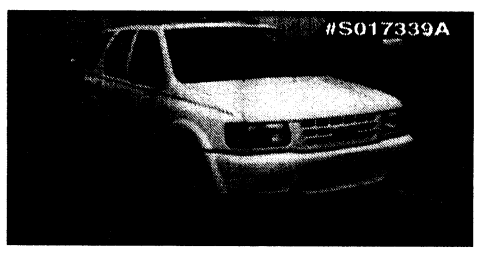
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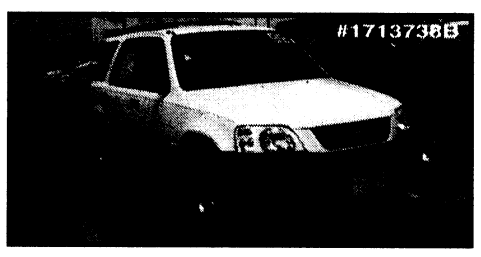
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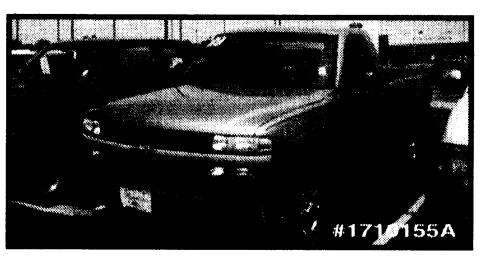
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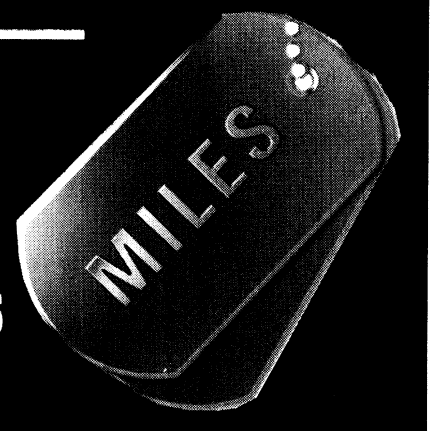


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SPORTS

Yellow Monkies win tournament in Ala.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Jose Castillo, right, and Daniel Mateo fight for the ball in a scrimmage May 1.

Teamwork pays dividends during games

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

A youth soccer team from Fort Benning won a tournament at Maxwell Air Force Base in Alabama Saturday.

The team, which is called the Yellow Monkies, went undefeated in matches on post and did the same at the tournament.

"We've worked together great as a team, and that has helped us win," said Daniel Dillon, coach.

The Monkies used their teamwork and defense to win all three matches in the tournament.

In the first game, the Monkies beat the team from Maxwell Air Force Base, 5-1. Chandler Anderson had four goals and one assist, while Josh Biering added one goal and four assists.

In the second game, the Monkies beat another team from Fort Benning, 3-1. Anderson added two goals along with a goal by Stephanie Holder.

In the third game, the Monkies won in a shootout over a team from Pratville, Ala., 4-3. Brian Dillon stopped a shot on goal and then, his brother, Mike, kicked in the game-winning goal.

The Monkies are a team with players of different skill levels.

"We have players out here who have been playing soccer their whole life, and other players out here for their first time," Dillon said. "That's why I love coaching so much. The kids all bring something different to the table."

Some players have spent years playing the game, and they still have fun with it.

Anderson, right mid-fielder, has been playing the sport for eight years, and enjoys it simply for the chance to kick something and the camaraderie.

"There is nothing like kicking a ball hard to relieve stress," Anderson said. "You can relieve all of your stress in one kick."

During the tournament, the Monkies showed not only their talent, but also their personalities.

"I get to have fun out there," Biering said, a center mid-fielder. "I can go out and be my wild self while playing a team sport."

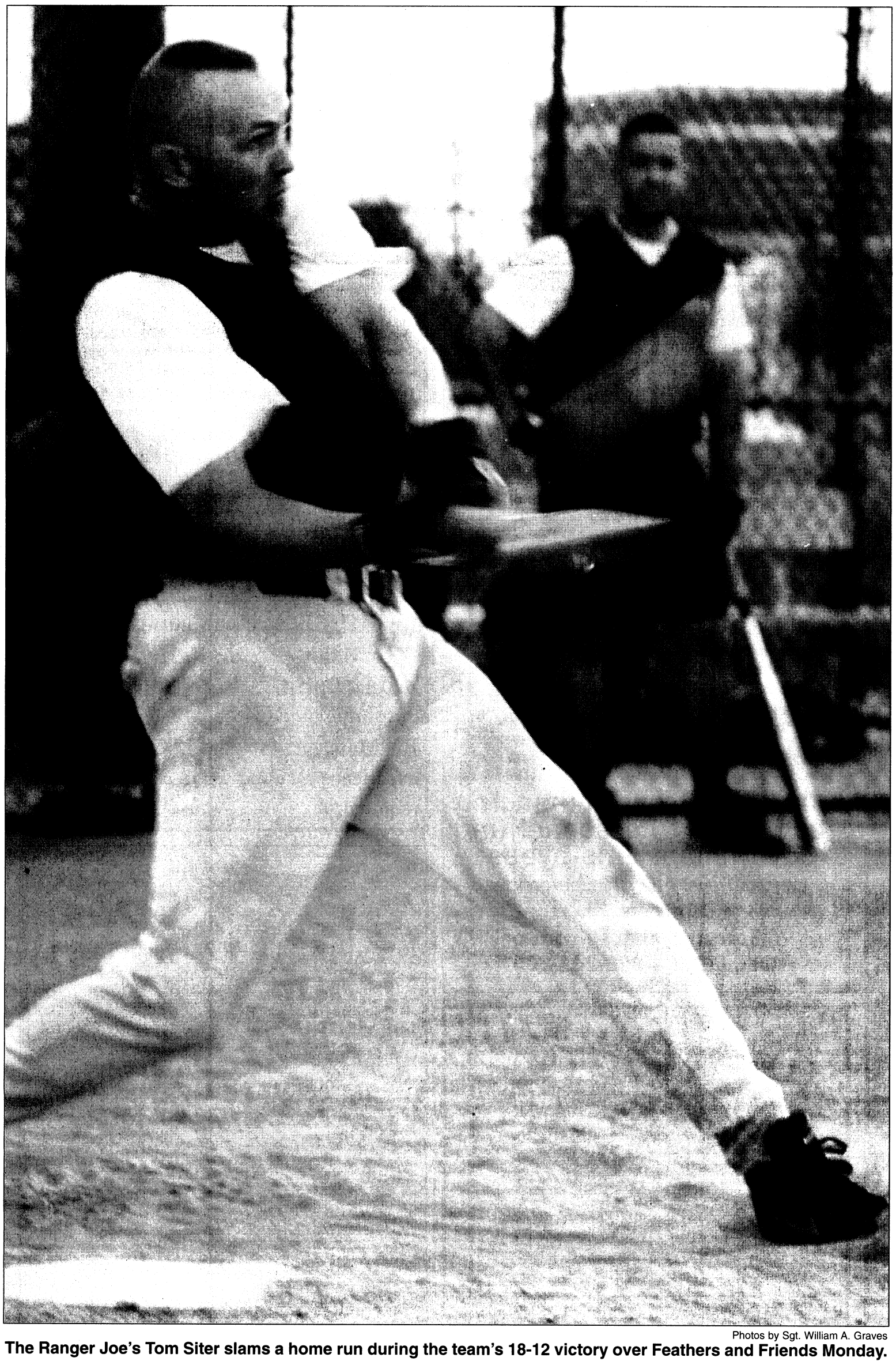
The players credit their success to the help of their coaches, Dillon and Lisa Wells.

"They're out here giving up their time to help us become better," Anderson said. "Without them, we would be in a world of hurt."

The Yellow Monkies pleased Wells with their enthusiasm and dedication to teamwork and she was honored to be their coach, she said.

"I give up my time because I enjoy the kids," Wells said. "They always look for the positive in every situation and make coaching fun."

Smack down!



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

The Ranger Joe's Tom Siter slams a home run during the team's 18-12 victory over Feathers and Friends Monday.

Ranger Joe's stay undefeated

Ranger Joe's defeated Feathers and Friends, 18-12, in Industrial Men's Softball League action Monday night at the Columbus Softball Complex.

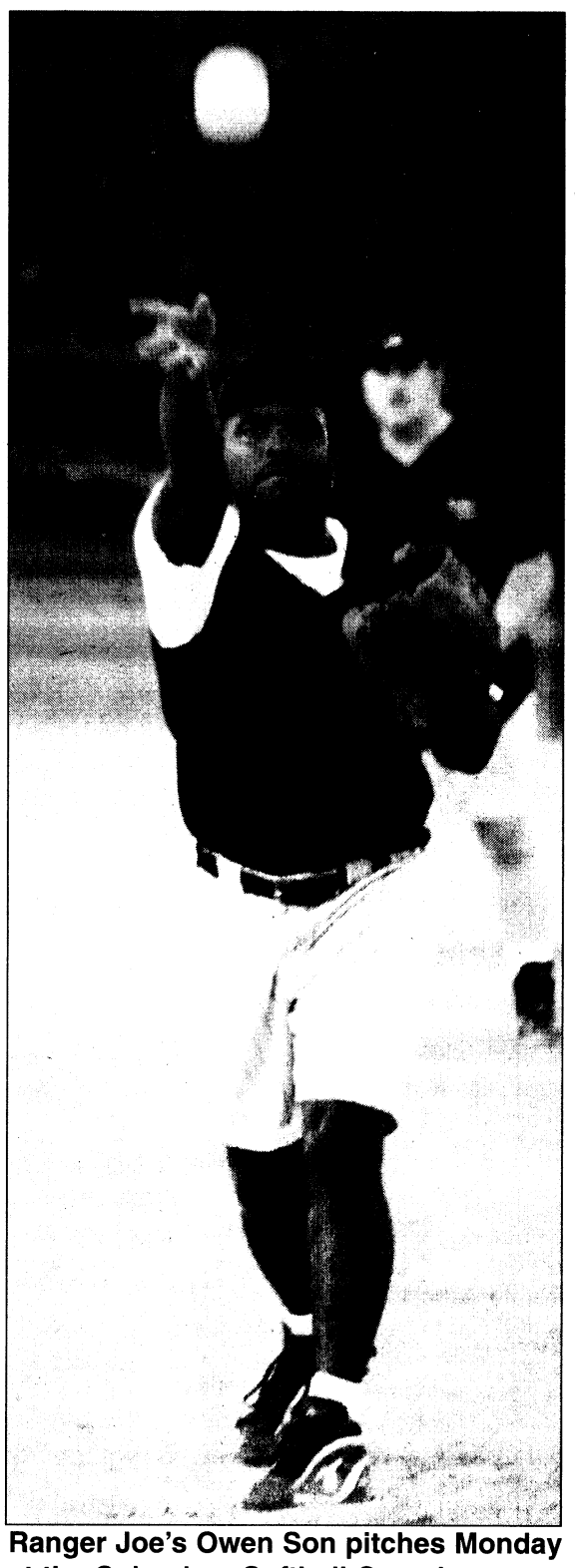
The Ranger's Tom Siter led his team with a home run and a single. Chad Parker added three singles and William Lendof belted a home run for the 10-0 Rangers.

Pitcher Owen Son pitched well for six innings before Lendof entered to pitch a scoreless last inning.

Feathers and Friends came out hot and held the Rangers scoreless and scored 3 runs in the first inning. The Rangers then broke out the bats and scored 5 runs in the second.

Down 18-6 in the middle of the sixth inning, the Feathers mounted a strong comeback but fell short.

Rangers Joes play Monday and Wednesday nights at the complex near the Columbus Arena on Victory Drive. For more information, call 566-2015.



Ranger Joe's Owen Son pitches Monday at the Columbus Softball Complex.

Sunday golfer beats odds

Woman hits perfect shot on 6th hole

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

After 10 years of playing golf, Elke Ray hit her first hole-in-one at the Follow Me Golf Course on Lakeside's 113 yard, par-three, 6th hole, April 28.

"The moment the ball hit the green I knew it was going to go in the cup," said Sue Ikner, witness to the shot.

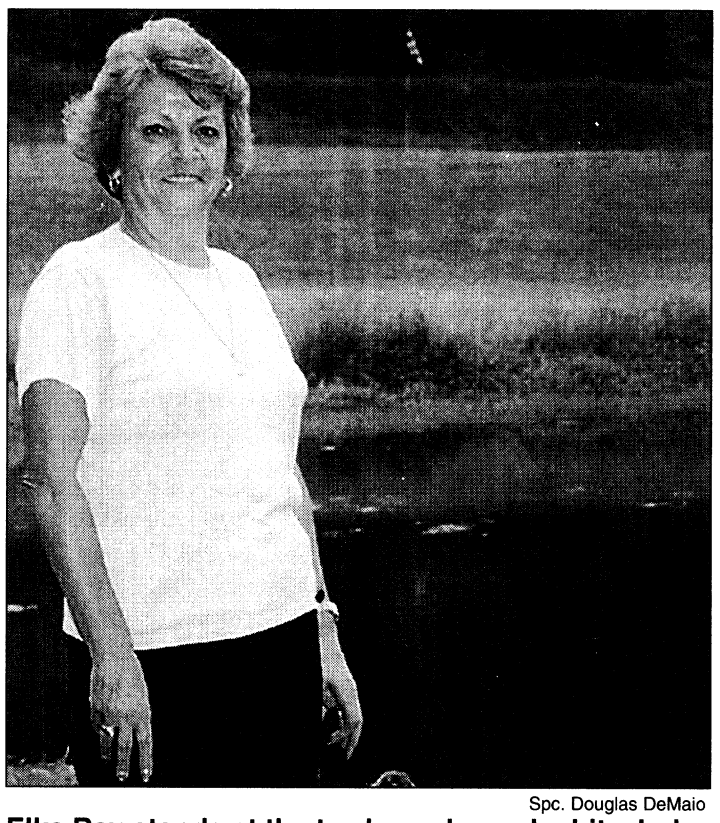
Ray seemed numb to the excitement of the perfect shot, she said. Nevertheless, it was cause for celebration.

"I wasn't excited as much as the people I was playing with were," Ray said.

Shock set in later when she was at home thinking about what she had done, Ray said.

"The odds of hitting a hole-in-one are slim, and we are just Sunday golfers," she said.

According to an article published by the U.S. Golf Register, the odds of hitting a hole-in-one are 30,000 to one, which makes her shot even more amazing considering she plays in a couples tournament just once a week.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Elke Ray stands at the tee box where she hit a hole-in-one on Lakeside's 113 yard, par-three, 6th hole.

With those odds, Ray would have to play two rounds of golf a day, every Sunday for 72 years to hit another one.

However, Ray is optimistic and believes she may be able to hit another one over the next 10 years, she said.

"Golf is so unpredictable," Ray said. "If you're really bad, you want to quit.

"Then, you get that one good shot, and it gets you coming back for more."

Ray hit the shot using her 9-iron over part of the lake. It bounced onto the green where it rolled to the cup and fell in the hole.

Rugby tournament begins today

Gary Kent
Columbus/Fort Benning Rugby Club

The Columbus and Fort Benning Rugby Football Club is hosting the USA Rugby National Military Club Championships this weekend at Fort Benning. There will be a sevens competition Friday morning at 10 a.m. continuing until the winner is determined.

At noon Friday, the women players are conducting a rugby clinic assisted by members of the Royal Navy coaching staff. The feature match of the championship weekend between the U.S. Combined Services team and the Royal Navy will kick off at 5 p.m. with opening ceremonies beginning at 4:30 p.m. on York Field. This year's participating clubs will square off 8 a.m. Saturday with play continuing all day on Blue Field. Play continues at Blue Field on Sunday at 8 a.m. The eventual men's champion will be crowned on York Field. The men's championship match begins at 2 p.m. on York Field.The awards ceremony will commence immediately following the men's championship final on York Field.

Any rugby players currently stationed at Fort Benning wanting to participate in this weekends events call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf Classic — The annual G.G. Gunby Jordan Memorial Golf Classic, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation, Georgia Chapter's Southwest Branch, has become a tradition. Columbus' amateur golfers seeking the title of tournament champion will await a noontime shotgun start Monday for this year's event.

Held at Columbus' Green Island Country Club, the golf classic offers foursome and twosome golf teams, cocktail reception, door and team prizes and a "door prize" drawing to conclude the day's events and round out fund-raising efforts to help more than 1.8 million adults and children in Georgia who battle arthritis.

For more information, call 576-4086.

YMCA run — The YMCA World's Largest 5K run and walk will be 9 a.m. June 22 at the South Commons Civic Center.

Awards will be presented to males and females in 12 different age groups and to the overall male and female winners.

Register at the YMCA central branch located on 11th Street and 2nd Avenue. Pre-entry fee for adults and children is $18 before May 24 and $22 after May 24. Volunteer or participate in a morning filled with activity.

For more information, visit www.active.com or call 322-8269.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15-20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman (425) 255-4645.

YS gymnastics registration — Youth Services is taking registrations for gymnastics 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, at Youth Services, Building 1056, on McIver Street. Classes for different age groups will be held Mondays through Thursdays. Parents who are interested in the program can pick up a class schedule from Youth Services prior to registration.

Classes are limited to seven slots per time frame and registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Special Mom and Me classes will be held Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. Classes are open to youth family members ages 1 through 8 of active duty personnel.

Participants must be a member of the Child and Youth Services Program.

For more information, call Youth Services at 545-3070.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Rugby club — The Columbus-Fort Benning Rugby Club meets at the club grounds at 22nd Avenue and Blanchard Boulevard. Training is each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. throughout the season.

For more information, call Gary Kent at 324-4924.

Basketball camp — The Ten-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp is evaluating applications for its camps, one of which is in Gainesville, Ga. Past participants include Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter.

For a free brochure, call (704) 568-6801.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m. The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

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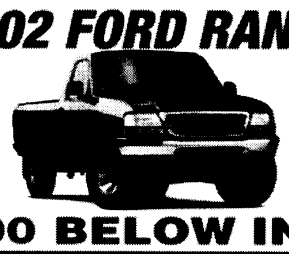
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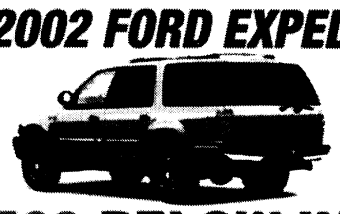
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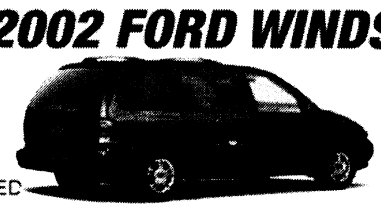
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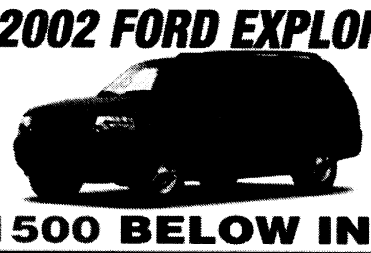
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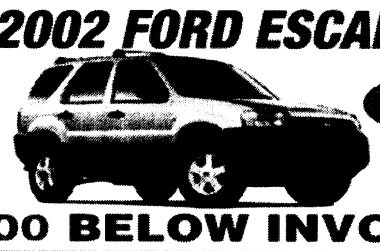
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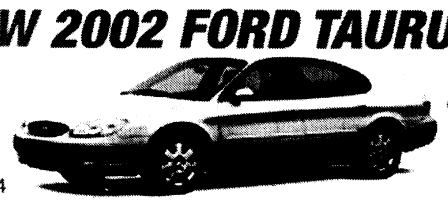
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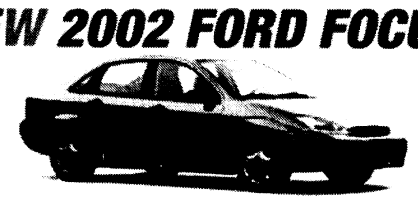
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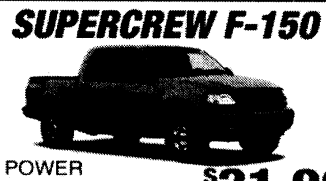
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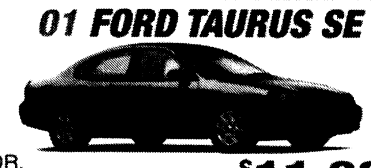
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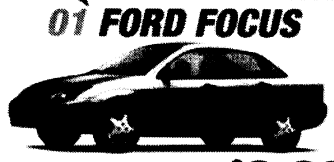
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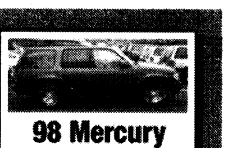
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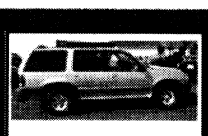
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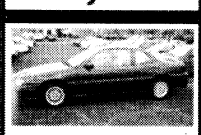
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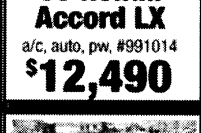
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Futon Bed/Couch, wood frame with mattress cover $125 689-6482 (F10)

Table w/ six chairs and leaf ($400), Love seat and couch ($1200), Reciner chair ($400) 324-5680 (F10)

For Sale: 3 piece BDRM set blk w/ gold trim. Full size matteresses included. Must sell $450 obo 393-1976 (F17)

Black Wrought Iron Bistro Table with two chairs $75 689-4691(F10)

Desk w/ hutch $100, sectional sofa/ sleeper/ recliner $200, Wall unit entertainment center $200, entertainment center $50, daybed $50. 569-1142 (F17)

Red, yellow,& blue metal futon/twin bunk bed set with mattresses $175 obo Must sell by May 9th PCS'ing 689-5795 (F10)

Brand new light wood kitchen table w/ 4 chairs $75, brand new light wood entertainment center $125 682-5061 leave message (F10)

Two end tables with matching coffee table $25. Arm chair, love seat, and sofa $100. Cream colored love seat with four matching pillows $35. 289-2387 (F17)

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Dresser with Hutch, Tall Dresser, and Desk all three $150. Great condition. 683-0027 (F17)

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Large car top carrier $50 Bench for patio $40 687-0665 or 464-5660 (F17)

Dishwasher portable $ 50 (Frigidaire, works great), Carseat $15 obo, 689-1777 (F17)

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Sat. from 8-11 am Children's items, excercise bike, steeper, newborn clothing, etc. 100 Sister Loop Apt. C Fort Benning (F10)

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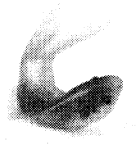
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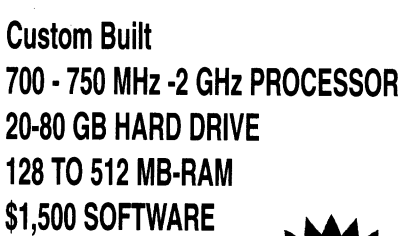
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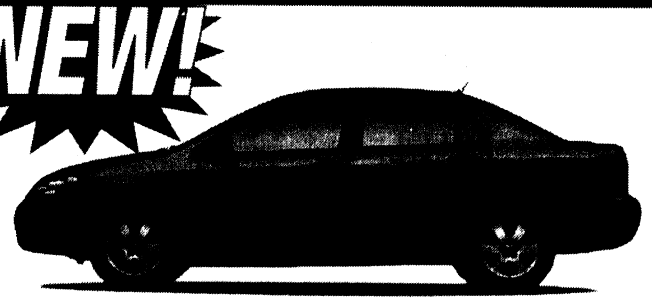
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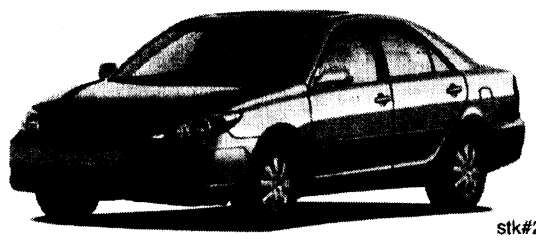


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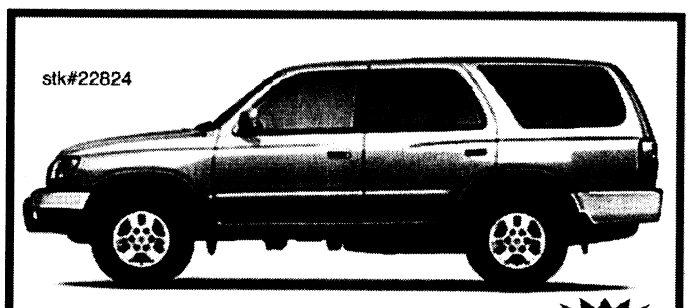
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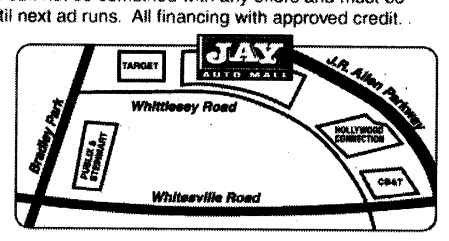
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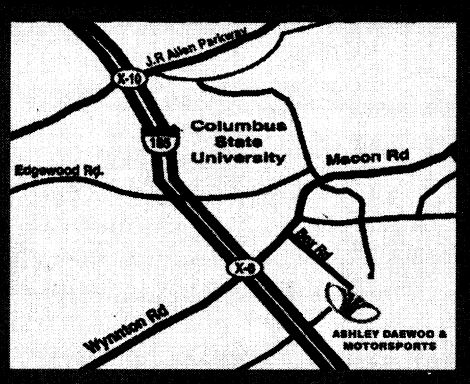
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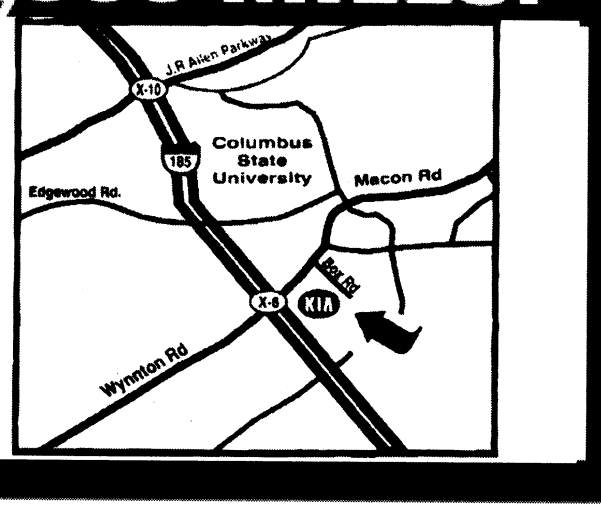
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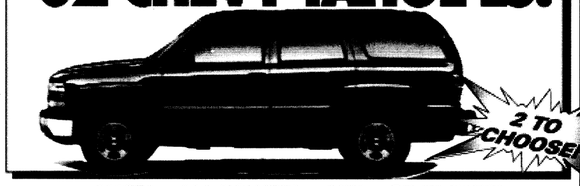


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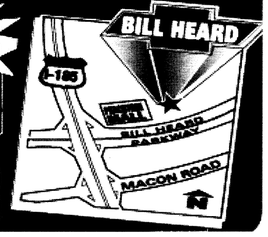
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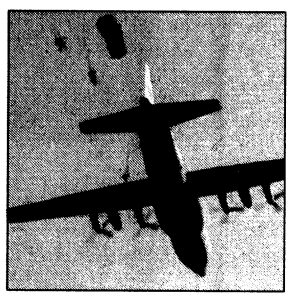


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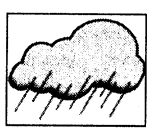
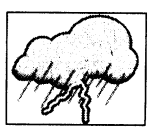
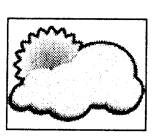
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Sgt. William A. Graves
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More than 220,000 active and reserve component service members did not make the mistake during the first open season, which ran from Nov. 15 through Jan. 31, according to an Army News Service release by Jim Garamone.

"We thought maybe 10 percent of the active component would sign up in the first year — we had more than 10 percent sign up in just the first open season," said Army Lt. Col. Thomas Emswiler, the executive director of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

In the release, Emswiler said officers and mid- to upper-level enlisted grades in particular signed up.

"I'd like to see more junior members consider using the program," he said. "When you're

See **TSP**, A-11

Post remembers war dogs

Memorial honors canines, comrades

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Every war dog had its day Saturday.

More than 250 veterans and their families endured scorching temperatures at Fort Benning's Sacrifice Field as they gathered to pay a tearful tribute to the scout dogs and their handlers who served in combat since World War II.

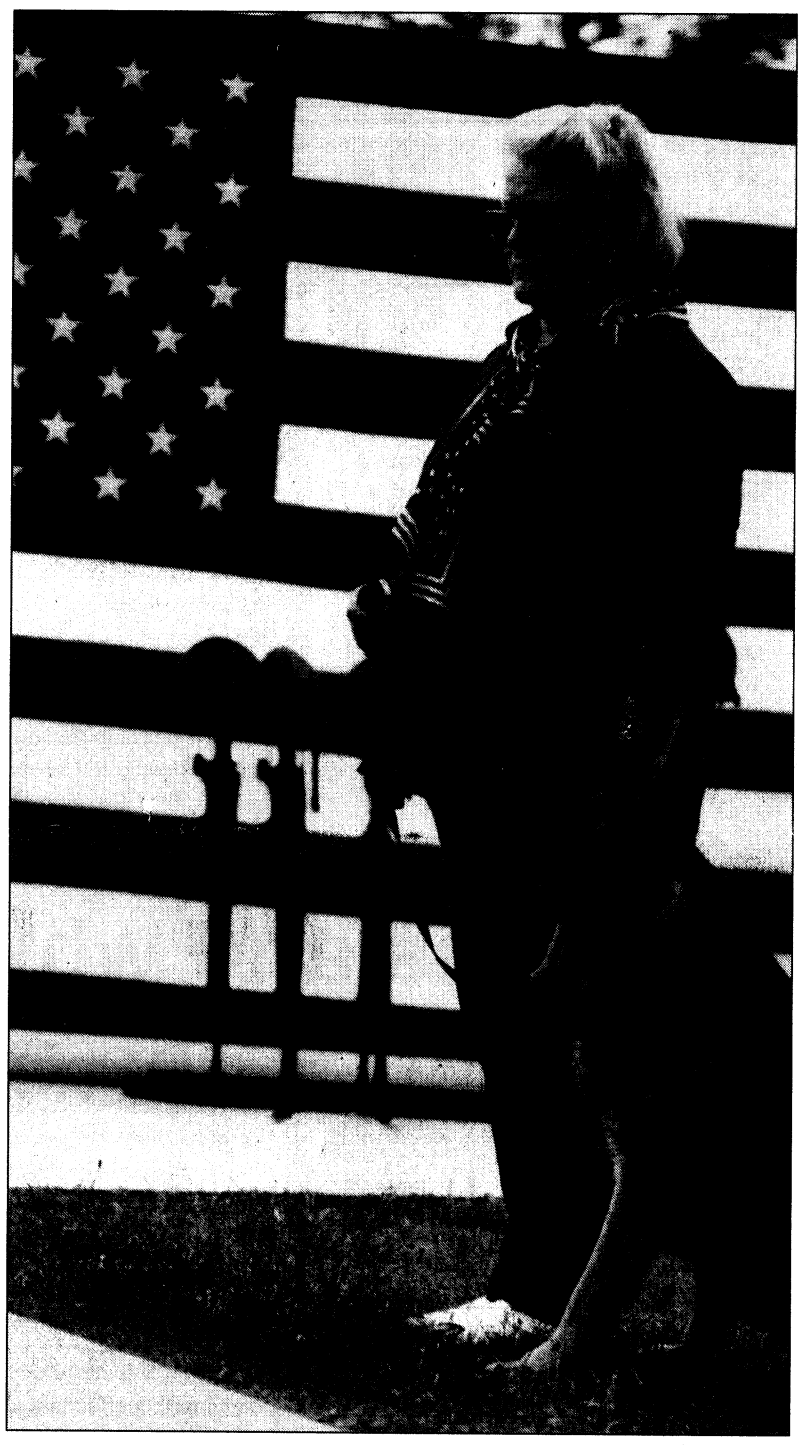
Small wonder. Scout dogs prevented more than 10,000 deaths in Vietnam alone, and many of those present credited their lives to their canine companions and fellow handlers.

"I owe them that much," said Kenneth Goss, choking back tears as he watched his fellow veterans file slowly past five pedestals honoring dog teams from World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

The new pedestals encircle a large central statue of a handler and his dog. The statue was dedicated in October 2000. Jesse Mendez called it "a thing of magnificent beauty."

"I remember I came back here just to gaze at it that evening, after it was unveiled," said Mendez, the former handler who designed Fort Benning's U.S. Army Scout Dog Training Program. "I came back again and again, thinking 'Something more needs to be done — something to tell the *whole* story.'"

Mendez spearheaded the campaign to erect memorial pedestals around the monument. With the help of members of the Vietnam Dog Handlers Club, veterans of the 47th Infantry Scout Dog Platoon and private donations, Mendez saw his dream realized at Saturday's ceremony.



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Vivian Holler, of the German Shepherd Club of Atlanta, and Sirius, paid tribute to war dogs and their handlers Saturday on Fort Benning's Sacrifice Field.

The pedestals were unveiled by former handlers, the widow of a World War II handler and the father of Staff Sgt. Robert Hartsock, the only dog handler to be awarded a Medal of Honor during Vietnam. Hartsock, for whom Fort Benning's Hartsock Loop is named, was killed Feb. 23, 1969, when he threw himself on a hand grenade to save his fellow 25th Infantry Divison

See **DOGS**, A-11

Progress made in war on terror

Campaign achieved objectives

Gerry J. Gilmore
Armed Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military campaign against terrorists in Afghanistan has achieved many of its objectives, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said.

"I think we've made terrific progress. It's quite impressive," Wolfowitz observed at a news conference in the National Press Club Wednesday. American and coalition military operations in Afghanistan — Operation Enduring Freedom — began last October. Wolfowitz praised the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan, Army Gen. Tommy Franks, and his staff, noting they "put together a plan out of nothing" in a few weeks. Following that plan, U.S. and coalition troops liberated the city of Mazar-e Sharif in northern Afghanistan in five or six weeks, Wolfowitz said. "It's testimony to what our men and women in uniform can do — it's incredible," the deputy defense secretary said.

The Taliban have been removed from power and Afghanistan has been essentially eliminated as an operating base for terrorists, he noted.

While terrorists are still in and around Afghanistan, Wolfowitz pointed out, "they're

See **COALITION**, A-11

New soldier keeps family tradition alive

Basic training graduate keeps family tradition

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Any soldier who serves in the military can tell you the Army family is like no other. But Pvt. Jeff Gritz's real life family has already proven that to him.

"For many years, my uncles would ask me if I was going to follow in their footsteps and serve," Gritz said. "No one could influence me. It was something I had to figure out for myself."

At 33, Gritz was one of the oldest members to graduate from Basic and Advance Infantry Training May 10.

You might say it was destiny.

Family members of Pvt. Gritz have served a combined total of close to 100 years in the Army.

Retired Special Forces Col. John Gritz said he "gave his life to the Army on that same field" 36 years ago.

"I am so proud my nephew has decided to serve. It is an honor to keep the family tradition alive."

Col. Gritz, along with four of his brothers, attended their nephew's graduation, many in uniform. Col. Gritz wears a Combat Infantryman's Badge, a Bronze Star for Valor, and a Purple Heart.

Gritz's father, retired Chief Warrant Officer Paul Gritz, and four of Pvt. Gritz's uncles are former Fort Benning Airborne School graduates. Friday's graduation was the first time the family had seen each other in years.

"With everyone in the family being deployed over the world for so many years, it was tough getting all of us together," said Lt. Col. Tom Mackenzie, Pvt. Gritz's uncle.



Angela Sachitano

Members of the Gritz family celebrate Pvt. Jeff Gritz's basic training graduation May 10. Left to right are retired Maj. Bob MacKenzie, Lt. Col. Tom MacKenzie, Capt. Rock MacKenzie, Pvt. Gritz, Chief Warrant Officer Paul Gritz and Col. John Gritz.

"This is an important day for all of us. In our family, there is no greater gift you can give than giving

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Belligerent, drunk friend needs caring, sober pal

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

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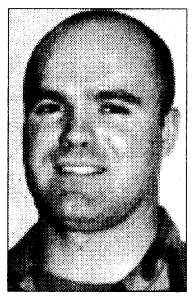
When I think of alcohol or drinking, having had a few drinks before, I feel I'm aware of the effects of alcohol.

However, a recent event shook my sense of understanding about what I thought I knew about the effects of alcohol.

Not only was my friend so drunk he was belligerent, be was also a danger to himself.

But I've seen this before. I had a friend fall from a five-story building because he was too drunk to make a smart decision. And I had a friend who fought a group of eight because he thought he was Superman.

I've seen plenty of poor decisions by drunk people. I've even made a few myself, but my friends have helped me stay out of trouble during my state of drunken decisions. They took care of me to the best of their abilities.



At times, I'm sure they felt anger and frustration because of my actions, words and foul language. But no matter what they felt, they were loyal and thoughtful of my needs.

They understood I was in no condition to care for myself and felt it was their duty to take care me.

I recall the day after my drunken mess that I couldn't convince myself that my behavior the night before was acceptable.

My friends gave me the silent treatment for a day or two, and I never really understood why, but I think they gave me the time to reflect on how poorly I treated them while I was intoxicated.

After looking back at mine and the situation I recently encountered, I believe there is a reasonable answer of what to do when a friend is so drunk he's belligerent.

Take care of him.

There is no clear cut answer on how to take care of him, but your actions will speak louder than your words, especially during the point when he's well beyond inebriation.

You may take the brunt of his actions, but for the most part, it is well worth the effort and sacrifice.

When he realizes how poorly he treated me, a close friend, hopefully he will understand his shortcomings and improve upon them.

None of us are perfect and he might not respond to his vague recollection of the night before or the silent lesson I gave him the day after, but as a friend, he needed and depended on my support.

Those who survive the tough times will bond and become greater friends than those who turn the other cheek to satisfy their own needs.

Snake sends strollers searching

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

I was out riding solo on the Riverwalk the other day, trying to put some distance between myself and me, when two women walking their dogs flagged me down. They didn't fit my profile of a serial killer, so I stopped.

"Do you have a cell phone on you? My friend just got bitten by a snake."

Like every good neurotic mediocre recreational cyclist with a touch of paranoia, I keep a cell phone under my saddle, and pulled it out.

"We want to call Oxbow Meadows. They should know if it was poisonous or not."

I can pull a lot of things from my saddle pack, my jersey pockets and my Camelbak, but a phone book has never been one of them. I opted for the basic "911" and handed the phone to the victim's friend.

I've watched all those doctor shows on TV. I looked down at the victim's ankles and asked her where she had been bitten.



She drew my attention away from her snake-level ankles by holding up her hand.

Her friend was giving directions to our location to the 911 dispatcher. "We're on the access road to the water treatment plant."

Trying to help them narrow down a location, I pointed out that we were at the junction of the bike path and the access road.

Meanwhile, the bite victim kept insisting the snake couldn't have been poisonous, because her (bleeding) hand wasn't getting swollen. I'm not sure who she was trying to convince.

As I packed up the cell phone, I had to ask. "How did it bite your hand?"

"I was petting it."

A better person than me would have quit there. I should have been a better person. "You were petting it?"

Her friend chimed in. "I picked it up, and I was showing her how calm it was, and then when she started touching it, it just bit her. We'll just wait here."

In one split second I went from talking to two people who had an unfortunate chance encounter with the local wildlife to two adults who lacked the good sense God gave little green apples.

I had to cut my ride short that day so I passed them again about 15 minutes later, a quarter of a mile from where I'd left them. They said they were tired of waiting and were leaving.

By my calculations, that made two poor decisions, each, in the span of just a few minutes.

As fate would have it, about a mile down the bike path a snake slithered across my lane and into the grass. It was a good snake. I could tell because it was moving, quickly, in a direction completely different from mine.

But I still didn't stop to pick it up.

Who are our heroes and why?

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet Staff

COMMENTARY

With the death of TLC singer, Lisa "Left Eye" Lopez, I hear people say how Left Eye was their hero.

I don't know how many times when a famous person has died, I heard about this person being everyone's hero.

How are they our heroes? Is it because they can make musical hits or they can do a tomahawk jam? Why are young people today looking up to the people they see on TV?

As former NBA great Charles Barkley so eloquently said, "I'm not supposed to be your hero, your parents are."

Barkley couldn't be more right.

It is our parents who brought us into this world. It is our parents who love and care for us. It is our parents who provide food, clothing and shelter. If you ask me, they are more of a hero than someone who can throw a football 60 yards.



Now, I'll admit I did look up to athletes and singers throughout my life. I even wanted to be like a lot of them. But let's face it, not everyone has the same skill as a Kobe Bryant, Derek Jeter, Lisa Leslie, Kurt Warner, P Diddy, Britney Spears or U2.

We all have special talents. It is our parents who bring out those talents in us.

Most parents help their children despite the problems going on in their lives. They are willing to sit down and help with homework and help them grow as a person.

I remember times when I would sit down with my mom and dad and just talk about anything. The conversation didn't have to go anywhere. I just wanted to talk to them. And that was OK with them.

Parents make the sacrifices for their children with the hopes that one day their children will have it better than they did. A little extra work in their life usually makes a huge difference in their child's life.

Can an athlete or recording artist sit down with a child and spend quality time with him? Can they teach them how to play catch?

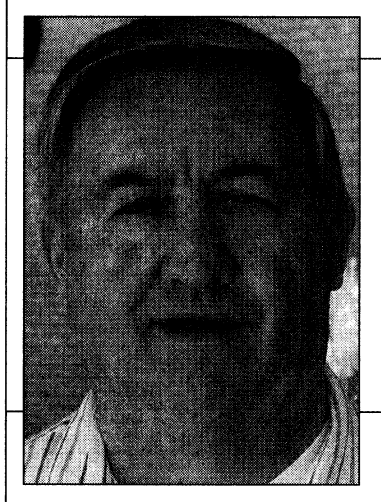
Maybe, but it is hard to spend quality time with all of their fans.

Young people should remember what their parents do for them.

They may not agree with or like some of the things their parents do, but in the end, their parents will always be there to love them.

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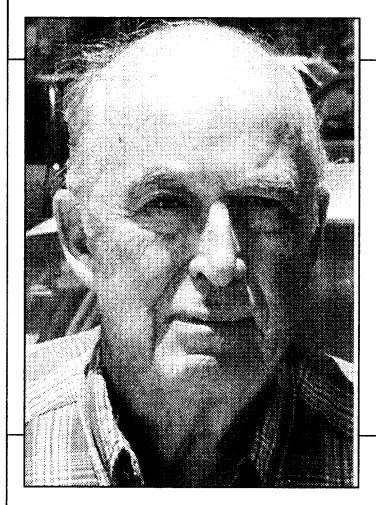
What can you do to stop alcohol-related incidents?



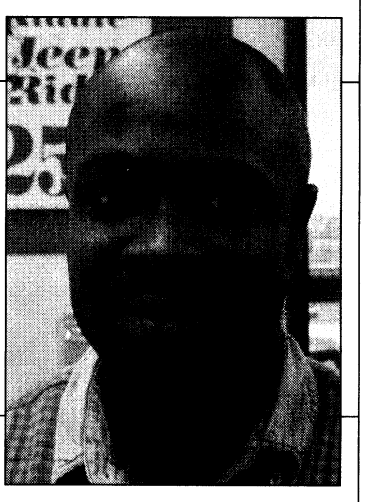
Retired 1st Sgt. Jack Smith, Philadelphia — "By educating the people I know on the effects of alcohol, I can prevent them from getting involved in an alcohol-related incident."



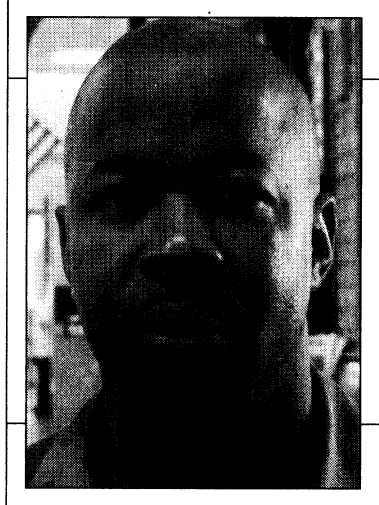
Jeanne Swanson, family member — "Whenever my friends want to go out and have fun, I offer to be their designated driver."



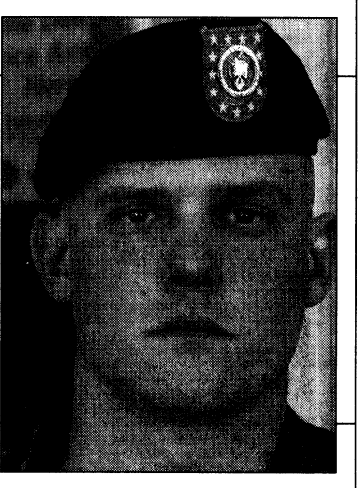
Retired Sgt. Maj. Ruble Moore, Columbus — "I will not touch alcohol if I know I am going to be driving or doing anything else that requires my full awareness."



Sidrac Cesar, AAFES employee — "If you go out drinking, have a sober buddy and give him your keys."



Staff Sgt. Edward Moore, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I prevent my soldiers from getting in alcohol related incidences by giving them proper counseling and safety briefings."



Spc. Tyler Harper, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "When I go out with a buddy, I take his wallet so he won't buy more than he should drink."

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Note causes grief

My wife went shopping at the commissary May 1, and as she has done for years, parked in the CW4/5 space.

Upon returning, she found a nasty, unsigned note saying family members could not park in their husbands' spaces.

BULL! I'll bet when the CG's wife or a colonel's wife parks in the appropriate spaces, no one leaves a note on their windshield saying "You're only a wife and cannot park here."

Why didn't the individual have the decency to approach my wife and voice his complaint to her in person? Why didn't he sign the note?

I'll tell you why. He is a petty, gutless whiner with nothing better to do than leave nasty, anonymous letters on windshields. What a man!

To you, Gutless Wonder, I say "get a life." I am ashamed you are a fellow senior warrant officer.

Don Maulden
via e-mail

CORRECTION

In last week's paper, Lisa Wills, assistant coach for the Yellow Monkies, a Youth Services soccer team, name was misspelled.

The Bayonet apologizes for the error and regrets any inconvenience it caused.

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Chief of staff primes for retirement

Vona hangs up hat after 30 years as infantry officer

Laura Martinson
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After 30 years as an infantry officer, Col. Lonnie Vona, Fort Benning's chief of staff, is packing up an office and career's worth of awards, plaques and flags — many gifts from those met along the way -– and heading down South.

"Tampa is my home, and Kathy's parents retired there, so we're going there to be close to them," said Vona, who served in the city at the Special Operations Command for three years.

With all of his awards, Vona hasn't forgotten the little people — literally.

"I paint as a hobby, and I got into painting military figures because of a love of military history," Vona said. "I was in junior high school in the 60s, and that's when we celebrated the centennial of the Civil War. It was widely publicized and I got hooked."

But with a military career comes increasingly greater demands, and his hobby of painting tiny soldiers laid dormant for nearly 25 years.

"I started up again in 1998 because I wanted to teach my sons to appreciate something a little different," said Vona, who traveled with his boys to Gettysburg to study the terrain and battle. They then built a historically accurate diorama of the battlefield, and he picked up the paintbrush once again to recreate Confederate and Union soldiers. "I apply my hobby more to the history than the painting."

Vona lived a historian's dream when he taught military history to ROTC cadets at Furman University, Greenville, S.C., where he also got his master's in education. But ROTC was very different then than when he was a cadet at the University of South Florida.

"If you wore your uniform on campus then, you were considered a pariah or a plague," he said, recalling Vietnam protests that claimed the ROTC building when it was burned to the ground the year before he started.

"Education is definitely a service line to the community," Vona said. "I always considered myself a teacher being an infantry officer. It really goes hand in hand. You're either a collective classroom type teacher to your soldiers, or you're teaching them in the field."

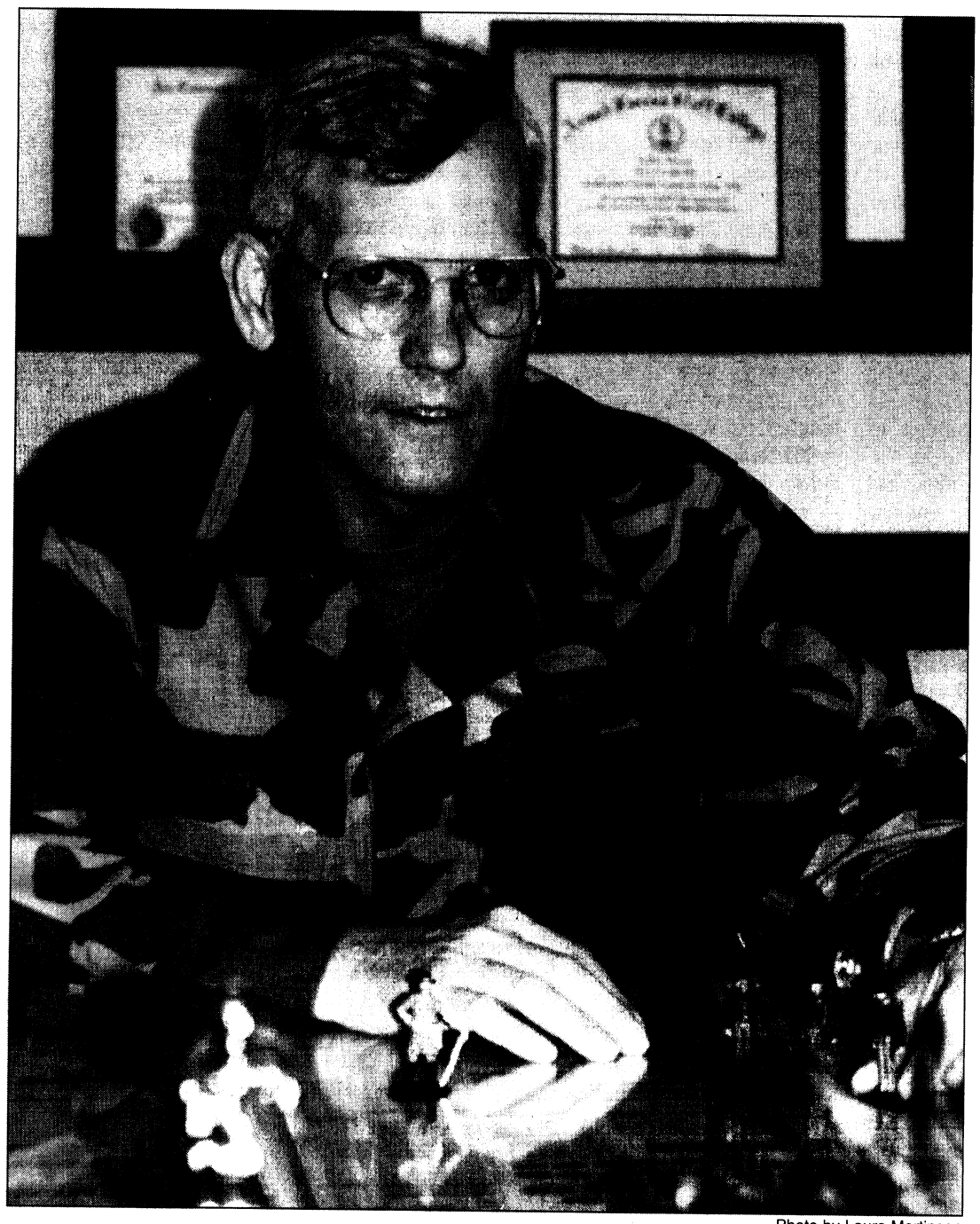


Photo by Laura Martinson

Col. Lonnie Vona, Fort Benning chief of staff, displays Confederate soldiers, including Maj. Gen. Henry Benning, the post's namesake, in his office in Infantry Hall. His two hobbies — military history and painting — mesh into one in his "little soldiers," which he uses as personal gifts for friends and family.

"To be in the infantry, you have to be a people person," he said. "You have to be able to deal with people, because they're your weapon."

Vona's daughters, Tina, 27 and Kara, 23, both followed in the footsteps of a "teaching" father, Tina teaches high school English, and Kara works with troubled teens.

But Vona himself comes from a shrimping family.

"I'm the only man in my family — dad, grandfathers, brothers —who didn't become a shrimper. But they did name a boat after me," he said. "My parents have always been very supportive of my career. They're probably going to need me soon, and I want to be there for them now."

He and Kathy have no immediate plans for a post-career career, but he says they'll deal with that when the time comes.

"We'll figure out our jobs when we get there," said Vona, who ultimately wants to teach some sort of history at the college level, maybe even his alma mater.

Vona and his wife have two boys, Eric, 15 and Sam, 10, both still at home.

"We definitely don't have empty nest syndrome. By the time we do, we'll probably have grandchildren," he said laughing. "We're not nearly as active as we were with the girls, but we're smarter now. We compensate in other ways.

"We made a family decision to stay at Fort Dix until retirement. But that was until he called," Vona said of former post commander, Lt. Gen. John LeMoyne. "He kept asking me to come here and work for him, but he never told me what the job was. When he said it was the chief of staff, I jumped on it.

"But truly there were so many reasons to come here. We were close to home and this is my Army home," he said. "And I'm glad he thought I could make a contribution. He was the kind of guy you wanted to work for."

"I think it's impossible to do all the things you want to do, but I'm very pleased with what I've accomplished," he said.

And apparently others are pleased. At least one person from every previous duty station will attend Vona's retirement ceremony today, and he thinks that's "pretty cool."

Cool, calm and collected is exactly how his friends describe him.

"He's very quiet. Very thoughtful. Very calming," said LeMoyne, now the U.S. Army deputy chief of staff for personnel. "What's that old saying? Still waters run deep. That's how he is. He has great strength and courage. You can always depend on him to do the right thing, no matter how difficult. I have absolute trust and confidence in him.

"I've known him for 30 years," LeMoyne said. "I was his company commander, and I've never forgotten that time together."

And Vona, then seated within the four walls that tell his military story, hasn't forgotten either.

"Leaving will be bittersweet. I like being a soldier, and I'd stay if they'd let me," said Vona. "I hate to go, but I'm happy we're going home."

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Afghanistan success doesn't help Crusader

DoD cancels artillery system Crusader

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WASHINGTON — The successful use of precision munitions in Afghanistan reinforced DoD's decision to scratch the Army's Crusader artillery system, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said here today.

Wolfowitz took part in a Brookings Institution news conference moderated by Stephen Hess of Brookings and former television reporter Marvin Kalb, now affiliated with the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government.

Laser-guided aerial bombs, such as the Joint Direct Attack Munition, have been used to good effect against the Taliban and al Qaeda in Afghanistan, Wolfowitz said. That success "reinforced" DoD's decision to pass on the Crusader, he said.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld is slated to appear May 16 before the Senate Armed Services Committee to discuss his decision to ax the Crusader during talks about the fiscal 2003 DoD budget, Wolfowitz said.

Development work on the Crusader began around 1994, but a lot has happened before and since. For example, the U.S. military has increased its use of precision air-delivered weapons — from 3 percent in Desert Storm to 30 percent in Kosovo to 60 percent so far in Afghanistan.

The American military today is facing similar challenges to transform or modernize itself as it did during the 1920s and 1930s between the world wars, Wolfowitz said. Much of today's military was designed to fight a Cold War opponent in a major land battle. The $11 billion self-propelled Crusader — which is still on the drawing board with no serviceable prototypes built — is designed to rapidly shoot 155 mm shells at enemy troops as much as 30 miles away.

Envisioned as a replacement for the aging M-109 Paladin self-propelled howitzer series, Wolfowitz called the 40-ton Crusader and its 30-ton support vehicle "a good system — it's definitely an advance over our current artillery."

However, he continued, the U.S. military is now developing a rapid-deployable force that will rely on airlift capability to quickly deliver troops and equipment to hot spots around the globe.

For example, the Army's transformational 19-ton Stryker multiwheeled armored vehicle can be airlifted. The 70-ton Abrams tank, a Cold-War "legacy" piece of equipment, must be deployed by ship, a much slower process.

In that context, Crusader, weighing in at a total of more than 70 tons, is not the kind of transformational leap in technology the U.S. forces need for the 21st century, Wolfowitz said.

He noted that Excalibur precision-guided artillery munitions and an upgraded Multiple Launch Rocket System could fill the void left by canceling the Crusader. He also suggested that the Future Combat System family of vehicles being developed by the Army might provide a lighter-weight, Crusader-like variant.

In answer to those resistant to military change, Wolfowitz pointed out that some Navy officials 25 years ago were against placing Tomahawk cruise missiles aboard submarines at the expense of torpedoes. Sub-launched Tomahawks have since proved their worth, the deputy defense secretary said.

"In the case of the Crusader (cancellation) we're looking at accelerating precision artillery which would deliver 10-meter accuracy," he said.

That, in conjunction with an improved rocket delivery system or other transformational weaponry would be "revolutionary," he said.

Soldier learns life lessons on Somalia's streets

Aviator remembers fiery crash, fight in Mogadishu

Laura Martinson
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Chief Warrant Officer Perry Alliman was flying over Mogadishu, Somalia, in a Blackhawk helicopter Sept. 25, 1993, when the aircraft's belly was struck by a rocket-propelled grenade fired by a "skinny" on a rooftop.

Alliman, now a small group leader for the Aviation Warrant Officer Advanced Course at Fort Rucker, Ala., remembers the crash and fire vividly, and walked Fort Benning aircrew and soldiers through the weeks leading up to both incidents Wednesday, explaining each day brought mounting tensions and violence.

"Every day got a little more violent, a little more dangerous and a little more hot," Alliman said.

So hot that he and his pilot in command, Chief Warrant Officer Dale Shrader, were the only survivors of a five-man crew to make it out of the chopper, which was quickly engulfed in flames. He remembers it as the "second Blackhawk Down," although the crash and inadvertent abandonment at the site happened 10 days prior to the now infamous event.

Alliman and Shrader were left on the ground in an alley in Mogadishu when overhead aircraft made the assumption there were no survivors, but only because Shrader hid his strobe light in the dirt because of approaching Somalis.

"They were standing right in front of me," said Alliman, who waited on the ground for hours, burned, bleeding and facing certain death. "They went away for awhile, but when they returned, they saw Dale's leg and started throwing grenades at us. I don't know how we lived through it, other than by the grace of God. I really shouldn't be here, if you lay all the odds on the table."

The first grenade, which landed just inches from Alliman, never exploded.

"Dale started reciting John 3:16 to me, and saying to God, 'I wish I'd told more people about you, Lord, but I'm ready to go now. I know it must be our time.'"

But Alliman thinks God had different plans for the two aviators, as minutes after their prayer, a man emerged from the alley and seemed to

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>
> **Chief Warrant Officer**
> Somalia veteran

"show them the way."

"I have to go to him," Shrader told Alliman, and moments later, the man helped them to a vehicle that ultimately carried them to safety and medical attention. "We don't know who he was. All we know is he was a Somali, and to me, an angel," said Alliman, who after leaving the alley, never heard another word about the man.

"Everybody thinks they want to go out and get some action. And they all think, 'We have the coolest stuff and the best equipment. We're invincible.' It's what we're all trained for everyday," Alliman said. "But to actually do it is a pretty sobering experience."

And talking about it is sobering indeed, Alliman said. Inspirational maybe. Therapeutic — definitely.

"It wasn't always that way," Alliman said. "I still get choked up, depending upon the audience, especially if my wife is there."

"I never wanted all of this Somalia stuff to be a defining part of my life, and now it is," said Alliman, who now uses his story to reach others with his battlefield — and personal — lessons. "I've been able to reach a lot of people with this story, and I get to tell it to every warrant officer that comes through here. They need to know they're training as aviators for war, and not as airline pilots."

"He's a prime example of someone who can paint the big picture and draw it down to the individual that never thought he'd be in that position, but he was," said Chief Warrant Felix Rodriguez, Aviation Department, Directorate of Operations and Training.

"The event was a life changer, and miracles do happen," said Alliman, who was back on flight status within five months, despite third degree burns on 33 percent of his body. "But the biggest lesson learned was a better appreciation for my family and friends. You just can't waste your days."

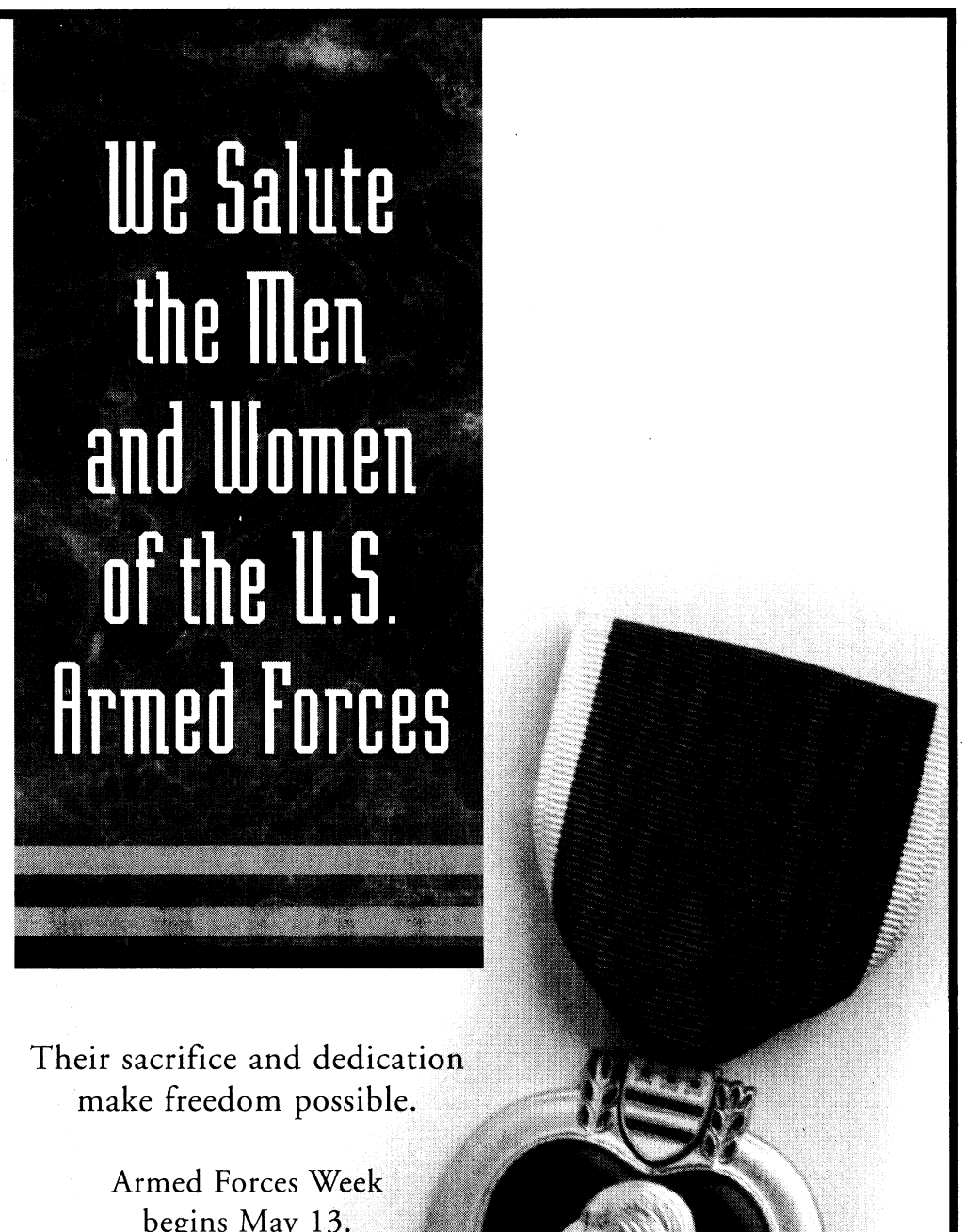


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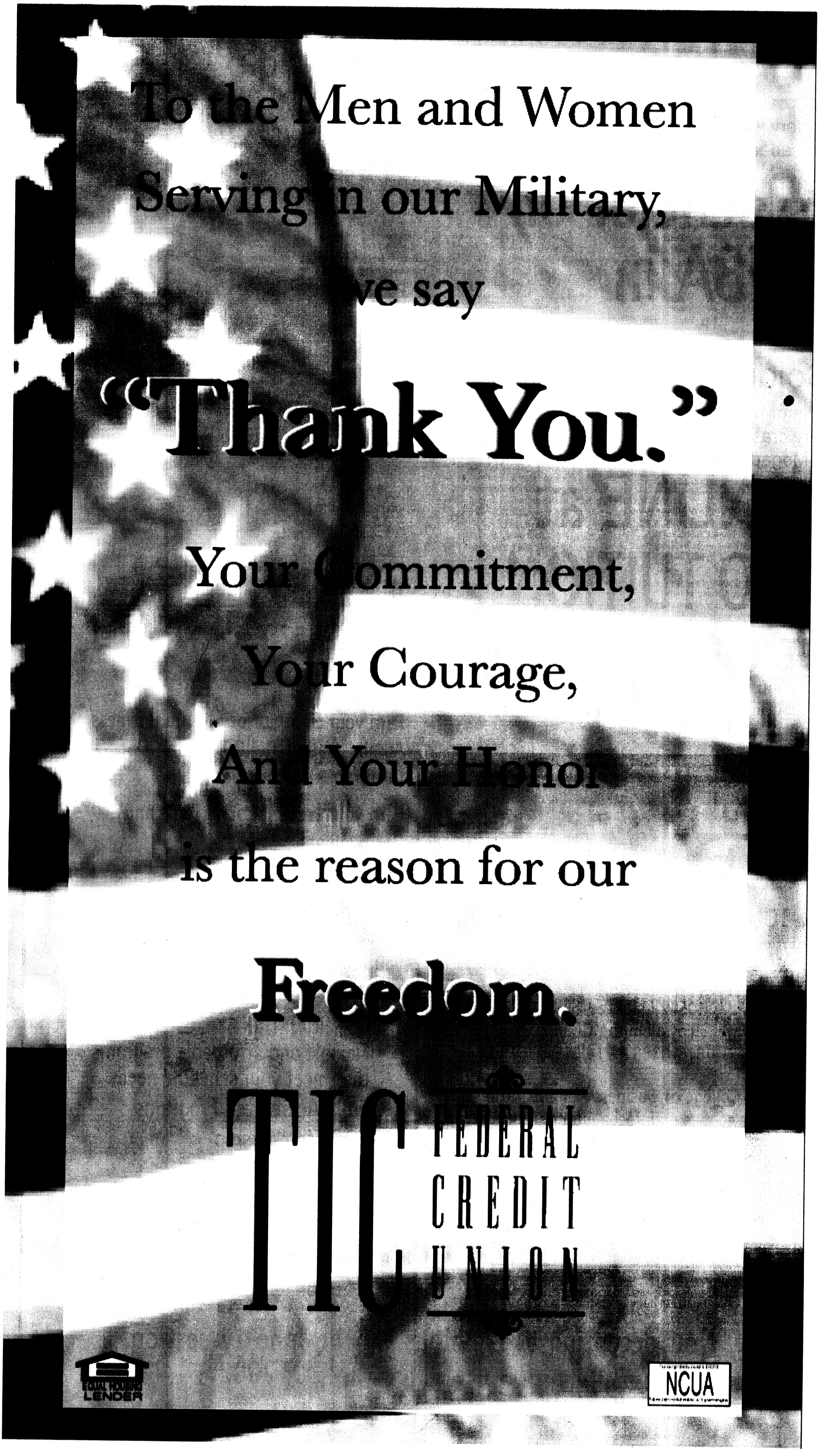


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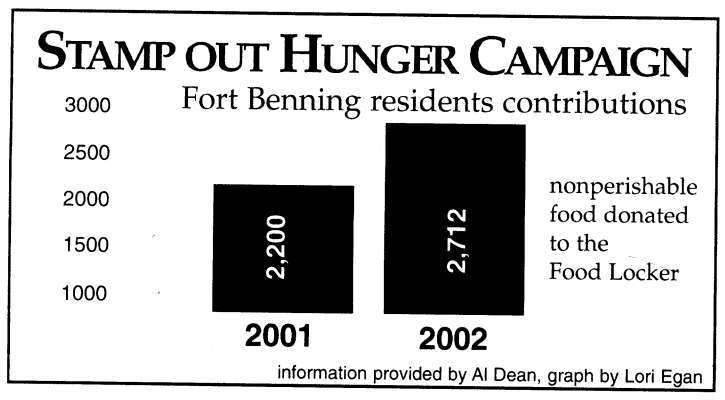
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Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents is a 100-page handbook describing benefits provided by the VA and an overview of programs and services for veterans provided by other federal agencies.

VA officials estimate most of America's 25 million veterans qualify for at least some VA benefits, but many are unaware of their entitlements. This handbook includes a listing of toll-free numbers, World Wide Web information resources, and VA facilities.

Most veterans are eligible for healthcare and burial benefits. Many are also eligible for home loan guarantees, educational assistance, vocational rehabilitation, life insurance, and compensation for service-connected disabilities.

This guide explains how to access many of these benefits online. For instance, it provides a Web address and instructions for enrolling via the Internet into the VA healthcare system. The book describes in detail the priority for care and services available. Separate sections describe specialized services available to Gulf War veterans and those exposed to Agent Orange or radiation.

The Montgomery GI Bill and other education benefits are explained in depth. Burial benefits and employment service are also covered, as are rate charts for the various forms of compensation VA provides.

The book can be purchased through the Government Printing Office for $5 for U.S.-based customers and $6.25 for those overseas by calling toll-free (866) 512-1800. By providing it online at www.va.gov/opa/feature/, the VA hopes to make the information available to more veterans.

Post to celebrate Memorial Day

Fort Benning to honor fallen soldiers

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

As Memorial Day draws near, Americans everywhere will look for avenues to honor the thousands of men and women who have given their lives for freedom.

And Fort Benning residents won't have far to go to pay tribute to fallen soldiers.

The post and surrounding community have planned several events that are open and free to the public.

"People come from all over the country to see what we have to offer here," said Frank Hanner, director of the Fort Benning Infantry Museum. "Our community does a great job at paying respect to our fallen comrades."

Residents flock to the Infantry Museum every Memorial Day to view the exhibits of past and this year, present battles.

"We will have a special exhibit this Memorial Day," Hanner said. "The exhibit will honor the rangers who were killed in the helicopter crash during Operation Enduring Freedom last October."

The Enduring Freedom Exhibit, along with other tributes from past wars will be open at the Infantry Museum from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Memorial Day.

There are also several monuments located outside across from the museum that residents can view.

The monuments reflect on the War Dog, World War II, and the Leopoldville, a ship that went down in 1944, Hanner said.

There will also be a Memorial Day ceremony at 9 a.m. May 27 at the Main Post Cemetery. Along with patriotic music, a wreath will be placed on the grave of the unknown soldier.

For those people who wish to venture off post, a special memorial service honoring Vietnam veterans will be at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park on Buena Vista Road in Columbus.

"There are 119 deceased veterans being honored with their name on the wall at the park," said Lonnie Jackson, co-founder of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park. "A flag is flown for each name listed on the wall."

But many of the memorial flags are worn and damaged.

"The replacement size is a 3-by-5 nylon flag," Jackson said. "We have ordered the flags from Lowe's Department Store, and we are asking residents to buy one and bring it to the ceremony. It's a small donation, but the result will be a wonderful tribute to our vets."

The ceremony will start at 10:30 a.m Saturday. Food will be served.

For more information and directions to the ceremony, call Jackson at 653-5357.

Concert field to open on Sand Hill

Post to model programs, events after Jackson's

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Construction is underway on an entertainment park for basic training soldiers.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation decided Weatherby Field is an appropriate area to aid in their efforts to increase morale for Sand Hill soldiers.

The park will feature local and regional bands for soldiers who are not in the total control phase of basic training, said Brian Smith, marketing director for the Directorate of Community Activities.

"We're modeling the idea after Fort Jackson," said James Shoemaker, program manager for the concert project. "They have had great success with their concert program to improve morale."

In 1994, Fort Benning had a similar program with concerts at Doughboy Stadium, but the cost, logistical problems and traffic congestion on post hindered the efforts of the program, Smith said. Later, MWR worked on a solution to meet the needs of soldiers and to further increase the efforts to fulfill public interests. The current location serves this purpose.

There are many reasons why MWR picked Weatherby Field as a reasonable location, Smith said.

The first reason is good access for large events, which won't congest Fort Benning. It also addresses the needs of Sand Hill soldiers.

"We needed to bring the entertainment to the soldiers," Shoemaker said. "The farthest battalion is 1.8 miles away from the field, so it's within walking distance for all the soldiers."

The first concert for the soldiers will be mid-June.

However, the basic training soldiers aren't the only ones who will enjoy the entertainment of Weatherby Field.

MWR is toying with the idea of having an Oktoberfest at the field in the fall, Smith said.

"Right now, the activities are just for basic training soldiers, but there is a tentative plan for a post event in the fall," Smith said.

By next summer, it is possible the whole post will be able to attend certain events, such as the All-Army Concert Series.

"We're really excited about it," Smith said. "It really opens up a lot of options."

Producing such a dynamic concert field took a tremendous amount of planning and problem solving, but it is all worth it for the soldiers, he said.

"There is a lot of work involved, but this is the part of our job we enjoy, anything to help our soldiers," Smith said.

An electrical system is being installed on the field that could power more than 13 homes, Shoemaker said. The power will allow for the area to be well lit and will give the performers ample power to produce quality entertainment for the soldiers, Shoemaker said.

AROUND POST

Graduation

E Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 9 a.m. today on Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

For more information, call 544-8426.

6th Ranger Bn. Open House

The 6th Ranger Training Battalion will be hosting an Open House at Camp James Rudder 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Adults and children are welcome for this free event.

Demonstrations throughout the day include rappelling, hand-to hand fighting, ambush techniques, freefall parachute jump, weapons and equipment display, dive team display and the famous reptile class. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase.

From Fort Benning, take HWY 85 south from I-10. Turn right off of HWY 85 onto Lewis Turner Parkway (HWY 189). Follow the signs off Lewis Turner Pkwy to the Camp.

Change of Command

The Henry Caro NCO Academy will be having a change of command ceremony at 10 a.m. May 30 in Marshall Auditorium at Infantry Hall.

Command Sgt. Maj. Charles L. Raper will take the place of Command Sgt. Maj. George R. Monk as the school's commandant.

The ceremony will be followed by a reception to honor Raper, please RSVP by May 23 at 545-2233.

Asian Pacific Heritage Luau

The Fourth annual Asian-Pacific Luau is 4 to 10 p.m. May 31 at the new Activity Center, Uchee Creek Campground & Marina. Admission and parking are free for the event.

The luau features authentic Polynesian entertainment, martial arts demonstrations, live entertainment featuring Mindblender and party barge rides on the Chattahoochee River will all be provided free of charge. There will also be a Kids' Korner featuring rides and games including a climbing wall, train ride, cotton candy, popcorn, tattoos and more.

Bring a picnic or enjoy an authentic Polynesian meal. Pre-sale meal tickets are now available for $4 at the Officers' Club, Afterhours, Reggie's or through the Equal Opportunity Office. Pre-sale meal tickets will be available until May 30 at noon. Meal tickets may be purchased the day of the event for $5. The event is open to the Fort Benning community and surrounding areas.

For more information, call the Equal Opportunity office at 545-3198.

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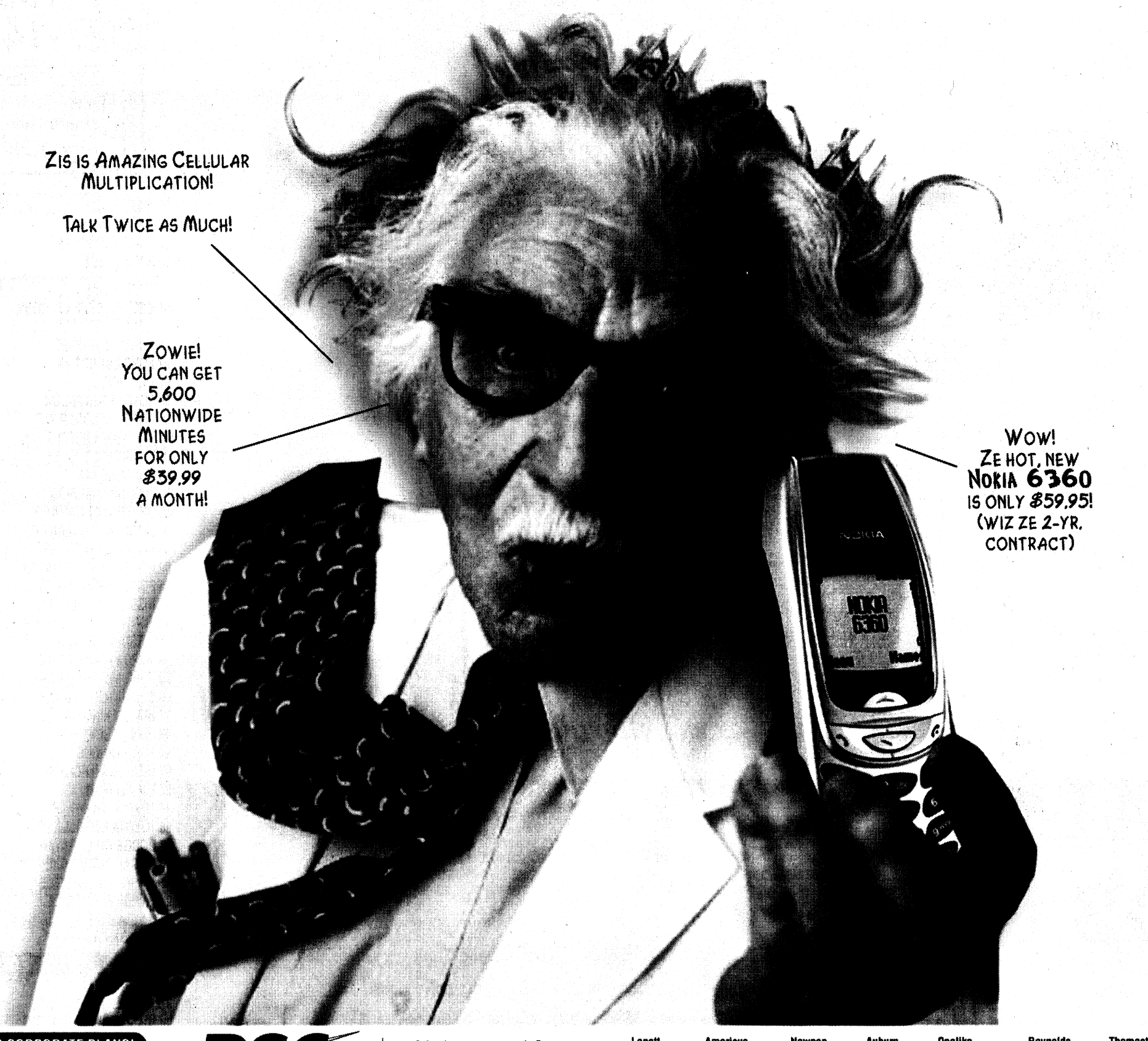
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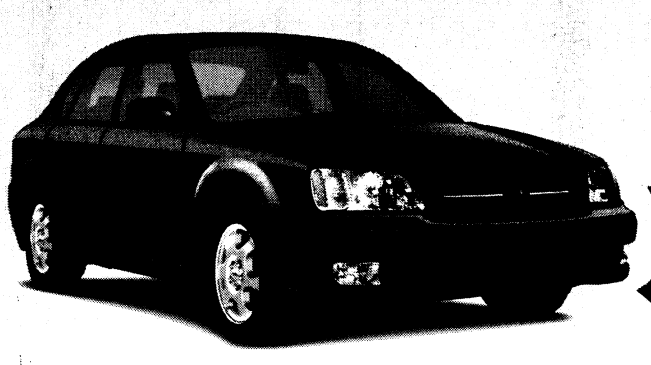


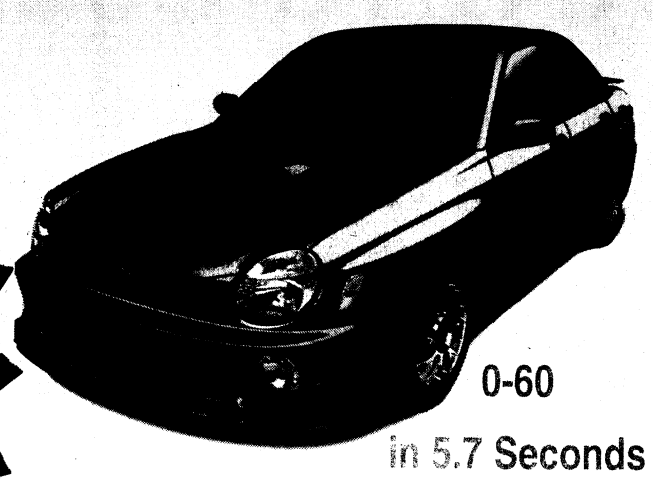
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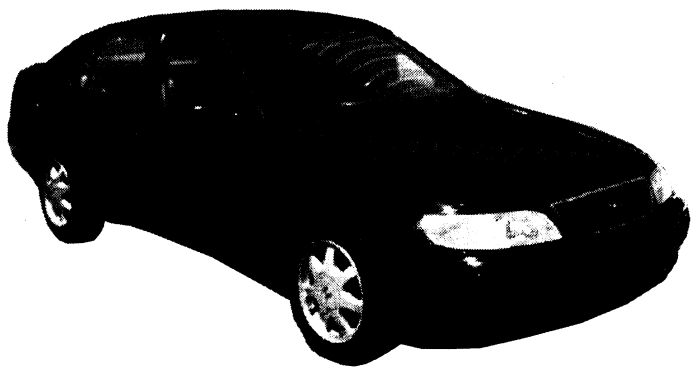
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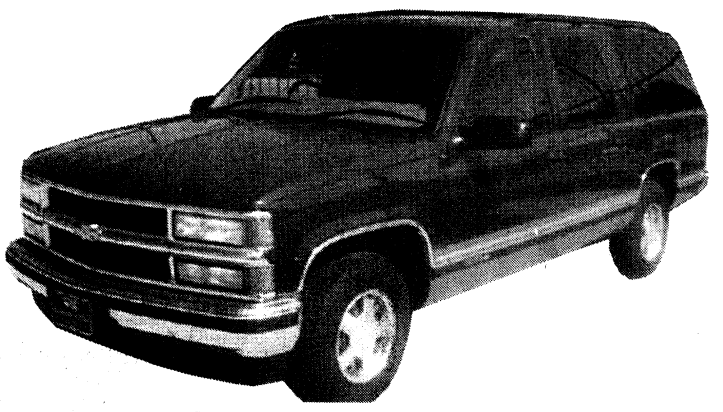
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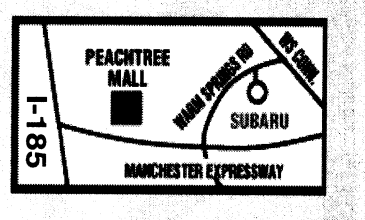
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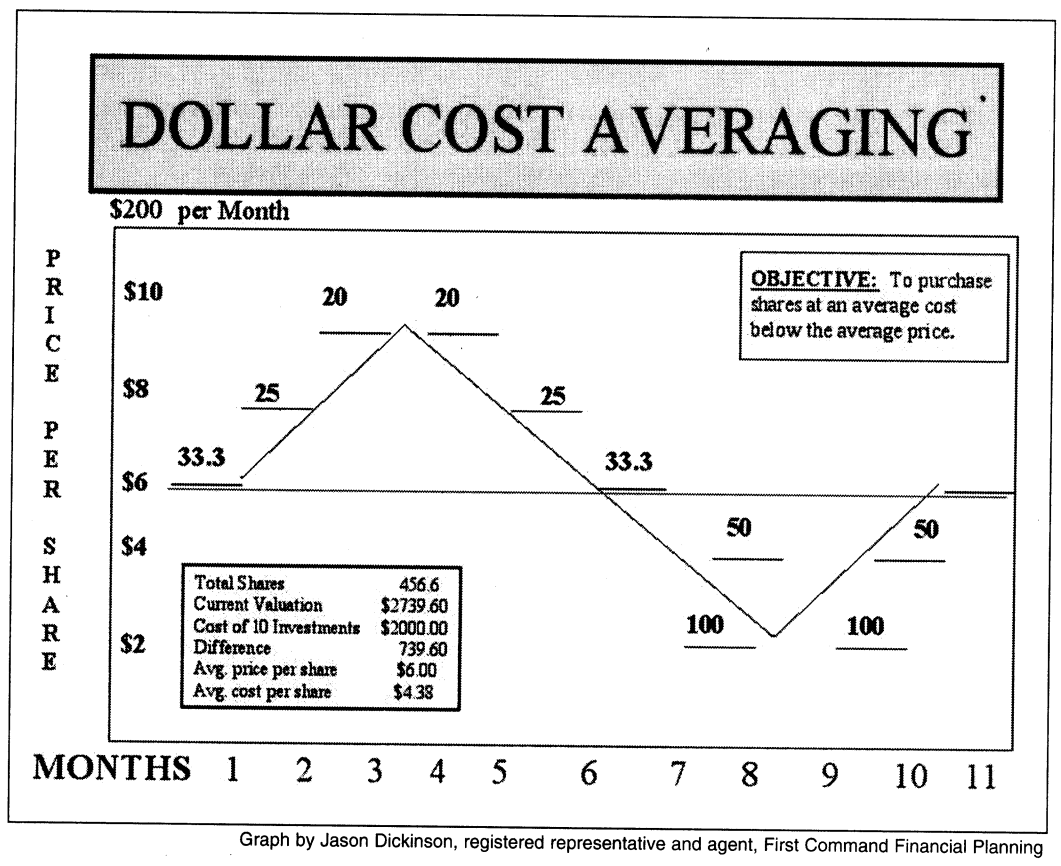
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TSP: Helps soldiers

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The TSP funds are:

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In the past year, the Dow Jones' Industrial Average has declined approximately 6.5 percent. The technology-rich NASDAQ has dropped approximately 21.5 percent for the same period. This shouldn't concern soldiers who invest in the C, I and S equity funds, Pratcher said.

Besides the tax advantages, dollar cost averaging will benefit soldiers at retirement — the very reason they invest in the TSP, she said.

That is, when soldiers sign up for the TSP, they allot a fixed percentage of their pay check every month. When the market is lower, soldiers buy more shares of the mutual funds. When the market is higher, they buy less shares of funds. The result is a lower average cost per share and an increased profit in the long run.

"What happens is the miracle of mathematics," said Jason Dickinson, registered representative and agent, First Command Financial Planning. "It helps an investor beat the market without even trying."

For example, if investors bought $2,000 worth of shares at $6 per share, they would own only 333.33 shares. (See above graph.) If they dollar-cost averaged into the fund, given the hypothetical monthly prices, they would own 456.6 shares. More shares equal more money over time.

There will be classes on the TSP at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359. The two-hour classes are at 9 a.m. May 30, 1:30 p.m. June 21, 6:30 p.m. June 25, and 9 a.m. July 9.

Soldiers can also attend the Financial Counseling Intake at 8:15 a.m. on Mondays in Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call Pratcher at 545-5485.

Dogs: Receive recognition

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soldiers.

Gov. Roy Barnes proclaimed Saturday Working Dog Memorial Day in Georgia, and Stanley Stockdale said it was a great opportunity to educate the public about dog handlers, like Hartsock, who served on the front line daily.

"It's best not to be first or last in battle," said Stockdale, who served with the 47th Scout Dog Platoon in Vietnam. "But war dogs and their handlers were asked to be first over and over again. They were always on the front line."

War dogs have served in many capacities since World War II, Stackdale said, including scouting, tracking, sentry, patrolling, mine and drug detection and homeland security.

Though dog handlers were often unable to carry a weapon during combat, they and their canine companions were considered one of the Army's greatest assets in Vietnam. The Viet Cong issued a special bounty on scout dogs and raised trip wires so dogs would walk under them.

"And they remained steadfast under impossible conditions. They did the job they were trained to do, and all they asked in return was food, water, praise, a pat, a hug, a scratch behind the ear. They gave so much," said Jonathan Wahl, who also served with the 47th.

Mendez said the governor's proclamation and Saturday's ceremony shows efforts to educate the public about war dogs have been successful.

More and more handlers are "coming out of the woodwork," he said, and educating a generation that's had little exposure to canine combatants.

Even the Hasbro toy company has joined the war dog effort. It recently honored dog teams by introducing a dog handler to its G.I. Joe series.

That's how Caleb Ardoin first learned about war dogs. The 11-year-old from Lake Charles, La., spotted the G.I. Joe in a toy store and decided to base his fifth-grade social studies project on war dogs.

The project placed fourth in a Louisiana state competition and garnered Ardoin an invitation to the ceremony at Fort Benning from members of the the Vietnam Dog Handlers Association, whom he met online during his research.

"I've learned a lot and heard a lot of great stories. And I've made a lot of friends," said Ardoin, who's planning a career in the Army.

Mendez said he hopes to see more pedestals added to the memorial to honor U.S. Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Navy Sentry and Security dogs, the U.S. Army Vietnam Veterinarian Corps, KIA handlers and dogs and war dog teams from Panama, Libya, Bolivia, Peru, Colombia and the Philippines.

Individuals or organizations interested in contributing to the War Dog Pedestal Fund should send a check to the Columbus Monument Company for the "War Dog Memorial," care of Jesse Mendez, 1205 Bismark Dr., Columbus GA, 31907-4013.

Soldier: Continues tradition

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life to the United States Army."

For Pvt. Gritz, serving his country was not always a priority. He spent his 20s surfing in California and said basic training was a distant thought. It wasn't until Sept. 11 that Gritz said he wanted to be part of his family's commitment to the Army.

"I was sitting on my mother's couch looking at the atlas and pointing out Afghanistan," Gritz said. "I wanted to go there. I knew right then I would be joining the Army, and my life would never be the same."

Six months later, Gritz marched down Kanell Field for graduation. At 33, he's just two years short of the basic training age limit of 35.

"You'd be surprised how many men in my platoon were enlisting in their late 20s and early 30s," Pvt. Gritz said. "At least half of us are joining the Army purely to fight terrorism, not to get college money."

As Col. Gritz watched his nephew salute the flag for the first time as a graduate, he recalled the day back in 1967 when his own unit was waiting to be deployed.

"If I could give my nephew any advice, it would be to fight hard," Col. Gritz said. "When I was in Vietnam, we didn't have the love and the respect from the public that these soldiers have. It touches my heart that America supports our soldiers."

The Gritz family knows firsthand the risk their nephew is taking by joining the military at this unsettling time. One of their own family members, Marine 1st Lt. Toby Gritz died during Vietnam.

"Toby was our hero," said Capt. Rock Mackenzie, Gritz's uncle. "He gave up his young life while serving his country.

"Jeff has seen that sacrifice," Capt. Mackenzie said. "The only reason we, as former soldiers, are standing here today is by the grace of God. And the grace of God is what will keep Jeff safe."

Coalition: Wreaks havoc

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not able to plan or organize or do very much."

In addition, he said, Afghanistan has been made more hospitable for a better government to take root.

More work needs to be accomplished, Wolfowitz said, noting that pockets of hard-core Taliban and al Qaeda remain in the region. He emphasized that U.S. government officials are working to ensure that America doesn't end up leaving only to have the Taliban regain power in Afghanistan.

Assisting the Afghans in establishing a democratic government "is a big challenge," Wolfowitz said. The "pretty wild" country has never had a strong, centralized government, he said.

Methods used to establish and maintain peace and stability in Bosnia or Kosovo, he added, most likely wouldn't work in Afghanistan.

Although he thinks U.S. forces will be in Afghanistan "for a while," Wolfowitz is heartened by the progress made so far.

"I think we've accomplished a lot already," he said.

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Sgt. Adam Berg, pathfinder student, Massachusetts National Guard, requests a medical evacuation and signals an OK with a VS-17 panel.



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Staff Sgt. Lee Nelson checks his control center on the sites map.

Field exercise tests pathfinders

Field problem challenges students

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

At 5:15 a.m. Tuesday morning, soldiers sit in a small room as the news comes in, terrorists have taken control of "Pavilion" and the pathfinder students of Class 08-02 need to return its president to power. With that begins mission one of six, for the pathfinder field training exercise. The students' mission is to conduct an air assault on Pavilion.

During exercises like these students use the tactical knowledge gained from the classroom to solve the field problem, said Sgt. Adam Berg, pathfinder student, Massachusetts National Guard.

The pathfinder students had three hours to set up and execute a parachute entry onto the Arkman Drop Zone to begin their hands-on ground operations.

When the students hit the ground, they had to assess the area and setup a ground mark release system.

The system allows aircraft to make a drop using ground markers to communicate to the pilot where the drop zone will be. The students also simulated radioing in medical evacuation for an injured soldier.

In these operations, teamwork plays a big part, especially with a grade on the line.

"Overall, we have a really good group," said 1st Lt. Robert Murphy, 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C. "Any school like this it's essential to work well together."

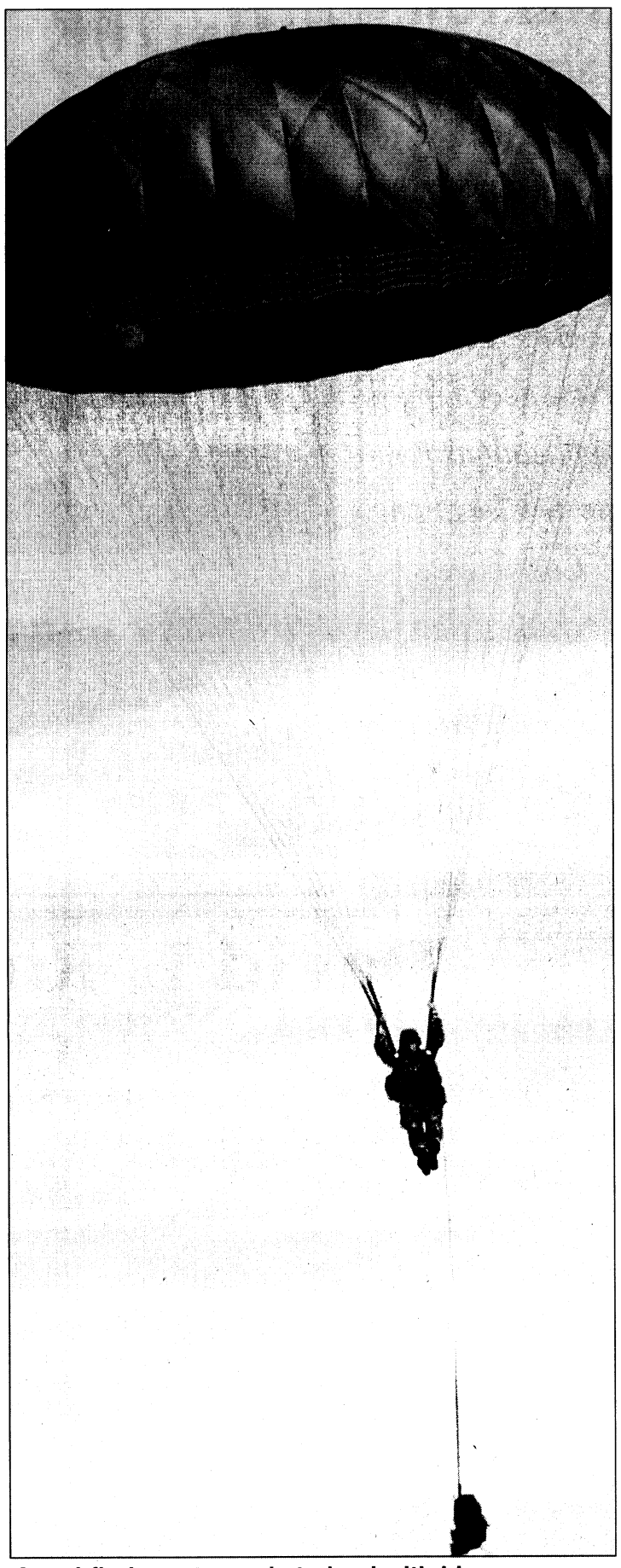
The experience the students receive from executing the mission helps some people who learn better by doing something firsthand," said Staff Sgt. Wade Breaud, pathfinder instructor.

Pathfinders are very important to the Army, said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Harris, pathfinder school section sergeant. "Without pathfinders, insertions and extractions would be impossible, because you need the subject matter expert on the ground for those operations. Having a Pathfinder in the unit is a great asset for the ground-unit commanders."

"It's a great class," Berg said. "It's great to see the whole concept, the instructors show you in class then so it's a real crawl-walk-run program." During the duration of the exercise the students set up verbal initiated release systems, computed air release points and helicopter landing sites.

The students were not the only ones learning during the exercise. Eight soldiers from the 101st Air Assault School, Fort Campbell, Ky., shadowed the pathfinder instructors to start up their own pilot program.

"We learn firsthand how to instruct with the guidance of the experienced instructors," said Sgt. 1st Class Fredrick Arrington, pilot program NCOIC. "Looking at it from the instructor side of the class, things make more sense than when you were going through the class.



A pathfinder gets ready to land with his gear.



Nearly 30 jumpers descended on Arkman Drop Zone.



Two soldiers prepare to land on the Arkman Drop Zone.

Captains to be promoted at 38 months

Accelerated pin-on to end shortage

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

The Army will promote officers earlier to the grade of captain, beginning in October.

The accelerated pin-on of bars should help alleviate a shortage of 1,900 captains, according to Army personnel officials. They said many lieutenants are now filling captain jobs. The Army also has 2,200 more lieutenants than it is authorized and the early promotions will help level that out, officials said.

The early promotions will help align the company-grade "inventory" with available positions, said Maj. John Thurman, an operations research analyst in the Directorate of Military Personnel Policy, G1.

The new policy will take effect in October with a gradual implementation, Thurman said. Officers promoted to captain in November will have 40 months of service, instead of the current 42 months. Those promoted in December will have 39 months. A new captain's board is scheduled to meet in November. Those promoted in the spring will have 39-40 months of service, Thurman said, and by June the new policy should be fully implemented with all promotions at 38 months.

The Fiscal Year 2002 Defense Authorization Act authorized the Army to promote officers to captain after just 36 months of service, but Army leaders determined that 38 months would help solve the shortage and still allow lieutenants developmental time as platoon leaders.

"It will require management at the battalion-commander level to make sure lieutenants get trained," one officer said.

Before 2000, captains were not promoted until they had 48 months of service, except during wartime, officials said. During the Vietnam War, some of today's generals were promoted to captain with just two years of service.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki was promoted to captain in 1967 after 29 months of service. Many officers in Vietnam were promoted to captain after 24 months of service — including Gen. Montgomery Meigs, now head of U.S. Army Europe; Gen. John N. Abrams at Training and Doctrine Command; and Gen. Thomas A. Schwartz, commander of U.S. Forces Korea.

The congressional authorization for early promotions to captain has a sunset clause and expires Oct. 1, 2005. At that time, Thurman said leaders will need to reassess whether early promotions to captain would still be beneficial.

The accelerated promotions may substantially bring down the shortage of captains by that time, Thurman said, but added that it won't be a fast fix.

"Our deficit was a decade in the making," Thurman said, explaining that it will take some time to reverse it.

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> **Maj. John Thurman**
> operations research analyst,
> Directorate of Military Personnel Policy

The captain shortage was caused by an under-accession of lieutenants in the early 1990s, Thurman said. Then it was compounded by attrition during the booming economy of the late 1990s, he said, when job offers were plentiful from the private sector.

Thurman said there was never any intent for the new policy to have an affect on retention of captains.

"We don't think this policy will have any affect on an officer's decision to stay or leave," Thurman said. "Getting promoted to captain four months early is not going to change your world."

Army personnel officials said that captain attrition rates have "stabilized, at or about normal levels." Last year, about 60 fewer captains left active duty than in fiscal 2000.

Development program goes through HOTEX

Students learn about soldiers jobs

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Tomorrow's leaders met today's Army in a Hands-On Tactical Exercise May 10 with the 29th Infantry Regiment.

Participants in the Department of Defense Executive Leadership Development Program visited Fort Benning last week to get a close look at the Army's weapons and war-fighting systems.

Demonstrations included riding in a Bradley tank, a check fire demo, displays on antitank and Bradley systems, which included the Javelin and the M2A3, and small arms and sight systems.

"We wanted them to see the weapon systems we use on a day-to-day basis," said Maj. Gary Linhart, executive officer, 29th Infantry Regiment.

The ELDP provides training and education to a select group of upwardly mobile DoD civilian employees and soldiers. In order to give participants a greater overview of America's warfighters, the 10-month program provides field experience at military installations around the world, said Tom Koslawski, ELDP director.

"It gives them a hands-on experience instead of sitting in a classroom and learning about the soldiers' jobs.

"We want them to get tired, dirty and sweaty."

During the program, the group goes through various types of training in all four of the services.

They deploy to a lot of stations to learn the various types of training through which the military goes.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Sgt. Pierre Williams takes Susan Sherrell on a ride in the Bradley tank during the May 10 HOTEX program.

"The group is deployed around the country and around the world seven to nine days a month," Koslawski said.

The group is also briefed on intelligence operations, and defense and international news.

"About 75 percent of the group has no military experience," Koslawski said. "This gives them a better understanding of the soldiers' needs."

For more information on the program, go to the ELDP Web site at www.cpms.osd.mil/eldp, or contact the DoD ELDP office at (703) 696-9613.

Soldiers compete in combatives tournament

Soldiers fight to be called 'the best'

1st Lt. Stacy A. Picard and 1st Lt. Alexander Vindman
11th Infantry Regiment

More than 100 competitors from 13 units met May 1 for the Fort Benning Combatives Tournament.

"The purpose of the tournament is to encourage good training through friendly competition," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Larsen, a master combatives trainer with 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. "The defining characteristic of a warrior is the willingness to close with the enemy. Combatives training allows participants to practice this idea. It's an ideal way to train two opponents each working their hardest to win the match."

The program has grown immensely during the past nine months, said Maj. Michael Dugan, operations officer, 11th Inf. Regt. And the regiment plans to have a tournament every three months to continue the rapid growth and expansion of participants in the combatives program.

"Those who participated had a chance to actually work the stuff they've been learning in class and see that it works. It's a fun event and it's a great program. We want to share it with more people," Dugan said.

The regiment holds combatives tournaments to correspond with the schedules of the Infantry Captain's Career Course and Infantry Officer's Basic Course.

It has become a crucial part of training and provided the opportunity to train one another on ground fighting tactics, while preparing them for future endeavors, said Capt. Chris Barkocy, Co. B, 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt.

As participants in the tournament, Officer Candidates John Spencer and Richard Eaton, 3rd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., each placed first in their weight classes.

"The tournament was a healthy competition," Spencer said. "It helped our class as a whole see how combatives works outside of the step-by-step training we receive. It proves that our training paid off."

"I wanted to show my support for (the battalion)," Eaton said. "It's a great program and the instructors helped us learn a lot. The tournament gave us experience so we'll know what to expect for next time. Hopefully, those who are hesitant or afraid to compete will next time."

This double-elimination tournament placed as much emphasis on the individual effort as it did on the team effort.

Combatants competed by weight classes, which were broken up into clusters of eight competitors.

Winners earned more points than their opponents, based on the different tactics and gaining a dominant body position.

They guaranteed victory when they forced their opponent to submit.

"It's important to build the warrior ethos in all soldiers. Combatives training does this while safely building the competitive edge and fighting spirit in soldiers," Barkocy said.

The Infantry Officer Basic Course, 2nd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., team placed first in this tournament. Participants from the 75th Ranger Regiment placed second, followed by B Co., 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. A team trophy was awarded to the team with the most points at the conclusion of the tournament, which lasted approximately 4 hours.

"I have seen several different formats for the showcasing of the Army combatives program, but Fort Benning's combatives program seems to be the most professionally run and best organized," said 1st Lt. Alexander Vindman, Tactical Officer, 3rd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt.

"As the coach and member of the (battalion) team, I am excited to see that the command has chosen to actively support such events and direct more focus toward combatives training in general."

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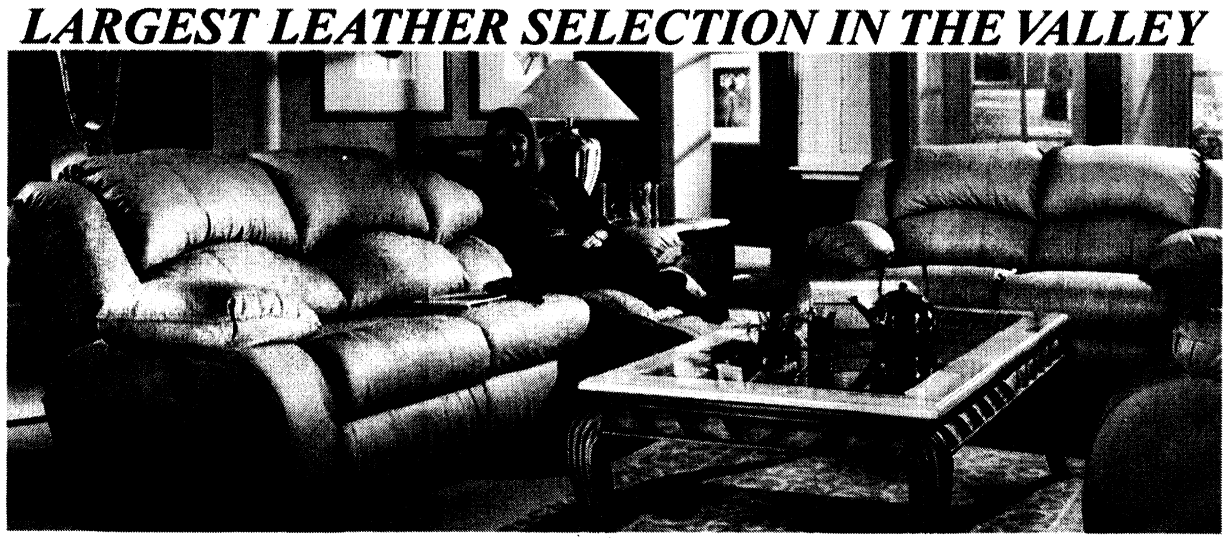
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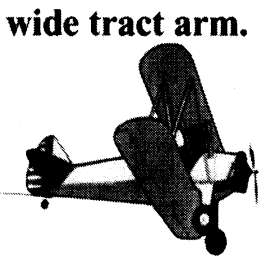


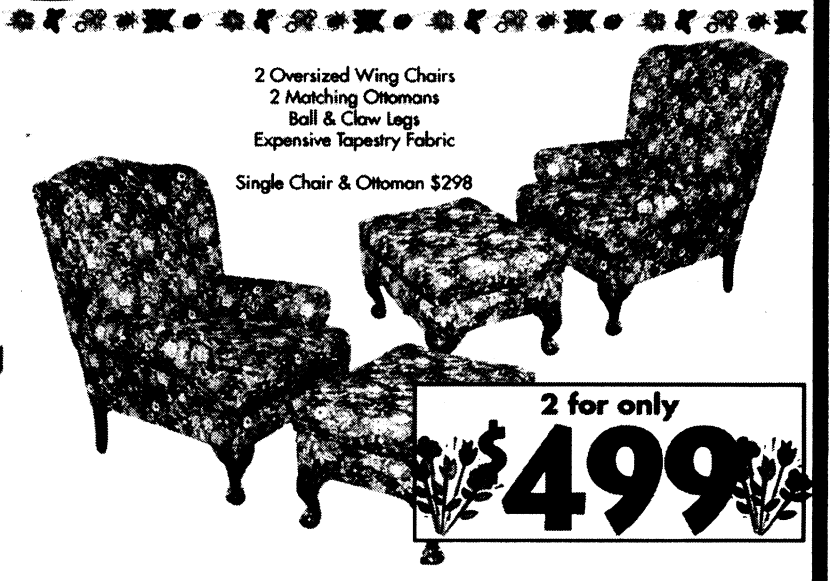
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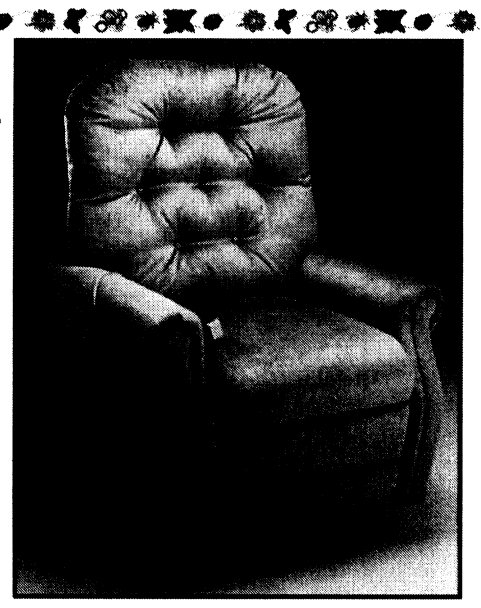
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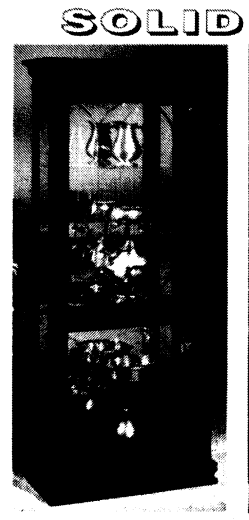




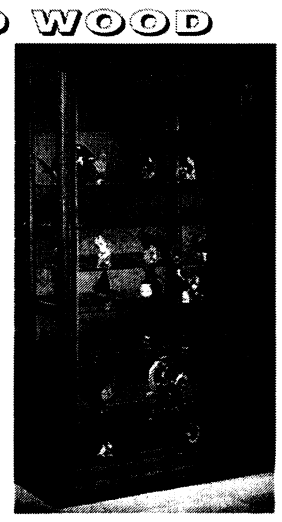
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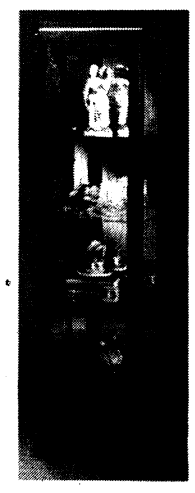
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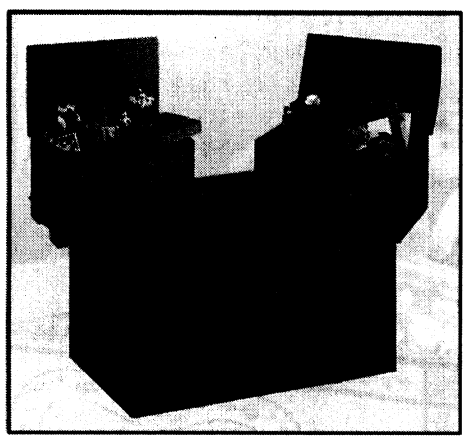
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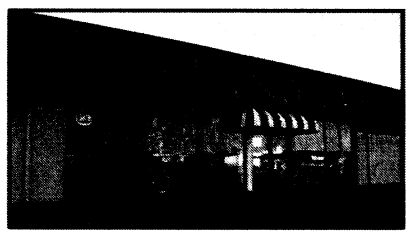


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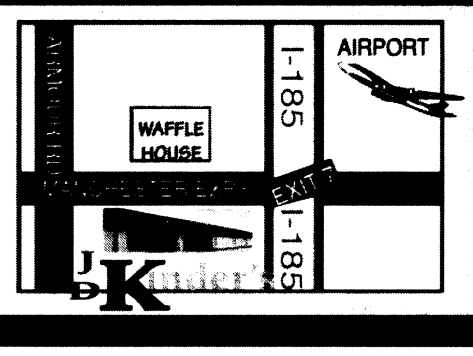


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Memories of taunting still haunting

Bridgett Siter
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Most of my memories of high school are wonderful. I had a great time.

Unfortunately, that's not the case for many students, and I'm well aware that some of my classmates don't share my enthusiasm for revisiting those days.

In fact, one of my few bad memories involves a young lady whose recollections of high school must surely be painful. I don't even know her name, don't remember if I even knew it then. It was a very big school.

She was a rather plump, plain girl with stringy brown hair. She was also a special ed student, and therefore the butt of many jokes, though I'd like to think she wasn't always aware of it.

At our senior dance, one of the coolest guys in school asked her to dance. I still cringe at the memory.

She was so excited.

He was so cruel.

She was all smiles.

He was taunting her behind her back, while other dancers stepped back to watch and point and laugh.

I'm ashamed to say no one tried to stop it. I looked away, embarrassed for the girl, sorry I'd ever considered him a friend.

Kids can be so cruel.

So I was terrified the day my son's teacher suggested he might have a learning disability. Perhaps we should consider special ed?

My world went still. I could feel the blood drain from my head.

No.

That's all I said. No.

No, my son won't be in special ed. No, no one will ever point and snicker and whisper behind his back. No, he won't wear that label. No, no, no.

To make a long story short, it never came to that. Jake took a battery of tests to determine what was retarding his ability to read. He was diagnosed with a visual perception deficiency, which is a technical way of saying his eyes see one thing, his brain interprets it differently.

I tell people, 'It's like dyslexia, but it's not.' That's a definition most people are comfortable with.

Along the way we also discovered Jake has an exceptional IQ. The psychologist explained it to him this way — "Jacob, your IQ is two points less than Einstein, and guess what? Einstein had a reading disability just like you. You're going to do great things with your life."

God bless that woman.

My little boy went from being stressed and depressed — "I'm so dumb," he'd say — to a confident little learner who tutored his second-grade classmates in math and science.

We decided early on that Jake would not use his disability as an excuse to fail.

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What's so special about Ed?

Bridgett Siter
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Due to the sensitive nature of this material, the soldier's name has been changed.

Edward was a struggling fourth-grader reading at a second-grade level the year his parents divorced. Angry and frustrated, Edward rebelled, became belligerent in class, and his grades plummeted.

"I was a wild child. They didn't know what to do with me," he said. "I was kicked out of two different schools. Finally they put me in a special education class."

There he languished for seven years, unchallenged and unmotivated — "held to a lower standard," he said.

"I didn't have to take a foreign language, didn't have to take certain standardized tests. I was bored, and I didn't think I belonged there. I basically just fell through the cracks."

As he got older, other students began to ostracize him and his special ed classmates, Edward said.

"Especially in junior high. That's when they got cruel. I remember there was this one girl I liked who wouldn't talk to me. You couldn't be one of the 'in crowd' in special ed."

But Edward excelled as an athlete, and his success on the field boosted his confidence. Though he occasionally used drugs during high school, he believes his athletic prowess kept him from dropping out of school and "getting into the drug scene big time."

"Sports were the great equalizer," he said. "I was always the first to be picked for anything. I was lucky. Most of the special ed kids didn't have that advantage."

Edward was "mainstreamed" into a regular classroom his senior year and graduated in 1992. After a year of real-world experience — washing dishes to pay bills and rent, he decided to go give college a try.

"I still loved sports, and my PE teachers always looked like they were having fun. So I sold my car to pay for school," said Edward, who graduated from the University of North Colorado with a 3.4 GPA and a degree in physical education.

Edward taught high school PE and subbed in various academic classrooms, including a seventh-grade English class where he met a young student who reminded him of himself.

"Her name was Alyssa, and she was very bright. But English was her second language, so she couldn't read very well. They put her in a special education class," he said.

> "I know I'm a stronger person for what I went through. But when I was a kid, life didn't make much sense."
>
> **Edward**
> Former special education student

Day after day, Alyssa refused to read with her classmates, despite Edward's encouragement. Finally he decided to share his own experience with his students.

"I told the whole class when I was their age I was reading at a second-grade level. That got their attention. They needed to understand that some kids have a harder time than others, and she needed to see that she wasn't doomed to fail," he said.

Alyssa still struggled, but she seemed more confident. She opened up more," he said. "I don't know where she's at now, but I always hoped I gave her something to help."

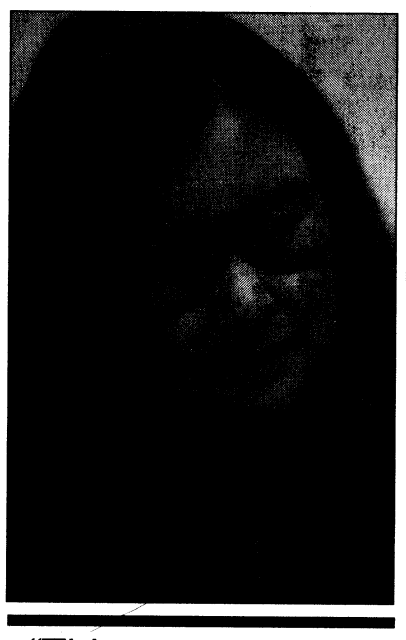
Edward believes his experience in special education made him a better teacher, more sensitive to the needs of his students and more aware of intolerance and bigotry.

"Labels are stigmas. They divide people. Phys ed is all about teamwork and camaraderie," he said. "So I used my experience to encourage understanding and respect through sports and physical activities. If there was a problem, we stopped everything and sat down together to talk about it."

Edward joined the Army last year "to pay off student loans in three years instead of 10." He's now stationed at Fort Benning and planning to pursue a master's degree in sports marketing.

But wherever he goes, whatever he does with his life, Edward said he'll always speak candidly about his experience as a special education student, struggling to find his identity in the face of apathy and ostracism.

"I know I'm a stronger person for what I went through," he said. "But when I was a kid, life didn't make much sense. I thought I was at a dead end, but I didn't give up. And I rejected their labels. That made all the difference."



Round table: Educators dispel misconceptions about special education

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The right to a free and public education for *all* children is still a relatively young concept. The federal government didn't guarantee education to mentally, physically and learning disabled children until 1975.

Though many school systems already had special education programs in place, the new law heralded an influx of students previously unschooled or schooled in private institutions.

School systems around the country struggled to meet the demands of the increased work load. With limited resources, many if not most, special ed programs consisted of self-contained classrooms where special needs children were assigned without regard to the severity, degree or nature of the disability.

Students with mild reading disabilities shared a classroom with severely handicapped students who required more individual, physical assistance.

Students with mild disabilities who might have flourished with temporary or minimum one-on-one assistance often fell through the cracks, languishing in a classroom unchallenged as teachers struggled to accommodate all their students' needs.

"Special ed" became synonymous with mental retardation and other terms considered insensitive and politically incorrect in today's progressive school systems. A stigma was born.

Fort Benning Schools director of student services said post schools have been working hard for many years to dispel stereotypes about disabled children.

"The truth is all children come with special needs, whether its a physical disability or adjustment problems because they move to a new school. That's the nature of a school system on a military institution," said Tommye Woods.

"But it's also in our nature — it's kind of an institutional expectation — that whether or not that child has a label, we'll meet them where they are and take them as far as they'll go."

> "This generation is proof that things are changing. We don't see the stigma, the cruelty children with disabilities once faced."
>
> **Sheree McNabb**
> Resource teacher

To that end, Fort Benning schools developed a program that integrates children with disabilities into regular ed classrooms. They leave their classmates periodically to attend resource classrooms where they receive the individualized assistance they require, be it speech therapy or tutoring.

Fort Benning Schools serve 319 students with documented disabilities. That's 10 percent of the student population of 3,060, which mirrors the national average.

Those with more profound disabilities who need constant one-on-one assistance and require basic life skills training are taught in a self-contained classroom. Preschoolers attend Stowers Elementary and first- through fifth-graders attend Loyd Elementary. Faith Middle School also has a self-contained special education classroom.

I recently met with Loyd Elementary School principal, Angie McPherson, a former special education teacher, Mable Wilson and Jean Anderson, special ed teachers, Sheree McNabb, resource teacher for children with learning disabilities, and Woods, to discuss the nature and philosophy of Fort Benning's special education programs.

Could you explain the difference between a self-contained special education classroom and resource classrooms?

McNabb: *"All students who can be served in a regular ed classroom will be. Self-contained classrooms are for those who need help with basic skills, like tying their shoes, brushing their teeth, how to cross the street safely. They may have an emotional or physical disability."*

See **EDUCATORS**, B-3

Children see snipers up close

Snipers, K-9 unit make Wilson's field day successful

Angela Sachitano
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Now you see him, now you don't. Wilson Elementary School students were wide-eyed and open-mouthed May 10, as the Fort Benning Sniper Unit demonstrated how easily a soldier can disguise himself.

"At night, you think they are a bush," said Samuel Newman, a fourth-grader at Wilson Elementary. "They're camouflaged and no one can see them."

"They looked like monsters," said fourth-grader Brandon Jones.

Ghillies, weapons, the whole works.

The snipers gave the children a full lesson on Sniper School at Wilson Elementary's annual field day.

"We teamed up with the snipers to teach kids a little more about the post around them," said Michael Campos, Wilson Elementary Physical Education Teacher.

Campos is in charge of the school's Field Day Celebration and worked with the Partners in Education, Basic Training Brigade, to make sure the event was a success.

Children put down their pencils and closed the books for the entire day.

Instead, they were outside learning about Fort Benning, competing in games, and participating in the annual school parade.

"A lot of the children's parents are deployed right now," Campos said. "This is a great day for the children."

Part of the Sniper presentation allowed children the chance to see the sniper rifles up close and even try on a ghillie suit for themselves.

"It was kind of scary because you couldn't see the people at all," said fourth-grader Brittany Bulock.

Tanks were also a big hit at the event. Children crawled inside and all over them, acting as if they themselves were in combat.

"We got to see the motor of the tanks and sit on the big wheels," Bulock said. "I want to drive one."

Teachers and parents weren't about to let that happen.

"These kids know these machines aren't toys," Campos said. "They all have a good idea of what the military does because they see it firsthand."

Another big surprise for the children came when the Fort Benning K-9 unit showed up with police dogs. At one point, the dogs followed orders from their trainers and viciously attacked the protected arm of an officer.

Some children were startled, but most knew the act was all part of training.

"The trainers work real hard with the dogs, " Jones said. "It was neat to see them attack like that. I guess that's what they would do to the bad guy."

At the end of the day, Wilson Elementary School students admitted they had a day they would never forget.

"This is the best day of the year," Newman said. "My friends and I love our school. I don't ever want to leave here."

Environmental group honors principal

Walking trail one reason for recognition

Angela Sachitano
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McBride Elementary School Principal Del Hicks has always been passionate about the environment.

But it was his ability to convey that passion to his students that has won the principal community recognition.

"What Principal Hicks has done for the students at McBride Elementary surpasses all expectations," said Gloria Weston-Smart, executive director of Keep Columbus Beautiful.

Surpassing expectations is exactly what Smart said the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission looks for when choosing a winner for the Gateways Educator of the Year Award.

This year, the commission picked Hicks from all other nominations from private and public schools in Columbus and Fort Benning.

It is the first time in 10 years that a Fort Benning principal won the award.

"I had no idea my staff had even nominated me," Hicks said. "I am so proud of our school and our teachers. This award is really for all of them."

Keep Columbus Beautiful first noticed Hicks when his vision for an educational nature trail behind the school became a reality.

That was more than two years ago. Now the trail is a weekly spot for classes to explore and learn about the ecosystem around them.

"The kids learn how to identify plants, trees, birds and other mammals," Hicks said. "It's a hands on experience that has really taught them what a beautiful planet we have."

It's something Keep Columbus Beautiful has tried to teach residents for years.

"The amazing thing about the McBride Elementary School trail is that children see up close how fragile our environment is," Smart said. "That's something adults sometimes have a hard time seeing."

Hicks first thought of the idea for the walking trail about four years ago while walking back in the woods behind his school.

"We have so much to offer by being located on Fort Benning, Hicks said. "Many other schools off post don't have access to an untouched environment like we do."

And not too many schools have had the honor of having their own principal recognized by the entire community.

"We had some pretty stiff competition this year," Smart said. "What was impressive is that normally teachers nominate other teachers. The fact that Hicks' staff nominated him is something very special."

Special is exactly how Hicks said he feels. And not just because of the award.

"We have something great here at McBride," Hicks said. "The teachers are to thank for this."

BIRTHS

Boys

Bryson Elijah Coleman — born April 26 to Tamara and Spc. Brian Coleman.

Zachary Lee Hansell — born April 26 to Shannon Buchanan and Spc. Paul Hansell.

Samuel Peter Brewster — born April 27 to Carolyn and Capt. Frank Brewster.

Landan Baine Wilson — born May 1 to Nina and Sgt. Robert Wilson.

Nicholas Robert James Spears— born May 3 to Jennifer and Capt. Thane Spears.

Seth Ethan Burden — born May 4 to Christina and Sgt. Stephen Burden.

Dalton Andres Tenorio — born May 6 to Lisa and Spc. Mario Tenorio.

Juan Darius Corneilus Crawford — born May 7 to Martha and Pfc. Dontray Crawford.

Isaac Joel Storer — born May 8 to Sarah and Spc. Edward Storer.

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Ethan James Zhi-Xing Chen — born May 9 to Phoebe and Capt. Daniel Chen.

Tyler Earl Lawrence — born May 9 to Sgt. Amanda and Earl Lawrence II.

Girls

Kristin Patricia Rojek — born April 28 to Stefani and Capt. Kevin Rojek.

Lakhiya Kiera Na'Kole Franklin — born April 30 to Latasha and Spc. Mark Franklin.

Angel Elise Bennett McGee — born April 30 to Staff Sgt. Thelma McGee.

Abby Susanna Woods — born May 3 to Lisa and Staff Sgt. Marshall Woods Jr.

Mallory Adena Harris — born May 3 to Maxine and Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Harris.

Kiera Alise Bradley — born May 5 to Lakisha and Staff Sgt. Kerry Bradley.

Amber Lee Ostrander — born May 5 to Jamie and Pfc. William Ostrander III.

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Jasmine Nicole Hughley — born May 1 to Crystal and Capt. Adrian Hughley.

Madison Price Wolfe — born May 1 to Nicole and OC Christopher Wolfe.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Spring fling at White Elementary School — White's annual Spring Fling is 4-6:30 p.m. today. Bring the kids for lots of fun and games including the Moonwalk, Dunking Booth, pony rides, Merry-Go-Round, and Kiddie High Striker.

Food and drinks will be available. Rangers will provide a static display, and a fire truck will be on hand as well.

Town Hall meetings rescheduled — There will be a Town Hall meeting for East and West Main Post at 7 p.m. **Tuesday** at **White Elementary School.** There will be a Town Hall meeting for Custer and Upatoi Terraces at 7 p.m. **Wednesday** at the **Custer Terrace Chapel**.

Schedule changes — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing May 27. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be June 3.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in Family Housing May 27. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Monday will be picked up May 28. Refuse and recycle collection in family housing for May 28-31 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

Self-Help closes for holiday — Self-Help will be closed May 25 and will reopen at 8:30 May 28. For more information, call 545-4207.

Red Cross needs volunteers for Summer Youth Program — The American Red Cross is now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program. The program will run from June 17 to July 26. The hours available to volunteer will be 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. All volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years old.

Applications may be picked up at the American Red Cross, Soldiers Plaza, Building 2626. In addition, units who are interested in having a volunteer placed in their facility this summer may make requests by calling or faxing request along with job description to the American Red Cross. For more information, call the American Red Cross at 545-5194 or fax request to 545-5118.

off post

Teaching scholarship available — Applications are being accepted for the Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship.

Applicants must be a graduation senior or high school graduate enrolling in secondary schooling; desire to major in education, an average student, preference given to GPA between 2.0 and 3.0; and participation in JROTC, softball or baseball.

Applicants should submit the following to be considered: Handwritten essay on their interest in education as a major or career; letter from coach or teacher confirming participation in ROTC, softball or baseball; information on how to contact applicant following the award of the scholarship and applicant's grade point average.

The scholarship will be awarded June 30.

Submit all applications to: Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship, Attn: Deborah Klenke, 4427 Stradford, San Antonio, TX 78217-1371.

Entries should be postmarked on or before May 31.

School Lunch Menu

- **Monday:** corn dog, oven fries, baked beans, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, fresh roll, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** cheeseburger, potato wedges, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** pizza, pasta salad, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** taco pie, tossed salad with dressing, corn on the cob, fruit, milk, brownie

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First lady focuses on children's ability to succeed

Eaton shares message of triumph

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"I have a learning disability. It's part of me, but it's not who I am."

Fort Benning's first lady, P.J. Eaton, delivers a message of inspiration and encouragement wherever she goes.

Eaton, who's been diagnosed with attention deficit disorder and dyslexia, speaks candidly and often about the challenges disabled children face academically and socially.

"I was not identified until I was much older. I was simply a 'troubled child,'" Eaton said. "I didn't learn to read until I was in high school. I'd do anything to avoid reading out loud — be sick or be disruptive — whatever."

But an intuitive teacher recruited Eaton for a summer program, to work in an occupational therapy clinic, and Eaton experienced what she called her "aha moment."

"I knew this was what I wanted to do, and I was willing to work hard for it," she said.

But with a D average in high school, Eaton had to convince college administrators to admit her on a probationary status.

There, at the Medical School of Virginia, she learned techniques to compensate for her disability, like recopying notes to commit them to memory.

Eaton earned a bachelor's degree in occupational therapy, and after a four-year stint in the Army, earned a graduate degree in substance abuse and counseling.

"When you find your calling, you work hard at it. That's my message to parents. Children need to be exposed to a wide, wide variety of activities," she said. "Not everyone can be an A or B student, but everyone can be successful at something.

It's a matter of finding what that is.

"Children, particularly children with learning disabilities, need to be exposed to all kinds of interests and hobbies and activities. It's very important for their self-esteem."

Once something "clicks," Eaton said, children develop a "can-do" attitude.

"We need to look at how to empower children. Children with disabilities can be empowered, feel more in control, if they know how to deal with it — how to compensate," she said.

Parents should educate themselves about their child's limitations and capabilities, Eaton said. They should be willing to meet with teachers and professionals to develop strategies, depending on the disability. The end result is a more confident child.

"One who rejects labels. Because labels can be so frustrating," she said.

Labels can be detrimental to a child's self-esteem, and they should be encouraged to share their disabilities only when they feel comfortable.

"Not everyone needs to know," she said. "Sometimes it's even embarrassing for me to talk about it. I do it because I want people to understand you can be very successful, you can lead a productive, happy life, in spite of challenges. They can make you stronger."

Schools: Teach sensitivity to peers

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He learned, with the help of several incredible teachers, to compensate. He developed various techniques to help him concentrate, focus and "make the words behave." It still takes him a lot longer than other kids to read, but that's OK.

I've learned a thing or two along the way, also. I've learned that disabilities are really just challenges. I've learned to help Jake focus on what he needs to do to succeed, instead of fixating on what it is that hinders him.

I've learned to focus on his gift, and not the package it's wrapped in. Underneath, he's an exceptional young man, extremely intelligent, witty beyond his years, and sensitive. Cute, too.

As for reading, well, he's doing fine thank you very much. He'll probably not choose a career that involves a great deal of reading, but he'll succeed at whatever he chooses, because he's developed the tools to overcome any obstacle that comes along.

Isn't that what education — special or otherwise — is all about?

The folks at Fort Benning's schools seem to think so.

They're doing a great job of treating each child like he's special, but when it comes to teaching children with disabilities, their focus is more on tailoring than tutoring. They tailor the curriculum to the needs of the individual child, encouraging him to use the learning methods that work best for him, giving him the resources to overcome whatever obstacles he faces, physically, academically and socially.

They also do a swell job of integrating all children. Special needs students, like "enrichment" students, leave their regular classrooms periodically to visit resource rooms, like speech therapy or reading recovery. Their classmates need never know where they're going or why.

Of course they often do. But teasing is not tolerated. Our children are taught to be sensitive to the feelings of their peers. That's a beautiful thing. I wish it had been so 20 years ago.

I can't change my memories, but I can rest assured my children won't share them, because our schools are doing their utmost to make every child's school career a pleasant one.

I think it's working.

Educators: Tackle special ed issues

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So the majority of special needs children are in a regular classroom? Does that overburden the teacher? Is it fair to the other students?

Woods: *"Our job is not to make each child look equal or give them equal treatment. Our job is to treat each one with equity, to give each one what he or she needs to succeed.*

"It won't be the same for every child. Every child is different. Why should we expect them to all learn the same way?

"Certainly, I believe the biggest challenge a teacher faces is meeting each child's individual needs.

"But every teacher must accommodate every student. If he 'can't do,' we have to find out what we can do to help him."

Look for his weaknesses?

Woods: *"We don't focus on weaknesses. We use a three-tiered process. Yes, we determine their weaknesses. Then we look at their strengths, and use them as a stepping stone.*

"Ultimately we marry the two, and teach the child to use his strengths to overcome his weaknesses.

I remember the sigma attached to being labeled "special ed" when I was in school. Is it the same now?

Anderson: *"Here it's not. I can't speak for public schools, but we don't have that problem here at all. Probably because we have a very accepting, very supportive community.*

"The teachers also set the tone in the classroom. They model the kind of behavior they expect from their students, and that's acceptance, kindness, understanding, sensitivity ...

"The students are the same, very giving, very concerned about their classmates. There's no stigma here."

McNabb: *"And keep in mind, that the other students don't even realize their classmates are going to resource classrooms. They simply leave for a short time and come back."*

"As for the children in self-contained classrooms, they're not just hidden away. They need to interact with their peers. They learn important life skills just watching and interacting.

"And the regular ed students love to help them. They fight over whose turn it is.

"This generation is proof that things are changing. We don't see the stigma, the cruelty children with disabilities once faced."

How is it you foster that kind of environment?

McPherson: *"Like Ms. McNabb said, we include all our students in school activities.*

"And we work hard to educate all the students and their families. With increased awareness we do more to boost the children's sensitivity and self esteem."

"What it boils down to is this, children with special needs are more normal than not, and when other students associate with them outside of a regular classroom setting, say in the lunchroom or on the playground, they see that for themselves."

Woods: *"It's my armchair philosophy that these military kids are so much more sensitive to one another's feelings, because they move so often and they know what it feels like to be the new kid — to worry about fitting in again and again.*

"Their experiences at such an early age have made them so much more accepting of other children's differences and much more concerned about others' feelings."

How do you determine if a child has a specific learning disability?

Woods: *"Well obviously there are a lot of students who come to us with the paperwork in hand.*

"We look at the whole child. You say he's not achieving where everyone else is? Well every child is individual and unique. Is there an emotional or physical problem interfering?

"Has he moved? Was there a disruption in his life or a constant change of curriculum? Cultural or economic factor?

"If we rule these out, we look for a disruption in the learning process, whether it be auditory or visual or whatever. We call it an 'information processing deficit.'"

And once you find a processing deficit, do you correct it?

Woods: *"We can't change the brain. Special education is not about finding a cure. It's about overcoming.*

"We teach children the strategies and techniques they need to compensate. The goal is to help them learn to use these strategies till they eventually don't need extra help."

McPherson: *"We've gotten so good at identification now. Early intervention is the best prevention.*

"We do what we need to do early on to meet their needs so they can be dismissed from the program.

"That's the goal of special eduction – to get them out of it. Special education is no longer a life-time sentence."

What about older students in special education or older students with learning disabilities?

Woods: *"The special needs child should understand to the best of their ability what their disability is and what they can do to correct it.*

"They need to be taught to take ownership of it. By middle school, they should be involved in meetings between teachers and parents and have some input into what's working and what's not.

Advice for parents of children with special needs?

Wilson: *"It really does take a village to raise these children. Parents, teachers, doctors — everyone should be involved for the good of the child."*

McNabb: *"Parents should educate themselves. They should be their child's biggest advocate.*

"They should be willing to ask for help, explore new avenues, demand help from the school system wherever they go."

Woods: *"And hand-carry copies of pertinent files from one post to the next. Don't pack it.*

"Take it straight to the new school, so they have the necessary paperwork to get the ball rolling."

And for the child?

Woods: *"It's only a label in a file. With it comes special services and hopefully a solution to your problem. But never think it s all that you are."*



"Certainly, I believe the greatest challenge teachers face is meeting each child's individual needs. But every teacher must accommodate every child. If he 'can't do,' we have to find out what we can do to help him."

Tommye Woods
Director of student services



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Angie McPherson
Loyd Elementary principal

The Bayonet's

feature teacher

Julie Miller



a fourth-grade teacher at Wilson Elementary.

History: A West Union, Iowa native, and daughter of a Presbyterian minister, Miller graduated from Coe College in Cedar Rapids with a bachelor's degree in English and elementary education. She taught for one year at Hoover Elementary in Cedar Rapids before moving to Columbus. When her brother-in-law left for Vietnam, her sister, who taught at White Elementary School, invited her to stay until he returned, and the rest is history. She later got her master's in elementary education. Four principals and thousands of students later, she's been at the school for 33 years and remembers when each teacher came on board.

On becoming a teacher: Miller said there was never a time in her life when she didn't want to be a teacher.

"The question was never, 'Are you going to college?' It was, 'What college are you going to? I don't know what it was. I just always knew it was what I'd do," she said. "I did have two teachers I completely adored, so they probably cemented it for me. One of them asked me to draw a picture of myself as an adult, and when I held it up to her, I was standing up with a book open — teaching. I just always knew."

On owning her business: Miller is one of few, if any, teachers who actually "owns" her own business — a little red schoolhouse. Her grandmother, an avid auction shopper, bought four schoolhouses — one for each grandchild — and moved them all to Twin Lakes, Iowa.

"It was her idea to keep the family together," said Miller, who now uses the schoolhouse as a summer home. "I've added a kitchen, a bathroom, and all I need now are some antique desks."

On small towns and the military child: "I loved it. It was a great place to grow up," said Miller, who unlike the military children she teaches, went from kindergarten to high school with the same small group of children.

"It took me a while to adjust to their adjusting," Miller said. "It's a completely different life they lead, but it's an exciting life. The way they make friends is so remarkable, I often forget that my new students are new."

Philosophy: "We can never stop learning, and my students teach me," said Miller, who laughed when recalling how her students helped her become proficient with the PC. "I'm a Mac lady myself.

"I came from a family where there was a simple set of rules, and as long as you followed those rules, everything was okay," Miller said. "It seems to work in the classroom. Simple rules. Plus, my bark is worse than my bite.

"You have to view children as fun, and they need to know it's okay to make a mistake, as long as they try to fix it. What's fun for me is seeing that light in their eyes — I call it the 'Aha, I've got it' light. That's when I go home happy."

Hobbies and interests: Miller is a stamp collector and traveler, who uses every summer and spring break to travel the nation. So far, she's visited all but two U.S. states — Hawaii and Texas.

"I'm not quite sure how I missed Texas," Miller said laughing. "I love visiting national parks, and I've lost track of how many I've been to. I integrate my travels into my lessons. It blows the kids' minds that I can show them a postcard of a park and talk about it in detail."

After teaching: Miller intends to travel to Europe and Holland when she etires, but not any time soon, "maybe in a couple of years."

"I could retire now, but I had a friend who once said, 'When it's time to retire, you'll know.' Nothing's told me yet."

5th-graders visit 'White House'

Little inquiring minds want to know a lot

Laura Martinson
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When three little boys, basketballs in hand, showed up on the doorstep of Riverside, P.J. Eaton knew it was time.

"They knocked on the door and said, 'We walk by your house every day. Could we please come in?'" and she graciously obliged. "That's how this whole thing got started."

"This whole thing" being an open invitation to local fifth-grade students to tour the home of the commanding general — a first for a first lady of Fort Benning.

"It turns out that the children are the ones most in awe of the house," Eaton said. "Those three who came to the porch were just thirsty for knowledge."

Nearly 300 post fifth-graders were the most recent youngsters to ring her bell, but the invitation was also extended to public and private schools in Columbus and Alabama as well as home-schoolers. The grade was chosen because it's the first in which students study American history.

To quench their thirst for knowledge, the National Infantry Museum, Columbus Historical Society and post environmentalists set up three interactive stations for the children to learn the nature of the post's plants, the history of the infantry and the home itself.

"We want to connect the children with the historical traditions of the post, but also its plants and trees. The more children have to read, see, and touch, the better," Eaton said.

"I liked hearing about all the trees and Fort Benning and how it was built," said Derrel Mason, a fifth-grader at Loyd Elementary, who found it especially intriguing that the post's first soldiers lived in tents just across the street from Riverside.



Laura Martinson

Derrell Mason, fifth-grader at Loyd Elementary, laughs with P.J. Eaton on the front porch of Riverside.



Laura Martinson

Jean Herron, local historian, explains to fifth-graders the history of what the children call the 'White House.'

"The age and history of our post and its plants is remarkable," Eaton agreed.

But even more remarkable, Eaton said, are the children themselves.

"This is in honor of them," she said. "They make a lot of sacrifices in the military, but they can also gain a lot from this life."

"The children seem to be more interested in the personal side of things," said Glenn Hughes, Fort Benning Schools director of technology, who said the children were especially interested in the cupboards filled with crystal and china the Eatons and past generals, use for entertainment.

"Being in the house makes them feel important," Hughes said, laughing as he recalled how many children refer to Riverside as the "White House." "This makes them feel part of it."

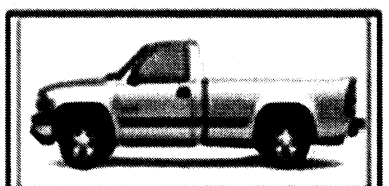
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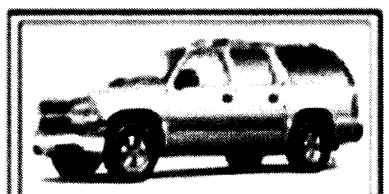


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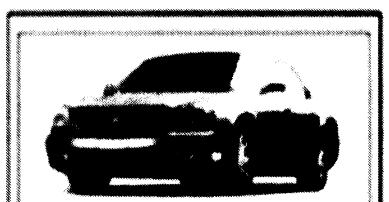
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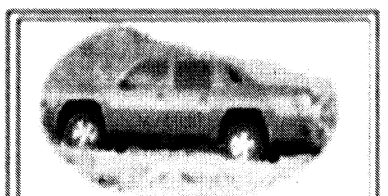
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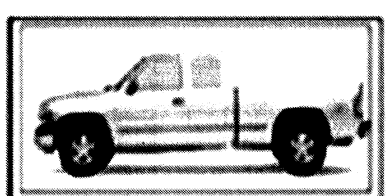
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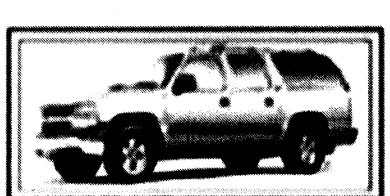
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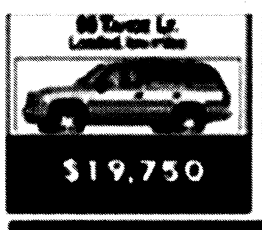
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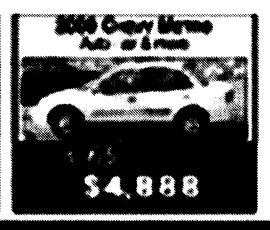
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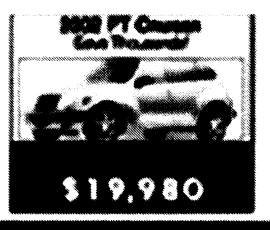
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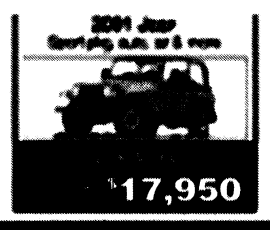
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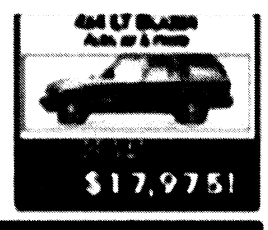
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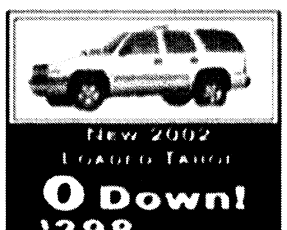
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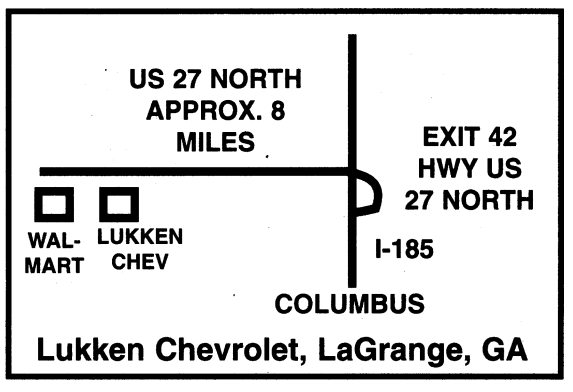
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Stand up for right thing

Don't back down from anything you believe in

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor
Infantry Center Chapel

Isaac Asimov once told a story about a rabbi who was having trouble with his congregation. They could not agree on anything. The president of the congregation said, "Rabbi, this can't continue. There has to be a conference, and we have to settle all areas of dispute once and for all." The rabbi agreed.

At the appointed time, the rabbi and 11 elders gathered around a magnificent table in the conference room.

One by one, the issues were debated with no resolution. The president suggested they vote and allow the majority to rule. The votes were counted.

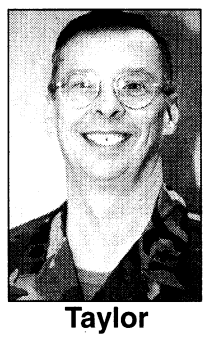
"You may examine them, rabbi. It is 11 to one against you. We have the majority."

Frustrated and offended, the rabbi rose to his feet. "So because of a vote you think that you are right and I am wrong.

"Well, it is just not so. Here I stand."

He then lifted up his hands to pray and asked God to show by a miraculous sign that he was right and they were wrong.

As soon as he finished praying, there was a loud clap of thunder and a flash of lightning entered the room and split the great table in two. Smoke filled the room and the elders were scattered around on the floor. The rabbi stood tall, untouched, smiling in victory.


Taylor

The president stood up, dusted himself off, and brushed aside his singed hair. Finally he said. "Okay, eleven to two, but we still have the majority."

REFLECTIONS

It is hard these days to stand up for what you believe when the majority says it is not so.

It is not the politically correct position to stand firm on what you believe when all around you hold a contrary opinion. Going against the current is not only strenuous, it is not seen as a tolerant or acceptable thing to do.

When it comes to holding to truths about right and wrong and being firm in your convictions, if you want to do the right thing, you will find yourself in the minority most of the time.

But we need people of such conviction. Our nation, our churches, our Army need people who are willing to take the unpopular position simply because it is the right thing to do. There won't be much reward or recognition.

It is hard to muster up the strength and courage to take such a position. I think we have to rely on the grace and strength of the almighty God to develop that kind of courage in us. A Bible teacher once said, "It is never right to do wrong even to get a chance to do right.

That simple saying removes a lot of the doubt from some decision-making."

Don't look to the majority to find the answers to the tough questions. Don't count on the majority to guide you in the right path. Real success comes in finding what is right, then doing it.

And where do I find what is right? Maybe a good place to start is with the one who is true and right himself. Better to be standing with him than with the majority.

Broad is the way that leads to destruction and many are walking in it. But narrow is the way that leads to life.

CHAPEL NOTES

Teacher training — A special teacher training workshop for those teaching in chapel programs such as Vacation Bible School, Sunday School, children's church, CCD, and youth ministries will be offered today and Saturday. Walk Thru the Bible Ministries from Atlanta will provide the training.

The workshop will be held in the Infantry Center Chapel from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday. Child care will be provided.

For information, and registration call the religious education office at 545-4715.

Vacation Bible School — Both the Catholic and Protestant communities are gearing up for VBS this summer. Announcements about registration will be made later in May.

There is a need for teachers and helpers in all age groups. The Catholic program will be June 10-14.

The Protestant VBS will be June 17-21.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Need some old fashioned time out with other women for some good company in a excitement- filled spiritual setting?

The PWOC meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is held along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at The Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

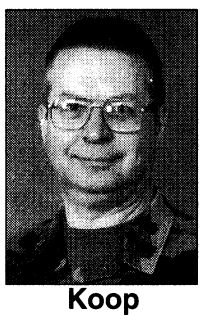
Music soothes soul, makes heart glad

Singing songs makes life's work much easier

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Music makes us feel better. Even the most tormented soul can find relief through the soothing sounds of music (I Samuel 16:14-23).

In the past, slaves eased their burdens through the singing of spiritual and gospel music. The work and toil of sailors were made easier and lighter when they sang sea chantys together. The hard labor of chain gangs became bearable through singing. Today, rhythm and blues gives voice to those who are discouraged.


Koop

In the military, cadence songs make long road marches easier. Music infuses changes of command with patriotism, festivity and grandeur. *The Star-Spangled Banner*, *America, the Beautiful*, and *My Country 'Tis of Thee* stir our hearts with their words and instrumental accompaniment.

Music lets our souls worship. Congregations encourage one another through psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Scripture exhorts believers to "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything" (Ephesians 5:19-20).

For centuries, the book of Psalms has given voice to believers going through the joys and sorrows of life. Sadness, grief and pain can be eased through music and singing. Even the caged bird can sing, and in singing bring joy and happiness to all who hear its song.

Do you need a new song in your heart? Call the Chaplain Family Life Center at 545-1760 for help. Visit the Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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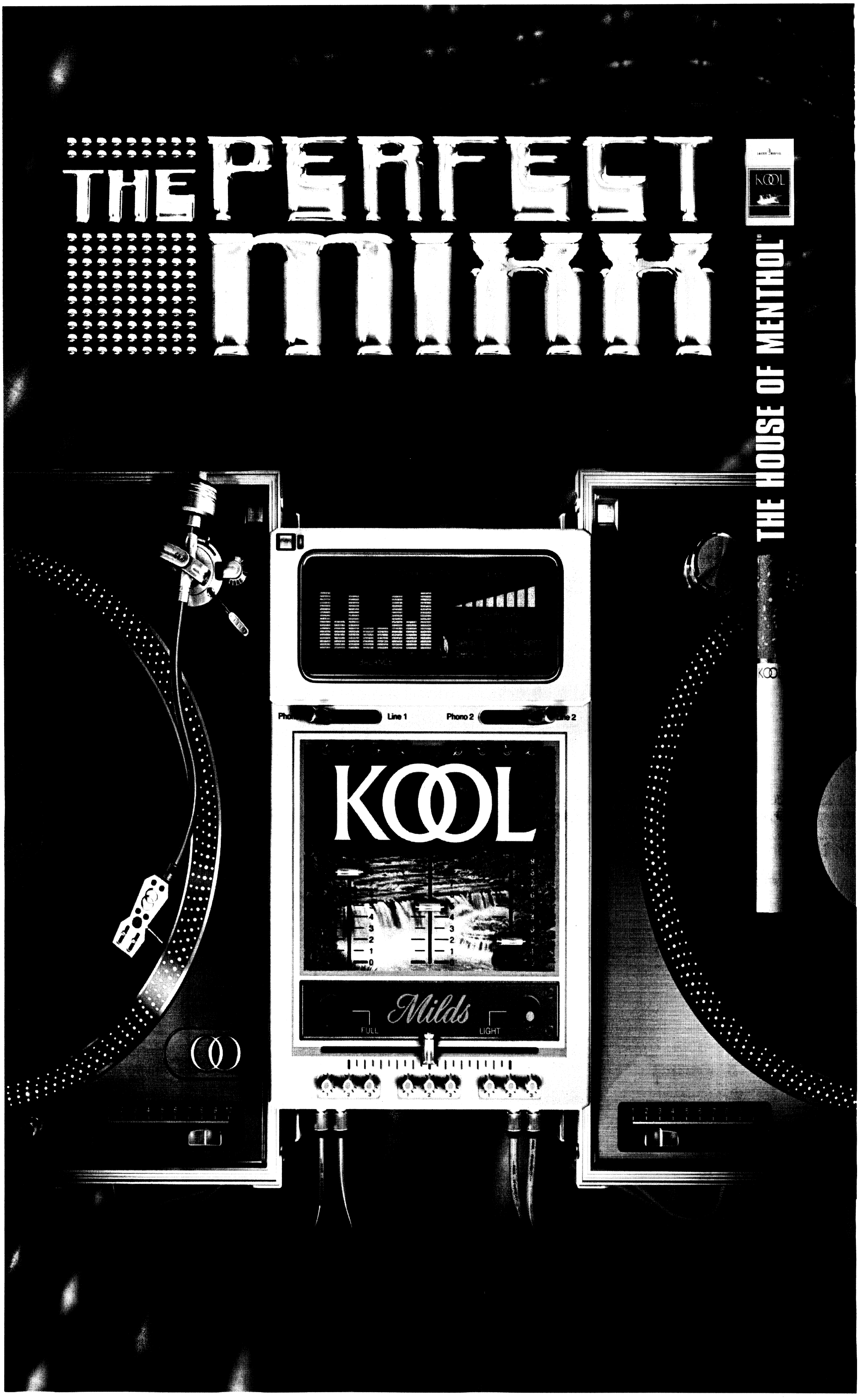
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SPORTS

Cruise-A-Matics fall short of championship

Local team loses playoff, 31-3, to Marauders

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Columbus/Fort Benning Cruise-A-Matics, fell short of the US Rugby National Championship game, with a 31-3 loss to a team from all over the United States called the Marauders, on Blue Field May 11.

This is the first time the national championships were played on post and Benning expects them to return next year.

"We played a tough team in the last game," said Sterling Brothers, 8-man. "But, even when we got behind, we didn't give up. We kept on fighting till the very end."

The team took an early 3-0 lead on a

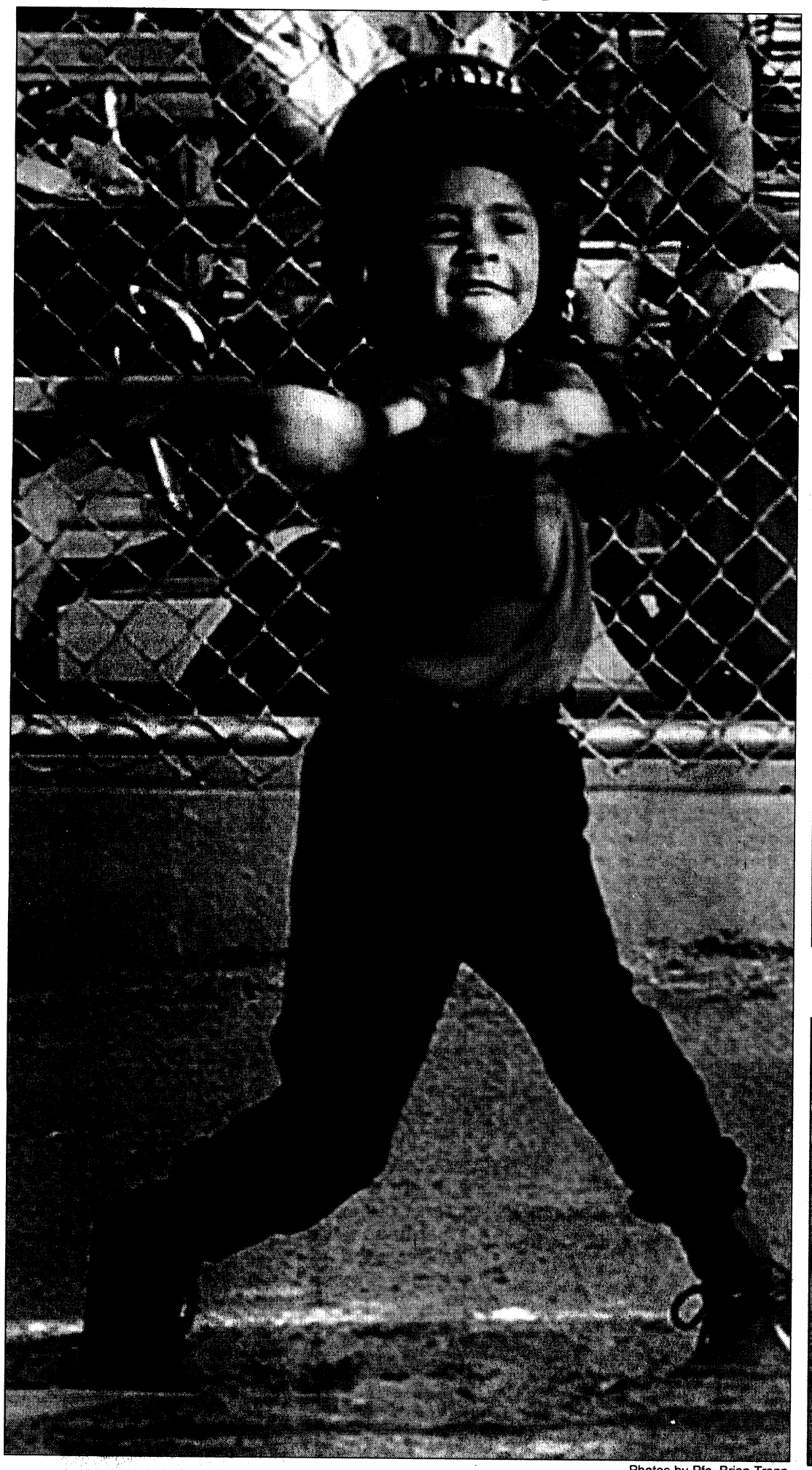
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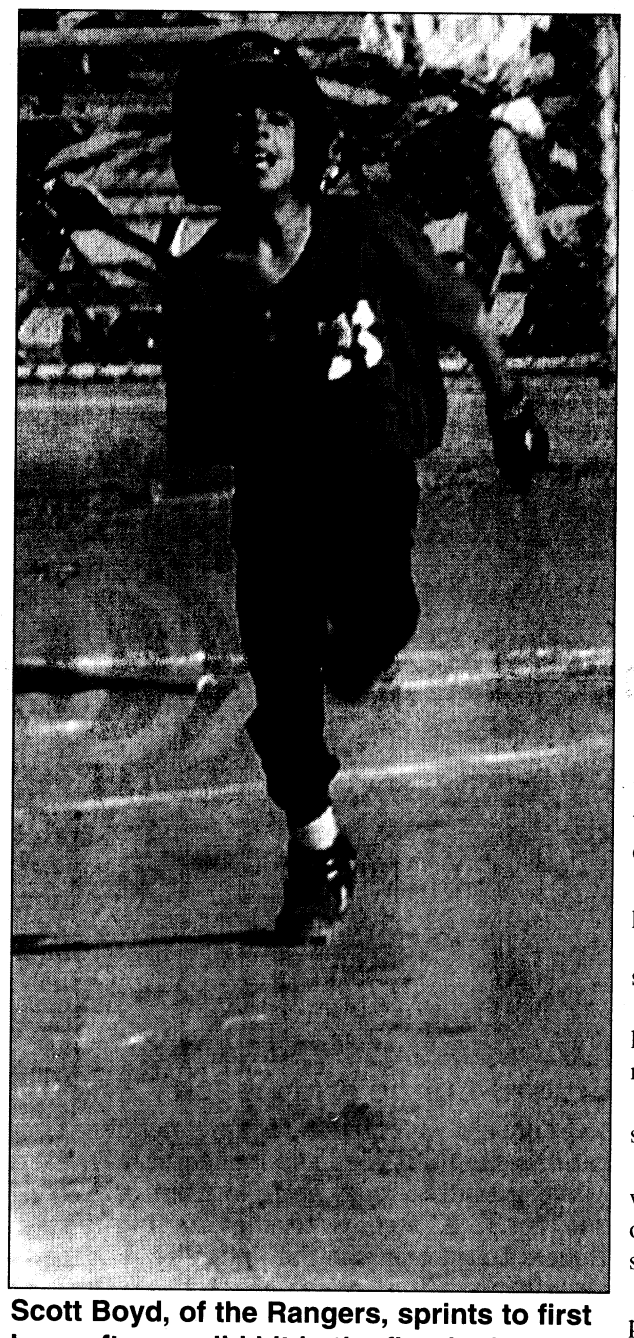


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The Cruise-A-Matics (black) battle the Marauders (green) for the ball during a ruck. The Cruise-A-Matics gave their best effort during the tournament, coming just one game short of the US Rugby National Championship game.

Orioles beat Rangers in Youth Sports baseball action





Scott Boyd, of the Rangers, sprints to first base after a solid hit in the first inning.



Ryan Gray jumps into second base to avoid the tag from the Orioles shortstop.

Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Tiffany Espinoza, of the Orioles, concentrates on making contact with the ball during the fourth inning of the game against the Rangers.

Youth Services baseball season wraps up

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Orioles took a victory over the Rangers, 17-15, in the second to last game of the 6- to 8-years-old Youth Services baseball season May 9.

The Rangers came out and took a 4-1 lead in the first inning.

From there, the three-run gap remained until the fourth inning when the Orioles smashed in six runs and held the Rangers scoreless in the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Games are played for an hour, instead of by innings.

"We started out the game pretty slow," said Bryan Wilson, Orioles' assistant coach. "But I gave them a pep talk and told them to keep their heads up and concentrate. We came out with a victory."

With 6- to 8-year-olds, the team coach pitches to the batters.

Inning changes are determined by five strikes, three outs, six runs or nine batters.

The well-played defense and ball control kept it together for the Orioles, for the remainder of the game.

The Orioles lost their first game of the season, 22-2, but they made improvements.

"We had a lot of players we thought were outfielders, but they turned out to be our best infielders over the course of the season."

Some of those infielders made pivotal plays in the games.

"I did good today," said 6-year-old Reno Kincy, Orioles second baseman. "I made the final out in the game, I like to play second base because I can get people out."

But the games are mostly just about having fun, Wilson said.

"My favorite part of baseball is when we get to run and slide," said 7-year-old Corven Alexander, Orioles third baseman.

Alexander scored three runs for his team.

"I like watching the kids improve and the enjoyment they get out of playing," Wilson said. "We're out here to have fun and let the winning take care of itself.

The children are already looking forward to next season.

"This is my first season playing, but I'm coming back next year," said Devin Collins, 8, Orioles short stop and third baseman. "I like baseball because I'm good at it."

"They're a great bunch of kids, and they played well today," Wilson said.

Marksman shooters named to World Shoot Team

Paula J. Randall
USAMU Public Affairs

Of the 16 people who will represent the United States at the 2002 IPSC World Championships, two of them are from Fort Benning. Both of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's two action pistol shooters Spc. Maxient J. Michel Jr. and Sgt. Julie A. Goloski have been selected to the 2002 U.S. World Shoot Team and will compete in September at the World Shoot XIII in South Africa. Michel is one of four men named to the Open Team and Goloski is one of the four women named to the Women's Team. Michel, now 20 years old, is the youngest person to ever make the U.S. Men's Open Team.

Besides the Open Team, there are eight additional slots for the Standard Team and Junior Team. The U.S. Practical Shooting Association, the organizing body for the sport of practical shooting in the United States, selected this year's U.S. Team members based on the shooters' national ranking received at the 2000 and 2001 National Championships. More than 20,000 American action shooters compete in the United States and in over 60 countries around the world.

The U.S. Team will compete against teams from more than 50 other countries Sept. 15-21 in Pietersburg, South Africa, at the World Shoot, run by the International Practical Shooting Confederation, which is the governing body for practical shooting worldwide. The championship will consist of 32 to 35 stages shot over five days.

According to the IPSC, Action Shooting is the fastest growing shooting sport in the world and originated in the United States. Back in the in the 1970s, law enforcement and security personnel wanted a competition that focused on practicality with their designated duty pistols. In 1976, the Columbia Conference in Columbia, Mo., set up the rules and parameters for the International

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Four weeks to fitness for summer, life

New habits aren't just for New Year's

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Let's face it folks, summer is here, June 21 or not. And as I was out walking through my neighborhood yesterday, I noticed all the pools set up full of children splashing and having a great time — completely uninhibited. Oh, to have that same freedom. Instead, I got the usual late spring rush of panic brought on by a certifiable fear of one thing — my bathing suit.

Nothing brings me more stress throughout the year than attempting to stay fit, and I know there are others out there. But my concern has changed. I'm not worried about a temporary fix. I want it to last.

My initial instinct was to tailor this to the needs of women, but I was quickly reminded that men, too, struggle with weight, body fat and keeping with the Army standards of staying fit. We all have the same triggers for eating a little too much than our fair share — screaming children, harping bosses or disgruntled spouses are just a few. I know I've had a few, or a few hundred, Golden Girls moments where an entire cheesecake or two felt like the answer to my stresses. Those are the moments when rationalization — not sensibility — are at the reins.

On the flip-side, we all have the same motivators for sticking with a workout plan — improved health, more energy and yes, looking darn good in that bathing suit. But I'm convinced for those who find it a bit more challenging to stay on the workout wagon, there is one thing that keeps us hanging on, and that's measurable results.

I'm speaking from experience here. I went from 115 to 130 my freshmen year of college, and 130 to 173 in the nine months it takes to make a baby. I never quite lost all of that baby weight before the second nine months, which landed me at a whopping 192. That was my all time high, and my all time low.

Now I don't normally go around telling my weight, present or past. But I feel it's time to put pride, and plump, aside, and move forward toward my goals. Between that day two years ago when my babe was born and about eight weeks ago, I finally found something that works, and works well, for me.

Now, not everyone responds the same way, but I seem to have found the almost perfect balance between strength and resistance training and cardiovascular exercise — and the results are amazing.

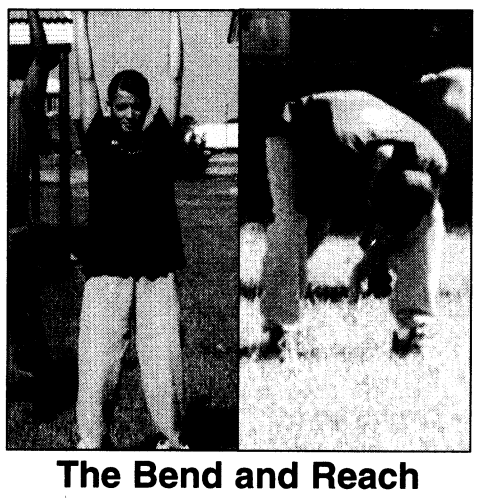
Fifteen pounds and two dress sizes later, I've come to terms with a need for immediate gratification, and the terms are this — nothing worth working for is ever immediate.

But it is easy. We're going to tell you about the resources around you, right here at Fort Benning, so you too can get motivated and feel great. If you're already there, grab a friend who needs a boost and let's go.

Grab your scissors, cut out the workouts and paste them to your fridge, right by the handle.

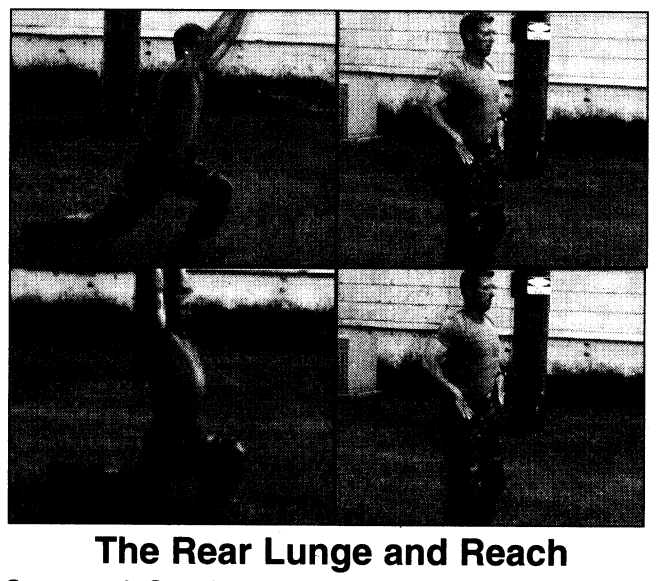
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WEEK 1: Getting started!



The Bend and Reach

Count — 1. Squat with the heels flat as the spine rounds forward to allow the straight arms to reach as far as possible between the legs. 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Repeat count one. 4. Return to the starting position.



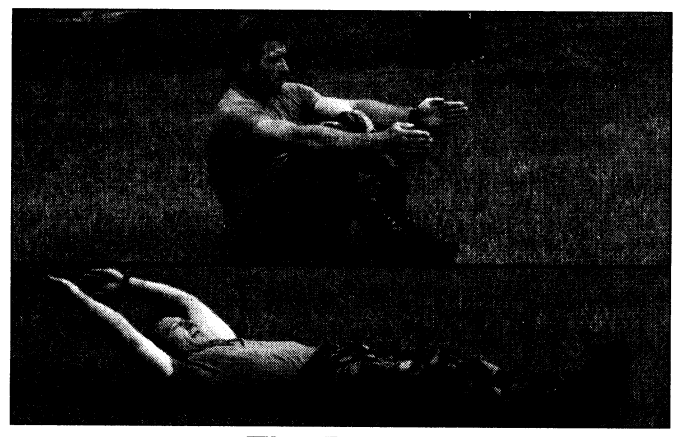
The Rear Lunge and Reach

Count — 1. Step backward with the left foot and bend the right knee to bring the left knee two inches from the ground, while extending both arms in front of and above the head. 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Repeat count one with the right foot. 4. Return to the starting position.



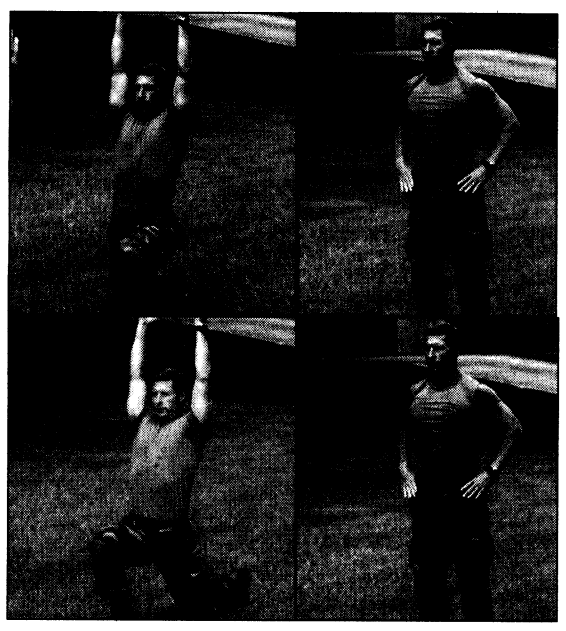
The Squat Jumper

Count — 1. From the squat position, keep legs bent and swing arms forward. 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Swing arms and extent the body upward with a jump. 4. Return to the starting position.



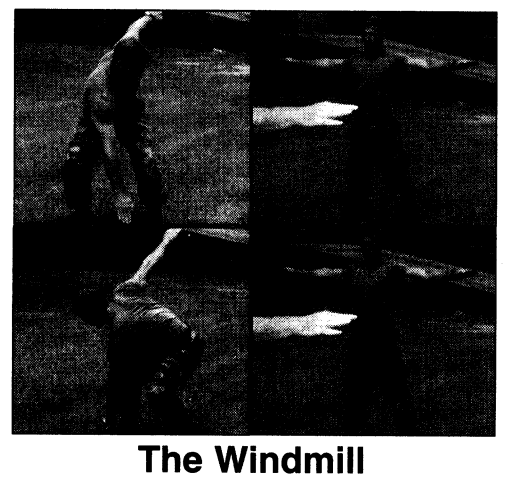
The Rower

Count — 1. Sit up while swinging arms forward and bending at the hips and knees. At the end of the motion, arms will be parallel to ground, palms facing inward. 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Repeat count one. 4. Return to the starting position.



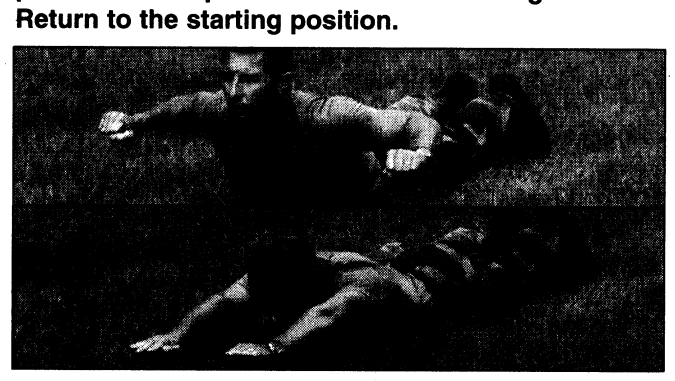
The Forward Lunge and Reach

Count — 1. Step forward with the left foot and bend at the knee to bring the right knee two inches from the ground, while extending both arms in front of and above the head. 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Repeat count one with the right foot. 4. Return to the starting position.



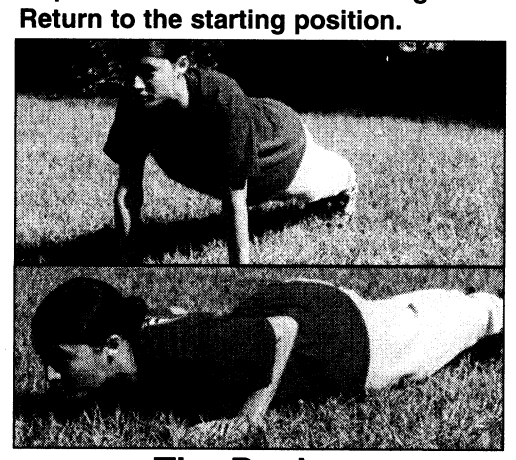
The Windmill

Count — 1. Bend the hips and knees while rotating to the left. Reach toward the outside of the left foot with the right hand. The left arm is pulled rearward to maintain a straight line with the right. 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Repeat count one to the right. 4. Return to the starting position.



The Prone Row

Count — 1. Lift the chin and chest off the ground and bend the arms toward the rear 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Repeat count one. 4. Return to the starting position.



The Pushup

Count — 1. Bend at the elbow until the back of the upper arm is parallel to the ground 2. Return to the starting position. 3. Repeat count one. 4. Return to the starting position.

The workout

Monday: Combine calisthenics drills, five repetitions each, followed by week one's walking and jogging schedule (below). Follow all activities with recovery, or static stretching.

Tuesday: Combine calisthenics drills, five repetitions each, followed by dumbbell drills (below), five repetitions each.

Wednesday: Combine calisthenics drills, five repetitions each, followed by week one's walking and jogging schedule (below).

Thursday: Combine calisthenics drills, five repetitions each, followed by dumbbell drills, five repetitions each.

Friday: Combine calisthenics drills, five repetitions each, followed by week one's walking and jogging schedule (below).

Alternate **walk and jog** times 5 times to total 30 minutes.

	Walk	Jog	Total
Week 1:	4 mins.	2 mins.	30 mins.
Week 2:	3 mins.	3 mins.	30 mins.
Week 3:	2 mins.	4 mins.	30 mins.
Week 4:	1 mins.	5 mins.	30 mins.

After reaching this level, run every other day with a goal of reaching twenty consecutive minutes.

Dumbbell Drills

The 10 exercises listed below will be described in next weeks paper. Performed five reps of each exercise. Women use three to five pound dumbbells and men eight to 10 pounds.

Front shoulder raise	Bent over row
Rear lunger	Bent over lat raises
Forward lunge	Side shoulder raises
Squat life	Curl and press
Straight back lift	Push press

Reminder: This week's focus should be on learning exercises to maximize results and reduce injury.

Are you ready? Not just mentally, but physically?

According to the Army Physical Fitness School, an exercise test is not required for everyone before starting a physical conditioning program, but an exercise prescription should be developed with careful consideration of the person's health status, including medications, risk profile, behavioral characteristics, personal goals and exercise preferences.

Post fitness specialist can help you get started!

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Post trainers earn new certification

Total fitness becomes goal for fitness center

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Civilian employees from Fort Benning's post fitness centers and the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School earned an exercise leader certification from the American College of Sports Medicine May 10 to increase their knowledge in fitness and health performance.

The college is the premier sports and fitness educational body in the U.S., said Andrew Snoddy, post sports director. The course required the fitness specialists to pass a three-hour exam to earn the certification.

The certification course will help people who use fitness centers on post achieve physical goals they wish to attain, Snoddy said. If a family member wants to lose weight, the certified employee can explain a fitness program to help him or her lose weight.

Certification will be very useful to the post and to those who choose to use the services, said Fred Woods, sports specialist for Kelley Hill fitness centers. The specialists coach people along, but, ultimately, the person decides if they will continue the fitness program.

The certification gives the customer an opportunity to talk with an individual who is knowledgeable and skilled in constructing fitness programs to support life-style changes, Snoddy said. Americans need to make life-style changes not just for cosmetic reasons, but because it is the right thing for people to do. Fitness specialists learned to teach people to strive for total fitness, which will help them enjoy the optimal quality of life, Snoddy said. Physical, mental and social well being, the total fitness concept, can be attained through eating properly and exercise.

These programs will set people up for long-term physical and mental health, Woods said. The health benefits will reduce the risk of injury, increase a person's life span and strengthen the immune system.

However, if people only use the resources of the fitness centers just to get that body ready for the summer, then the benefits of the certification is not fully utilized the customers, Snoddy said. That is why it is time to be proactive and take the first step toward making a life change.

"Forget about the beach this summer. We are talking about a life-style change," Snoddy said. "Get right and ready for life — not just for summer.

"Every journey begins with the first step. Being proactive and getting into shape requires that first step."

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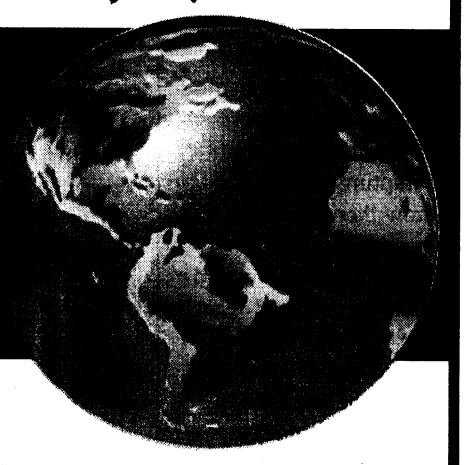
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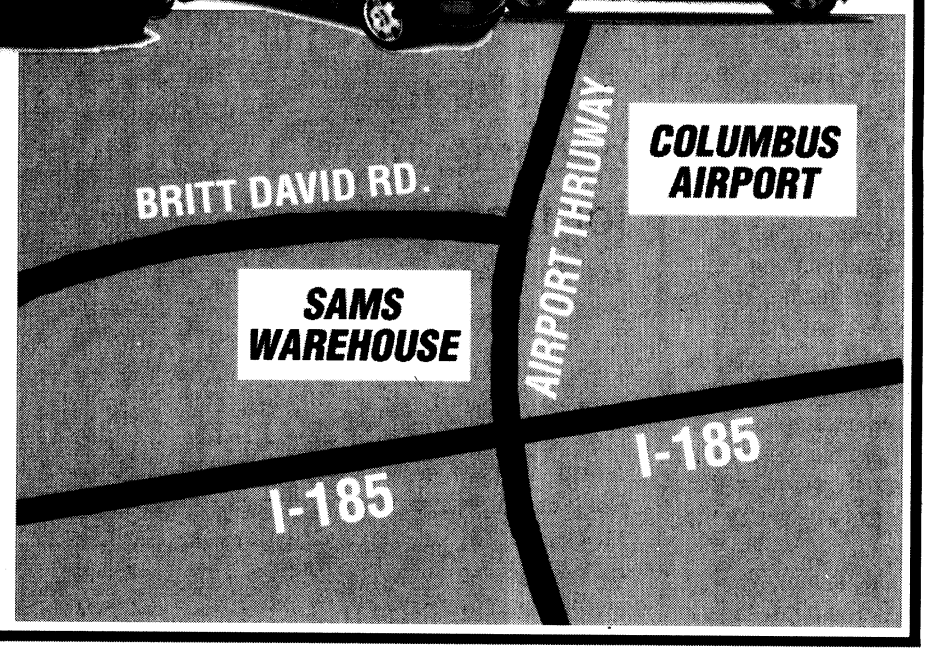
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Douglas Seamore works on making contact with the ball during the second day of golf practice.

Faith Middle School is taking the initiative to help students learn a lifelong sport from one of the best instructors on post.

In the first season of golf, golf pro Larry Cruise will coach the intramural boys and girls golf team for Faith.

"He has a lot more experience than we do," said Justin Hutto, a team member who has been playing the sport for more than five years. "He can teach things I don't know to improve my game."

Just last week, Cruise taught Hutto how to improve his grip, which gave Hutto more consistency with his swing and placement of the ball, Hutto said.

Cruise volunteered his time to coach, said Faith's principal Dr. Gregg Mowen. Fundamentals are important to the game, and Cruise knows how to teach them.

The long-term vision is to have the team represent the school and the post in competitions with other posts' teams, Mowen said. There is a possibility Fort Bragg's middle school will meet Faith halfway between the two posts to compete in a tournament against each other.

"This gives kids a chance to try a new sport," Hutto said. "Because older people play golf, some don't think the game is cool, but it's a lot of fun."

The opportunity provides the students a chance to improve their game and their social skills, Hutto said.

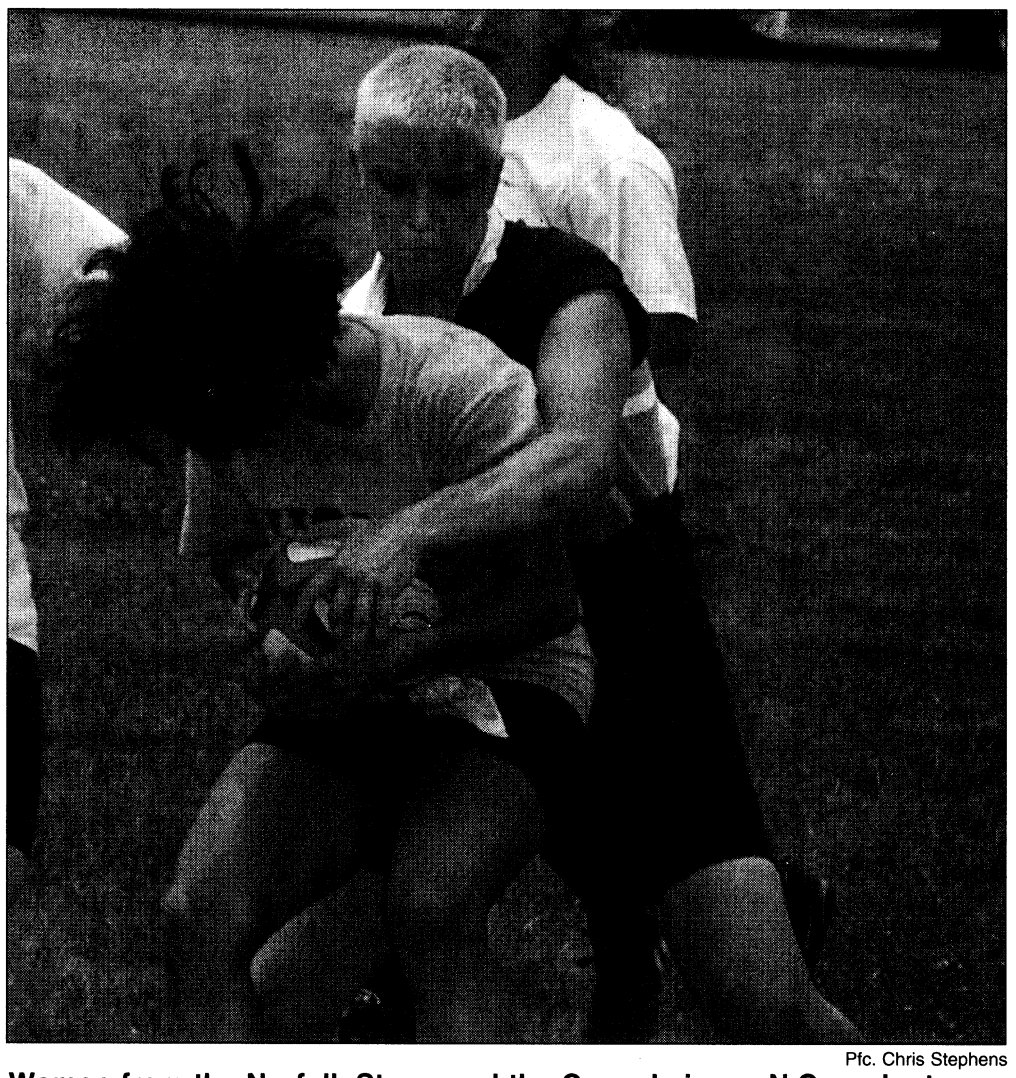
Currently there are 14 students on the team, Mowen said. However, none of the females who showed interest in the golf team have decided to participate.

Hopefully that will change, Hutto said. Golf is a game everyone can enjoy if people give it a chance.

The initiative to start the team came after many of the students showed interest in the fall.

"Everyday, the students said, 'When are we going to start the golf team,'" Mowen said. "They're enthusiastic."

Rugby!



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Women from the Norfolk Storm and the Camp Lejeune N.C. rugby teams participated in a rugby clinic May 10. The women practiced different skills in preparation for their tournament May 11.

Team: Loses to Marauders in rugby tournament

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penalty kick.

The Marauders rebounded and kept coming at them with an explosive offense to score 31 unanswered points.

"No matter how far behind we got, we kept on fighting for points. It wasn't only this game we fought hard, it was every game throughout the season we fought," Brothers said.

The team worked hard in practice so they could be better in the games.

"We took practice more seriously and put as much effort into each session as we could," Brothers said. "We were committed this season."

The Cruise-A-Matics were motivated by a new coach this year.

"What helped the team this year was we got a new coach," said Gary Kent, team treasurer. "Australian Sgt. Maj. Dave Hatton came to Fort Benning and took the reins of the team."

Hatton brought in his coaching philosophy and turned the team around, Kent said. He had them practicing and playing better than last year.

"Last year, the team was practicing in a non-strategical way," Kent said. "When Hatton came in, he showed the team how to practice the right way and taught them a lot about strategy. It really helped because he grew up around the game, and he knew what he was talking about."

The Cruise-A-Matics will be looking for a strong comeback next year, and a chance at the national championship, he said.

AMU: Members excited to make their dreams come true

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Practical Shooting Confederation

Since then, the sport has grown from the local club level to the world level with more 60 countries participating. The USPSA is the national governing body for action shooting and runs IPSC matches in the United States.

Action Shooting involves shooting numerous steel and paper targets shot from various positions with multiple shots. Courses of fire incorporate drawing the gun from the holster, making magazine changes and requiring the shooter to manage a variety of props in a safe manner. The time it takes shooters to manipulate a course of fire or stage is recorded along with their scored hits. The time is then divided into the hits scored. The fastest, most accurate shooter wins. IPSC competitions vary; each match is unique.

At World Shoot XII in Cebu, Philippines, in 1999, there were over 600 competitors. The match's 35 stages included battling everything from monster crabs and sharks to UFOs and giants. Michel took the Silver Medal in the Junior Division and Goloski finished seventh in the Women's Division.

"It feels great to make the team; it's a dream come true," Michel said. "I've been on the Junior Team before, but now I'm a member of the U.S. Men's team. I'm now on the same team with the guys I used to look up to when I was a new shooter."

"I am very excited about making the women's team,' Goloski said. "It is such an honor to be able to wear the U.S. colors at such a prestigious match with the best shooters from around the world. I want to represent the country and the Army well in every aspect."

Last year, Michel won all five of the Area Championships he attended as well as taking the Alabama, North Carolina, Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina State Champion titles. He was also the 2001 Junior Champion at Pan-American Games as well as an overall Pan-Am Bronze Medalist.

At the American Handgunner World Shoot Off he took top military honors and was the IPSC Interservice Champion. Michel additionally finished in third place overall at the National Championships in 2000 and 2001 as well as taking second in the 2001 European International Championship.

Goloski, the 1999 U.S. Army Athlete of the Year, was the 1999 Women's World Speed Shooting Champion, as well as the 1999 Open and Limited U.S. Practical Shooting Association Women's National Champion. At only 22 years old, Goloski became the first woman ever to win seven out of eight of the USPSA Area Championships in the United States, breaking the record she previously set when she became the first woman to win the majority of the area championships.



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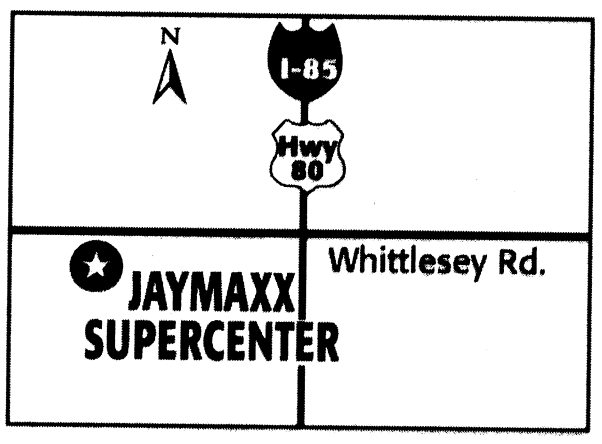
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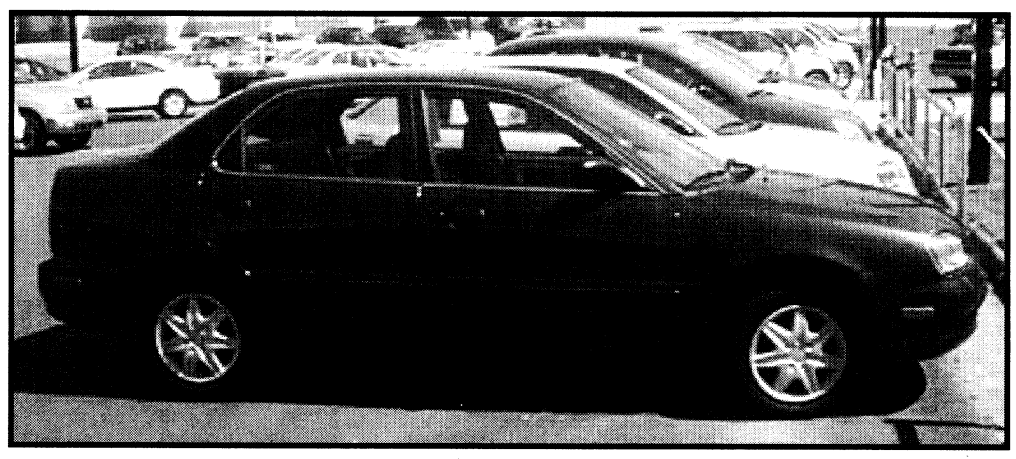
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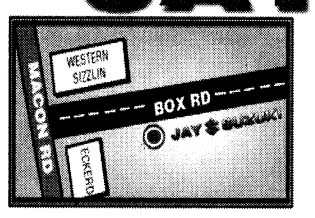
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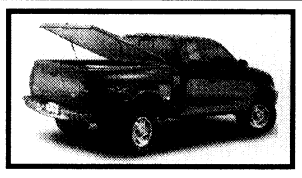
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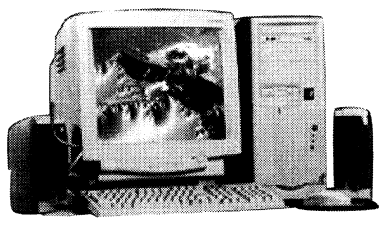
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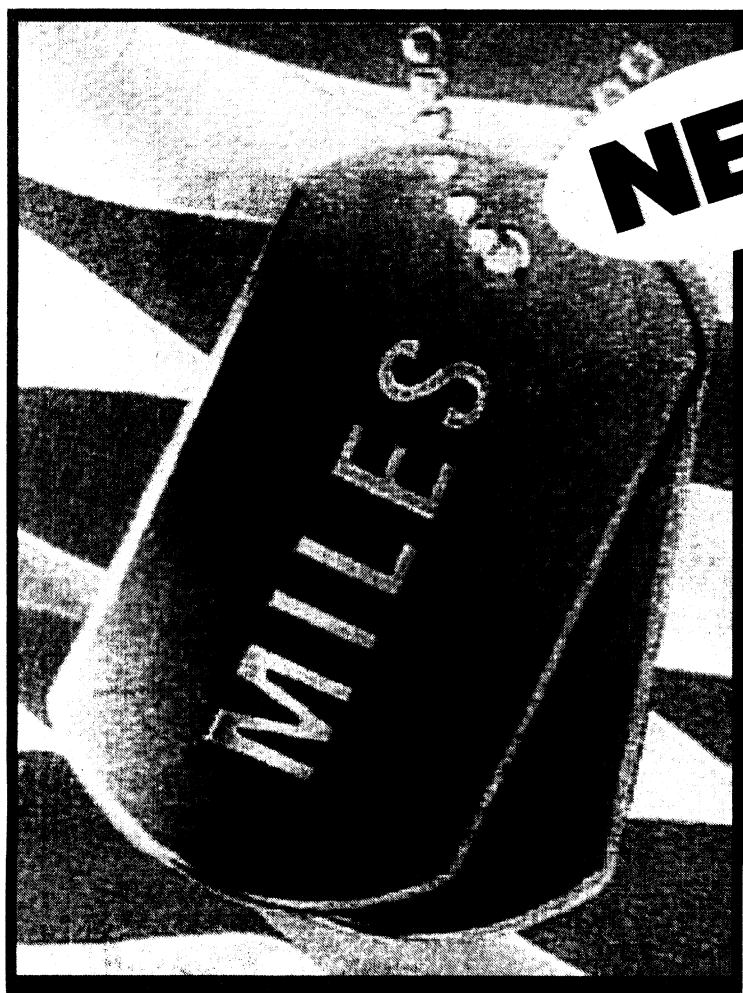
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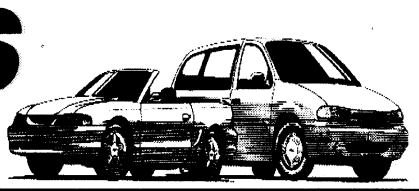
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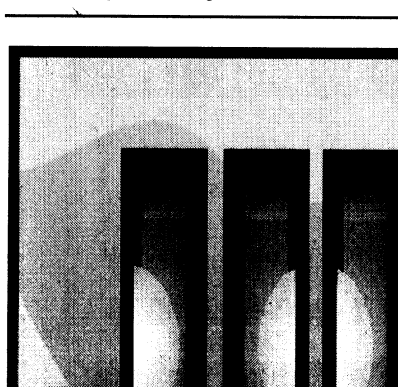
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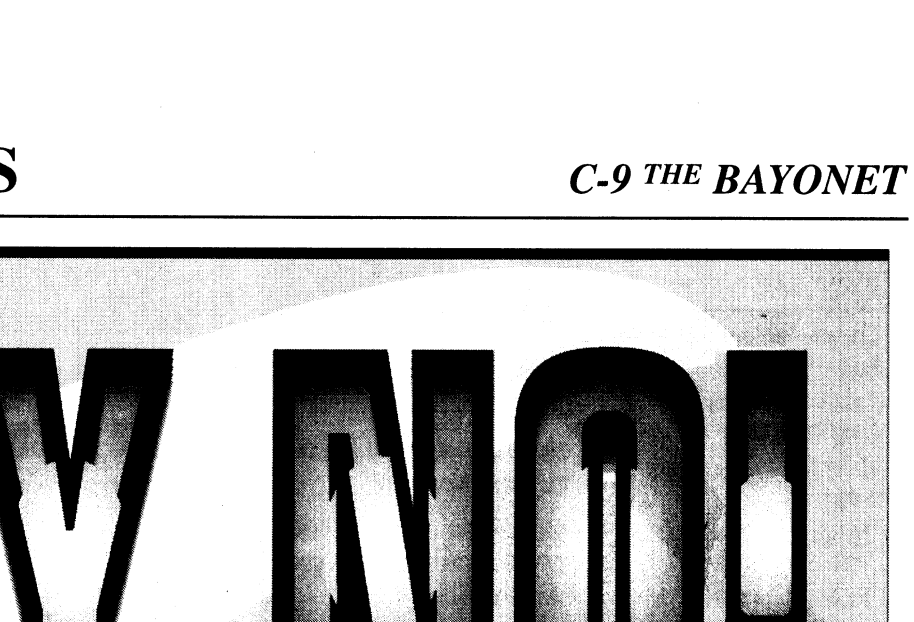
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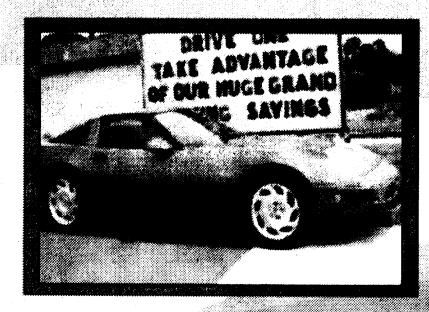
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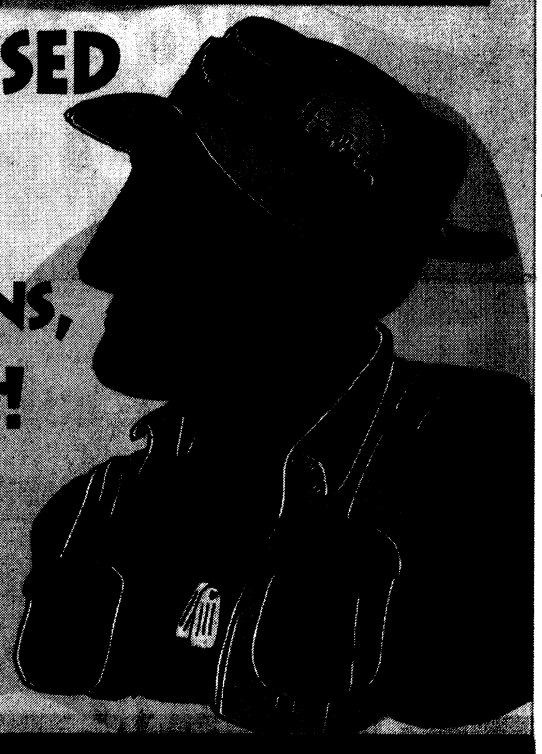






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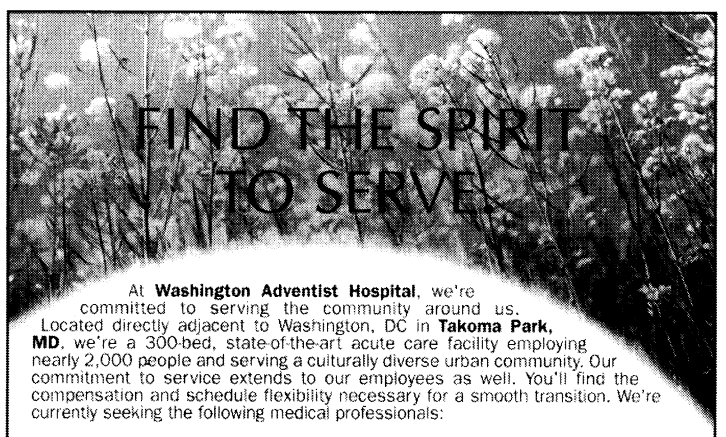
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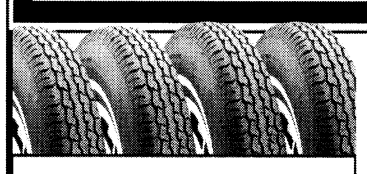
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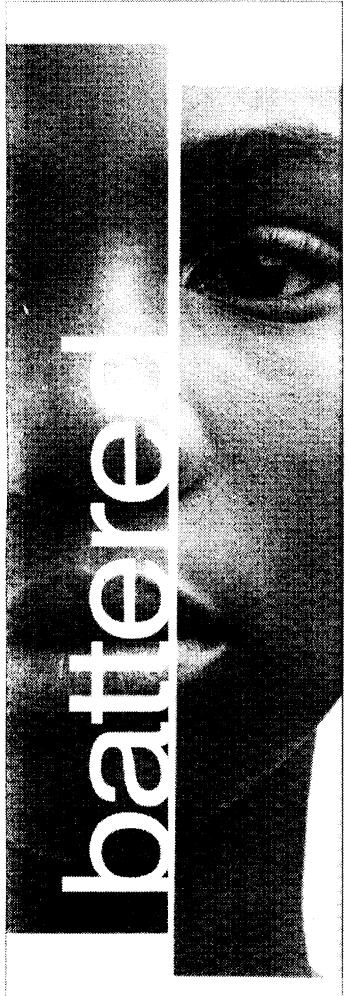
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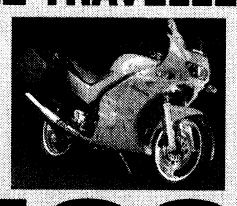
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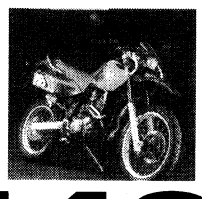
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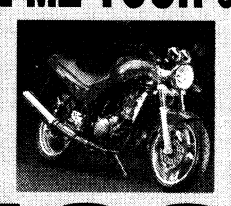
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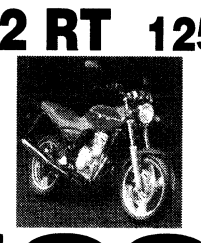
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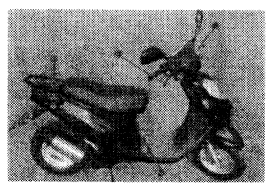
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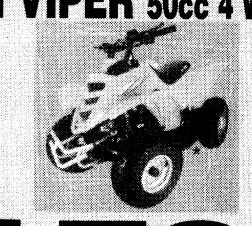
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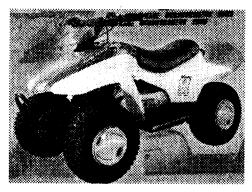
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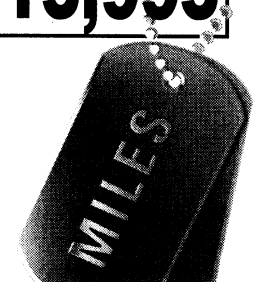
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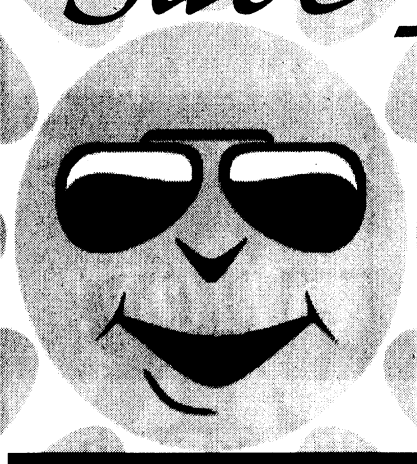




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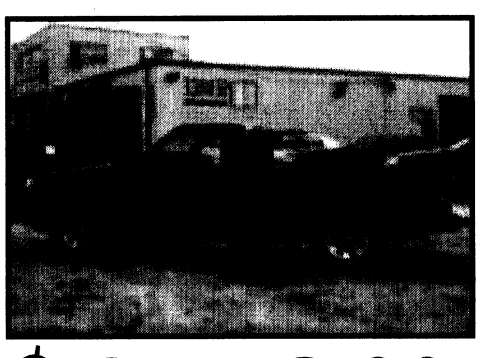
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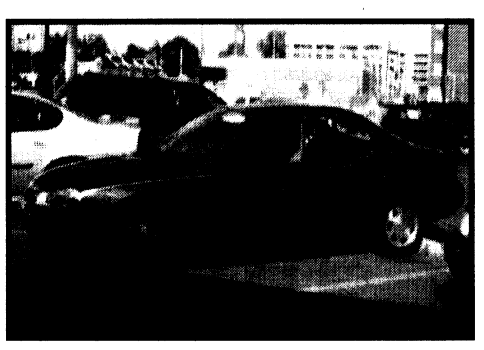
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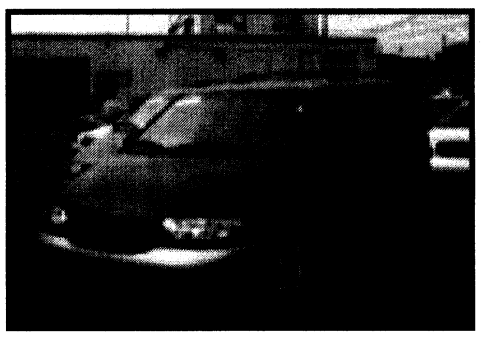
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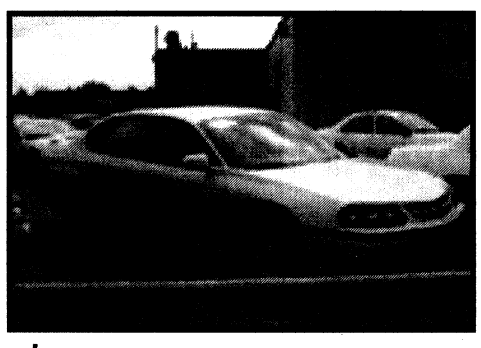
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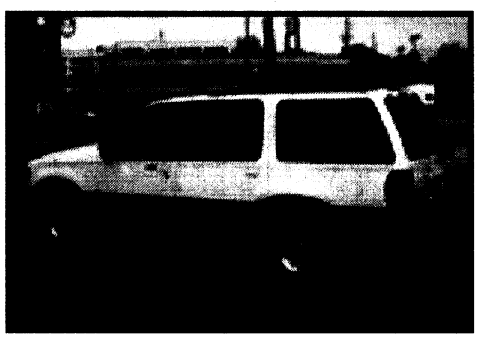
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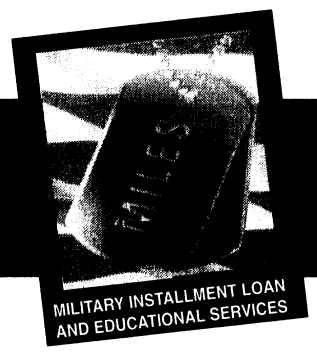


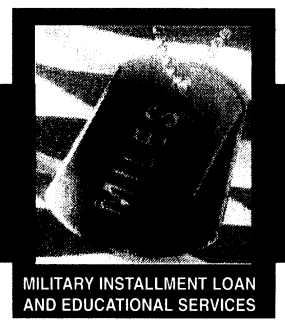
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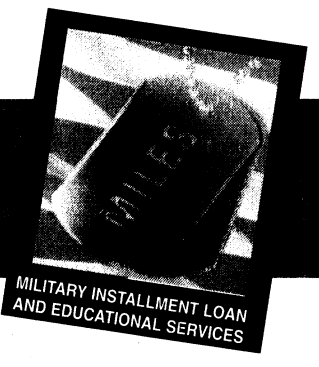
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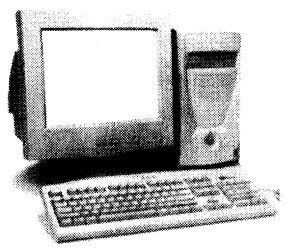
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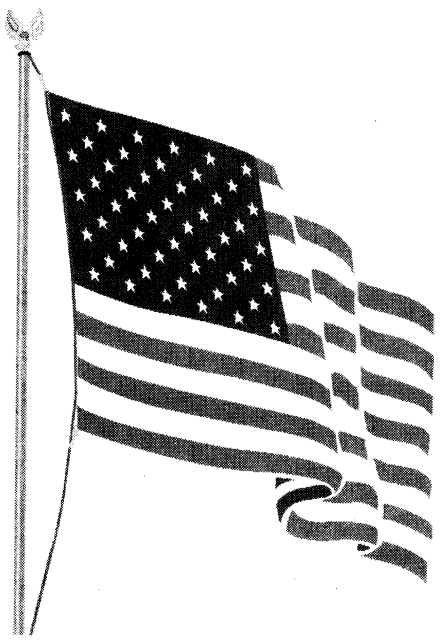
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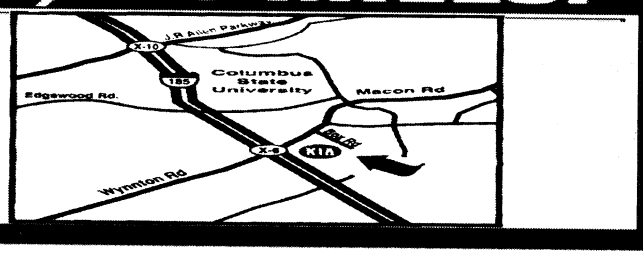
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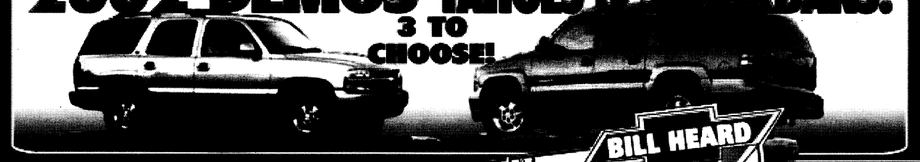
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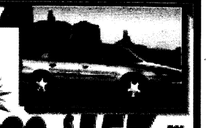


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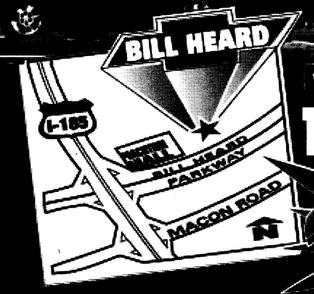


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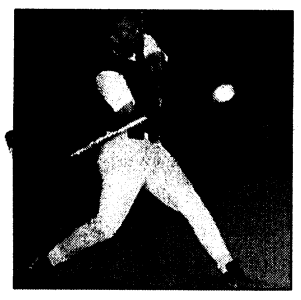
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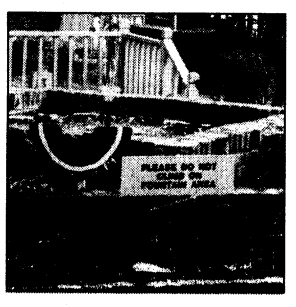
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RCI to improve family housing

Post scheduled to privatize housing in 2005

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

There is a $6 billion backlog in renovation and maintenance for family housing in the Army, and Fort Benning has 4,103 housing units, all of them more than 25 years old with the majority needing renovation.

Since renovating or replacing all of those homes could take more than a quarter century, the Army's answer to the housing problem is the Residential Communities Initiative.

The RCI is to privatize the housing and partner with an experienced developer through a 50-year contract, said Ron Smith, RCI program manager. They would then provide the maintenance, construction, demolition and operations for housing on post.

The developer will receive basic allowance for housing from all the soldiers assigned to these units, and will apply that to paying off his debt and to the continual up-keep of the quarters, said Col. Keith Stelzer, director of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.

"The advantage for the soldiers is renovated quarters to today's living standards with neighborhood amenities," Smith said.

The "partner" (developer) will also contribute to the communities, providing other projects like playgrounds, tot lots and community buildings with meeting rooms for community conferences, Smith said.

"RCI will be a tremendous opportunity to leverage the dollars and experience of a major private developer in providing our soldiers and their families with state-of-the-art housing that is equivalent to the standards of this region," Stelzer said. "Our housing at Fort Benning is old and reflects the layout and functionality of a bygone era. Many homes are part of an eight-plex complex without driveways, utility or laundry rooms and so forth.

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"Through RCI we can put an end to this type of living that would have taken us decades to

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Soldiers deploy to Kuwait

Middle East mission to deter Iraqi aggression

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Soldiers from both 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, and 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, deployed to Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Spring May 17 through Wednesday.

Soldiers joined elements of their battalions that are already training in the Persian Gulf region.

The primary objective for the mission is to deter Iraqi aggression, said 1st Lt. Greg Burch, executive officer for Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 15th Inf. Regt.

"The soldiers understand the intent of the mission," Burch said "They have been preparing a long time for this mission, so there won't be any surprises."

Soldiers could train for up to six months in the region, said Capt. Jeffrey Long, commander of A Co. 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery.

For some soldiers, the deployment is a step into the reality of duty and service, said Spc. Steven Bullie, driver and gunner with A Company.

"This will be my first deployment and chance to visit another country." Bullie said. "I've been with this unit for three years.

"I would rather be with these guys than anyone else. We are close like a family."

And it shows. Long's wife, Tshaka, will take care of their 19-month-old daughter and serve as Family Readiness Group leader for her husband's company.

"It helps me to keep myself busy with the group," She said. "It won't be as stressful if we stick together."

This isn't the first time the captain has been deployed, but it is a challenge, Tshaka said.

"I'm comfortable with it, but I'm not, nor will I ever be, used to it," she said.

The commander sees the unit and his family as contributing to a team effort, he said. Both are prepared for the long haul.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Spc. Donnell Pugh and family spend last minutes together.

DoD plans military school study

Review to look at transfer feasibility

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

The Department of Defense plans to study the feasibility of transferring the schools it operates to local education agencies this summer.

The study will include Fort Benning's schools along with a school-by-school look at all the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary School's 58 schools in Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, New York and Virginia.

There have been enough changes in the military communities where DDESS operates schools for Congress and DoD leaders to question the feasibility of continuing to operate the state-based schools, said Dr. Elaine Hinman, director of DDESS, in a recent press release.

The study will focus on the ability and willingness of local education agencies to assume the educational responsibilities

See **STUDY**, A-11

Fort Benning restricts water use

Continued drought causes water restrictions on post

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

After seven years, Georgia's drought continues.

Despite nearly an inch of rain Saturday, this month's precipitation totals are more than an inch below normal and close to six inches for the year.

This means Fort Benning remains under the water conservation restrictions in accordance with the post's drought contingency plan.

Joe Wilkins, an environmental specialist with the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, said the water restrictions saved approximately 1.2 million gallons a day for 2001 compared to the post's usage in 1999 when there were no restrictions.

With the restrictions, Fort Benning's normal usage is between nine and 10 million gallons a day, he said.

The voluntary restrictions mean there is no outside watering between noon and 7 p.m., and residents who live in odd-numbered addresses can water their yards only on odd-numbered days, and those who live in even addresses can water only on even days. But without significant rain, the voluntary restrictions will soon be mandatory, post officials said.

"Everyone needs to help conserve water," Col. Keith Stelzer, director of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, said.

Fort Benning's water comes from the Upatoi Creek watershed and the historical average flow is around 319 million gallons a day. During this drought, the flow has dropped to below 50 million gallons a day.

This doesn't leave a lot of water for fighting fires or ensuring soldiers have adequate water for training, Wilkins said.

Residents are reminded the restrictions include: odd and even lawn watering, swimming pool refilling and vehicle wash days. The restrictions also control wash rack use and prohibit nonessential water uses such as washing down sidewalks, walkways and buildings except in the case of fire control.

MEMORIAL DAY

Who will you remember?

Laura Martinson
Special to the Bayonet©

Who do you remember? It's Memorial Day, and this year will be the first that my generation will mourn the loss of its peers, those my own age and not too terribly different from myself.

The holiday is one that those younger and untouched by war probably looked forward to as a school holiday and not the day of remembrance it truly is. I know that's how I remember it.

Now, don't get me wrong. I remember hearing stories about my grandpa, who was at Pearl Harbor, Dec. 7, 1941. But those were just faraway stories from a faraway place, something that could never happen in my lifetime. And I fully admit I took it all for granted.

My husband was a little different. I'd say he's lived the privileged life — that of a military child. He comes from a family of service, two grandfathers in WWII, and a father retired with 30 years as an Air Force pilot.

But his privilege wasn't the life he led, but more the appreciation of it. Somehow he knew all along that serving — and dying — for our country is the highest honor. So he chose the noble profession he came to appreciate. Not to be noble, but to do something that matters.

This year, at age 26, I finally see just how much it matters. And it took some stellar soldiers of my generation to help me "get it."

This year, they will remember some of their own, and their memories say it all.

Specs. Jonn Edmunds and Kristofor Stonesifer

COMMENTARY



"This is the first year that the holiday will touch me personally. It's the first time I knew someone who died fighting. I found out about their deaths when I was in ranger school, and it made it tougher for me to get through, but it motivated me, too. Finishing was a way to honor their memories. But I think the biggest tribute to my peers this holiday is to remember they were doing what they wanted to do. Their job wasn't something just thrust upon them. They chose to be rangers and to stand up for what they believe in, and they made the ultimate sacrifice."

— Spc. Travis West, 3rd Ranger Battalion

Spc. Kristofor Stonesifer

"This Memorial Day will definitely be on a different level than others. Stonesifer was one of my best friends here, kind of like a big brother to me, so that makes the meaning different. More realistic. But Memorial Day is for everyone who's lost his life serving his country, not just our guys. I'll definitely be thinking about him on Monday, but this is just another day for us, because we deal with his memory all the time. He was just a real cool guy."

— Sgt. Joshua Kinney, 3rd Ranger Battalion

Spc. Mark Anderson

"He was a big teddy bear, and he had a lot of heart. But he was very strong willed about accomplishing the mission no matter what, and that's obvious to everybody now. He was in my squad in 1st Battalion. In fact, if I'd stayed there, I would have been there with him the night he died. That's kind of weird to think about. I'll remember him on Monday, but not just on Monday. I think about it all the time."

— Staff Sgt. Jimmy Ubernosky, 75th Ranger Regiment

In light of the year's events, I think it's safe to say no one has gone — or will go — untouched. There will be someone for everybody in my generation and those to come to remember, whether a father, husband, brother, sister, squad leader or best friend. It may even be a hero on TV we've never met, but somehow can relate to.

Now when I find myself in the same room as one of Fort Benning's many selfless, decorated retirees, I feel an awesome sense of gratitude, indebtedness and sheer awe. I also feel deep remorse that I didn't come to these conclusions sooner.

So, thanks guys, for putting it all in perspective for me, for us. You do, in fact, serve a grateful nation. And I think there are many, who'll never know what you know or see what you've seen, but finally get what remembering is all about.

Those who've lost a comrade, in this war or past, don't need a holiday to remember their friends — they live it daily. Maybe the holiday is for people like me, who need the reminder.

But this isn't about me, remember? This is about our heroes, past, present and future. And all I can say on behalf of everyone is a humble thank you.

It's Memorial Day. Who will you remember?

Be grateful, thoughtful Monday

Across our great land, thousands of American flags, proudly waving, mark the final resting place of soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, coastguardsmen and merchant mariners who had their lives cut short so that we may live freely and enjoy the blessings of liberty. Memorial Day is the one day of the year that we set aside to remember and honor our country's patriots, yet we owe them a debt of gratitude, every day of every year.

This Memorial Day finds our nation at war. A war we did not seek, but one we will decisively win. However, our victory will not come without its costs. Once again, we are witnesses to America's sons and daughters being brought home, solemnly and respectfully, in flag-draped coffins.

They join those who lost their lives in the attacks of Sept. 11. We are deeply saddened by their deaths, but eternally grateful for their sacrifice.

It remains our challenge to do our very best to remain true to the principles and beliefs in which they so fervently believed and which they so valiantly fought to preserve. Their loved ones who carry on remain in our thoughts and prayers.

The joint chiefs of staff and I join every American this Memorial Day, to pause and reflect upon the sacrifices made by so many of our fellow citizens in times of war and conflict throughout our nation's history. We also salute the dedicated men and women of today's armed forces, whether defending our homeland or serving around the world. They are preserving and adding to this noble legacy.

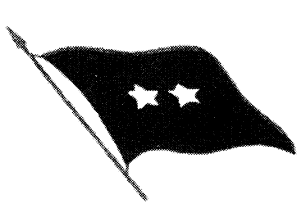
— Gen. Richard B. Myers
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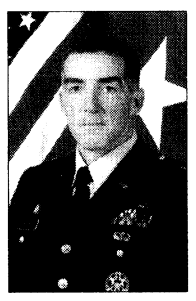
Take minute to remember at 3 p.m.

Memorial Day has been officially celebrated in this country since May 1868 as a way of honoring and remembering the sacrifices of those brave service men and women who gave their lives in defense of their country.

Unfortunately, in our hectic modern lifestyle, we often don't take the time to remember those who fought and died for our country.

To make Memorial Day more relevant to both present and future generations of Americans, Congress established the National Moment of Remembrance on Memorial Day to reclaim the holiday for its original purpose — honoring fellow citizens who died in service to the United States. To that end, Congress encourages all Americans, whether alone or with others, to participate in the Moment of Remembrance by taking one minute of silence to honor those who have gone before.





Accordingly, I proclaim Memorial Day, May 27, 2002 as a day for all to observe a Moment of Remembrance and I designate 3 p.m. as a time to simultaneously pause in an act of national unity, to honor those Americans who gave their lives in securing the blessings of our liberty.

I call on all of our units to promote and participate in this nationwide tribute to "one Nation, One Moment."

— Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton
Commanding General

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spencer, Red Cross to give bundles to babies

The American Red Cross and Spencer's Infant Clothing Company is partnering with the American Red Cross Armed Forces Emergency Services to offer a complete layette to babies born since Sept. 11, 2001, who are children of military personnel deployed in support to Operation Enduring Freedom. In Kuwait (Camp Doha) or Saudi Arabia (PSAB), the Caucus Region (Afghanistan, Uzbekistan, Pakistan, etc.) or the Philippines. The layettes will include a variety of infant apparel appropriate for the age and size of each baby receiving the gift. If any military families at Fort Benning meet the above criteria, contact the Station Manager's Office at phone 545-5194 and that office will assist in helping the family obtain a gift certificate from Spencer's for a layette.

Robert Owen
Assistant station manager, American Red Cross

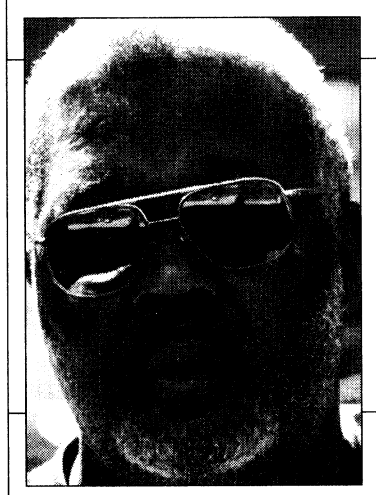
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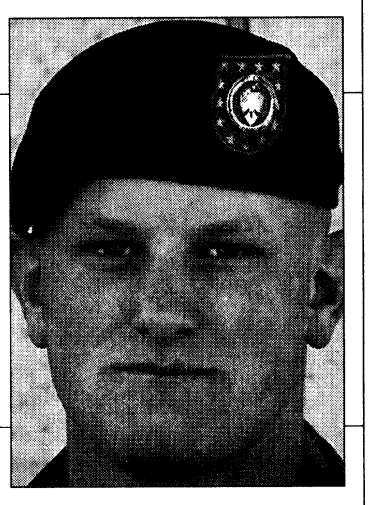
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VARIOUS VOICES

How will this Memorial Day be different from last year?



Joe Harvey, Columbus — "My Memorial Day will be different than last year's because I will have a chance to be a part of the Veterans' Administration."



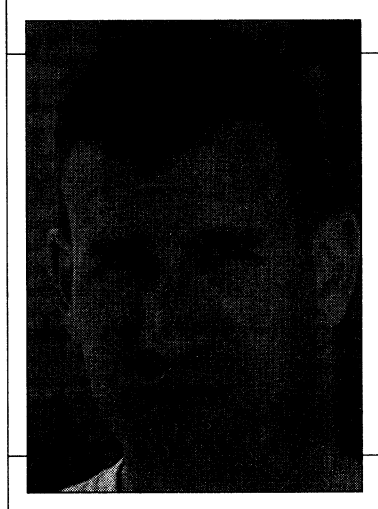
Sgt. Matt Carpenter, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "Yes this Memorial Day will be different. Last year I was doing charge of quarters duty, this year I will be spending time with my family."



Erma Williams, family member — "This Memorial Day seems to be more special than the last one, because so many of my friends and family members are military, and since September 11, I have placed more emphasis on spending time with them."



Christina Brown, family member — "This year I will be spending more time with my family then last year. Sometimes we don't understand the importance of family until something tragic happens. We should never let it come to that."



Capt. David McGuire, 1st Battalion, 293rd Infantry Regiment — "Yes, my holiday will be different this year, because I just started Ranger School, but the thought of the veterans who died for our freedom and the policemen and firemen who gave their lives September 11 will help me through it."



Bonnie Hogue, family member — "Yes this Memorial Day will be different. I have a new grandson, and I will be spending time in southern Georgia with him and the rest of my family."

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NCO commandant advocate for education

CSM Monk prepares to move to ITB

Pfc. Brian Trapp
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The commandant of the Henry Caro NCO Academy and Drill Sergeant School will change positions to become the command sergeant major of Infantry Training Brigade May 30.

The transition comes after 28 years in the Army for Command Sgt. Maj. George R. Monk.

"I'm going to miss having control over all the aspects of the NCO Academy," Monk said. "This has been the best assignment of my life. Being commandant solidified everything I did up to this point."

Monk has led the NCOA for more than four years and still has a challenging time describing the evolution of the NCOA.

"The NCO Academy is a living breathing institution, constantly updating and changing to the soldiers of today and strengthening their abilities," Monk said.

Education is one of Monk's key focuses as a command sergeant major. While Monk has been in his position, a number of people have earned their bachelor's and some even their masters.

Some people have jokingly called the NCO Academy "Monk University" for the amount of time he spent promoting education, said 1st Sgt. Darrell Sullivan, former NCO assistant commandant.

"He is a big advocate for education," Sullivan said. "Numerous people have earned a variety of degrees since they have been at the NCO Academy, including myself. He encouraged people to get a degree. It was the reason for my success."

Monk also had the opportunity to brief a number of foreign nationals and dignitaries about NCOs and their abilities.

"They would always be impressed with how much NCOs handle," he said. "They'd leave saying they wanted to take that information back to their country."

As the 16th commandant of the NCOA, Monk saw it through the consolidation of the 11-series military occupational specialties, with which he will deal firsthand at his new assignment.

"As ITB command sergeant major, it really will be bringing me full circle," Monk said.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Command Sgt. Maj. Monk stands next to a bust of Command Sgt. Maj. Henry Caro in Infantry Hall. Monk helped move the NCO Academy to Infantry Hall.

"From when I started in basic training to when I was a drill sergeant, then as a chief instructor at the Drill Sergeant School and being Drill Sergeant of the Year for Fort Jackson, (S.C.), this will be a great experience."

Monk also will take some learning experience with him from the NCOA.

"I've learned so much as the commandant, for that I am a better person and a better soldier," Monk said.

Dental Corps shows appreciation

Salomon Clinic rededicated, medal awarded

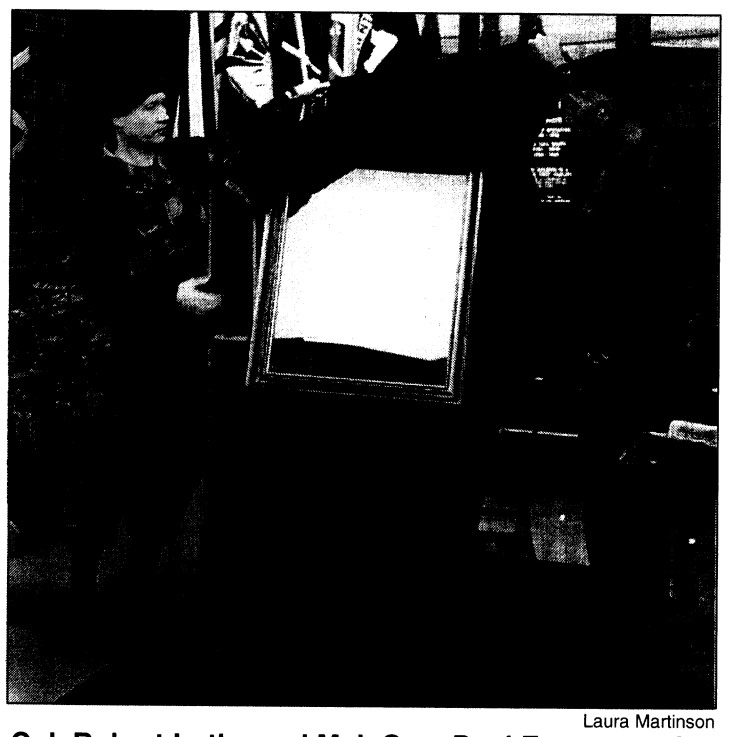
Laura Martinson
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"A grievous mistake corrected," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton to a crowd of dental corps officers and their families May 17. The gathering was to rededicate the Salomon Dental Clinic to Capt. Ben Salomon, a dental corps officer killed in the Marianas Islands in July 1944. The mistake was a 54-year delay in Salomon's receipt of the Medal of Honor, which was awarded May 1 in a White House Rose Garden ceremony.

Salomon, a prior enlisted infantryman, was killed in action while serving as the regimental dental officer for the 105th Infantry Regiment. But on that particular day, he was using his medic skills to treat sick and wounded soldiers, and his training as an infantry soldier served him and the wounded well wh his aid station came under attack by thousands of Japanese soldiers.

"I don't think he ever fully understood or comprehended the importance of his training before that day," Eaton said.

When enemy soldiers began to creep under the walls of the aid station, Salomon killed those approaching and ordered his comrades to leave and carry the wounded away with them. He was last seen manning a machine gun after its gunner was killed, and was last heard shouting, "I'll hold them off until you get them to safety. See you later."



Laura Martinson

Col. Robert Lutka and Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton unveil a portrait of Capt. Ben Salomon May 17.

But he never did. Instead, he killed 98 enemy soldiers and allowed the escape of many of his own. He was shot 24 times before he fell, and more than 50 times after that. When they found his body, he was slumped over the machine gun he had moved four different times to gain a new line of fire.

He was posthumously nominated for the Medal of Honor but denied on a technicality. His medal was only recently approved, when a legal review ruled that the 1929 Geneva Convention allowed medical personnel to bear arms in self-defense of the sick and wounded.

Since Salomon has no remaining family, the award was presented to the Dental Corps chief, Maj. Gen. Patrick Sculley.

The award and rededication are reminders that no soldier, regardless of job title, is totally exempt from the ravages of war.

"Once an Army uniform is worn, duties don't discriminate," said Col. Robert Lutka, commander, U.S. Army Dental Activity. "It's not always going to be some other soldier at some other time."



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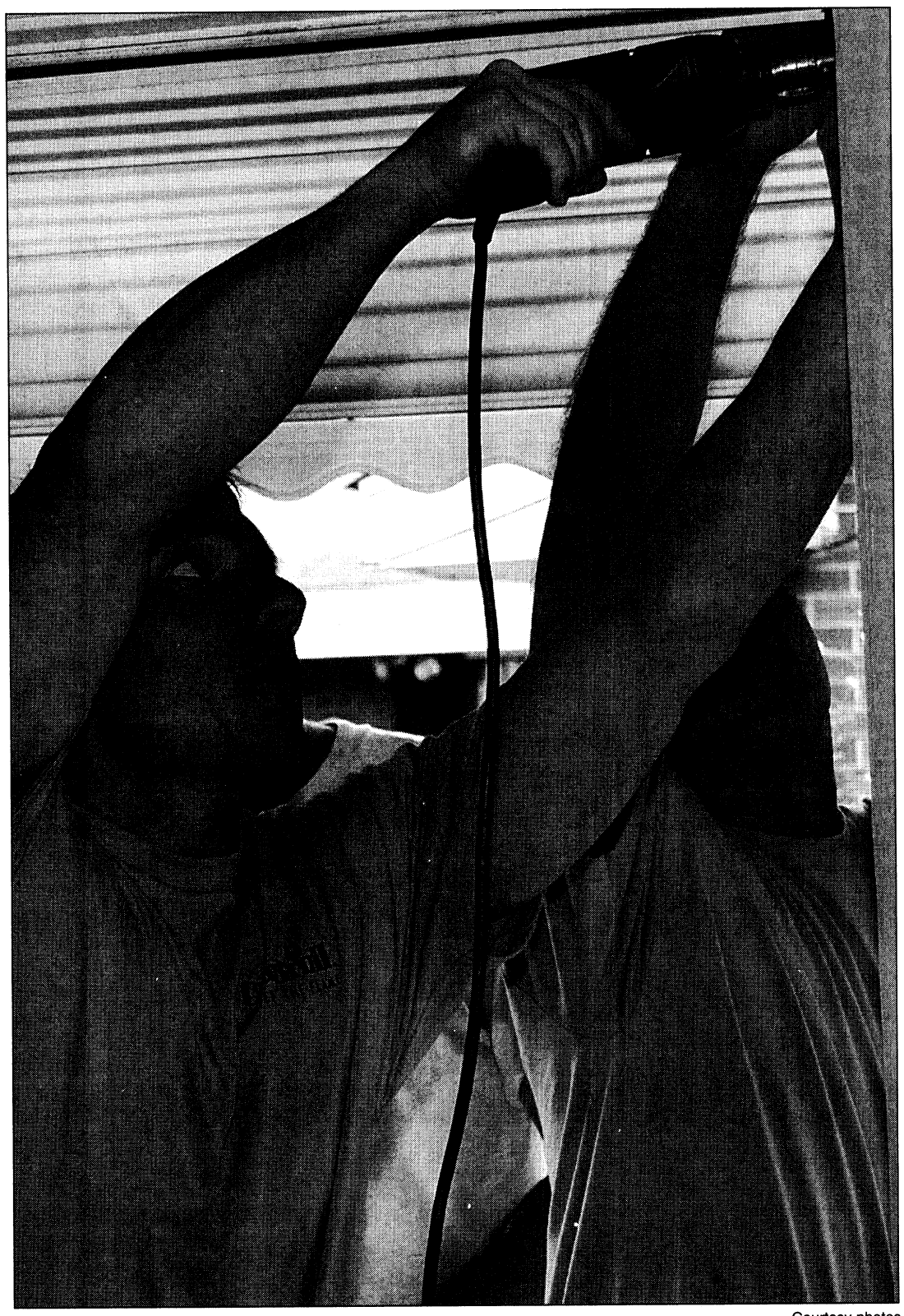


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Local veterans receive free home repairs

House of Heroes project gives back

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House of Heroes volunteers work to reach their goal of 50 houses in five days.



Volunteers put finishing touches on the house.

Retired Sgt. 1st Class Floyd Jackson and his wife, Dinah, moved into their home in the Oakland Park subdivision shortly after retirement in 1991.

The house off Victory Drive was a modest one, small and in need of many repairs, but it was affordable.

"We wanted to stay in Columbus," Dinah Jackson said. "We wanted a stable life for our little girl."

Like many Army families, the Jacksons moved dozens of times during Floyd's 20 years of service.

It was a sacrifice the family made, and they expected nothing in return.

"Floyd was over in Germany when the Berlin Wall came down. I missed him so much," Jackson said. "I wondered then if anyone cared what soldiers and their families go through."

It wasn't until the summer of 2001 that the Jacksons realized how much their community cared for them.

That's when Columbus House of Heroes volunteers called and asked if they could make any repairs to the home.

"Volunteers called and said they were coming over to see what needed fixing up in our home," Dinah Jackson said. "Before I knew it, there were about 15 people I had never seen before painting, fixing my plumbing and putting in lighting. "

The Columbus House of Heroes is dedicated to giving back to retired military and public safety workers.

In its first year, HOH repaired the homes of 13 families. This year, the organization has a greater goal, 50 houses in five days.

"We have volunteers set to work the week of September 13," said Carol Dudley, House of Heroes board member.

"We'll be repairing and revitalizing 10 homes a day."

Local companies like W.C. Bradley, Synovous and Coca-Cola have all volunteered money and employees for the project.

Home Depot is also donating materials.

"This project is phenomenal because it shows veterans we are not a cold, forgetful community," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager.

Since its development last year, House of Heroes has been gaining state and national recognition.

Representatives from other communities around the country have contacted HOH to find out more about the project.

"As far as we know, it's the only organization of its kind," Dudley said. "Community leaders from Alabama and Texas have expressed interest."

House of Heroes is trying its best to get the word out about the need to help veterans who have had hard times.

Volunteers hope the project in September will bring even more awareness.

"We have targeted homes in the Oakland Park and Benning Hills Community," Dudley said. "We already have a list of more than 50 homes. But we are still in need of volunteers."

Volunteers that Dinah Jackson said were a blessing from God.

"We had prayed about the house for a long time," Jackson said. "We didn't have the money for the repairs. The House of Heroes really brought a sense of pride to our family."

That pride will also be shown when the repairs are finished and each family receives a special gift from the White House.

"On the last day of our project, all of our veterans will receive a flag that has flown over the White House," Dudley said. "It's a special gift. President Bush is even aware of our project."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the House of Heroes or submitting a request for repairs, call 689-6226.

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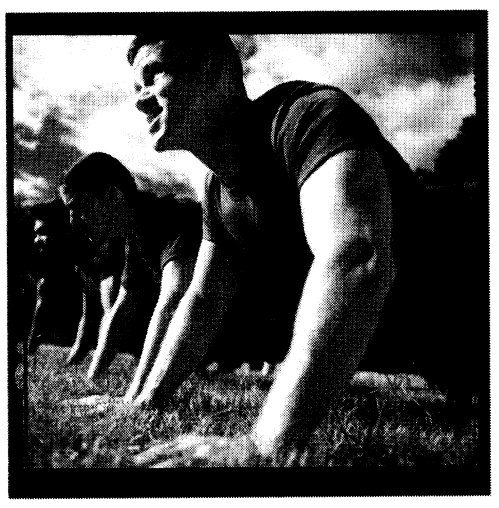
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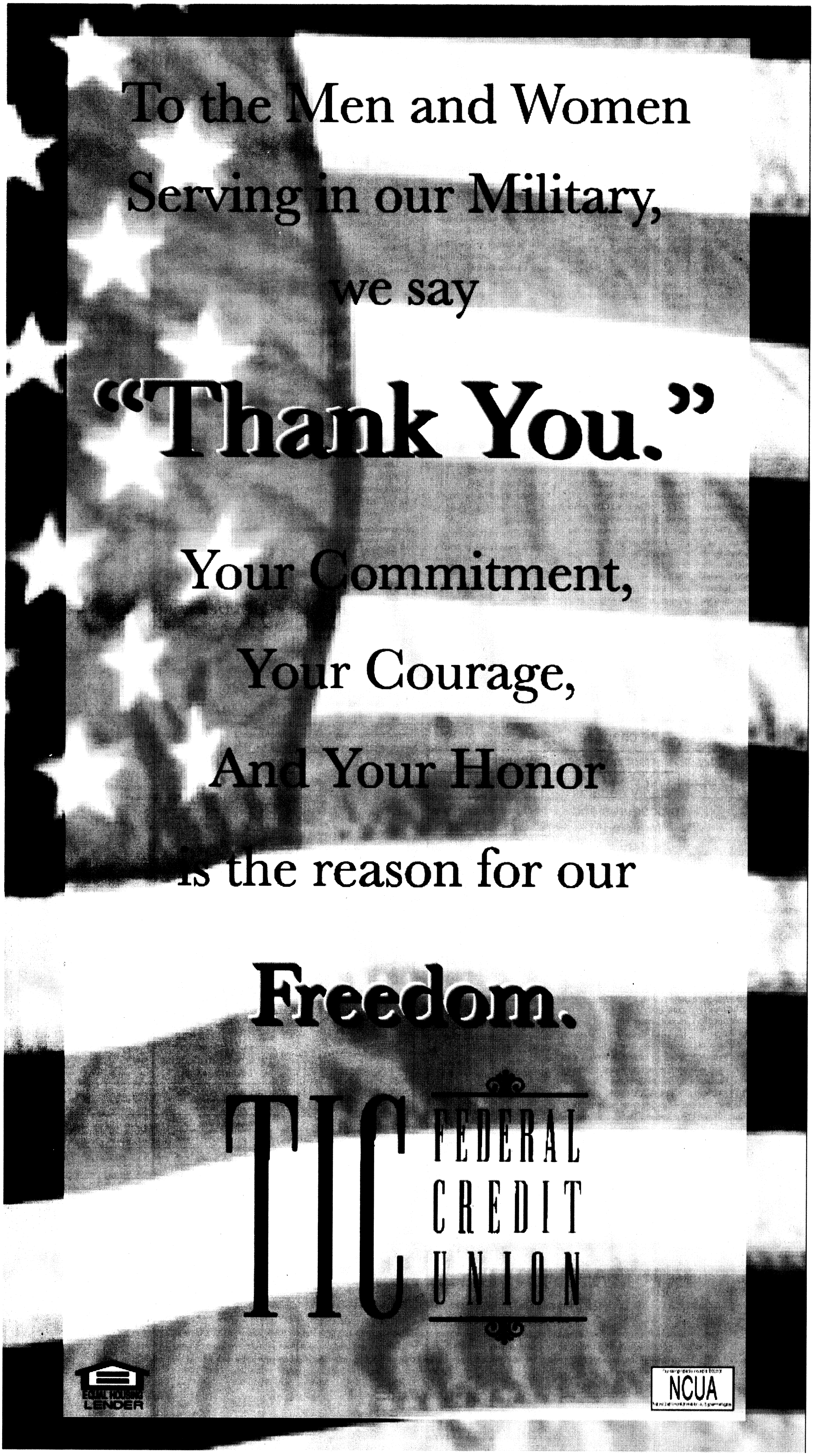
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Army refines OER system

Change allows senior rates to do best

Joe Burlas
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WASHINGTON — Though the latest version of the officer evaluation report is working the way it is supposed to, according to personnel managers, refinements to the OER system are already on the way.

Approved refinements include: revising the rater portion of the report to separate performance and potential remarks; "masking" all lieutenant OERs upon promotion to captain; reviewing the possibility of masking chief warrant officer 2 OERs upon promotion to chief warrant officer 3; emphasizing current counseling and mentoring obligations; and conducting an annual assessment of the system.

The refinements are based on the recommendations of an eight-month review of the OER system that ended in April.

"The officer evaluation report is doing the job it was designed to do — that is, to assess the performance and potential of officers in a manner that provides an effective tool to identify, assign and select the best qualified officers for promotion, education and command," said George Piccirilli, Total Army Personnel Command officer evaluation system chief. "We know the OER is providing selection boards the information they need to select the leaders the Army needs."

Piccirilli should know how well the OER system is doing the job it was designed to do as he briefs each officer board on the OER and reviews selections results and board surveys when the board concludes.

He said he has gotten a lot of feedback in the last year that board members find it difficult to separate the rater performance remarks from potential ones as both are entered in the same section of the OER.

To alleviate that confusion, PERSCOM will soon put out a message to double space between performance and potential comments until the actual OER form can be revised and fielded.

The OER review was prompted in part by the officer Army Training and Leader Development Panel, released last May.

It reported that a perception in the field that Army culture expected a zero-defects performance of its leaders.

The officer ATLDP also found a perception that a "center-of-mass" check on the OER by the senior rater meant no possibility of promotion beyond captain.

Center-of mass-ratings are not a killer, Piccirilli said, and promotion board results bear that out.

Statistics from fiscal year 2001 boards show that the majority of officers selected for promotion to major, lieutenant colonel and colonel had a mix of center-of-mass and above-center-of-mass reports.

Only about 10 percent of the officers considered for major, lieutenant colonel and colonel had all above-center-of-mass OERs when their boards met. In fact, 11 percent of those selected for promotion to major and 17 percent of those picked up for lieutenant colonel had nothing but center-of-mass ratings on their OERs.

A senior raters' ability to give above-center-of-mass ratings is limited by regulation to no more than 49 percent of the reports rendered in a particular grade, thus ensuring reports do not get inflated, Piccirilli said.

"It allows senior rates the opportunity to advance their best, with the confidence others can't inflate," he said.

As part of the OER review, senior leaders and surveyed junior officers were offered alternatives to the senior rater portion of current OER.

Almost all chose to remain with the current system, Piccirilli said.

Piccirilli further stated feedback from selection boards clearly indicates that board members weigh an officers' entire file during deliberations factoring in the officers' assignment history, career progression and evaluation reports.

System moves from top to bottom

Improvements on device help training

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Ten soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) are performing various tasks with the aiming device bracket of the Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System for Dismounted Battlespace Battlelab research.

The research is to improve the performance of the system because currently the system's design interferes with other combat optics and aiming devices soldiers use during training, which is why the Directorate of Combat Development—Small Arms Division, Training and Doctrine Systems Manager-Soldier, the Directorate of Operations and Training and DBBL are working together to find a resolution.

The system needs to be changed, said Staff Sgt. Ronnie Montgomery, squad leader for the soldiers from 101st.

"We want soldiers to train as they fight," said Maj. Roy Manauis, assistant Training and Doctrine Command System Manager for lethality. "You don't want to have negative training feedback."

The redesign of the brackets for the MILES system are being mounted to the sides or possibly the bottom of the M-16A2, M-4 rifle and M-203 grenade launcher to eliminate the interference of the system with other combat optics such as the PAQ-4 laser aiming device, said Mike Kennedy, project officer for DBBL.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

The new Multiple Integrated Laser Engagement System design won't interfere with other optics.

The stability of the system is also a factor, Kennedy said. Soldiers put equipment through a lot of punishment while performing missions, so it's important the system stays secure to get accurate data.

"We can use the MILES system as a good training aid, but if it interferes with our other equipment or doesn't give us accurate feedback, it could hinder our training more than help us with it," said Spc. Mark Leiker, one of the soldiers testing the equipment from the 101st.

U.S. Army Europe changes drivers' license policy

Move clarifies safety, security initiatives

Army News Service

HEIDELBERG, Germany — Soldiers and civilians arriving in Germany can no longer use a military driver's license as the basis for obtaining a license to drive a privately owned vehicle.

Drivers must now possess a valid U.S. state drivers license or country license in order to obtain a U.S. Forces POV Certificate of License and operate a private auto off post, according to officials at the U.S. Army Europe Office of the Provost Marshal.

The rules for registering and driving private vehicles in Germany were updated for the second time this year April 17, said Tom Lorenzini, registrar at the U.S. Forces Vehicle Registry.

"The changes became necessary to clarify certain procedures and implement safety and security initiatives," Lorenzini said.

Lorenzini described the three major changes affecting U.S. vehicle owners and drivers in USAREUR:

1. Individuals will no longer be permitted to use a military license (OF 346) in lieu of a valid state or country license to obtain a U.S. Forces Privately Owned Vehicle Certificate of License for any class. Lorenzini said this procedure was cancelled on the recommendation of the USAREUR Safety Targeting Board in order to reduce accidents caused by drivers who are too inexperienced to master driving in Germany.

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> U.S. Forces Vehicle Registry

The USAREUR policy is now in line with the other DoD components, who also require service members to have either a stateside or host nation civilian license to operate POVs outside U.S. installations.

2. The Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Program has been renamed by the Army and Air Force.

The Army's new name is Army Substance Abuse Program and the Air Forces' new name is Alcohol Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment. Individuals who commit an alcohol-related driving offense must complete one of these programs to get their U.S. Forces Privately Owned Vehicle Certificate of License returned.

3. Individuals with a record of three alcohol-related driving offenses will be prohibited from ever obtaining a U.S. Forces Privately Owned Vehicle Certificate of License. USAREUR Regulation 190-1, USNAVEUR Instruction 11240.6L or USAFE Instruction 31-202, Registering and Operating Privately Owned Motor Vehicles in Germany, prescribes policy and procedures for licensing POV drivers and registering POVs in Germany under the Supplementary Agreement to the NATO Status of Forces Agreement. Service members, civilian employees and family members in Germany who are authorized a U.S. Forces Certificate of License and POV registration are covered by this regulation.

More information can be obtained from the USAREUR Vehicle Registration hotline on DSN 386-7271 or online at http://rmv.hqusareur.army.mil.

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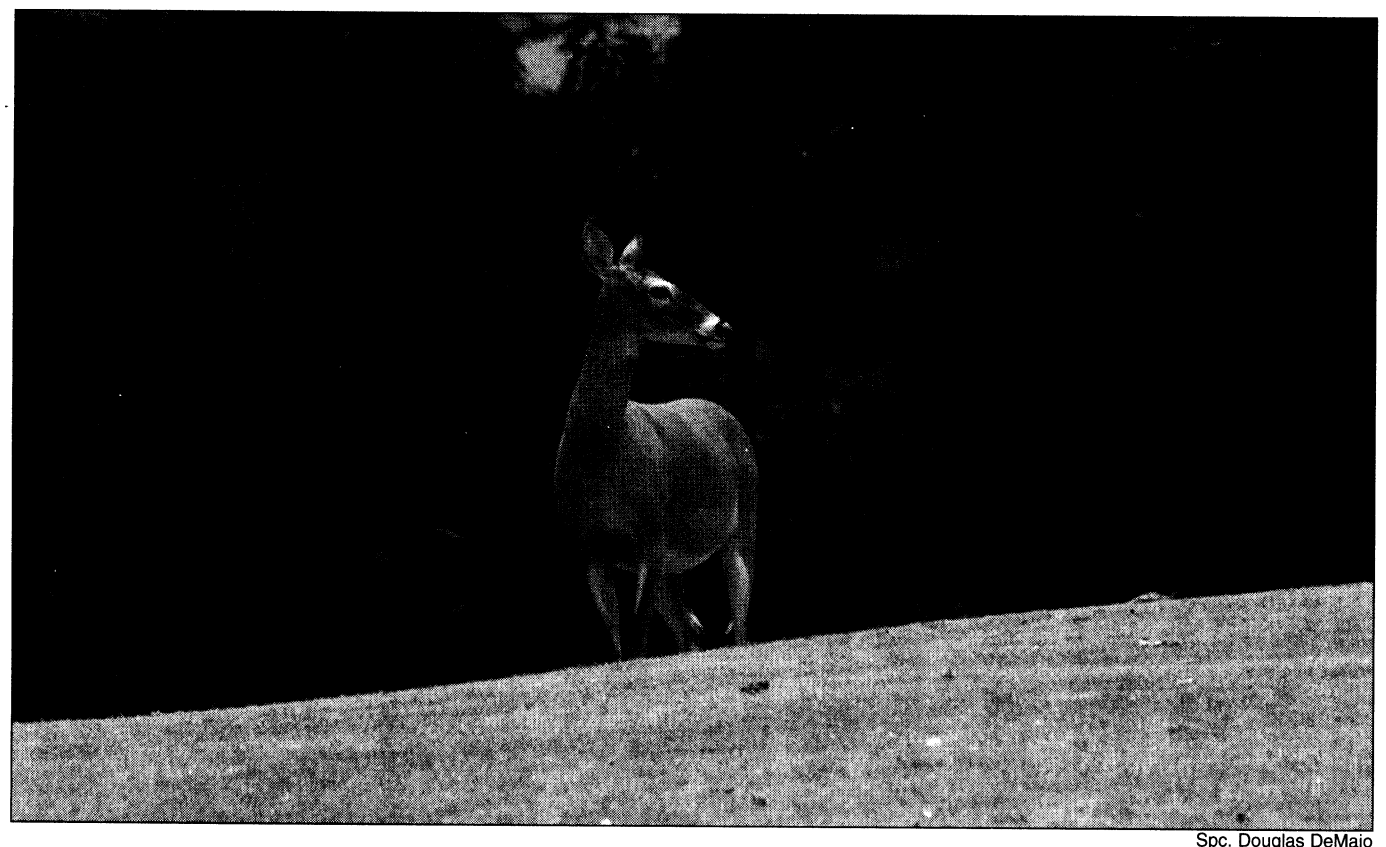
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During a game of golf at the Follow Me Golf Course, there are many opportunities to see a variety of animals living together. Deer are common on the course.



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Two red tailed hawks can be spotted protecting their nest between Pineside's 17th and18th hole.



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The blue heron can be spotted searching for and dining on fish from the pond on the Lakeside golf course, one of two 18-hole golf courses. The course is 375 acres and is home to foxes, armadillos and a variety of snakes

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

eArmyU briefing

The next eArmyU briefing is Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. in Infantry Hall's Classroom 32-B.

The educational program is free and includes a technology package that consists of a laptop computer, printer and free internet service.

For more information, call 545-1774.

Office closes during award ceremony

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close May 31 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for an award ceremony and luncheon.

ID Card Section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at noon June 3, to perform student ID Card processing requirements. Normal operational hours will resume on June 4 at 8:30 a.m.

For more information, call 545-1411.

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score.

The skills learned are applicable to the individual's military duties. The remaining classes scheduled are as follows: June 17-July 9; July 15-Aug. 2; and Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

Classes will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.).

A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m., but only by appointment.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

91W transition course

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity will conduct a 91W Transition Course June 10 to July 19.

This class is offered to E-1 thru E-7 active duty medics on Fort Benning needing to transition into the 91W MOS. Soldiers must possess a current CPR card.

Classes included in the six weeks are Emergency Medical Technician-Basic, Trauma AIMS and Pre Hospital Trauma Life Support.

To enroll into this course, call 544-1274 or e-mail: Aldo.Richards@se.amedd.army.mil. Provide rank, name, MOS and unit of individual wishing to attend this class. Class is limited to 18 seats.

Army ball

The 227th Army Birthday Ball will be June 14 at 6 p.m. in the Columbus Ironsworks Convention Center.

Tickets are $30 per person. Dress is formal. For more information, call 644-0425.

Change of Command

2nd Battalion, 54 Infantry Regiment will have a change of command ceremony on June 26 at 9 a.m. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Hap Smith and the outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Derek Miller

For more information, call 544-8511.

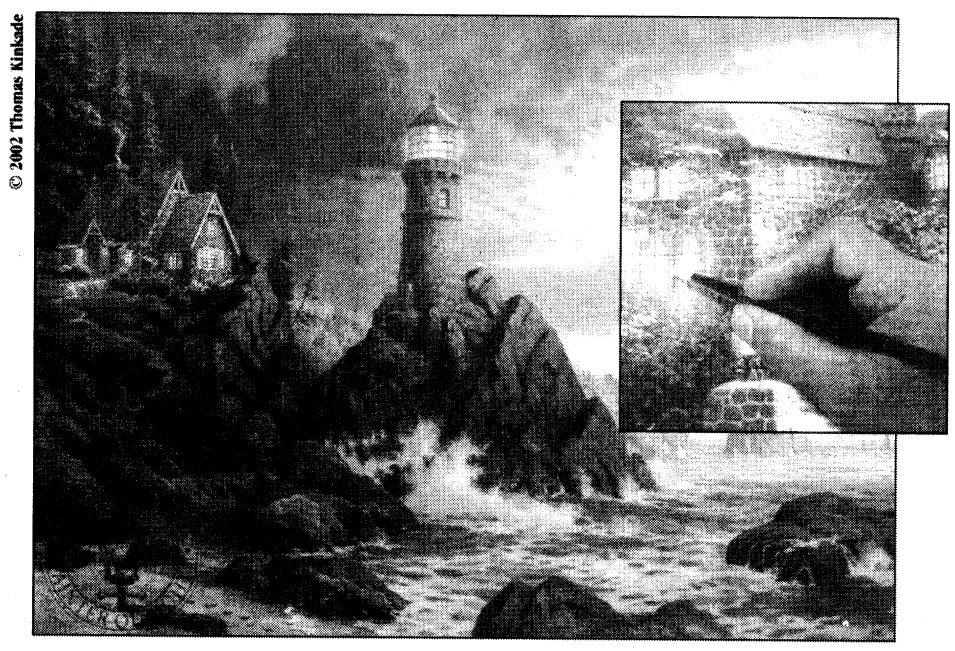
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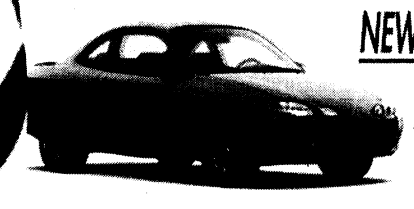
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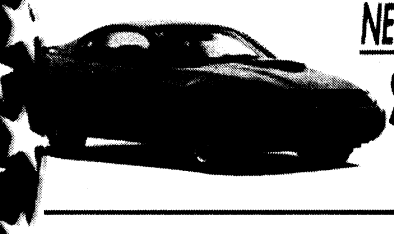
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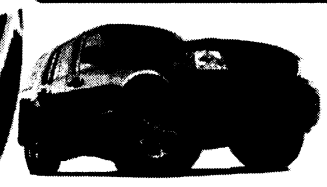
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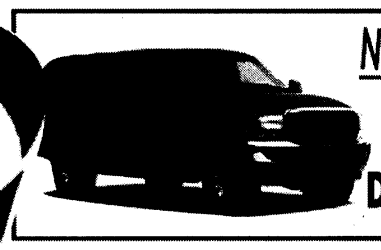
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Study: To look at transfer feasibility of military schools

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for military children enrolled in post schools, Hinman said. And it will also focus on whether or not DDESS is managing a fiscally sound and managerially effective school system.

"This means the study will address not only the cost effectiveness of our schools but also our ability to service the military child," said Dr. Dell McMullen, superintendent of Fort Benning Schools.

This study is different from the ones done in the past, McMullen said, because this time they are not looking only at DDESS as a whole but also focusing on the individual school systems.

For example, Columbia, S.C., may decline the transfer of educational responsibilities from Fort Jackson Schools while Fayetteville, N.C., accepts the responsibility for educating Fort Bragg's military children. But the study will look at each location separately to determine the best option, Hinman said.

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Some of the changes driving this summer's study include community growth around installations, state focus on school standards and quality, post demographics, aging school facilities and the costs associated with quality education.

"You can't equate everything in dollars and cents," said Richard Skinner, assistant superintendent for Fort Benning Schools.

All interested parties, including the parents, teachers and staff, commanders, school board and parent-teacher organizations, and the outside school systems, will have an opportunity to voice their opinions regarding this study.

The results of the study will be released in spring 2003.

COURTS-MARTIAL

Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

At a general court-martial March 18, Spc. Christopher J. Brown, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, was convicted of one specification of selling military property and two specifications of failing to pay just debts.

He was sentenced to confinement for a period of eight months, reduction to the grade of E1, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

At a general court-martial April 4, Sgt. Wilford L. Chism, C Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, was convicted of one specification of absence from his unit with the intent to remain away permanently.

He was sentenced to confinement for a period of six months, reduction to the grade of E1, forfeiture of $737 per month for six months, and to be discharged from the service with a bad-conduct discharge.

At a general court-martial April 17, Pvt. Daniel J. Rush, C Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, was convicted of one specification of robbery by means of violence, one specification of absence from his unit and one specification of wrongful use of marijuana.

He was sentenced to confinement for a period of four years, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and to be discharged from the service with a dishonorable discharge.

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replace through traditional funding sources and programs."

The relatively new program was first tested at Fort Carson, Colo. Their "partner" was awarded the contract Sept. 30, 1999.

The project included the operation maintenance and revitalization of 1,823 existing homes and construction of 840 additional homes.

The partner is delivering, on average, 20 new and 40 renovated homes per month. The contract calls for the developer to operate and maintain the total inventory for the 50-year term of the contract.

The project has also been tested in Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Lewis, Wash. and Fort Meade, Md.

Late in 2004, Fort Benning is scheduled to select a developer, and months of collaborations and negotiations will follow. Once the Community Development Master Plan is developed, the proposal has to be approved by the Department of the Army and Congress. After that, the contract will be awarded and the partnership will begin.

"I am concerned that we do the job right in the crafting of the deal because this will represent literally millions of dollars each year, and the period of the partnership is 50 years," Stelzer said. "So the stakes are high, but to help us along the way, we will have experienced consultants on our team."

The change will be seamless and soldiers will see many improvements, Smith said.

"I am very excited about this, Stelzer said. "The Army has long known that you recruit soldiers, but you retain families. This will allow our families to live in much better homes."

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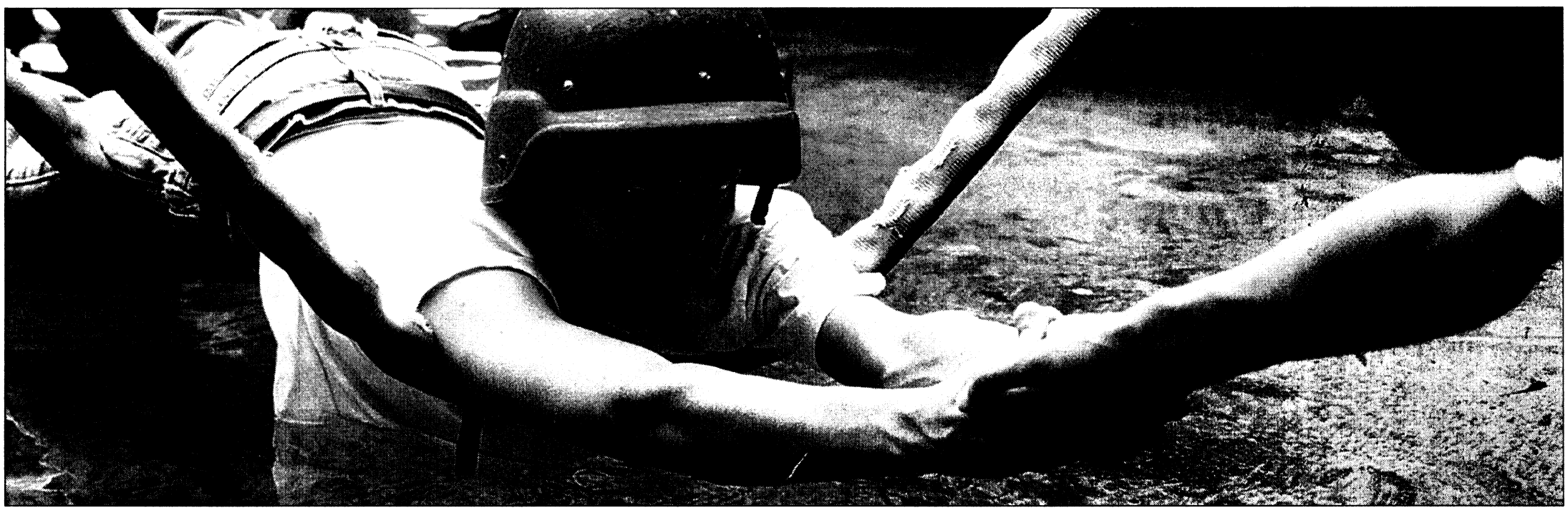
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Greg Alexander, a JROTC cadet at Columbus High School, forms a human bridge to span a water challenge at the Fort Benning Leaders' Reactionary Course.

JROTC cadets tackle leaders' course



Jason Elmore, top, helps David Fabozzi navigate a station of the Leaders' Reactionary Course.

Cadets build confidence, teamwork

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Nearly 70 Columbus High School students tackled the Fort Benning Leaders' Reactionary Course May 17.

The students, JROTC cadets and their guests, spent the day with soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, who guided them through 14 LRC stations.

The LRC is typically used to test soldiers' "reactionary skills," both physical and mental, said Staff Sgt. Michael Westbrook, one of the A Company soldiers tasked to monitor the cadets' progress throughout the course.

"And that's basically what they'll get out of it today," he said. "When its over, they'll each have a pretty good idea how they react under pressure, what their strengths are and what they need to work on to be effective leaders."

And those are lessons that can't be learned in the classroom, said Theresa Clay, a senior.

"We can talk about it all we want, but it's different in a mission in the field, under pressure," the third-year cadet said. "This kind of exercise allows us to evaluate ourselves, to see if we can think fast under pressure and remember the things we've been trained to do."

It also tested the cadets' ability to work together, said Maj. Newt Kellett, Columbus High's senior JROTC instructor.

"It's all about teamwork and leadership," Kellett said. "The key to success in JROTC, just like any organization — just like life — is teamwork and leadership. Someone's got to rise to the top and take charge, but everyone needs to know how to work together to accomplish the mission for everyone's benefit."

The cadets were assigned to eight squads, and each squad was given 15 minutes to complete the assigned mission at each station. Each cadet had to assume the role of squad leader at least once.

As the students rotated between stations, they were briefed on the mission and given prescribed equipment to use while negotiating obstacles, such as water or simulated explosives. After 15 minutes, pass or fail, the squad conducted an after-action review before progressing.



Alana Miller, a freshman cadet, struggles to balance a board on two pipes without touching the ground.

"It's fun, but very challenging. A lot of quick-thinking and common sense, but it's tough," said Daniel Asber, a first-year cadet.

The tougher the better, said Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Lovick, A Company. The more difficult the mission, the "more confident (the cadets) become, and the more they learn to work together as a team.

"We don't want them to breeze through every mission. We don't even want them to complete every mission," Lovick said. "Sometimes you learn more from failure."

Many prepare for Balkan missions

Theater-specific training helps people stay alert

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Long before the war on terrorism, a battle raged against more than 1 million silent soldiers in the Balkans. They were ultimate warriors — not requiring sleep, food, water and shelter.

However, they pledged allegiance to no flag and were indiscriminate killers. Whoever crossed their path, women, children, friend or foe, paid the highest price — death.

The battle continues today in more than 4,400 mine fields in Bosnia and Kosovo, which means there are 140 mines per square mile, said Sgt. 1st Class Perez Carter, NCOIC of Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training.

This makes the course's mine-related material some of the most important, said Staff Sgt. G.W. Whitley, mine awareness instructor, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

"You can't get into the relax mode," Whitley said. "You always have to remind yourself, 'If I get lazy or lose focus, I might step on a mine or find myself in a mine field.'"

Mine fields are serious business, he said.

To clear a 1-meter footpath through a minefield, it requires a 16-person team a total of 22 hours per 100 meters, given average visibility, moderate enemy activity and under normal U.S. countermeasures.

This renders the self and unit extraction portion of the class pivotal, Carter said. Students learn proper probing techniques, the different types of probes and how to mark mines when they find them.

Students learn many other skills during the three-day TSIRT course.

They are in the classroom for the first day learning the rules of engagement and media awareness. They also receive a country brief and anti-terrorism brief.

Day two consists of classes on such things as mine awareness, driving hazards, force protection skills and countermine operations.

Day three finds students going through situational training and force protection lanes.

The biggest focus of the course, which students take after four days at the Continental U.S. Replacement Center, is force protection.

"Some of them are not familiar with what we teach them, but, once they are aware of what they may face, the training becomes more serious," Carter said. "If they put into practice what we teach them, they should go perform the mission and come back safe."

It seems to work.

There have been 21,545 people and 352 units that have gone through the training since March of 1997. None of the course' students of the course have died in the Balkans.

"It's a tribute to the professionalism of our instructors, our realistic training aids and strict guidelines we enforce, Carter said.

Students agree.

"The course makes a lot of sense," said Capt. Karen Monday, 1186th Terminal Transportation Brigade, Jacksonville, Fla. "It equips us with the knowledge we need to survive if we end up in a situation that we're not used to."

As a result, the course sets its students up for success, said Sgt. 1st Class Reginald Underwood, 50th Signal Battalion, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I've never been (to Bosnia) before," Underwood said. "Everyone is little scared walking into something they know nothing about. However, I'm excited. The instructors did an excellent job teaching us. It was a very productive time."

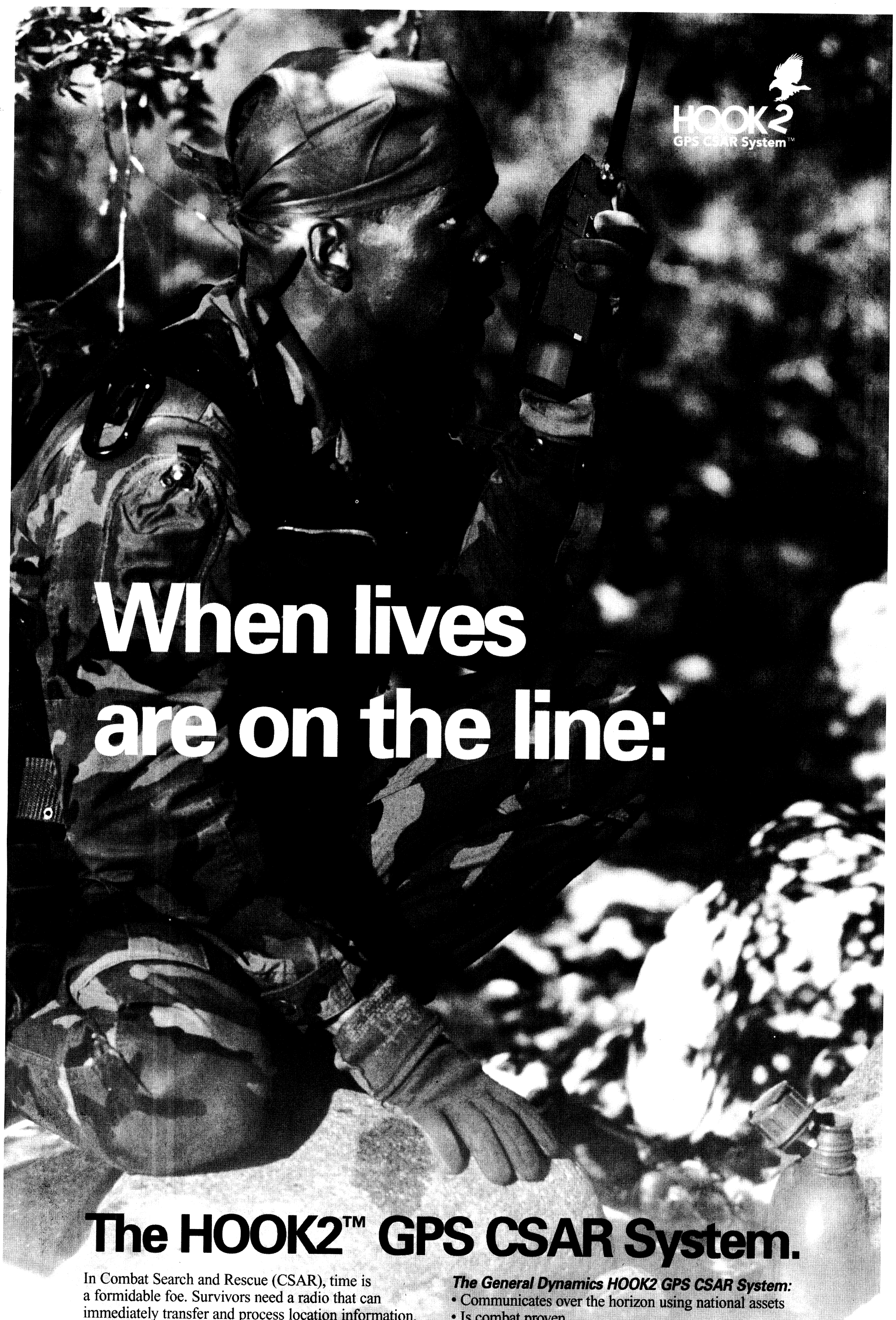


A civilian on the battlefield confronts a student with a baby she wants to give him to take to safety.



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A Theater Specific Individual Readiness Training student uses the fishing pole method of detecting booby traps.



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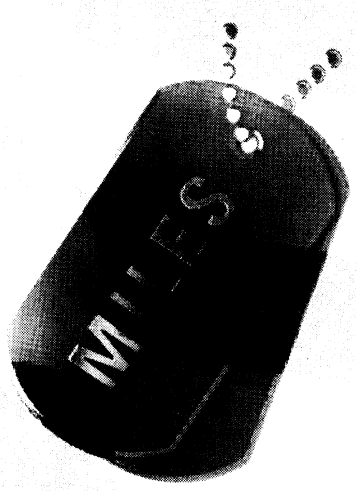


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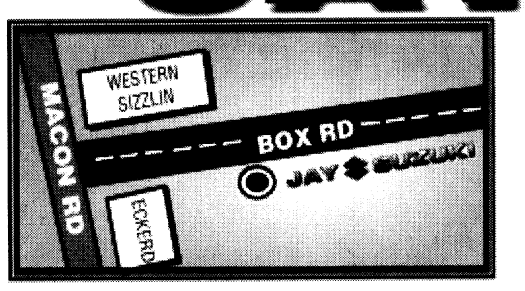
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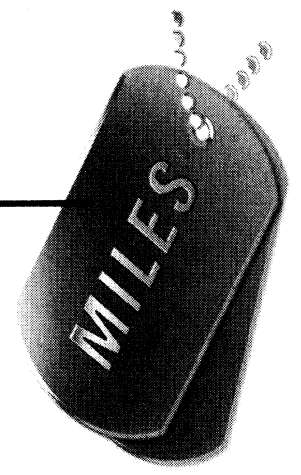
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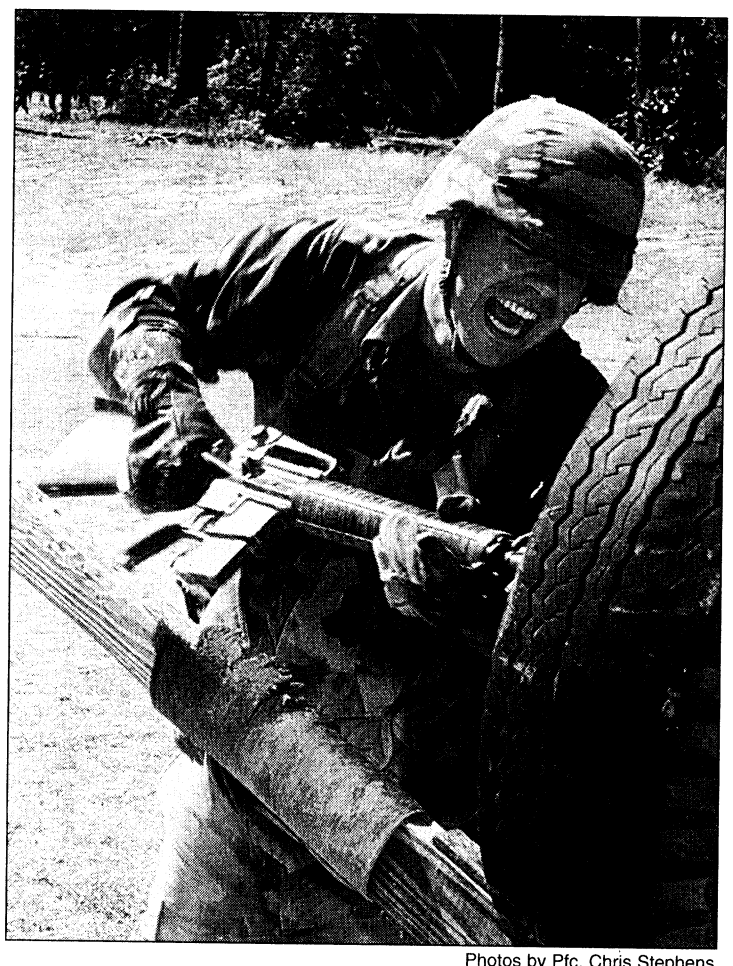
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Soldiers navigate Bayonet Assault Course



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvt. Ryan Connelly thrusts into his target.

Course offers soldiers first challenge

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The soldiers of C Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, learned the art of a quick thrust with the bayonet during the Bayonet Assault Course Tuesday.

"When in a situation where you have no ammo, the bayonet is of great importance," said Sgt. 1st Class Gregory Lewis. "This teaches the soldiers survival without live rounds."

The assault course not only consists of obstacles on which the soldiers demonstrated their bayonet skills, such as thrusts, parries and butt-strokes, but also obstacles the soldiers had to negotiate as a team.

Some of the obstacles the soldiers negotiated were crawling over a log wall while staying low, the tunnel crawl, the log balance and horizontal ladder.

"This is the only chance these soldiers will have to strike something with a real-world feel during basic training," Lewis said. "The tasks required for basic training just don't allow for more real-world action like that of the assault course.

"These soldiers were getting antsy to hit something," Lewis said. "All the soldiers have done so far is sit in the classroom. This allows them to do something together as a team and start the team-building process early."

"It was excellent training," said Pvt. Ryan Connelly. "This training is a real eye-opener of war-time situations."

Not only did going through the bayonet assault course teach the soldiers how to defend their lives, but it also encouraged many of them to work harder and to give it all they have.

"Before going through the course, some soldiers were ready to quit," Lewis said. "They said they didn't like the Army and how things were done. The excitement of the assault course gave them an extra boost of motivation to continue on with their training and to finish it out."



Connelly checks for traps during the tunnel crawl.

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SECTION B

Families clear quarters quicker

Post has exclusive cleaning crew

Angela Sachitano
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Most families agree clearing post is stressful enough without the added pressure of cleaning quarters.

"We have so much going on at once," said Capt. Bart Hensler, who attended the Infantry Captains' Career Course. "Any responsibility the post could help with would be appreciated."

When Hensler and his wife, Suzanne, cleared their Norton Court quarters last year, they spent hours on top of hours searching for a cleaning crew that could get the place in order.

"Before soldiers could leave they would have to wait for a crew to come out there, inspect the place and give them an estimate," said Ken Henkins, Chief of Housing. "Then

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Civilian police protect post



Courtesy photo

Officer McGregor Glasglow checks ID at a Fort Benning check point.

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No matter what entrance soldiers use to access Fort Benning, the procedure is always the same.

ID, proof of post registration, and at times, insurance papers.

No excuses, no exceptions.

In the eight months since Sept. 11, Fort Benning has gone from having zero access control points to a fully operating seven.

"We have been ordered to maintain a secure environment," said Maj. Milton Busby, Operations officer for Military Police Activity. "The access control points are crucial to post security. "

But the access points aren't secure without the manpower to guard them.

Beginning Monday, motorists saw an influx of police officers at those checkpoints.

The officers are part of the Department of Army civilian police force. Their mission is to patrol access points and closely guard the Fort Benning community.

"We will have a more secure environment with these officers around," Busby said. "They will have a core knowledge of our post."

The DA police will replace the National Guard and U.S. Reservists called up several months ago to help patrol post. Those soldiers will return

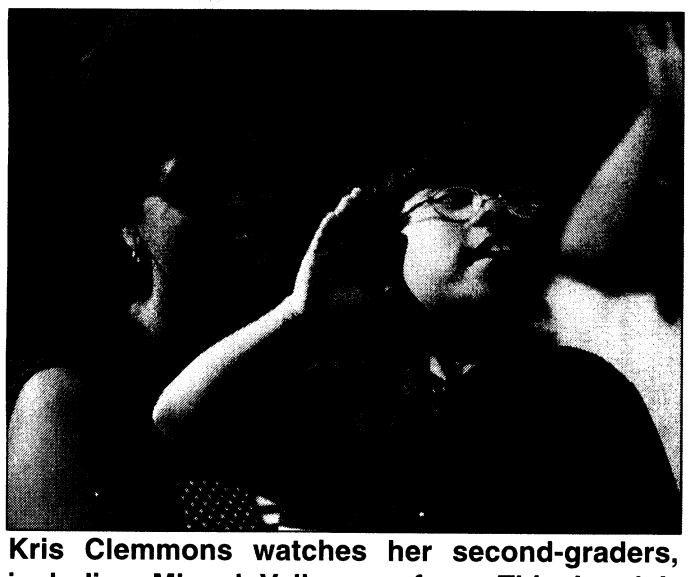
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Celebrate America!



Nathan Sturdee, V-Chanti Carson and Erick Lowman, pre-K students at Stowers Elementary School, perform *Yankee Doodle* during the school's annual Celebrate America! concert May 14.

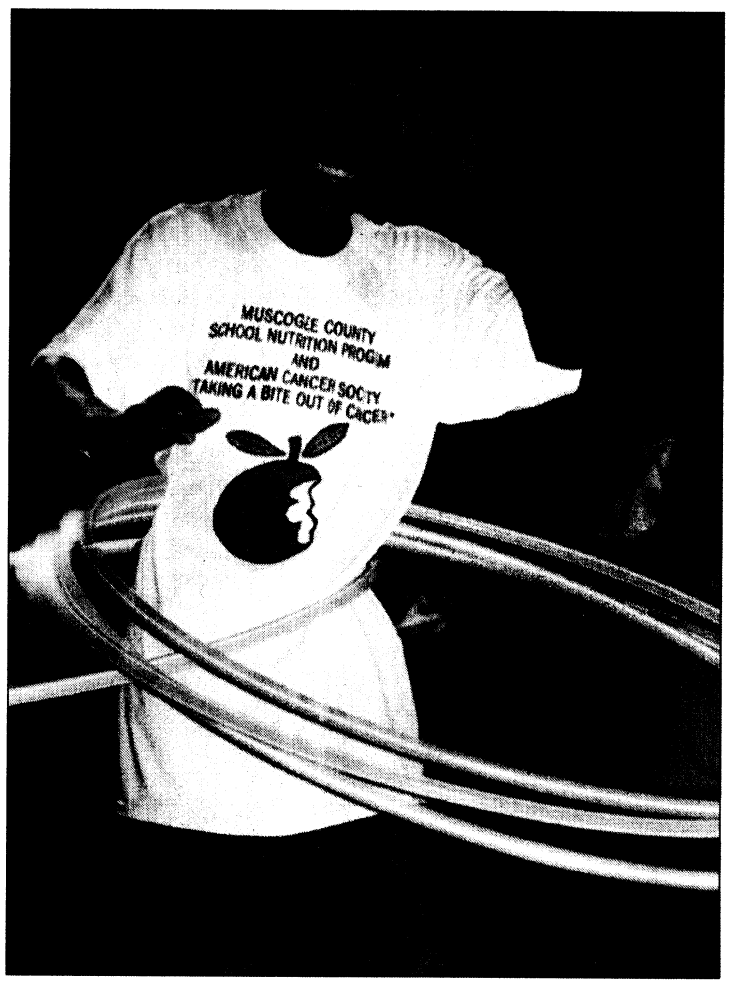
Photos by Bridgett Siter



Kris Clemmons watches her second-graders, including Miguel Vellon, perform *This Land Is Your Land.*



Fifth grader Toyana Mosley impersonates James Brown, as she leads Stowers students and the audience in *Livin' In America.* More than 600 students participated in the outdoor concert, which featured popular patriotic songs, past and present.



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Rodney Williams, 10, hones his hula skills before the hula hoop competition at the Relay for Life May 17. An estimated 3,000 walkers participated in the event, sponsored by the American Cancer Society.

Relay raises $209,000 for cancer research

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Thousands of people from Columbus and Fort Benning joined the race to find a cure for cancer Friday and Saturday at Kinnett Stadium.

An estimated 3,000 walkers participated in the 10th annual Relay for Life, raising more than $209,000 for the American Cancer Society.

The 18-hour overnight event, which took place in hundreds of cities across the country, is the ACS's single largest fund raiser.

Called "the best event to date," by Steve Phillips, a member of the local ACS chapter, the relay surpassed previous events in the amount of money raised, the number of teams involved — 106 — and the number of survivors who participated in the "Survivors Walk" — more than 450, twice as many as last year.

Relay teams crowded the Kinnett track to kick-off the relay at 6 p.m. Friday. After cancer survivors released hundreds of pink balloons into the air, relay officials lighted luminaries around the track, each dedicated to a cancer victim or survivor.

Glynn Tomblin, secretary to Fort Benning's chief of staff, saw her name on several luminaries.

"It was wonderful, very touching," she said. "It was exciting to see so many people and to think they all want to pull together to put an end to this."

"This" being the cancer that claimed Tomblin's husband's life in 1973 and threatened her's last year.

"I'm a breast cancer survivor," said Tomblin, who underwent surgery, radiation and chemotherapy less than a year ago. "Because of events like this research has come so far. Because of advances in medicine and treatment, I didn't experience the sickness my husband went through. We've come a long way."

Though occasionally somber and emotional, the Relay for Life was "mostly festive and enthusiastic," Tomblin said. Tents dotted the stadium. Children lined up for pony rides, while others waited their turn at the karaoke, hula hoop and limbo contests. Venders sold T-shirts, popcorn, candy and hats, with proceeds going to the ACS.

Team members walked all through the night and Saturday, despite a steady rain that curtailed many of the events scheduled for Saturday morning. And though the crowd began to disperse shortly after sun-up, hundreds continued to walk or lingered under umbrellas and awnings to watch "Brutie" contestants vie for the title of "M? Relay for Life 2002." Men donned their best heels and jewelry and preened for the crowd.

"It was a little weird to be dressed as a woman, but all in all, it's for a good cause," said Staff Sgt. Adam Nash, who bested seven other contestants for the title. "I'd do it again. Who knows, maybe I'll retain the title next year."

Little letter people learn lessons in phonics

School play teaches kids alphabet

Angela Sachitano
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Try to imagine being 4 years old again when learning the alphabet seemed oh so impossible.

It's not always easy for little minds to remember all 26 letters, their shapes and sounds.

But Dexter Elementary pre-K students made it look easy on the evening of May 20.

"K stands for kites," said Katarina Tenorio. "I am a K!"

Katarina played her first starring role as the letter K on the Dexter Elementary cafeteria stage. Her mother has never been more proud.

"She's a natural on stage," said Magdalena Tenorio, Katarina's mother. "My older son didn't do this sort of thing in pre-K. He didn't learn the alphabet nearly as quick as she did."

Dexter Elementary pre-K teacher Peggy Gindville has been working with her students for weeks. She assigned each child a letter, a poem, and a starring role in the Letter People Performance.



Courtesy photo

Aspen Wilken bottom left, Jacob Sides, Will Anti and Elise Melhado are letter people.

"They're learning letter recognition, rhyming, and proper pronunciation of the alphabet," Gindville said. "All of the things that teach them to read."

They're also learning a thing or two about the pressures of performing.

One by one, sometimes in pairs, and even in threes, children took to the stage, dressed in creative letter costumes, reciting catchy poems filled with alliterative phrases about their letter.

Blaine Zigler walked energetically to the middle of the stage when it was his turn.

"S stands for silly skittles," Zigler said. "Skittles and socks." He was dressed in a homemade costume of colorful paper skittles and Ss.

"We've had rehearsals all week," Gindville said. "They know each other's parts. This is really a good age. They're young enough that they don't have a lot of self-doubt yet."

Parents also had a big role, perhaps more behind the scenes, though.

"We worked with Katarina and her lines for sometime now," Tenorio said. "We went over them every night and she wanted to get it down perfect."

Not one of the 26 letters stumbled on their words on opening night.

You could tell parents were impressed, as cameras flashed and camcorders rolled throughout the performance.

"The letter people have been around for at least 20 years," Gindville said. "The idea has really helped kids learn letters and they usually don't forget."

Parents won't forget the accomplishments their children made that night either.

"It's a beginning for her," Tenorio said. "The feeling is wonderful."

Traumatic events can hit anyone

Tricare will help in time of need

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It is normal for individuals to experience stress reactions to emotionally or physically traumatic events.

In some cases, people who have had traumatic experiences develop lasting psychological impairments, such as post traumatic stress disorder. The most frequently experienced traumas include: witnessing someone being badly injured or killed, being involved in a fire or natural disaster, being involved in a life-threatening accident, combat exposure, or physical or sexual abuse or assault.

Many people experience stressful reactions for days, weeks or even months after the trauma. Usually these reactions become less severe over time, but, in some cases, the post-traumatic stress may be persistent and psychologically impair a person.

There are several signs that indicate a person is suffering from PTSD. These include, but are not limited to, re-experiencing the trauma of the event through dreams or flashbacks, recollections of a disturbing event, feelings of emotional numbness, sleep disturbances, and difficulty concentrating, remembering or making decisions.

The family is profoundly affected when any member experiences psychological trauma and suffers PTSD. Some traumas are directly experienced by only one family member, but other family members may experience shock, fear, anger and pain in their own unique ways simply because they care about and are connected to the survivor.

Family members may feel hurt, alienated, frustrated or discouraged and may have a tendency to feel angry or distant toward the survivor.

They may find it difficult to discuss personal or family problems because the survivor becomes controlling, overprotective, or unreasonably anxious and fearful.

Recognizing the signs of PTSD, identifying current ways of coping with severe, traumatic stress, and getting help from mental health professionals can help the survivor and family members manage PTSD more effectively.

If you are a Tricare beneficiary and would like additional information on PTSD, call Choice Behavioral Health Partnership at (800) 700-8646 and ask for your local prevention and wellness specialist.

Accessing the Mental Health and Substance Abuse benefits:

Although Tricare beneficiaries are entitled to eight outpatient mental health appointments without an authorization, it's always a good idea to call Choice Behavioral Health at the above number.

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Members coordinate health care properly

Deductibles, cost shares available

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Cost share is 50 percent of the Tricare maximum allowable charge.

Tricare Prime beneficiaries who are treated for an emergency should notify their primary care manager within 24 hours of their emergency treatment in order to receive the full benefits of the Prime package.

Company: Does dirty work for Fort Benning residents

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families were required to give us a money order along with their keys. We'd do the final inspection. It could get very confusing."

But as of May 15, a smoother, less confusing system is in place.

Fort Benning now has an exclusive contract with a nearby contractor, Thomas Brand Siding.

The company has agreed to clean and paint quarters in a timely manner for pre-determined fees.

No waiting around for estimates, no hassles.

"Soldiers will simply have to notify the company 30-45 days before clearing," Henkins said. "It's a one shot deal. They won't have to bicker with other groups."

Families saying farewell will have a one-stop shop when the housing and transportation divisions move to their new location in Meloy Hall this summer.

Conveniently, the new cleaning division will be located on the same floor.

"Families can stop in and schedule a cleaning time when they schedule a pick-up time for their belongings," Henkins said.

"It can't get much easier than that."

Prices are set at $112 for a two-bedroom home and $125 dollars for a three-bedroom home.

For the Hensler family, the new concept is a weight lifted off of their shoulders.

"If Benning is willing to do the work for us, we can't complain," Capt. Hensler said.

And if all goes as planned, families moving into the quarters won't be complaining either.

"The turn-around time is going to be much quicker now," Henkins said. "Families will be in their new homes at least a week sooner."

Police: Check IDs, more to be hired for post protection

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home to assist in other missions.

"I've been advertising, looking to find potential officers that will meet our standards," Busby said. "We are looking at retired MPs and those with a law enforcement background, but it is not required because we will train them."

Nearly 150 civilian officers will be hired during the next few months. Right now, 25 men and women are already on board working the access control points.

"I used to work in corrections with Muscogee County and I have wanted to be a part of federal law enforcement for a long time," said McGregor Glasgow, Officer with the DA police. "This is a great start for me."

Like all other DA hires, Glasglow completed a month of vigorous training, including two weeks of checkpoint assists. Monday he is on his own, pulling over suspicious vehicles, and closely screening all motorists.

"I'm getting paid to protect this post and that's what I will do, Glasglow said."

DA police officers are assigned eight-hour shifts and the salary ranges from $22,000 to $29,000 a year. They come in as a GS-5 and will eventually patrol the roads as well.

"The benefit of having them here is we won't have to worry about them deploying or transferring to another duty station," Busby said. "DA officers are here to stay."

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ENG 102	ENGLISH COMPOSITION II	5	MW	6:00-8:15
ENG 261	PUBLIC SPEAKING 1	5	TTH	8:20-10:35
HIS 121	AMERICAN HISTORY I	5	TTH	6:00-8:15
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MAT 200	STATISTICS	5	MW	6:00-8:15
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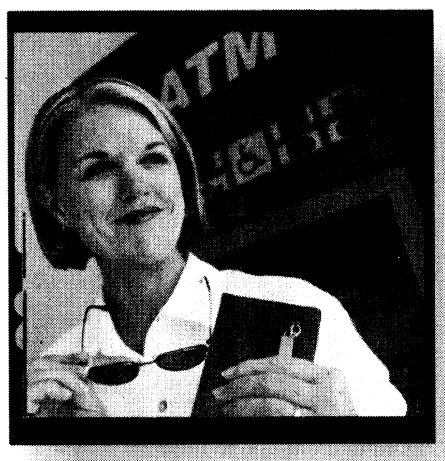
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Summer jobs can earn huge payoff if earnings invested in Roth IRA

Contribution limits $3,000 per year

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

If your child has a job this summer, a small gift now could have a huge payoff for the child in the future.

Parents should consider making a contribution to a Roth IRA for the child. The payment into the IRA may be based on the income earned from a summer job or after-school work.

The contribution limits for an IRA is the lesser of two amounts: the amount actually earned, or $3,000. So, if the child earned $3,000 or more, a $3,000 contribution may be made.

If the child earned less, $1,000 for example, then only $1,000 may be contributed.

The money deposited into the IRA does not have to be the child's money. The money may be given to the child to make the contribution, and any money given is considered a "gift" under the current tax laws. Gifts under $10,000 do not have to be reported.

However, the IRA contribution still may not exceed the amount the child earned or $3,000, whichever is less.

The Roth IRA could become a very nice nest egg for the child. A 15-year old who has $3,000 in a Roth that grows an average of eight percent a year will have $140,700 at age 65.

If $3,000 contributions are made for three years when a child is 15, 16, and 17, the IRA will grow to more than $390,000 by age 65.

Parents do not have to make the decision now. Contributions to an IRA may be made as late as April 15 of the following year.

For more information, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

BIRTHS

Boys

Spencer Bryan Van Loo — born May 9 to Kari and Pfc. Jason Van Loo.

Maurice Lamar Weakley Jr. — born May 10 to Patricia and Sgt. Maurice Weakley.

Thomas Anthony Heymann — born May 12 to Sgt. Sarah Coffey and Staff Sgt. Edwin Heymann.

Branden Deval Asplin — born May 15 to Debra and Pfc. Dusten Asplin.

Ra Jon Jakeem Deese — born May 15 to Spc. Sephalie and Raymond Deese.

Girls

Morgan Alana Carter — born May 10 to Christal and Capt. Paul Carter.

Carson Tay Rice — born May 10 to Lisa and Sgt. Michael Rice.

Kaitlyn Judith Williams — born May 15 to Courtney and Capt. Edward Williams.

Attalie Renee Hart — born May 15 to Joanna and Capt. Daniel Hart.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Clinics close for holiday — The Martin Army Community Hospital clinics will be closed today through Monday for the Memorial Day holiday.

Self-Help closes for holiday — Self-Help will be closed Saturday and will reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-4207.

Schedule changes — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing Monday.

The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be June 3.

There will be no refuse or recycle pick-ups in Family Housing Monday. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Monday will be picked up Tuesday.

Refuse and recycle collection in family housing for the rest of the week will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call 545-4232.

School board meets Tuesday — The Fort Benning School Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilbur Training Center, Room 11, at the Fort Benning Schools Administrative Complex, 7201 Custer Road.

An agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today.

For more information, call 545-7276.

Communities need mayors — The Community Life Mayors Program is accepting applications for mayors and vice mayors in all housing areas.

For more information, call Evelyn Livermore at 682-5414.

Red Cross needs volunteers for Summer Youth Program — The American Red Cross is now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program.

The program will run from June 17 to July 26. The hours available to volunteer will be 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday.

All volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years old.

Applications may be picked up at the American Red Cross, Soldiers Plaza, Building 2626.

In addition, units who are interested in having a volunteer placed in their facility this summer may make requests by calling or faxing request along with job description to the American Red Cross.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 545-5194 or fax request to 545-5118.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Care car — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin at 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

Infertility Support Group — Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people who are experiencing infertility.

The Columbus Resolve Chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road, Columbus. For more information, call 323-6659.

Teaching scholarship available — Applications are being accepted for the Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship.

Applicants must be a graduation senior or high school graduate enrolling in secondary schooling; desire to major in education, an average student, preference given to GPA between 2.0 and 3.0; and participation in JROTC, softball or baseball.

Applicants should submit the following to be considered:

Handwritten essay on their interest in education as a major or career; letter from coach or teacher confirming participation in ROTC, softball or baseball; information on how to contact applicant following the award of the scholarship and applicant's grade point average.

The scholarship will be awarded June 30.

Submit all applications to: Sarah Klenke Memorial Teaching Scholarship, Attn: Deborah Klenke, 4427 Stradford, San Antonio, TX 78217-1371.

Entries should be postmarked on or before May 31.

Camp Concharty — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council, Inc. is proud to present the Resident Camp.

Camp Concharty is a place for campfires, hayrides, songs and s'mores.

From exploring caves, white-water rafting and walking high above the ground on the ropes course, to relaxing in the sun, sleeping late and being pampered at a spa, Camp Concharty has something for everyone.

Sleep under the stars, ride horses, cool off with a swim, make new friends, learn to bake in a cardboard box and make your own ice cream in a sandwich bag.

Camp Concharty is open to all girls (not just Girl Scouts) from first through 12th grades.

Interested adults 18 years and older can join in on the fun by becoming a staff member. Get paid while you play and enjoy a rewarding summer with an enthusiastic group of girls.

Positions available include: assistant camp director, business manager, nurses, lifeguards, horseback riding instructors and, of course, camp counselors.

For more information, call the Girl Scouts of Concharty Council at 327-2646.

Asthma camp — This year's Camp Breath Easy, the American Lung Association of Georgia's camp for children with asthma, will be June 9-15 at Camp Twin Lakes in Rutledge, Ga. Camp Breathe Easy is for children with asthma who need daily medication and are limited in summer camping opportunities.

Celebrating its 22nd year, Camp Breathe Easy is the largest asthma camp in the southeast.

The American Lung Association of Georgia also offers week-long asthma day-camps later in the summer in Albany, Augusta and Columbus.

For registration and more information about Camp Breathe Easy, call the American Lung Association of Georgia at (770) 434-5864 or (800) LUNGUSA.

Beauty pageant — The 63rd Miss Georgia Forestry State Scholarship Pageant will be June 14-15 in Tifton, Ga.

The pageant is open statewide to any young lady in the state of Georgia and accepts one contestant per county and one contestant per college in each age division. The Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant is a non-profit scholarship program that offers educational opportunities to young ladies while promoting Georgia's number one industry, forestry.

The Miss Georgia Forestry Pageant gives more than $60,000 in cash and college scholarships to the queens and runner-ups.

The age divisions are Tiny Miss, ages 3 to 6; Junior Miss, ages 7 to 12; Teen Miss, ages 13 to 16; and Miss, ages 17 to 23.

The queens receive the official Miss Georgia Forestry crown, rhinestone studded banner, crowning pin, silver engraved tray and scholarships along with more than $1,000 worth of gifts.

To enter, call Dianne Dominy at (229) 386-2681 or e-mail pageant@forestry.com.

547th Engineer Bn. reunion — The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association and its attached units (552nd and 1328th) is holding its 16th annual reunion in Fort Mitchell, Ky., Aug. 1-4.

The reunion will be held at the Drawbridge Inn, located at 2470 Royal Drive.

For more information regarding the reunion, call Nelson Reinhart at (513) 752-8545 or Ursula Allen at (253) 582-4649.

School lunch menu

■ **Monday:** holiday, no school

■ **Tuesday:** pizza burger, garden salad, tater tots, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** chicken-cheese enchilada casserole, Spanish rice, green beans, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** turkey and cheese sandwich with lettuce and tomato, oven fries, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, milk

■ **Friday:** manager's menu

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Loyd Elementary School proves science is fun

Loyd Elementary School

With anticipation and curiosity, the Loyd School Science Night started with a hot dog dinner. After the dinner, the world of science was waiting.

The primary grades were hosted by Lynn Larsen from the Chattahoochee-Flint GYSTC.

The Science Night primary activities were:

• Butterfly prints — you make prints of the butterfly to further investigate the various features of a butterfly;

• Flying copters — with a paper copter you drop through the air. The air pushes against and around the paper propeller blades which makes the copter spin;

• Lucky Charms — take a cup of Lucky Charms and graph its contents;

• Puff the stuff — this activity is about prediction. A student or parent predicts the number of puffs it will take to blow an object. With this activity, you can see if the shape or weight of an object affects the number of puffs taken;

• Secret message — using candles, write a secret message, then paint over the message with watercolor paint — the message will be revealed. This shows the relationship between oil and water;

• Yabba dabba you — simply make your fingerprint and discover what type of print you have. Traits are the many different things that make you different from everyone else. Traits come from special chemicals that make up genes given to us from our mothers and fathers.

Are you a square?

Some of the students and parents of Loyd School are. For the third, fourth and fifth grades, one of the many activities of the evening is measuring height and arm span to determine if you are square. (That means your height and arm span are equal in length.)

Other events of the evening include identifying parts of crayfish, investigating the movement of sound through solids, liquids and gages.

The fifth-grade Science Fair winners were also announced during Science Night. First place went to **Tamara Phifer** for her study of ways to clean up oil spills. **Bethany Ray** came in second place with her investigation of how different soils affect plant growth. In third place was **John Urrutia** whose study focused on friction.

Science Night was a fun, exciting and educational event for students, parents and teachers. It gave parents and students an opportunity to learn together, as well as have lots of fun together as a family. The enthusiasm was at an all time high, and the world of science was seen through different eyes!

Luau!





Performers sing at the Luau. Shows will feature Hula dancing and various ceremonial dances and songs.

Post to celebrate at Uchee Creek's Asian Pacific Luau

Directorate of Community Activities

The 2002 Luau is from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. May 31 at the new Uchee Creek Campground and Marina Activity Center. Admission and parking, with designated handicapped pick-up and drop-off points are free.

There will be free:

• Polynesian shows, featuring Hula dancing and various ceremonial dances,

• Martial arts demonstrations,

• Concert by local band, Mindblender

• Party barge rides

• Karaoke from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m.

• Face painting

Bring a family picnic or enjoy an authentic Polynesian meal: Polynesian pork, and teriyaki chicken, fried rice and tropical fruit. Tickets are $5 at the event.

For more information, call 545-3198.

Courtesy photos

Polynesian dancers entertain the crowd. The indoor show will offer families a cool place to relax and enjoy their meal. Ample shaded outdoor seating will also be available for picnicking. Families are encouraged to bring picnics and blankets to sit and enjoy martial arts demonstrations and concert featuring Mindblender.





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Bad things happen in everyone's life

Give thanks for the things going well in life

Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond Moore
Martin Army Community Hospital

Have you ever had something bad happen in your life? Have you ever thought about why Scripture comes to mind or someone quotes you a verse, such as I Thessalonians 5:18, "In everything give thanks."

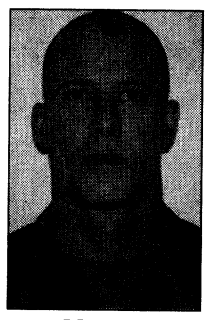
As a chaplain, I have said and quoted this very verse to myself as well as others. Over the years, numerous books have been written on the subject, two of which are *From Prison to Praise* by Merlin Carothers and *When God Doesn't Make Sense* by Dr. Jim Dobson.

In good times or bad times this passage intends for us to be thankful in all circumstances at all times. This does not mean things will always be great or that you would even enjoy it. Just give thanks that God is in control.

When you and I choose to give thanks to God in all circumstances, there is a powerful impact in every area of our lives. Giving thanks keeps us alert to the true presence of God. When we praise him despite the stumbling blocks and obstacles we face, we have comfort knowing we are never alone. He assures us through Scripture our problems are his problems. He is always there.

By thanking God in our tough times, we enhance our sense of his redemptive involvement in our trials. His word tells us that, he will never leave us nor forsake us.

REFLECTIONS


Moore

Basically, we have his help and his presence. As believers, we can take our troubles to him, share our burdens with him and draw on his strength. God is there. He is always there to listen, comfort and strengthen us in his power. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

When we give thanks to God, we can be motivated to discover God's purpose in our problems and his true desire for our lives. When we give thanks, the most rewarding thing is that you can know God can work out his plan regardless of the evil intention or actions of others. What others intend for bad God can intend for good.

The bottom line is God has a meaning and a purpose for your life, and nothing can change God's purpose for you.

Whenever you give thanks it positions you to receive the fullest extent of his blessings for your life, the good, the bad and the different. We are to give thanks in all things. When we do this, our will is bent to his. We then learn to submit our expectation to God's almighty plan. Giving thanks is God's will for our lives. This demonstrates our faith in God's word and our confidence in his goodness and wisdom for our lives.

You and I are dependent on God for every breath and step we take. He is Lord, the creator, and we are his creatures, made in the very image and likeness of God himself.

When we give thanks, it recognizes and affirms his sovereignty over every single area of our lives. He truly holds all we are or ever hope to be in his hands. He is the potter and we are the clay.

When we give thanks to God in all things, our trust is strengthened. Still trusting God is most difficult when we do not understand the reasons for the affliction or pain. Even though we do not have all the answers we still must trust in him. Giving thanks is truly the highest expression of trust we can and must display. In Proverbs 3:5-6, we are told to trust in the Lord with all our heart, lean not on our own understanding, in all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will direct thy paths.

Giving thanks is never easy in tough times but he is holy, true, and pure. Let us in everything give thanks to the Lord.

CHAPEL NOTES

Vacation Bible School — Both the Catholic and Protestant communities are gearing up for VBS this summer. Announcements about registration will be made later. There is a need for teachers and helpers in all age groups. The Catholic program will be June 10-14. The Protestant VBS will be the following week June 17-21.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — Need some old fashioned time out with other women for some good company in a spiritual setting?

The PWOC meets every Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon at Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is held along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Vision encompasses more than eyesight

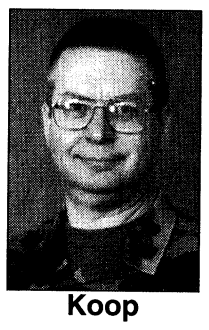
Only God knows what the future holds for us

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Every household and organization needs to have vision. Where there is no vision, the people perish, warns the writer of the book of Proverbs 29:18.

A parent's vision is the campfire around which the family gathers. Vision provides focus, direction, power and unity.

The tyranny of the urgent is a form of nearsightedness that causes us to live from day to day in the present. We can't imagine what the future may bring.


Koop

Blinders limit our perspective of the world and others. The blinders of negative emotions, such as jealousy and hate, keep us from seeing the good in others.

The fog of doubt produces spiritual glaucoma that clouds our vision and limits us from seeing clearly and being confident in our actions (James 1:6).

Self-centeredness is a type of presbyopia that prevents us from seeing ourselves as others see us. The reading lenses of scripture provide a positive correction to this malady.

If our vision is too farsighted, we may fail to see how to get from where we are now to where we want to be. If it is too broad or frequently changing, we lose our sense of direction and focus.

According to scripture, God gives dreams to the old and visions to the young (Joel 2:28). God grants sight to the blind (Psalm 146:8). Only God knows the future for sure.

Would you like help in clearing up your vision by establishing goals and direction in life? Free counseling and support are available. Contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza, 545-1760.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

5 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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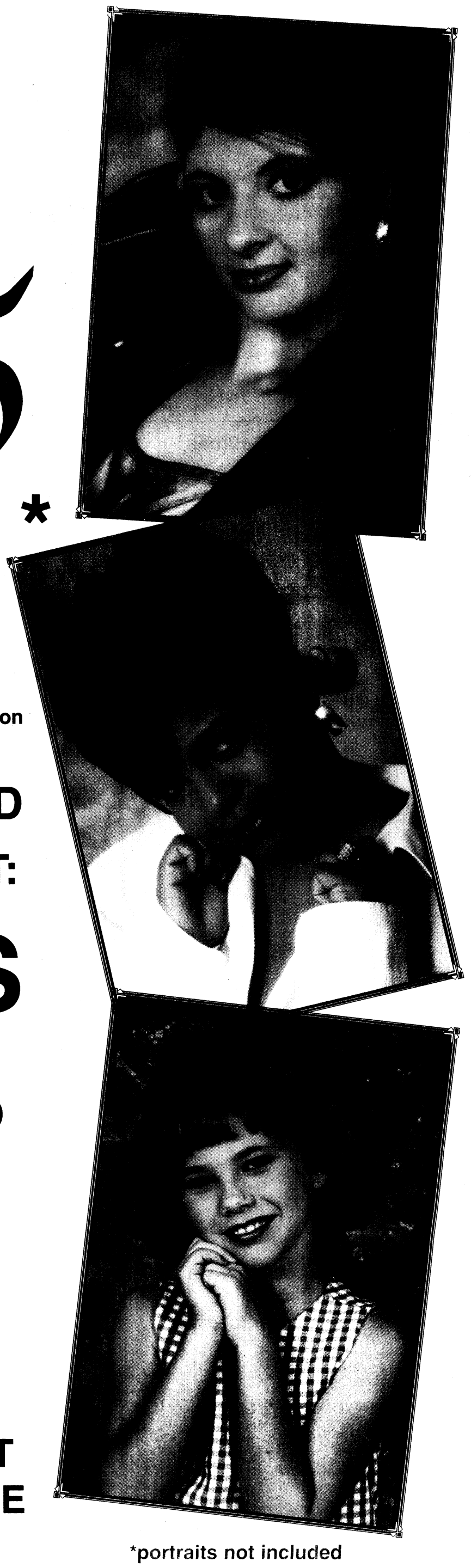
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SPORTS

Darby's Rangers open flood gates

Team shuts out Comanches in softball game

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Darby's Rangers, from 4th Ranger Training Battalion, shut out the Comanches, of 598th Maintenance Company, 14-0, at Knappenberger Field on Kelly Hill in intramural softball action May 16.

Darby's Rangers laid the wood down on the Comanches in the bottom of the fifth by scoring nine runs, which included two inside the park homeruns.

"Once we open the flood gates, it's hard for us to be stopped," said Kevin Brill, Ranger left-centerfielder, who hit the first of the inside-the-park homeruns.

This was the first game of the season for Darby's Rangers, who won the U.S. Army Infantry Center tournament, April 20, said Dave Perry, catcher, who hit the second inside homerun. The win provided the Rangers with an understanding of how they might stand fair during the season, but teams will by gunning to dethrone the post defending champs.

"We want the challenge," Brill said. "We like the pressure."

The game started slowly but picked up gradually throughout the game.

"We weren't hitting to well," Brill said of the first four innings.

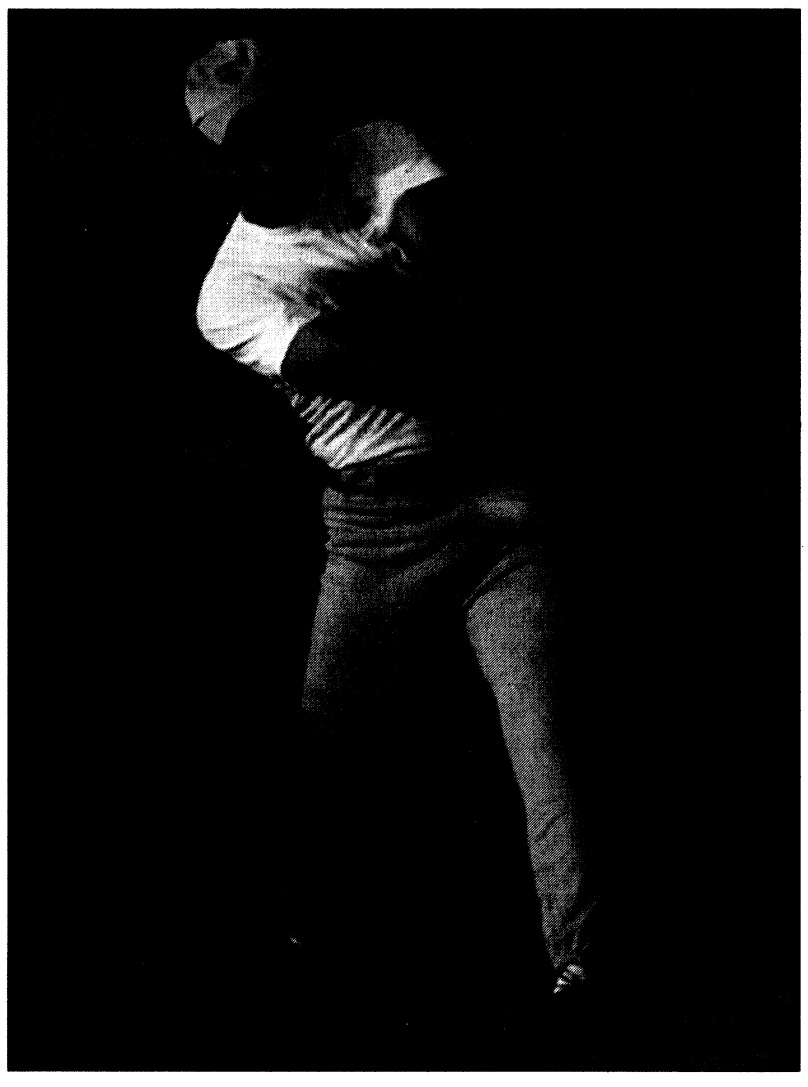
Darby's Rangers didn't score in two of the five innings, but their defense forced the Comanches twice to go three up and three down.

In the bottom of the third, the Comanches shot themselves in the foot with an error, which gave Darby's Rangers the momentum to score three runs.

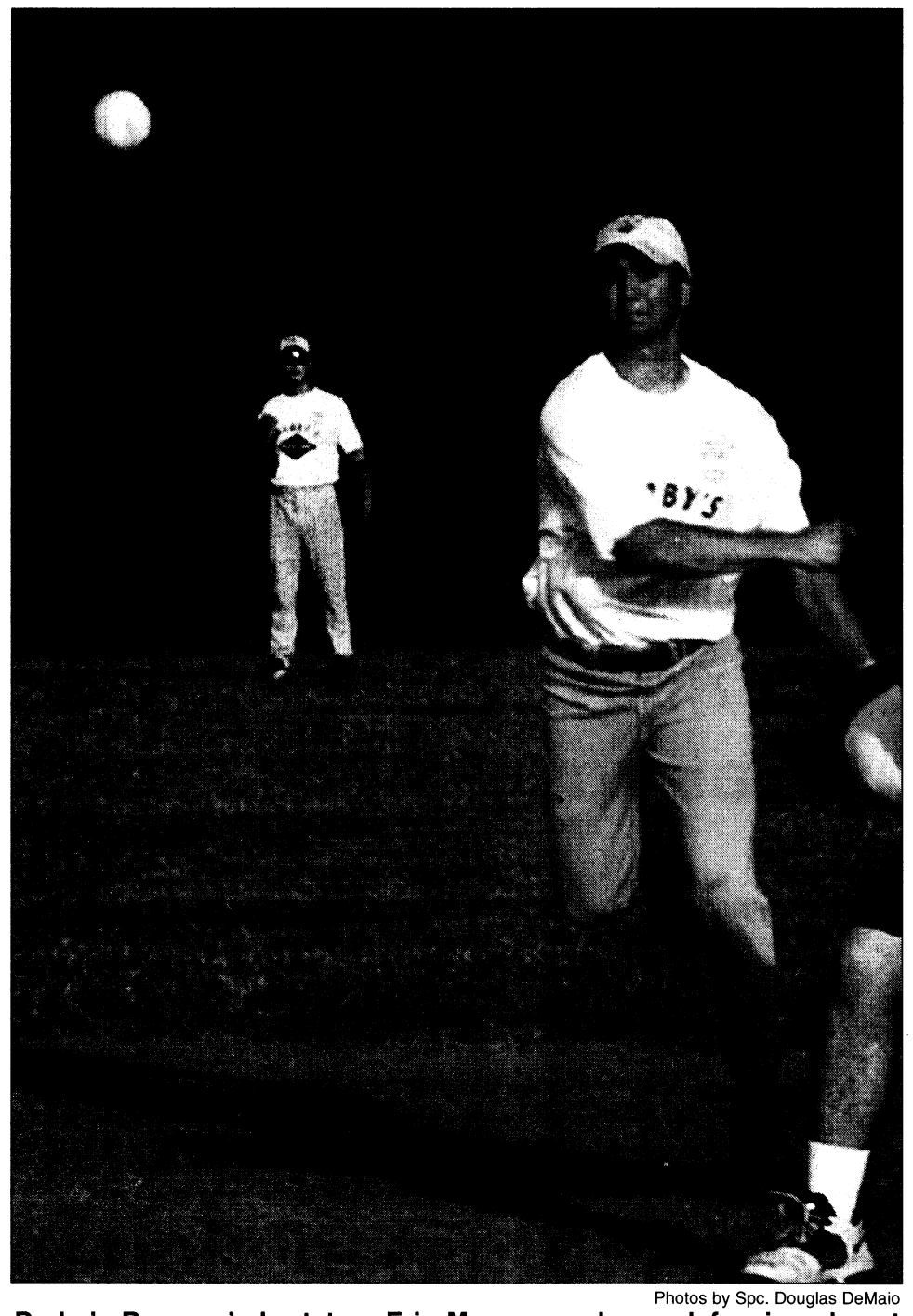
For the most part, Darby's Rangers placed a lot of emphasis on fundamental defense during the game, but coach Tom Siter has his team focused on putting the ball into play to increase their on based percentage, Perry said.

"We have the right focus, and our intention is to hit stronger," he said. "Coach has us moving in the right direction."

The motivation for the team starts with Coach Siter, Brill said. He leads with knowledgeable decisions and emotions, and the rest of the team follows by his example.



Mike Scarpulla belts the ball into the playing field.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Darby's Rangers' shortstop, Eric Massey, makes a defensive play at second base and throws the ball to first for the double play.

Exercise routine mirrors daily activities

Average Joe can train like professional

Sgt. Matthew Billet
U.S. Army Physical Fitness School

It's a major challenge for personal trainers to train individuals who once were athletes and now wish to regain skills and abilities of bygone days.

Most clients seen by a personal trainer are either completely untrained or recreational athletes.

The common approach to such a group seems to be core muscle group exercises using machines with a volume of three to four sets of 10 to 12 repetitions with one to two minutes between sets.

While this is a safe way to start, once a client has made reasonable progress in strength and control, is it within reason to introduce more advanced motor skill activities?

Rationale for the introduction of more advanced training for the non-athlete may have intangible benefits in regard to cross-over effects on everyday life.

The fact is, for some, everyday activities of life can be just as strenuous as athletic competition. While the playing field may not be the same, the risks are just as great. Evidence of this is the growing number of non-athletes making use of physical therapy and rehabilitation facilities.

So why not encourage clients who are ready and willing to take on a more serious approach to training?

As a selling point, creative marketing by the fitness professional can sell selected exercises that demonstrate a dramatic effect on everyday activities.

They not only provide variety to a fitness program but perhaps encourage potential fitness involvement by those who are currently sedentary.

What principles must be considered to assess whether a client is ready?

Adequate trunk and hip strength, as well as good balance, are key prerequisites for success in advanced training as is ensuring that the client has adequate flexibility to achieve the positions needed for these types of advanced activities.

A recommendation is to start by teaching the proper mechanics with a bar or a very light weight.

The body responds to the stresses it's subjected to.

Life is very dynamic, so the fitness routine that relies solely on resistance machines may be incomplete.

Injuries in daily life are caused by unexpected movements, so a fitness program that incorporates functional movement and strength associated activities may be a very practical way to control injury.

In addition to the transfer of skills, it could be a lot more fun.

Best of all, it may even get more people interested and motivated toward healthy lifestyle activities.

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The following are examples of exercises which mirror everyday activities:

- Stiff-legged deadlifts — picking up groceries or luggage from the trunk of the car.
- Deadlifts — lifting and propelling a loaded garden wheelbarrow.
- Military press — placing objects overhead around the house or in an airplane luggage compartment.
- Lateral movement drills — navigating crowds at a mall or running to answer the phone.
- Medicine ball throws — torso strength for tennis or golf.
- Plyometrics — bounding over an object or running up two stairs at a time.
- Front squats or lunges — bending to pick up a child and then standing.

Ranger Joe's destroys Columbus Power

Game ends with 23-3 blow-out

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The undefeated Ranger Joe's turned out the lights on Columbus Power with a 23-3 victory Monday night at Benning Field in Columbus.

The Columbus Power knew their fate even before they were on the field against Ranger Joe's, who have taken one of the top three spots in the league for the last 10 years.

"We played (and lost to) Ranger Joe's before. It's like the Fort Benning all-star team, and they are all athletes and in great shape," said Nick Saben, Columbus Power coach.

Ranger Joe's held Columbus Power scoreless in the first inning.

Then, Ranger Joe's proceeded to put in five easy runs in the bottom of the first.

"We played pretty well, but we could have done better," said Chad Gesell, Ranger Joe's outfielder.

In the top of the second inning, Columbus Power came out and put in one run early in the inning.

Then it fell apart, as they lay victim to Ranger Joe's skills of fielding the ball and infield throwing.

"Our skills are pretty even across the board," said Tom Siter, Ranger Joe's left fielder. "We have a good defense and offense.

In the bottom of the second, the flood gates opened and Ranger Joe's put in run after run.

Siter hit a solo and three-run homer, and once the dust finally settled on the second, inning the score was 17-1.

"The important thing about playing downtown is that everyone is a team player," said Jim Armstrong, Ranger Joe's manager. "We are soldiers first, but we are also athletes, and we let people know we are good athletes, too."

In the top of the fourth, Columbus Power came to the plate and put in two more runs. That was answered with another barrage of runs by Ranger Joe's, which ultimately brought the score to 23-3.

Then it was three up, three down in the top of the fifth for the Power, and the game was called.

"Everyone hit pretty well, we hit 23 runs in five innings, and that's not a bad game," Armstrong said. "We will win the league and probably go undefeated this season."

That hasn't happened for Ranger Joe's since 1996.

Rollin', rollin', rollin'



Sgt. William Graves

Mario Castillo, a contractor with Benson Construction, lays sod with the company's new $18,000 WMI installer machine May 17 at Pineside golf course. Holes 1 through 9 on Pineside should be playable by the second week of July. The new sod roller has saved the company time because workers can control it easier than the tractor they used to use. Also, the roller will pay for itself with the money the company saves in labor hours and equipment repair that resulted from riding the clutch of the tractor.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Golf scramble — The Follow Me Golf Course will conduct a two-man team scramble with four flights and shotgun start at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Entry fees are $28 per player for members and $40 per player for non-members. Deadline to enter is May 29. The fee includes green fee and cart, range balls, food and refreshments.

First place prize is $150, second place is $100 and third place is $50.

For more information, call the Follow Me Golf Course Pro Shop at 687-1940.

YS Basketball Camp — Registration for Youth Services Basketball Camp will begin Tuesday and run Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until June 7. The camp is open to children ages six to 15. The cost is $50.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS Fishing Rodeo — Youth Services Fishing Rodeo will be held June 8 at Russ Pond. The event is available for children ages five to 15. The cost is $50. Prizes will be awarded, so bring your own fishing poles and bait.

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YS Golf Clinic — Registration for Youth Services Golf Clinic will begin Tuesday and will run Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. until June 7.

The camp is open to all children from ages eight to 17. The cost is $20. Slots are limited.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YMCA run — The YMCA World's Largest 5K run and walk will be 9 a.m. June 22 at the South Commons Civic Center.

Awards will be presented to males and females in 12 different age groups and to the overall male and female winners.

Register at the YMCA central branch located on 11th Street and 2nd Avenue. Pre-entry fee for adults and children is $18 before May 24 and $22 after May 24. Volunteer or participate in a morning filled with activity.

For more information, visit www.active.com or call 322-8269.

Youth Volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15-20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman (425) 255-4645.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

Play baseball in Australia — The Coast to Coast Baseball Stars is now seeking 11- to 18-year-old players from Georgia who would like the opportunity to represent the United States at a two-week summer 2002 tournament in Australia.

Team age groups are 11-12, 13-15 and 16-18. The squads are led by top college coaches and pro scouts who provide a unique perspective on what it's like to play at the game's highest level.

For more information on the tournament or tryouts, e-mail info@coasttocoastathletics.com or call (740) 373-4455 or visit their Web site at www.coasttocoast athletics.com.

Basketball camp — The Ten-Star All-Star Summer Basketball Camp is evaluating applications for its camps, one of which is in Gainesville, Ga. Past participants include NBA players Michael Jordan, Tim Duncan and Vince Carter.

For a free brochure, call (704) 568-6801.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m. The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

WEEK 2: Dumbbell Drills

Performed five, four count, reps of each exercise. Women use three to five pound dumbbells and men eight to 10 pounds.

Front shoulder raise — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells at the sides, raise the dumbbells directly to the front to shoulder level, palms facing inward. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two.

Bent over row — 1. In a forward leaning stance with arms hanging straight down and palms inward, raise the dumbbells directly to the rear to even them with the trunk. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two.

Rear lunge — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells at the sides, step to the rear with the left foot, bearing most of the body weight on the bent right leg. Simultaneously lower the dumbbells to the right and left sides of the forward leg. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two using the other leg.

Bent over lat raises — 1. In a forward leaning stance with arms hanging straight down and palms inward, raise the dumbbells directly to the side to shoulder level, palms down, while bending the elbows to 90 degrees, arms straight down and palms inward. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two.

Forward lunge — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells at the sides, step forward with the left foot, allowing the left knee to bend until the left thigh is parallel to the ground. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two using the other leg.

Side shoulder raises — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells at the sides, raise the dumbbells directly to the sides to shoulder level, palms facing down. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two.

Squat lift — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells bent and at shoulder level, squat until the thighs are parallel to the ground and simultaneously lower the dumbbells to the sides. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two.

Curl and press — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells at the sides, curl the dumbbells to shoulder level, palms facing each other. 2. Press the dumbbells overhead. 3. Lower the dumbbells to shoulder level, palms facing as they were in count one. 4. Return to the starting position.

Straight back lift — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells in front of body, palms facing the thighs, bend forward at the waist with the knees slightly bent. The arms hang straight down, perpendicular to the ground. 2. Return to the straddle stance or starting position. Repeat counts one and two.

Push press — 1. In a straddle stance with dumbbells overhead and palms facing inward, squat and lower the dumbbells to shoulder level. 2. Return to the starting position. Repeat counts one and two.

Note: *The dumbbell drills improve functional strength, postural alignment, and the body mechanics for lifting.*

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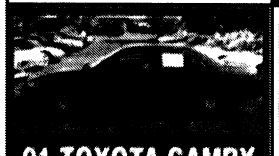
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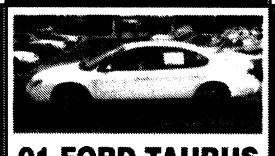
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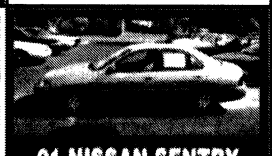
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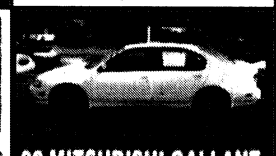
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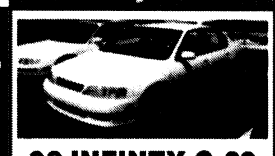
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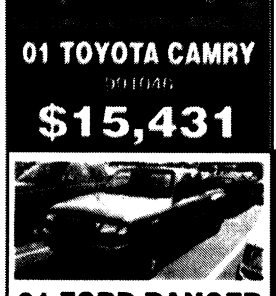
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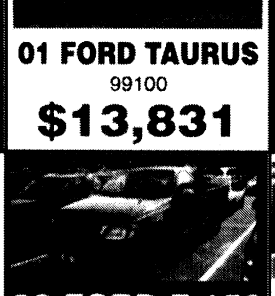
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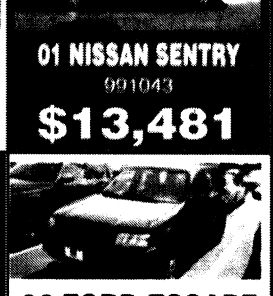
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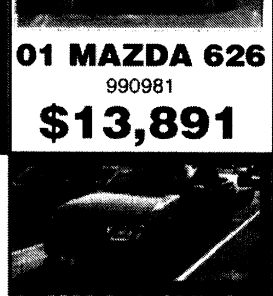
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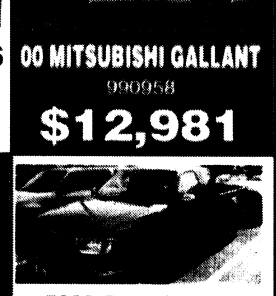
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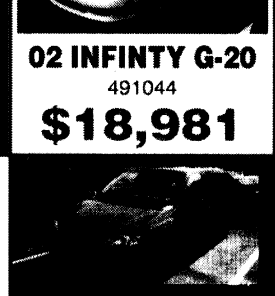
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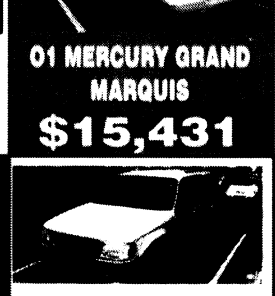
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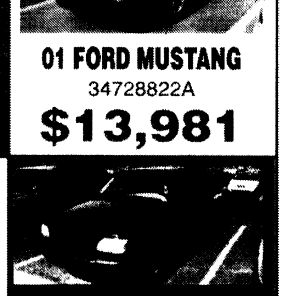
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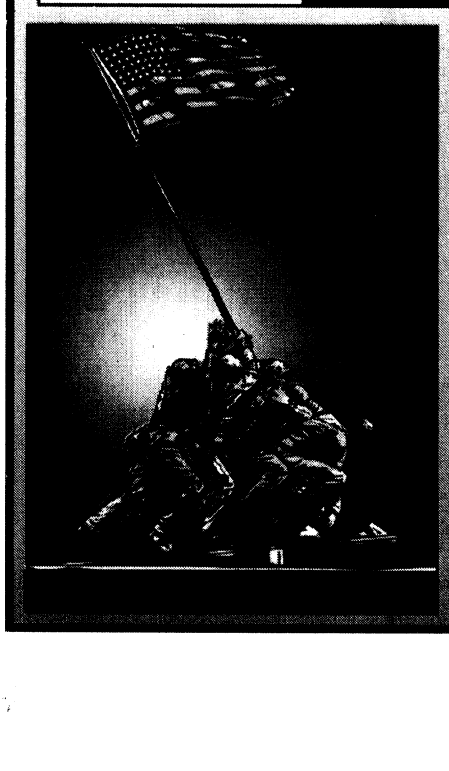
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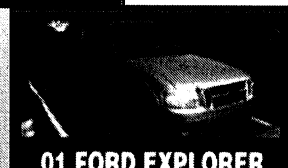


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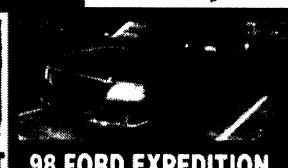




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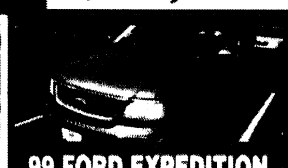
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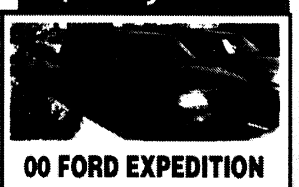
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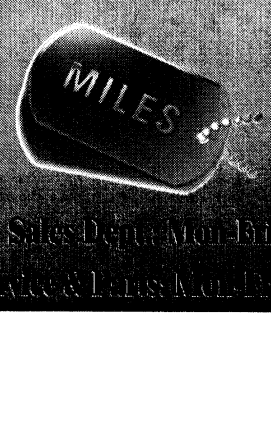
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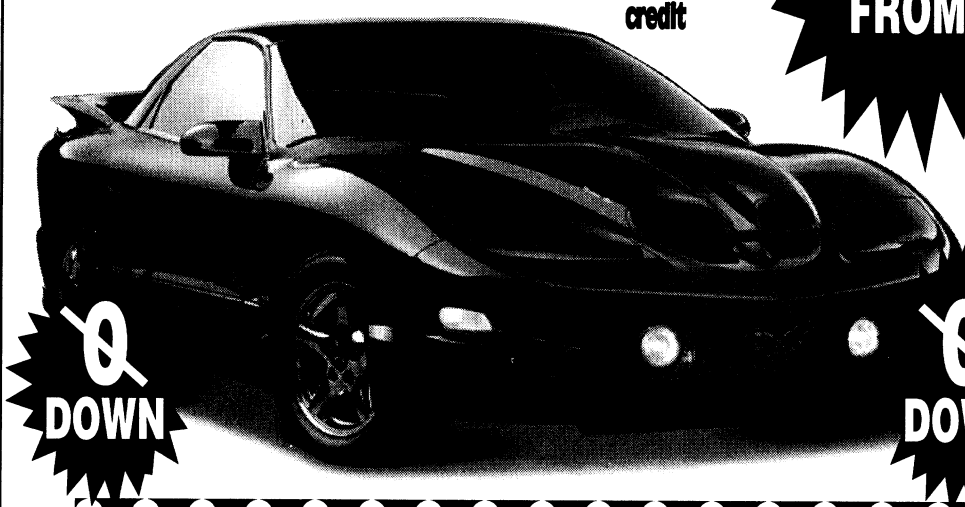
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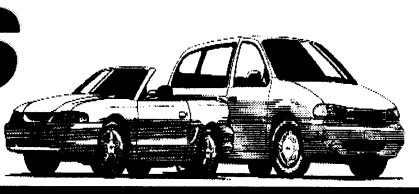
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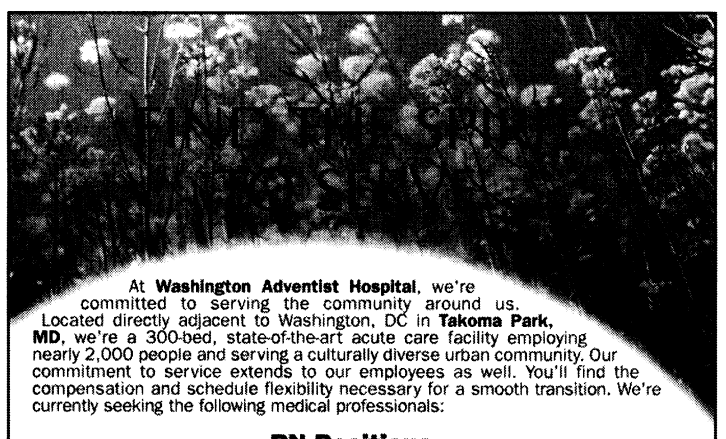
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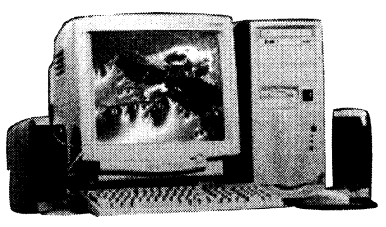
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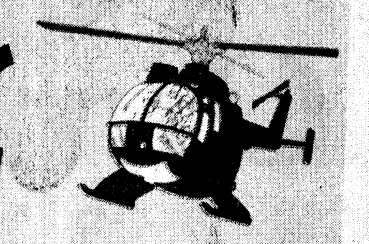
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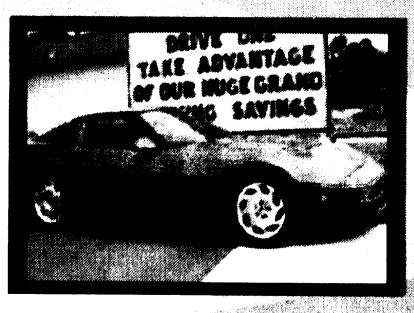
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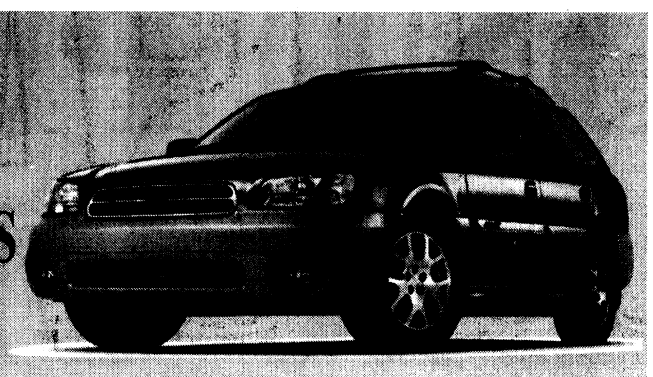
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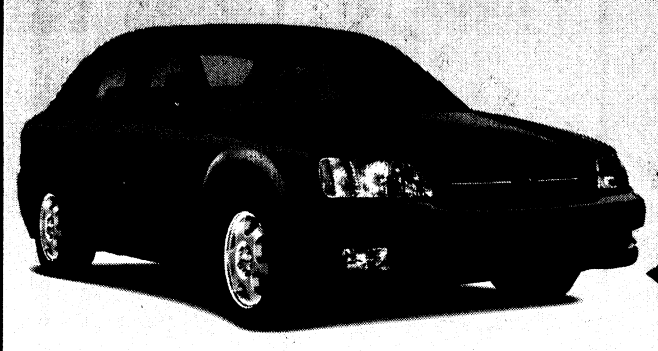


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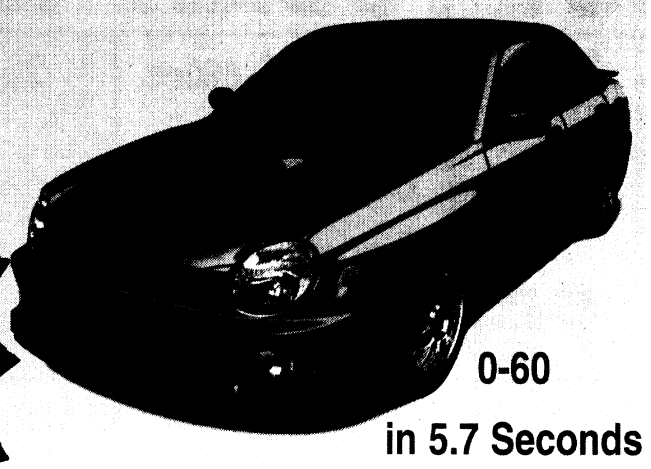
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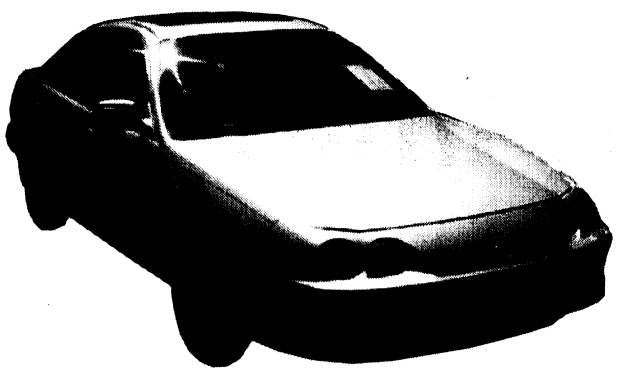


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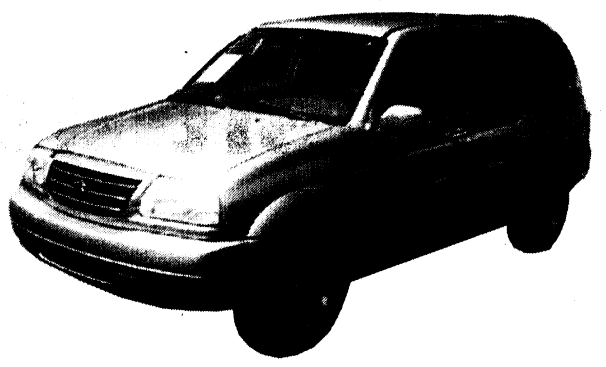
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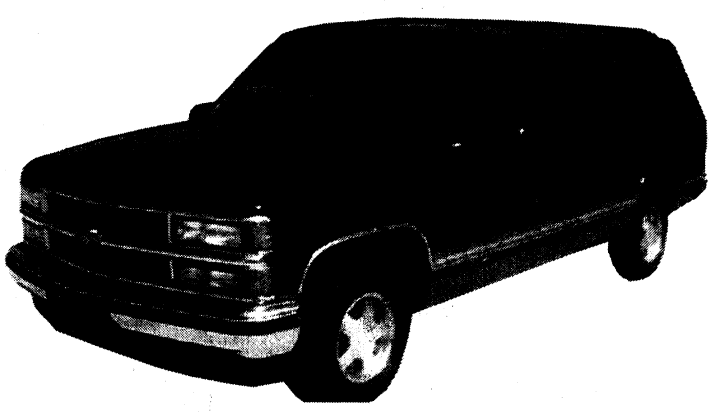
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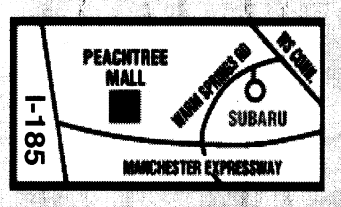
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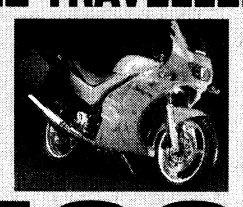
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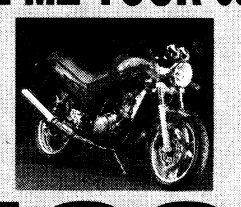
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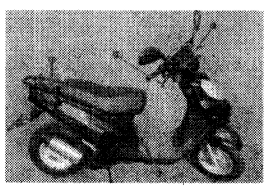
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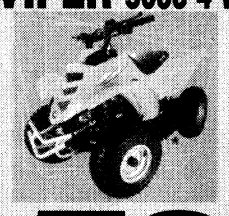
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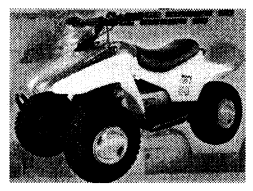
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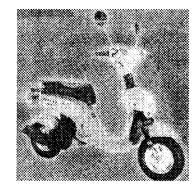
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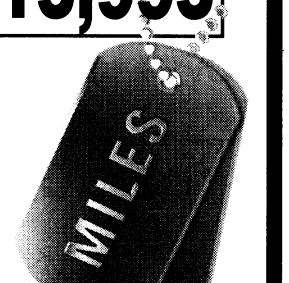


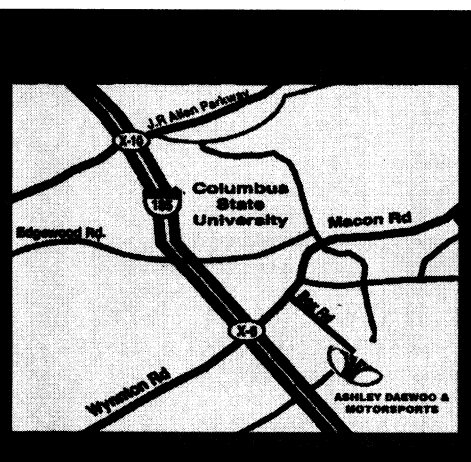
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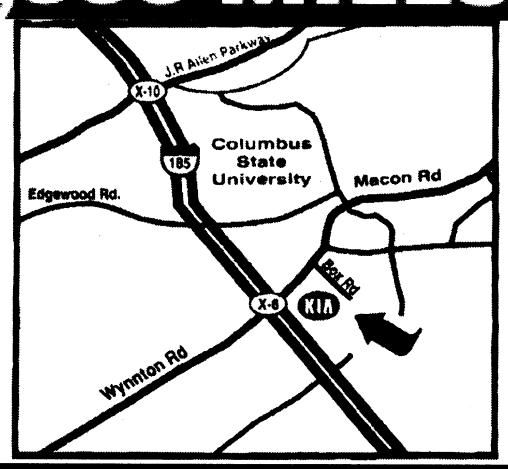
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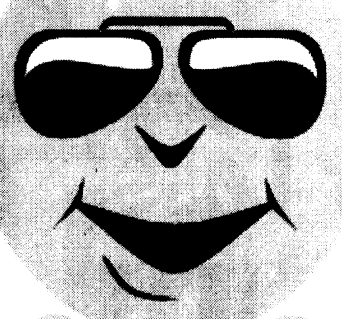
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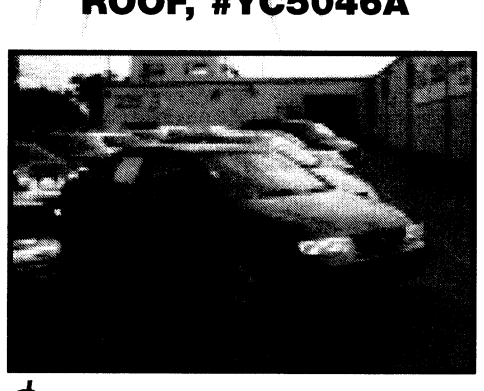
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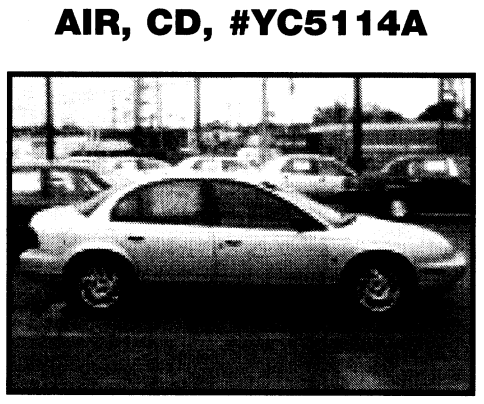
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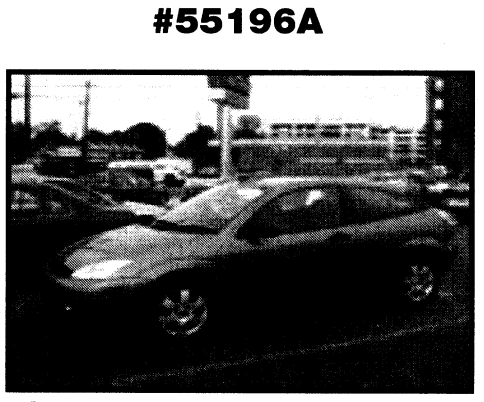
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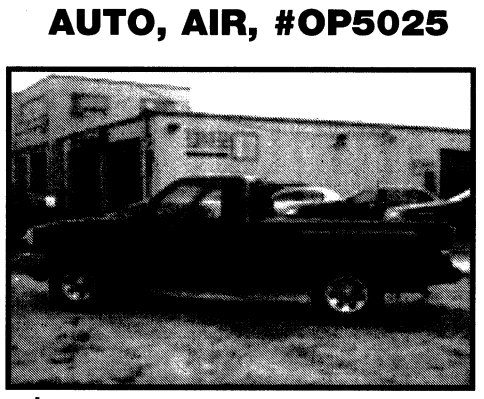
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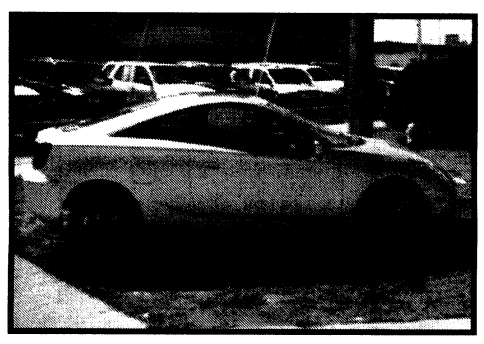
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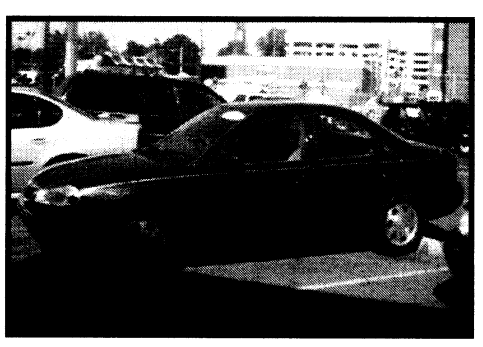
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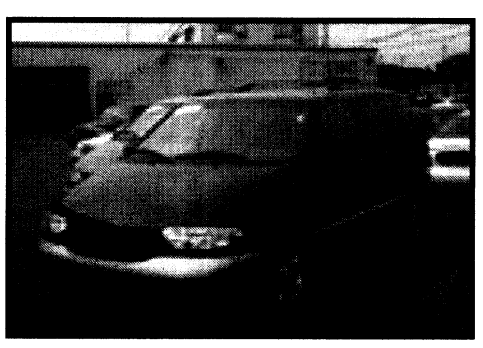
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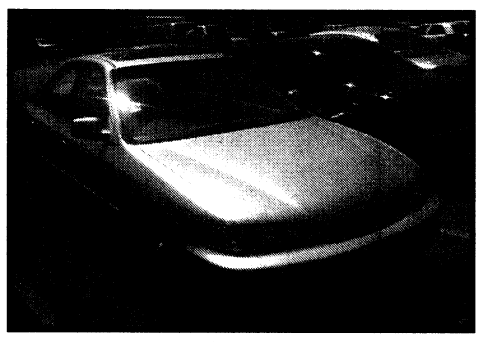
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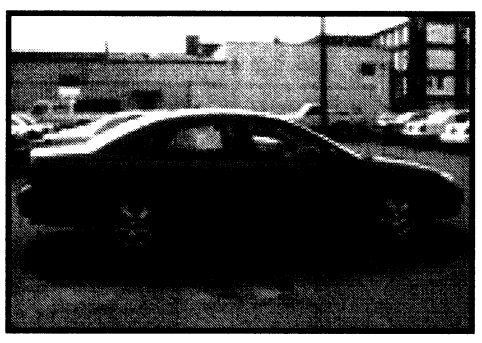
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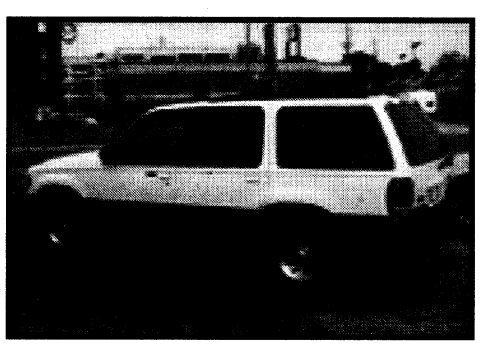
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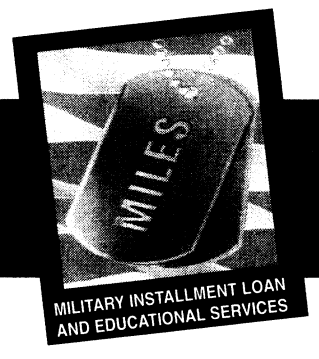


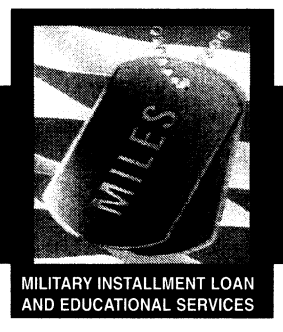
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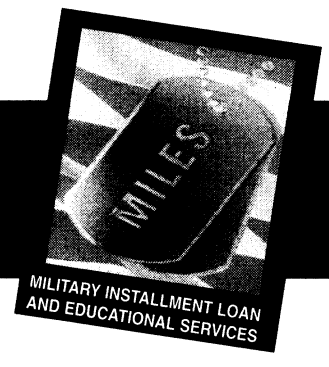
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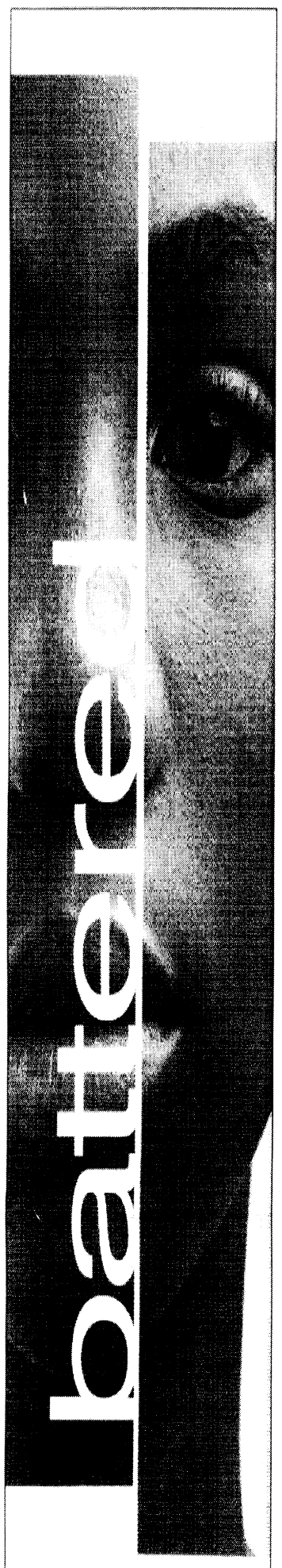


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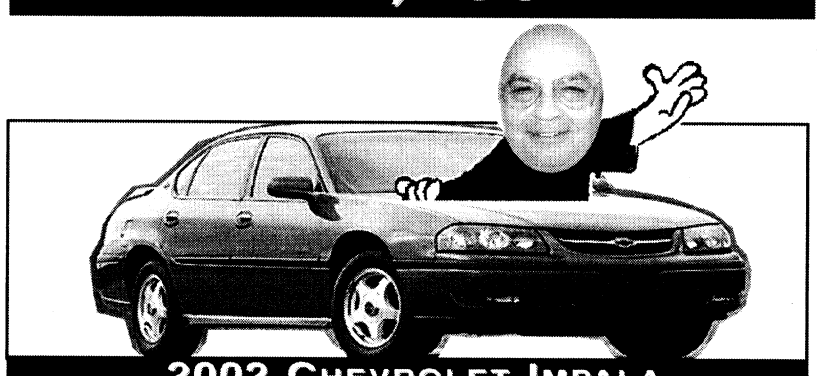
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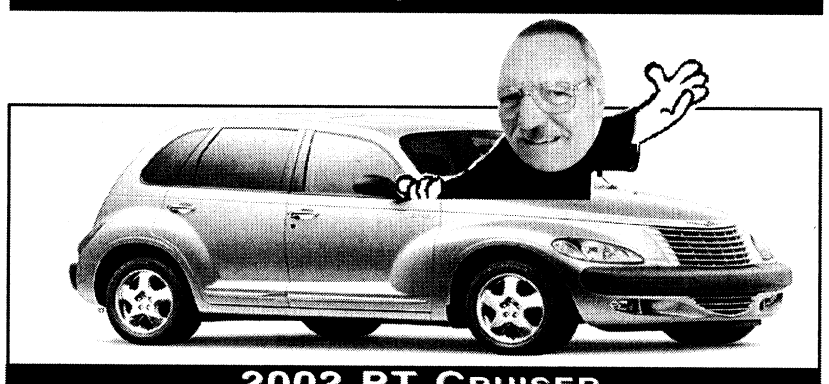
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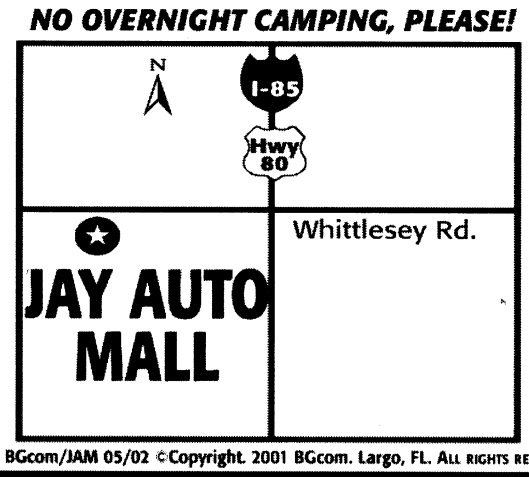
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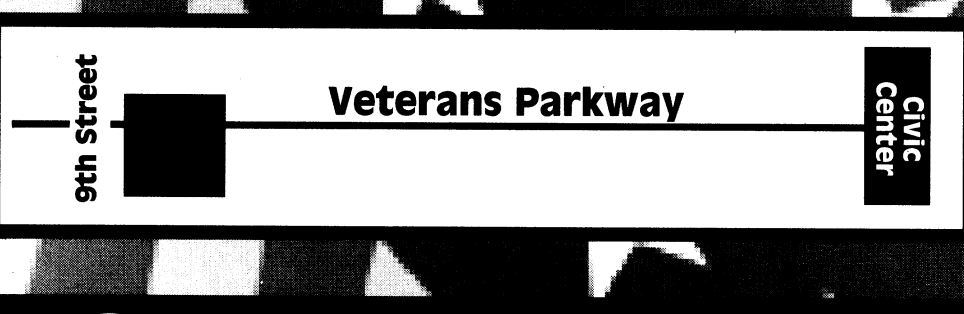
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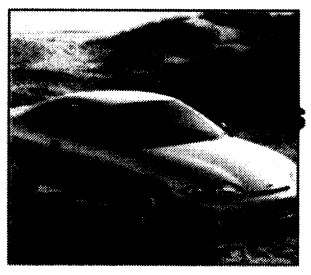
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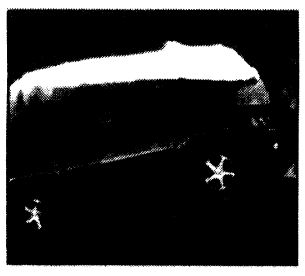


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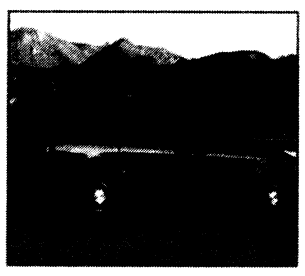
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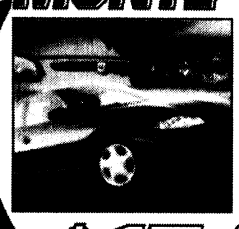
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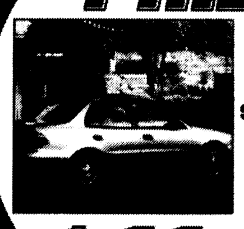
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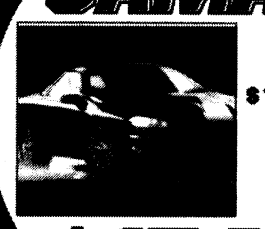
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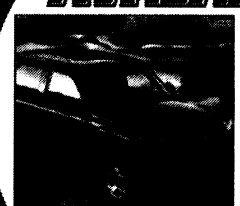
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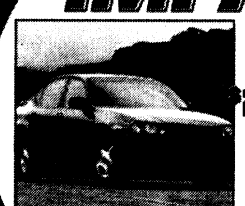
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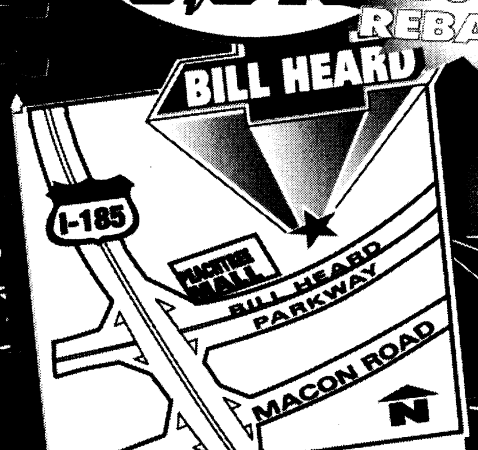


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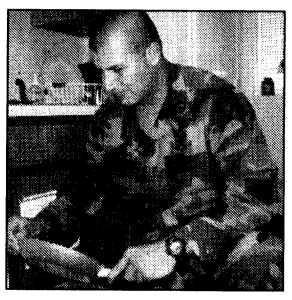
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Distance learning could change training, retention

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

"The state of the infantry has not been better than it is right now," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commander.

The post commanding general addressed commanders, Department of Defense civilians and vendors at the Infantry Conference Wednesday afternoon on the state of the infantry.

The world is changing, and the Army is changing with it, Eaton said. The infantry is dynamic, and the transformation provides the U.S. Army Infantry School with new and exciting challenges for the soldier of the future.

Eaton spoke briefly about different weapon systems that will aid the transformation process and how small arms weapons are reaching a point of maximizing their platform.

"When you look at the stuff we are putting on weapons, it taps out the capacity of the platform, which places the need to start looking at a new weapons systems," Eaton said.

The Stryker is new but still possesses its own issues, he said.

See **CONFERENCE**, A-7

Veterans honored for service, sacrifice

Infantry chief awards Doughboys

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
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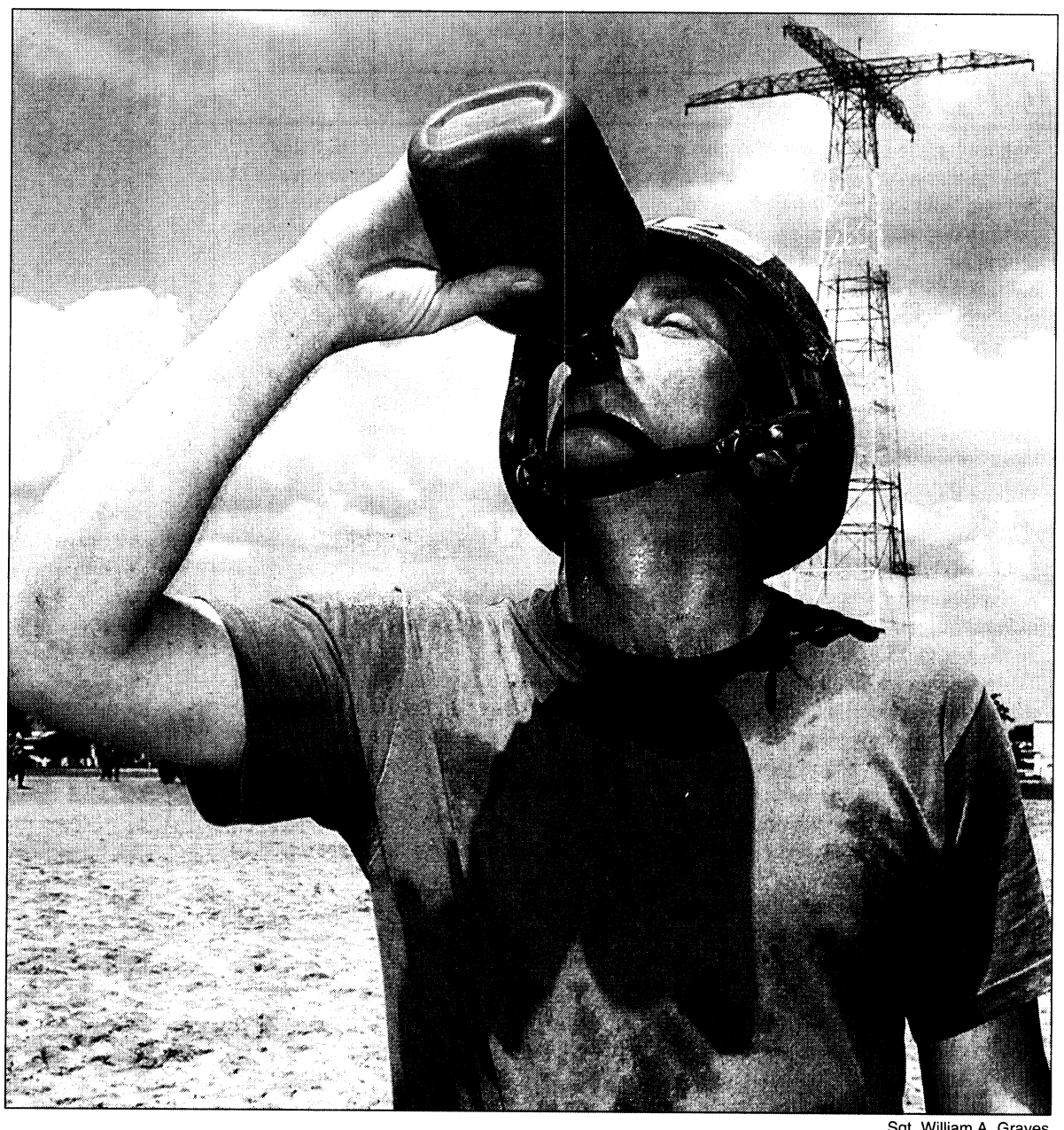
Two war veterans who have done extraordinary things for soldiers are recipients of the Doughboy Award, presented annually during the week of the Infantry Conference.

Sen. Daniel K. Inouye, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. John Pearce are the co-recipients of the highest honor the chief of infantry can bestow to infantryman.

"I am deeply honored,"

See **INFANTRY**, A-7

Hydrate or die!



Sgt. William A. Graves

Pfc. Chris Johnson, 1st Battalion, 507th Infantry Regiment (Airborne) refreshes himself near the Airborne Towers Wednesday. Sergeant Airbornes have reinforced the fact service members must drink water to avoid becoming a heat casualty in Heat Category 5 temperatures. See A12 for more advice about what to do in the heat.

"If you become dehydrated, you're going to get sick and fall out," Johnson said. "You don't want to do that here — two times and you're out."

Police to deploy to Cuba

Guarding inmates main objective

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The 178th Military Police Company deployed to Cuba today. Before leaving, Major Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general, gave them some encouraging remarks.

See **SOLDIERS**, A-7

Bradley celebrates 25th year

Master gunner honored for contributions

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

The Bradley Fighting Vehicle has been an essential part of the U.S Army since 1977.

For many soldiers, it's tough to imagine a military without the powerful vehicle.

See **BRADLEY**, A-11

DOIM positions to remain in house

Keeping jobs saves post $6.2 million

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Numbers don't lie, and they made Fort Benning's tentative decision to keep Directorate of Information Management positions in house very easy.

Fort Benning's garrison commander revealed the cost comparison results of the A-76 study for the DOIM function June 7 at Infantry Hall. DOIM beat Lesco, a contractor based in Huntsville, Ala., by more than $6.2 million during the upcoming five years.

"DOIM won!" said Col. Joe Torres.

"This is a very good announcement for the DOIM family," Torres said as the classroom exploded with cheers.

"I thought it was very satisfying that we won," said Larry Lalka, chief, Architecture, Plans and Policy at DOIM. "The chiefs and employees worked hard to compile a year's worth of work-load data."

The chiefs used that data to come up with a most-efficient organization.

"(The MEO) proves we can compete one-on-one with the private sector," Lalka said. "We worked as a team and won."

In fact, workers were professional, had a positive attitude and kept their chins up, despite the ramifications of a possible loss, Torres said.

Paul Yates, director of Information Management, said he was elated for his employees.

"Our major goal was to provide the best (information technology and information management) available, and we did that," Yates said.

Still, there will be shifts, he said. The directorate will make structural changes to become more efficient. For instance, there will be a reduction in force, and some workers will change locations.

DOIM won the contract for this reason, Yates said. The directorate showed the post that its "creative organizational design" made more sense. Doing the same job more efficiently by shifting functions is more logical than giving it to a different group of people who don't know Fort Benning and how it operates.

In other words, civilian employees can accept available positions for which they qualify within the DOIM MEO, or if no position is available, qualified employees will be considered for other available federal vacancies or registered in the Priority Placement Program for possible placement at other Department of Defense activities. Job training and the Army Career and Alumni Program will be available for their use.

Early retirement will also be an option.

"We're just going to have to wait and see," said Hazel Starling, management assistant with DOIM. "We don't know the specific changes yet."

The DOIM will start to inform its workers of the specifics after a 20-day public review period, which began Monday.

AFGE Local 54 will be an advocate for civilian employees during that time.

"The union will be there to help out if there are any problems," said Joyce DeKay, union representative.

As for the three military employees, they will be reassigned to other positions on post or PCS to other assignments.

"I'm happy the civilians won the contract, but the military folks' future is unknown at this time," said Staff Sgt. Julia Lowthorpe, NCOIC, DOIM.

She hopes to receive more information on the future of her duty status soon, she said.

Army made up of volunteers

Laura Martinson
Bayonet correspondent

COMMENTARY



What does it mean to be a volunteer? Ask any person you see with a giant white "T" on his chest and dressed from head to toe in bright orange garb, and we'll be sure to tell you "Go Vols!" with a thick Tennessee accent.

The University of Tennessee's Volunteers sports fanaticism traces its roots back to October 1780, when some of the state's residents volunteered for the Revolutionary War. They were heroes remembered as key factors in the battle of King's Mountain, where they earned their conglomerate title the "overmountain men."

How the name for the "Volunteer State" evolved comes from the media, then primarily newspapers, which began referring to "the volunteers from Tennessee" and "the Tennessee Volunteers." In May 1846, Governor Aaron Brown put forth a call requesting 2,800 volunteers for military service — 30,000 responded and the name stuck.

I looked up the word.

A volunteer is a person who chooses freely to do or offer something with no promise of compensation. Synonyms … extend, offer, sacrifice. Hmm … sacrifice.

And then it occurred to me. How could I have missed it? You all live smack dab in the middle of volunteer central.

I mean, what makes up our armed forces, anyway? I'll tell you what: people who have made a certain amount of sacrifice in the way they live, and sometimes in the way they die.

Now you won't be seeing anyone around here waving the orange and white (unless you're a Tennessee resident and it's game day). But there are three colors the Army's volunteers are more than proud of, in fact, willing to die for.

My entire life revolves around the military community. All of my friends are in the Army or married to it, and if I had a nickel for every time our families were separated, well, I'd have time to volunteer.

Over the past several months, my friends and family have said good-bye to many loved ones — some temporary deployments and others permanent good-byes to fellow soldiers and friends.

As the U.S. expands its efforts to exterminate global terrorism, there will surely be more farewells and trying times.

So why do it?

I guess some would say a soldier's pay might suggest they do their duty simply out of the spirit of giving. It really is that selfless spirit that makes our soldiers tick, certainly not the money. I know my husband does his duty out of a love for the Army and pride in his country, and now even more for those who've gone before him.

And it's as simple as that. Commitment. Duty. Loyalty. Discipline. Sacrifice. Love.

Perhaps in recent months these terms have become cliché, but only to those who don't really believe in them. Those elements and people do exist.

Case in point. My sister and her husband went to see *We Were Soldiers*, and she said she cried like a baby through the entire movie. Her tears were for the families portrayed in the movie, and what those left at home went through.

It didn't calm her any when the people behind her tapped my brother-in-law on the shoulder.

"Are you in the Army?"

"Yes, I am."

"Well, we just want to say thank you."

Gratitude. How refreshing. And how rare.

Everyone feels less than appreciated in his or her job at times, but let's face it, the military has to be the most taken-for-granted volunteer organization of all. But only it is called upon to defend those liberties we hold dear.

So here's to all the world's greatest volunteers and defenders of my freedom! There are people out there who appreciate all you do and all you sacrifice. And for those who haven't done so lately, tap a soldier on the shoulder and say thank you.

Go volunteers!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Readers respond to housing commentary

Bravo to Bridgett Siter, she should win a humanitarian of the year award. Her perception is so on the ball. I think the better housing should not be rated by 7, 8, 9, officer, but by selfless accomplishments for our Army.

Military housing should be based on years of service and selfless accomplishments. Example: What military schools have you attended? Pathfinder, Jumpmaster? Jungle training? Are you a ranger?

In my opinion every officer should be required to wear a ranger tab before he or she gets commended for their mere existence.

Susan Holt
Fort Benning

I would like to respond to "Housing Policy Needs Renovation" from May 31. In her commentary, Mrs. Siter makes it sound as if all company grade officers live in Austin Loop. The fact is that only a small number of company grade officers live in Austin Loop. Austin Loop has a very long waiting list and most families are not willing to wait for a house in that neighborhood.

Some company grade officers live in the White Elephants. The White Elephants are beautiful historic homes, but they are four-plexes and the equivalent to living in an apartment. The yard is shared and there are problems between some neighbors over yard maintenance or lack of maintenance. There is plenty of storage, but the living space is very small.

My friends who live in the White Elephants say that they can clearly hear the neighbors that live either above or below them and can even smell what their neighbors are cooking or if they are smoking.

Most company grade officers and some majors live in Perkins Place. This is where I live.

Houses in Perkins Place do not have dishwashers, basements or enough storage for bikes and mowers. Some of my neighbors with three, four and more kids have to buy sheds or rent storage units off post to store items that do not fit in the house.

It could be worse.

I used to live in a different type of company grade housing that was also in Perkins Place, on Zuckerman Avenue. It had one bathroom, no dishwasher, no garbage disposal, no icemaker and no central air. There were two window units, but that only kept the living room and master bedroom cool. There were 20 of these houses with window units.

There are more than 4,000 houses on post and 20 did not have central air. Housing has since installed central air in these houses, and last summer was their first for central air.

My husband has 13 years of service and my neighbor has 14. I would guess that have of the officers living in Perkins Place have 12 or more years of service. Some warrant officers that live in company grade housing have 15 years in the Army.

As for those who do not intend to make the military a career, the Army does not expect all company grade officers to stay in the military just as not all junior enlisted soldiers are expected to stay. An E-3 deserves the chance to live in military housing as does an O-2 regardless of how long they stay in the Army.

There are many different houses on Fort Benning and they all have good and bad features. Much of it is a matter of opinion.

Not all officers live in big houses. I do not feel housing is in need of an overhaul just because my friends and I do not all live in Austin Loop. I do not think that enlisted families should move out of Austin Loop just because my husband has 13 years of service and my Perkins Place house is not as big as an Austin Loop house.

We are grateful for what we have and I know the families in the houses on Perkins Street and Zuckerman Avenue are grateful they now have central air.

Name withheld

I was alarmed to read Ms. Bridgett Siter's commentary in the May 31st edition of *The Bayonet.*

I will tell you my husband is a captain in the Army. It doesn't matter what job my husband has, or how long he has been in the military.

As I see it, all members of the armed service are committed to serving and protecting our country, and in the direst of circumstances, will end up fighting for and with each other in a time of war.

We know many folks who have left the military in search of a more stable life.

In addition to the military on their resume, they have added FBI, State Department, Secret Service and many other government organizations. While they may not be wearing a uniform, they are still serving our country.

I am currently living in Norton Court. The day we moved it, our neighbors told us our house had been condemned.

My neighbors and I have taken baths in orange water, turned dishwashers on with pliers, guarded children from electrical surges in lights, searched out the unidentifiable smell, consistently kicked on circuit breakers and caulked the odd spaces between the floor at the beginning of the wall.

This may be considered temporary officer housing, but most of us have been or will be here for about a year.

The officers have a place called "the projects" too. But we have made the best of our quarters, and the Army would be proud of the fix-up jobs taking place in our neighborhood.

I dare say many of our houses have unimaginable charm from many days of hard work. Cramped living rooms and yards always have room for one more family during impromptu weekend gatherings.

I have heard rumors that Perkins Place, permanent officer housing, is without dishwashers as well.

Last I checked, I was number 14 on the Austin Loop waiting list. My husband and I, like the couple mentioned in the article, also do not have enough furniture to fill up a house on Austin Loop.

I am working nearly 60 hours a week in order to help us pay off our school loan. We have college loans with five years of payments behind us and about three more to go.

When my husband wasn't at a summer Army training camp, he worked double shifts in a concrete pipe plant. While my husband was assisted with his tuition payments by the military, he still needed a place to live and food to eat, hence student loans in the thousands.

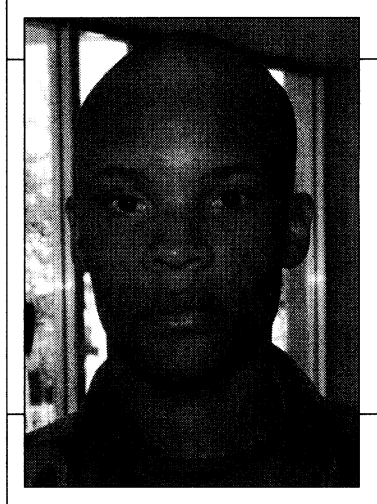
A recent article in *The Bayonet* discussed the recent decision to contract on-post housing to a private firm to handle refurbishment and renovation.

I think the Army is heading in exactly the right direction in taking care of all their soldiers, whether officer or enlisted. Until then, our housing is exactly what we make of it.

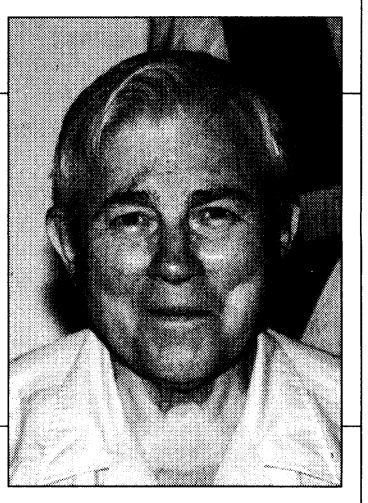
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VARIOUS VOICES

What is your favorite military film or book and why?



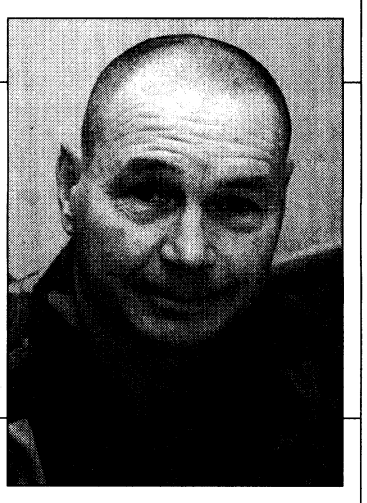
Pvt. Marlon Williams, 1st Battalion, 47 Infantry Regiment — "My favorite book is *Red Badge of Courage* by Stephen Crane. The theme of the book is very good. It passes along the ideals of what honor and integrity truly mean in war."



Retired Lt. Col. Lawrence Corser, Columbus — "*Patton* was a great film. He shows leadership, and that's what I liked about it. He had a job to go do, and they accomplished it."



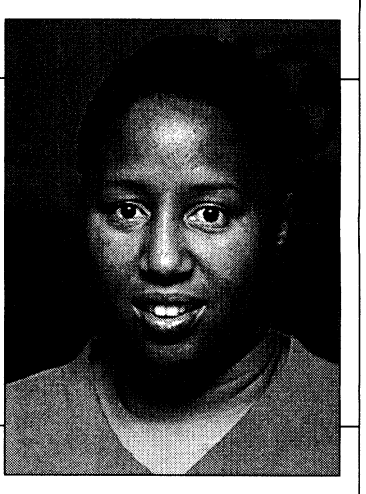
Genoa Stanford, Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate — "My favorite movie is *Blackhawk Down* because I was able to see what the soldiers went through. I have even more respect for them now and what they do."



Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Pickering, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, Regiment — "*Wilderness War* by Allan Eckert — It really defines the beginning of American military history and Rogers' Rangers. It tells of the mental and physical toughness soldiers need."



Kunna Santos, AAFES employee — "*Glory* is my favorite film. It shows the struggle of men fighting for their freedom and the harsh realities of the will to survive on the battlefield."



Cassandra Caruthers, family member — "*Crimson Tide* — I liked both the actors. It was a story about mutiny, and Denzel Washington and Gene Hackman played good roles against each other."

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Post gates to close during work

Overhead shelters to be built at gates

Pfc. Brian Trapp
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Work on access control points in the weeks ahead will mean changes to the way people get on post.

The tentative dates of the road construction are June 24-28 for Benning Boulevard and Custer Road; July 1-6 for Sand Hill and 1st Division Road; July 8-15 for South Lumpkin Road and Eddy Bridge; and July 15-20 for Interstate 185.

The 36th Engineer Group will construct the overhead shelter emplacements over the in-bound access control points to take both the guards and motorists out of the elements.

During construction of the sprung shelters, the inbound lanes will be closed. To alleviate the impact, motorists will be rerouted to the following areas:

Effective today, the Sand Hill access will move from 11th Airborne Road to the next access road, 2nd Division Road.

Starting Monday the 1st Division Road will change to 8th Division Road on both sides of Hwy. 27.

The Eddy Bridge and Sightseeing Road will be rerouted through 82nd Airborne Road around Lawson Army Airfield. Physical training will not be authorized on this road until further notice.

All Uchee Creek and 165 traffic must take Dixie Road or Indianhead Road to 82nd Airborne.

The approximately $800,000 project will build lighted overhead structures, grade, improve and pave entrance roads and turn points, paint traffic lanes and safety lines and emplace protective bollards around the soldiers' positions.

"These structures will provide the guards at the gate protection from the elements and help prevent a heat injury during the summer months," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Snapp, training NCO with Directorate of Public Safety. "It gets so hot on that asphalt that it will melt the polish off your boots."

Wearing BDUs out in the sun all day gets really hot, said Pvt. Megan Fisher, 988th Military Police Detachment.

It will be better when the structures are built, said Pfc. Larry Philyaw, 988th MP Detachment. It will provide the guards shelter and get them out of the elements.

"The bottom line is it will keep us cool," he said.

The shelters' clearance will be at least 18-feet for large trucks. They are also protected with a 30-year warranty.

The structures are very durable, said Chris Flowers, mechanical engineer with Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. The structures can take 80 mile per hour winds, and 100 m.p.h. 3 second gusts.

"The structures are good for motorists, too," Flowers said. "It will keep them out of the rain while they are going through. The structures are good for everyone."

look CLOSER

Check road signs and local media for daily changes :

- No PT on backside of Airfield starting Monday until further notice
- Sand Hill will move to 2nd Division Road
- June 24-28 Custer Road, Hwy. 27 and Benning Blvd. closed, use I-185 and South Lumpkin Road (will be open at all times)
- 1st Division Road and Hwy. 27 will move to 8th Division Road and Hwy 27 Monday

WWII antitank battalion tours, remembers

Liberators of Dachau visit for reunion

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

The year is 1942.

Pvts. George Owens and Oscar Kay are part of the first antitank battalion the U.S. Army has ever seen.

The teen-agers enlisted in the Army shortly after World War II broke out and were ready to learn the latest fighting equipment the Army had to offer.

Owens and Kay were assigned to B Company, 4th Antitank Battalion at Fort Benning. They, and 75 other men, were about to begin a journey that would linger in their hearts for the rest of their lives.

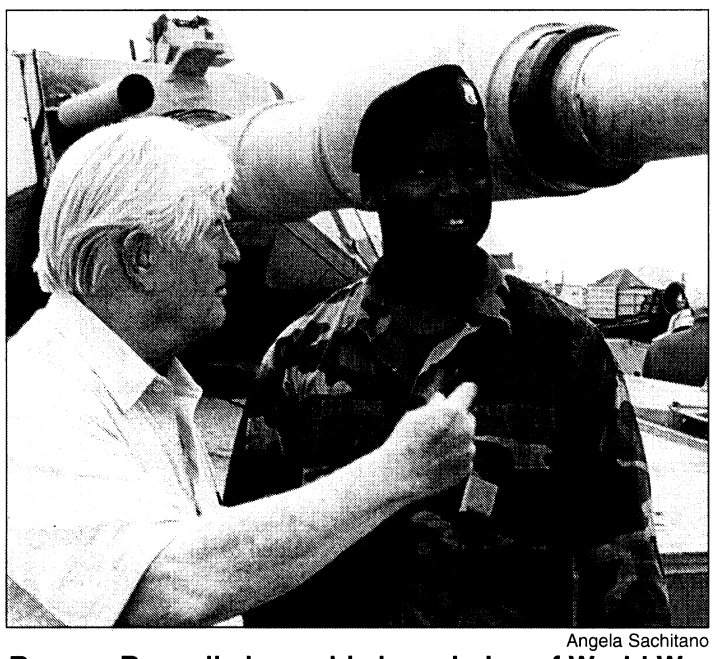
Little did they know, the friendships they were about to make would also endure a lifetime.

"We've been reuniting every year at about this time for quite awhile now," Owens said June 7 at a reunion with his buddies at Fort Benning. "I'm 80 years old now, and I'm proud to have had these men in my life."

A lot has changed since Owens and his World War II buddies fought battles in Europe. The antitank equipment they operated back in the 40s are like dinosaurs to the Army of 2002.

"When we fought back in North Africa in '42, I can still remember our vehicles clearly," Kay said. "We had mounted a 37 mm gun on top of a pick-up truck. That was our most proud tank destroyer."

It's been a dream for the men of the first Army antitank battalion to see the new fighting equipment and meet some of the current Army's proudest soldiers in person, Owens said.



Angela Sachitano

Roscoe Russell shares his knowledge of World War II era antitank equipment with a young soldier.

"My father and his old war buddies meet every year and exchange old stories," said Beverly Rutland, Owens' daughter. "Many of those guys took a bullet for each other during some of the harshest battles of World War II. They wanted to have this experience together."

Rutland helped her father plan the special reunion trip to Fort Benning.

Veterans couldn't wait to get a good look at the new fighting machinery of the 21st century.

The gang, some of whom helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp at the end of the war, gathered at the tank field on Kelley Hill with tears in their eyes as the vehicles were rolled out.

James Long, a sergeant who's back was blown apart during battle in WWII slowly climbed into the M1 A1 tank.

"This brings back a lot of memories," Long said. "I can't believe we are here."

One of the tanks the veterans viewed was a top-of-the-line vehicle that had proven itself in Dessert Storm.

Long and the others climbed in, looking inside and outside of the tank, asking questions about every detail.

"When we used the antitank equipment, we had to manually move the gun from side to side to aim," Kay said. "It's amazing to see those guns move so efficiently on the tanks."

"There have been a lot of technological advances that allow soldiers to shoot effectively on the move," said Capt. John Whyte, deputy training officer for 3rd Brigade. "For instance, the tank includes a gun stabilization system and an integrated sight unit."

"I wish all of the men from B Company could be here to see how far our military has come," Long said.

At one time, there were close to 75 soldiers in B Company of the Army's first antitank battalion, now only a handful remain living.

"Every year when our reunion rolls around, there are less and less of us," Owens said. "I don't know what next year will hold, but this reunion has meant the world to us."

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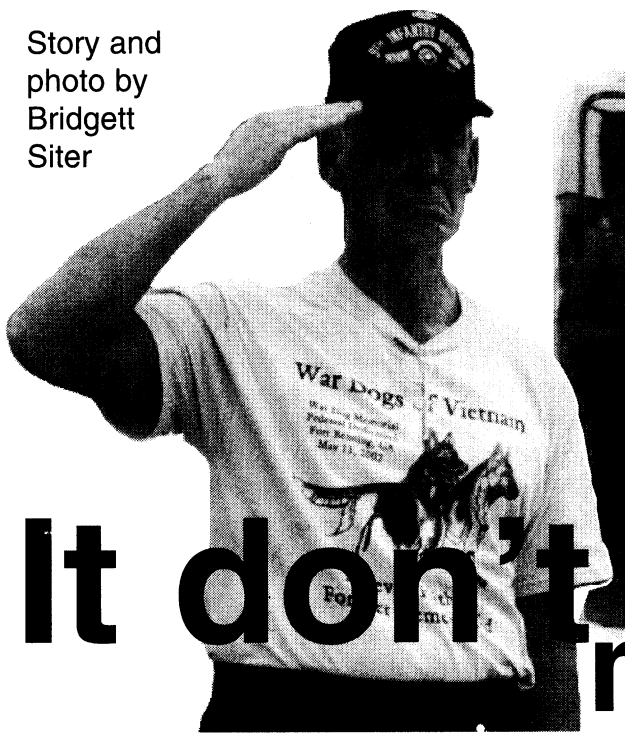
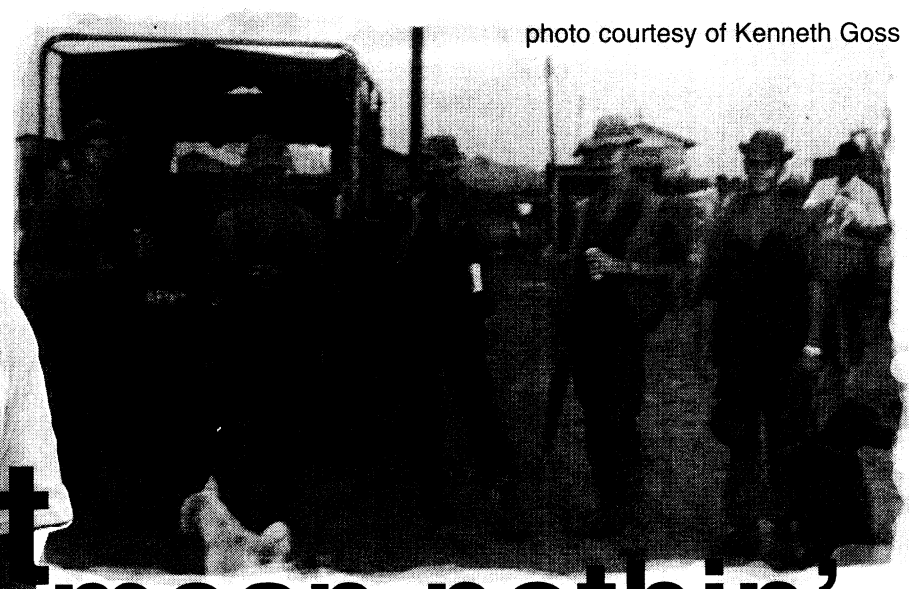


photo courtesy of Kenneth Goss



It don't mean nothin'

One man's struggle to find peace long after the Vietnam War

We can never fathom the soldier's grief if we do not know the human attachment which battle nourishes and then amputates."

— Dr. Jonathan Shay, Achilles in Vietnam, Combat Trauma and the Undoing of Character

I met Kenneth Goss at a restaurant halfway between Fort Benning and his home in Skipperville, Ala. I found him sitting in a corner booth with his back to the wall. He told me later it was a habit he acquired in Vietnam.

We'd been trying to meet for some time now, but something always came up. I finally faced the fact that I was avoiding this interview, dreading what I knew to be certain since the first time I met him eight months ago. This would be difficult. I was here to dredge up painful memories.

As for Goss, he looked a little ill at ease, too, but I was used to that. I'd seen him twice before, at memorial ceremonies on Fort Benning, and each time he bore the look of a man burdened with the weight of the world. Twice I'd heard him speak, and I knew from the poignant tribute he paid his combat brothers that his was a tale those of us who've never known combat cannot comprehend. But I wanted to.

Now here we sat, Kenneth Goss and I, face to face, and I was reluctant to probe.

Mercifully, he made it easy. In a soft-spoken southern drawl, he began by telling me about a country boy from Alabama with a strong sense of duty to God and country.

A sophomore at Auburn University and a licensed Baptist preacher, Goss was not yet 21 when he volunteered for the draft in 1967. He was an outdoorsman who loved to hunt and fish and fancied himself an amateur herpetologist, quite skilled at catching water moccasin in the lakes and streams near his Phenix City home.

First a Boy Scout, then an Eagle Scout, Goss grew up knowing he'd serve if there were a need. And he saw a need in the Vietnam War.

"My dad was in World War II. My brother was in the Air Force. I came from a family of strong patriots. I never doubted it was my duty," Goss said.

But after basic training at Fort Benning and AIT at Fort Lewis, Wash., Goss was shipped to a tactical nuclear weapons unit in Hawaii. He immediately requested reassignment.

"I told the CO there was a mistake. I was supposed to be in Vietnam," he said. "He thought I was crazy. He'd been there. He tried to talk me out of it. But when I insisted he just said 'Keep your head down, kid.'"

Less than a month after arriving in country, Goss volunteered for special duty as a member of a combat tracker team, a relatively new concept to the American Army, but one that intrigued the country boy from Alabama who felt "at home in the woods." He was assigned to the 65th Infantry Platoon Combat Trackers, 9th Infantry Division, a canine unit comprised of a team leader, visual tracker, radio operator, cover man, dog handler and Labrador retriever.

Goss was the cover man, and it was his job to detect booby traps or snipers. His experience in the woods and streams back home gave him a keen ability to concentrate on the minute details of his surroundings.

"I was just looking out for a different kind of wildlife," he said. "It wasn't a job anybody really wanted. If you were ambushed or someone was hit by a sniper, it was because you didn't do your job. You felt responsible."

Responsibility weighed heavy on the Goss, known as "Preach" to the other soldiers who turned to him for encouragement. He was the unit's unofficial chaplain, and became adept at masking his own fears and frustrations as he counseled others.

"We had this saying — 'It don't mean nothin'.' It was a survival mode. We just shut off our emotions so we could carry on. I learned real quick to distance myself for my own sanity," he said.

Goss' hold on sanity became tenuous at best after a particularly gruesome firefight. His team was assigned to support a mechanized armored unit, and he became friendly with some of the soldiers, including a young medic named Phillip Rogers.

"Here he was, a black man from New York, and here I was, a white boy from Alabama — in the 60s. But none of that mattered out there. We were friends," Goss said. "We were on a mission, looking for VC, and he was talking about this big party his family had planned for him. He was going home in 30 days.

"Then all hell broke loose all around us. They had us penned down. Someone yelled for a medic and Phil went to help."

A short time later Goss was called on to retrieve three American soldiers, wounded and trapped 50 yards away. He crawled through the mud and water till he found an injured soldier and dragged him back to safety.

Then he found his friend slumped over the body of another soldier.

"It was Phil. He was dead, I could tell that right off. I pulled him on a stretcher and pulled it up over me, over my back. When I did that his blood ran down on me. I still see that everyday," said Goss, wiping tears from his eyes. "I froze, I mean right there. I started thinking about his family in New York getting ready for a big celebration. They don't know he's dead. And that just stopped me in my tracks."

A grenade exploded close by, jarring Goss back to his senses. He carried his friend back and returned once more to retrieve the body of the third soldier.

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>
> **Kenneth Goss**
> Vietnam veteran

Goss was awarded a Bronze Star with V Device for actions beyond the call of duty.

"I never really understood that. I thought it *was* my duty," he said. "They would've done it for me."

Somewhere along the way Goss came to believe he was destined, like his friend, to die in Vietnam.

"See, when we first got there, it was always the 'other person.' But when the other person kept getting killed, we realized we were running out of other persons," he said. "It wasn't a matter of 'if,' but 'when.'"

But nearly a year later his replacement arrived, and Goss trained young Pfc. Andy Kiefhaber to keep his head low and his eyes on his surroundings, just as he'd been taught. Scheduled to leave Vietnam two weeks early to get back to college, Goss was packing his bags when he got the news. Kiefhaber had been killed on his first mission.

"I never felt so much guilt in my life. It was supposed to be me," Goss said. "As that aircraft lifted off coming home, the guilt was overwhelming. Fifteen of my buddies came home in bags. Why me?

"When my dad met me at the airport, I asked him how long till you forget. He said 'You never do, son.'"

"It don't mean nothin'," Goss told himself year after year, for nearly 30 years.

When he and his Vietnam brothers were treated with disdain, he told himself it didn't mean a thing. When nightmares kept him up nights, away from his wife, he told himself it would go away.

"I kept my demons to myself. Nobody knew but me. I had church members who never even knew I was in Vietnam," said Goss, who continued to minister for more than 20 years. "We were treated like the plague, so we learned to keep it in. If one of us went to a therapist, we were labeled 'crazy' or 'dangerous.'"

But the anger and guilt and feelings of betrayal continued to eat away at Goss, wreaking havoc on his family. He became "horrendous," he said. His wife left. His children disowned him. He was certain even God had turned his back on him.

Then one day he found himself filled with uncontrollable rage when he spotted a Jane Fonda video at Walmart.

"If you'd seen me then, you would've thought I was crazy. That was the darkest time in my life. I couldn't ignore it anymore," he said.

Goss began seeing a therapist who gave his pain a name – Post Traumatic Stress Syndrome. He became familiar with terms like 'survivor's guilt' and 'disassociation.' He began attending reunions of combat trackers, where he talked with others vets.

"There's a brotherhood among combat veterans that's stronger than any other bond," Goss said. "Stronger even than marriage, I guess. A wife can feel threatened by it. I know only two Vietnam vets still married to the same wife. It destroyed a lot of marriages, but it created an incredible bond between those who went through it."

Goss lives near Fort Rucker, and the sounds of live fire still trigger flashbacks of Vietnam. His wife attends counseling with him occasionally, though they still live apart.

Just last week he reconciled with his son, after more than two years. He still hopes to make amends with his daughter.

And he's looking forward to meeting Andy Kiefhaber's sister at a tracker reunion later this month.

Goss anticipates many more years of therapy, and he spends a good deal of time reading the works of noted doctors and historians, like Jonathan Shay, who continue to shed light on the plight of Vietnam veterans.

And Goss — still "Preach" to his friends — continues to attend reunions around the country, where he conducts memorial services for the trackers, dog handlers and dogs who died in Vietnam.

"We were never given the chance to mourn. We had to carry on. So we have to deal with it now. We can't pretend it didn't mean nothin' anymore," Goss said. "I want to come to grips with it all, but I don't ever want to forget. I owe it to them — Andy and Phillip and all the others."

For more information on PTSD, or to talk with a counselor, contact the Fort Benning Family Life Training Center at 545-9014, or the Pastoral Institute in Columbus, at 649-6500.

AROUND POST

Graduations

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 9 a.m. today at Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

A and D Co. will graduate at 9 a.m. June 21 at the same location.

The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Don Sando.

For more information, call 545-8131.

Army ball

The 227th Army Birthday Ball will begin at 6 p.m. today at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center.

Tickets are $30 per person. Dress is formal. For more information, call 644-0425.

Burning times

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place through Sunday, the following will be affected: AA, A-17, K-8, W-1, W-4, X-4, Main Post, Harmony Church and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

From Sunday through June 16, the following will be affected: Main Post, Harmony Church and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

For more information, call Jack Greenlee, Land Management Branch, at 544-6120.

EO meeting

There will be an Equal Opportunity Office meeting at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Building 2509 to discuss the upcoming Women's Equality Day in August.

Volunteers will be sought at the meeting for the Women's Equality Luncheon.

For more information, call 545-6665.

Retirement ceremony

The U.S. Army Infantry Center and the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics invite all to attend the retirement ceremony of Col. Keith Stelzer at 9 a.m. June 24 at the Follow Me statue outside Infantry Hall.

RSVP no later than Monday to 545-2292 or 545-5515.

Change of command

The 2nd Battalion, 54 Infantry Regiment, change of command is 9 a.m. June 26. The incoming commander is Lt. Col. Hap Smith, and the outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Derek Miller.

For more information, call 544-8511.

OCS selection boards

The Officer Candidate School selection board will be July 22-26. Applications must arrive in Personnel Services and Readiness Division by June 28 for the July board. Applications must be complete and applicants must meet all prerequisites.

For more information, call 545-4702.



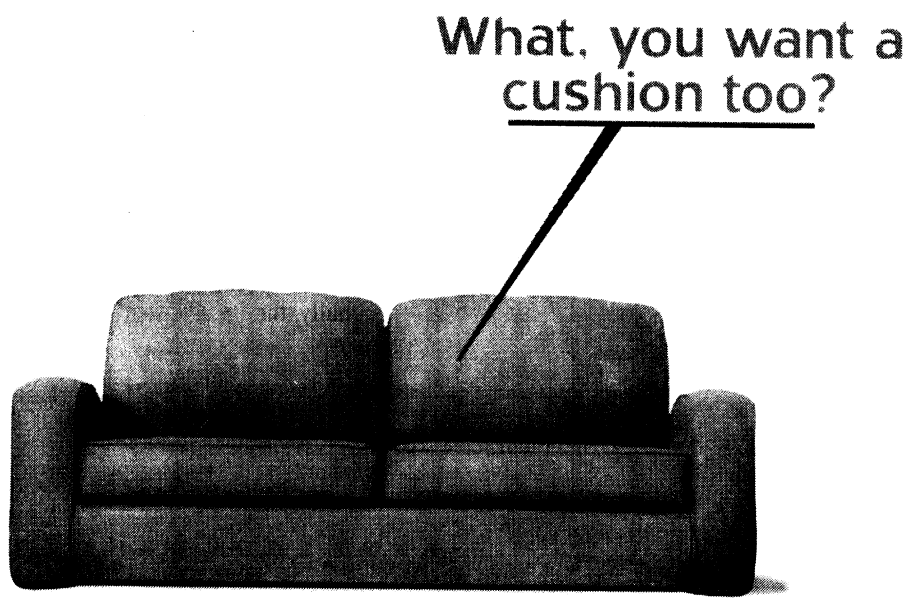
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Conference: Offers infantry leaders information

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"It is not a perfect system," Eaton said. "It is a good vehicle, and we will solve the ongoing developmental issues."

Certain needs on weapons systems must be met, Eaton said. An issue like the Improved Target Acquisition System can fix on a target from 7,000 meters away, but it can only put ammunition on the target about half that distance from the system, which touches on the issue of lethality.

"How do you get greater lethality to a squad?" Eaton asked.

The answer lies within technologies, training and the future of combat systems, he said.

It also lies within artillery in military operations in urban terrain and dismounted light forces working together.

There has been a lot of debate over Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Benning, Eaton said. It's positive because both posts have issues to address, and, as a combined arms Army, it's something that needs to be hammered out.

Gen. John Abrams, Training and Doctrine commander, addressed the audience about the direction TRADOC plans to take with Army transformation. He placed an emphasis on recruiting and retention issues.

The process of recruiting and transferring people from citizens to soldiers is constantly being evaluated, Abrams said. There are benchmarks in place for the Army to meet.

Recruiters are doing well, and education levels for enlisted soldiers are high, he said.

However, the true concern of the Army lies in the very heart of Army commanders — with the retention of captains, Abrams said. The Infantry Captains' Career Course places many demands on soldiers and their family members. They receive such a broad range of training that it conflicts with the importance of family, therefore hindering retention.

"The retention levels between 1996 and 2000 were unprecedented," Abrams said.

"You can't go back to the well if it's not there. This is something we need to reconcile."

The important part for increasing retention is to keep the core standards, while rooting out the separation from family, which is an issue that can be partially solved through experience in the school house and time spent with units, he said.

Distance learning is a possibility for these issues, Eaton said. Some things cannot be met through this medium, but knowledge and skills can be acquired through distance learning.

"The subject matter expert is just on the horizon," Eaton said.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Capt. Michael Acord, small group instructor, shows the proper technique for firing the Objective Crew-Served Weapon.

Infantry: Gives Doughboy Award to two veterans

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Inouye said. "I am overwhelmed and humbled to know that the selection was made by men who have or are serving in the Army infantry.'

Inouye received a Distinguished Service Cross for meritorious actions in World War II. The award was upgraded June 21, 2000, to the Medal of Honor. He served Americans for more than 60 years, more than 40 in the House of Representatives and Senate.

Inouye served his country honorably in the military as well. According to his biography, at age 17, Inouye was on scene tending to civilian casualties during the bombing of Pearl Harbor — Dec. 7, 1941. Inouye enlisted into the U.S. Army's 442nd Regimental Combat Team, the largest nisei unit or Japanese-American volunteer unit created in the Army.

The "Go For Broke" regiment, as it was known, fought in eight major campaigns in Italy, Southern France and Central Europe from 1943 to 1945. Inouye's brave and courageous acts during battle earned him a battlefield commission in 1944.

Gallantly fighting fascists Italians, who fought for the Germans, Inouye took out three machine gun positions, which had his men pinned down. It proved costly. Inouye was shot twice and lost his right arm when he displayed personal courage during the effort, April 21, 1945.

"When I was privileged to lead my platoon in combat, I was 19, and when I received my commission, I was just 20. At that age, and I am certain I speak for all infantry platoon leaders, I was not looking for glory or recognition," he said. "I felt that it was my duty to do what had to be done," he said.

Inouye was promoted to captain, released from the hospital months later and honorably discharged. Years later, Inouye became the 50th state's first congressman when he was elected to the House of Representatives in 1959. He gained national recognitions as a member of the Senate investigating Watergate and chaired the Senate committee for the Iran-Contra affair.

Pearce is a veteran with 35 years of experience. He was a command sergeant major from 1964 to 1979, serving as an adviser in 12 units, including the 82nd Airborne Division and 18th Airborne Corps. He spent 28 of his 32 years of airborne status with the 82nd.

According to an article written in the Fayetteville Observer in January 1979, Pearce is a straight forward man who placed the needs of soldiers above his own. He reported problems of morale and deterioration of benefits for soldiers and was a catalyst for improving both. He served in World War II, Korea and Vietnam. During his career, he earned the Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, four Purple Hearts and the Meritorious Service Medal.

Soldiers: Depart for Guantanamo Bay to guard enemy

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Eaton spoke of his experiences with MPs and expressed his gratitude for the job they have done on post.

The 178th soldiers with the Georgia National Guard have guarded the access points since February.

"They are always out there smiling and being very helpful to those who come on post," Eaton said. "They are giving a great impression of Fort Benning. They are especially leaving a good impression with the families who are coming to see their soldiers graduate basic training on Sand Hill. They are very helpful in getting the families to where they need to be."

The 178th is now moving onto a different challenge.

"Guantanamo Bay is a different place than Fort Benning," said Spc. John Bailey. "Our job now becomes not keeping people out of the gates, but keeping them inside the gates."

The duty of guarding al Qaeda prisoners will not come easy for the MPs.

"It will be a different experience down in Cuba," said Sgt. Kevin Neal, team leader. "We're going down there not really knowing what to expect."

Once the MPs get to Cuba, they will go through more training on how to deal with the prisoners.

"We will learn proper methods to handle the prisoners and learn about their religion," Bailey said.

"The main thing we're going to do is to accomplish our mission, which is to fight terrorism," Neal said.

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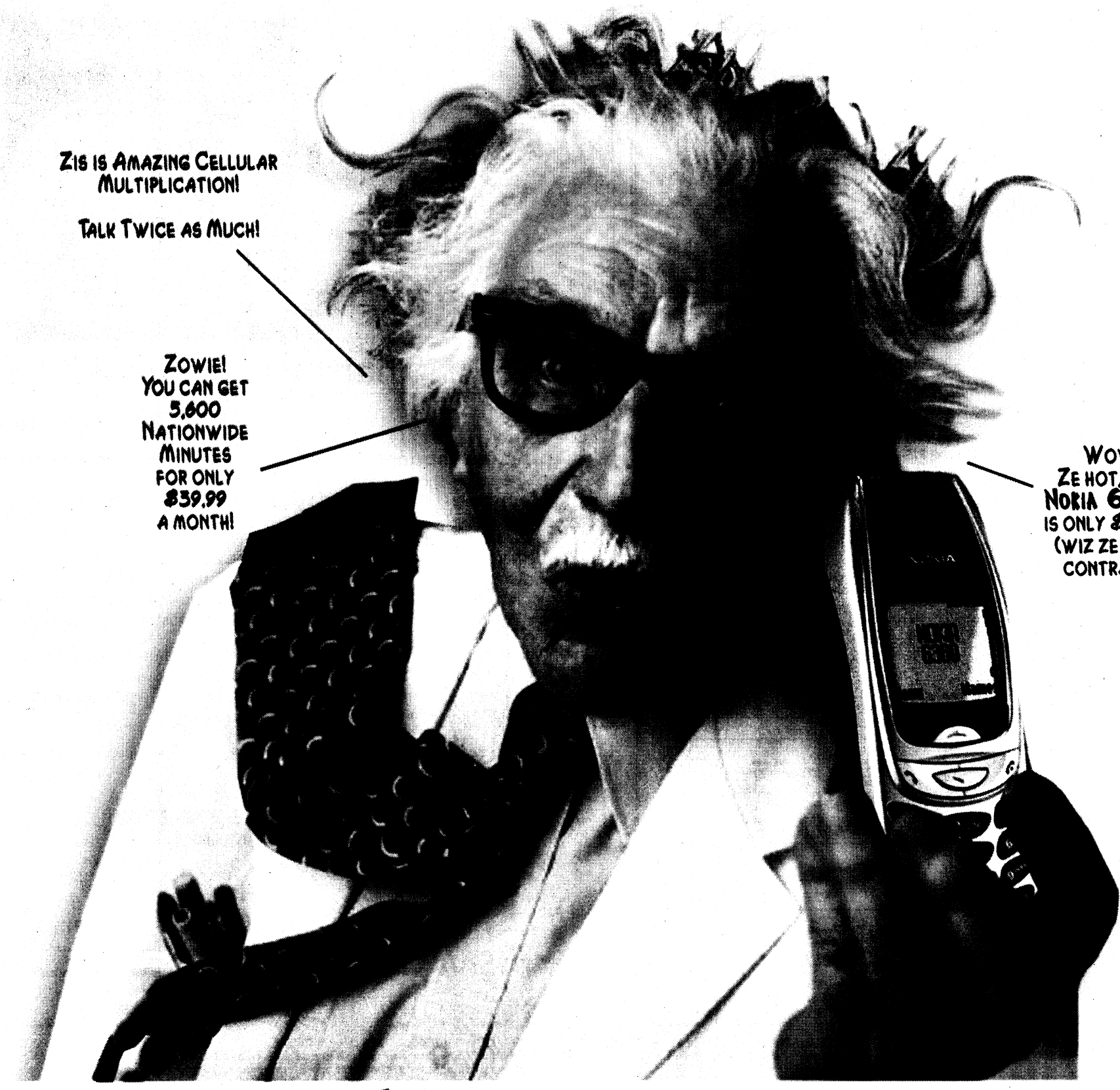
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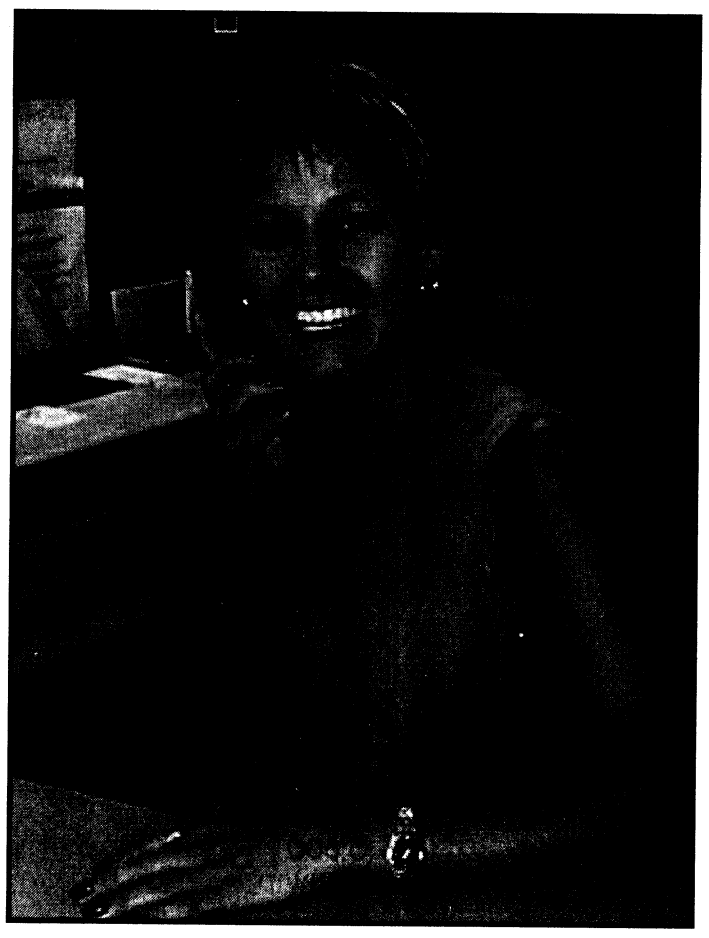
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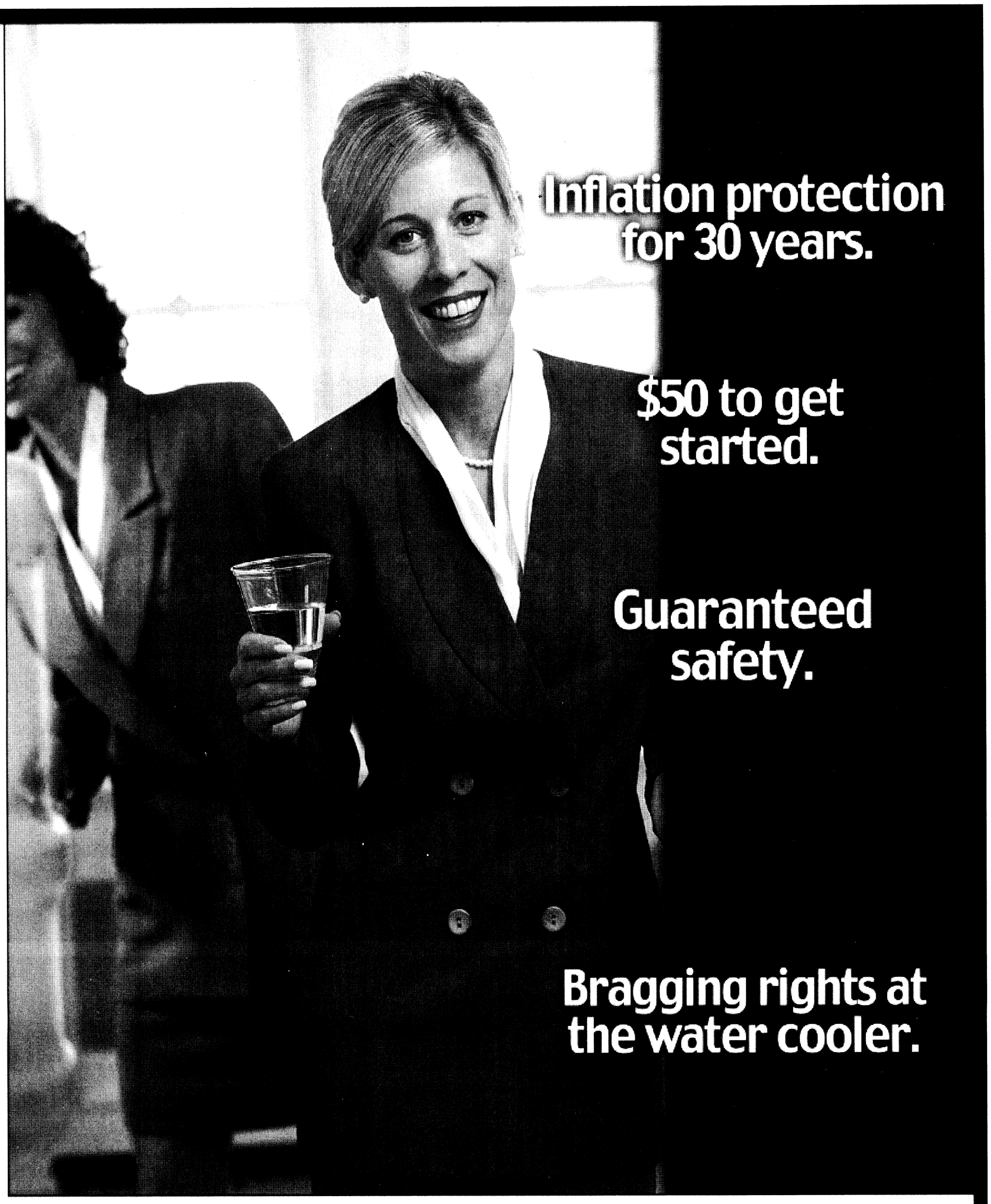
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Army announces Stop Loss changes

Many active-duty soldiers effected by decision

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Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Reginald J. Brown approved partially lifting stop loss for selected officer specialties and enlisted Military Occupational Specialties (MOSs) affected by Stop Loss 1 through 3.

Stop loss allows the Army to retain soldiers in the service beyond their date of separation or retirement for an open-ended period. Those affected by the order generally cannot voluntarily retire or leave active duty or separate from the service as long as reserves are called to active duty or until otherwise relieved by proper authority.

The decision to partially lift Stop Loss 1 through 3 will affect 370 soldiers in the active Army between now and Sept. 30, the end of the fiscal year.

Lifted from Stop Loss 1-3 in officer specialties:

- 48E Foreign Area Officer (EURASIA)

Enlisted Military Occupational Specialties:

- 81T Topographic Analyst
- 92R Rigger
- 96D Imagery Analyst
- 96H Common Ground Station Operator
- 96Z Intelligence Senior NCO
- 97L Translator (Ready Reserve — Russian and Spanish Linguist only)
- 97Z Senior Human Intelligence NCO
- 98G Cryptologic Linguist (All Components — Russian and Spanish Linguist only)
- 98H Communications Interceptor
- 98J Electronic Intelligence Analyst
- 98K Signal Collection Analyst
- 98Z Senior Signal Intelligence NCO

Brown also approved a fourth increment to the Army's limited Stop Loss program. Stop Loss 4 will affect 261 soldiers in the active Army. This stop loss increment expands the coverage of the three previous stop loss increments to additional skills and specialties for both the active Army and the Ready Reserve. The affected skills and specialties are those considered essential to the national security of the United States.

Affected by Stop Loss 4:

Officer Specialties:

- 30 Information Operations
- 34 Strategic Intelligence
- 53 Information Systems Management

Enlisted Military Occupational Specialties:

- 13C Field Artillery Automated Fire Support Specialist
- 13D Field Artillery Tactical Data Systems Specialist
- 13E Cannon Fire Direction Specialist
- 14E Patriot Fire Control Specialist
- 52E Prime Power Production Specialist
- 55D Explosive Ordnance Disposal Specialist
- 96U Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Operator;

No warrant officer specialties are affected by either action.

The overriding consideration for current stop loss decisions is not to exceed the fiscal year 2002 total active Army end strength by more than one percent.

Active Army end strength is currently projected at 484,000, including soldiers affected by Stop Loss 1 through 3.

The Army can only execute Stop Loss 4 if an equal number of active Army soldiers are lifted from Stop Loss 1 through 3 — a zero sum gain against fiscal year 2002 end strength.

The Army continues to reevaluate stop loss on a monthly basis and use it as a tool to maintain unit readiness.

Bradley: Celebrates 25th anniversary of service to U.S.

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The Bradley was given its proper recognition when it was honored for 25 years of support during a ceremony outside Infantry Hall Tuesday.

"The Bradley has been through quite a few battles," said retired Master Sgt. Notley Reavis, a former Bradley master gunner.

"It really is the soldier's vehicle."

Reavis was the vehicle's first master gunner when the it was introduced in 1977.

During the Bradley ceremony, Reavis received the Order of St. Maurice award for his contributions to the Army.

"He really has been here from beginning to end," said Monica Manganaro, Fort Benning spokeswoman.

"He's been a force of continuity."

Although Reavis retired from the Army in 1988, he has continued to work on the Bradley as an employee of a private company near Fort Hood, Texas, which assists the Army in decisions to keep the vehicle on the edge of changing technology.

"I'm proud of how the Bradley has evolved," Reavis said.

"Because it has a digital system, we will always be able to incorporate more systems into it. It will always be able to improve with the times."

The idea for the Bradley arose out of a need for a more capable combat platform to accompany tanks on the battlefield.

By Operation Desert Storm, the Bradley was able to provide nuclear, chemical, and biological protection to all its crew members.

"The Bradley is one of the most essential pieces of our military fighting force," Reavis said.

"I have dedicated my life to making sure it will never fail us."

The vehicle was named in 1981 after General of the Army Omar N. Bradley, a former World War II general and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

South Lumpkin gate extends hours for workers

Times shift to help out common man

Pfc. Brian Trapp

Bayonet staff

The winds of change arrived for post personnel who use the South Lumpkin Road access control point.

The operating hours of the gate are shifting to 5:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning June 17.

The shift in time coincides with the time when many people are leaving post.

"The change was made in order to accommodate work schedules or for people coming on and leaving post. It's just that simple," Sgt. 1st Class Michael Snapp, training NCO with the Directorate of Public Safety.

The change allows soldiers who don't leave work until later in the afternoon to still use the access point.

"The change will help me out a lot. Because of all the traffic, it gets a little backed up at that intersection in the evening," said Sgt. James Mick, training NCO with 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment. "The time change may relieve some of it."

The time shift will reap more benefits than just giving post motorists a more convenient trip home in the evening, Mick said. It will give an opportunity for families to spend more time together.

"The extra time will give me the chance to use the exit, and it will cut 15 minutes off of my driving time," Mick said. "Otherwise, I have to drive to a different exit, and that takes away from time I could spend with my family."

Pin on point to captain changes for first lieutenants

Time-in-grade cutback helps promotions

Pfc. Brian Trapp

Bayonet staff

The promotions to first lieutenant and captain are being accelerated by reducing the promotion pin-on point to captain.

A recent change in the National Defense Authorization Act, Title 10, U.S. Code, has been changed to allow services to promote officers to the grade of first lieutenant and captain after 18 months time in grade, through Oct, 1, 2005.

The change was effective May 28, and will begin Oct. 1 by gradually accelerating promotions with officers on the captain Army Competitive Category promotion list.

The change reduces the promotion point from 42 months time in service to 38 months.

The shortage of captains started accelerating promotions to company grade officers, said Klaus Bourne, human resources assistant and officer promotions clerk with Adjutant General.

"I think the change is great," said 1st Lt. Jason Slutsky, ammunition support, platoon leader with 29th Infantry Regiment.

"It will recognize first lieutenants already in a position where they have the responsibilities of a captain."

Promotions beginning in October will be in accordance with the following projections:

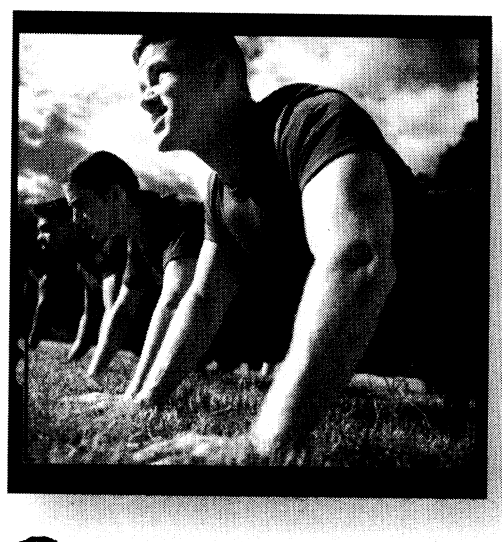
- October — 2262 promotions,
- November — 158 promotions,
- December — 347 promotions.

This will exhaust the fiscal 2002, Captain, Army Competitive Category, Promotion Selection List.

"I think it's the soldier who makes the position, not the position that makes the soldier," Slutsky said.

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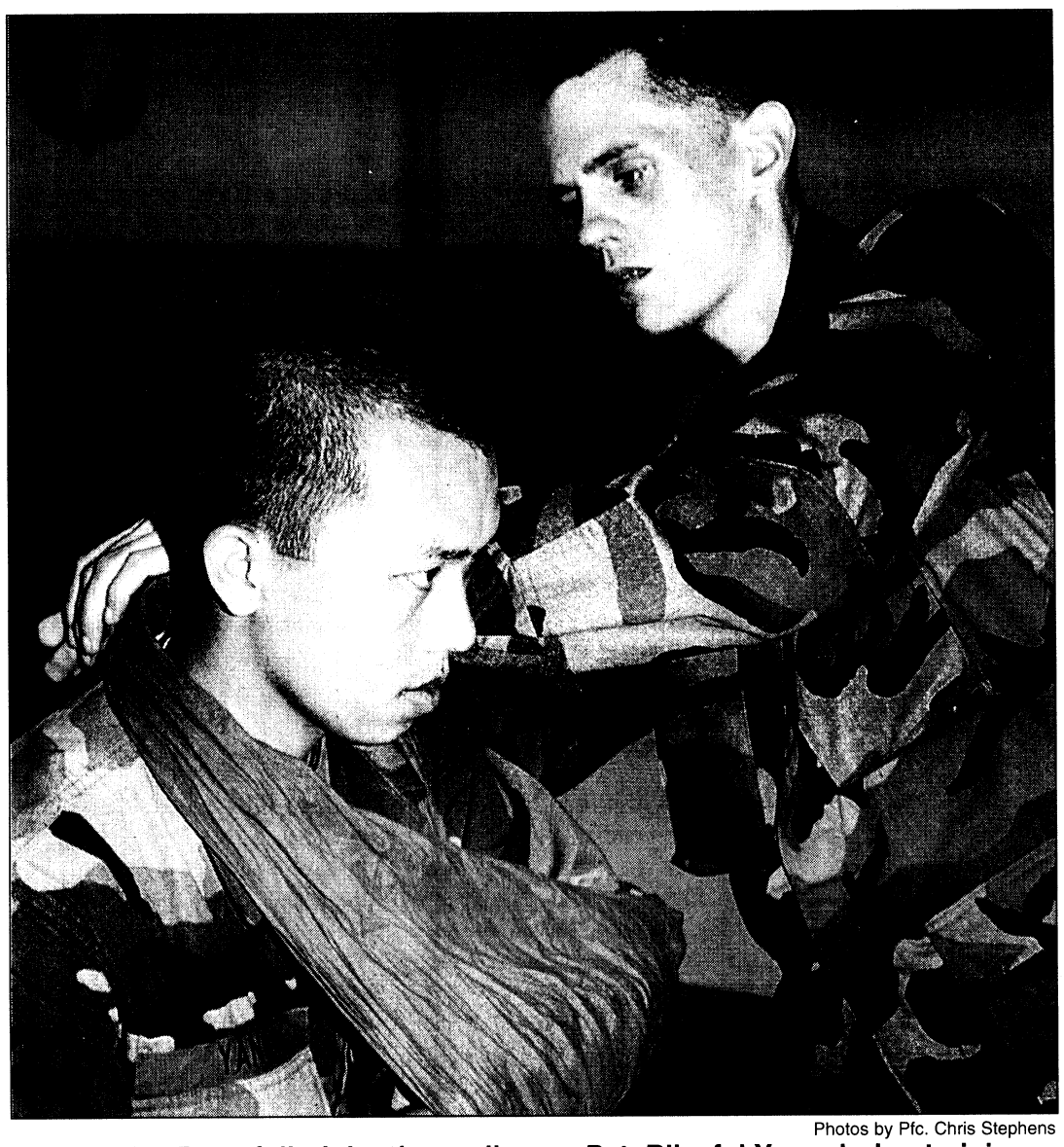
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Soldiers learn how to save lives



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Pvt. Patrick Percefull, right, ties a sling on Pvt. Blissful Yang during training.

First aid class gives tools to help injured

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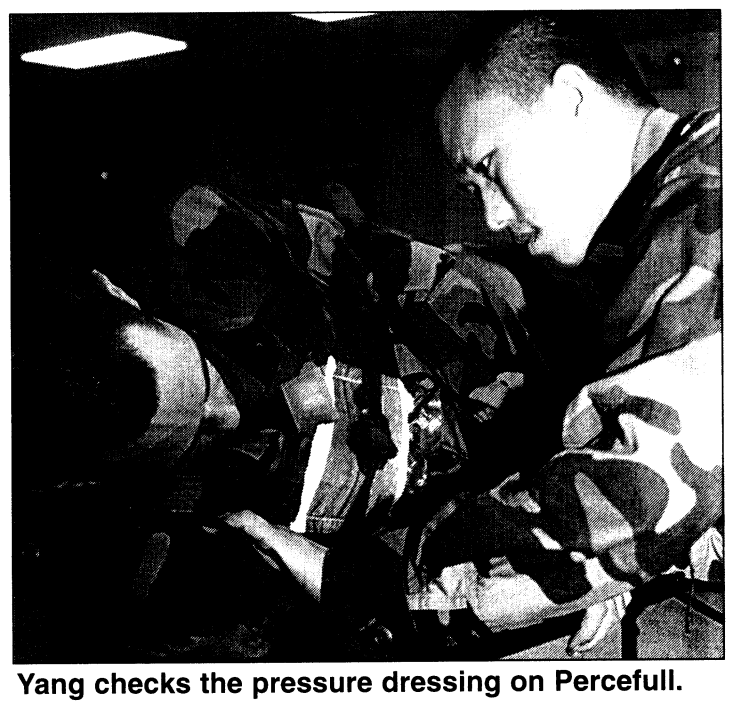
Sgt. 1st Class Robert Healy, 10th Mountain Division, was wounded in Operation Anaconda fighting the war on terrorism March 8. His buddies' quick reaction and first aid saved his life.

The soldiers of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, encountered a small taste of what Healy and his buddies endured during first aid training on Sand Hill Monday.

The soldiers completed the first portion of first aid, where they learned how to set a pressure and field dressing, evaluate a casualty and set a tourniquet.

"This is a culture shock to some of these soldiers," said Staff Sgt. Tom Scott, senior drill sergeant. "Some of them came in here not realizing how seriously soldiers get injured in war."

The drill sergeants expressed the importance of what they were learning.



Yang checks the pressure dressing on Percefull.

"These soldiers will be deployed somewhere in the near future, and what they're learning is going to save their buddy's life," Scott said.

Throughout the class, drill sergeants asked soldiers questions to help them retain the information.

"They were keeping us on top of our game," said Pvt. Chris Davis. "They presented us with the information, and it is our job to retain the information and use it in a time of need."

The drill sergeants stressed a lot of importance on evaluating a casualty.

"If you don't know how to evaluate a casualty, then you will not know how to treat the victim," Scott said.

"Knowing that I would be using these skills one day made me listen extra carefully," said Pvt. Darren Orta.

"One day, it's going to be my buddy out there injured and depending on me to help him out. That's when my training will get me through the steps I need to do to help him."

On guard!



Sgt. William A. Graves

Pvts. Robert King and Jason Resnik, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, square off in a semifinal pugil stick match Tuesday on Sand Hill. Resnik went on to lose the heavyweight championship to Pvt. Joe Kohler. Pvt. Chris Johnson beat Pvt. Russ Walters in the lightweight championship, and Pvt. William Hanson defeated Pvt. Dimitry Lobanov for the middleweight crown. All three champions were from B Company's 1st Platoon Warlords, who took home the guidon streamer for their effort.

Kohler said all the soldiers had a good time beating each other up, and it was a great way to blow off stress caused by an eight-mile road march earlier in the day.

Rangers cautious as training heats up

'Heat is your worst enemy,' medic says

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War doesn't stop when the mercury rises, so Fort Benning's 4th Ranger Training Battalion continues to turn out warriors throughout the summer, training cautiously but diligently under the sizzling sun.

Last week, nine ranger students suffered heat injuries, four of them serious enough to be hospitalized, two clinically diagnosed as heat stroke. Not a surprising occurrence given the extreme temperatures, but unusual because of the number of casualties, said Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rasdall, the medical platoon's senior medic.

"That's a busy week," Rasdall said. "Temperatures were around 90. Humidity 100 percent. Soldiers from cooler weather regions who hadn't acclimated. That spells trouble."

The RTBs been heading off that kind of trouble for years, training proactively to prevent weather-related injuries. In fact, Rasdall believes the battalion is way ahead of the standard when it comes to hot-weather training.

"Ranger training can't stop. We have to keep going, no matter what the weather. But we take more precautions than most anywhere in the Army," said Rasdall, noting the RTB assigns at least four medics to every training activity.

Ranger instructors must attend a hot-weather injury prevention class every year, and each class of trainees is briefed on the proper way to monitor themselves and their ranger buddies for heat injuries. They're also required to carry at least two one-quart canteens at all times.

"We've got students monitoring themselves and each other, instructors monitoring their students, and medics on hand to monitor everybody and administer fluids at the first sign of a problem," Rasdall said. "We catch these problems in the early stages before they turn into life-threatening situations."

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>
> **Sgt. 1st Class Mark Rasdall**
> Medical platoon senior medic

To start with, ranger students with a history of heat-related injuries are "tagged" with a red sticker "so instructors can keep an eye on them," Rasdall said.

Soldiers from foreign countries and cooler climates, such as Fort Drum, N.Y., or Fort Lewis, Wash., are also tracked.

"Acclimation takes two to three weeks at least. We don't have that kind of time," he said. "We recommend these soldiers don't even come during the summer months. But if they do, we want to keep an eye on them."

Like all Army units, the battalion modifies their uniform during Heat CAT 4 and 5, rolling pants when possible and replacing ballistic helmets with field caps when walking.

Medics carry a Kestrel Device to keep a constant temperature and humidity reading, information they use to keep commanders abreast of potentially dangerous weather conditions.

The battalion has also discovered one of medicine's best-kept secrets — the "ice blanket," a "very simple, very effective method of bringing down the body's core temperature," Rasdall said.

"It's so simple, it's ingenious. It's a hospital sheet completely submerged in ice and water. When the body core temp goes to 103, you cocoon the victim in it. It rapidly brings down their temp."

During the worst of summer's heat, the medics keep a sharp eye out for a myriad of heat-related problems, Rasdall said, including cramps and exhaustion, which can lead to heat stroke. Extreme temperatures and improper hydration can also cause severe muscle break-down, a life-threatening condition known as rhabdomyolysis.

Overhydration is also a problem — less common, but extremely dangerous, Rasdall said.

"Water intoxication it's called. It'll fool you. You drink too much water, and it has nowhere to go so it starts filling other body cavities, including the brain. So it alters your state of mind.

"Same signs and symptoms as a heat injury, but not easily treated," Rasdall said. The battalion typically sees one case of water intoxication each year.

Of course, dehydration isn't the most common problem. Sunburn is. Students are required to bring sunscreen to ranger school, but they don't always apply it liberally.

All the training is for naught if soldiers don't heed the experts' advice, Rasdall said.

"I guess it's the nature of the soldier to be hard-headed. They try to push through, to keep going when they feel a little off.

"They'll ignore early — warning signs because they're afraid they'll be dropped," he said.

"But if we can get them in here early, we can stop the problem before they have to be recycled or sent home."

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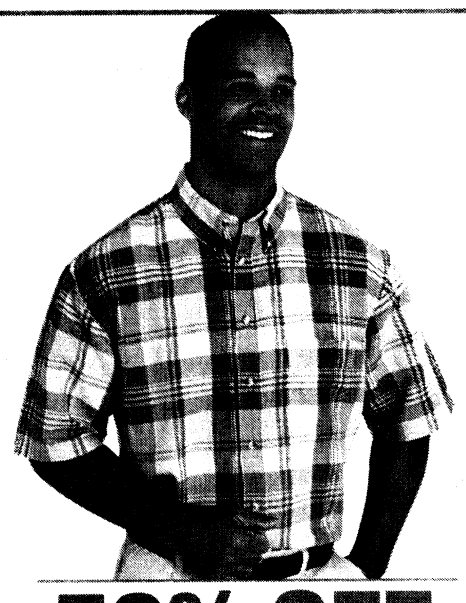
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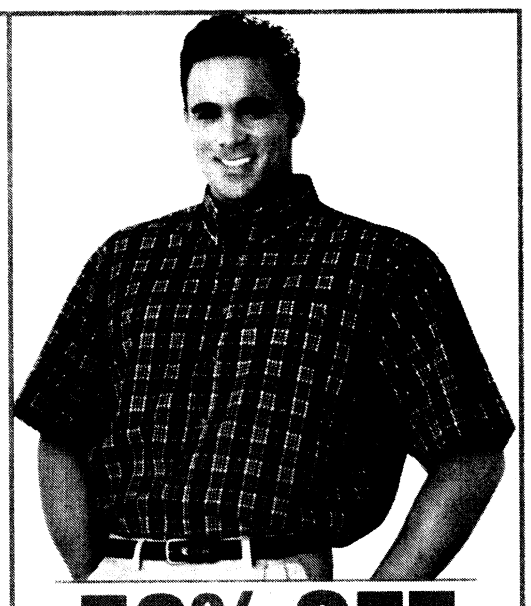
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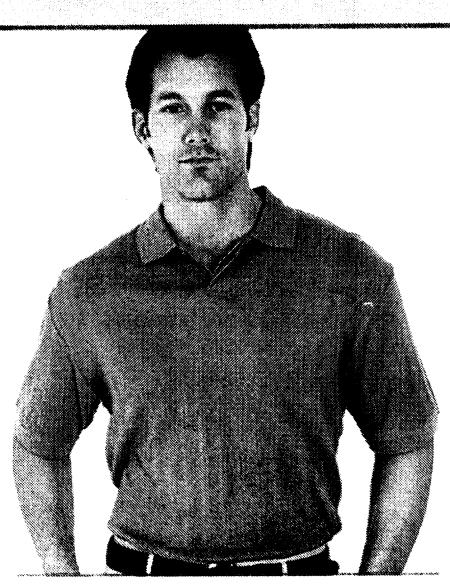


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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Movers working to deliver goods faster

DoD hoping for several improvements

Angela Sachitano
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Families transferring from one post to the other this summer, beware.

The wait for delivery of household goods once soldiers arrive on post may be anywhere from 14 to 21 days.

"My family and I have been sleeping on the floor for a week, and we still have two more weeks of this," said Sgt. Oscar Angel of the 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment.

Angel and his family arrived at Fort Benning from Fort Bragg, N.C., last week.

"We just weren't expecting this," Angel said. "The post can only tell us that the moving companies are behind."

Fort Benning transportation has contracts with all 11 moving carriers in the surrounding community, yet goods arriving on post are still backed up several weeks.

"We have 150 shipments arriving on post every day and another 100 families a day trying to move their goods off post," said Linda Kelley, chief of Personal Property for Transportation. "Our employees are working six days a week trying to accommodate all the paperwork alone. We are stretched, and there is only so much this office can do."

The Army is in its "peak" moving season. During the next several months, thousands of families across the country and oversees will transfer from one post to another.

"Many new soldiers just aren't aware of what the process is when they have the government move their belongings," said Ronald Johnson, chief of Transportation Office. "Housing should be the first stop for soldiers who have orders."

Fort Benning counselors are on hand to prepare families for the entire moving process from pick-up to delivery. Soldiers should be briefed on their moving options, the costs and the wait time to receive their goods at the next post, Kelley said.

"I don't think soldiers take advantage of the counsel sessions as much as they should," Kelley said. "Many are in such a rush, and they want things their way. The best thing families can do is educate themselves on the process."

The process is complicated and the sooner the soldier contacts the housing office the better, Kelley said.

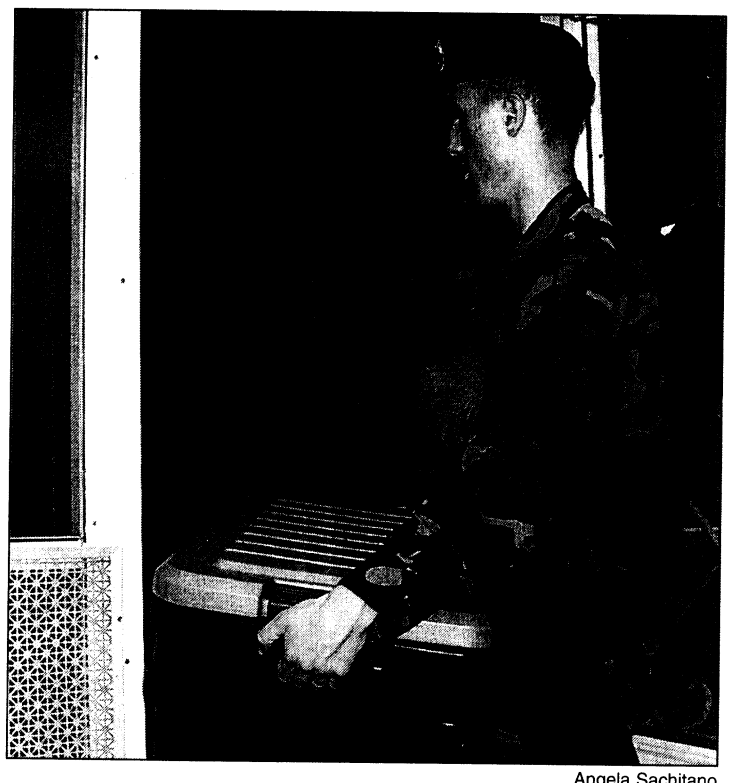
For instance, outbound transportation needs at least 30 days notice to pack and ship goods, Johnson said.

Families who know their delivery address ahead of time may avoid some of the hassle with direct delivery. That's when the same carrier who picks up the belongings also delivers them.

"Soldiers may get their items quicker with direct delivery, but keep in mind the carrier is only required to give a two-hour notice before delivering the goods," Kelley said. "If families aren't reachable, they miss their chance and are put at the bottom of the waiting list."

That's what happens to the majority of Army families

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Angela Sachitano

Pvt. Sean Harvey and his wife, Dana, move into their new house on post.

Safety counts



Sgt. William A. Graves

Safe swimmers are smart swimmers, said Emmy Stevens, lifeguard at Carey Pool, pictured here during lap swim Wednesday. "Be careful and watch what you're doing. Carelessness causes accidents," Stevens cautions young and inexperienced swimmers. "Obey the posted swimming establishment rules and listen to everything the lifeguards say because sometimes you may not know if you're doing something wrong."

Expo to offer screening

Health habits, issues will be among topics of discussion

Muscogee County Physicians Foundation

Free health screens and activities for the community and educational sessions for health professionals will be highlights of the third annual Men's Health and Fitness Conference and Expo June 21-22 at the Columbus Convention and Trade Center, 801 Front Ave.

Activities begin June 21 with a conference for health professionals.

Participants may choose from among 10 educational programs related to men's health.

The event concludes June 22 with a free Men's Health and Fitness Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include health screens for various cancers, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes and cholesterol and blood pressure checks.

Other screens include body fat analysis and checks for oral health, bone density and hearing. Information also will be available on nutrition, sleep disorders and depression.

Pharmacists will be on site to discuss medications, proper dosages and drug interactions.

There also will be live entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits, give-aways and free CPR classes.

"Men have unique health-care needs and men's health has become a critical public health concern," said Dr. Michael Gorum, Columbus neurosurgeon and chairman of the event planning committee.

The incidence of stroke is higher among men than women, as are life-threatening depression, AIDS and deaths from heart disease and cancer, he said.

"That's why this expo is so important," Gorum said. "It's an opportunity for men to learn about good health habits and receive free health screens to detect developing health issues before they become serious problems."

Support for the two-day event comes from the business community, local health-care organizations and pharmaceutical companies. The Muscogee County Physicians Foundation and Muscogee County Medical Society are joint sponsors and CB&T is the presenting sponsor.

Other sponsors and screening partners are the Georgia Department of Community Health, the West Central Health District, Three Rivers Area Health Education Center, WTVM-The News Leader, Pfizer U.S. Pharmaceuticals, Pharmacia, GlaxoSmithKline, Columbus Diagnostic Center, the Columbus Health Department, Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Doctors Hospital, Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital, St. Francis Hospital, TAP Pharmaceuticals and the W.C. Bradley Co.

For more information, call 322-7128

Registration continues

Fort Benning Schools

New students of Fort Benning schools should be registered today, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

It will be necessary for parents to register at each school if they have children in more than one school.

The following documents are required for registration or verification:

Returning Students

Bring an updated shot record and the child's social security card.

Sixth-grade students must show proof of varicella (chicken pox) vaccine or *proof of immunity. **Verification of post housing must also be provided.

Students Transferring to Another Fort Benning School

• From McBride to White — Students attending McBride Elementary School and promoted from third to fourth grade will need to verify registration.

• From Fifth to Faith — Students promoted from fifth grade to Faith Middle School's sixth grade will need to verify at Faith Middle School, 1375 Ingersoll Ave.

Transfer Students

Parents must provide school records, **verification of housing, military ID and child's social security card. Pre-K, kindergarten and first grade require a legal birth certificate.

A Georgia certificate of immunization is also required when transferring a student..

These certificates are available through Martin Army Community Hospital. Immunization information will be available at time of registration.

Students Entering School for the First Time (Pre-K, or Kindergarten)

Parents must provide a legal birth certificate, **verification of housing, military ID, and the child's social security card.

Georgia certificates of immunization and eye, ear, and dental examinations are also required. These are available through Martin Army Community Hospital. Immunization information will be available at registration.

*Proof of immunity includes a physician or health care provider's statement or medical record.

**Verification of housing does not need to be an official statement from housing. It may be a copy of a recent bill with printed name and address.

Officers rally, relax at restaurant opening

New club offers food, drink, fun

Angela Sachitano
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Most soldiers are familiar with the meaning of a rally point.

Rally point is used in military situations and refers to a meeting place for soldiers. That's exactly what supporters of the Fort Benning Officers' Club restaurant, The Rally Point, hope officers will do.

"We reinvented an atmosphere that is relaxed and fun with character," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "We want this to be our officers' first stop after work or when they want to enjoy music, sports games and good food."

Officers have long wanted a place they could look to for casual drinking and dining, Torres said. The Rally Point has been a part of the Officers' Club for more than 15 years, but renovations began two years ago.

Officers of all ranks, past and present, filled the place to get a close-up look at the finished results June 7.

"This place reminds me of something you'd see downtown," said Maj. Scott Lopez, executive officer of the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment. "I look forward to coming here to relax and unwind with my buddies."

With vintage decorations and colorful walls, the theme of the Rally Point resembles popular restaurant chains like TGI Fridays and Bennigans.

"The Officers' Club board members worked long and hard on ideas for the club," said Torres. "They knew what was important to our men and women here."

Just what is important to the officers?

"Better food, a wide selection of appetizers and beer is a good way to start," Torres said.

"Officers don't have to worry about tipping or waiting to be seated either."

That's because officers grab a table or booth with menus already on them. When they order their food at the bar, the bartender gives them a buzzer, and they are notified when their food is ready.

"It's really a great idea," said 1st Lt. Nelson Parrish, training officer of the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry. "I wasn't a member here for awhile. I'm excited about the new restaurant so I've become a member again."

Restaurant organizers hope to draw huge crowds during sporting events as well.

Seventeen televisions, including flat screens and big screens, align the walls of the Rally Point.

"Our IOBC and Captains' Course guys are a big target for us," Torres said. "We hope they enjoy all it has to offer."

Officer families who live on post may also enjoy the broad array of lunch items. Party trays are also available.

"We looked at several ideas when renovating the Rally Point," Torres said. "We juggled the possibility of building a new facility on the golf course, but the board members wanted to keep the tradition here at the original club."

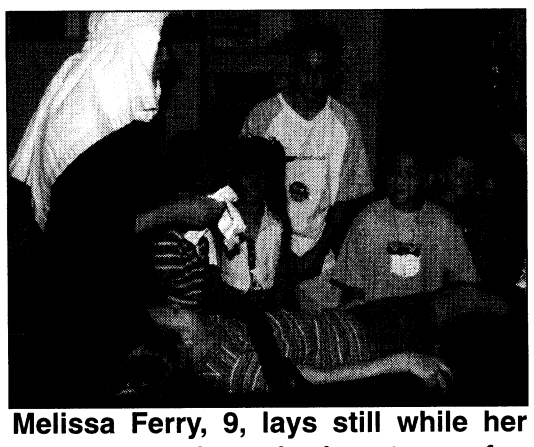
And if all goes as well as opening night, the new Rally Point may be a tradition for many officers for a long time to come.

Vacation Bible School

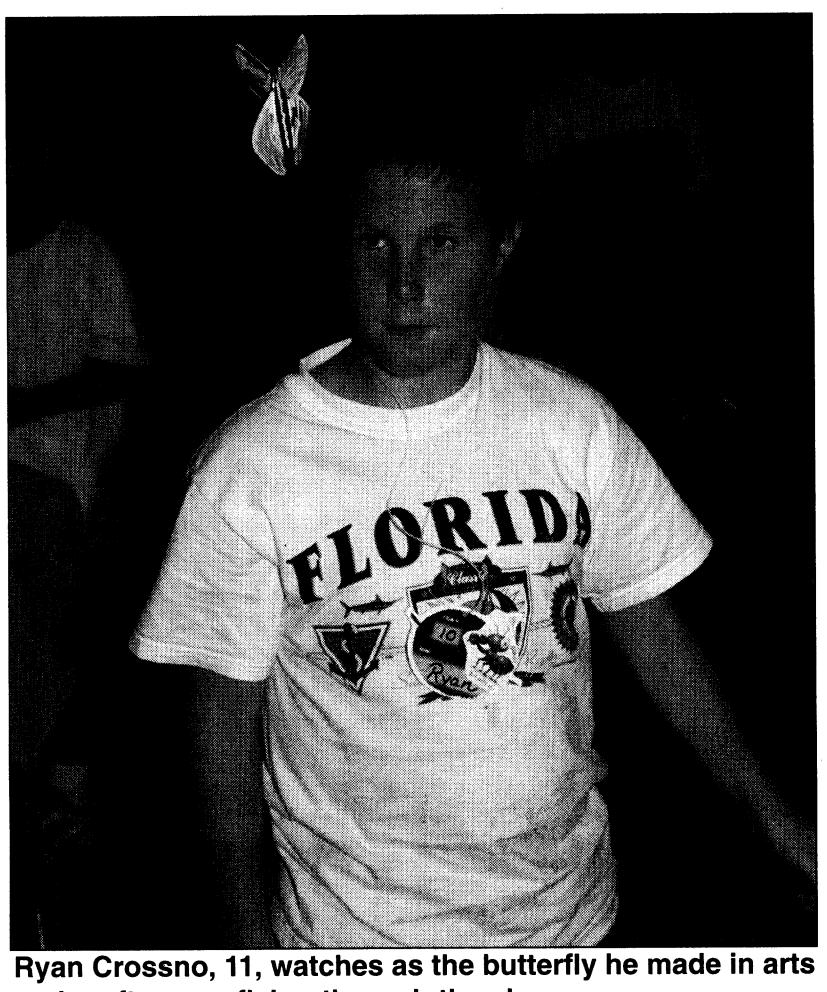


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Autumn Rodriguez, 7, puts a slice of cheese on a snack she is making for the pre-schoolers during her first activity period.



Melissa Ferry, 9, lays still while her class goes through the steps of a burial process done in Jerusalem during Biblical times.



Ryan Crossno, 11, watches as the butterfly he made in arts and crafts goes flying through the air.

Children learn about Jesus

The Catholic Vacation Bible School wraps up today at Dexter Elementary. More than 50 children participated in the week-long festivities, which included arts and crafts, games and singing.

The children learned about many different things in the Bible. Each day they learned a lesson from the Bible, including a demonstration of the burial process of ancient Jerusalem.

BIRTHS

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Caleb William Felten — born May 24 to Lori and Staff Sgt. Kent Felten.

De'Shawn Jemal Fryer — born May 25 to Danna and Sgt. Daltrey Fryer.

Joseph Jackson Nagy — born May 25 to Spc. Amy and Steve Nagy.

Kevin John O'Banion — born May 25 to Gudrun and Sgt. 1st Class Patrick O'Banion.

Jeremiah Elijah Johnson — born May 25 to Connie and Sgt. 1st Class Jerry Johnson Sr.

Spencer Carson Woods — born May 27 to Stephanie and Staff Sgt. Ralph Woods.

Girls

Destiny Renee Hotaling — born May 22 to Pheonix and Master Sgt. George Hotaling Jr.

Jada Sage Leipfert — born May 23 to Robin and Pvt. Mark Leipfert.

Kayleigh Marie Wanovich — born May 26 to Kimberly and Capt. James Wanovich.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

Post: Helps families with moves

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simply because they don't know the home address at their next assignment.

Goods are picked up by one carrier and delivered by another. When the goods arrive at the next assignment, they are immediately put into storage and the family is added to the bottom of a list.

"It's difficult to track where your goods are and what exactly is going on with them," said Korina Acacia, wife of Pfc. Thomas Acacia, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment.

The Acacias arrived on Fort Benning in mid- May and were told they would have to wait two weeks to receive their household goods. They finally received their goods a week ago.

"We lived on an air mattress. It was not fun," Acacia said. "We knew we had to be patient."

Patience and understanding will go a long way, but even the Department of Defense has acknowledged Army transportation is in need of major changes.

The DoD is working on a transportation make over to be implemented in 2004.

"The DoD understands the need to give soldiers more control over the moving process," Johnson said. "It won't be long before soldiers start seeing changes."

Some of the changes the DoD is looking at in 2004 include:

"The DoD is looking for the most cost-effective solution."

Ronald Johnson
Chief of Transportation Office

- Guaranteed drop off and pick-up times,
- One carrier from start to finish,
- A Web site for soldiers to keep track of moving status,
- An 800 number with customer service hotlines,
- Claim service within 45 days of reported damage.

Pilot programs are being tested on some posts already with hopes of finding the best solution. Last year, Fort Benning took part in one program that required the post to use an outside vendor as an agent for the moving process.

Although many soldiers said the program worked smoothly, Johnson said the DoD concluded it was not the best financial decision.

"The DoD is looking at the most cost-effective solution," Johnson said. "It's happening slowly, but it is happening."

In the meantime, soldiers may want to consider the self-procurement, formerly known as the DITY or Do It Yourself move. The government guarantees a reimbursement of up to 95 percent of what the family spent to move belongings on their own. Families can choose to rent a moving van or find a carrier on their own.

"Whatever families decide to do, they need to talk with a counselor to make sure they are spending within the government-refund price range," Johnson said.

For those who are waiting for their belongings, one solution is the post Lending Closet, located in Soldier's Plaza. The Lending Closet offers essentials for families until they receive their belongings. Kitchen appliances and dishware, folding tables and chairs, floor mattresses and ironing boards are a few of the items available at no cost.

"The items the post Lending Closet lended us were a lifesaver," Acacia said. "We don't know what we would have done if we had to buy all new items."

And as the DoD works to get the ball rolling on changes, employees at the Fort Benning Housing Office hope families will plan accordingly and be flexible.

"Soldiers are our primary concern," Kelley said. "We need to know immediately any information they have about their move."

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Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families clearing quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew to clean their house. If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew. If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment. and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

Lending Closet — Due to an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods, to return the items borrowed as soon as their belongings are delivered to them.

For more information, call the Lending Closet 545-4485

OSC Thrift Shop — The OSC Thrift Shop is in need of daily and summer volunteers. In order to be a volunteer at the OSC Thrift Shop, the following guidelines must be met: be a soldier or family member with a military ID card; and be at least 13 years old.

The following benefits are immediately available to volunteers working two hours or more each time the Thrift Shop is open for business: first pick of newly consigned merchandise, child care reimbursement for up to two children and more.

For more information, call 687-4830 or go by the OSC Thrift Shop and pick up a volunteer booklet.

Wrestling at Briant Wells — Extreme Pro Wrestling will be at Briant Wells Gym Saturday at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the PX today and Saturday at the PX from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Proceeds from the event will go to Cub Scout Pack 51.

Holiday garbage pick-up schedule — Because of the July 4th holiday, there will be no garbage or yard waste or recycling pickup in Family Housing July 4. Areas normally scheduled for garbage pick up Thursday will be picked up July 8.

For more information, call 545-4332.

Free child developmental screening — Fort Benning Educational and Developmental Intervention Services will conduct free dental, hearing, vision, speech and language screening for military family members birth to 36 months.

The screening will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 26 at Wilson Elementary School, 112 Lavoie Avenue (Indianhead Terrace).

For more information, call 545-5560.

Commissary closes for 'supersizing' — The Fort Benning commissary will be closed July 8-9 to widen the aisles for a Super Store set. The commissary will reopen July 10 with early bird shopping.

For more information, call 544-3965.

Residents Meeting — The 36th Engineer Group will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting for Bouton Heights and Davis Hills at 7 p.m. July 11 at Stowers Elementary School.

For more information, call Sgt Maj. Ronnie Porter at (706) 545-9263

Red Cross needs volunteers for Summer Youth Program — The American Red Cross is now accepting applications for the Summer Youth Program. The program will run from Monday to July 26. The hours available to volunteer will be 8 a.m. to noon Monday through Friday. All volunteers must be between the ages of 13 and 18 years old. Applications may be picked up at the American Red Cross, Soldiers Plaza, Building 2626.

In addition, units who are interested in having a volunteer placed in their facility this summer may make requests by calling or faxing request along with job description to the American Red Cross.

For more information, call the American Red Cross at 545-5194 or fax request to 545-5118.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415.

Care car — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

off post

CCSC needs volunteers — Teachers are needed in reading, math, and other areas. for the summer tutorial program for students in grades two through eight at Rothschild Middle School in Columbus.

Aides are defined as college graduates, college students, high school graduates, seniors, juniors, parents and individuals who are willing to volunteer their time.

Help is needed now through July 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357, Daisy Honor at 687-8808, the office at 321-9596 or Rothschild Middle School at 569-2563 from 9 a.m. to noon during the summer session.

Safe Sitter classes — Safe Sitter classes for girls and boys ages 11 to 13 will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and July 31-Aug. 1 at Health Matters of St. Francis. Safe Sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches participants how to handle emergencies when caring for children.

The goal of Safe Sitter is to reduce the number of avoidable and unintentional deaths among children being cared for by babysitters.

Safe Sitter participants receive helpful tips to make them more confident caregivers. They learn safety and security precautions such as what to do if a stranger comes to the door and when and how to call for help.

They receive information on child development and age-appropriate activities and learn about the business aspects of babysitting.

The cost for Safe Sitter is $50 and lunch will be provided both days of the class.

To register your child, call Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

Head Start — Head Start is a child development program that provides comprehensive services to 3- and 4-year-old children.

Stop by one of the following Head Start Centers: Beallwood, Rosemont, Peabody, Baker Village or Luna from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to enroll your child on site.

It only takes about 15 minutes to apply.

For more information, call 649-1696 or 649-1641.

Mended hearts — An organizational meeting for heart disease patients and their families who are interested in becoming part of The Mended Hearts, an international volunteer organization, will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday in the St. Francis Hospital auditorium.

Mended Hearts chapters are formed in communities where a group of interested people gather to help others.

Chapters conduct visiting programs, hold monthly educational meetings and special gatherings and participate in community activities.

To register for the meeting, call Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people who are experiencing infertility. The Columbus Resolve Chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road, Columbus. For more information, call 323-6659.

Web site — A senior-friendly Web site, www.DrugsMD.org, provides free quotes, prices and ordering information for more than 2,000 prescription medicines. Seniors are able to easily use the price quote feature on www.DrugsMD.org to compare costs when a prescription is e-filled. Complete information is available by visiting www.DrugsMD.org.

Camp Discovery — The Bradley Center of St. Francis will once again offer its annual Camp Discovery, a summer camp for children with Attention Deficit Disorder and children with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder. Scheduled for Monday through June 28 and July 22-Aug. 2, the camp provides a highly structured environment for children diagnosed with ADD or ADHD.

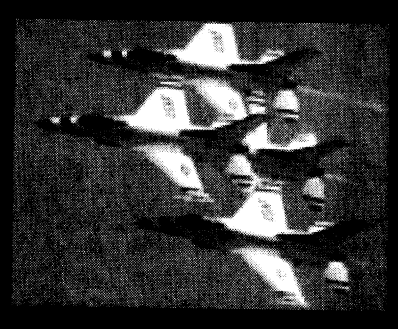
Camp Discovery is for children ages 6 to 11. Both sessions will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the St. Francis Park Campus at 2000 16th Avenue in Columbus. Cost per two-week session is $300.

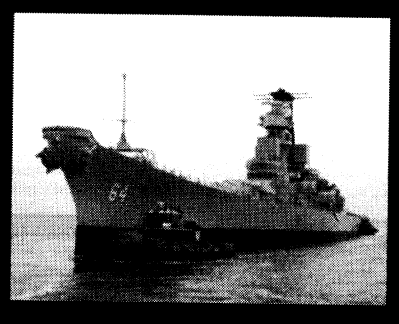
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Scholarships for Military Children Program announces recipients

Fort Benning teen-ager awarded $1,500

Scholarship Managers

One of the military community's premier benefits has become even more valuable to 520 college and high school students.

The second annual Scholarships for Military Children Program winners have been announced and the "honor roll" is impressive. More than 5,100 students applied for the scholarships at commissary locations worldwide.

Jake Kirkwood of Fort Benning, is a recipient of a $1,500 college scholarship. Fort Benning is one of nearly 280 commissaries operated worldwide by the Defense Commissary Agency. Jake's parents are Maj. John and Nancy Kirkwood. Jake is enrolled, or plans to enroll, at Georgia Institute of Technology.

Jake's school and community activities include: National Honor Society, soccer, Student Computer Hotline, Computer Club and Magnet Club.

The Scholarships for Military Children Program was initiated in 2000 by DeCA to award scholarships to graduating high school seniors or college-enrolled students. The scholarship program is open to qualified sons and daughters of members of the U.S. Armed and Uniformed Services including active duty, retirees, guard and reserves, as well as children of deceased personnel.

Applicants for the 2002 program were required to maintain a 3.0 grade point average, participate in voluntary school and community activities, demonstrate leadership qualities and write an essay on "How my activities have enriched my community."

Manufacturers and organizations that do business with the commissary system funded the scholarships with money ordinarily used for various other contests and promotions.

Jake's scholarship was funded through the generosity of Kraft Foods, Inc.

The Fisher House Foundation administered the Scholarships for Military Children Program through Scholarship Managers, a professional scholarship management services organization.

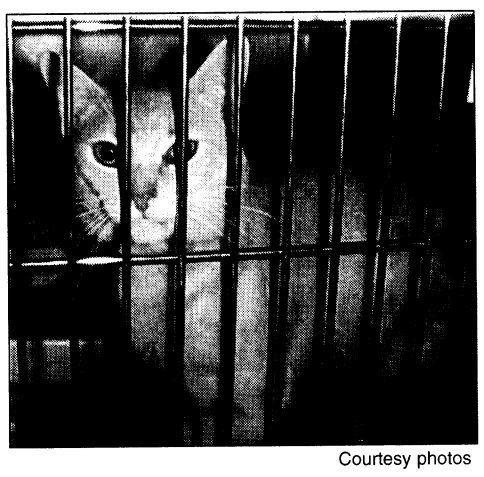
Fisher House is known for building the military comfort homes near military medical facilities.

"We couldn't be happier with the positive response to the program, the growth of the program and the caliber of both the applicants and recipients," said Air Force Maj. Gen. Robert J. Courter Jr., Director of the Defense Commissary Agency.

The recipient quality for 2002 was extremely high. "The grade point averages of the winners are in the 3.8 range," said Bernard T. Cote, President of Scholarship Mangers. "But what's particularly impressive is the level of extracurricular and community volunteerism military children display. It reflects a level of maturity not seen in applicants from other scholarship programs."

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Father's Day celebrates creator also

Give thanks to the Lord for all he's done

Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy K. Bedsole Sr.
36th Engineer Group

Father's Day is here and it is a time for us to thank our fathers who loved us and cared for us. It is a time for us to reflect on our priorities in life and what we will pass on to a future generation.

This October I had the distinguishing honor of performing a service for an old friend from my first unit, Rob.

His father passed away and the family requested I perform the interment service at Arlington National Cemetery.

I had never met Rob's father so I was a little uncertain about what to say that would comfort the family.

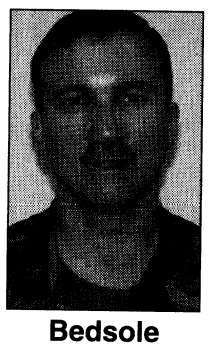
When I read the biographical information on the father I had no problem deciding what to say. Simply put, the message came.

To see the son is to see the father. Jesus said these words in the Gospel of John, "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father."

Rob's father had served our country from World War II through Vietnam in the U.S. Army. He landed at Normandy, fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and served with Patton's 4th Armored Division. Later, he served in Korea and helped develop the Kevlar body armor.

His other credits of service are too numerous to list here. Suffice it to say he served his country with distinction. He had a distinguish career and had dedicated himself to the betterment of mankind.

REFLECTIONS



Bedsole

My words could not adequately describe the character of Rob's father. But I didn't need words. I had something better. I had the privilege of serving with the son.

For more than two years I served with Rob. I observed his actions in combat as a young armor platoon leader. I saw him struggle with tragedy and with troops.

I watched him agonize over his decision to leave the Army. Through it all I admired his character, his strong faith and the high values he held.

He was an outstanding leader. From the first time I met Rob I felt he was a man of high character with a serving heart.

He was the best at all he did. I did not fully understand where this came from until I read the information about his father.

Then, I understood why Rob had such a strong personality. To see the son is to see the father.

Rob's father instilled in him the values I admired. I never met Rob's father but I saw the results of his work.

He had invested himself in his family. As Rob put it, he did not just teach his young boys to walk, he perched them on top of fences to give them better balance.

He did not just teach his boys to play catch; he taught them to toss eggs back and forth to give them soft hands.

He was a father who passed on his values to his children. I saw the reflection of Rob's father in Rob. To see the son is to see the father.

Now back to the subject of Father's Day. I want to challenge you to take the time to invest in your children's lives.

If you are not a father then take the time to invest in your community's youth. They are our future. It is a wonderful way to paint a picture that someone can view in 50 or 100 years after we are gone and say, "I see his father."

Oh by the way, if you are looking for a good example to follow I want to encourage you to look no further than our heavenly father.

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9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

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1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
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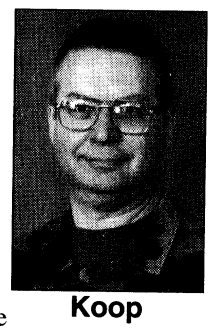
Marriage better through intimacy

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
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Marriage may be the most risky adventure routinely undertaken by people in our society. Parenting is a close second. Forty-five percent of first time marriages will end in divorce.

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According to Mike Mason, marriage counselor and author, there is nothing in the world worse than a bad marriage, and at the same time nothing better than a good one (*The Mystery of Marriage*, Mason, 1985, p. 24).



Koop

Scripture describes marriage as a mystery (Ephesians 5:32). The mystery of marriage is found in the union of husband and wife (Genesis 2:24). In becoming one flesh (Genesis 2:24) a husband and wife create a harmonious synergistic relationship (Matthew 19:6).

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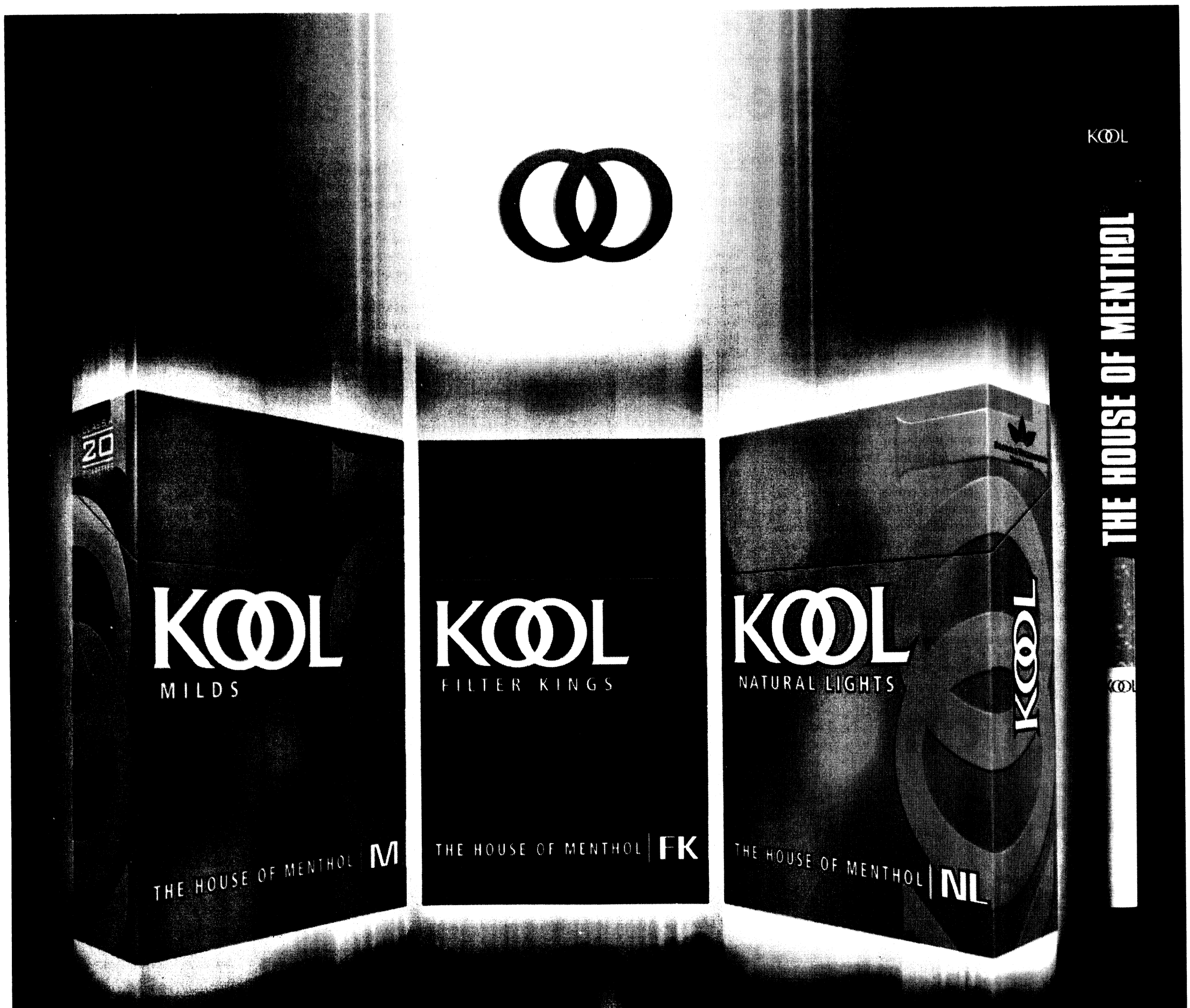
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Friday, June 14, 2002

SPORTS

SECTION C

Families pack bait, head for Russ Pond

Children cast lines, reel in many fish, win prizes

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Seventy children and their families spent their first Saturday morning of summer vacation sitting on the banks of Russ Pond at the Youth Services Fishing Rodeo.

The children competed against each other for the most fish caught in the set two-hour time period.

"This is the first year we came out, and it's a great event," said Lisa Judy, who was with her two sons. "It gets parents out with their children, and there aren't many opportunities out there like this for free. It's good to have nice places like this close."

The children all tried to reel in as many fish as they could to win prizes ranging from fishing poles to tackle boxes.

Unfortunately, not all the anglers found their own hot spot in the pond.

"I haven't had one bite all day," said Shelby Urrutia, 12.

Still, the slow morning didn't discourage his overall experience.

"I like fishing, it's something to do to waste time, and I have a lot of that after school let out."

The fishing competition has more rewards than just prizes, it gets families involved with each other in healthy activity.

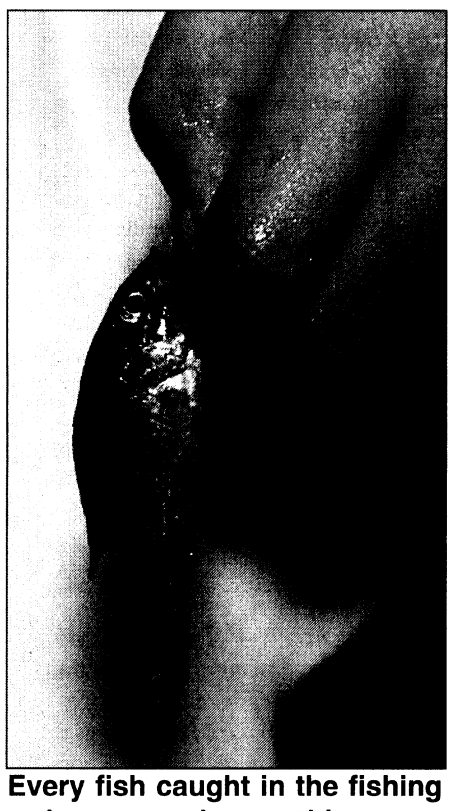
"When I was boy, my dad and I fished all over the installation," said Pete Swiderek, chief of Conservation Branch with Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. "It was a lot of fun, I used to be a real bass slayer. Fishing is a fun and easy outdoor activity for families."

Russ Pond, only for children 15 years old or younger, is stocked with catfish, and the fish are also fed catfish food on a regular basis,

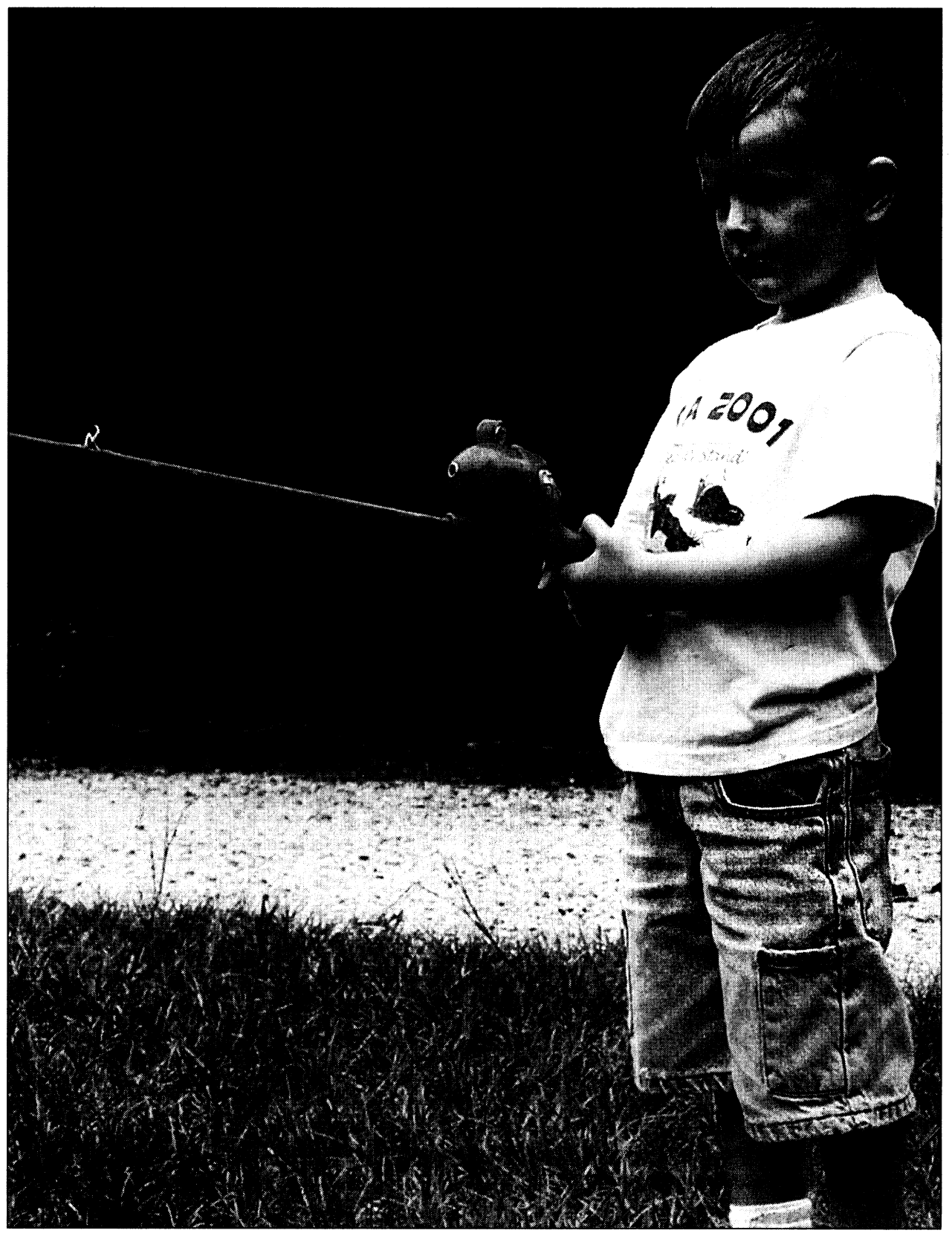
"There should be a lot of fish in there at the medium size range," Swiderek said.

Russ Pond is a quality of life issue for the post, Swiderek said. It provides a nearby family activity.

Russ Pond is not the only place of it's kind on post. Next to the pond is Russ Pool, which is geared to younger children, and the Sand Hill Duck Pond is scheduled to open later this year.



Every fish caught in the fishing rodeo counted, even this one.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Jake Judy, 3, stands on the banks of Russ Pond with his fishing pole Saturday morning during the Youth Services Fishing Rodeo.

5 to 6 Years Old

Caleb Malmin	45 fish
Shayla Amos	20
Alex Baird	12

7 to 8 Years Old

Andrea Primus	9
Blake Smith	4

9 to 10 Years Old

Christopher Amos	6
Darius Davis	5
Riley Graham	2

11 to 12 Years Old

Sarah Welty	50
Tyler Welty	20
Nick Heintzman	16

13 to 15 Years Old

John Louthorpe	5
Aaron Rakow	2

Seahorses hold off Roaddawgs

Never-give-up attitude gives team win

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Behind a revitalized offense, the Seahorses defeated the Roaddawgs, 12-8, in intramural softball action on Knappenburger Field June 6.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company Seahorses fell behind in the early innings to the 104th Transportation Company Roaddawgs.

The turning point of the game was when the Seahorses came out in the third inning with three runs and in the fourth inning with two runs, behind the bat of outfielder Michael Bethea.

"We couldn't lose our focus after getting behind early," Bethea said. "We had to just keep working, and we would eventually score some runs."

The Roaddawgs came out in the first two innings and scored 6 runs. By the end of the second inning, the Roaddawgs led the Seahorses, 6-1.

In the third inning, Bethea smacked the daylights out of the ball into the gap in left-center field.

"I knew immediately I would hit all four bases," Bethea said. "I made solid contact to the deepest part of the ballpark."

Bethea led the team going 3 for 4, with a homerun, two doubles, two runs scored and four runs batted in.

The Roaddawgs came back in the bottom of the fourth and scored two runs to make the score 8-6 in their favor.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Michael Bethea plants swings at a pitch as defenders in the background look to make a play.

In the top of the fifth inning, Donald Tomancky, second baseman, knocked in two with a double to put the Seahorses back on top.

"The fifth inning is what changed it all for us," said TJ Smith, designated hitter. "We didn't make the easy outs, and our communication broke down. By doing that, we took ourselves out of the game."

The Seahorses didn't stop after the fifth inning. A string of five straight hits helped the team produce four runs in the inning. The highlight of the inning was Romancky hitting a bases-clearing triple.

"It felt good to pull away in the end," Romancky said. "We used the fundamentals to win the game."

Romancky ended the game 4 for 4, with a triple, three doubles, two runs scored and three RBIs.

"The key to the game is fundamentals," Smith said. "Without them, your out of luck.

"The important thing though is that we had fun out here. That is why I am out here, and most of these guys are. It really boosts our morale."

43rd joint-pistol competition begins Monday on post

Paula Pagan
USAMU Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will conduct the 43rd annual Interservice Pistol Championship Matches Monday through Thursday at Phillips Range.

The matches are sponsored by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Center of Camp Robinson, Ark., and registered with the National Rifle Association of America.

According to USAMU Chief of Competition Michael J. Behnke, approximately 100 shooters from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard — active, Guard and Reserve — are expected to compete in the championships.

Each shooter will compete in a 900-point aggregate with each service weapon — .22-caliber, .45-caliber, center fire and service pistols — in 27 matches consisting of slow-fire at 50 yards, timed and rapid fire at 25 yards and the National Match Course at both 25 and 50 yards.

The schedule is as follows:

The Army Shooting Adventure Package will be available for competitors and members of the media. The ASAP is a 28-foot-long laser shooting arcade, which allows people to test their shooting skills.

Saturday — .22-Caliber and Center Fire Pistol Warm-Up matches, which are also open to civilians, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday — Fort Benning Rifle and Pistol Club NRA .45-Caliber and Service Pistol Warm-Up matches, which are also open to civilians, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.; barbecue for team captains, hosted by Country's, at 6 p.m.

Monday — .22-Caliber Interservice Individual Championships, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and .22-Caliber Interservice Team Championships, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Tuesday — Center Fire Pistol Interservice Individual Championships, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Center Fire Interservice Team Championships, 1:30 to 3p.m.

Wednesday — .45-Caliber Interservice Individual Championships, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and .45-Caliber Interservice Team Championships, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Thursday — Service Pistol Interservice Individual Championships, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Service Interservice Team Championships, 1:30 to 3 p.m.

Rifle, pistol shooters remain steadfast during competition

Paula Pagan
USAMU Public Affairs

In six competitive rifle, shotgun and pistol matches in late May and early June, unit sharpshooters brought home a bevy of gold, silver and bronze honors.

In the Georgia State Service Rifle Championships, Cummings, Ga., June 7 to Sunday, USAMU service rifle shooter Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley won the championship, and teammate Sgt. Emil Praslick III took third. Singley also won the Excellence in Competition Match, followed by Praslick in second place.

The USAMU Service Rifle Team, coached by Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Coffey, won the Georgia championship's Team Match. Team shooters were Singley, Praslick and Staff Sgts. Norman L. Anderson and Lance S. Hopper. The USAMU Team, coached by Sgt. 1st Class Steven C. Young, snared second place in the Team Match. Shooters were Sgt. 1st Class Scott A. Boyd, Pvt. Liana L. Bombardier and Staff Sgts. Kyle A. Ward and Tobie L.

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Unit: Keeps winning

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Tomlinson.

At the U.S. Practical Shooting Association Area 4 Championships, Shreveport, La., June 6 through Sunday, action shooter Spc. Maxient J. Michel won the overall championship, as well as winning the Military and Junior Divisions. Sgt. Julie A. Goloski took second place in the Military Division and third in the Women's Division.

During the USA Shooting National Shotgun Championships, Colorado Springs, Co., June 6 through Saturday, shotgun shooter Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt won the National Trap Championship. She set a new national record in shooting a score of 267 targets out of a possible 300 plus a 22 out of a possible 25 in the final.

DeWitt and Staff Sgt. Joetta R. Dement won the Womens Trap Team Match. Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson, Spc. Richard R. Hadden and Pvt. Matthew T. Wallace took second place in the Mens Three-Man Team Match. Erickson and Hadden finished second in the Mens Two-Man Team Match.

The Mountain Empire Regional, Bristol, Va., June 2, saw service pistol shooter Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson finishing in third place overall in the Grand Aggregate and winning the .45-Caliber Match. Spc. Adam E. Sokolowski finished second in the .22-Caliber Match, in which Jacobson took third. Sokolowski also won the Excellence in Competition Match, followed by Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose in second and Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Wilson in third.

The USAMU Team of Jacobson, Sokolowski, Rose and Wilson swept all four of the Mountain Empires team matches.

In the Mighty Missouri International Skeet Open, St. Louis, Mo., June 1-2, shotgun shooter Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves won the Skeet Match, followed by Spc. Mark L. Weeks in second place and Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery in third.

At the Masters of France, Bully les Mines, France, May 20-28, international rifle shooter Spc. Karyn E. Manges won the Silver Medal and Spc. Mary K. Elsass took the Bronze Medal in the Three Position Sport Rifle Match.

The U.S. Team of Manges, Elsass and Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Manges garnered the Silver Medal in the Three Position Smallbore Rifle Team Match and the Bronze Medal in the Prone Rifle Team Match.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development.

The world-class soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army, officials said.

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SPORT'S BRIEFS

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Father, son tournament — Youth Sports will have a father and son basketball tournament Saturday at the Youth Sports gym, Building 1056. There will be three age categories, 8- to 10-year-olds, 11- to 13-year-olds and 14- to 16-year-olds.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS aerobics — Aerobics classes with start in July. Registration will begin Monday at Building 1056, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The classes are open to children ages 6 and up.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Army 10-Miler qualifier — There will be three races to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team. The races will be at the Santiago Fitness Center June 22, July 20 and Aug. 17.

Registration begins day of the race at 6 a.m. to 6:45. The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the 18th annual Army 10-miler race Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Volleyball tournament — There will be a single elimination volleyball tournament at Briant Wells July 1-3. Rosters must be completed and turned in by 5 p.m. June 27. There will be a meeting for all teams participating at 3 p.m. June 28.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1/30 will receive free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification. Hours of operation are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from noon to 8 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Arena football — The Columbus Wardogs will have an appreciation night for 29th Infantry Regiment Saturday at 7 p.m. Tickets will cost $7. Bring a military identification card to the Civic Center Box Officer.

For more information, call (888) 332-5200.

YMCA run — The YMCA World's Largest 5K run and walk will be 9 a.m. June 22 at the South Commons Civic Center. Awards will be presented to males and females in 12 different age groups and to the overall male and female winners. Register at the YMCA central branch located on 11th Street and 2nd Avenue. The cost is $22.

For more information, visit www.active.com or call (706) 322-8269.

Summer shootout — The Premier Summer Shootout, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation Joints in Motion Marathon Training Team, will conduct a shooting clay tournament July 27 at Chattahoochee Clays Shooting Course, 3945 Old Seale Highway.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with two flights obtainable at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Summer Shootout offers a four-man team with NSCA Rules applying. The day will include a catered lunch and shooters bags for each participant, team trophies as well as door prizes to be raffled off during the awards ceremony schedule to begin at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 576-4086, ext. 3.

Play baseball in Australia — The Coast to Coast Baseball Stars is now seeking 11- to 18-year-old players from Georgia who would like the opportunity to represent the United States at a two-week summer 2002 tournament in Australia.

Team age groups are 11-12, 13-15 and 16-18. The squads are led by top college coaches and pro scouts who provide a unique perspective on what it's like to play at the game's highest level.

For more information, e-mail info@coasttocoast athletics.com or call (740) 373-4455 or visit their Web site at www.coasttocoast athletics.com.

Youth volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15-20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22.

For more information, call John Littleman (425) 255-4645.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m. The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

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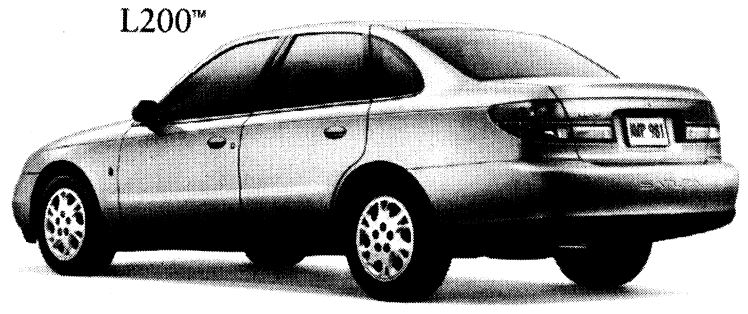
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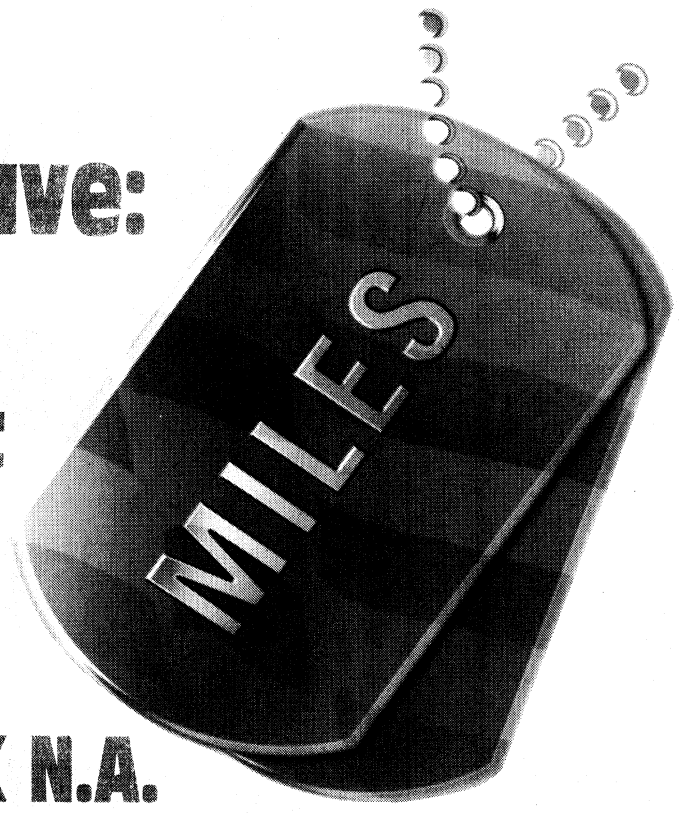
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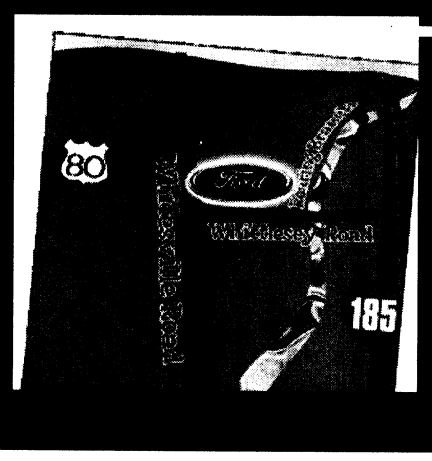
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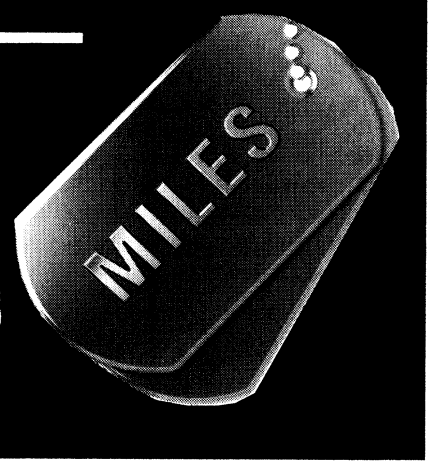


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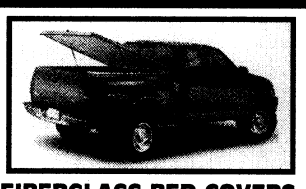
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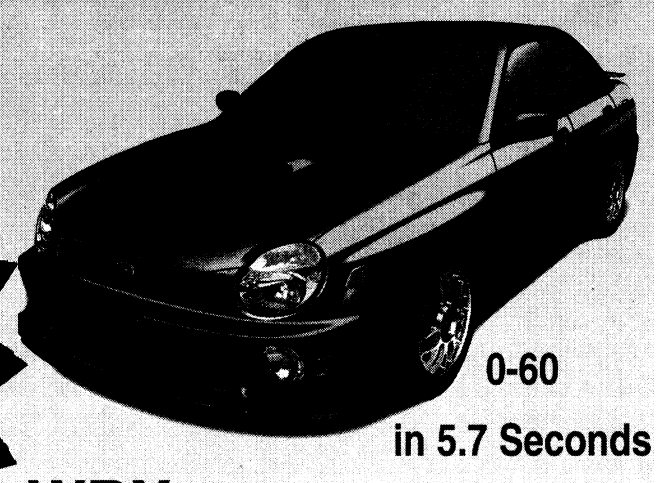
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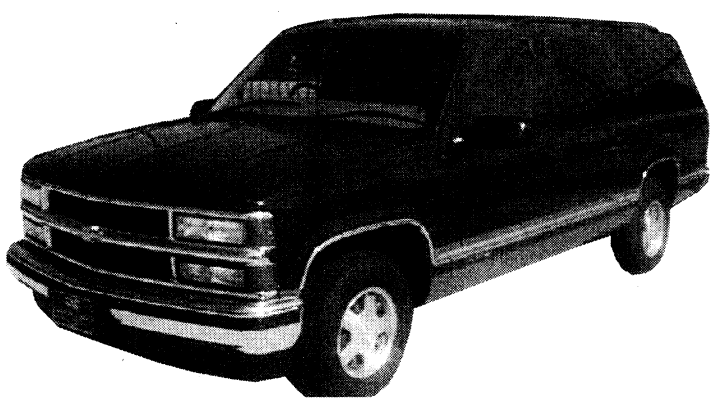
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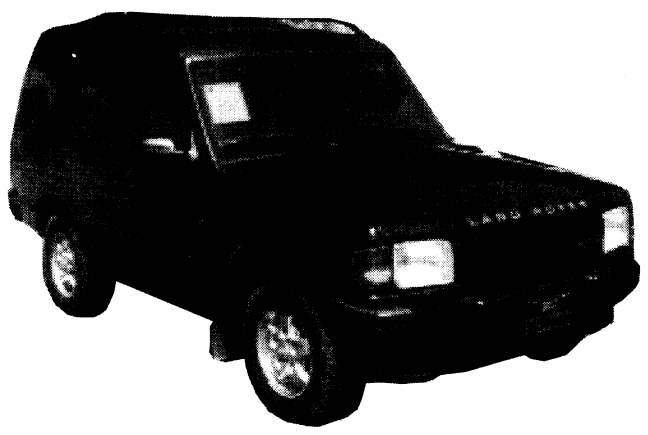
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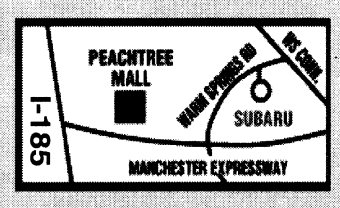
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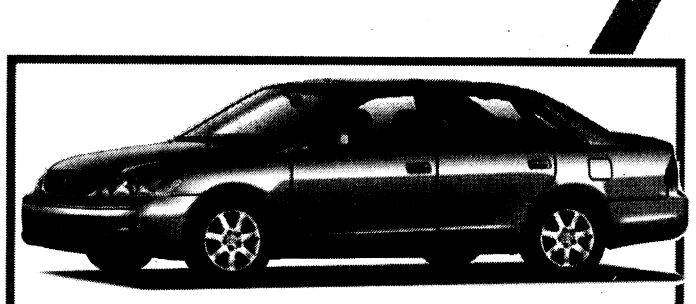
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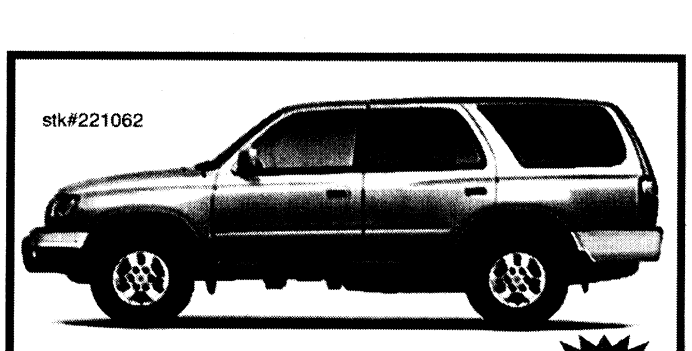
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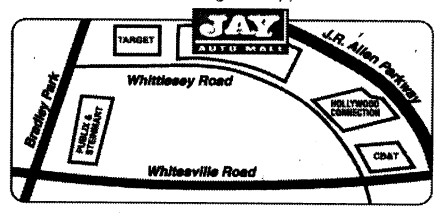
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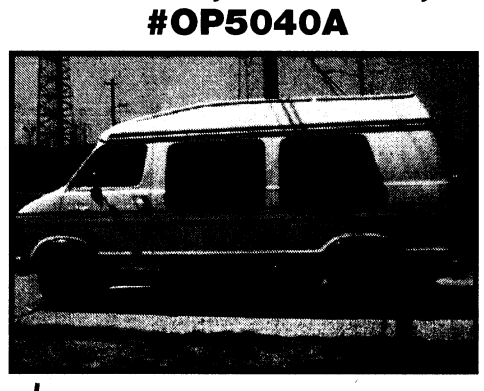
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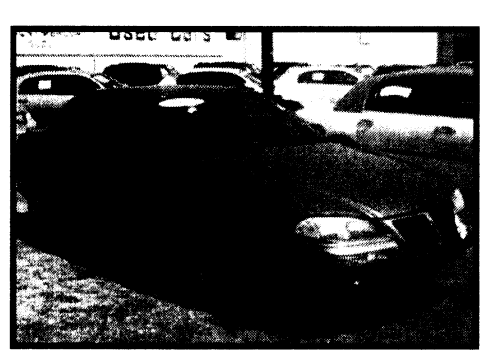
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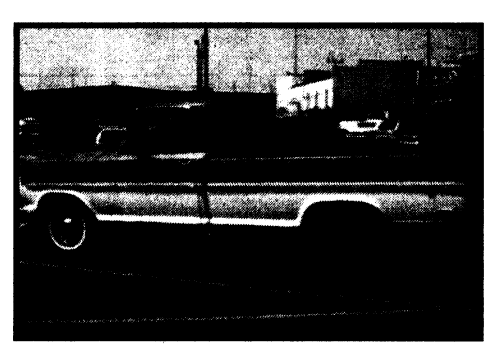
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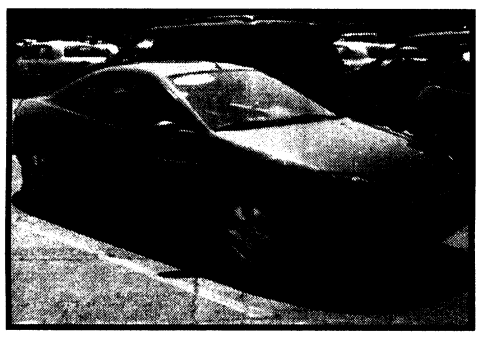
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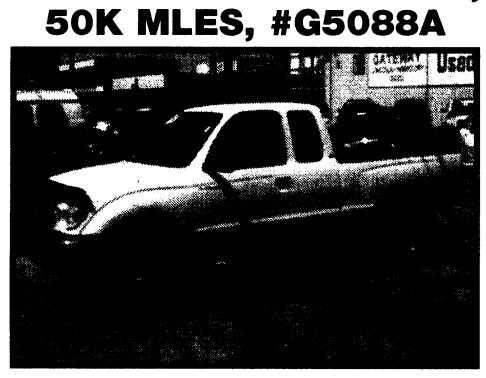
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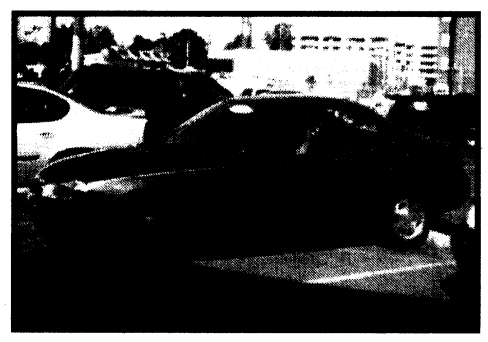
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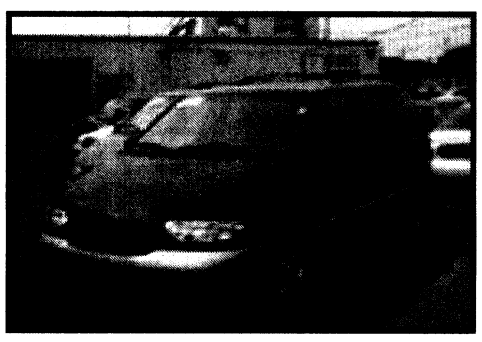
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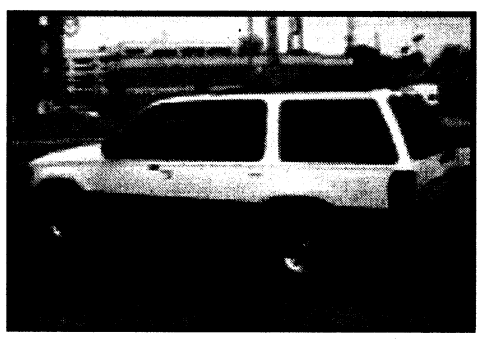
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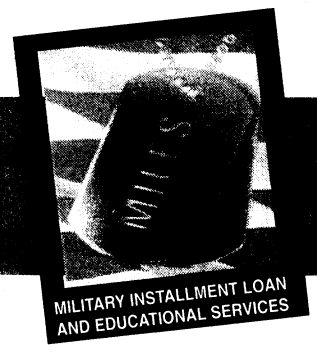


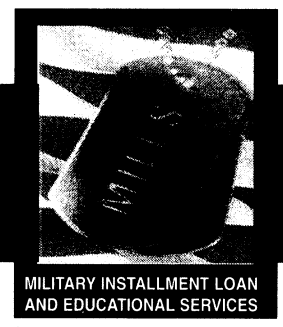
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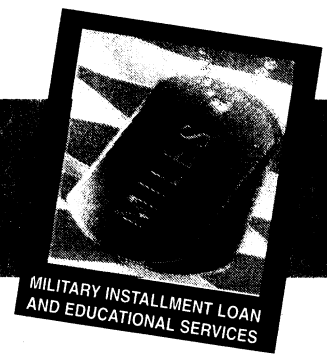
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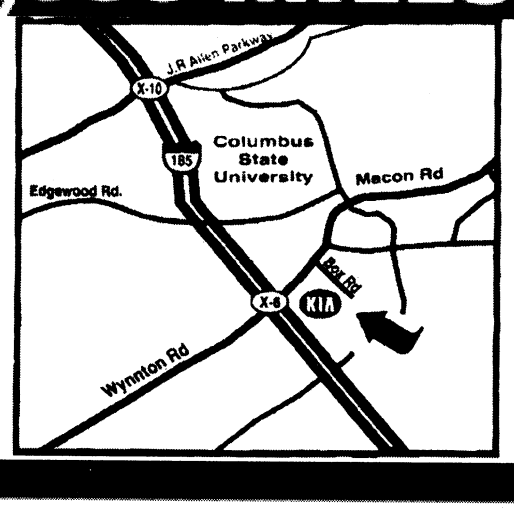
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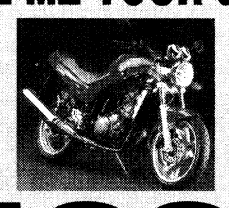
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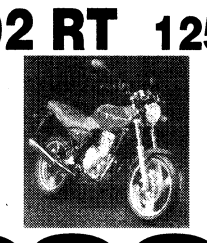
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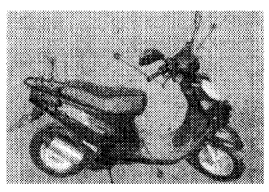
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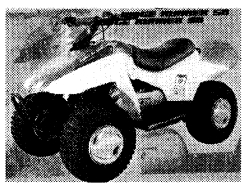
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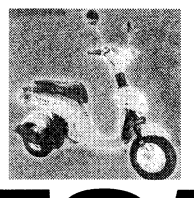
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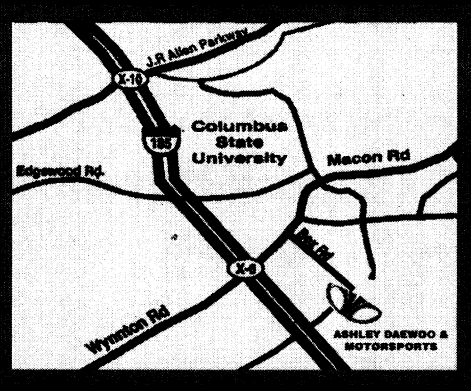


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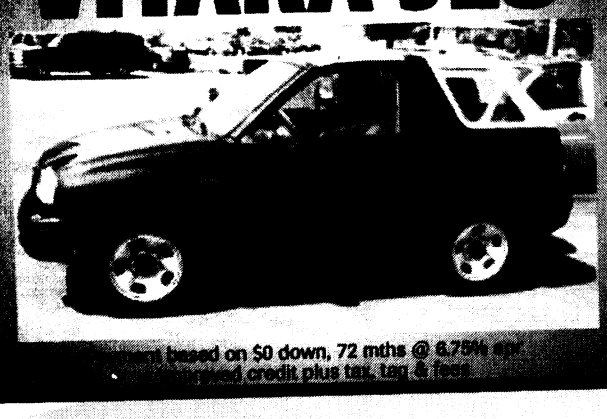
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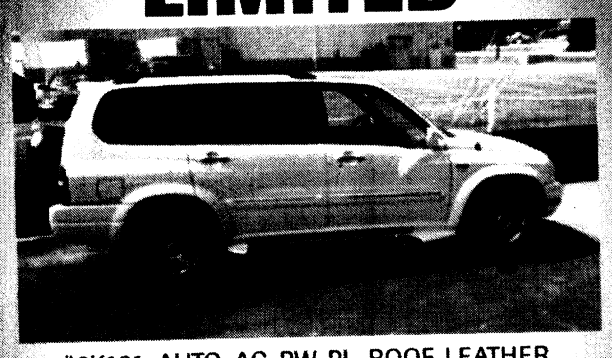
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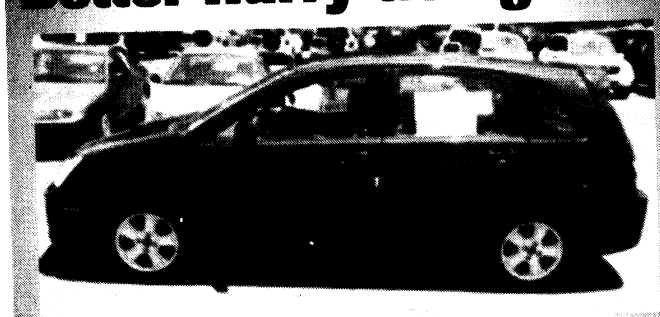
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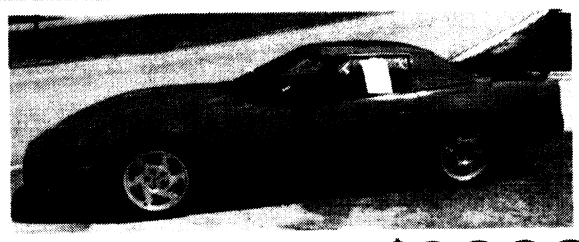
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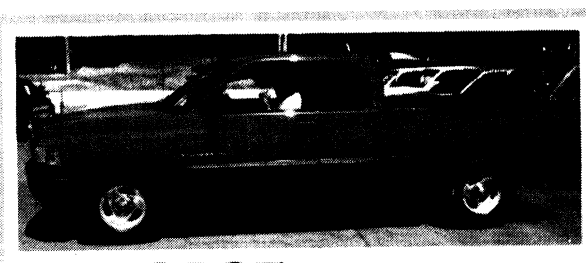
Special of the Week



00 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER $23,393
loaded P10144



90 CORVETTE $9800
hard top convertible, 6 spd, leather seats, great condition! P9834A



00 DODGE RAM 1500 $13,998
221081A

$5995 or lower

- 98 PLYMOUTH BREEZE #2K055A auto, pw, pl
- 97 GEO PRIZM #222027A auto, ac
- 96 HONDA PASSPORT #2P389A 5spd, chrome wheels, CD
- 95 MITSUBISHI DIAMANTE #2K0Y0A auto, pw, pl, tilt, cruise, spoiler
- 95 CHRYSLER CIRRUS auto, ac, pw, pl, cassette
- 96 NISSAN SENTRA #23042A 4 door, 5spd, pw, pl

$10,995 or lower

- 01 FORD FOCUS #P10113 4 door, auto, cd
- 01 SUZUKI ESTEEM WAGON 2 to choose from
- 01 BUICK CENTURY #P9963 loaded, priced to go
- 00 DODGE STRATUS #P996A auto, air, pw, tilt, cruise
- 00 CHEVY S-10 #2K085A ext cab, stepside
- 99 HONDA CIVIC #P9948 auto, ac, cruise, 4 door
- 97 CADILLAC #22707A leather, extra clean

$12,995 or lower

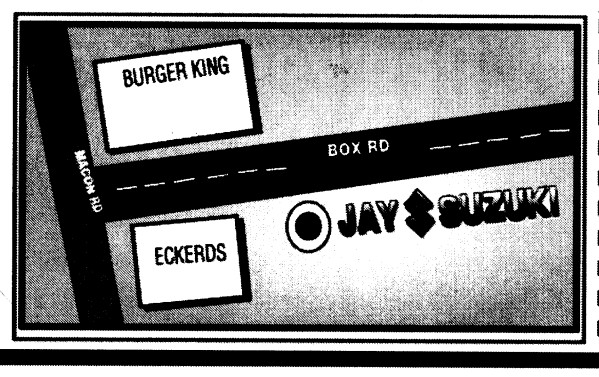
- 01 SUZUKI GRAND VITARA 3 to choose from
- 01 CHEVY BLAZER #2K011A low miles, extra clean
- 00 NISSAN QUEST #P9402B front & rear air, 5 door
- 98 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE #P10242
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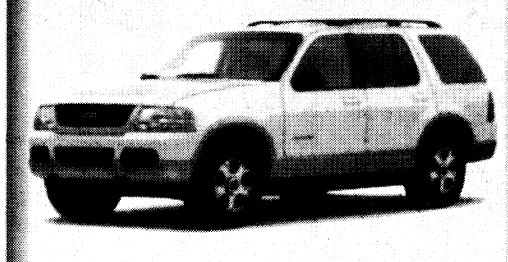
02 Eddie Bauer Expedition
stk#U1720191



List	$39,999
Customer Cash	- $8,500
Freeway Cash	- $8,500

You Buy For **$22,999**
OR 2.9% APR for 60 months

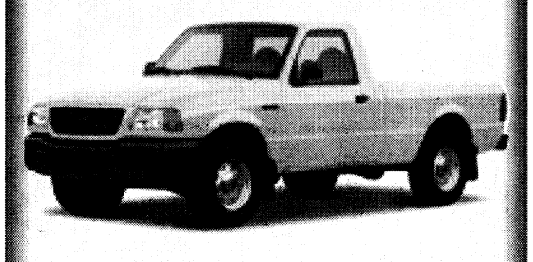
02 Ford Explorer
stk#U6228796



List	$29,313
Customer Cash	- $5,500
Freeway Cash	- $5,500

You Buy For **$18,313**

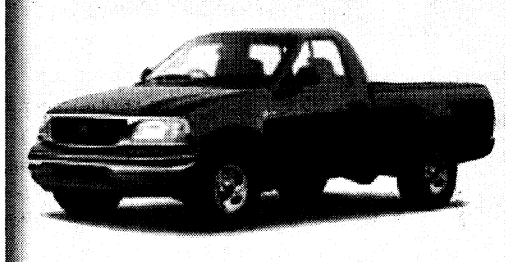
02 Ford Ranger
stk#R1022160



List	$16,469
Customer Cash	- $4,500
Freeway Cash	- $4,500

You Buy For **$7,469**

02 Ford F150
stk#F0722229



List	$26,996
Customer Cash	- $6,500
Freeway Cash	- $6,500

You Buy For **$13,996**

02 Ford F150 Super Crew Cab
stk#W0722394



List	$36,820
Customer Cash	- $7,000
Freeway Cash	- $7,000

You Buy For **$22,820**

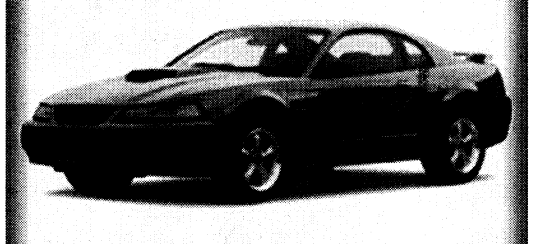
02 Ford Focus
stk#P3320871



List	$17,469
Customer Cash	- $5,000
Freeway Cash	- $5,000

You Buy For **$7469**

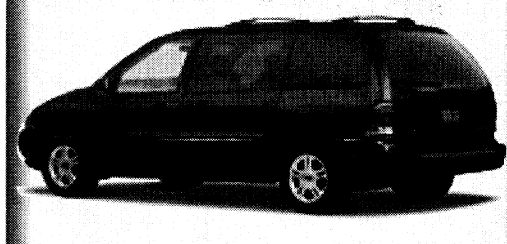
02 Ford Mustang
stk#P402504



List	$19,995
Customer Cash	- $4,000
Freeway Cash	- $4,000

You Buy For **$11,995**

02 Ford Windstar
stk#A5027191



List	$24,585
Customer Cash	- $5,500
Freeway Cash	- $5,500

You Buy For **$13,585**

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01 Mustang
auto, red 3 to choose
#991069
$14,731



01 Grand Marquis
2 to choose
$15,731



99 Camry
auto, low miles
$10,931



99 Mazda 626
$9931



97 Saturn
sunroof
$5495



96 Grand Am
low payments
$4431



01 Focus
3 to choose
$9995



98 Sunfire
$5831



00 ZX2 Escort
$7781



99 Saturn SLI
$7781



97 GMC Sonoma SLS
low miles
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01 Ranger
automatic
$11,431



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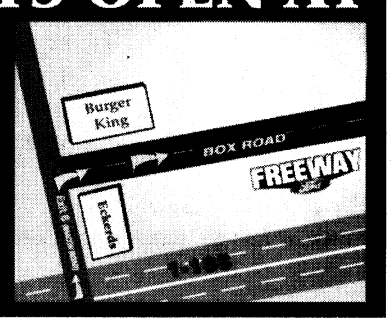
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$278 or per month

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NEW 2002 CHEVY Cavalier!



- 2 Door!
- Air Bags!
- Tint Glass!
- Delco Sound System!

$9,500

$99 or per month

• 72 Mos. Financing $29 Down , 3 Pmts Of $99, 69 Pmts Of $169.77. Offer On Approved Credit At 6.9% Apr Financing. Tax, Title, WRA Fees License.

NEW 2002 CHEVY Malibu!



- Auto! • Air
- Delco Stereo!
- Airbags

$13,990

$157 or per month

• 72 Mos. Financing $29 Down , 3 Pmts Of $157, 69 Pmts Of $236.42. Offer On Approved Credit At 6.9% Apr Financing. Tax, Title, Wre Fees License.

NEW 2002 CHEVY Silverado!



- Air!
- Airbags!
- Power!
- Delco Stereo!
- Tint Glass!

$17,988

$186 or per month

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NEW 2002 CHEVY Silverado!



- Air Bags!
- Delco Sound System!
- Tint Glass!
- Vortec Engine

$12,920

$149 or per month

• 72 Mos. Financing $29 Down , 3 Pmts Of $149, 69 Pmts Of $219.71. Offer On Approved Credit At 6.9% Apr Financing. Tax, Title, Wre Fees License.

NEW 2002 CHEVY Trailblazer!



- Automatic!
- Air!
- Delco Stereo!
- Power!
- Tint Glass

$22,997

$223 or per month

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NEW 2002 CHEVY S-10 Pickup!



- Auto! • Air
- Delco Stereo!
- Airbags

$139 lease per month

63 Month Lease; $2000 Total Down Includes 1St Month Payment. 62 Payments Remaining At $139.34 Payment Due 30 Days From Delivery Plus Tax, Tag, WRA Fees & Title With Approved Credit.

NEW 2002 CHEVY Suburban!



- Air! • Auto!
- Power
- V-8 Engine!
- Tint Glass!
- Delco Stereo!

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'96 NISSAN ALTIMA! $79 PER MONTH
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- 60 MONTHS FINANCING, $1000 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $20 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'98 CHEVY METRO! $79 PER MONTH
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'97 VW JETTA! $89 PER MONTH
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$189 & UNDER PER MONTH

'00 CHEVY S-10 EXT CAB! $124 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • PWR WIND/LOCKS! • AIR! • CASS/CDI
- 72 MONTHS FINANCING, $29 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $195 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'01 NISSAN FRONTIER! $189 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • TILT/CRUISE! • PWR WIND/LOCKS! • AIR!
- 72 MONTHS FINANCING, $29 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $289 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'00 DODGE NEON! $159 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • PWR WIND/LOCKS! • AIR! • CASS!
- 60 MONTHS FINANCING, $1000 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $199 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'98 CHEVY S-10 PICKUP! $149 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • AIR! • CASS! • ABS BRAKES!
- 60 MONTHS FINANCING, $1000 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $169 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'00 FORD FOCUS! $169 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • AIR! • CASS! • ABS BRAKES!
- 60 MONTHS FINANCING, $1000 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $199 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

$289 & UNDER PER MONTH

'99 ISUZU RODEO LS! $226 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • PWR WIND/LOCKS! • AIR! • TILT/CRUISE!
- 60 MONTHS FINANCING, $29 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $269 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'02 CHEVY IMPALA $253 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • PWR WIND/LOCKS! • AIR! • RACK STEER! • 4 DOOR!
- 72 MONTHS FINANCING, $29 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $329 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'01 OLDS ALERO! $229 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • 4 DOOR! • AIR! • PW/PL!
- 72 MONTHS FINANCING, $29 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $329 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'01 OLDS SILHOUETTE! $284 PER MONTH
- AUTO! • SUNROOF! TILT/CRUISE! • PW/PL! • AIR! • CD PLAYER!
- 72 MONTHS FINANCING, $29 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $369 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

'01 HYUNDAI SANTE FE! $289 PER MONTH
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$389 & UNDER PER MONTH

'01 MIT MONTERO SPORT! $379 PER MONTH
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- 60 MONTHS FINANCING, $1000 DOWN PAYMENT: 10.9% APR $369 PER MO. PLUS TAX, TAG & LICENSE WITH APPROVED CREDIT!

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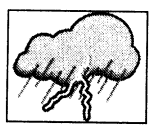
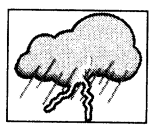
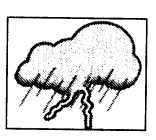


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Fort Benning's Training Support Center received word June 14 that a recent Training and Doctrine Command study resulted in Omni Corporation of Ozark, Ala., being chosen to provide audio and visual services on post beginning January 23, 2003.

Omni Corporation's bid of more than $5 million will save Fort Benning $433,555 over a five-year period, according to bid documents.

The decision will affect 19 civilians currently working at TSC. TSC provides training aids and audio visual support to both Fort Benning and the Infantry School.

"Our major concern is taking care of our employees," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "We will provide information and assistance to help them make the right decisions.

"This will have no effect on the operation," Torres said. "It will be a smooth transition."

The TRADOC study was a commercial activities (A-76) study conducted to determine whether those functions should be contracted out to private industry or remain as government operated functions using an in-house workforce.

It is part of an Armywide program determining the most cost-effective methods for providing services on post.

"Employees will be helped in finding another job," Torres said. "The employees are eligible for placement assistance in finding other positions through the Army Career and Alumni Program (ACAP) and for registration in the Department of Defense Priority Placement Program.

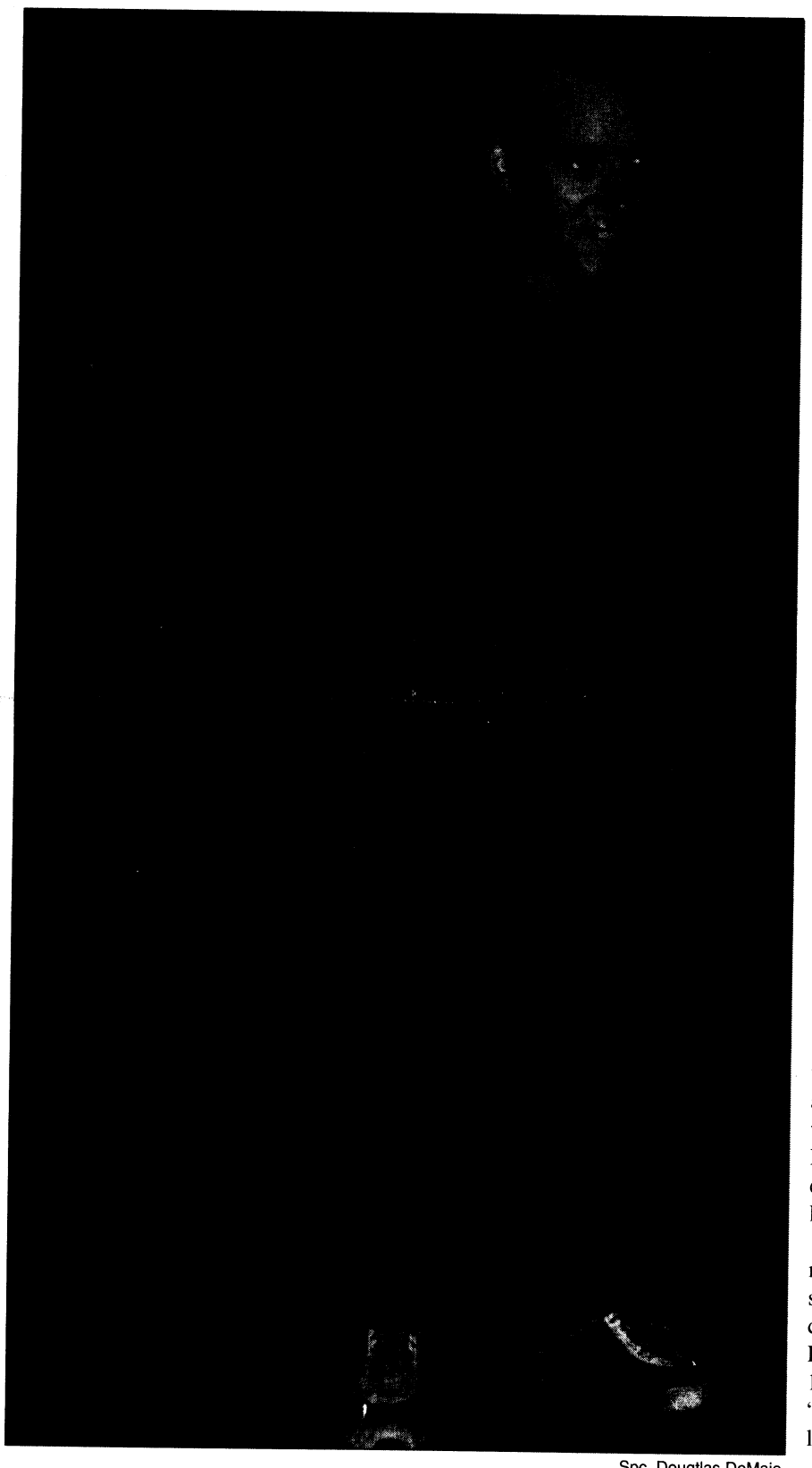
"We will also provide the employees information on separation incentives, severance packages, retirement options, job counseling and other transition programs."

For more information go to www.hqda.army.mil/acsimweb/ca/cal.

Training fits transformation

Calisthenics, drills meet standards

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff



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Pvt. Austin Johnson, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, uses free weights during physical readiness training

With the transformation of the Army to become more agile, versatile, lethal, survivable and sustainable, soldiers are beginning to see some changes.

One of those changes apparent to basic training soldiers is the physical readiness training, which focuses on building strength, agility, speed and coordination through untraditional Army physical training, such as calisthenics, plyometrics, dumbbell drills and movement drills.

"I think it is very appropriate for infantry soldiers," said Col. Tom Hayden, Infantry Training Brigade commander. "The exercises focus on the types of things we expect soldiers to do in the field."

It does a much better job working on the muscles and movements soldiers will use in combat, Hayden said. It focuses on explosive movements and leg oriented workouts.

"It builds the leg muscles, which is useful," said Capt. Ron Anzalone, company commander for D Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. "Soldiers carry heavy loads of equipment."

Battle focus training is

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MAV testing begins

UAV takes technology to new level

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Imagine soldiers deployed in a hostile region sending surveillance robots over their targets instead of sending soldiers in to do the surveillance.

With the help of the Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab (DBBL), soldiers will soon experiment with this new technology for use in the war on terrorism and other future combat situations.

DBBL is conducting experiments in support of the Micro Air Vehicle Advanced Concept Technology Demonstration. with the MAV ACTD, the lab is attempting to provide soldiers and commanders in the field with a tool that will enhance situational awareness and provide a better understanding of the environment around them. This system, if successful, will increase soldiers' and commanders' situational awareness at battalion levels and below.

"By doing this, not only will it allow the soldiers more situational awareness, but also it will save lives," said Mike Barnes, program manager for DBBL. "The soldiers will have

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Fort Benning celebrates Army birthday

Infantry soldiers inducted on special day

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning celebrated the Army's 227th birthday with two Infantry Training Brigade company graduations and a cake cutting ceremony at Kanell Field on Sand Hill, June 14.

"This is a great day for the United States," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, U.S. Army Infantry School command sergeant major. "These 227 years have been the foundation of the Army, and the backbone of the Army has always been the infantry."

Kanell Field was a fitting location to celebrate the birth of the Army as the infantry soldiers set out to start their military careers, said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general.

During a battle in Pyongyang, Korea, Pvt. Billie Kanell threw himself on top of a grenade to protect his comrades Sept. 7, 1951. Overcoming fatigue and extensive wounds, he rolled over and shielded them from a second grenade.

This is an example of the indomitable courage and gallant self-sacrifice the Army continues to display today, 227 years after its birth.

Eaton's wish for the graduates was that they follow Kanell's example.

"Go forth, do your best and protect your buddy," Eaton said.

The graduation ended with a cake cutting ceremony, where the commanding general and two of the newest ITB graduates, Pvt. Jose Garcia with 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry

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Local youth inspires creation

School travels to Washington for birthday

Jonathan Williamson
Army News Service

WASHINGTON D.C. — Seven-year-old Handley Boyd was made an honorary private in the Army at its 227th birthday celebration, June 14.

Handley, a first-grader at Blanchard Elementary in Columbus, Ga., is responsible for the creation of the 39-by-24 1/2-foot patchwork American flag that flew above the ceremony at the Pentagon.

Handley inspired his mother, Michele Boyd, to pursue the creation of the flag with his reaction to the events of Sept. 11.

"I was looking on TV and I saw them drop the flag on the Pentagon," Handley said. "I got big crocodile tears, and

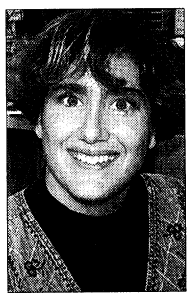
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RESPONSIBILITY

Inherent part of Army values

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

COMMENTARY



The other day I overheard a couple of soldiers talking about responsibility.

"You have to stay in your lane," one private first class said to another. "You have to get your work done so your squad leader can get his done. Be responsible, man. Don't make him check up on you."

First of all, I liked hearing one junior enlisted soldier telling another soldier to be responsible and to get his work done. This on-the-spot correction means soldiers are looking out for their battle buddies, making sure they're doing the right thing.

Sometimes I hear "old-timers" talking about how things were a lot different when they were in the Army.

Times have changed, but the basics of military life remain the same ...

responsibility for one's actions and responsibility to others — the core of the Army values:

Loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

My daughter and a few classmates at Dexter Elementary School built a Web site about the seven Army values. They interviewed classmates, parents, teachers and local heroes: retired Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and retired Col. Bob Nett who received the Medal of Honor during WWII.

When the interviewees talked about the seven values, inherent in each response was personal responsibility — liability for one's own conduct:

• Marty described loyalty as "sticking with something you said you were going to do," which for me means responsibility.

• Jessica said loyalty was "fighting for your country and standing up for what's right." Taking responsibility.

• Beth described duty as "doing your job and fulfilling your obligations."

• Danielle said duty was "doing what's expected of you."

• Gen. Moore described duty as "selfless devotion ... sacrificing the 'me first' attitude and replacing it with a commitment to others — God, country and family." He said duty at work means completing the tasks assigned, and achieving results, not succumbing to distractions.

I understand this as being accountable, another word for responsible.

And so it goes for each of the values ... examples of responsibility.

Vacation vexation redefines family's summer plans

Bridgett Siter
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COMMENTARY



Vacation *— (va ka' shen) n. (root word 'vacate' — to take leave of one's senses) a period of rest, respite from work*

Yeah right. You won't find it in Webster's, but I'm certain "vacation" is a generational curse visited upon those of us who weren't smart enough to learn from our parents' mistakes.

My own parents are wonderful, God-fearing folks, who raised their brood of seven to be like-minded — sober, honest, hard-working people. If they had any vices, they kept them to themselves. Except for one.

Every spring Dad would gather us round the kitchen table and plot out plans for a Super-Duper Summer Vacation Supreme. That was then, when a summer vacation was a given. Everyone did it. When you returned to school in the fall, the teacher would assign you an essay — *"What I did over my summer vacation"* — and she'd expect to read about a real vacation, none of this "I sat around the house and played PacMan."

No sirree. Summer meant long, long road trips, usually in a southerly direction, preferably with an exotic destination. "Grandma's house" would get you a C at best, Disney World an easy A, and a trip out of the country practically guaranteed a scholarship to the college of your choice.

Now Dad could plan vacations to rival Chevy Chase, each year's more exciting than the last. And each year it became more and more a challenge to plan a first-class vacation on a blue-collar salary. Champagne tastes, beer budget.

So we'd pack the tents in the back of the truck, hitch up the little Scotty camper and head south toward the Smokies or Myrtle Beach or Florida. Realizing that half the fun was getting there, we'd stop along the way and set up camp at some cut-rate camp site with a name more befitting a cemetery — something like *Peaceful Valley* or *Trail's End.*

We kids would head straight for the swimming pool, such as it was, beat the algae off the surface, dive in and enjoy the beginning of the summer's first ear infections. Mom would begin her vacation back at camp, making dinner for nine over a miniature cook-top in the camper — which, at 100 degrees, was little more than an oven on wheels.

Once, when I was probably 10 or 11 and hadn't yet become completely self-absorbed, I wandered back to camp, curled up on a bunk, and watched Mom cook. She shooed the flies, swatted mosquitoes, fried the chicken and mopped her brow with the finesse of a conductor. I swear I heard an orchestra. And it dawned on me, just then, that vacation wasn't really a vacation for Mom. Just mobile work, without the benefit of air conditioning.

Flash forward 25 years, and here I sit, grilling chicken over an open fire. Swatting mosquitoes. Shooing flies. Listening to my oldest son complain about the heat and my youngest complain about the dead batteries in his Walkman. It's summer vacation.

Staring into the flames that are charbroiling our supper to perfection, though my daughter will say it's burned, I have a revelation. I am my mother. Minus the little Scotty camper with the avocado curtains. And I vow to myself with the passion of Scarlet O'Hare that "God as my witness, I'll never vacation again!" At least not without air conditioning and room service.

So we've redefined the concept of vacation around here. My family, like most, is immersed in the stuff of summer — football practice, swim lessons, church camp and family reunions. That leaves precious little time for vacations as we once knew them. And that's OK by me.

Instead we take advantage of what Fort Benning has to offer — a day at the pool, fishing at Russ Pond, Fourth of July fireworks at York Field, and a weekend or two at an Uchee Creek cabin, with air conditioning, of course, and a front porch swing to while away the hours. Short periods of respite amidst the chaos of summer. Such a novel idea. Mom would be proud.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soldiers, thank you

I want to thank the young men with the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program who came to visit the residents at Franciscan Woods, which is an assisted living facility, for their Memorial Day celebration.

Many of the elderly men who reside there are veterans. My father-in-law is one.

He so proudly tells the story of how at age 40 he saw many other younger men marching off to war. He absolutely could not stand it that he was not "doing something" (which is strongly against his entire character) so he approached the Marines. They would not have him and then he tried another branch. They would not have him and suggested he try the Air Force (Army Air Force then, I believe?). They did accept him and he proudly served, giving 100 percent of himself. Some of his best stories are of the war in which he served.

A group of men, and I wish I could name each of them, but I cannot, came to visit, and they spent much time talking to the elder gentlemen sharing "war stories," speaking as well as listening.

I was so touched because each of these men were so loving and kind and seemed genuinely interested in "Pa" and his buddies.

My husband and I had no idea this was going to occur. This was a Tuesday night, and we always have dinner with Pa on Tuesday night. What a surprise to witness all of this.

Needless to say, Pa was just so very happy. His mind is much like a child's now and to see these men treat Pa the way they did touched my family and me greatly. I just wanted to hug each of them so very tightly. What a wonderful group of men.

I really don't know what to say, but thank you. It was good to see Pa interested in life again. These men were wonderful. I tried to tell them thank you, but I don't think I could possibly relay how thankful I really was. It was also refreshing to see men their age so clean-cut, strong, vibrant, handsome and so very, very respectful and kind. That just does not happen much today.

Congratulations to the commanding officers and men who taught them how to be soldiers and God bless their parents.

Ya done good!

Jeannette Warner
Columbus

Volunteers needed to tutor students

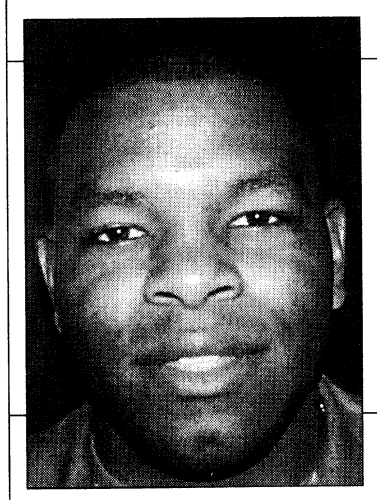
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For more information, call 687-5357 or 687-8808.

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VARIOUS VOICES

What is your favorite MWR activity and why?



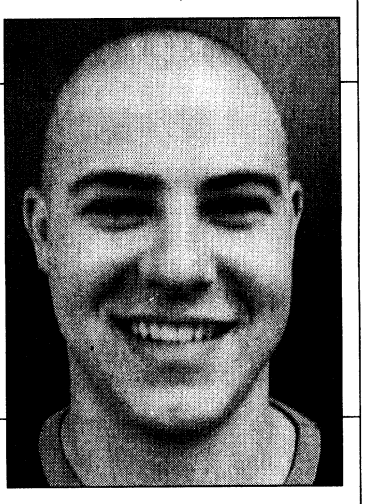
Spc. Ryan Howard, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — "The gym. None of us are really good, but it's a cardio workout. It's all about having a good time."



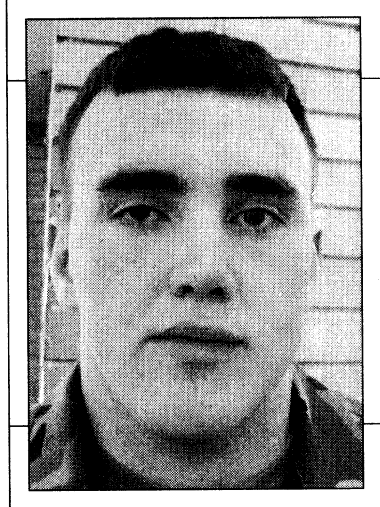
Pam Mullins, family member — "Bingo. I enjoy winning money. It's also relaxing."



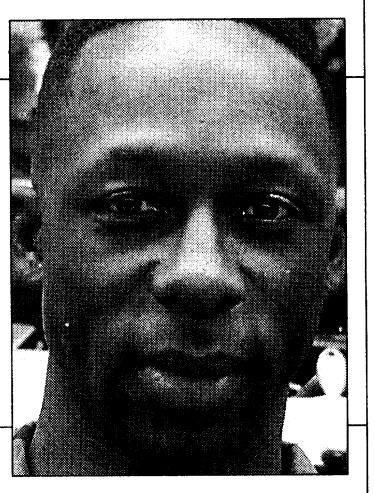
Amanda Scott, family member — "Afterhours. It's something to do for the young kids. Plus, it's cheaper than the clubs off post."



Spc. James Prescott, 3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment — "Uchee Creek. When my family comes down, we go and hang out there and relax. It's quiet and no one bothers you."



Cpl. Shane Cochran, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "Swimming. That's where I spend most of my free time. It's great exercise and keeps you in shape. Plus, it cools you off."



Sgt. 1st Class Ronald L. Johnson, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "Swimming. You get a full cardio-respiratory workout, and it builds muscular endurance."

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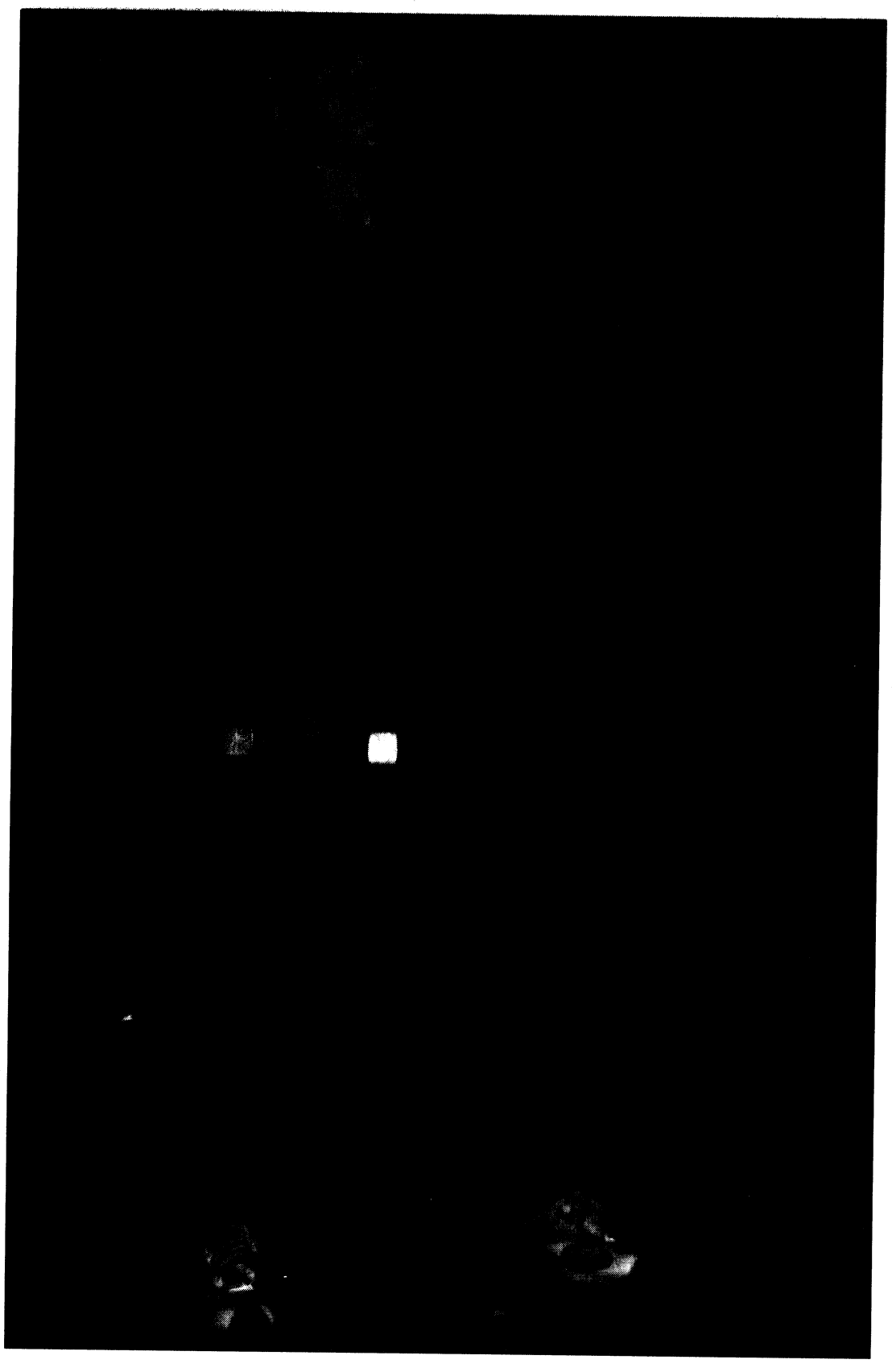
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Army: Studies benefits from physical readiness training



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Pvt. Shawn Butler stands in the ready position before beginning an exercise.

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essential for every unit, said Lt. Col. Bill Rieger, commandant for the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School. It's the foundation inherent in current and future operational environments.

"All Army training is based on the principle of 'train as you fight,'" Rieger said.

With that in mind, training for the Army Physical Fitness Test is also a matter to consider, said Anzalone, who is commanding his troops through their 12th week of basic training and PRT.

"The PRT has a lot of positives to it," Anzalone said. "But there is still a need to incorporate long distance running, pushups and sit ups.

The need to meet the standards of the APFT is important, which is why Anzalone has his soldiers do pushups and situps on a regular basis, he said.

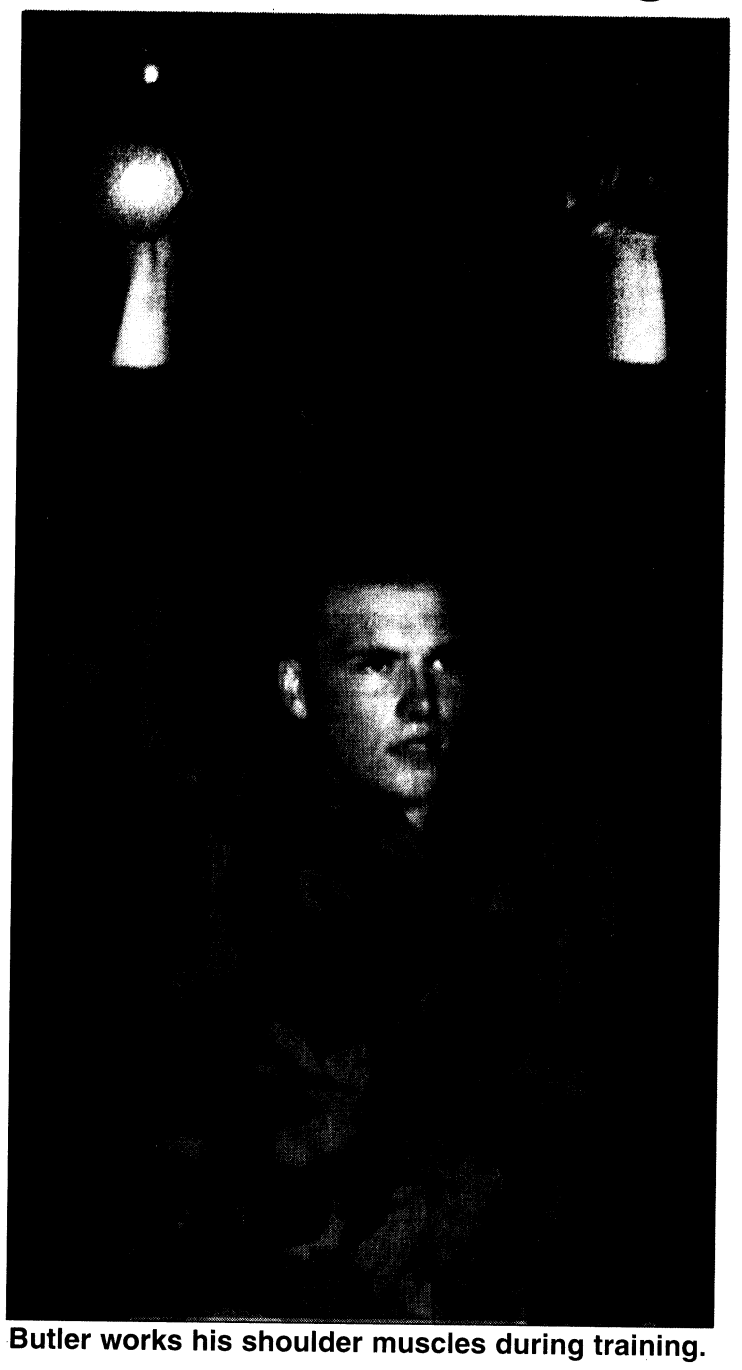
"It's good to have a variety of exercises mixed with the calisthenics," said Pvt. James Cross, 1st Bn. 19th Inf. Regt.

ITB is in the basic test phase of the PRT, Hayden said. In general, the brigade likes it.

"It would be nice if we could extend our PT by at least another half hour," said Pvt. William Carroll, 1st Bn. 19th Inf. Regt. "But we understand there is a training schedule to meet."

Commanders and soldiers alike, worry about overuse injuries during PT, Rieger said. There are studies that say PRT has more favorable injury and fitness outcomes.

According to a study Rieger received from Fort Jackson, S.C. comparing one basic training battalion, using traditional physical training, against a second basic training battalion, using the PRT, the PRT unit fared better.



Butler works his shoulder muscles during training.

According to the study, the rate of first time successes and final successes were higher on the APFT for the second battalion.

The injury rate for the second battalion was lower than the first, and the APFT scores for both battalions were similar in the two-mile run and situps. The first battalion scored higher on their pushups.

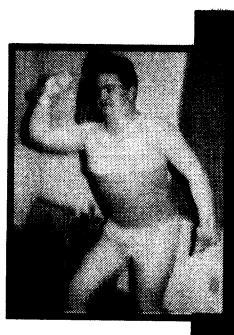
However, the study is just one of many and ITB is collecting data to determine a study of their own, Hayden said.

From the looks of it, the PRT is the physical enhancement program soldiers need to be more, agile, versatile, survivable and sustainable when they meet the enemy on the battlefield, Rieger said.

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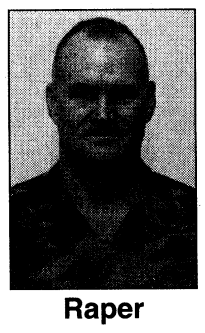
NCO Academy receives new commandant

Commandant brings new view to NCOA

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The new commandant for the Henry Caro Noncommissioned Officer Academy was welcomed May 30. Command Sgt. Maj. Charles Raper returned to Fort Benning for a fourth time, but this is his first assignment in Infantry Hall.

"This is like coming home for me," Raper said. "I've spent 11 years on Fort Benning. This is more of a home than my home town. The majority of my Army friends and family are here."


Raper

Raper now is in a position only 16 other command sergeants major have been.

"It was an honor to be selected for this position," Raper said. "I can make more of a positive impact on sheer number of soldiers that come through here than I could at any other assignment in the Army."

Being commandant isn't much different from what he was doing at 2nd Battalion, 35th Infantry Regiment, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii, he said. Except, instead of enforcing the commander's policies, he'll put out his own.

"It's been a lot of fun here," Raper said. "This is a big learning experience — coming from being the sergeant major of a field unit to the school house. I'm going from training an infantry unit, to training people from all over the world."

Raper has experience serving as commandant of the Ranger Indoctrination Program, and as an instructor for Ranger School, the Joint Readiness Training Center and Platoon Confidence Training Center.

"He has a wealth of knowledge and experience to offer the academy," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, command sergeant major of U.S. Army Infantry School, who has known Raper for more than 20 years.

Raper has served the Army for 27 years, seven of those as a command sergeant major.

Raper's years in the Army have taken him across the globe. He even had the opportunity to ski in the foothills of the Alps while stationed in Germany.

"When we were with Army Special Operations in Europe together, I found out he couldn't ski to save his life, but we had some great adventures in Munich," Kelso said.

Throughout his 27 years of duty assignments, Raper enjoyed them all.

"I've never been any place in the Army I didn't like," Raper said. "It's a matter of attitude. You can always find a bright spot where you are. If you focus on the positive, rather than dwelling on the negative, it will help you be successful."

Self described as, "hard but fair, with absolute adherence to the standards," Raper is serious about remaining tactically and technically proficient.

"He is a no nonsense noncommissioned officer, and he looks out for the welfare of his soldiers," Kelso said. "He will be a great commandant to the NCO Academy."

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Graduations

A and D Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 9 a.m. today at Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Don Sando.

For more information, call 545-8131.

Retirement ceremony

The U.S. Army Infantry Center and the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics invite all to attend the retirement ceremony of Col. Keith Stelzer at 9 a.m. Monday at the Follow Me statue outside Infantry Hall.

SJA closure

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will be closed from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday for a farewell lunch and ceremony.

For more information, call 545-4611.

Farewell ceremony

There will be a farewell ceremony for Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, assistant commandant, at 4 p.m. Monday in front of Infantry Hall. Rodriguez is PCSing to Fort Hood, Texas, to be the assistant division commander (maneuver) for Fourth Infantry Division.

eArmyU briefing

The next eArmyU briefing will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 32B in Infantry Hall.

For more information, call the Education Center at 545-1774.

CATD luncheon

This month's Combined Arms Tactics Directorate lunchtime presentation will be at 11:30 Wednesday in Infantry Hall, Classroom 10.

The presenter will be Arthur A. Durante, Jr., deputy to the the chief of CATD's Doctrine Division.

He will speak of the situation in Afghanistan.

For more information, call 545-4290.

ALC closure

The Army Learning Center will be closed July 4-5 in observance of the holiday.

It will reopen July 8 during normal duty hours.

ID Card Office closures

The ID Card Office will be closed Wednesday from 8 a.m. until 1:15 p.m., July 5 and Aug. 30.

For more information, call 545-2715.

Changes of command

Fort Benning will have the following changes of command:

• Tuesday — Lt. Col. Aidis L.K. Zunde will be the incoming commander of 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment at 9 a.m. on York Field. Lt. Col. Jeffrey Terhune is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-2533.

• Wednesday — Lt. Col. Hap Smith will take command of 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment at Kanell Field. Lt. Col. Derek Miller is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-8511.

• June 28 — Lt. Col. Wesley Gillman takes command of 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. Lt. Col. Audy Snodgrass is the outgoing commander. Location to be announced.

For more information, call 544-4761.

• July 3 — Lt. Col. John Charlton will take command of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment at 9 a.m. in Kuwait. Lt. Col. Dennis Smith is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-1633.

• July 10 — Col. William Kidd will take command of Ranger Training Brigade at 9 a.m. at the Ranger Memorial. Col. Hazen Baron is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-6911.

• July 16 — Lt. Col. Brad Nelson will take command of 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Mike Hanley.

For more information, call 544-9513.

• July 23 — Lt. Col. Robert E. Freehill will take command of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. Lt. Col. Donald M. Sando is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-9368.

• July 29 — Col. Bryan R. Baldy will take command of Infantry Training Brigade at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. Col. Thomas W. Hayden is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-9964.

• Aug. 5 — Lt. Col. Todd Fitzgerald will take command of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Pomeroy Field. Lt. Col. Michael E. Culpepper is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-8061.

• Aug. 27 — Lt. Col. Greg Kane will take command of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. Lt. Col. Michael Winstead is the outgoing commander. Location to be announced.

For more information, call 545-8516.

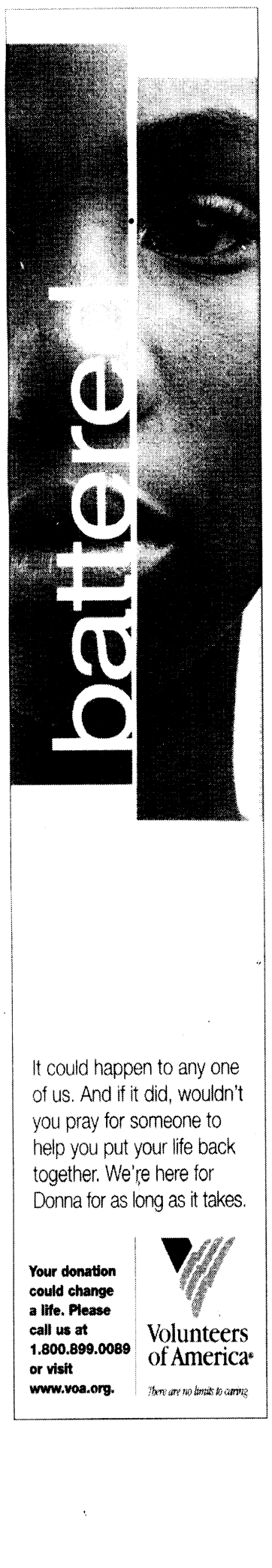
• Aug. 28 — Lt. Col. Alan W. Neyland will take command of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. Lt. Col. Daniel P. Dillon is the outgoing commander.

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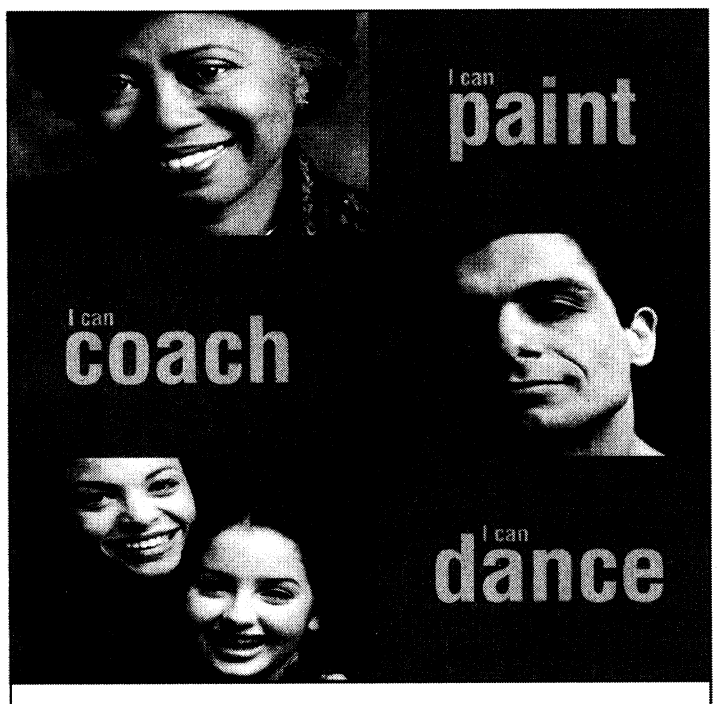
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Sound all too familiar?

"We know there is a need out there for sit-down restaurants," said Al Gelineau, acting director of community activities. "And there is an interest from the restaurant industry to build here on post as well."

It's only a matter of time before some well known restaurants are right around the corner, Gelineau said.

Fort Benning has been working with the Department of Army Community Family Support Center in Washington to bring a popular steakhouse and a family sit-down restaurant to Fort Benning within the next year.

"The process is a very detailed one," Gelineau said. "We must get everything approved through Washington."

The concept of bringing popular chain restaurants on military installations has been in the works for several years, but in the past few months the Department of Army has really buckled down on the details, Gelineau said.

"Fort Benning may be one of the first installations to see the idea take off," Gelineau said. "Right now, DCA is working on proposals to present to various restaurant chains around the community."

Interested vendors will have 30 days to submit a request and then the process to build begins, Gelineau said.

"We're targeting successful restaurant chains that are already popular with our soldiers," Gelineau said. "We want to change the stereotypes of what eating on post is like."

Some ideas that have been thrown around are Golden Corral, TGI Friday's and one of the popular steakhouse chains. But Gelineau said nothing is even close to being confirmed yet.

With close to 80,000 people on Fort Benning on any given day, there is potential for restaurants to make big money on post, Gelineau said.

Soldiers and civilians agree.

"It's so frustrating. I've been working on post for two years and heading to the same one or two fast food places on post for lunch every day," said John Passailigue, a Fort Benning helicopter maintenance employee for Lockheed Martin. "Everyone I know says the same thing. We just don't have the time to drive off post in the 45 minutes or so we have for lunch."

Now that Bradley's Restaurant is strictly pizza and subs, soldiers and civilians have even fewer choices.

Reggie's is also being renovated. The restaurant will eventually be an evening sports pub, and will not open for lunch starting July 1.

"We are looking at putting a chain restaurant next to Reggie's within the next few months," Gelineau said. "One restaurant in particular has shown significant interest in the location. We are waiting to get the final approval before we announce the name."

In the meantime, officers will be able to dine at the new Rally Point, located inside of the Officer's Club, but other soldiers and civilians will have to look elsewhere for a restaurant style, sit down environment.

"Everyone is going to have to be patient as we go through these changes," Gelineau said. "We are determined to make this happen."

Drivers beware: construction closes gates

Fort Benning officials have announced changes to the tentative construction schedule, which are:

■ Benning Boulevard inbound closed today through approximately June 28. South Lumpkin access point will be open 24 hours a day to alleviate impact. Outbound Benning Boulevard will not be affected.

■ Custer Road is closed to all inbound and outbound traffic, alternate routes will be Interstate 185 and South Lumpkin Road.

The reasons for closings is construction on the roadway and overhead shelter emplacements. (see picture)

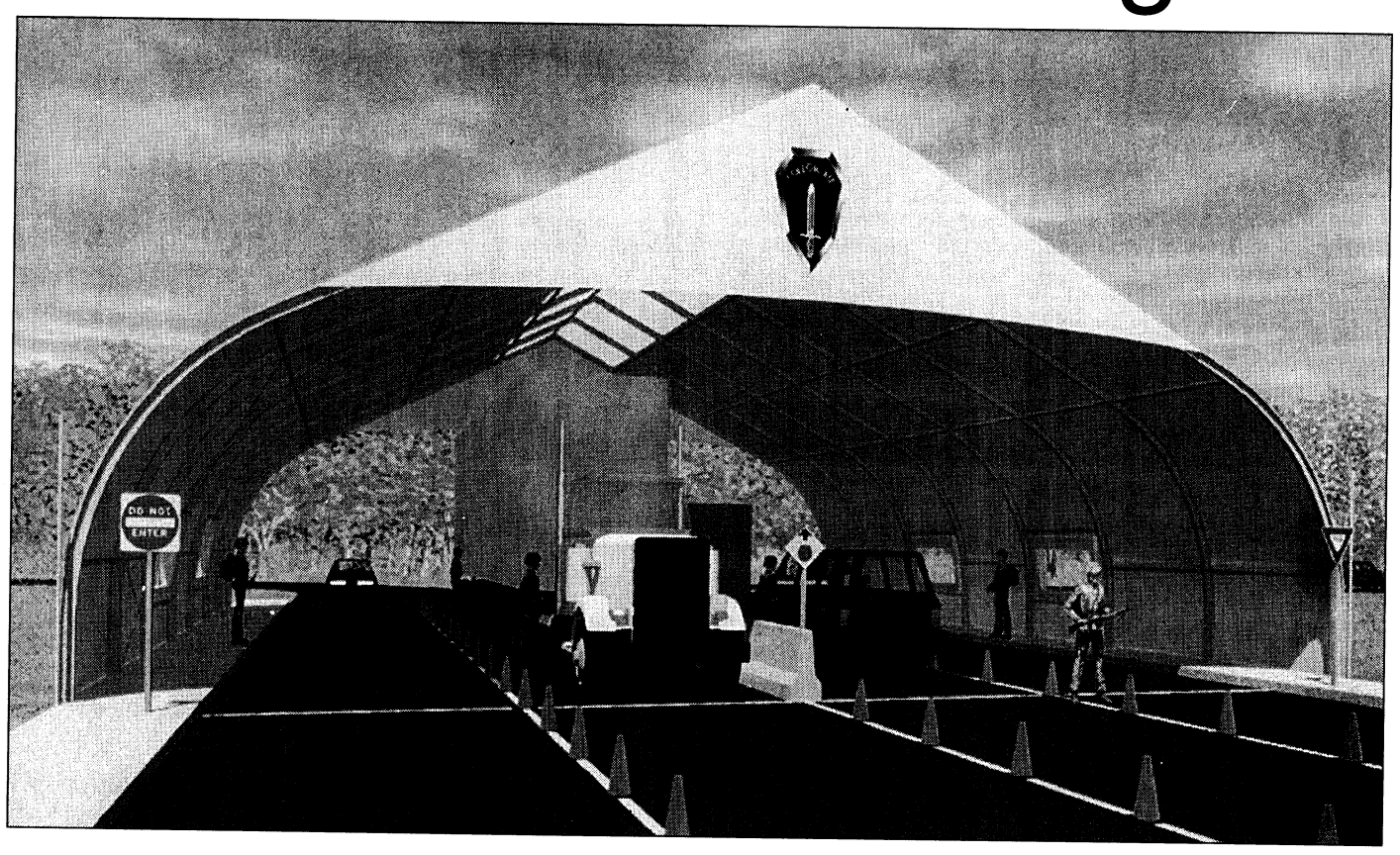
During construction of the sprung shelters, lanes will be closed. To alleviate the impact, motorists should be aware of the following:

■ The Sand Hill access point has moved from 11th Airborne Road to the next access road, 2nd Division Road.

■ 1st Division Road will change to 8th Division Road (will be open Monday through Friday from 5 to 9 a.m. and from 3 to 7 p.m.) on both sides of Hwy. 27.

■ The Eddy Bridge and Sightseeing Road will be rerouted through 82nd Airborne Road around Lawson Army Airfield. Physical training will not be authorized on this road until further notice.

■ All Uchee Creek and 165 traffic must take Dixie Road or Indianhead Road to 82nd Airborne.



Shelters similar to this will be built at all Fort Benning access control points.

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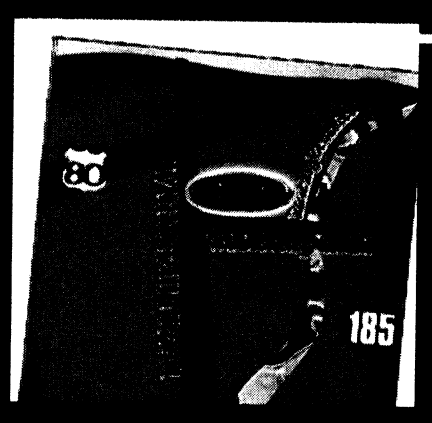
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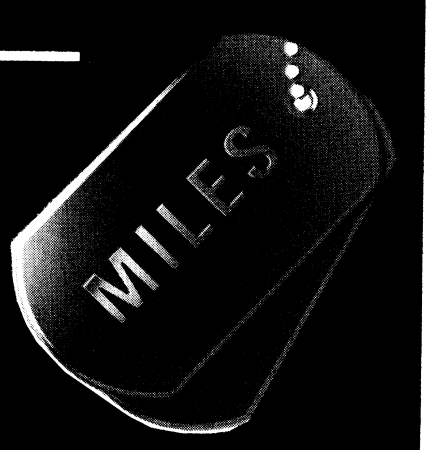


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Post: Celebrates birthday

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Regiment, and Pvt. Justin Nellums with 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, cut the Army's birthday cake with a saber.

"It was an honor to be able to cut the cake with the general, but I was really nervous that I would do something wrong," Garcia said. "I just feel great that I graduated. Now, I get to serve my country while I travel around the world."

The soldiers seemed to stand taller as they marched off the graduation field to begin their contributions to the Army's heritage.

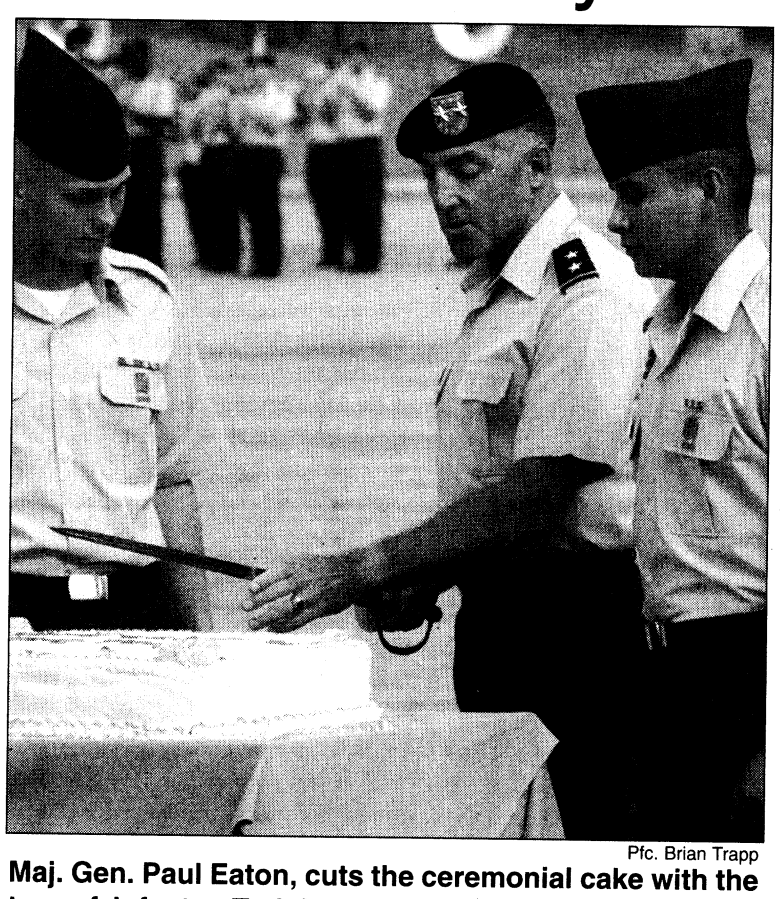
The young men's predecessors helped make some pivotal changes over the years, Kelso said. With the help of the new infantrymen, the Army may continue to advance through transformation toward the future.

"The Army has changed a lot since I was in during the late 60s," said Roger Nelson, Army veteran, who came to the ceremony to watch his son graduate.

Even small changes have improved the quality of life for soldiers.

"From what I have seen, they have made great strides forward, in the facilities, uniforms, equipment, and food," Nelson said. "I remember they used to have this field rations they called lima beans and ham, but it was actually just beans floating in fat. Things are a lot better now."

Regardless of technological changes, the Army still keeps the same values its had for the past 227 years, Nelson said.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, cuts the ceremonial cake with the two of Infantry Training Brigade's newest graduates, Pvts. Justin Nellum, left, and Jose Garcia.

School: Honors country

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said, 'I want to do that some day.'"

The flag is composed of 12-by-14-inch squares, designed by the students with their memories, messages of support, and pictures of Sept. 11.

About 270 faculty, students and family members of Blanchard attended the ceremony, as well as Congressman Mac Collins of Georgia.

The ceremony included remarks from Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack L. Tilley and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. Both remarked not only on the birthday celebration, but also thanked the Blanchard students for their contribution.

"They are here to share with us this wonderful gift and symbol of their patriotism. The magnificent flag hanging behind me — its great proportions exceeded only by the care and love that went into making it," Shinseki said.

"Thank you for this demonstration of sympathy for the suffering we all experienced on Sept. 11 and for this symbol of strength and resolve to help overcome our pain."

Handley, Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White and 20-year-old Pfc. Rafael Lozano, the youngest soldier in attendance, joined Tilley and Shinseki in cutting the cake with a cavalry-style saber.

"It was an honor to be up there. I never imagined myself being up there with secretary of the Army, the sergeant major of the Army, and the chief of Staff," Lozano said.

MAV: To help infantry

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a better perception of what they are going into."

The MAVs being produced in the ACTD will be developed in a spiral-development process. These platforms will use ducted fan technology, have a vertical take off and landing capability and will transition from vertical to horizontal flight, similar to a fixed wing platform.

The platforms developed first in the process will be demonstrated in December of this year at Fort Benning. These first platforms will be the electric MAV or E-MAV. The next vehicles in the spiral development process are the diesel or D-MAV, which will follow in fiscal 2004 and the objective or O-MAV — a diesel/electric hybrid — in fiscal 2005.

These initial experiments are designed to identify the issues surrounding the use of MAV by dismounted soldiers involved in close fights.

"The MAV takes video of an objective and sends it back to a small monitor so soldiers in the field can see what they are up against and what the area looks like," Barnes said. "Right now, in some cases, soldiers are being sent in to conduct area surveillance, which may expose them to the enemy. By using the MAV to conduct surveillance, we are reducing the risk to soldiers."

The DBBL is currently conducting experimentation to determine what types of cameras and sensors could provide the most capability for the MAV.

"We are looking at cameras and sensors with different fields of view, different resolutions, and different sensing techniques to determine which systems or combinations of systems provide the most value," Barnes said. "Throughout the experimentation process, we will be collecting data to help identify the characteristics, capabilities and limitations of the cameras, sensors and MAV itself.

"Basically, we are just doing our homework to insure that we understand all the issues surrounding the use of cameras and sensors on a MAV. We are trying to see which one provides soldiers in the field the most usable information. The total weight for the MAV air vehicle will be approximately five pounds, so camera/sensor selections will be critical. We want to ensure that the MAV is capable of providing the best surveillance."

The results of the camera experimentation will help the program manager and the makers of the MAV develop a system with a camera or sensor that can be used effectively by soldiers and commanders in the field. As each of the three types of MAVs are developed, DBBL will conduct experimentation using soldier operators during training. All of the information collected will support modeling and simulation efforts and the requirements determined through the Directorate of Combat Developments.

"The soldiers conducting operations in the field know what they need to accomplish the mission," said Mike Kennedy, DBBL project officer. "We will put the MAV in their hands, and they will use it during missions. Then, they will be able to tell us what worked and what didn't work. The data collected and soldier feedback will be incorporated to make the design of the MAV better."

One of the new concepts being looked at is a "perch and stare" capability. This capability will help the MAV stay in the target area and conduct its mission without having to fly or hover, making it an energy saving measure.

"We will be able to land a MAV on top of a building, ridge or other area, turn the engine power off, but leave the sensors on," Barnes said. "This way we can still view what is going on, while reducing power consumption. The ability to perch and stare will extend mission duration considerably."

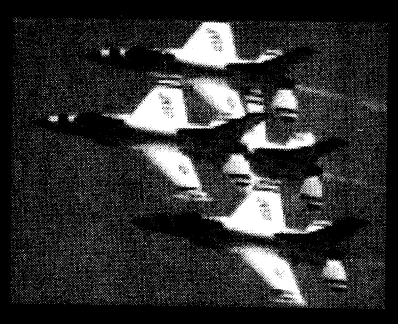
The soldiers participating in the experiments will gain valuable experience in using the MAV and when the program is over, some of the MAVs will stay with the units for training and other purposes.

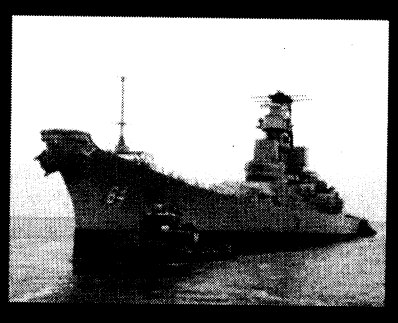
"In the final phase of this ACTD, we will leave a residual package with the user, which, in this case, is the 25th Infantry Division in Hawaii," Barnes said. "These platforms will be theirs and they will be able to use them in the most efficient way because throughout the process of experimentation they have gained experience. Their work will help develop doctrine and tactics, techniques and procedures that will affect the rest of the Army using small unmanned air vehicles."

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PLDC tackles land navigation course



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Sgt. Jonathan Ellingson shoots an azimuth on the practice course.

Soldiers' skills evaluated as future leaders

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A key element to fighting a war against terrorism is leadership and the ability to maneuver through unfamiliar territory. Soldiers of the Primary Leadership Development Course were practicing these skills as they were tested on their land navigation Tuesday at Wendy Range.

"Land navigation is an important skill for a leader, especially on the battlefield," said Staff Sgt. Ron Fredrick, PLDC instructor. "The soldiers will be able to read a map to find where they are, where they're going and able to call in coordinates for fire support."

Not all soldiers come to PLDC prepared to complete all of the tasks in the land navigation portion, but they come up to standard with the help of the instructors, he said.

"A lot of soldiers come here without prior training in land navigation," said Sgt. 1st Class Marian McClain, range NCOIC. "The small group leaders have to work from zero in a short amount of time to bring them up to standard."

The soldiers are trained in many aspects of land navigation and map reading, such as plotting grids, shooting an azimuth, taking pace counts and studying terrain features.

The objective for the day was to have all the soldiers find three out of four points in less than three hours to receive a "go," McClain said.

Spc. Robert Kimbro was the first soldier to complete the course. He took a little more than an hour to correctly identify all four points.

"The instructors taught us well," Kimbro said. "This was the most physically demanding and the most fun thing we've done so far."

Coming in first was proof of his accomplishment of learning the skills needed in the field, he said.

"I've been in the Army for nine years, and this is the first time I've done land navigation training like this," Kimbro said. "As a leader, I will make sure my soldiers know this information."

During the test, Sgt. Jonathan Ellingson used the NCO ideals of be, know and do to finish in second place.

"Part of being a leader is knowing where you are and where you're going," Ellingson said. "Confidence in my skills and where I was going helped me complete the course quickly and accurately."

Follow Me!



Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Rob Heyle

Soldiers make their way across a board to complete an obstacle.



Officer Candidate School cadets from 169th Leadership Regiment maneuver a ladder over an obstacle.

Cooperation key to success

The 169th Leadership Regiment went through the Leaders Reaction Course Sunday.

Tasks were performed over both dry land and water.

Soldiers sacrificed their bodies to help their squad members get across the obstacles.

Whether laying on ropes across the water or straddling across a board, they did it all for the squad.

KOREA — THE FORGOTTEN WAR REMEMBERED

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

WASHINGTON — In hopes of bringing the Reds back to the truce table, the U.S. launched massive air raids against previously banned targets in the north, 50 years ago this week in Korea.

June 20, 1952 — Medals of Honor are presented posthumously to eight Marines. They raise the total of Marines who have earned the Medal of Honor in Korea to 74.

The Defense Department reports that the numbers of American casualties in Korea have reached 110,611. That includes 19,400 dead.

June 20-26 — The 179th Infantry Regiment soldiers, 45th Infantry Division, are in positions on Porkchop Hill, Outpost Eerie and Old Baldy, so-called because artillery from both sides has stripped the crest of all vegetation.

Since relieving their sister battalion, the 180th, June 16, 179th soldiers have fought off platoon- through battalion-level Chinese attacks.

The Chinese are now trying to use tunnel warfare to catch U.N. troops unaware. Soldiers of the 45th ID have blown up some tunnel entrances and opened other tunnels.

The Chinese who want to surrender are taken prisoner.

Chinese prisoners taken in this area will later tell interrogators of officers who shot men who tried to dig their way out of collapsed tunnels to surrender to the Americans.

On June 26, the 179th changes from defense to offense. Regiment Commander Lt. Col. Joseph C. Sandlin decides to take out a Chinese position about 1,000 yards away from Old Baldy's crest. The enemy is in a strong position to threaten American troops on Old Baldy and Porkchop Hill.

Early in the morning, soldiers evacuate Old Baldy while eight Air Force tactical fighters bomb, rocket and strafe the enemy. When they're finished, 179th artillery and mortars give the communists a heavy passing.

After the artillery lifts, a 179th reinforced company attacks from the left. A 180th company attached to the 179th and supported by a tank goes at the Chinese from the right.

Despite the tank, heavy small arms and automatic weapons fire keep the two units from advancing for about an hour. Then the Chinese suddenly withdraw. The GIs fill in the vacated positions, and come under a heavy artillery barrage.

As soon as the shelling lifts, the Reds rush back into the trenches and the Americans fight them hand-to-hand. They drive the enemy back over the hill where the positions had been dug in, but cannot pursue them. When they start over the crest, withering machine gun fire stops them.

The 179th sends another company to join the fight, and its soldiers try to flank the Chinese on the right. Again, effective fire from the enemy stops them.

Two American tanks join the fight by trying to crest the hill. One turns over and the other throws a track. But before the tanks are out of it, they hit the Chinese and cause them critical damage.

It's enough for two platoons to chase the enemy out of their positions.

When dark comes troops are trying to dig in and survive heavy shelling on Old Baldy and other posts. There is no counterattack during the night.

June 23-26 — On June 23, several Fifth Air Force F-86 squadrons fly cover for Navy planes as 35 Skyraiders and 35 Phantom jets attack the Suiho power-generating dam on the western part of the Yalu River. When Navy pilots exhaust their ordnance, 79 Air Force F-84 Thunderjets and 45 F-90 Shooting Stars hit the dam.

There are more than 200 MiG fighters on airfields in Manchuria, but the pilots stay on the ground. One does take off but flies away in the opposite direction.

B-29 Superfortresses and other combat aircraft hit two power generating plants at the Chanjin Reservoir and two others at the Pujon Reservoir in the east above the seaport of Hungnam.

On June 24 and June 26, U.S. aircraft pound the reservoir sites again, but do not return to Suiho. On June 25, Air Force aircraft drop 250 tons of bombs on troop concentrations on enemy front lines.

Pilots said the Suiho dam was 70 to 90 percent destroyed and the Pujon plants were wiped out.

This begins a two-week blackout in North Korea.

From the beginning of the war, the Air Force wanted to hit the power plants on the Yalu, but U.S. leaders forbid it because they didn't want to bring the Chinese into the fight. Even after the Chinese entered the war, the policy stayed in effect.

Gen. Matthew B. Ridgway, as U.N. supreme commander, vetoed requests to add them to the target list. Reportedly he wanted to wait until the enemy dragged their feet in the truce talks and then the power stations could be hit to motivate them to get serious about making progress at the truce table.

After Gen. Mark Clark became the U.N. supreme commander, he immediately saw the power plants as legitimate targets. So when Lt. Gen. O.P. Weyland, Far East Air Force commander, proposed to attack them, Clark agreed. The joint chiefs of Staff also agreed and President Harry S. Truman gave his permission.

The only restrictions were to hit the Yalu River dams on the North Korean side of the river and pilots must not stray into Manchurian air space.

The attacks create an uproar in Great Britain. Labor leaders in Parliament denounce the raids June 24 as possible sparks for World War III.

Prime Minister Winston Churchill admits that he wasn't consulted before the attacks but they presented "no change" in the British-U.S. war policy.

June 25 — Weyland says that the bombing raids are "a gentle hint of more to come if the commies want it that way."

Clark makes a speech on the second anniversary of the war's beginning. He says the United Nations is prepared for "the bitter, bloody fighting of 1950 and 1951" if the Reds want to begin another offensive.

In Moscow, the Tass news agency rages, "American air pirates have started the massive bombing of peaceful towns which have not military objectives."

At Panmunjom, North Korean Lt. Gen. Nam Il warns the U.N. negotiators against taking a "dangerous step" to try to make the communists abandon their "reasonable and unshakable" truce demands.

Americans on the home front aren't affected by the international furor. They think that if it will end the war center, the power-generating plants should be wiped out.

Communist guerrillas blow up a train in southwest South Korea. An American soldier is among the 46 people killed. The communists take 80 passengers as prisoners.

Infantry Magazine hits Web

Internet site offers soldiers faster, convenient access

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Infantry Magazine is now online for everyone's viewing pleasure.

The magazine was put online to increase the audience, expand the readership and expose more soldiers to infantry issues.

"This is going to benefit any soldier who reads our magazine," said Russ Eno, *Infantry Magazine* editor. "Now soldiers can get the articles written in the magazine earlier online than in print."

The reason is it takes longer to print and distribute than it does to put it on the Web site, he said.

"With either the print form or the online form, it will still not cost a dime for a subscription to the magazine," Eno said. "It was something that was needed badly for the infantry.

"It's a good resource just a click away," said Capt. Geoff Fuller, aide-de-camp. "As long as you have a computer, you can be updated on what is going on with the infantry.

"Plus, the stories written pertain to someone else's experience in a less than normal situation, and that will help you if you're ever in the same situation."

The online magazine is getting an enormous response.

"Just from the magazine being online we've gotten more response to our magazine," Eno said. It has broadened our readership.

"More and more soldiers are seeing it online, and are asking for a printed subscription. So the online version is doing great works for the printed version, too."

Wardog night!

Team shows appreciation to soldiers

The Columbus Wardogs put on a show for members of the 29th Infantry Regiment at the Columbus Arena during the Regiment's Appreciation Night Saturday..

Despite the Wardogs 50-31 loss to the Birmingham Steeldogs, there were numerous soldier-intensive activities that seemed to keep fans happy, like a:

- Pre-game football tournament,
- Rappelling demonstration by two soldiers from the arena's rafters,
- Reenlistment,
- Awards presentation,
- Remote-control car race.

For more information on the Wardogs, call 653-7789, or (888) 332-5200 for tickets.

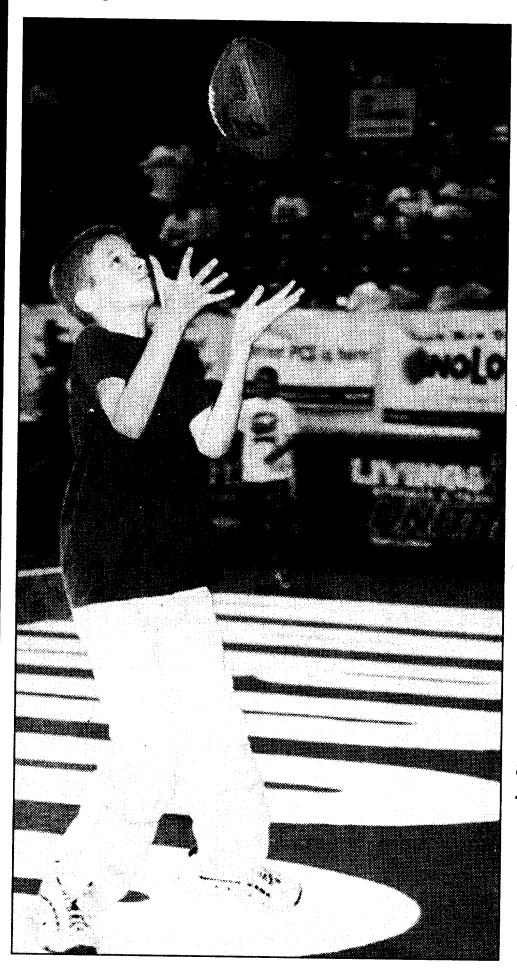


Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Sgt. Zkmain Burden sings the national anthem before the game.



Capt. Edlyn Smith reenlists Sgt. Pierre Williams during halftime.



Chris Cioppa, family member, catches a ball off the net thrown by Capt. Mickey Turner during a contest Saturday. There were other activities for soldiers and family members during the breaks in the game, such as a field goal kick contest and football toss.

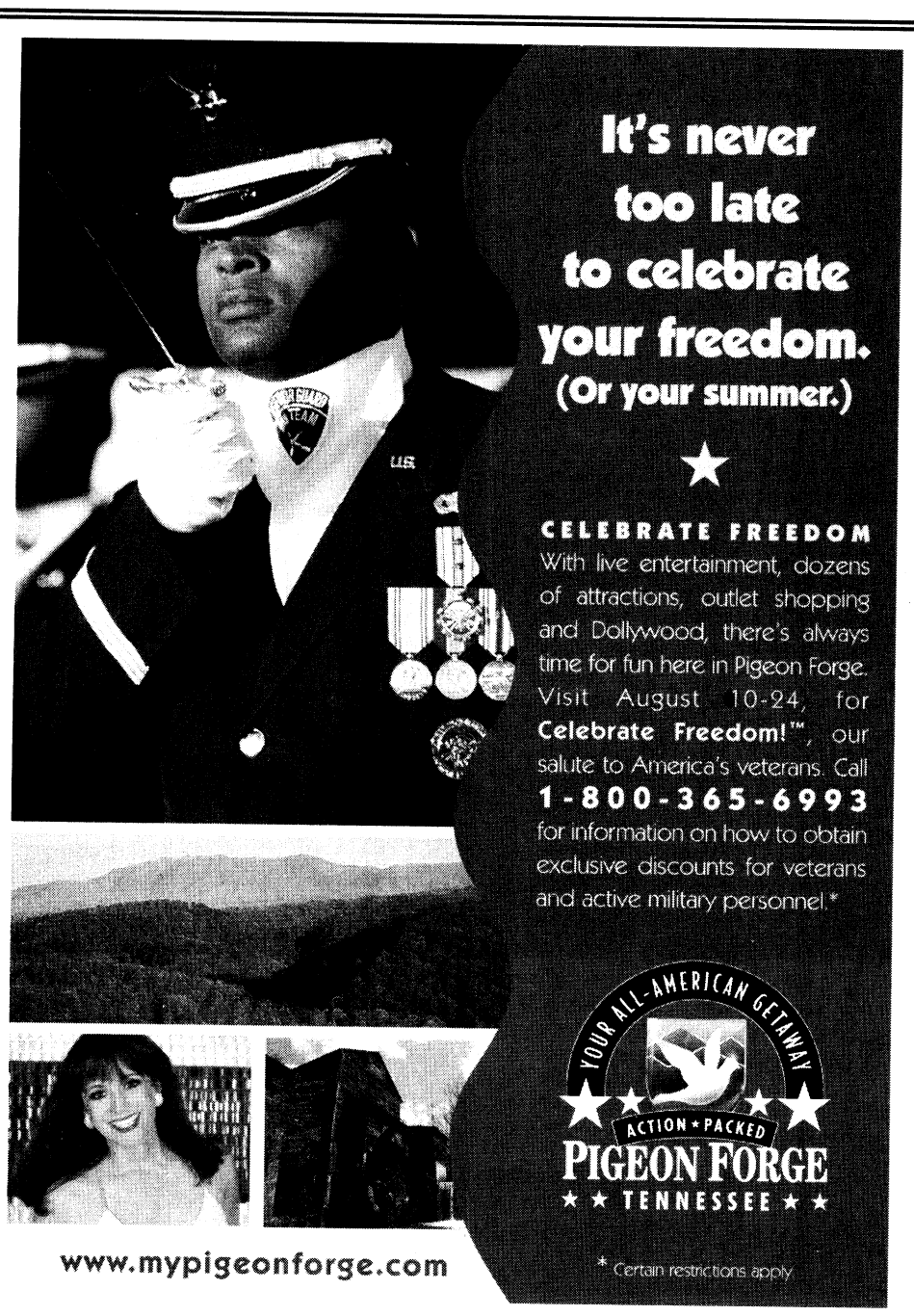
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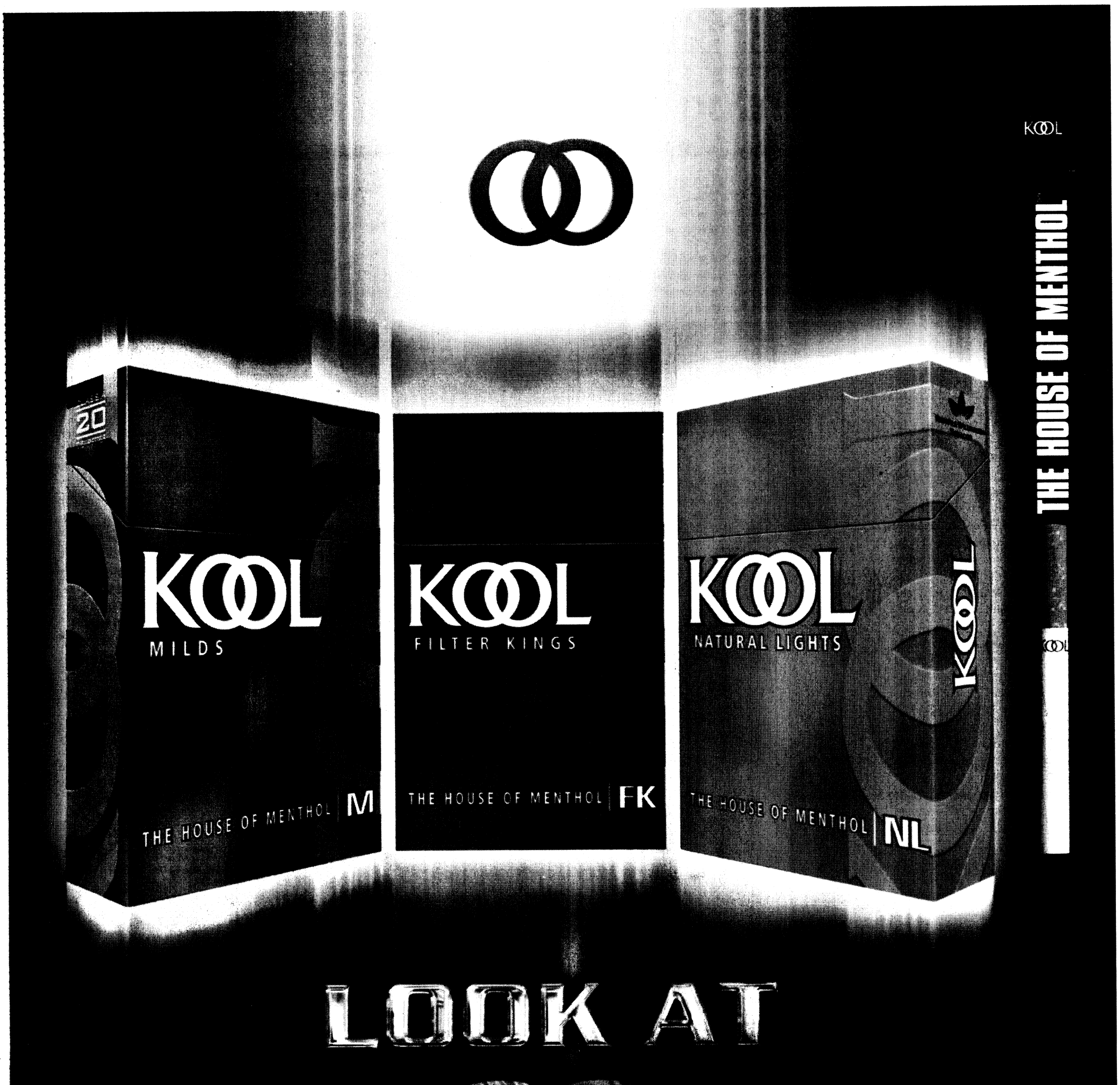
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SECTION B

Program teaches way to find job

Service offers free advice to job seekers

Janet Hathoway
Bayonet correspondent

"So, tell me about yourself." This simple question can bring a job interview to a dead halt before it begins, said Mark Mills, Employment Readiness Program Manager at Army Community Service. One verbal misstep can lead a job hunter into a minefield.

"This is not the time to tell your prospective employer that you are married with three kids. It is your best shot at telling your future boss how your best skills will benefit his company," Mills said.

The next most common question that will cause sudden death in an interview is, "What do you know about our company?" Mills said. This question will leave those who are ill prepared looking like a deer caught in the headlights. Research the company before the interview to familiarize yourself with the company's mission, products and focus. The more informed you are about the business, the better your chances at landing the job.

"You have to know the details about the company to which you are applying. You need to be able to show the interviewer you are sincere in your desire to work for the company," Mills said.

To go to an interview uninformed about the company, forfeits the job, he said.

These common mistakes are made during interviews every day in Columbus, but there is no reason for a Fort Benning family member to make these mistakes, Mills said. The Employment Readiness Program at ACS focuses on preparing family members for success in the civilian job market. Mills' mission is to teach the Job Strategy Workshop. This workshop is aimed at preparing family members to overcome the mistakes commonly made in resume writing, dressing for success, interviewing and landing that perfect job.

Since Oct. 1, 2001, he has helped 661 family members find jobs in Columbus and the surrounding area, hosted two job fairs that included 163 companies from 11 states and assisted thousands of clients in their quest for career satisfaction. And in his spare time, he produces a weekly job vacancy list which includes Columbus and the surrounding area.

How do job seekers know if resumes are working for them?

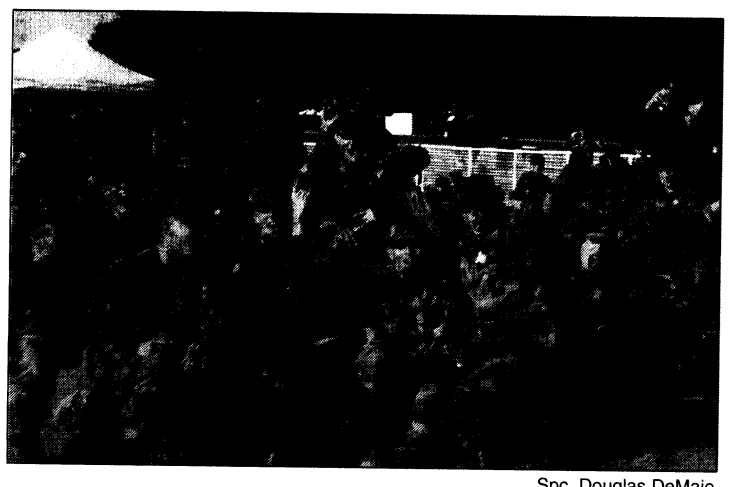
"If you have sent out twenty resumes and have not been called for an interview, that is an indication that your resume needs to be revamped," Mills said.

You may know you are highly qualified, but if your resume doesn't highlight your skills and abilities then the employer will never know.

"The purpose of the resume is to get you selected for the interview — to get your foot in the door," Mills said, "The call for an interview is confirmation that you are qualified. Once you are there you must sell your qualifications based on how they apply to your prospective employer."

The best resumes are concise and well organized. Be specific about skills, education and experience, but do not reword the same skills repeatedly. Resumes should reflect required skills rather than

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Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Soldiers anticipate the concert at Weatherby Field.

Basic training soldiers alleviate stress

Concert provides fun for soldiers

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Basic training soldiers felt as though they were having a *"Cheeseburger in Paradise"* Saturday night, when they were given an evening to relax and listen to live music at Weatherby Field.

This is one way to tell soldiers the Army is thinking about them and their welfare, said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Levasseur, drill sergeant for C Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. Music is a great way to alleviate stress.

"After eight weeks of training on Sand Hill, it's a relief to listen to some music and forget about the world," said Spc. Gregg Cambareri, 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt. "This concert is a new experience for us. It gives us a chance to see some new faces and talk to one another about things other than field manuals and training."

The concert is good for soldiers to see other soldiers, said Col. Tom Hayden, Infantry Training Brigade commander. Furthermore, it beats paying $40 or $50 to see a concert in Atlanta, Ga.

Acres, a radio-friendly rock n' roll band from Atlanta, played more than two hours for the ITB and Basic Combat Training Brigade soldiers.

"It is an honor for us to be here," said Jen Lowe, Acres percussionist. "I think music all around is a good morale builder.

"Hopefully, they forgot about their day and enjoyed the music."

Something else the soldiers had an opportunity to forget was the chow hall food, Levasseur said.

At the concert, organized by Morale, Welfare and Recreation — Directorate of Community Activities, soldiers were able to eat pizza and drink soda they aren't usually allowed to consume during basic training.

The event took an incredible amount of planning, Levasseur said. The food, music and people really made this concert enjoyable.

"This has given us a chance to unwind and relieve some built up stress," said Pvt. Darrius Rollins, 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt.

MWR planned the concert with ITB and BCTB for more than six months, Hayden said.

More concerts will take place at Weatherby Field throughout the year. Currently, all the concerts scheduled are only for basic training soldiers, but by next summer, it is possible the entire post will be able to attend certain events, such as the All-Army Concert Series.

For more information on the band, visit www.acresmusic.com.

For more information, call James Shoemaker at 545-4917.

Post beautification



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Jocelyn Powers makes her Austin Loop home more beautiful Sunday morning by spending time watering her blooming plants.

New cleaning contractor optional for residents

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Fort Benning's new and exclusive contract with a local cleaning company has caused confusion among many post residents.

Since *The Bayonet* reported an agreement between Thomas Brand Siding Company and Fort Benning's housing office, residents understood the contract to mean they would be required to pay the contractor to clean their quarters.

Not so, said Kenneth Hankins, chief of housing. The new contract simplifies the clearing process for soldiers who want to "pay and go," but they still have the option of doing the cleaning themselves or hiring an outside cleaning team to do it. If they choose that option, they're required to stay until their final housing inspection.

"The regulation says the Army will provide a cleaning source for the soldier, but that doesn't stop them from hiring whoever they want or from doing it themselves," Hankins said. "The only difference is if you hire the contractor, you're free to leave.

"If you do it yourself, you'll have to stay till the inspection."

Hankins said 95 percent of post residents elect to pay a cleaning team.

In the past, that meant selecting a team from a pool of contractors provided by the housing office. Prices varied among contractors.

Now, with a representative from Thomas Brand on site when the new housing office opens this summer in Building 6, residents will find it more convenient and economical, Hankins said.

With prices ranging from $112 for a two-bedroom home to $125 for a three-bedroom, Thomas Brand offers "very reasonable prices, much less than many other posts," Hankins said.

Post: Helps job seeker find work

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list job summaries. It is very important to keep good records of previous employment and make sure all relevant skills and abilities are included in the resume. Most common mistakes on a resume are desperate-sounding objectives and use of military terminology. The objective should be a concise, specific statement that lets the employer know what one's goal is, rather than a plea for work. Everything in the resume should reflect the goal stated in the objective.

A mistake made by family members and military members alike is the use of military terminology in resumes. The civilian population probably will not understand the implied skills behind acronyms like PLDC or FRG leader. The civilian world only cares to know about skills that transfer to their job market. Instead of military acronyms, use civilian buzz catch phrases like, "facilitated group training," or "attended leadership training," which will have more impact on your target audience.

"Unless you are a Medal of Honor winner, don't list military awards on your resume," Mills said. "Being a sharp shooter doesn't really offer a transferable skill to the civilian job market."

Mills also advises in his classes to keep in mind proper dress for an interview has a huge impact on chances at landing the job. Your appearance will make a statement from the moment one walks into the room.

"Accessories can detract from your qualifications. Make sure your qualifications for the job are what the interviewer remembers, not your tattoos, piercings, fingernails, or hair color. Columbus is a conservative job market," he said.

Mills suggests keeping a portfolio readily available including your resume, work history, education, certificates, and diplomas.

Taking this portfolio to the interview with you enables you to immediately access any information requested. This may give you an edge over another candidate and shows you are highly organized and detail oriented — two qualities all employers want in their staff.

Sound tedious? Don't despair. Military family members really do have advantages in the local job market. Financially, it is beneficial for companies to hire family members because they do not need benefits such as medical and dental care. Since the average assignment for a family at Fort Benning is one to three years, employers do not have to worry about retirement benefits or tenure for family member employees.

Advantages for the local employers do not stop there, said Sherry LeSesne of Randstad Temporary Staffing. LeSesne knows both sides of the family member employment issue since she is a family member as well as an employment recruiter.

"Family members generally have more college education and diverse job experience to offer employers," she said.

LeSesne admits moving can hamper career goals for family members.

"Even if you have great skills, in small towns you have to contend with the local pay scales, and they can vary greatly. It is hard to accept low pay when you have great skills."

LeSesne's advice to fellow family members is to always keep resumes current and be open to the opportunity of no-fee temporary staffing agencies when on short assignments.

She does believe that changing jobs due to frequent military moves is not always a deterrent for career success. Frequent career changes give family members the added value of adaptability.

"It is easier for family members to adapt to work environments because of diverse experience. They have probably encountered Type-A personalities, micromanagers, and difficult coworkers and already have the skills to adapt."

Those just starting out in their career should keep in mind the transferability of their chosen career path. Some career fields are easier to move than others. Careers such as nursing, teaching, clerical, retail sales and food service are easily transferred. Other careers do not fare as well, Mills said.

"Social science fields do not transfer well from place to place due to licensing requirements and because they require the worker to know details about the community that they will provide services. That experience can only be gained from time in the target community," he said.

To ensure success in the job hunt, enroll in the Job Strategy Workshop at ACS, Mills said. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. Applications are available at ACS, Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, or call 545-4043 for more information.

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Vacation Bible School

Children live by faith

Fort Benning's Protestant Vacation Bible School started Monday and ends today at White Elementary School.

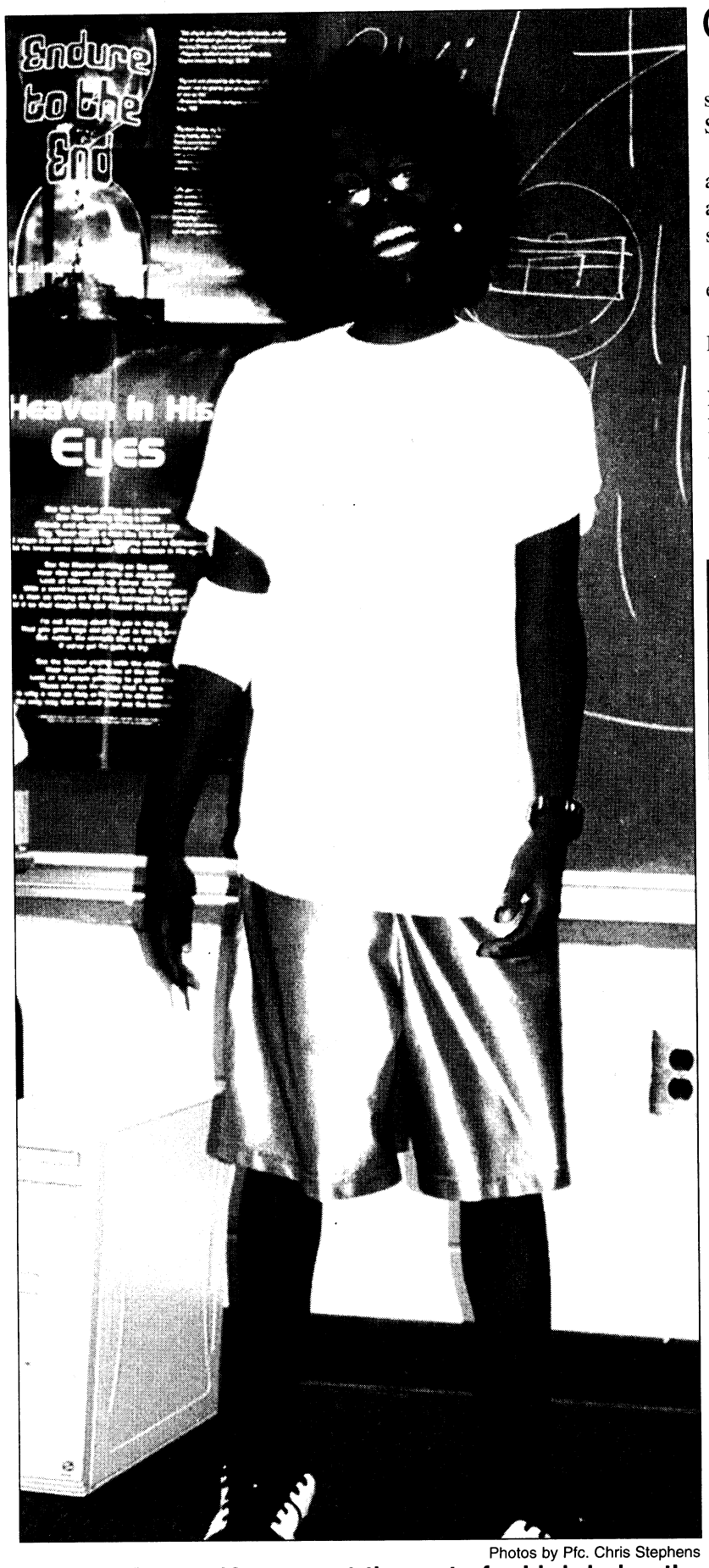
The theme of the week was Faith Mountain, with an emphasis on living by faith. Among the many activities were music, games and various Bible stories.

More than 100 children from preK through eighth grade participated in the program.

Volunteers for the Bible school came from Pinehurst Baptist Church in Columbus.

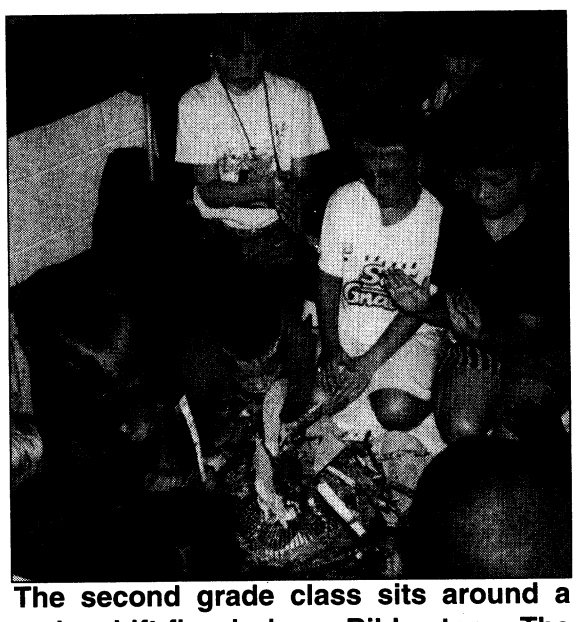
"It has been a wonderful week," said Beverly Law, Vacation Bible School director. "The kids have really responded well and are doing what is asked of them.

"The most important thing I want the children to get out of this week is to understand that Jesus loves them and that he died on the cross for them."

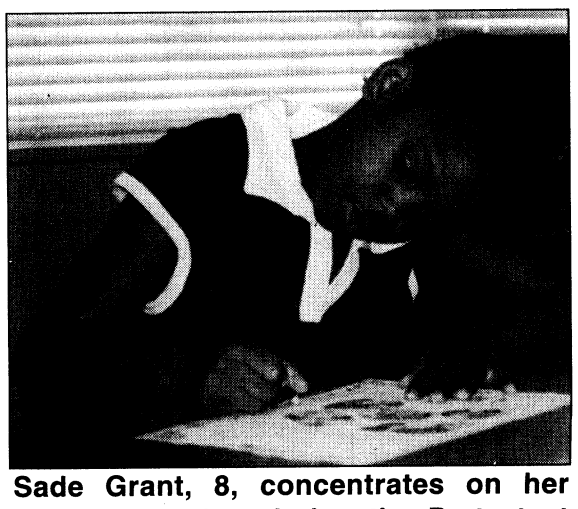


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Desmon Busey, 12, acts out the part of a bird during the game of "Charades" his class was playing Tuesday during VBS.



The second grade class sits around a make-shift fire during a Bible story. The fire represented God's light.



Sade Grant, 8, concentrates on her lesson, Tuesday, during the Protestant Vacation Bible School at White Elementary School.

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Hunt Club — The Fort Benning Hunt Club will host an open house from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday Admission is free.

There will be demonstrations, pony rides, a breed parade, food, drinks and souvenirs.

Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families clearing quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew.

If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew.

If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

Lending Closet — Due to an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods from the Lending Closet to return the items borrowed as soon as their belongings are delivered.

For more information on how to obtain goods or to return them, call the Lending Closet at 545-4485.

OSC Thrift Shop — The OSC Thrift Shop is in need of daily and summer volunteers.

Volunteer must have a military ID card and be at least 13 years old.

Volunteers who work two hours or more each time the Thrift Shop is open for business get first pick of newly consigned merchandise and child care reimbursement for up to two children.

To learn more about the benefits of being an OSC Thrift Shop volunteer, call 687-4830 or stop by the Thrift Shop on the corner of Ingersol and Dixie roads and pick up a volunteer booklet.

Troops to Teachers — The Georgia Representative for Troops to Teachers, Bill Kirkland, will be at the Fort Benning ACAP office from 9 a.m. to noon Thursday to meet with soldiers interested in teaching after they leave the military.

Eligible service members may receive federal funding up to $5,000 to help them certify as teachers.

For more information, contact Kirkland via e-mail at billkirkland@gapsc.com.

Holiday garbage pick-up schedule — Because of the July 4th holiday, there will be no garbage or yard waste or recycling pickup in Family Housing July 4.

Areas normally scheduled for garbage pick up Thursday will be picked up July 8.

For more information, call 545-4332.

Instructor training — The Fort Benning Army Family Team Building Program will conduct an Instructor Training Program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. July 15 to 17, in Building 359, the Family Unit Network Center.

Lunch will be provided to all participants.

For more information or to register for the course, stop by the FUN center or call Sarah Hertig at 545-5377.

Columbus International Festival — Come out and celebrate the heritage of Columbus at the Columbus International Festival Aug. 11 at the Columbus Civic Center.

The festival will showcase various countries around the world through professional and local cultural entertainers in music, dance, costumes, traditions, customs and elaborate booth exhibits.

The event runs from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. and is free to the public.

For more information about the Columbus International Festival, call the Mayor's Commission on Diversity at 653-4017.

Free child developmental screening — Fort Benning Educational and Developmental Intervention Services will conduct free dental, hearing, vision, speech and language screening for military family members birth to 36 months.

The screening will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at Wilson Elementary School, 112 Lavoie Avenue (Indianhead Terrace).

For more information, call 545-5560.

Commissary closes for 'supersizing' — The Fort Benning commissary will be closed July 8-9 to widen the aisles for its new Super Store. The commissary will reopen July 10 with early bird shopping. For more information, call 544-3965.

Residents Meeting — The 36th Engineer Group will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting for Bouton Heights and Davis Hill at 7 p.m. July 11 at Stowers Elementary School.

For more information, call Sgt Maj. Ronnie Porter at 545-9263.

Communities need mayors — The Community Life Mayors Program is accepting applications for mayors and vice mayors in all housing areas.

For more information, call Evelyn Livermore at 682-5414.

OSC name change — Notice is given that articles of amendment which will change the name of Officers' Wives' Club of Fort Benning, Inc. to Officers' Spouses' Club of Fort Benning, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at Crain Hall, Building 229, Ingersoll Avenue, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 544-3965.

Car care — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

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CCSC needs volunteers — Teachers are needed in reading, math, and other areas for the summer tutorial program for students in grades two through eight at Rothschild Middle School in Columbus.

Aides are defined as college graduates, college students, high school graduates, seniors, juniors, parents and individuals.

Help is needed now through July 5, from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357, Daisy Honor at 687-8808, the office at 321-9596 or Rothschild Middle School at 569-2563 from 9 a.m. to noon during the summer session.

Safe Sitter classes — Safe Sitter classes for girls and boys ages 11 to 13 will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31-Aug. 1 at Health Matters of St. Francis.

Safe Sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches participants how to handle emergencies when caring for children.

The goal of Safe Sitter is to reduce the number of avoidable and unintentional deaths among children being cared for by babysitters. Safe Sitter participants receive helpful tips to make them more confident caregivers.

They learn safety and security precautions such as what to do if a stranger comes to the door and when and how to call for help.

They receive information on child development and age-appropriate activities and learn about the business aspects of babysitting.

The cost for Safe Sitter is $50. Lunch will be provided both days of the class.

To register your child, call Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

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For more information, call 649-1696 or 649-1641.

Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people who are experiencing infertility.

The Columbus Resolve Chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road, Columbus.

For more information, call 323-6659.

Camp Discovery — The Bradley Center of St. Francis will once again offer its annual Camp Discovery, a summer camp for children with attention deficit disorder and children with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder. Scheduled for July 22-Aug. 2, the camp provides a highly structured environment for children diagnosed with ADD or ADHD.

Camp Discovery is for children ages 6 to 11. Sessions will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the St. Francis Park Campus at 2000 16th Avenue in Columbus.

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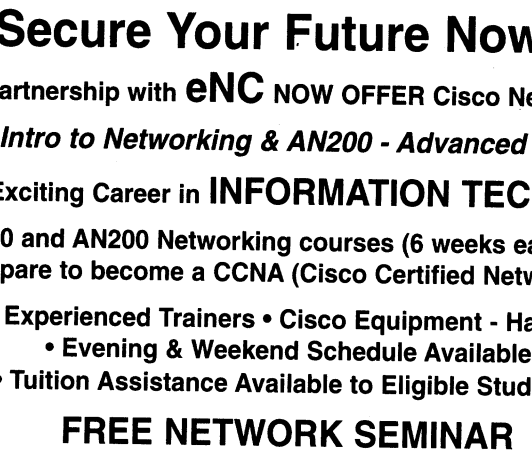
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This is a first in a series highlighting the hot spots of road trips while venturing to other posts around the country.

This week's vacation road trip looks at the drive from Fort Benning to Fort Lewis, Washington.

If the idea of driving from Georgia to Washington state sounds exhausting and overwhelming, the truth is, at times it very much is.

"There are several routes you can take," said Wanda Coar, travel agent at Century Travel in Columbus. "The total driving distance is somewhere around 3,200 miles. That means driving time can be close to 55 hours on the road."

55 hours on the road?

As of right now, the Army isn't moving personal vehicles, so chances are families are stuck with the drive. But before they pull out the map and calculate the quickest way to get from here to there, Coar said families should take advantage of the trip.

"I have soldiers and their families come to me year-round looking for an affordable way to take a vacation," Coar said. "Cross country trips like this can be a lot of fun and won't break the bank."

Hundreds of Fort Benning families will receive orders to Fort Lewis, Wash., this summer, and they will have several routes to choose from.

Travel agents agree heading northwest for the great plains of South Dakota and Montana may be the best bet.

"Families will get the chance to visit some of the nation's most interesting venues along the way," Coar said.

Planning where to stop and where to stay while in town can be overwhelming, Coar said. That's why it's best to get on line to mapquest.com or randmcnally.com and calculate an exact itinerary.

"Families traveling to Fort Lewis from Columbus may want to visit Nashville, Tennessee as their first stop out," Coar said. "The Country Music Hall of Fame even offers a military discount."

The driving time from Columbus to Nashville is about six hours but well worth it, Coar said.

The area is home to the Grand Ole Opry, the newly renovated Country Music Hall of Fame, the Jack Daniels Bourbon Distillery and a vast array of historic mansions including the estate of President Andrew Jackson.

After a day or so in Nashville, families can make their way about 300 miles west to St. Louis, Mo.

"St. Louis is famous for it's blues and jazz scene and of course the St. Louis Arch," Coar said.

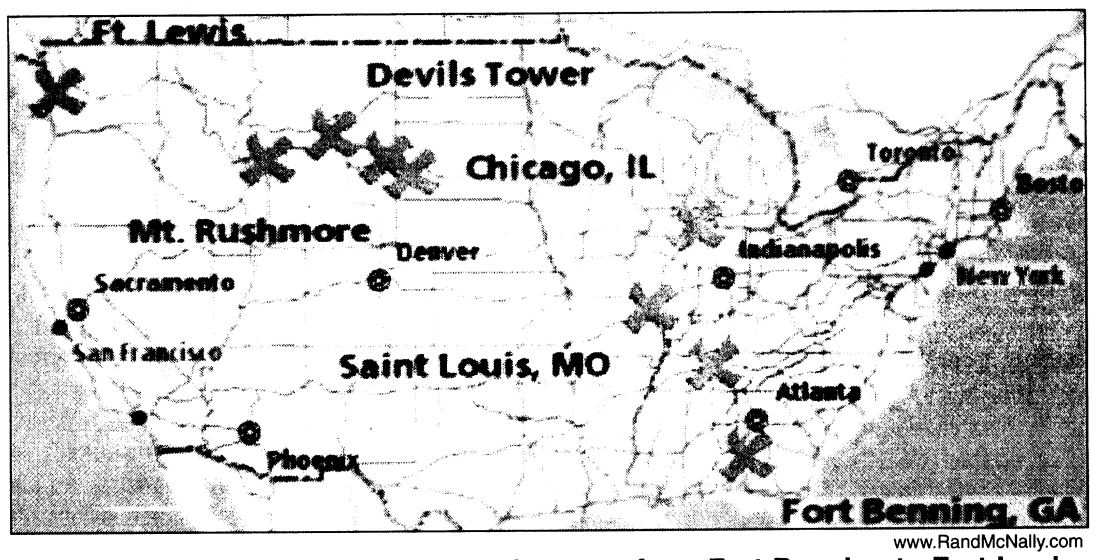
The Arch was built to signify the "gateway to the west" and is truly a site to behold. For a few bucks, families can take a ride to the top of the Arch and see the land of three nearby states.

If soldiers are in the mood for baseball, they can then head about six hours north and into Chicago where the Cubs are playing all summer long at Wrigley Field.

"Chicago is a city that many say has a way of making visitors feel part of the neighborhood," Coar said. "Chicago has endless entertainment, sporting events and music festivals."

One show that is making a name for itself in Chicago is known only as the "Blue Man Group." The show features men with painted blue faces and the subject of the show has been kept a secret. Tickets can be purchased on line for around $25-$50 a person.

"The next few days of the trip will depend on how far families want to drive during a day," Coar said. "From Chicago, families will likely want to visit Mount Rushmore."



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This maps shows attractions along the route from Fort Benning to Fort Lewis.

Mount Rushmore is 932 miles away and surrounded by the beautiful mountains and national parks of South Dakota.

From Mt. Rushmore, families can take a short two hour drive to the nation's first national monument, Devils Tower, located in Northeast Wyoming.

"Devils.Tower is actually the core of a volcano exposed after millions of years of erosion," Coar said. "It's probably best remembered for scenes shot there in the 1978 movie *Close Encounters of the Third Kind.*

Three hours north in the reservation of the Northern Cheyenne Indian Reservation, is the untouched Little Big Horn Battleground. Little Bighorn is where General Custer fought his last battle against the Sioux and Cheyenne Indians in 1876.

Families can drive around the battlefield listening to a tape detailing Custer's last battle.

"The tape gives soldiers a clear picture of what it was like to be part of the Army during that time," said Janine Gwinn, wife of Capt. Jeremy Gwinn, a student in the Infantry Captain Career's Course.

After visiting the Little Bighorn Battlefield, families are on the last stretch of the trip as they drive through the desert badlands of Montana and into Yellowstone National Park.

With eroding geysers, fishing streams, camp sites, waterfalls, and an endless array of wildlife, Yellowstone is a place many will never forget.

"Soldiers who are traveling from one duty station to the next may be able to get into the park for free if they show their orders," Coar said

Just one more day of driving and families will soon arrive in Northwest Washington, home of Fort Lewis.

"The memories that can be made from a cross country trip like this is priceless," Coar said. "During the summer kids look forward to this sort of thing. It's good quality time."

For more information on planning a cross country trip log on to randmcnally.com or mapquest.com.

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Summer vacation important to children

Chaplain (Capt.) Leslie Forbes-Mariani
13th Corps Support Battalion

As a child, I thought the summer was the best time of the year (except maybe Christmas). School was out, the days were longer, and the pool was open. My parents worked very long and hard hours in our family business during the winter and spring months, so in the summer, they tried to spend quality time as a family.

Thinking of what to write, I thought of summer and the long hot days playing as a child. I remembered the significant times of family and great fun.

My mom was creative and smart in trying to develop a family bonding of fun, spirituality and love. These are some of the great ideas she used in the family summers, which I have employed also.

One: Each summer throughout the country, as in my hometown, communities have outdoor cultural events like plays and concerts.

These events can help to develop the exposure you and your family have to the arts. I remember my grandma and I spending the afternoon on the grass in front of the event stage. We would wait for it to start as we held our place for the family, even eating our dinner like it was a picnic. When my parents got off work, they came and joined us and it was grand.

We saw different kinds of dance, drama and comedy and listened to jazz and opera (not my most favorite). The best part was when my sister and I wiggled and dance in the evening breeze, and no one worried if it was disturbing anyone.

Two: My mother would read a book we picked out for 20 minutes or so a day, (maybe a chapter). I can still remember the sound of her voice and

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knowing her attention was with us.


Mariani

She would ask us questions and let us tell her our thoughts — we felt so grown up. Even on our short vacations, she found the time to read to us.

Three: We took short local camping trips throughout the summer. My parents would alternate who worked and who stayed out in the woods with us during the day.

We hiked, swam, fished and generally had a good time. But the best was when we were all together for dinner and roasting marshmallows over the campfire or playing table games. Can you believe it — no television, cell phones or game boxes? It was just my family having a great time together.

Four: We would plan theme vacations. We visited all the zoos, wild animal parks and the petting zoos along the way. We had to look for the distinguishing qualities of each (almost like an after-action review).

We had books on animals and did some research along the way. We took pictures and enjoyed the beauty of God's creation.

The dam trip was the best. We traveled to all the dams and dikes learning about hydroelectric power, water conservation and the water reclamation projects. We traveled down inside some of the dams and felt the great power of our water resources. Again, making a family project in documenting the trip.

You see we concentrate on how we can better do our jobs and develop networking and in general involve ourselves in activities that legitimately need our attention to the point of neglecting the family development. How do you plan on fostering and developing espirit de corps in your home? God is concerned about our families. He desires us to be in unison, in a loving home at peace.

It takes hard work, creativity and time, but the results are better than all networking you could do.

Peace in the home is like the very best stress reliever any one could prescribe. Sometimes being creative with the time you have can open opportunities to be with the ones you love.

Our jobs can take time from our family, but what of the time vegging in front of the television? Take time with your family — you might be surprised how inspiring, and wonderful they are. What is your summer plan? God, family and country.

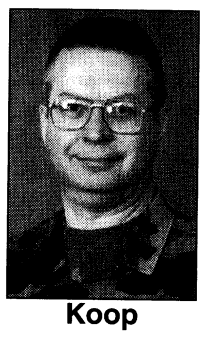
Is fidelity in marriage an outmoded idea?

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Some evolutionists reduce sex to being the way the strong dominate the species. Infidelity is viewed as normal. Fidelity is the exception rather than the rule.

Elizabeth Taylor once remarked that one enters marriage the first time for love, the second time for money and the third time for friendship. Another wit said, "I think I'll get married a few times before I settle down."

Despite these cynical views of marriage, every couple that has come to me to be married has expressed that they plan to be married to each other for the rest of their lives. Permanence in marriage is still the ideal.


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In the movie *Unfaithful*, a girlfriend remarks to actress Diane Lane that no one escapes unhurt from an affair. All affairs are destructive.

Jesus taught, what God has joined together, let man not separate (Matthew 19:6). God hates divorce (Malachi 2:16). Divorce tears apart the souls of the husband and wife. It is a gut wrenching emotional roller-coaster that often leaves couples and their children brokenhearted.

God designed marriage to be taken very seriously. Marriage can be both permanent and satisfying. A good marriage takes commitment, work, forgiveness and love.

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— Matthew 28:19-20

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9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

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6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

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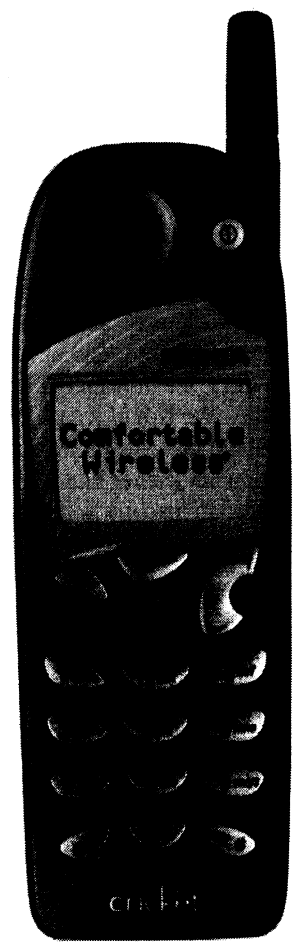
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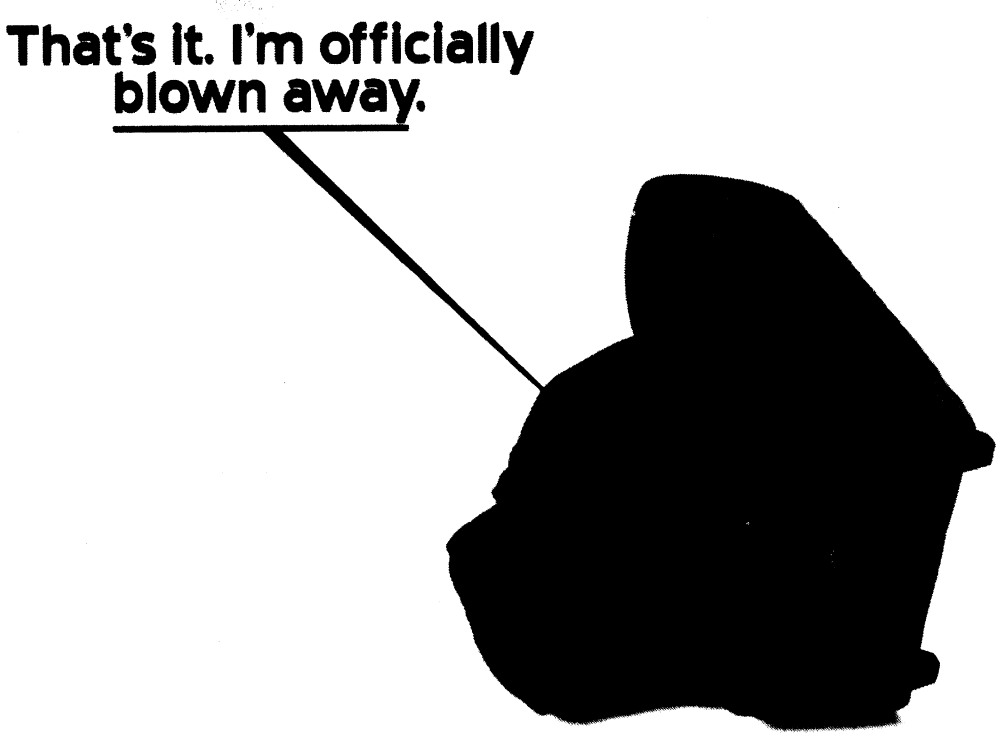
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Soldier selected for All-Army tryouts

Dreams, goals becoming reality

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The word is out. The All-Army softball team has selected a 29th Infantry Regiment soldier to try out for the defending U.S. Army champions.

Playing at the top of her game, Spc. Tammy Newman is ready for the challenge and fulfill her long time goal, Newman said.

"I'm excited about the opportunity," she said. "This is what I wanted to do when I joined the Army."

The Department of the Army informed Andrew Snoddy, post sports director, of Newman's acceptance. Snoddy will give Newman orders to travel to Fort Indiantown Gap, Pa., where she will compete against 19 female soldiers to earn one of 13 spots available on the Army's best softball team.

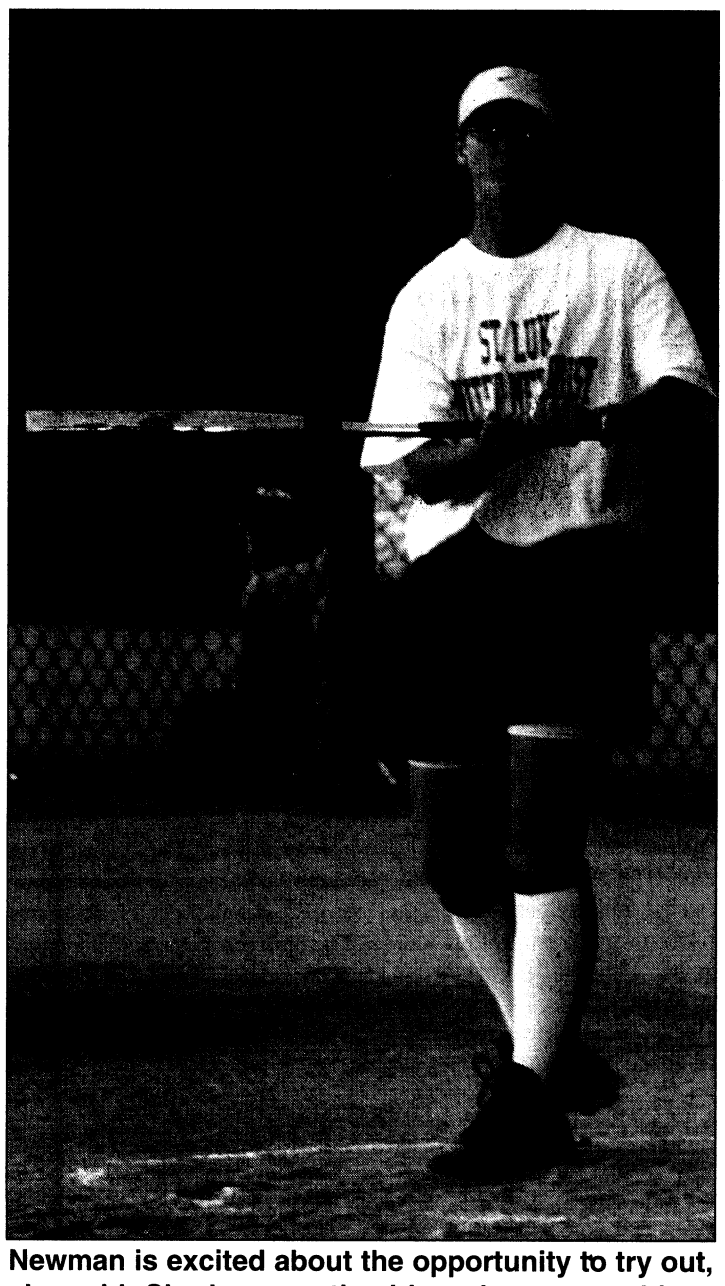
Newman said she's gained more understanding of softball over the years and attributes some of her softball knowledge to coaching a group of girls called the Lady Magic.

"They kept me in shape and got me better prepared," Newman said. "I love softball, and they helped love it even more."

Snoddy helped Newman prepare her application for the All-Army team, said John Newman, Tammy's husband.

"He really helped us out," John said. "He showed us how we should prioritize Tammy's accomplishments."

At age 12, Tammy lettered in softball at Rolla High School in Rolla, Mo. She signed a letter of intent to play for East Central Junior College in Union, Mo. In Georgia, she has played and won several American Softball Association championships on both co-ed and women's open divisions.



Newman is excited about the opportunity to try out, she said. She has practiced long hours to achieve her goal to represent the Army on the softball field.

"The selection board is impersonal," Snoddy said. "That packet must represent you in the best light."

Throughout her time on Fort Benning, Tammy's unit has supported and encouraged her to go out for the All-Army team for more than a year, she said. Her husband has been the catalyst for Tammy's recent success, too.

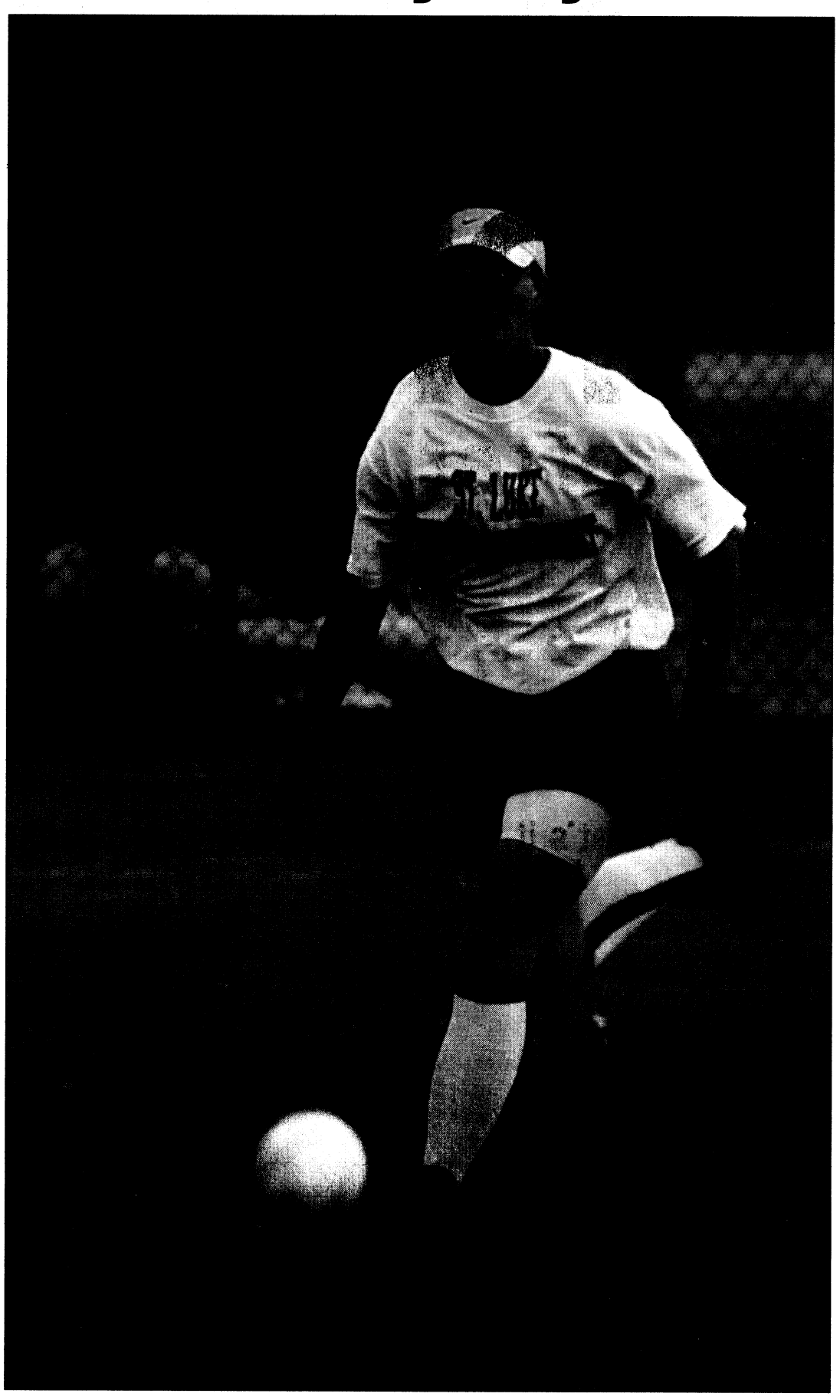
"We practice every night," John said. "I'll hit balls to her. She'll spend time hitting the ball off the tee.

"She also works on the little things that are important like running mechanics and studying players hitting habits, so she can position herself accordingly to make the play.

"If the ball hits her glove, she'll catch it."

"She's just like a little kid — like she's playing in high school again," John said.

Tammy is a goal oriented person, and when she's pointed in the right direction, she will achieve what she sets out to do, John said.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Tammy Newman fields a ball for her church team, Saint Luke's. She is just one of 20 soldiers selected to try out for the Womens' All-Army Softball Team.

Fathers, sons compete together in tournament

Tournament day of fun for tandems

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Fathers and sons came together Saturday for the Father-Son Basketball Tournament at the Youth Services Gym.

The annual tournament brought together children and parents of all ages to see who was the best father-son tandem.

The tournament was broken down in three age categories: 8-10, 11-13 and 14-18.

"The idea of it is to have the dads and sons spend the day together having fun," said Dorrie Wagner, acting sports director for youth services.

Youth Services met its objective, said Maurice McFarland Sr.

"My son and I don't get to spend much time together. So for me, playing a fun game with my son is something I will treasure forever. I treasure each moment I spend with him."

The sons agreed.

"I enjoyed the time with my dad," said Malik Turner, 9. "We tried our best and almost won. But, I still had fun anyway."

The tournament offered a competitive atmosphere, McFarland said.

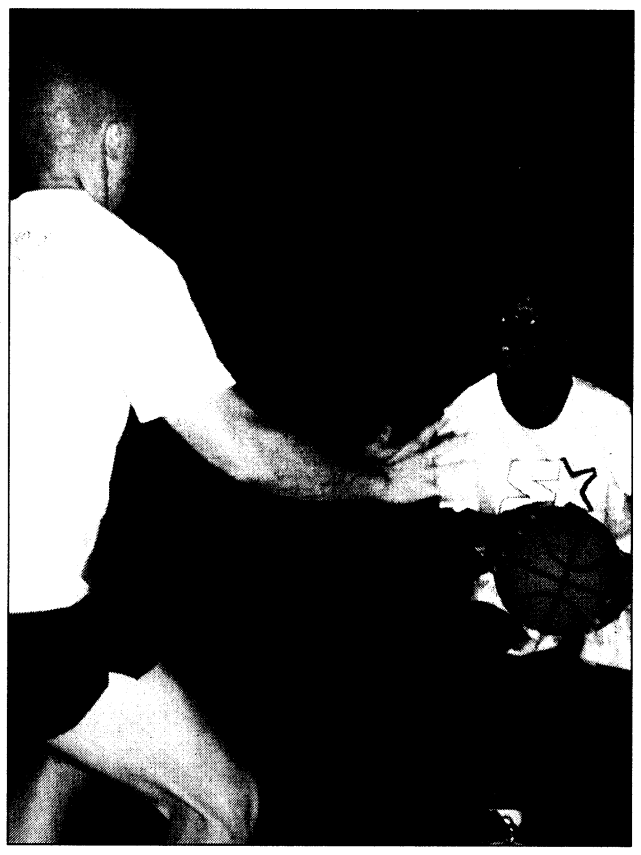
Both fathers and sons played hard to win each game. The fathers gave their sons more shots to allow them to improve their game.

"The idea is you want to win," McFarland said. "However, I wanted it to be more of a learning experience for my son. I tried to get him more involved and let him have the ball more and take more shots than me."

Even though the sons had the ball more than their fathers, the fathers still got a great workout doing what they could to get their sons the ball..

"Fighting for every rebound is tough," McFarland said. "You want to get the ball so you can allow your son another shot and to help boost his confidence."

Throughout the tournament, the teams showed great sportsmanship, Wagner said.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Darius Woldridge, 10, concentrates on shooting the ball over David Meyer.

"The key to the tournament is to keep a positive attitude," Wagner said. "The tournament is more fun if everyone is out here for the fun of it."

The teams fought hard in each age category. But, like in all sports, there is one team that comes out on top as the winner.

Up next for the Youth Services is a summer basketball league. The league is currently looking for coaches and assistant coaches.

For more information call Wagner at 545-3070.

Ranger Joe's finishes season undefeated

Bridgett Siter
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The final game of the Columbus Industrial Men's Open Softball season turned into a mere play date for Ranger Joe's, June 12, when they defeated Feathers & Friends 16-2. Or 27-6. Or maybe it was 28-7.

Feathers & Friends ran afoul with the umpire in the fourth inning, when they introduced a player wearing an unauthorized jersey. Industrial league regulations prohibit such bodacious behavior, so the umpire "called" the game — meaning he walked off the field.

But the undefeated Joe's weren't ready to call it a night, and up by 14 runs, they could afford to be generous. Play continued until sometime late in the fifth, when by mutual consent, both teams parted company.

The final score? Well, that depends who you ask. But no one's disputing the fact that Ranger Joe's won.

Joe's got off to a slow start with three up, three down, and the 9-8 Feathers & Friends came on strong, when Matt Dorrill drove in two runs with a solid hit to left field. From there, it went south for the flock.

Ranger Joe's scored five runs early in the second, thanks in part to defensive errors. John Clark popped one over the left-field fence and drove in three.

The second inning ended when Feathers & Friends' Brandon Pratt hit the ball down the center for a double play.

Ranger Joe's came on strong in the third, led by left-handed hard-hitter Pat Harris. Feathers & Friends' outfield errors worked in Joe's favor, as one right after another singled and doubled.

After three up, three down for Feathers & Friends, the Joe's once again took the plate, hitting round the line-up before the umpire called it quits. Score 16-2.

"Nothing but batting practice. We're just here to have fun," said Jimmy Armstrong, Ranger Joe's coach. "Let's keep on playing."

And they did … on and on and on, batting round twice before Feathers & Friends shut them down. The score, unofficial or otherwise, was 23-2 at the bottom of the fourth.

A series of singles and a double upped the score to 23-6, but by now, who's counting?

Ranger Joe's found a magnet in left field at the top of the fifth. Pop, pop, pop. Tony Oakley put one out. Then Clark put another out. Then another by Tom Siter.

Feathers & Friends took the bat with a score of 27-6, when Joe's pitcher William Lendoff made them an offer they couldn't refuse — bat through the line-up, no matter how many outs. And just to shake things up a bit, the Joe's all switched positions, infield and out.

After five successive outs, Feathers & Friends scored another run and ended the game on a high note.

Race to determine six-person teams

Soldiers ready to continue tradition

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

After skipping a year due to 9/11, Fort Benning is preparing for the 18th annual Army 10-miler competition.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation — Directorate of Community Activities is sponsoring three qualifying 10-mile races.

All races will be held at 7 a.m. at Santiago Fitness Center June 22, July 20 and Aug. 17.

The best times posted by active duty military personnel during the qualifiers will determine two six-person teams, said Andrew Snoddy, post sports director.

There will be one male and one female active-duty military team representing Fort Benning.

"For those who like to run, this event will be a lot of fun," Snoddy said. "It's an opportunity to spend time with individuals of a similar mind-set."

One individual with a strong mind-set for running is Staff Sgt. William Northcut, training NCO for Infantry Training Brigade.

Northcut represented Fort Drum's, N.Y., team in Army 10-Miler in 1999 and 2000.

"Competing with a team is a really good idea," Northcut said. "Preparing for the race is a lot of fun.

"Each person on the team motivates their teammate to do better.

"For me personally, training for the Army 10-Miler has put my body in the best shape I've ever been in."

Not only is this a great opportunity to get in shape, it's a chance to represent Fort Benning in the nation's capital, Snoddy said.

"Those who are selected for the teams will have their traveling expenses paid for," Snoddy said. "The race actually goes through our nation's capital, and there are many national treasures to see during the race."

The course passes by the Lincoln Memorial, the Capitol and the Washington Monument.

"Historically, Fort Benning has participated in this event since the '80s and has always finished in the top 10 every year," Snoddy said. "We're looking forward to continuing the tradition."

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the three qualifiers, but must understand the six-persons teams will only be selected from active duty military members, Snoddy said.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Summer swimming pool hours

Briant Wells Indoor Pool
545-5709

- Lap Swimming is 5:30 a.m. to 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Recreational Swimming is 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays
- Military Training is 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Friday.
- The pool will be closed June 30 through Sept. 3.

Carey Pool
545-3248

- Lap Swimming is 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to Monday through Friday.
- Recreational Swimming is 1 p.m. through 8 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday.
- Military Training is 7 to 11 a.m. Monday through Friday. The pool is closed from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday.

Custer Terrace Pool
682-8120

- Recreational Swimming is from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday through Tuesday. Closed Wednesday and Thursday.

Kelley Hill Pool opens July 1
544-2741

- Lap Swimming is 5:30 to 8 a.m. and 11 to 1 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Recreational Swimming is 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday through Monday.
- Military Training is from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday and 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday.

Outdoor pools close Sept. 2.

SPORT'S BRIEFS

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CG Golf Scramble — The CG pay day golf scramble will be at the Fort Benning Golf Club 12:30 p.m. Thursday. Food and beverage will be provided to all tournament players. Prizes for the winners along with giveaways will be awarded at the end of the scramble.

For more information and early registration, call 687-1940.

YS aerobics — Youth Services aerobics classes start in July. Registration is ongoing at Building 1056, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The classes are open to children ages 6 and up.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Army 10-Miler qualifier — There will be three races to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team. The races will be at the Santiago Fitness Center June 22, July 20 and Aug. 17. Registration begins day of the race at 6 to 6:45 a.m. The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the 18th annual Army 10-miler race Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Volleyball tournament — There will be a single elimination volleyball tournament at Briant Wells July 1-3. Rosters must be completed and turned in by 5 p.m. Thursday. There will be a meeting for all teams participating at 3 p.m. June 28.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1/30 will receive free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification. Hours of operation are from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Football Camp — The Phenix City Boys and Girls Club and the Columbus Wardogs will present the Woodrow Lowe Youth Football Camp. The camp will run from Thursday to June 28 at Girard Park and June 29 at the Columbus Civic Center. The cost is $35 and is open 8- through 17-year-olds.

For more information, call the Phenix City Boys and Girls Club at (334) 298-1962.

YMCA run — The YMCA World's Largest 5K run and walk will be 9 a.m. Saturday at the South Commons Civic Center. Awards will be presented to males and females in 12 different age groups and to the overall male and female winners. Register at the YMCA central branch located on 11th Street and 2nd Avenue. The cost is $22.

For more information, visit www.active.com or call 322-8269.

Summer shootout — The Premier Summer Shootout, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation Joints in Motion Marathon Training Team, will conduct a shooting clay tournament July 27 at Chattahoochee Clays Shooting Course, 3945 Old Seale Highway. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with two flights obtainable at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Summer Shootout offers a four-man team with NSCA Rules applying. The day will include a catered lunch and shooters bags for each participant, team trophies as well as door prizes to be raffled off during the awards ceremony schedule to begin at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 576-4086, ext. 3.

Youth volleyball — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for boys and girls ages 15-20, who are accomplished volleyball players to represent the U.S. on the 2002 Goodwill Ambassadors World Tour. The European tour will be from July 1-22. For more information, call John Littleman at (425) 255-4645.

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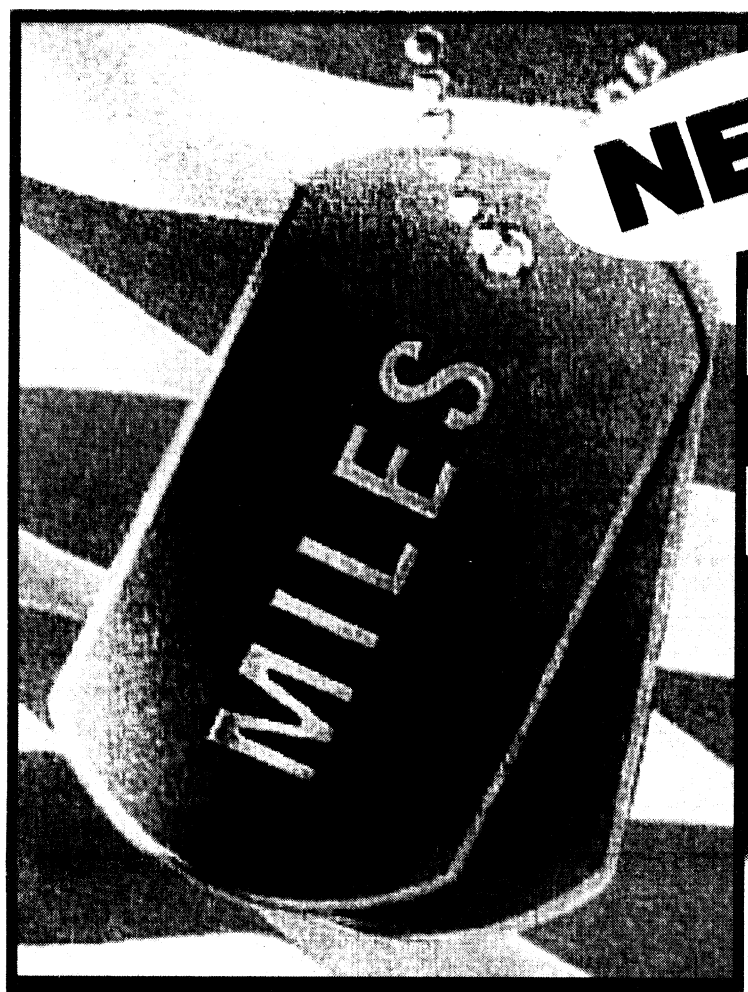




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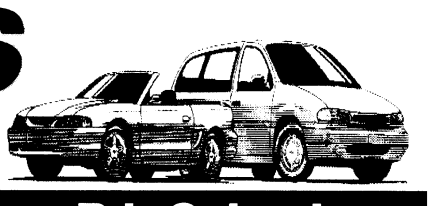
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Queen Size off-white Headboard Dresser / Mirror; 5 Drawer Chest; 2 night stands $200, Twin Size Bed - Oak Wood Headboard / Footboard 1 Dresser / Mirror $125 Call 568-1250 / 545-1501(F28)

King sized waterbed fram on 3 drawer pedistool, complete with waterbed bladder full wave, drain fill kit, waterbed heater and pad for bladder. $100. 682-3693 please lve message (F28)

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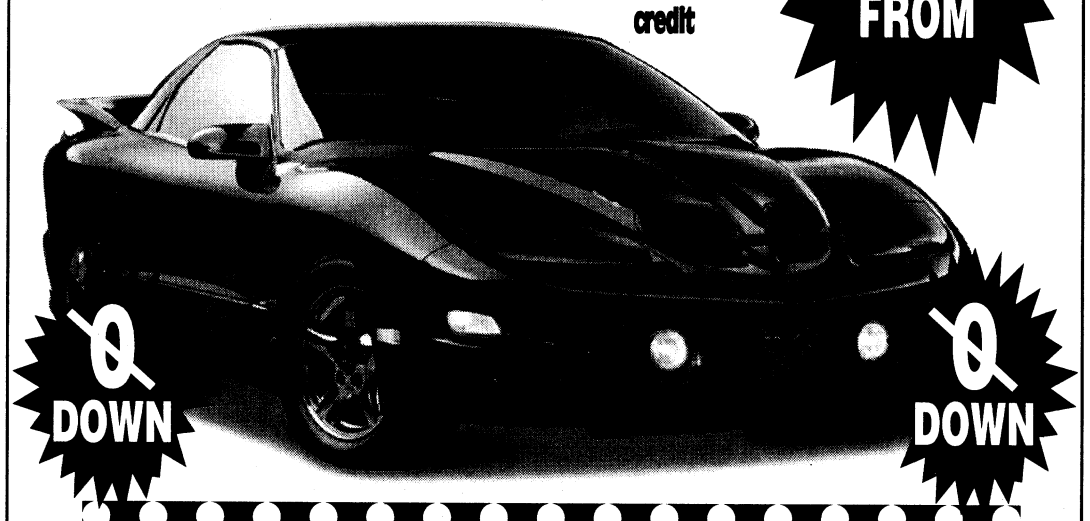
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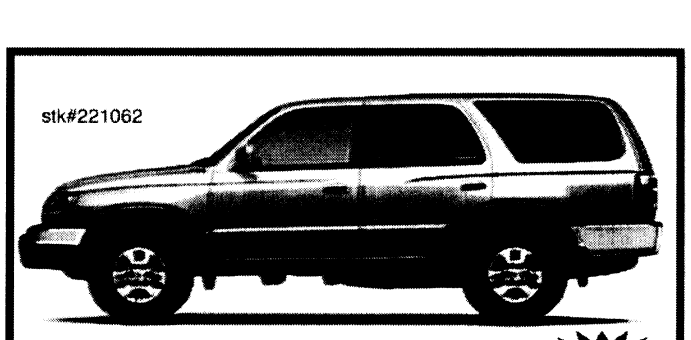
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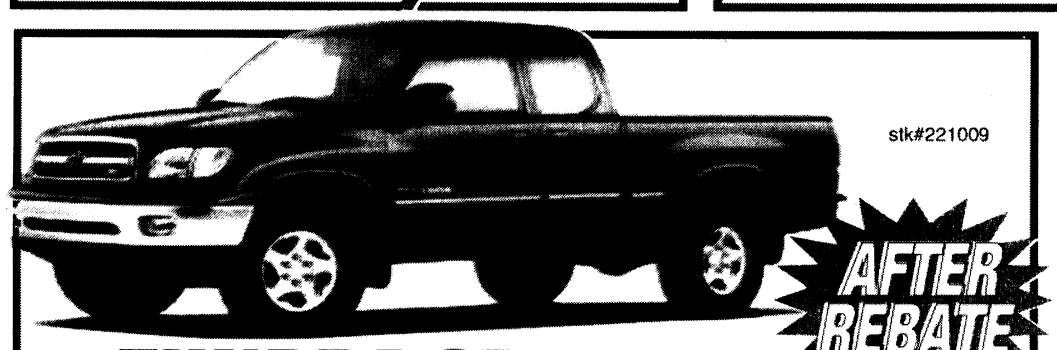


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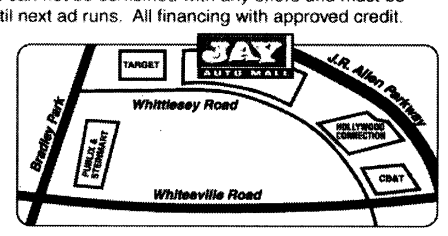
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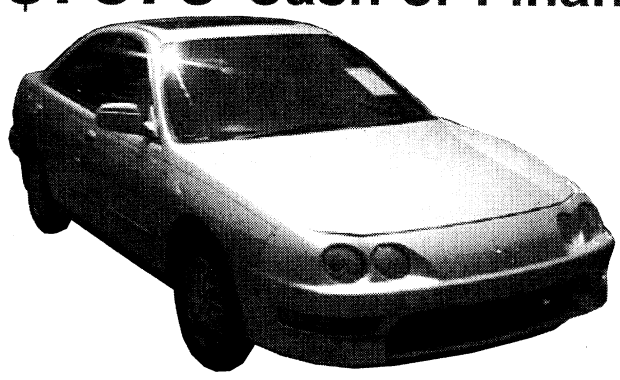
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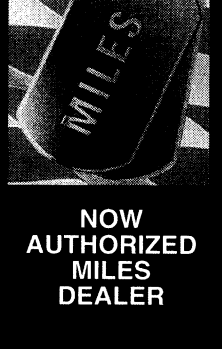
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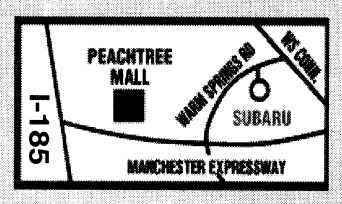


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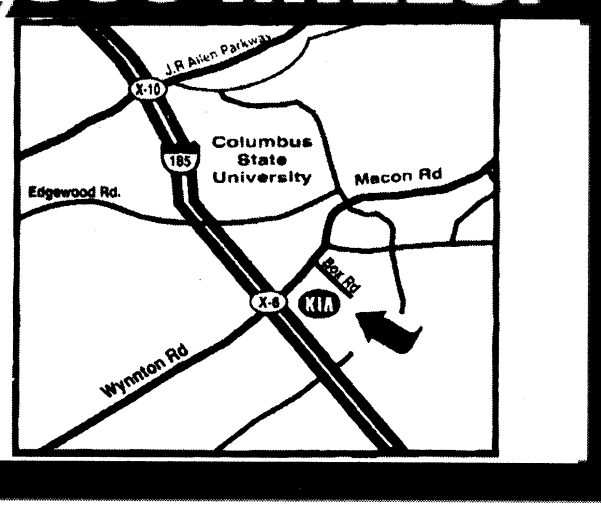
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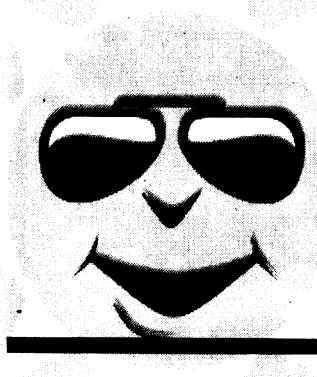
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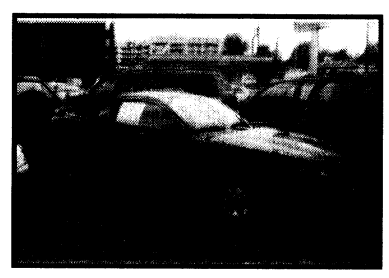
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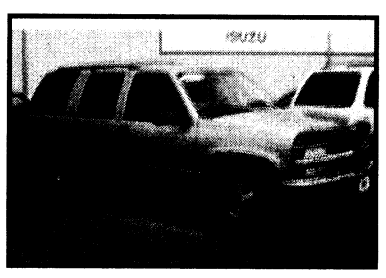
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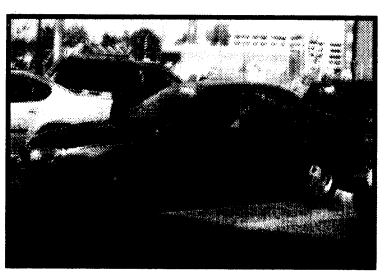
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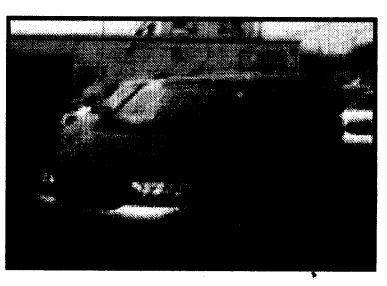
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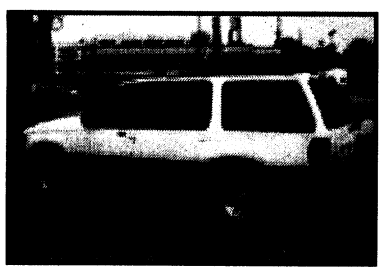
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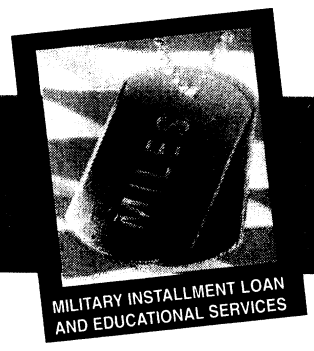


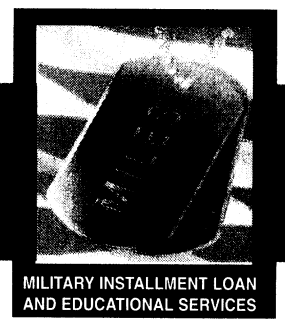
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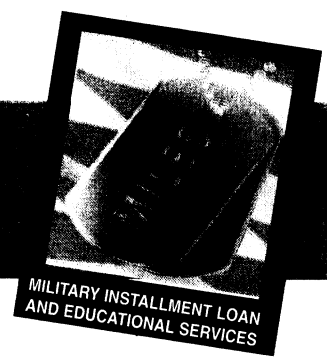
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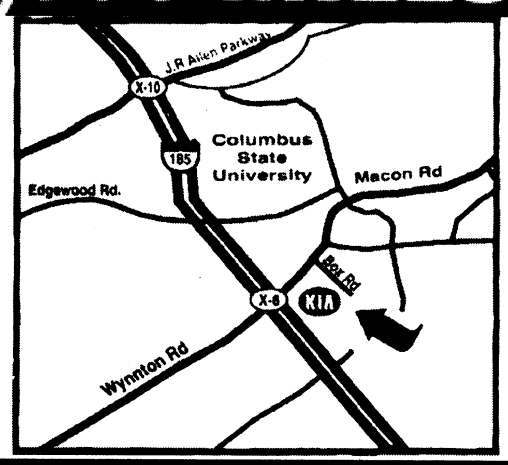
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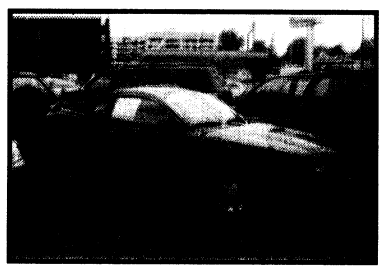
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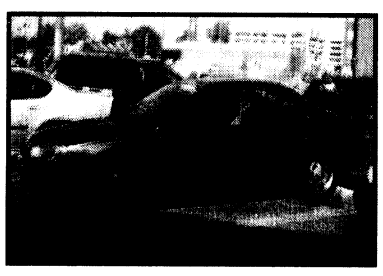
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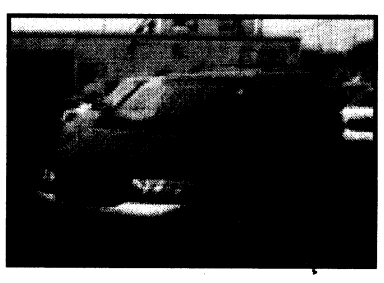
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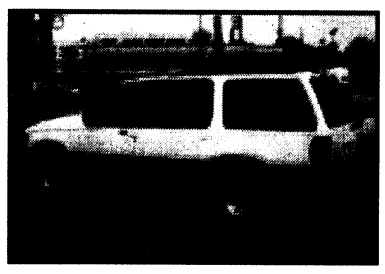
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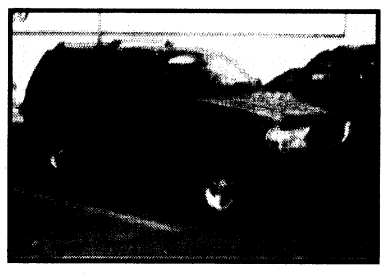
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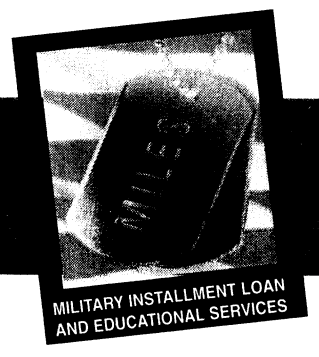


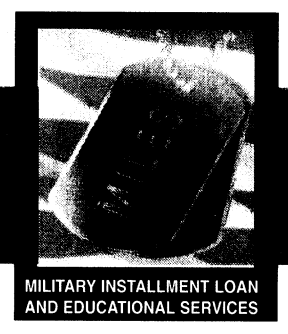
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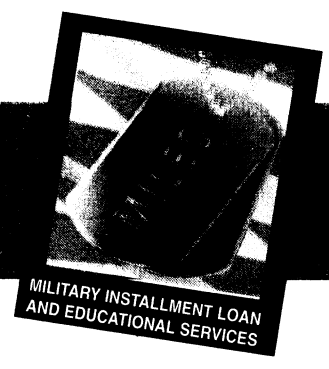
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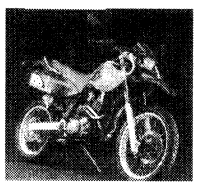
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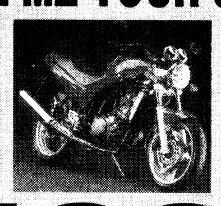
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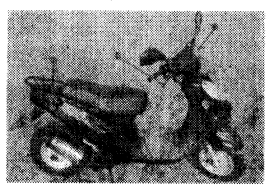
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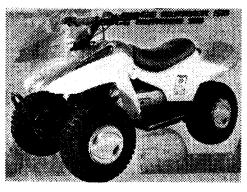
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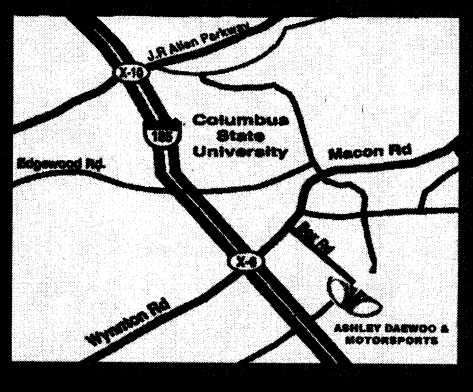


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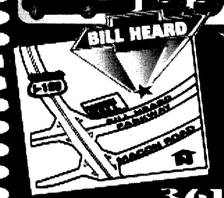
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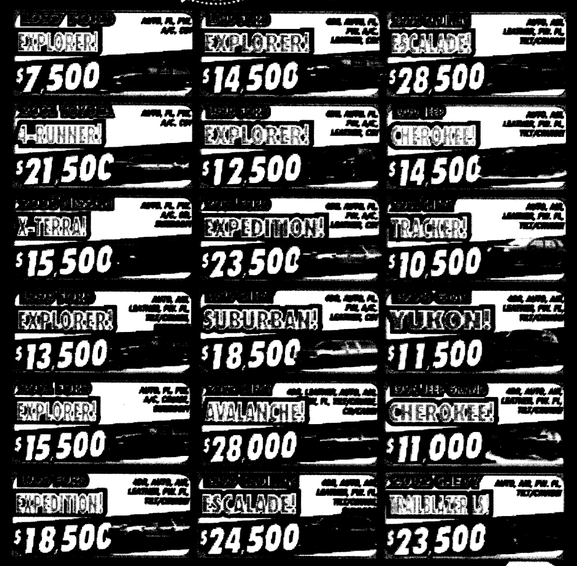
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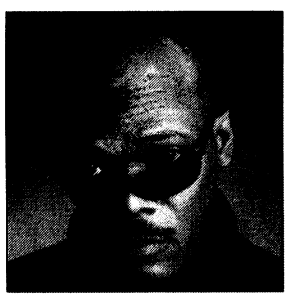
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Hospital faces doctor shortage

MACH to hire more civilian physicians

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

A shortage of physicians at Martin Army Community Hospital may require soldiers and families to re-evaluate their need for immediate care this summer.

Ten of the hospital's 18 family practice providers have been deployed, leaving the facility understaffed until at least September.

"We anticipated a shortage happening as a result of September 11," said Col. Gale S. Pollock, commander, Martin Army Community Hospital. "Our doctors are needed with the deploying units. We are doing everything we can to accommodate this."

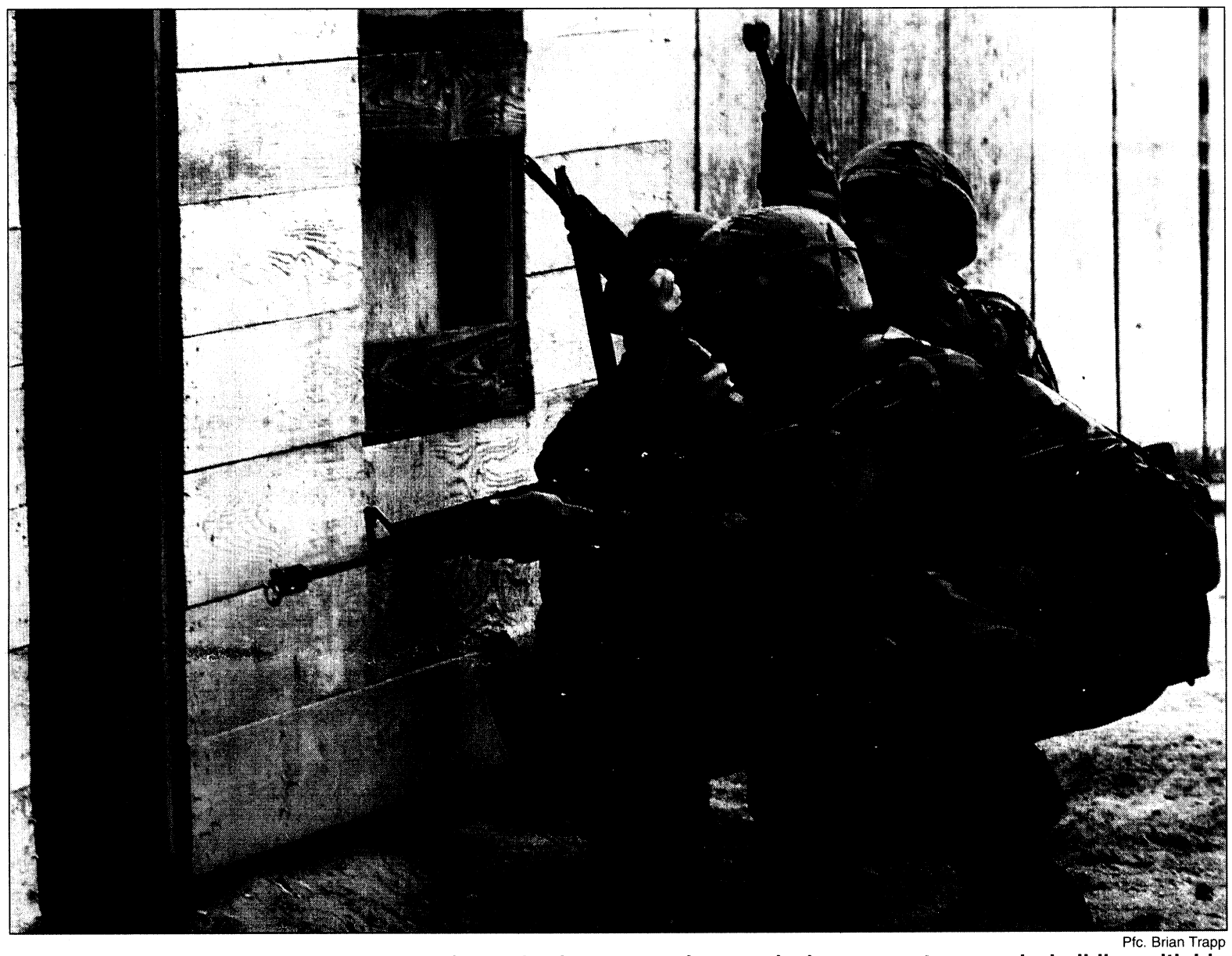
In addition to the shortage of family practice physicians, three of the eight pediatricians are gone, as well as three of the five internal medicine providers. The hospital is also operating with only 40 percent of its support staff in place.

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> **Col. Gale S. Pollock**
> Martin Army Community Hospital commander

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Get ready!



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Pfc. Dustin Bolden, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, practices tactical movements around a building with his buddies at the Malone Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain site. For more information, see page A-10.

Uniform rules available online

Two dozen changes to take effect

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The most current uniform policy regulation went online June 25, and clarification of the Army's tattoo policy is only one of two dozen changes or updates that will take effect Aug. 1.

The one change people won't see in the regulation is males having the authority to carry umbrellas. The Army is not ready for that change, said Master Sgt. Kittie Messman, the uniform policy noncommissioned officer for the Army's G1.

Last December the Army announced that changes were being staffed, and the tattoo policy is one that underwent the most modifications.

"Under the old regulation, it stated that tattoos were prohibited on the face, neck and head. ... Now, it states that tattoos are not to be visible in the Class A uniform with trousers. So there is a common standard for both males and females," Messman said.

Soldiers who currently have tattoos on their hands will be "grand-fathered" and allowed to keep them, Messman said, as long as the tattoos are inoffensive.

Counseling requirements for commanders with soldiers who have tattoos are also outlined in the updated regulation. Offensive tattoos anywhere on the body are prohibited, but tattoos that are not offensive need to be documented in a written report at the discretion of the commander.

To eliminate subjective opinions from one command to the next, the soldier will present the written documentation at his new assignment, Messman said.

Other items that were revised include hair, nails, contacts, cell phones, pagers, headgear, "camelbaks," desert battle-dress-

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Some of the highlights of the Army uniform changes are:

- Dreadlocks are prohibited for all soldiers. Prohibited hair dye colors include purple, blue, pink, green, orange, bright fire-engine red and neon colors,
- If soldiers use dyes, tints or bleaches, they must choose those that result in natural hair colors,
- Women are authorized to wear braids and cornrows; baldness is authorized for males, either natural or shaved,
- Males are not authorized to wear nail polish and they must keep nails trimmed to the tip of the finger. Females must keep nails trimmed no longer than 1/4 inch, as measured from the fingertip. Two-tone or multi-tone manicures and nail designs are prohibited. Prohibited nail polish colors include bright fire-engine red, khaki or camouflage, purple, gold, blue, black, white and neon colors,
- Tinted or colored contacts, and contacts that change the shape of the iris are prohibited, as they are not medically required. The only tinted contacts authorized are opaque lenses (when prescribed for eye injuries) and clear corrective vision lenses,
- All soldiers are exempt from wearing headgear to evening social events (after retreat).

Leaders focus on post soldiers

Millennium Challenge will help fight war

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

The eyes and ears of the country's most powerful generals, admirals, senators and other political figures will soon be on a team of Fort Benning soldiers.

Seventy-three men and women from the 29th Infantry Regiment have been chosen to communicate the Army's latest developments during the 2002 Millennium Challenge, at Fort Irwin, Calif., July 24 through Aug. 15.

The Millennium Challenge is the largest military experiment designed to see how well the four branches of the military are

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I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE

Court short circuits

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

And now, from the people who defended a murderer with a legal defense based on Twinkies, comes one unhappy camper who went to court because he didn't want his daughter to recite "the Pledge of Allegiance" in her school.

And won. Sort of.

I don't have a problem with this guy's opinion. You know what they say about opinions. They're like noses. Everyone's entitled to one.

Diversity is a good thing. Tolerance, especially religious tolerance, is how our country got its start. As Americans, it's our middle name.

But tolerance is a two-way street. This dude needs to meet the folks he doesn't agree with halfway, and the 9th U.S. Circuit Court wasn't the place.

So this guy's a free thinker. He's bringing his child up as a free thinker. Good for him. But since when has a minority been able to dictate to a vast majority? When did it change to "the minority rules?"



Instead of clogging up a court system, wringing an almost immediately reversed decision and reinforcing stereotypes about California being "the granola state," he should have used the issue as a springboard to talk about his beliefs, how not everyone agrees about every issue, and how "different" doesn't equate to "wrong," it just means "not the same." And he could have used the issue to teach her coping skills that would not have offended anyone without compromising any beliefs.

This child could have learned to just not say the words her father finds so offensive while reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Her father could have asked that she be excused from the classroom while reciting the pledge. If he felt that strongly about it, why wasn't she being home schooled?

Instead of learning the fine art of compromise, she's learned that if you don't agree with the majority, take them to court. Wonder what she's going to do if she doesn't like the color scheme the prom committee picks?

Minority groups, small religious sects and people with opinions that are not widely shared are accommodated all of the time. I'm sure that this guy would have been, too. It's what being tolerant is all about.

What I really want to know is, if this father feels this strongly about saying "'under God," is he habitually defacing all of his money by scribbling over the "In God We Trust" on the back of his cash? Is he driving on roads that were paid for with that money? Does he make his family avert their eyes every time they go past a church?

Can he accept songs like "God Bless America" as an American tradition?

Or does he read between the lines of every reference to God as an attempt to sway from his beliefs?

Pretty close-minded thinking for an open-minded free thinker isn't it?

Maybe it's time he switched from Twinkies back to granola.

Let's put a bowl out for him in the middle of the road.

War on terrorism brings new meaning to Fourth of July

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

COMMENTARY

For the first time since Vietnam, the United States is at war during Independence Day.

The global war on terrorism brings new meaning to the Fourth of July. The celebration of U.S. freedom is muted in many homes because of death or the absence of loved ones off serving the country.

July 4, 1776, was also celebrated during a time of war. As the Second Continental Congress voted for independence in Philadelphia, the British fleet sailed into the harbor of New York to land soldiers.

Americans knew from the moment the Declaration of Independence was approved that they were embarking on a new course. The war for independence had started in April 1775 when Patriot and British forces traded volleys at Lexington and Concord, Mass. The Continental Congress established the Continental Army June 14, 1775, and appointed George Washington as its commander the next day.

From the first shots until July 4, 1776, Patriot forces would battle the British army or their Tory allies (colonists loyal to Britain) in more than a dozen significant face-offs from northern New York to South Carolina and countless unrecorded minor ones. War affected each and every Colonial family, whether Patriot or Tory.

When Congress passed the Declaration of Independence, no one knew what form "these United states" would ultimately take. The Colonies, after all, were just a loose collection of English-speaking settlements that had been founded for a variety of reasons — nation-building not being one. Continental distances in the age of horse power were daunting, and every possibility existed that the Colonies would go their separate ways once independence was won.

But even during the war, Washington and other Patriot leaders strove to make sense of the price in blood that Americans were paying for independence. Washington knew that "these United states" would be an experiment that could only succeed if independence were secured on the pillars of justice and freedom.

Washington didn't want Americans to exchange one tyrant for another, or another set of tyrants. The Revolution had to have meaning beyond just winning American independence.

Freedom and justice are worth fighting for. Americans from the Revolution to the War on Global Terrorism have realized that. Americans don't fight for plunder or territory. They do fight in defense of their homes, to establish peace and for the basic rights of human beings.

July 4th this year will have celebrations. Fireworks will go off and Americans will join with friends and family to celebrate all that is good about being Americans.

But Americans must remember the great evil done to America and what the country stands for as they celebrate independence.

"If you're interested in fighting evil, you can do so by doing some good — by mentoring a child, by going to a shut-in's house and say, 'What can I do to help you?'" President Bush said during a speech June 19. "You see, it's those small acts of kindness that really end up defining the true character of this country.

"I believe that out of the evil done to America (on Sept. 11) will come incredible good," Bush said. "The world is going to be more peaceful. America will be more secure. And millions of Americans understand that serving something greater than yourself in life is an important part of having a full life."

The Fourth of July is the most American of holidays.

In a time of war, it is the time to celebrate together and work together to make America worth the blood sacrificed by so many.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Country depends on service

At a critical moment during the Revolutionary War, when his army was surrounded and in danger of being destroyed, General Washington issued this order: "Put only Americans on guard tonight." Washington knew, at that moment of crisis, he could rely on those citizen-soldier volunteers who had left behind their families and farms to risk everything for the cause of freedom.

Thanks to their service and sacrifice, America achieved her independence. And every July 4th since, Americans have come together to give thanks for our freedom and what our country has become: the freest, most creative and dynamic nation on earth.

This Fourth of July across America, families will enjoy picnics, and parades, and the uplifting beat of *Stars and Stripes Forever*. But our celebrations are tempered by the knowledge that the freedoms we hold sacred and dear have once again come under attack.

So today, as in General Washington's time, we take comfort in the knowledge that Americans like you are on guard tonight — soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen.

Like the Minute Men who dropped their pitchforks and took up rifles to defend their new nation in 1776, each of you stepped forward to defend America against the new threats of this new century.

Through your service and sacrifice, you help make every day Independence Day for the United States of America.

Our people are free because your hearts are brave. And so on this Fourth of July, we stop to say to each of you: Thank you for what you do for our country.

— **Donald H. Rumsfeld**
Secretary of Defense

CORRECTION

In last week's paper, in a photo on Page A-1, Jacob Baumgartner was misidentified.

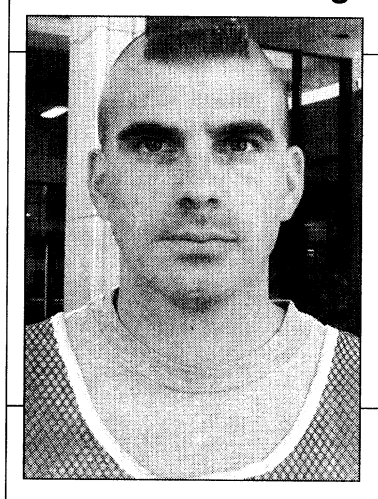
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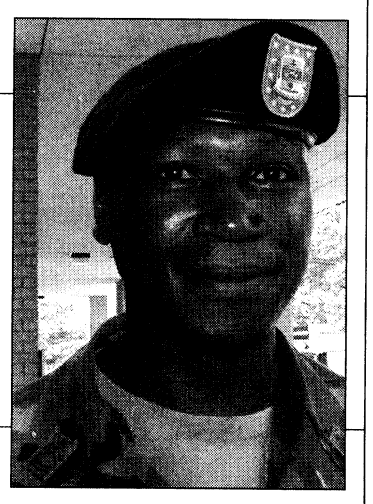
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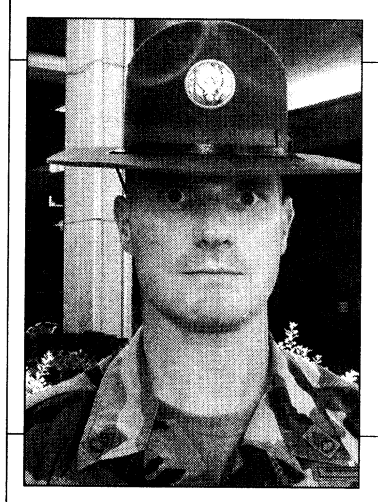
How do you feel about the 9th District Court's ruling on the Pledge of Allegiance?



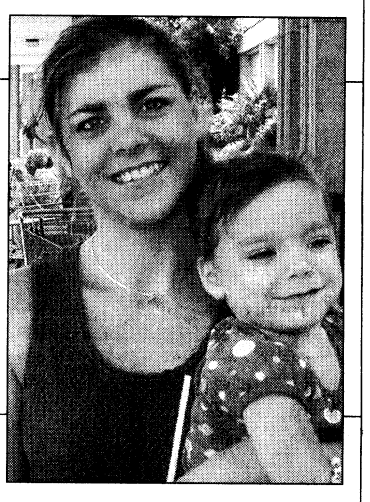
Staff Sgt. Douglas Stout, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment — "I think it is a load of garbage. I think this guy is just trying to get attention; after all, he's spending the money with 'In God we trust' on it."



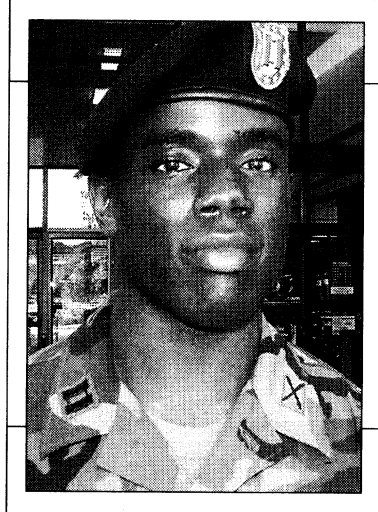
Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Chappel, 317th Engineer Battalion — "I think it is crazy because God is who we should serve."



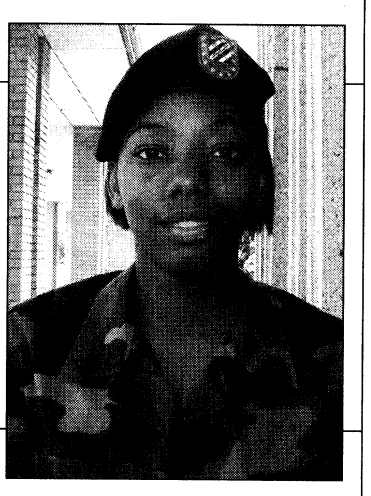
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Retirees remind riggers of job's importance

Parachute packers proud of their role

Angela Sachitano
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"I will be sure always."

That's the motto of E Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment.

The soldiers, also known as riggers, are responsible for keeping the parachutes safe for every man and woman who jump on Fort Benning.

"There are a lot of people who are still nervous about jumping," said retired Chief Warrant Officer and former rigger Coy McDonald. "They need to have confidence the riggers are doing things correctly. I learned many valuable lessons as a rigger."

McDonald and 112 other former Army riggers reunited on Fort Benning the week of June 24 to revisit their old stomping grounds.

The crew of retired generals, colonels, Golden Knights and other distinguished soldiers all had one thing in common. Somewhere on the path of their military career, they were responsible for packing, inspecting and securing the parachutes of rangers, airborne and jumpmaster troops.

"I get invited to a lot of reunions," said retired Brig. Gen. Sherman Williford, a rigger from 1959-1963. "I chose this one because this was my first assignment at the age of 18, and I owe a lot to these guys. The leadership I received from fellow riggers paved my way to success."

The rigger company has paved the way for many successful soldiers including thousands of females, who until the 1970s were prohibited from rigger school.

"I became a rigger in 1983," said retired Maj. Brenda Warren. "As a female, I enjoyed taking part in such an important part of the military."

And riggers say taking part in such an important role only benefits soldiers in the future.

"When you spend time as a rigger, you are never afraid to jump," McDonald said. "You know the time and effort that is put into making sure your chute will open when it's supposed to. That's why riggers have gone on to fill some of the most important roles of the Army."

The reunion was the first time some of the retirees had seen each other since they began their military career several decades ago.

Although they had many questions for each other, the real curiosity was aimed at the Fort Benning riggers working today.

"I have many questions for the men and women securing the parachutes now," said retired Sgt. Pat Geraghty, a rigger from 1958-1961. "Parachutes have gone through extraordinary changes, and I can only imagine how that has affected the responsibilities of the riggers."

"The quick-release buttons were a long-awaited change," said Capt. Rich Glisson, commander of E Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry.

"The parachutes are also modified so you can steer them. Every fold and knot these men make as they prepare these parachutes are a result of those changes."

Glisson escorted the former riggers through the rigger shed to get a close up of just how things have changed since they were riggers.



Angela Sachitano

Pvt. Ryan Daily explains the current rigger process to retired Sgt. Pat Geraghty June 27.

"It's amazing how all these men are working on one chute at once," Geraghty said. "Each rigger carefully checks the other's work. I remember the feeling of wanting to be 100 percent confident these were safe. One mistake could cost a soldier his life."

And riggers know that.

"Riggers are some of the most important members of the Army," Williford said. "I am proud to have been a part of the team. I would encourage any soldier aiming for a successful military career to consider being a rigger."

Rangers to induct 16 into Ranger Hall of Fame

Ceremony to honor action of heroes

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When the audience for the Ranger Hall of Fame Ceremony for 2002 gather in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, they will witness the induction of 16 U.S. Army Ranger alumni who served their country with distinction.

Although three recipients will be inducted posthumously, onlookers and well-wishers will see firsthand soldiers who embodied the Army values during their entire military career — loyalty, dedication, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

• Robert L. Carr penetrated behind enemy lines in Burma to free a trapped Marauder unit after a 10-day blockade had exacted heavy American casualties, forcing Japanese forces to retreat.

• Autrail Cobb established a profound record of heroism in the Vietnam War, and today senior leaders hone their leadership skills under his mentorship at the Joint Readiness Training Center.

• James H. Collier laid his life on the line while serving in two combat tours in Vietnam, and today he serves veterans as the District Manager and Veteran Coordinator for the Tennessee Department of Labor.

• Glenn H. English Jr. was mortally wounded while saving the lives of fellow Rangers who were trapped in a burning personnel carrier.

• Charles E. Getz exposed himself to hostile fire to eliminate the enemy, and with only a bayonet, dived into underwater caves and captured 17 enemy, their weapons and equipment.

• James E. Hopkins left his practice at Johns Hopkins Hospital to serve in Merrill's Marauders and was instrumental in improving the helmet and developing lightweight combat vests.

• Lester E. Kness, during a German counterattack and while wounded, led a group of rangers in a fierce firefight defending the outpost.

• Charles Rickard Laws Jr., as a combat engineer, personally removed hundreds of land mines in Vietnam and increased the mobility of friendly forces.

• Harris L. Parker served two combat tours in Vietnam, and his ranger skills contributed to the team effort of his fellow U.S. advisors.

• Edward L. Posey served two tours in Korea and without use of his right side, pulled his pistol out of his holster with his left hand and advanced and rooted the enemy from its position.

• Edward W. Pucel saw combat in World War II and the Korean War. He parachuted into enemy territory about 50 miles behind enemy lines to blow up an important railroad tunnel, disrupt communications and supply lines.

• James D. Rogers, while in Vietnam, elected to remain behind to provide fire for the withdrawal of the wounded and shouldered his comrade in arms and carried him under intense fire to safety.

In 1983, Rogers was inducted into the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame.

• Kenneth W. Stauss provided command and control for two simultaneous combat parachute assault airfield seizure operations during Operation Just Cause. He is buried near the final resting place of William O. Darby, leader of the Darby Rangers during World War II.

• Dennis L. Thompson withstood solitary confinement for three years while his captors attempted to beat and starve him into submission.

• Victor D. Valeriano returned a number of enemy grenades thrown into his position, which caused the enemy to withdraw.

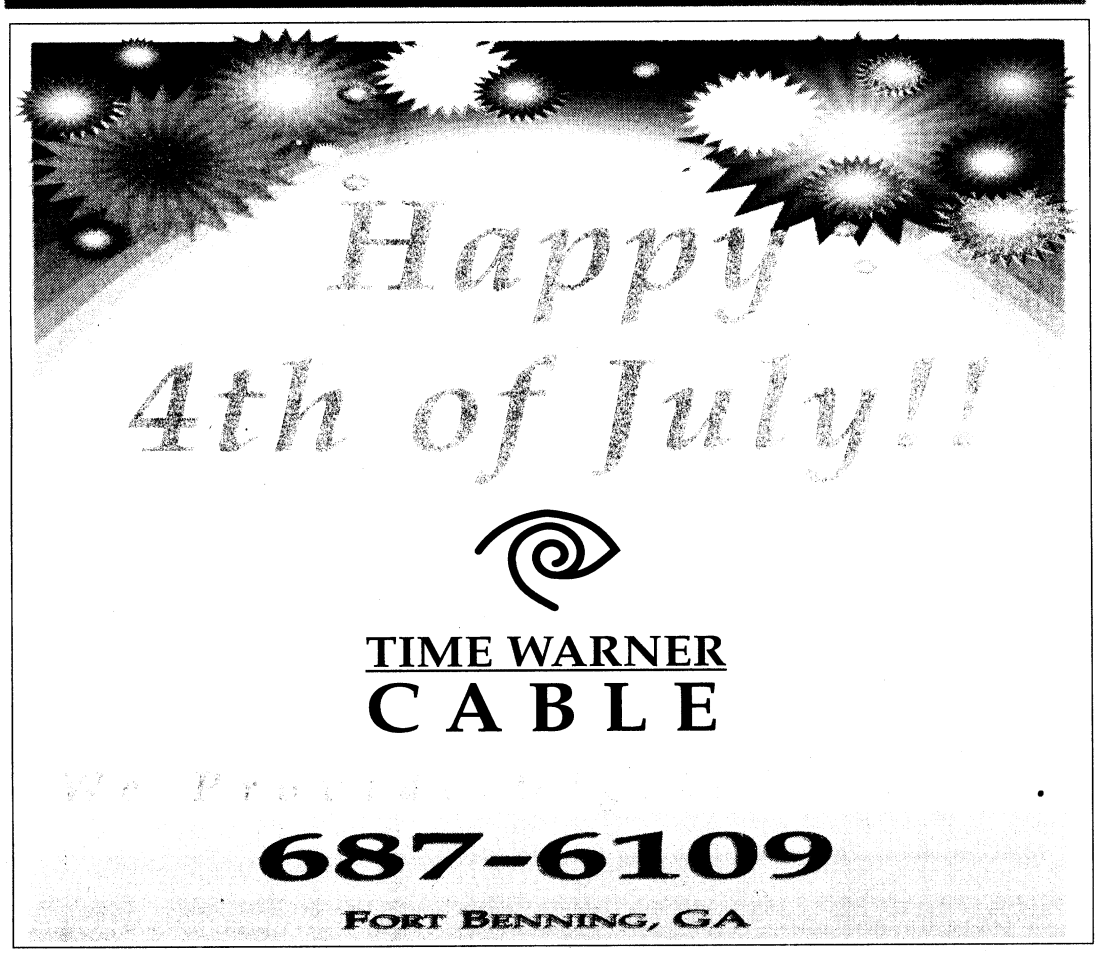
• Richard D. Wandke served two tours in Vietnam. Though wounded, he was able to keep his company in contact with a superior force for 13 hours.

Family members of deceased rangers English, Pucel and Stauss will stand in for them at the ceremony.

The guest speaker is retired Brig. Gen. Richard J. Eaton, no relation to Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton. Steve Thiel will be the master of ceremonies.







Battle Boar Battalion changes command

Professionals made job 'easy'

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin hands the battalion colors to Lt. Col. Wesley Gillman June 28 at the battalion's change of command.

The executive officer for the Infantry Branch with Personnel Command in Alexandria, Va., returned to 3rd Infantry Division to be the 81st commander of 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, in a ceremony on Essebagger Field June 28.

Lt. Col. Wesley Gillman succeeds Lt. Col. Audy Snodgrass, who will stay on Fort Benning to be the deputy commander of 11th Infantry Regiment.

"I've had the easiest job in the world, Battle Boars," Snodgrass said. "We have such a bunch of professionals I haven't had to do more than give an occasional nudge. I haven't had to work hard because we have soldiers who want to make it happen."

"They say a commander's worth is based on the number of tubas he gets in his band, (at the change of command ceremony) and you have three, so you must be pretty good," said Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, deputy division commander.

"A unit's leadership may change but the ethos and personality will stay the same," Austin said.

Snodgrass said goodbye to the battalion that worked under his command for approximately 742 days.

Gillman was first assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division in Germany and served as a platoon leader, support platoon leader and as a battalion logistics officer. After attending the Infantry Advanced Course, he returned to Germany and served as the battalion motor officer and as a company commander in Aschaffenberg, Germany.

He also served as an operations analyst and systems manager at the U.S. Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and served as the battalion operations officer for 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment.

"It's an honor to be back in the 30th (Infantry Regiment) and back to Fort Benning surrounded by all these great soldiers," Gillman said. "I look forward to continuing the standards of excellence."

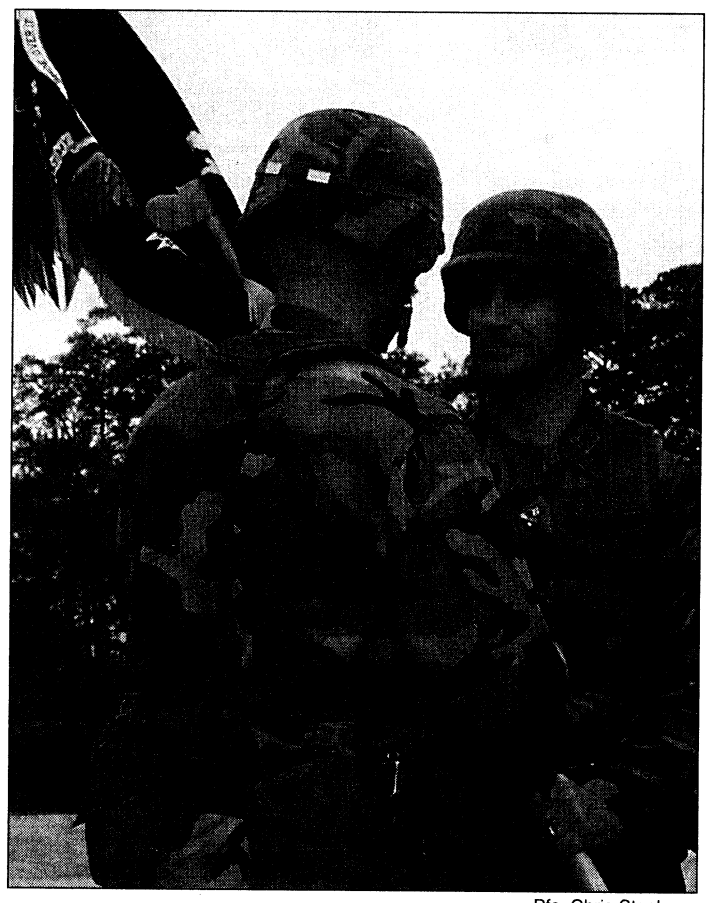
Gillman is a 1984 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and received a Master of Science in operations research. He also graduated from Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Ranger School, Bradley Infantry Fighting Vehicle Commander's Course, Combined Arms Staff Service School and the Command and General Staff school.

Some of his decorations include the Bronze star medal with V device, Meritorious Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Parachutist Badge, Combat Infantryman Badge and a Ranger Tab.

'Mailed Foot' battalion gets new commander

Commander looks forward to challenges

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Col. Thomas Hayden hands off the battalion colors to the new commander Lt. Col. Allen R. Smith.

A former Fort Benning Ranger and Airborne graduate made his return to the Home of the Infantry as he took command of the 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, June 26 in a change-of-command ceremony on Kanell Field.

Lt. Col. Allen R. Smith took command of the battalion nicknamed "Mailed Foot" from Lt. Col. Derek A. Miller, who is heading to Germany to work at Combat Maneuver Training Center in Hohenfels.

"I'm looking forward to my assignment in Germany," Miller said. "It is going to test me in every area and is going to offer many challenges to my job."

Smith is coming from the Joint Readiness Training Center in Fort Polk, La., and said he looks forward to the challenge of working with other officers and NCOs in helping transform civilians into soldiers.

"We will continue to train outstanding soldiers in this battalion who will, in the near future, make a significant contribution to the Army," Smith said.

Smith has also served in a variety of assignments which include service with the 82nd Airborne Division, Reserve Officer Training Corps at Georgia Military College, the 25th Infantry Division (Light).

Smith, a native of Mount Holly, N.C., received his commission from North Carolina State University in 1982.

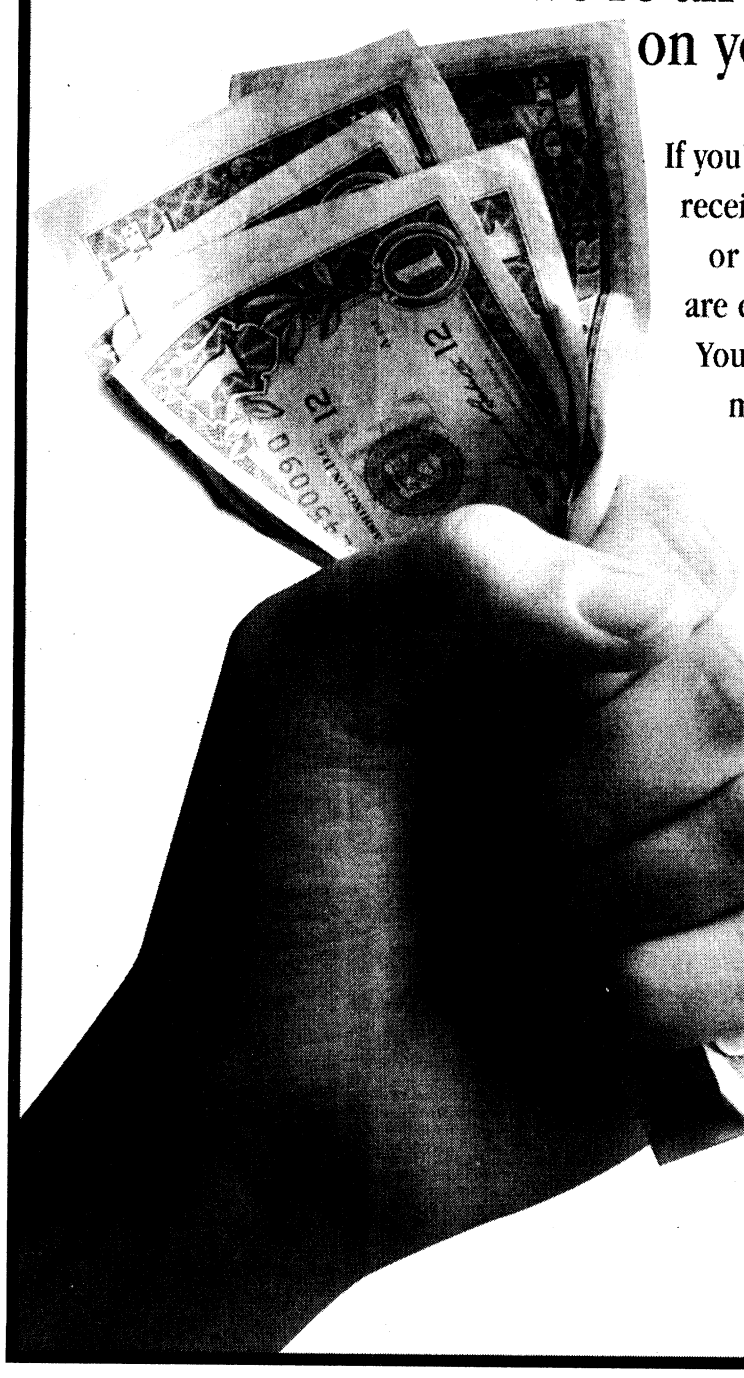
He also graduated the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, Ranger, Airborne and Jumpmaster Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School and the Command General Staff College. During his 20 years of service, Smith has earned the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, and the Army Achievement Medal. He has also has been awarded the Ranger Tab, the Expert Infantryman's Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge.

The new battalion commander has been married for 17 years to his wife, Donna. They also have two children, Kathryn, 11, and Patrick, 4.

"I have to thank my wife and my children for helping me throughout my military career, Smith said. "Without their constant support and love, I would not be here assuming command of this battalion."

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SMA urges focus on force protection

Top NCO urges all to stay alert

Dennis Ryan
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley urges everyone — troops, civilians and retirees — to focus on force protection to prevent another attack like Sept. 11.

"At one time we had 40,000 people on force protection," Tilley said. "As we get further and further away from Sept. 11, we feel it can't happen again."

Tilley said he is worried about the hot summer and how the stress of working long hours might affect soldiers' concentration.


Tilley

"If you don't stay focused, you could lose your life," Tilley said.

Tilley served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and lost half of his platoon one night.

"We were overrun," Tilley said. "I'm not sure if we could have been more focused. I second-guess myself all the time. Every time I go down to that Vietnam Memorial wall, I look for the names of my friends."

Tilley said there are enough memorial walls to read, so soldiers need to stay alert.

"If you see something wrong and don't correct it, you're part of the problem," Tilley said. "All of us need to stay focused."

Tilley recalled a meeting with the commander of U.S. Central Command, Gen. Anthony Zini, shortly after the embassy bombing in Nairobi, Kenya.

"I talked to General Zini and asked him, 'do you think this is going to happen again,'" Tilley said? "And he said, 'It's just a matter of when and where.' He said they'll watch us for a long time looking for a weakness."

The sergeant major stressed how fire drills and battle drills saved lives on Sept. 11 and how anyone with knowledge of first aid helped the injured.

The 33-year Army veteran also urges veterans to help.

"Our retirees can do so much to help us," Tilley said. "This war on terrorism is going to go on a long time."

The Army's top NCO recalled how he was quite unpopular with the soldiers in Bosnia when he first reported there for duty in 1995.

"They were mad at me because I was enforcing standards," he said. "In the long run, they'll thank you."

Tilley praised the Army Reserve and National Guard contributions over the last nine months.

"We couldn't get the job done without the Reserve and the Guard," Tilley said. "They are doing a wonderful job.

"I can't tell the difference between the Guard and the Reserve. Today they are just as good as regular Army troops are."

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Tilley advises soldiers to reassess what they are doing and look for ways to improve their performance.

He recalled visiting with wounded soldiers in the hospital in Germany after Operation Anaconda.

"A lot of them had been wounded two or three times, but they weren't looking for a ticket home," he said. "They wanted to be patched up and sent back to fight. The United States has great leadership in President Bush and Secretary Rumsfeld, but they can't do it by themselves. They need all of us to help them."

Editor's note: *Dennis Ryan is a staff writer for the* Pentagram *newspaper at Fort Myer, Va.*

Process allows officers to choose assignments online

Move helps streamline reaction

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Army officers are now able to submit their assignment preference statements via the Internet by accessing the U.S. Army Personnel Command home page.

The online preference statement enables officers, for the first time, the ability to view open valid requisitions that assignment managers are working to fill, according to officials.

"In the past, our customers have only been able to see open assignments on various branch web sites," said Jan Frutiger, automation branch chief for PERSCOM's Officer Personnel Management Directorate. "With the online preference statements, officers will have a broader view of the positions that assignment managers are working to fill.

"They will be able to evaluate the special requirements for the position before making their choice."

Branch, grade and area of concentration are the filters for the information that is shown on the preference statement.

Officers can make selections specifically by valid and open requisitions, by location or by specific duty such as joint, ROTC or recruiting.

The assignment manager will then have immediate visibility to this information as he walks through the decision process for filling a requisition.

"The preference statement is what the field has asked for," said Brig. Gen. David Valcourt the OPMD director. "It's going to empower officers to better participate in the decisions that impact their career and help streamline and improve the responsiveness of the officer assignment process."

Officers are able to select their preferences on the PERSCOM home page by clicking on the officer preference statement dog tag.

Soldiers teach Afghan officers ethics

Allies reminded of importance of human rights

Sgt. Don Dees
Army News Service

KABUL, Afghanistan — For one hour each week during training at the Afghan National Army Compound outside Kabul, Afghan officers gather to discuss dilemmas they may face as leaders.

Ethics training plays a role in leadership development in the U.S. Armed Forces, and soldiers from 1st Battalion, 3rd Special Forces Group, charged with training the Afghan National Army, have incorporated it here.

"This may be the most important thing we do here," said Chaplain Jack, who contributes to developing scenarios that the Afghan officers ponder during training.

Due to security concerns, Special Forces soldiers here are identified only by their rank and first name.

Chaplain Jack compares the new Afghan National Army to the early Continental Army under Gen. George Washington.

"When I look around, this is Valley Forge. These guys are the minutemen; they are the ones who answered the call," he said. "We had Baron Von Steuben come help us build a noncommissioned officers corps."

And the Afghans have U.S. Special Forces to help mold their cadre. At a recent session, the scenario found two lieutenants in charge of platoons in the same company patrolling an area known to be sympathetic to the enemy. During the patrol, one lieutenant's platoon is pinned down by enemy fire. The other platoon comes to the rescue, saving the lives of all in the first platoon.

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> **Capt. Stephen**
> Special Forces trainer

The patrol continues and both platoons search local houses for signs of the enemy. They find weapons and maps in some homes. In one, the soldiers find a large amount of money.

Instructions are given for confiscating the military items. One platoon leader is called away to the radio as the items are being carted off.

Days later, the lieutenant who took the radio call learns that a family from the village is claiming to have been robbed of their money during the raid. When the two lieutenants discuss it, the one who took the money promises to share the captured money if the other remains silent.

The question posed to the officers by the U.S. cadre was, "what do you do?"

After an interpreter read the scenario to the group, Lt. Col. Kevin McDonnell, battalion commander, called up the two most junior officers in the room to come and discuss the scenario and how they would react.

In turn, each said he would feel gratitude to the officer who saved his life but would still have to notify the commander of the wrongly confiscated funds.

McDonnell congratulated the men on their choices.

"These two men should be proud of themselves for seeing the right solution, and each officer in this room should also be proud of these men," he said.

In a land where media still report illegal police checkpoints for motorist shakedowns, it is difficult for soldiers to see right from wrong.

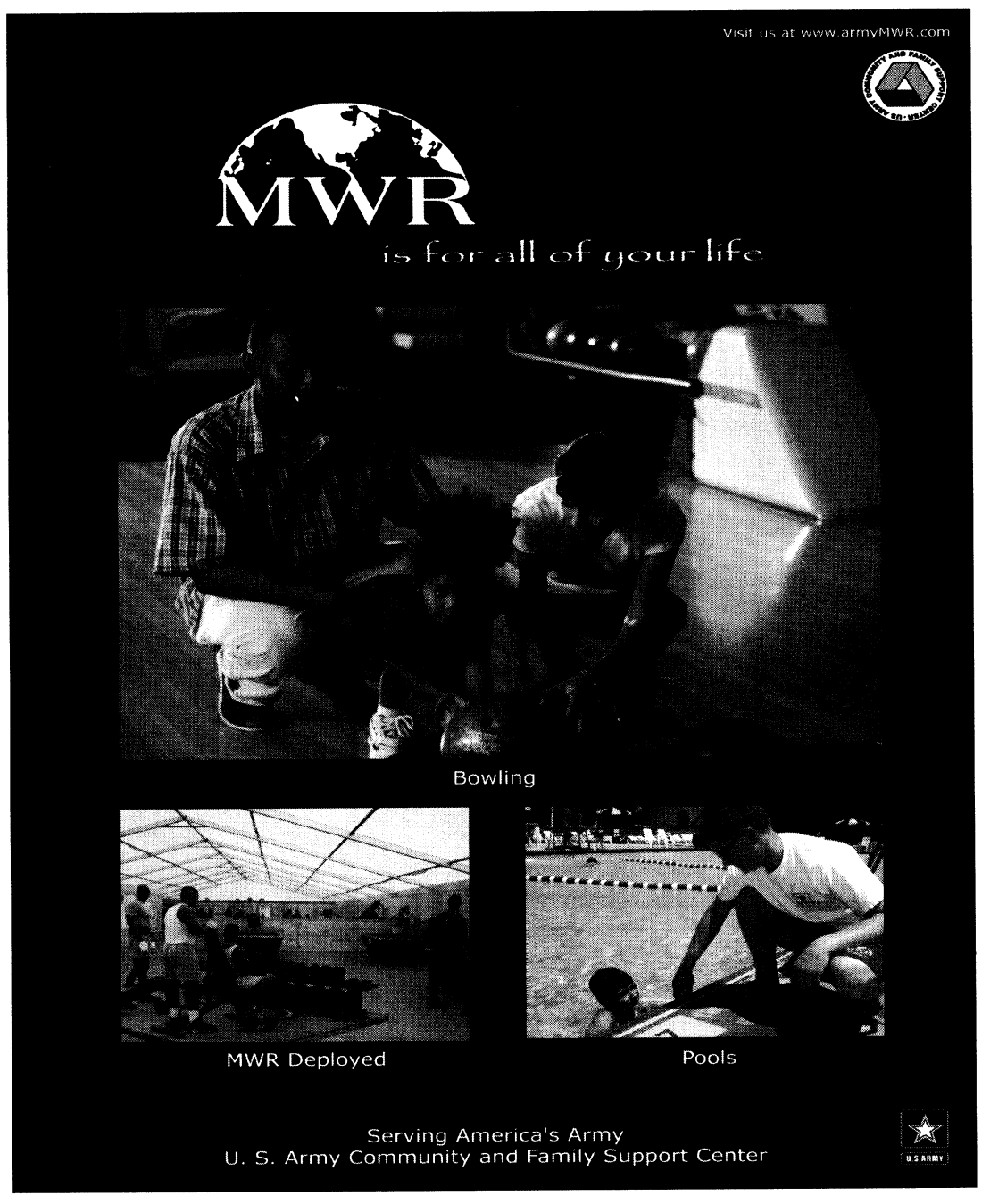
"If leaders do what is right, soldiers see that and they do what is right. But if leaders do wrong, soldiers see that, and they will follow those examples," McDonnell said.

"In the grand scheme of things, whether an officer can shoot his rifle or not is not as important as whether or not he understands human rights in the context of his role as an officer and his commitment to the government," said Capt. Stephen from Charleston, S.C., another of the Special Forces trainers.

The discussion continued even after the session was adjourned.

"Next time I want a harder scenario," McDonnell said. "These guys are catching on too quickly."

Editor's note: *Sgt. Don Dees was a member of the 356th Public Affairs Detachment who recently volunteered for duty in Afghanistan with the 300th MPAD.*





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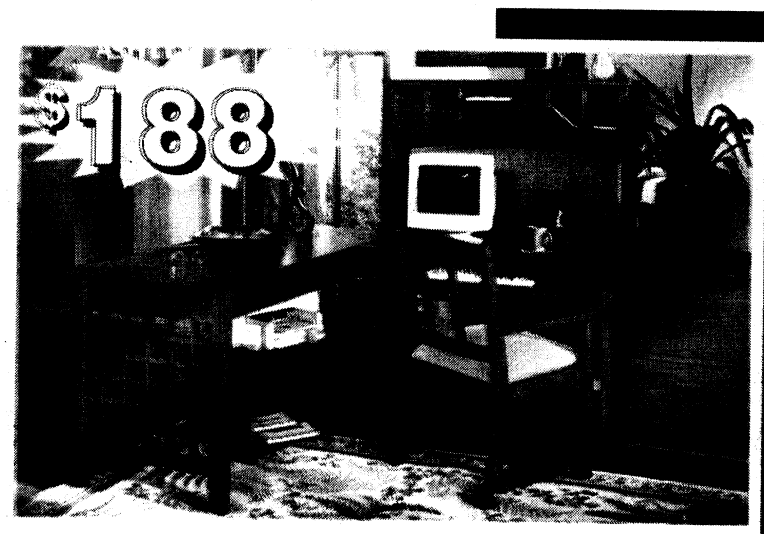
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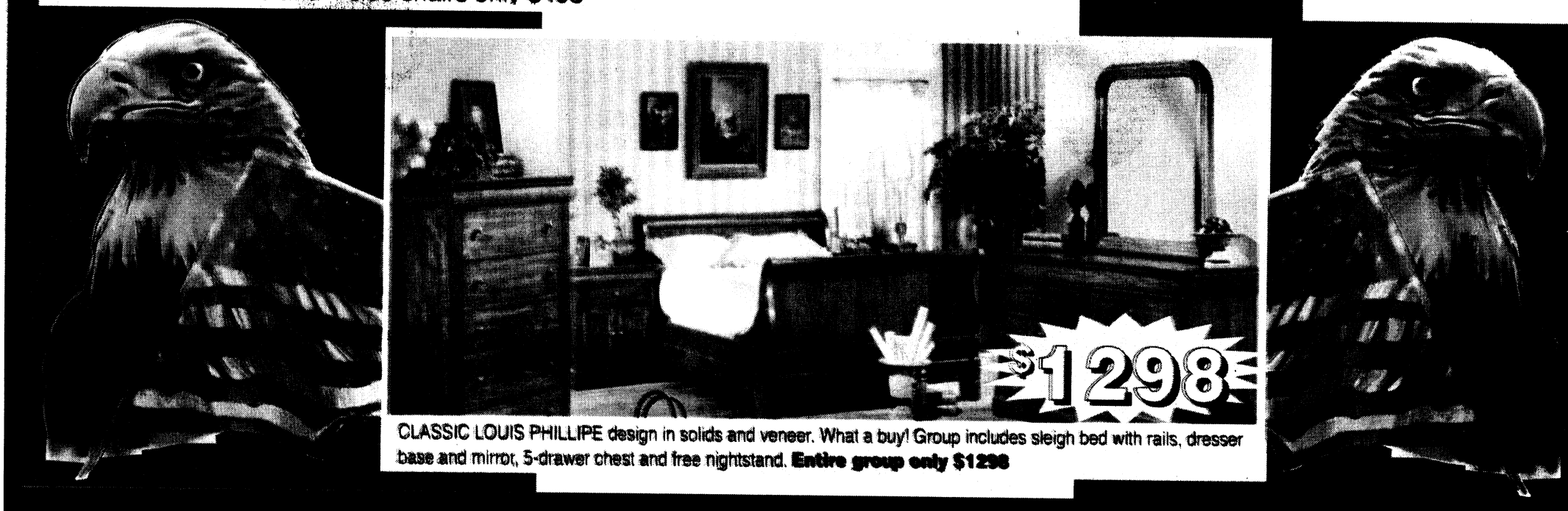
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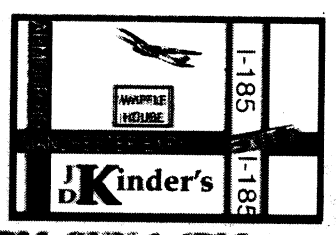


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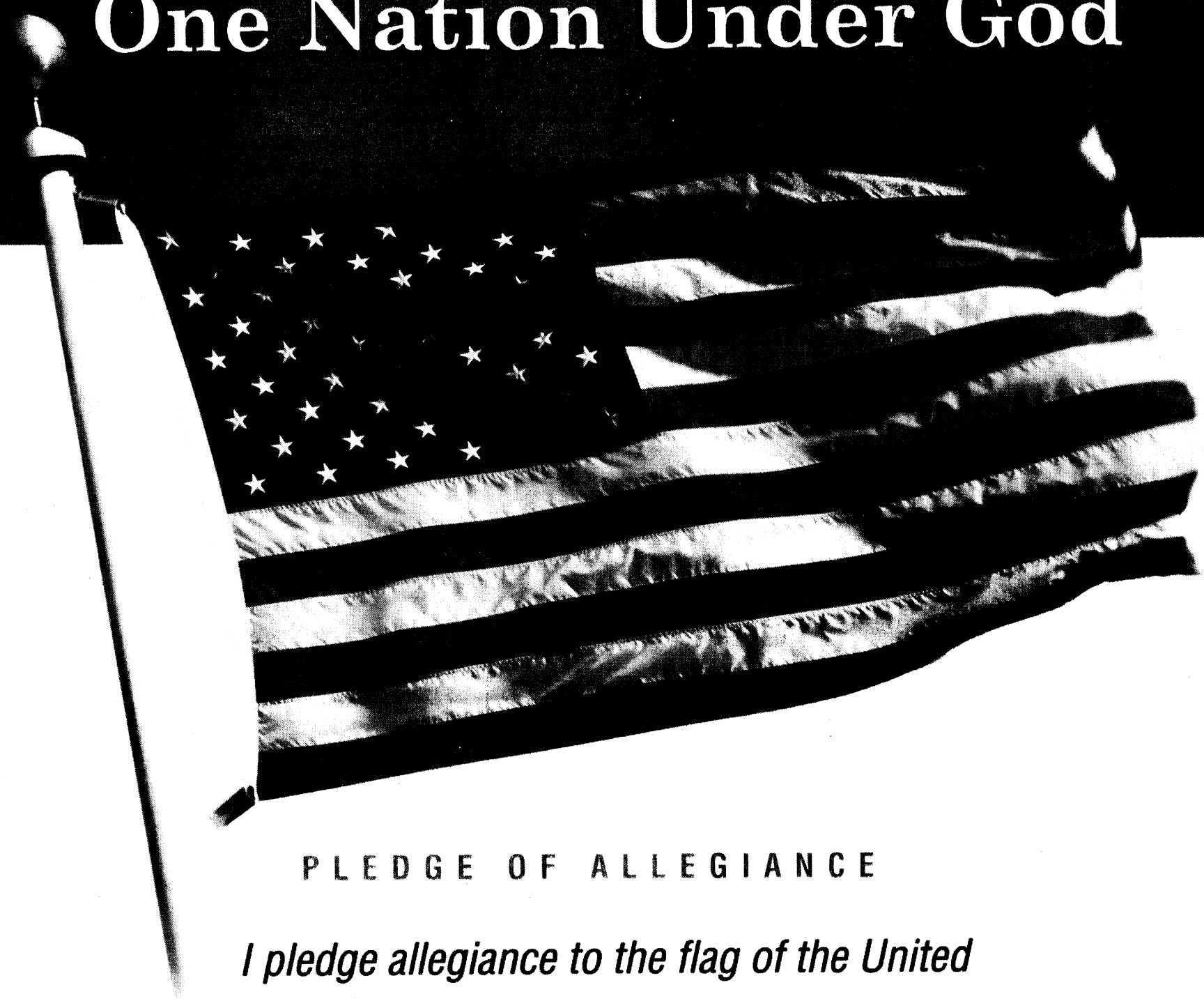
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Hospital: To hire civilian doctors to alleviate shortage

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The Tricare access standards require Tricare patients in need of urgent care to be seen within 24 hours, those who need routine or nonurgent care within seven days, and those who require wellness appointments within 28 days.

Only patients with life-threatening needs will be seen within 24 hours, Pollock said.

Right now, only two doctors are in the emergency room during a shift. Patients who insist on using the emergency room may be waiting for several hours, Pollock said.

For instance, Spc. Dwayne Lizama and his wife, Vanessa, spent close to six hours in the emergency room June 29 because their 17-month-old daughter was throwing up.

"The doctor and the staff were doing the best they could," Lizama said. "All I care about is that my daughter gets the care she needs, and she did."

Nurses also answer phones 24 hours a day to assist soldiers and their families who are not 100 percent sure they need urgent care, Pollock said.

Patients can call 544-CARE and be forwarded to a nurse who will walk them through steps to possibly take care of themselves at home.

If patients still need immediate care and Martin Army doctors are not available, nurses may direct patients to one of the acute care clinics in Columbus.

"All of the hospitals in the military communities around the nation are facing the same obstacles," Pollock said. "Washington is well aware we are understaffed."

To alleviate the shortage, Martin Army Community Hospital is trying to hire civilian physicians as soon as possible. But Pollock admits they are having a tough time finding qualified physicians in such a small surrounding community.

"We need long-term solutions, not just a band-aid treatment," Pollock said.

Pollock and others in the medical community are working to persuade Washington to increase the number of people the hospital is allowed to have on active duty. That way, the hospital can have a back-up staff for times of need.

"Our hospital will recover by the end of the summer," Pollock said. "But we can't guarantee this won't happen again unless changes to the system are made."

Soldiers: Test Stryker, new concepts at exercise

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linked with one another.

The team from Fort Benning, most from infantry school units under Training and Doctrine Command and the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, will be referred to as the Joint Visitors Bureau during the experiment.

"We have the key task of informing the big decision makers of our country how prepared our armed forces are to fight the enemy, now and in the future," said Lt. Col. Arthur Tulak, deputy commander of the Joint Visitors Bureau. "We have been preparing for this for several months."

During the exercise, Marines, Navy, Air Force and Army personnel will perform simultaneous, joint tactical actions based on a shared understanding of the operational situations of each military force.

The four branches are at separate sites but must stay connected through a digital map of all forces and enemies.

"The Army won't ever go to battle and conduct a mission on its own," Tulak said. "We need to experiment this way to stay ahead of the enemy. The services must become more interoperable and share data."

The Navy will conduct its part of the exercise, Fleet Battle Experiment Juliet, off the California coast while the Marines conduct Mission Millennium Dragon on Camp Pendleton, Calif. The Air Force will conduct its exercise, the Joint Expeditionary Force experiment from Nellis Air Force Base, Nev.

The Army's newly emerging transformation brigade out of Fort Lewis, Wash., will lead the Army's portion of the challenge called Army Transformation Experiment 2002. It will mark the first appearance of the Interim Brigade Combat Team and its new Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle.

"The exercise will enable forces to get together and absorb what came out of joint operations in Afghanistan," said Jim Lewis, director of technology and public policy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies in Washington, D.C. "Operation Enduring Freedom showed joint operations were able to work well together against a relatively small opponent. The goal of the Millennium Challenge is to see if they would also work against a more significant adversary."

During its part of the Military Challenge, the Army will focus on its concept of the Rapid Decisive Operation, Tulak said. RDO is an operation designed to quickly resolve a conflict situation through the application of U.S. military forces' superior intelligence collection and processing capabilities, command and control systems and processes, precision targeting and force mobility.

"The experiment focuses on capabilities the military would like to have by 2007," Tulak said. "We want to establish a knowledge network to help service commanders plan in a joint environment."

In addition to the IBCT from Fort Lewis, the 2nd Battalion, 101st Aviation Regiment, Fort Campbell, Ky., 82nd Airborne, and 1st Corps Support Command out of Fort Bragg, N.C., will take part in the experiment, as well as the 3rd Corps Headquarters out of Fort Hood, Texas, the 11th Transportation Battalion from Fort Eustis, Va., and the 32nd Army Air Missile Defense out of Fort Bliss, Texas.

Fort Benning soldiers involved in the Joint Visitors Bureau will deploy July 17.

"We have an important task," said Maj. Maria Goines, chief of Itinerary Section for the JVB. "We have to ensure the key political players who are observing the challenge are given a thorough briefing."

Regulation: Hits Web

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uniform insignia, regimental distinctive insignia, physical fitness uniform wear and pregnancy, the explosive ordnance detachment badge and the black mess uniform.

The beret, which is a new clothing item, is addressed in the updated regulation. When soldiers are not wearing the beret outside, they should be carrying it, Messman said.

Soldiers should not attach headgear to the uniform, hang it from their belt or put it in a uniform pocket. This headgear policy has always been in effect, Messman said. However, in maneuver environments placement of the utility cap is at the commander's discretion.

What people have to remember is that the Army regulation is the only publication that accurately spells out proper wear of the uniform, Messman said. Regardless of what media sources put out, soldiers should first seek clarification from AR 670-1, and focus on what the regulation states now, and what will go into affect in August.

The regulation was last revised in 1992 and is reviewed to keep pace with the times.

"The regulation has to change with time," Messman said. "If not we'd still be wearing uniforms from the Civil War."

For more information, visit http:www.usapa.army.mil/pdffiles/r670_1.pdf.

AROUND POST

Museum's holiday hours

The National Infantry Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. today.

ID Card Office closures

The ID Card Office will be closed from 8 a.m. until 1:15 p.m., Friday and Aug. 30. Also, it will close at 2 p.m. Monday and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-2715.

ALC closure

The Army Learning Center will be closed Friday in observance of the holiday.

Changes of command

Fort Benning will have the following changes of command:

- Wednesday — Col. William Kidd will take command of Ranger Training Brigade at 9 a.m. at the Ranger Memorial. Col. Hazen Baron is the outgoing commander.
- July 16 — Lt. Col. Brad Nelson will take command of 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Mike Hanley.
- July 23 — Lt. Col. Robert E. Freehill will take command of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. Lt. Col. Donald M. Sando is the outgoing commander.

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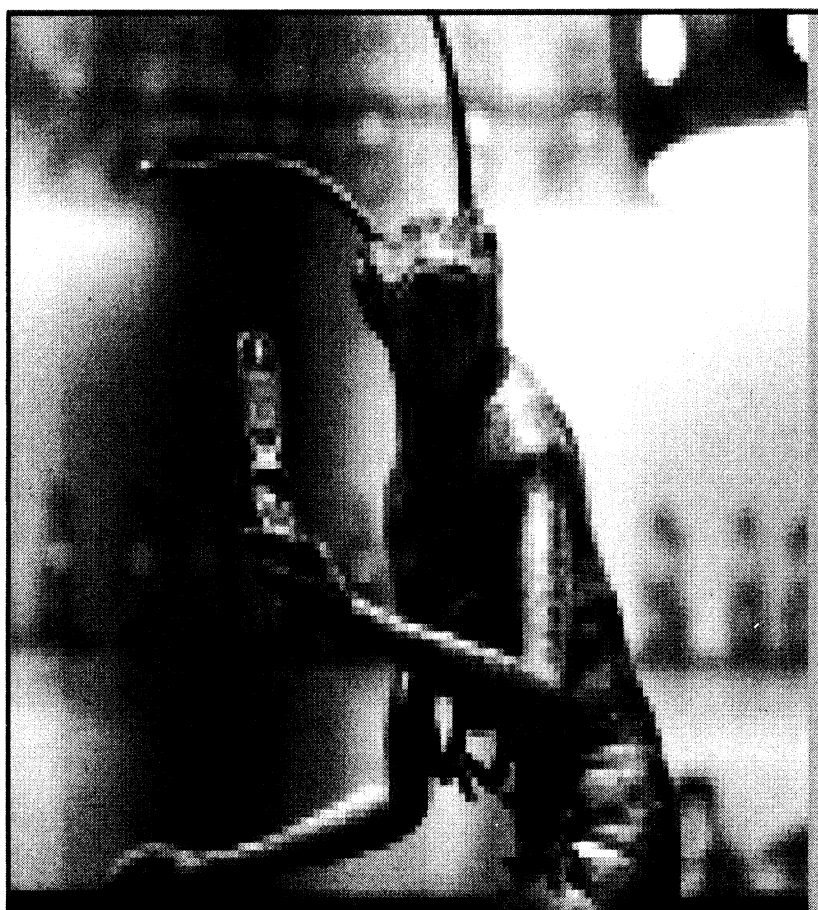
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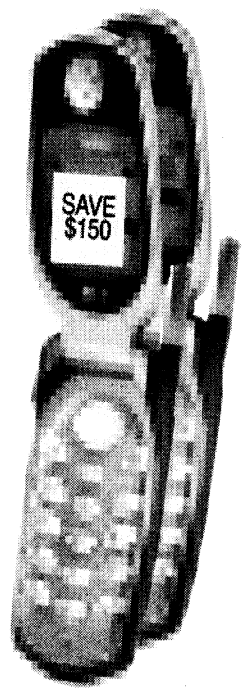
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Soldiers attack in close quarters combat

Soldiers learn battle tactics of modern field

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Some of the Infantry Training Brigade's soldiers spent time learning skills that may one day save their lives and the lives of their buddies at the Malone Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain site June 28.

The soldiers with C Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment learned some of the most critical infantry tactical skills close combat and fighting in an urban setting, said Staff Sgt. Scott Ross, drill sergeant with 2nd Bn, 54th Inf. Regt. Every country in the world has urban environments. Today's soldiers must be able fight in them.

"When you enter a room to clear it, you have to make a split-second decision on who your targets are, and this training will help them with that," Ross said.

The soldiers tried to soak in all the information to be able to make those decisions and seemed to enjoy doing it.

"We're learning a lot, and being National Guard, we can use these tactics during a deployment or on the home front helping police with riot control," said Pvt. Trent Garner, with 2nd Bn., 54th Inf. Regt. "This training will save my life someday."

With the chance of having to use this training in the future, meeting the standards were on the minds of many of the soldiers.

"MOUT training is some of the best training we've done," said Pvt. Darrell Grubbs with 2nd Bn., 54th Inf. Regt. "When we get deployed, it will most likely be to an urban environment. Without this, we would get in there and not know what to do."

The soldiers learned movements that would be used in close quarters combat. Engaging an enemy less than 12 meters away, soldiers could be firing from as little as two feet away from the enemy.

Soldiers also learned the situation dictates what they need to do. They received hands-on training with high intensity and precision level MOUT and received a class on surgical MOUT.

"In a high intensity MOUT there is just enemies, us and them — like in the bridge scene from *Saving Private Ryan*. We can use any means of force with minimal restriction," said Staff Sgt. Craig Pritchard, with 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

In precision MOUT, the most common, there are noncombatants and rules of engagement soldiers need to follow.

Surgical MOUT is in the case of hostage rescues, prison operations and raids. These mission are usually carried out by special operations, Pritchard said.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Pvt. Dan Barno demonstrates a tactical squad movement at the Malone MOUT site June 28 while others in his squad watch.

Soldiers react to 'enemy' fire, find cover



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Team A, from 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, provides suppressive fire during training Monday while Team B, not pictured, flanks the enemy position.

Infantrymen learn basic techniques

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Basic training soldiers from 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, spent their first day of advanced individual training Monday learning Squad Tactical Training.

The soldiers learned how to suppress fire, split up into two teams and flank the opposition.

"I'm excited and interested about this training," said Spc. Anthony Ray. "It is very important for us to learn and understand.

"How can we learn anything more advanced until we get this down?"

The training is vital for operations soldiers perform on the battlefield, said Staff Sgt. Thomas Davis, instructor, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.

"We are at war, and this is their job," Davis said. "This is what infantrymen do."

The soldiers learned the basics of movement-to-contact tactics and techniques.

Once soldiers make contact with an enemy, squad members duck for cover and find concealment. Team A, the front part of the squad, moves forward and lays down fire. Before Team B flanks to the right or left of Team A, the squad leader, between Team A and B, communicates through hand signals and voice commands so the squads understand each other's actions.

"If they don't have an understanding of the training, they will be endangering their squad. They need to know how to operate as infantrymen and as a member of a squad," Davis said.

It's basic stuff, Ray said. But to an infantryman, it means everything.

The training provides soldiers with the basic knowledge of commands, signals and fire suppression to overcome an objective, said Staff Sgt. Lawrence Davis, instructor, 2nd Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

"When these soldiers get assigned to their units, their standard operational procedures may be different," Lawrence said. "There may be different commands or signals for performing the same actions we teach."

For example, the 82nd Airborne Division, Fort Bragg, N.C., may use purple smoke to signal a team to lift and shift fire, while the 75th Ranger Regiment might use a yellow flare to signal the same thing, Lawrence said.

The instructors are there to provide guidance and constructive criticism, Lawrence said.

"The training provides soldiers with comfort," Thomas said. "If we show confidence in our teaching, then, they will be confident with what they know and how they perform," Thomas said.

Fort Benning soldiers train with Kuwaiti forces

Task Force 1-41 teams up with allies

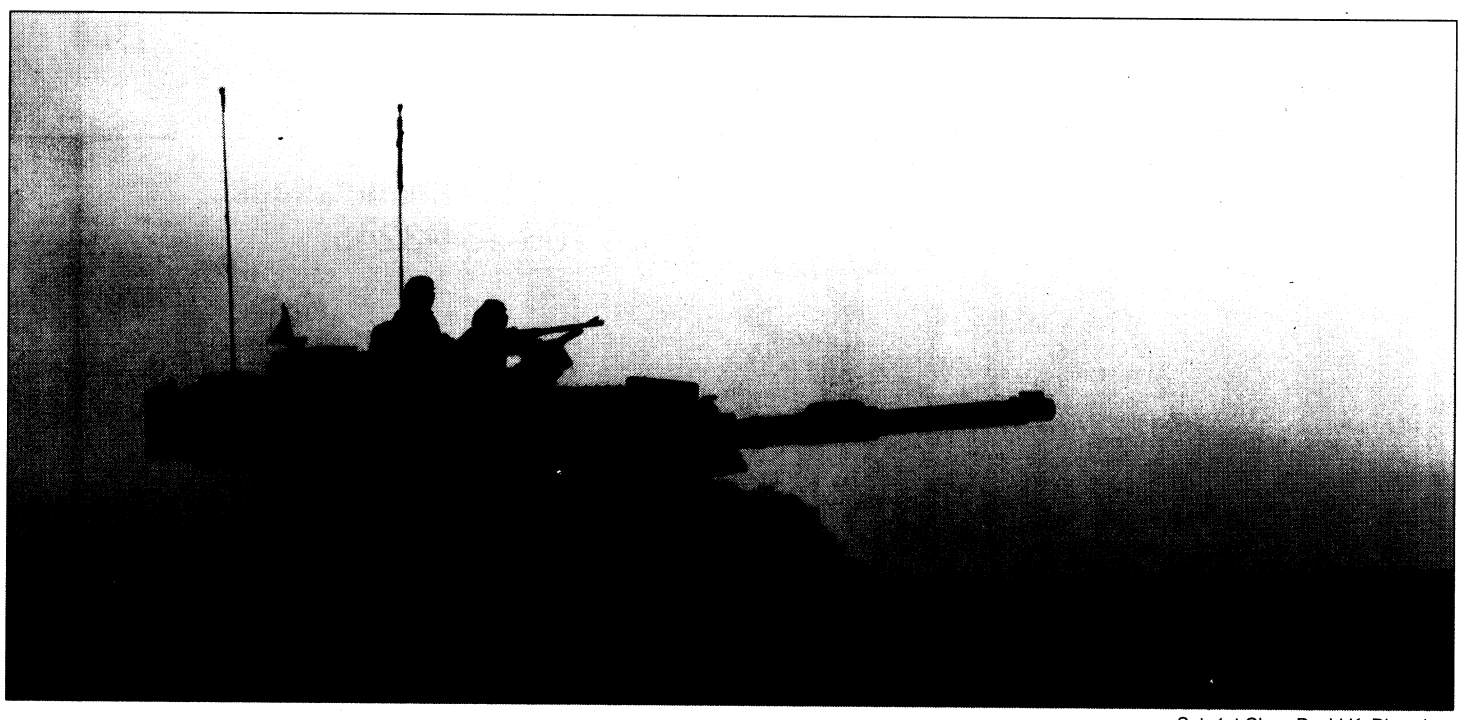
Pfc. Heather Boyne
82nd Airborne Division

Soldiers from the U.S. Army's Task Force 1-41 and the Kuwaiti Army's 57th Mechanized Battalion executed a coalition joint training exercise in northern Kuwait.

"The Kuwaitis don't stand alone," said Maj. Tim Newsome, operations officer, Task Force 1-41. "They have a good friend, (the U.S.), to help defend themselves."

One way to ensure that the Kuwaiti and U.S. troops can defend Kuwait efficiently side-by-side is to participate in training missions together, Newsome said.

The mission of the exercise was for Task Force 1-41, which is comprised of units from 3rd Brigade (Mechanized), 3rd Infantry Division, to relieve the 57th from designated fighting positions while defending the border of northern Kuwait.



Sgt. 1st Class David K. Dismukes

An M-1 A2 Abrams Tank of Task Force 1-41 moves to relieve Kuwaiti tanks during a coalition joint training exercise June 18 in ncrther Kuwait.

The exercise takes place every six months. It was the last in a sequence of computerized training events that were completed with the Kuwaitis. This was the only event that included real-world training, using real vehicles and soldiers in an operation in the field.

During the exercise, companies from Task Force 1-41 replaced Kuwaiti tanks with M-1 A2 Abrams Tanks at the fighting positions.

Task Force 1-41 would take control of the battle while the 57th pulled back and reconstituted after the exchange.

This creates a cycle in which the Kuwaiti and U.S. soldiers will be able to keep replacing each other to maintain a strong defense in the battlefield, said Maj. John Morris, the task force executive officer.

Overall, the training mission was successful, because it helped both sides coordinate to fight efficiently together, Morris said.

"If there is one thing that the (soldiers) got out of the exercise, it is the confidence to fight side-by-side and succeed," he said.

The Kuwaiti and U.S. soldiers who exchanged fighting positions quickly and efficiently under limited visibility demonstrated that both forces have a tremendous ability to work cohesively in the field, Morris said.

"The Kuwaitis were very responsive to the mission," he said. "They were very motivated about the training and demonstrated professionalism."

This exercise also shows soldiers what their purpose is in Kuwait.

"It shows soldiers we are a coalition partner here to prevent conflict and maintain stability in the area," Morris said.

Training augments the success of the overall mission in Kuwait, and joint training prepares soldiers for war, said Pfc. Derrick Fiedler, a driver and radio telephone operator for the Task Force 1-41 Technical Operations Center.

"It gets us used to operating under stress so soldiers know what to expect; it keeps our skills high," Fiedler said. "An army that doesn't train is an army that is not prepared."

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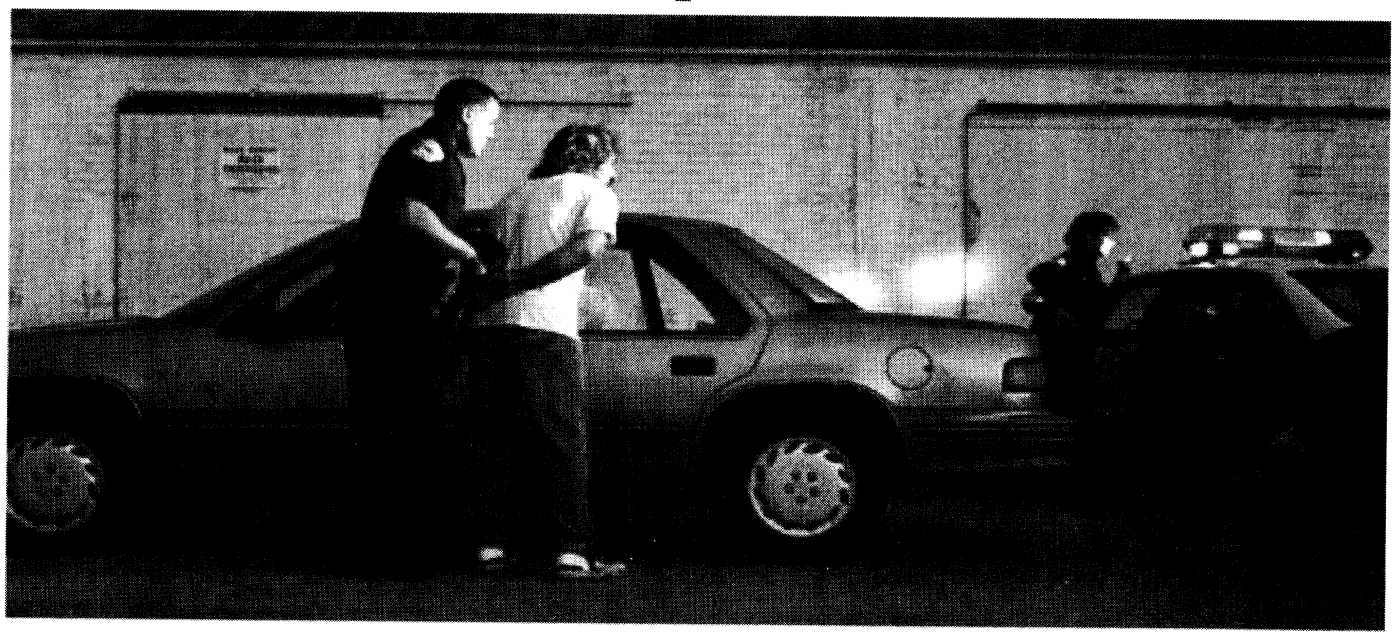
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Buying police and government seized property has long been a great way to get incredibly low prices on cars, boats, even planes and houses. The problem for the public has been finding the auctions and sales where these items were being sold. Plus, many of these events are not open to the public. But that's now all in the past thanks to the Police Seized Vehicle Selloff .

"There are no special permits or licenses needed to shop or buy."

Why are these such bargains? Simply put, it's because the law enforcement organizations that take possession of these vehicles aren't in the car business. The F.B.I., D.E.A., U.S. Marshalls, Government Auctions and local Police and Sherriff organizations all seize vehicles on a daily basis. Additionally, a surprising number of vehicles impounded by the Police for illegal parking or traffic violations are never claimed by their owners. As a result, these organizations must either pay to store the vehicles, or sell them off.

Now, Rivertown Ford has secured many of these vehicles and will pass the savings on to consumers. "We have been planning for this event for over six months. We've scoured auctions throughout the country for these vehicles plus we've become a regular at the local impound lots" said Williams. He also stressed the dealership will make available plenty of other preowned vehicles so this event will include something for every buyer. "Hondas, Fords, Chevrolets, Toyotas, Dodges, Chryslers, Lexus, Nissans, Volkswagens, virtually every make is represented here. Some are even still under factory warranty. But you should get here early because I'm sure the most popular vehicles will sell first. "



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Williams added buying one of these vehicles will be super simple. "There are no special permits or licenses needed to shop or buy. Plus, many buyers can just sign the necessary paperwork and drive home with no down payment. And with these incredibly low prices, some payments are just $97 a month."

"Many buyers can just sign the necessary paperwork and drive home with no down payment."

Williams concluded with a warning that this one-of-kind-event could be a one-time-only event. "It took a lot of work to put this event together and I'm not sure we'll be able to do it again. Make sure you come see us because missing the Police Seized Sell-Off would be a crime!"

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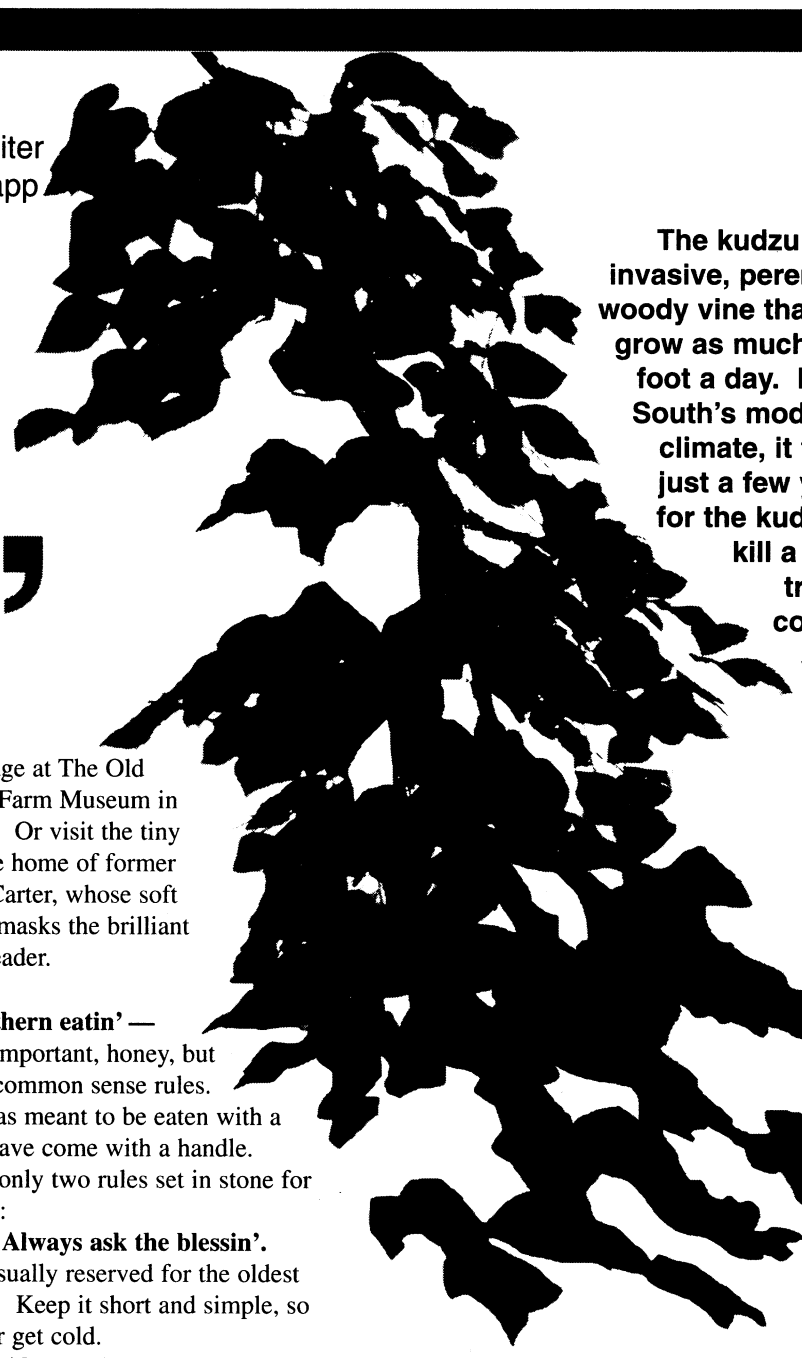
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'You're in the South, now, honey'

Story by Bridgett Siter
Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp



The kudzu is an invasive, perennial, woody vine that can grow as much as a foot a day. In the South's moderate climate, it takes just a few years for the kudzu to kill a large tree or cover a small barn.

"You're in the South now, honey. You'll have to get used to the roaches," *the kind lady said as she handed me the keys to our first Georgia home and headed out the door.*

I stared aghast at the carpet of tiny dead carcasses on the kitchen floor.

"You're in the South now, honey." Her words kept ringing in my ears as I swept a pile onto a dustpan. For just a moment I toyed with the idea of baking her a casserole — that's the kind of thing they do here in the South. But I thought better of it, dumped the little buggers in the trashcan, and made myself a tall glass of sweet tea.

You're in the South now, honey.

Welcome to Georgia — some would say the *real* South. Florida doesn't count since it's mostly populated with Yankees. Louisiana still belongs to the French, and no one wants to talk about Alabama. This is *it*, folks.

If you've lived at Fort Benning for more than six months, you already know all you need to know about The South. You can go sit on the porch (no spittin'). The rest of you come with me. I'll show you a thing or two about Southern livin' as you'll know it, way down here on the Chattahoochee.

Lesson 1: Southernspeak — We live in somewhat of a fishbowl on Fort Benning, removed from the stronger influences of Southern society to some degree. We're a melting pot of cultures, a well-balanced society.

But dare you set foot off post for more than a minute, and you'll fall prey to the Deep South Drawl. It's unavoidable, inevitable — and a heckuvalotta fun. Don't fight it.

Before you know it, you'll be spewing words like 'reckon,' 'okeedokee' and 'y'all.' You'll greet your neighbors with 'Hey there' and call little children 'sugar.' You'll forget everything you ever learned about enunciation and drop the letter 'g' from every word that ends with it. You followin'?

You'll learn to pepper your conversation with lots of adjectives and adverbs and otherwise superfluous words. "He's cute," will become "He's a cute little 'ol thang." "Pass the salt," will become "Reckon you could pass me the salt shaker, honey?"

And you'll hate yourself for it.

The bad news: There's no escape from the DeepSouth Drawl. It's as certain as the sun.

The good news: Once you get past your erroneous, preconceived ideas about the intelligence of anyone spewing Southernisms, you'll enjoy the humor and the lyrical flavor of Southernspeak. It's an art.

The bad news: When Uncle Sam deems it necessary to send you packing once again, you'll soon lose your Southern accent.

The good news: You'll take a little bit of the South wherever you go. It gets in your blood. You may lose the drawl in your speech, but you'll never forget the down-home genuine warmth of the South.

Up North, you see, a 'neighbor' is someone who lives next door. Down here, it's everybody you pass on the street. That's the beauty of the South.

Lesson 2: Southern wildlife — Alligators are arguably one of the South's biggest attractions. You can't drive more than 25 miles in any direction without passing a "World's Largest Gator" sign. Don't believe it, honey. My son put it best when he said, "World's largest alligator? That's a crock!"

It's entirely possible you'll never see an alligator around Fort Benning, but they do exist. One snacked on a dog at a local pond two years ago. Don't panic — I'm sure he's long gone, probably stuffed and mounted in a gas station somewhere in Phenix City. With a sign of course — "World's Largest Gator."

Another Southern draw is the lowly armadillo, poor fellow. No one's lining up to gander at the world's largest armadillo, but out-of-towners frequently brake to gawk at their iron-clad carcasses alongside the road.

You see, the armadillo isn't the sharpest knife in the drawer. In proportion to his weight — 10 to 15 pounds — his brain is the smallest of any North American mammal. But he's not without his talents. The armadillo can leap three feet straight up in the air. Little good it does him. With no sight or hearing to speak of, the poor critter doesn't recognize danger until it's right upon him, then he leaps straight up, into the grill of an oncoming car.

Deer are not unique to the South, but here on Fort Benning they own the road. You'll be seeing a lot of them, especially during hunting season. They like to hang out on Main Post, mostly around the golf course and Marne Road, and wave to hunters as they pass on their way out to the hunting areas. Just to show them what they'll be missing.

Feral pigs are abundant here also. And annoying. They're uglier than the armadillo and can't be too much smarter, since they once desecrated the ranger monument and brought the wrath of every ranger on post down upon their heads. It's open season on ferals all year long.

There are lots of pesky critters here on post, not all unique to the South — squirrels, mosquitoes and no-see-ums (pictured here). But non-natives tend to forget these pests exist north of the Mason-Dixon, hence the oft overheard *"I've never seen so many squirrels in my life,"* and *"My lands, these are the worst mosquitoes I've ever seen. I've a good mind to go back to the Bronx and take my chances with the street thugs."*

Note: It's not a good idea to voice such a proposal in front of a Southerner, who's likely to pack you a lunch and point you in a northerly direction.

Lesson 3: Southern vegetation — The tropicals typically associated with the South — palms and cacti — can be found in Florida. But why fight the crowds in that sun-baked tourist trap, when you can chill in the shade of a perfectly good pine?

Careful, though. Many a Yankee foreigner has fallen asleep under the pines and fallen prey to the kudzu vine, the South's vegetative version of The Blob. It swallows everything in its path, creating giant topiaries out of forests and fences and barns — and tourists, if they sit still long enough. You can see kudzu's handiwork along the Riverwalk on Fort Benning.

Spanish moss is another quaint Southern charm. Old Southern trees, like old Southern gentlemen, often sport long, gray beards. And like old men, they have stories to tell, wisdom to share, if you'll sit a spell and listen.

Contrary to popular belief, Spanish moss doesn't harm trees or humans. Florists often use it on grapevine wreaths and floral arrangements. You can too, if you soak it in bleach to kill the tiny red bugs it harbors, then let it dry in the sun.

Main Post trees are very old, though they don't have beards to testify to it. The Main Post "canopy" was a gift from Fort Benning's founding fathers, who had the foresight to plant hundreds of oaks, birches and maples in the late 1920s.

Much of the Main Post's forest, like its homes, has been carefully preserved to maintain the flavor of the old South.

Of course the South is farm country, and you don't have to travel far from Fort Benning to see sprawling acres of peanuts and cotton. Learn more about the South's agricultural heritage at The Old South Farm Museum in Woodland. Or visit the tiny town of Plains, the home of former president Jimmy Carter, whose soft Southern persona masks the brilliant mind of a world leader.

Lesson 4: Southern eatin' — Manners are important, honey, but here in the South common sense rules. If a chicken leg was meant to be eaten with a fork, it wouldn't have come with a handle.

There are really only two rules set in stone for the Southern diner:

Number one — Always ask the blessin'. This is an honor usually reserved for the oldest mouth at the table. Keep it short and simple, so as not to let supper get cold.

Number two — Always clean your plate. Every last kernel. And if it's barbecue, it's practically a requirement that you lick your fingers.

Southern fare is simple. Lots of meat and vegetables. Lots of breads and biscuits and dumplings. Very little pasta.

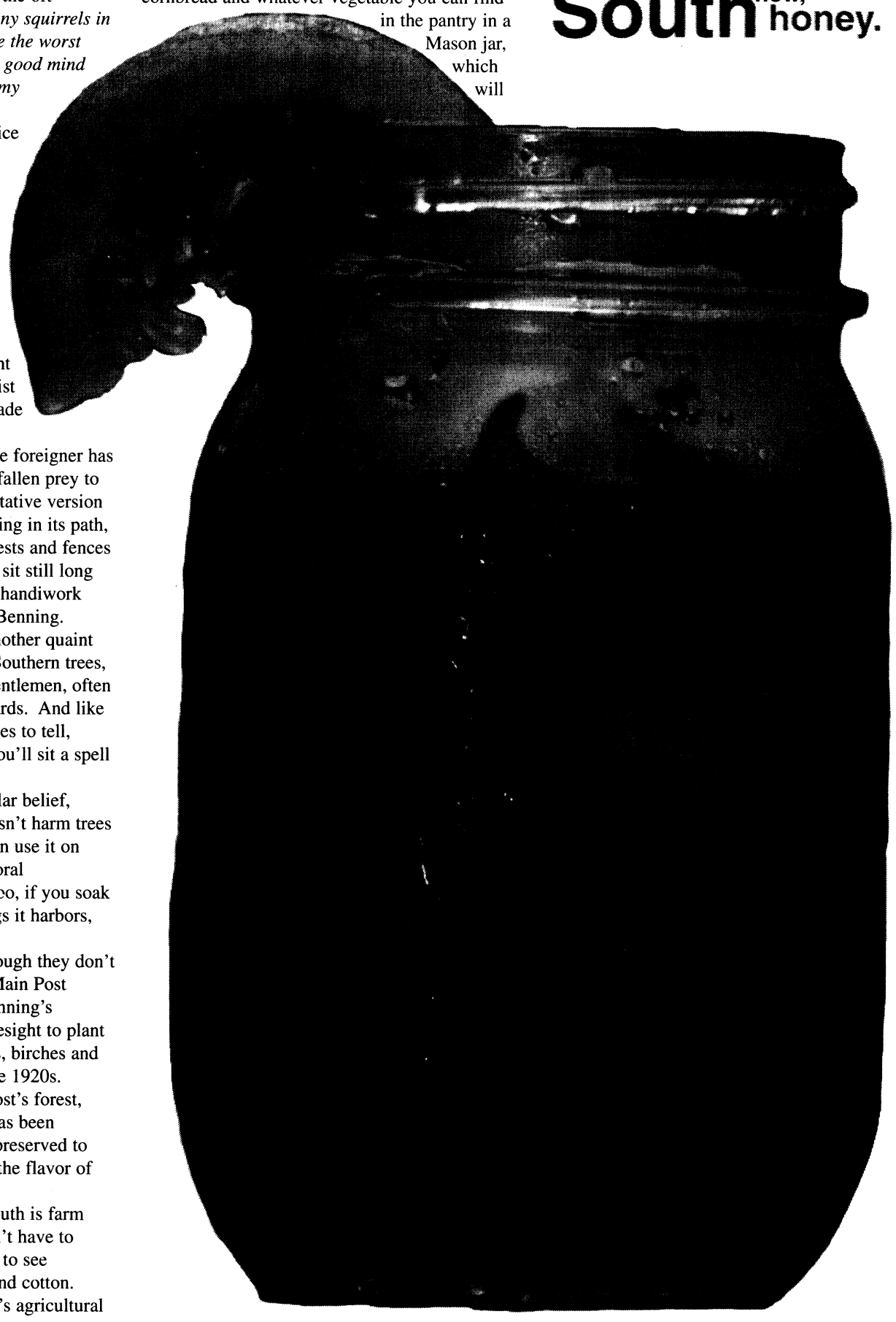
Breakfast is a big deal in the South, hence the proliferation of Waffle Houses. You can get your eggs fried, scrambled or fricasseed — but never poached — with grits, bacon and sausage. But if you ask for a bagel, you're sure to hear, "Y'all ain't from around here, are ya?"

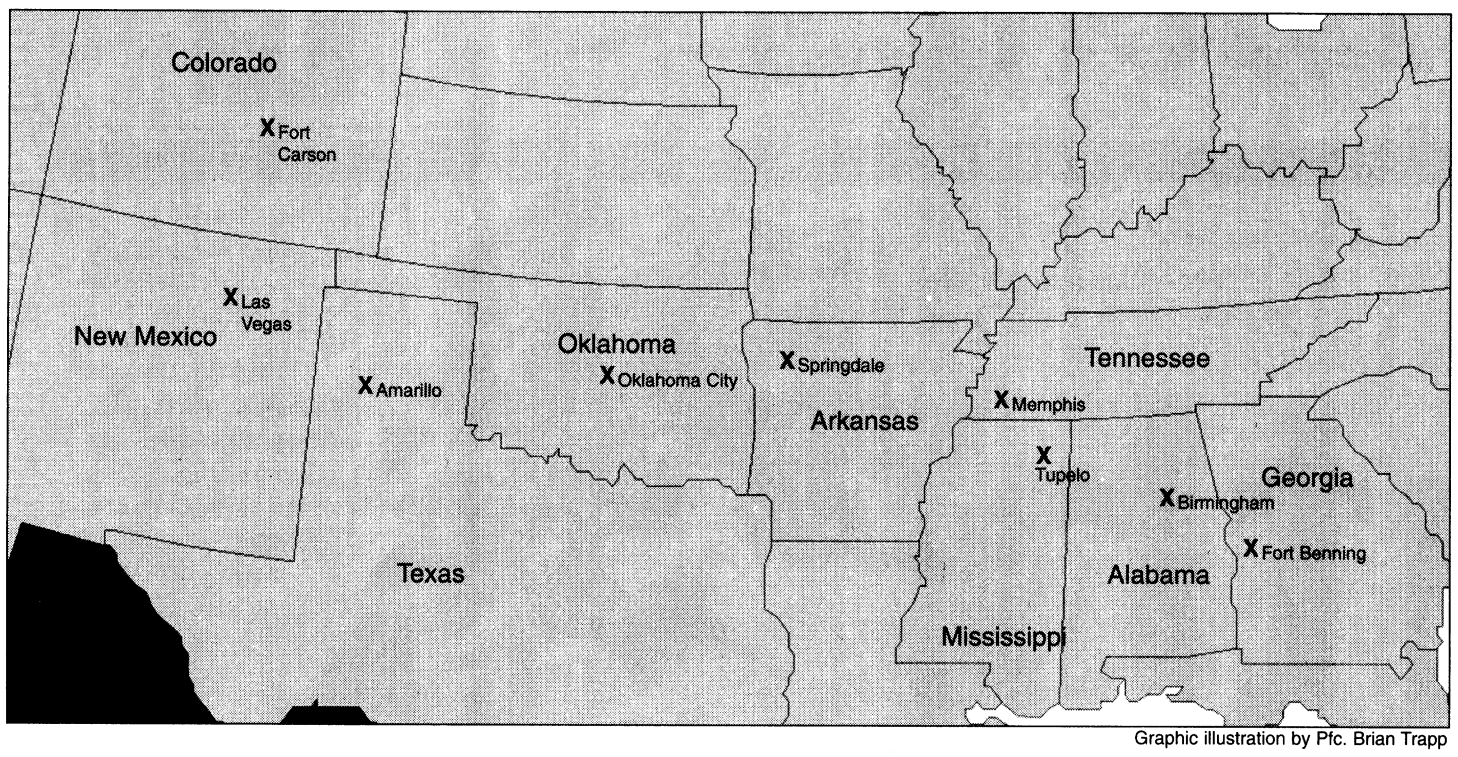
True Southerners don't "do lunch." They fix dinner. It's likely to include beans and cornbread and whatever vegetable you can find in the pantry in a Mason jar, which will be used at a later meal to serve sweet tea. Southerners invented recycling.

Supper in the South is still a family affair. It's a meat and potatoes kinda meal with an emphasis on conversation. Sit long, eat much. Come back real soon.

So there you have it, your guide-at-a-glance to life in the South. Clip it and save. It's sure to come in handy — if nothing else, it's great for swattin' roaches.

In case you haven't heard it yet, allow me to be the first to say — Welcome! You're in the **South now, honey.**





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Experts say, traveling 'ultimate adventure'

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

As thousands of military families make their way from one duty station to the next this summer, The Bayonet *will highlight several routes soldiers may drive while heading from one post to the next. This week highlights the route from Fort Benning to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo.*

If moving across the country with a car full of kids sounds overwhelming and exhausting, the truth is, it probably is.

Few families look forward to spending days on the road, sleeping in one motel after the other, trying to save money on food by eating ham and cheese sandwiches on crushed bread with crushed chips.

The summer trip from one post to the next doesn't sound like much of a vacation, but travel experts say traveling across the country has proven to be the ultimate adventure.

"We have military families who come to us throughout the year asking for advice on how to plan a cost-efficient trip," said Linda Guerrero, a travel agent with Triple A in Columbus. "If you want to see the country up close this is the way to do it."

Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo., will be the destination for hundreds of Fort Benning families this summer. Thanks to some careful research on randmcnally.com, the following is a road trip mapped out to show families the best that part of the country has to offer.

• **First stop**, ***Birmingham, Ala***. The Birmingham Heritage Festival will celebrate African-American culture using six stages of local and national acts featuring reggae, jazz, blues, R&B, Caribbean and gospel. Birmingham is only a few hours away and as the first stop can be a very educational visit.

The Birmingham Civil Rights Institute serves not just as a museum, housing exhibits and displays; the institute is also a storehouse and archive of documents and artifacts relating to African-Americans, end race relations in the U.S. during the Civil Rights Era.

The institute includes an Archives Department, which collects and preserves documents and artifacts; and an Oral History Project that focuses on the Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham from the point of view of witnesses and participants.

• **Second stop,** ***Tupelo, Miss***. Tupelo is perhaps best known as the birthplace of Elvis Presley. Elvis Aron and a twin brother, Jesse Garon, who died at birth, were born to mother Gladys Jan. 8, 1935 in the bedroom of a modest two-room "shotgun shack," built by Elvis' father Vernon at a cost of $180. Both rooms (the second room served as the family kitchen) are open to the public, as are a museum and a chapel, both of which are located behind the house.

The museum features many rare items from Elvis' early childhood in Tupelo, as well as more familiar regalia, including one of the jumpsuits he wore during his days on the Las Vegas showroom stage.

Tupelo is not only on the map because of the King but for several events that happened there even before Elvis was born. The Tupelo National Battlefield is a historic site visitors from all around the country flock to see. General Sherman's forces fought a key battle with Confederate soldiers in an effort to safeguard their supply line during the advance on Atlanta. Exhibits, films, and tours are given daily.

Another must see for families is the Natchez Trace Trail. On their way to the "Old Southwest," early explorers followed the tracks of animals and the established paths of Native Americans. Eventually this series of trails was consolidated and extended 450 miles from the Tennessee Valley into Mississippi. This wilderness road became known as the Natchez Trace, and by 1810, it was one of the busiest routes to the west. Today, the Natchez Trace Parkway parallels the old trail as it passes through Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi. The original track has been designated as a National Scenic Trail, and portions of it are now open to the public. Eventually, 110 miles of the Natchez Trace in three segments near Nashville, Tenn., and Jackson and Natchez, Miss., will be restored. Trace State Park is only 10 miles west of Tupelo. The state park is among rolling hills and offers developed campsites — most facing the 600-acre lake — cabins, primitive undeveloped tent camping, and 25 miles of multi-use trails covering the park's 1900 acres. All sites are first-come, first-served, but reservations are required for the cabins. The lake was designed so that half is used only for fishing and the other half for water-skiing and fishing, and it is stocked with bass, bream, crappie, and catfish.

• **Third stop,** ***Memphis, Tenn.*** Memphis, on the heart of the Mississippi River, has been one of the most popular cities in the south since the early 20th century and for good reason.

Mud Island, in the heart of Memphis, is a 52-acre river park and entertainment complex dedicated to life on the Mississippi River. It includes the "River Walk," a detailed, flowing scale model tracing the river's course all the way to the Gulf of Mexico, and America's only Mississippi River museum.

Memphis is well known for being the site of Elvis Presley's mansion, Graceland. Each August, fans from around the world descend upon the city for the annual Elvis Week Celebration. Performing and visual arts, theme dances and music are all part of this royal celebration.

The National Civil Rights Museum located on the site of the Lorraine Motel, where Martin Luther King Jr. was shot, is a more somber way of showing us a part of Memphis' history that many are not so proud of.

The museum uses life-sized exhibits to recreate key events in the Civil Rights movement. Visitors can step on the Montgomery Bus and view written and photographic records from the Brown v. Board of Education desegregation trial.

• **Fourth stop,** ***Springdale, Ark.*** This busy city in Arkansas's thriving northwest corner offers numerous cultural opportunities amidst the scenic beauty of the Ozarks. Nearby Beaver Lake has camping, fishing, boating, and most other forms of outdoor recreation. You can visit the excellent Shiloh Museum of Ozark History with its thousands of artifacts and photographs documenting the traditional Ozark way of life. The Arts Center of the Ozarks has theater, dance and musical programs as well as displays of the visual arts.

For families who have ever wondered about the myth surrounding the creation of Wal-Mart, the Wal Mart Visitors Center is located 14 miles north in Bentonville, Ark. Families can visit the old five-and-dime where the Wal-Mart empire got its start, see artifacts commemorating company founder Sam Walton, and learn about Wal-Mart's rags-to-riches history.

The family's first discount dry-goods store has been re-created to look just as it did when "Mr. Sam" opened it a half-century ago.

Pea Ridge Military Park is a 4,300-acre battlefield park that commemorates a decisive Civil War battle in which Union and Confederate soldiers fought for control of Missouri. The fighting, which took place in March 1862, ended with a Union victory. Much of the battle took place near Elkhorn Tavern, a reconstruction of which exists as part of the exhibit.

• **Fifth stop**, ***Oklahoma City, Okla.*** Passing through Oklahoma, families will get a kick out of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame.

The museum covers the full spectrum of the Old West, with 10 galleries displaying the contributions of Native Americans, pioneers and cowboys. Visitors can see replicas of a gold mine, a sod house and a Western village. The museum features displays celebrating rodeo heroes, Wild West performers, cowboys and many other Western notables.

The Oklahoma Bombing Memorial is located in the heart of Oklahoma City and tells the story of the day our nation will never forget. The memorial is dedicated to the victims of the Oklahoma bombing.

• **Sixth stop,** ***Amarillo, Texas.*** Set on the rugged plains of the Texas Panhandle, Amarillo is a Western town of cowboys, cattle ranches, and country music. The Big Texan Steak Ranch has weekly Opry Nights, and the American Quarter Horse Heritage Center and Museum informs and entertains. The Don Harrington Discovery Center has a treasure house of hands-on exhibits, a planetarium, and Aquariums of the World.

About 20 miles south of town, Palo Duro Canyon slashes through the landscape, cutting 1,200 feet deep and opening up 90 million years of geology in its color-splashed walls. Here in a handsome outdoor amphitheater, *Texas,* a musical drama of the 1880s, is presented in the summer.

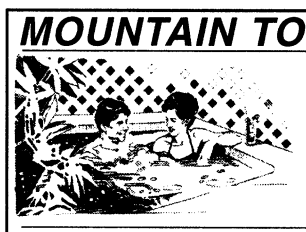
Palo Duro Canyon State Park is marked by a thousand-foot-deep canyons carved by a branch of the Red River. A historical marker shows the place of the last great Indian battle in Texas in 1874.

• **Seventh stop,** ***Fort Union National Historic Site,*** in Las Vegas, N.M. The first of three forts was built on this site as a Santa Fe Trail supply depot and headquarters for the Ninth Military Department in 1851. The second, an eight-pointed earthwork, was built during the Civil War against the threat of Confederate attack. The third fort, a collection of more than 50 adobe structures, was built between 1863 and 1869, and was in its day the largest fort on the frontier west of the Mississippi. Kit Carson and the New Mexico Volunteers used the fort as a base, and it employed more than a thousand workers. It was abandoned in 1891 and fell to ruins. Here, visitors can still see wagon ruts of the old Santa Fe Trail.

• **Eighth stop,** ***Capulin Volcano, Raton, N.M.*** Capulin Volcano is the cone of a volcano that was active only about 10,000 years ago.

It is one of the few places in the world where you can actually look inside of a volcano. A two-mile road spirals to the summit, ending at a parking area where the crater gives you an opportunity to see the inside of a volcano.

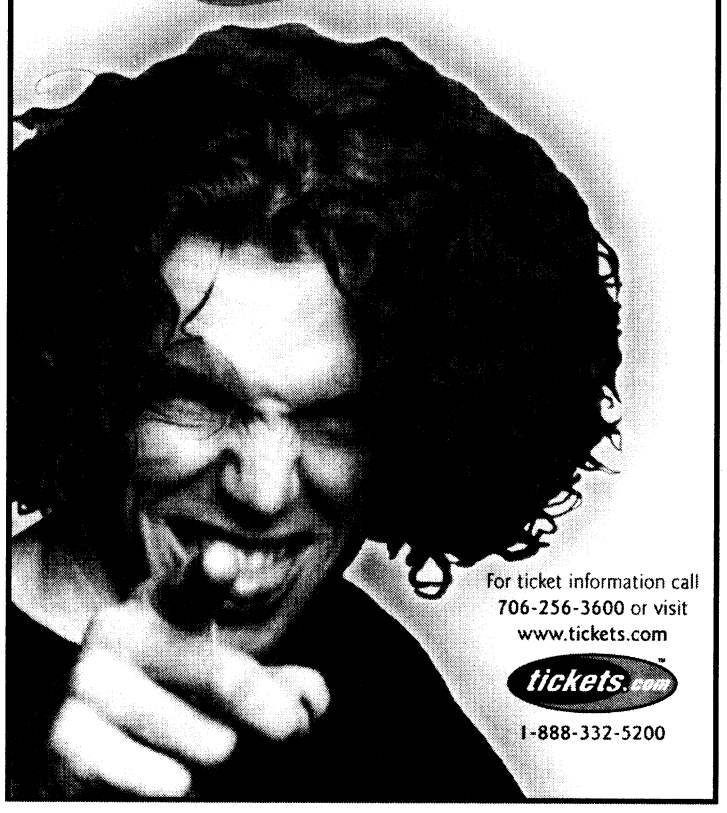
• **Final stop,** ***Fort Carson, Colo.*** Fort Carson, nestled in the Rocky Mountains of Colorado Springs, Colo., is a destination that in itself is its own piece of paradise. Whether it be Pike's Peak or the Seven Falls Waterfalls, families who have been stationed here rarely complain of a lack of things to see and do.

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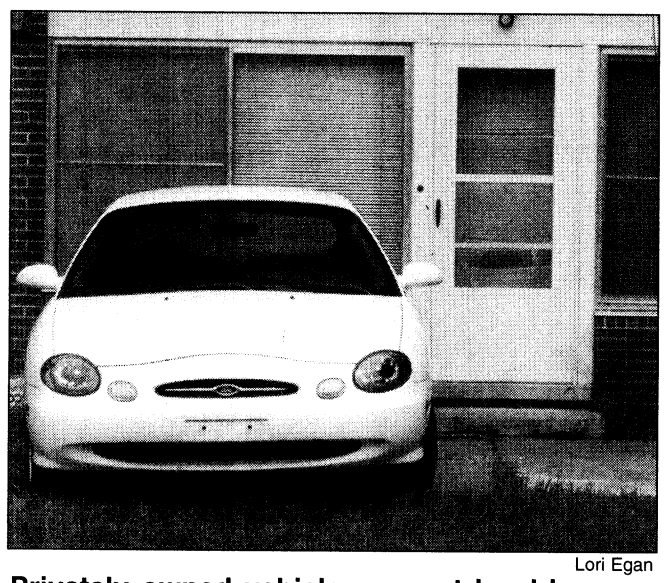
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Privately owned vehicles cannot be driven on grass or parked in patio areas, said Community Life NCO Sgt. 1st Class Joe Cooper. Residents can park cars on the street in authorized areas.

BIRTHS

Twins

Hannah Janae and Kendall Lamarr Saxton — born June 8 to Terri and 2nd Lt. Fred Saxton.

Boys

Justin Noel Mericle — born June 7 to Julie and Capt. Burt Mericle.

Kaleb Justin Scott — born June 7 to Benita and Staff Sgt. Timothy Scott.

Joshua Caleb Winslow — born June 7 to Danielle and Spc. Robert Winslow.

Jonathan Kerr Denham — born June 9 to Christina and Capt. Christopher Denham.

Dylan Paul Johnson — born June 11 to Brenda and Sgt. Shawn Johnson.

Chance Michael Baxter — born June 12 to Tracee and Spc. Guy Baxter.

Ervin Jhevonne Harper — born June 12 to Cpl. Antoinette Lightfoot and Sgt. Ervin Harper.

Blaise Jackson Brase — born June 21 to Janet and 1st Lt. Aaron Brase.

Ryan Christopher Petty — born June 21 to Tamara and Capt. Jonathan Petty.

Noah Michael Ryan — born June 21 to Shannon and Staff Sgt. David Ryan.

Marcus Lamont Washington II — born June 23 to Carla and Sgt. 1st Class Marcus Washington.

Girls

Kyanna Denise Luchey — born June 7 to Chrishele and Sgt. Metz Luchey Jr.

Zykerria Alresta-Simone Scott — born June 8 to Tanyita and Spc. Sheldon Scott.

Kaylee Robin Kokesh — born June 9 to Tracy and Sgt. PJ Kokesh.

Aubrianna Lynn Bakos — born June 19 to Amy and Pfc. William Bakos.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Housing offices — The following housing offices will be closed Friday because of the training holiday — Unaccompanied Personnel Housing (Building 973), Family Housing (Building 1836) and Community Homefinding Relocation and Referral Service (Building 2621).

Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families clearing quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew.

If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew.

If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

Lending Closet — Because of an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods to return the items borrowed as soon as their belongings are delivered to them.

For more information, call the Lending Closet 545-4485.

OSC Thrift Shop — The OSC Thrift Shop is in need of daily and summer volunteers. In order to be a volunteer at the OSC Thrift Shop, the following guidelines must be met: be a soldier or family member with a military ID card, and be at least 13 years old. The following benefits are immediately available to volunteers working two hours or more each time the Thrift Shop is open for business: first pick of newly consigned merchandise, child care reimbursement for up to two children and more.

For more information, call 687-4830 or go by the OSC Thrift Shop and pick up a volunteer booklet.

Holiday garbage pick-up schedule — Because of the July 4th holiday, there will be no garbage or yard waste or recycling pickup in Family Housing today. Areas normally scheduled for garbage pick up Thursday will be picked up July 8.

For more information, call 545-4332.

Commissary — The Fort Benning commissary will not be closed July 8 to 9 for the "Super Store" reset. The reset has been rescheduled for later in the year.

Residents Meeting — The 36th Engineer Group will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting for Bouton Heights and Davis Hill at 7 p.m. July 11 at Stowers Elementary School.

For more information, call Sgt Maj. Ronnie Porter at 545-9263.

Instructor Training — The Fort Benning AFTB Program will conduct its Instructor Training Program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from July 15 to 17 in Building 359, The Family Unit Network Center. Lunch will be provided to all participants.

For more information or to register for the course, call Sarah Hertig at 545-5377.

OSC Super Sign-Up Night — The Officers' Spouses Club is looking for creative and talented individuals to share their skills with others. Whether your specialty is dance, language, music, needlecraft or cooking, join OSC Aug. 22 for Activities Super Sign-Up Night. Don't miss this great opportunity to showcase your talents. Fee-based services are welcome.

Organizations that want to increase participation including bridge groups, sewing groups, golf, tennis or bowling leagues are also encouraged to participate.

For more information, call Daisy Lewis at 687-3796.

Communities need mayors — The Community Life Mayors Program is accepting applications for mayors and vice mayors in all housing areas.

For more information, call Evelyn Livermore at 682-5414.

off post

Prescription drugs available — A new booklet has been published, "Free and Low Cost Health Care." The booklet includes information on a how and where to get free and low cost medical care under the Federal Hill-Burton program in the Columbus area.

Consumers can receive a copy by sending $5 to cover the cost of printing, postage and handling to: Patient Assistance Network — Free and Low Cost Health Care Booklet — Dept. HCB-0619 — P.O. Box 60382, Washington D.C. 20039-0382.

Safe Sitter classes — Safe Sitter classes for girls and boys ages 11 to 13 will be at 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31 to Aug. 1 at Health Matters of St. Francis.

Safe Sitter is a medically accurate program that teaches participants how to handle emergencies when caring for children.

The cost for Safe Sitter is $50 and lunch will be provided both days of the class. To register your child, call Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

Head Start — Head Start is a comprehensive child development program that provides services to 3- and 4-year-old children.

Stop by one of the following Head Start Centers: Beallwood, Rosemont, Peabody, Baker Village or Luna from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to enroll your child on site. It only takes about 15 minutes to apply.

For more information, call 649-1696 or 649-1641.

547th Engineer Bn. reunion — The 547th Engineer Battalion (Combat) Association and its attached units (552nd and 1328th) is holding its 16th reunion in Fort Mitchell, Ky., Aug. 1-4. For more information, call Nelson Reinhart at (513) 752-8545 or Ursula Allen at (253) 582-4649.

Camp Discovery — The Bradley Center of St. Francis is offering its annual Camp Discovery, a summer camp for children with Attention Deficit Disorder and children with Attention Deficit-Hyperactivity Disorder. Scheduled July 22-Aug. 2, the camp provides a highly structured environment for children with ADD or ADHD. Camp Discovery is for children ages 6 to 11. Both sessions will be held 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the St. Francis Park Campus at 2000 16th Avenue in Columbus. Cost per two-week session is $300. To register a child or for more information, call Michael Gabbard at The Bradley Center of St. Francis at 320-3761.

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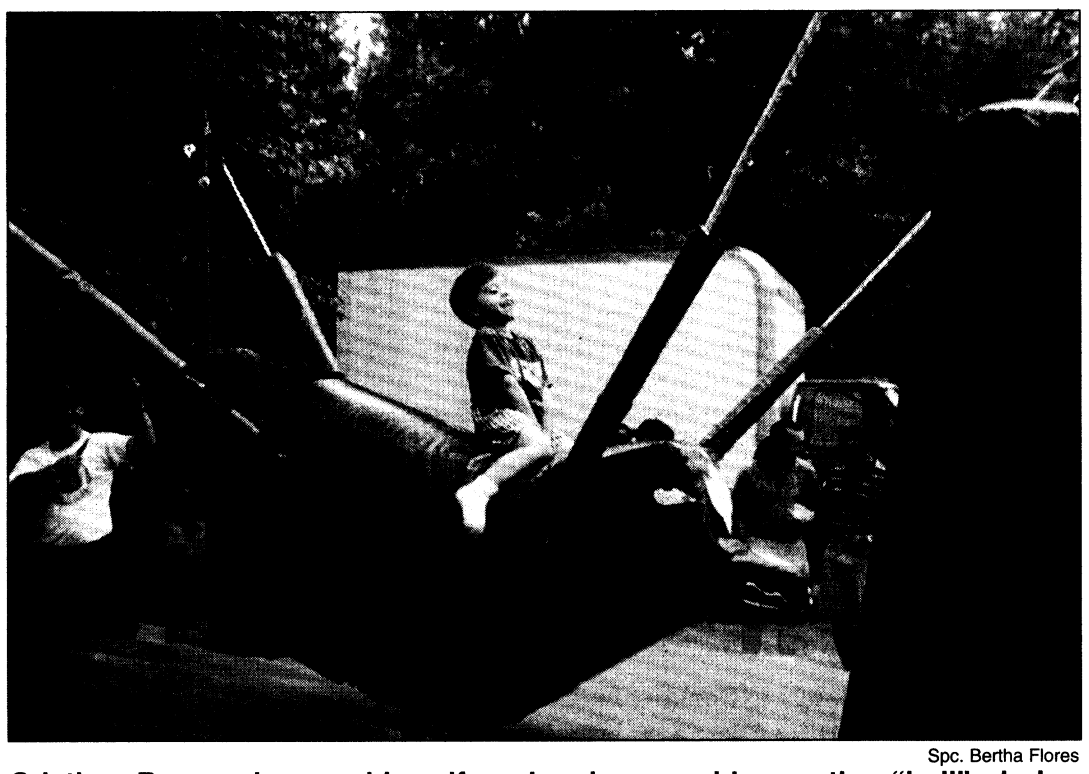
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Spc. Bertha Flores

Cristian Roman braces himself and enjoys a ride on the "bull" during WHINSEC's Family Day at Uchee Creek June 21.

Unit's family day features jalapeño-eating contest

Sgt. Daniel Monroy
WHINSEC PAO

Families at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation converged at Uchee Creek to kick off the summer with music, dance, food and festivities June 21.

WHINSEC's annual Family Day featured static displays — a UH-60 Black Hawk and an armored vehicle — and different activities for the whole family, said Capt. Luis Rodriguez, WHINSEC, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, commander and chief coordinator of the event.

While children swarmed for a photo with "McGruff the Crime Dog," adults brought their stomachs to the threshold on the Gyroscope Machine, one of the many attractions on hand for the event.

"They're bouncing around nonstop," Spc. Melissa Luciani said, while helping small children onto the Space Walk Inflatable Castle.

"Alex is going to be exhausted after today," Staff Sgt. James Bobadilla said of his 3-year-old son.

"We have boat rides, the Bungee Bull, volleyball, soccer; there's something for everybody," said 1st Sgt. Victor Vellon, HHC first sergeant.

Throughout the day, games and contests were played for prizes, and awards were presented for soccer and volleyball winners.

A cash prize of $25 was also awarded to the person daring to win the jalapeño-eating contest.

Pointing to enough food for 600 people, Rodriguez said the event would not have been possible without the working contributions of the WHINSEC Family Support Group.

"Throughout the year, volunteers came together and raised money by conducting car washes and bake sales. We also would like to thank the Morale, Welfare and Recreation center for their assistance and others at WHINSEC who also contributed to the family day," Rodriguez said.

Setting up and running events were a combined effort of soldiers, officers and family members, Rodriguez said.

"Teamwork makes days like these memorable for the families, especially the children," said Capt. Jorge Nuñez, a Peruvian navy captain and guest instructor at WHINSEC.

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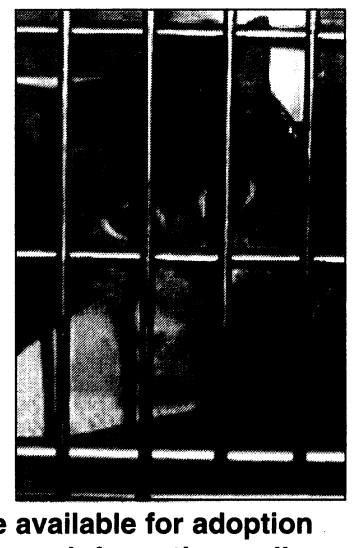


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Sgt. 1st Class Joe Cooper, Community Life NCO, and volunteers Brandi Zulauf, center, and Jennifer Johnson paint parking spaces for designated parking in Magraw Manor. Stenciling the parking spaces began June 12. Eventually all 953 units will have one designated parking spot.

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Freedom comes with price we all pay

Rules keep behavior in check

Chaplain (Capt.) Deirdre Stoklein
Family Life Ministries Center

It's 5:20 a.m. Sunday morning. As I prepare to go to the airport, I recall the unpleasant events of my last air trip.

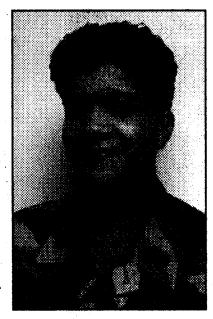
It was just weeks after Sept. 11, and I was the one person from my flight they chose to inspect before boarding the plane.

After security searched me they began to open my lipstick and inspect my unmentionables. I felt violated. But, as my embarrassment and temper began to elevate, I remembered that this was the price we all have to pay for freedom.

It costs something to live in a free nation, and freedom comes with a price.

Our forefathers fought for freedom and established rules to ensure that freedom. What a necessary contradiction. The same rules that hinder certain behavior ensure the freedom of others in our society.

REFLECTIONS


Stoklein

Case in point, in the military, we fight for the freedom to think what we please. But, we cannot always say what we think. If you attempt to force your beliefs, religious or otherwise, upon another person in the military, independence and freedom is threatened.

There are necessary boundaries that shape independence. We base these boundaries on truths that are self evident, that all men are created equal. And yet, equality also has its price.

Truth brings with it limits to equality. John 8:32 reads: "And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

Unless you're a thief, and the truth has just landed you in jail, freedom has boundaries, and it comes at a significant price.

America is a smorgasbord of culture, religion and race. As a nation and a people we come together with diverse beliefs, backgrounds and cultures.

We are a melting pot of skin tones, worship practices, foods and dress. These United States are united in the face of diversity, and that's what makes America so great.

As an independent nation we eat, sleep and fight for the freedom to be ourselves. With the fight comes the surrender to authority and the rules that govern freedom.

It is my sincere prayer that on this Fourth of July you celebrate with more than beer and hotdogs.

I hope that each of us takes the time to celebrate in prayer that America is a blessed, free and powerful nation.

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — PWOC is taking its summer break.

Bible studies for women will resume July 18 at 9:30 a.m. The ladies meet in the Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child care is provided.

The summer series is *That The World May Know*, a video tour through the lands of the Bible with life changing lessons from the Word of God.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month to discuss issues concerning them and their religious faith.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel.

Mass is held along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Altar Servers — St. Maurice Parish is in need of altar servers. Training sessions will begin at 9:30 a.m. on July 27 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

For more information, call Monica Manganaro at 545-3438.

Watch for these danger signs in marriage

Handle conflicts in mature, adult manner

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Marriages are damaged when disagreements and conflict are poorly handled.

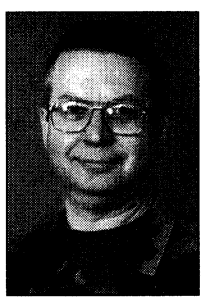
Studies show the presence of just four danger signs will adversely affect a marriage.

Escalation during disagreements indicates couples are unable to exit heated arguments.

Couples that escalate an argument often become more vocal or use a sarcastic tone of voice.

They do not keep their focus on the problem at hand. They bring up issues from the past.

They are unable to separate the problem from their spouse.


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They tend to rationalize, justify, defend and excuse their behavior.

In addition, they attack the other person by pointing out their partner's mistakes or inconsistencies.

Being insensitive to your mate's feelings is a subtle form of invalidation. Insults, put downs and name calling are more obvious forms of invalidation.

Mind reading is a form of negative interpretations. Instead of giving a person the benefit of the doubt, one marriage partner ignores, discounts, minimizes or re-interprets what their partner says or does.

Withdrawal and avoidance are forms of stonewalling. Avoidance fails to deal with issues in the first place. "I don't want to talk about it," is a common indicator of avoidance.

Setting a time to talk about an issue gets the couple back on track. Pulling away, shutting down or leaving without saying when you will return are forms of withdrawal.

Escalation, invalidation, negative interpretations, and withdrawal or avoidance mean that couples are not as nice, polite, respectful, tactful or civil to those closest to them.

These negative danger signs will destroy a marriage even when couples work to increase the positive aspects in their relationships.

A remedy to these danger signs is found in scripture. "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other" (Galatians 4:29-32).

Would you like to make your marriage better? Free counseling and support are available.

Contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza, 545-1760, or e-mail me at koopr@benning.army.mil.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday-Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill

Sunday Mass

8:30 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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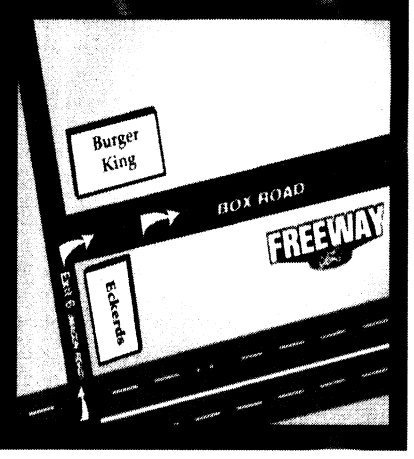
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SECTION C

Marksmen win medals in Atlanta

Fort Benning competitors rally in events

Scott Enten
USA Shooting

ATLANTA — A 2000 U.S. Olympian, Adam Saathoff, 27, an EMT firefighter from Sierra Vista, Ariz., secured the gold medal June 22 in the men's 10 meter running target mixed event at the 2002 USA Shooting National Championships, scoring 387 of a possible 40 points. Koby Holland, 28, of Dillon, Mo., took the silver with a 381, followed by the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit's Sgt. 1st Class Lance Dement, 33, another 2000 U.S. Olympian originally from San Antonio, Texas, getting the national bronze medal with a 378.

In competition at Fort Benning, another USAMU running target mainstay, Sgt. Armando Ayala, 30, a native of El Paso, Texas, took home the gold medal in the men's 50 meter mixed runs event with a score of 380. Dement brought home the silver, also with a 380.Dement was able to add another gold to his collection with a win in the 50 meter 30+30 event with a score of 576 of a possible 600. Hank Gray, 23, of Bozeman, Mont., took the silver at 575, while Ayala picked up the bronze with a score of 571.

Matt Emmons, 21, a University of Alaska at Fairbanks junior from Browns Mills, N.J., claimed his second national medal of these championships with a win June 21 in the men's prone rifle match.

Emmons sank home 10 more solid shots to add another 104.7 points to his score for the national gold medal, a near miraculous performance under these conditions. Emmons was challenged briefly by USAMU shooter Sgt. 1st Class Tom Tamas, 37, of Columbus, a two-time U.S. Olympian and the co-world record holder in this event, but his 1192 qualifying round score coupled with a 103.0 final was just not enough to catch the younger shooter.

Emmons made up for a marginal first day's score of 1162 with an 1173 June 23 to take ahead going into the men's 3x40 rifle medals final round over a pair of USAMU shooters, with two points on Staff Sgt. Jason Parker, 27, of Cusseta, Ga., and five points ahead of Mike Anti, 38, of Winterville, N.C..

e6Parker made a game attempt to overtake Emmons in the ten-shot final, but a weak last shot gave the gold to Emmons.

It was the UAF Nanook's second win of the national meet, with a total score of 2433.1 against Parker's 2432.4.

USA Shooting is recognized by the US Olympic Committee and the International Shooting Sport Federation as the national governing body for the Olympic and international shooting sports in the United States.

Engineer Group soldiers build esprit de corps

Canceled game leads to scrimmage

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Roughrider Tony Nguyen walked past Seahorse soldiers many times in his short time on post. They were strangers, so he did not talk to them.

Things began to change June 27 during a scrimmage at 6 p.m. the teams played at Knappenburger Field. The 63rd Engineer Company Roughriders were four players short because of the soldiers' operation tempo, so they forfeited the game. Their fellow engineers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group, lent them players so the teams could play for fun.

"We were happy to give them the players they needed," said Seahorse Joshua Dimitri. "They are an important part of the 36th's team, and anytime we can help them out — be it with mission or a morale activity — we'll do it."

A fun, close 9-7 Roughrider victory was the team's reward.

"It's a morale builder," Dimitri said. "I have some hard days, and knowing I'm playing softball in the evening makes the day go by faster."

The satisfaction the game brings to soldiers pays many other dividends, he said. Soldiers in high spirits tend to work better and help the unit complete missions to standard more efficiently.

"I think the rest of the season is going to continue to be fun," Dimitri said. "I love the game. I look forward to keeping our winning streak going and doing well in the playoffs."

The regular season has been a struggle for the Roughriders, Nguyen said.

"We've had many projects going on, so our record may indicate we're struggling," he said. "Mission comes first."

The Roughriders playoff season, which begins July 22, is up in the air. Approximately 85 company soldiers are deploying to Fort Pickett, Va., at the end of the month for three months to help a National Guard unit build a training area for policemen, so the team may lose too many soldiers to continue.

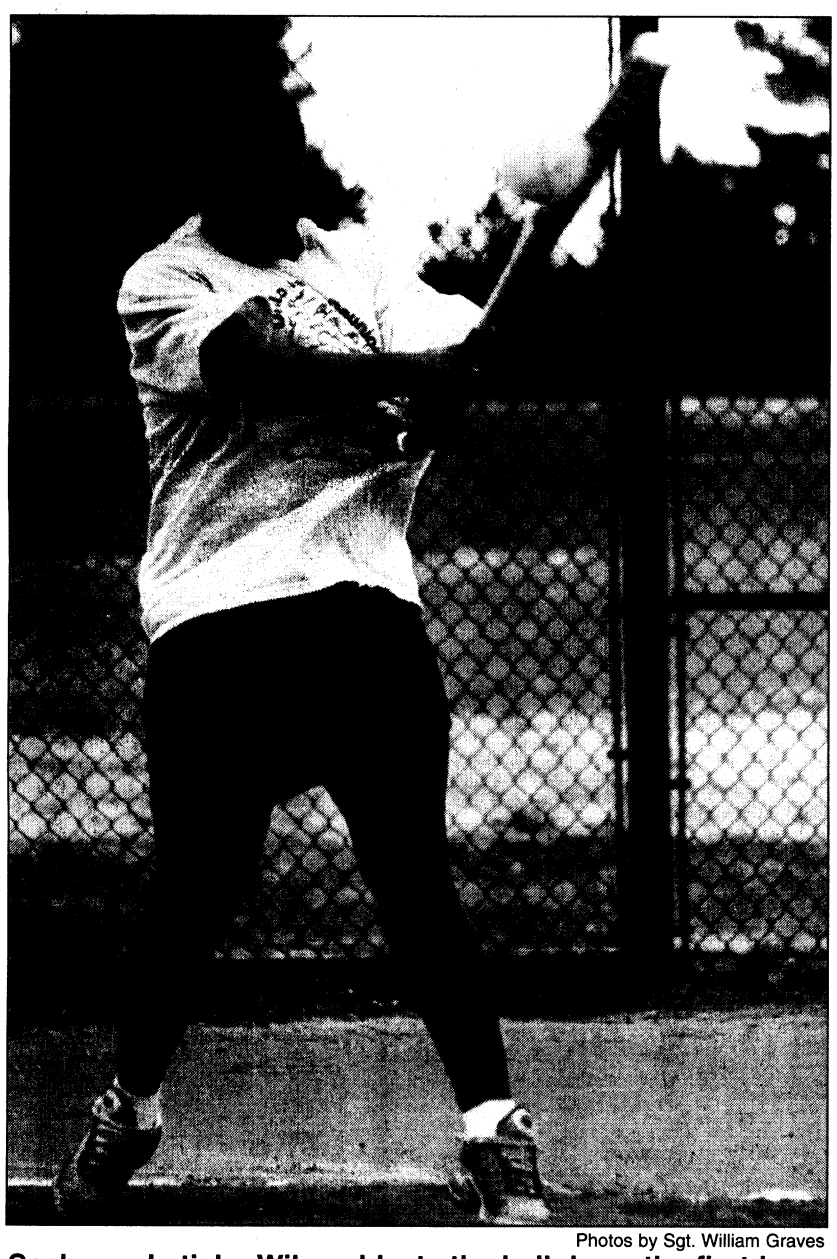
Regardless of record and where they sit in the standing, the team's season has been and will be a success, Nguyen said.

"It's more than just a game," Nguyen said. "It builds a bond. Now, I'm friends with the guys who I didn't talk to before softball. We all joke around about who messed up or who had the best game."

Furthermore, Roughriders used the casual atmosphere the game provided to familiarize themselves with how their opponents do business at work and share pointers on how to perform their missions better.

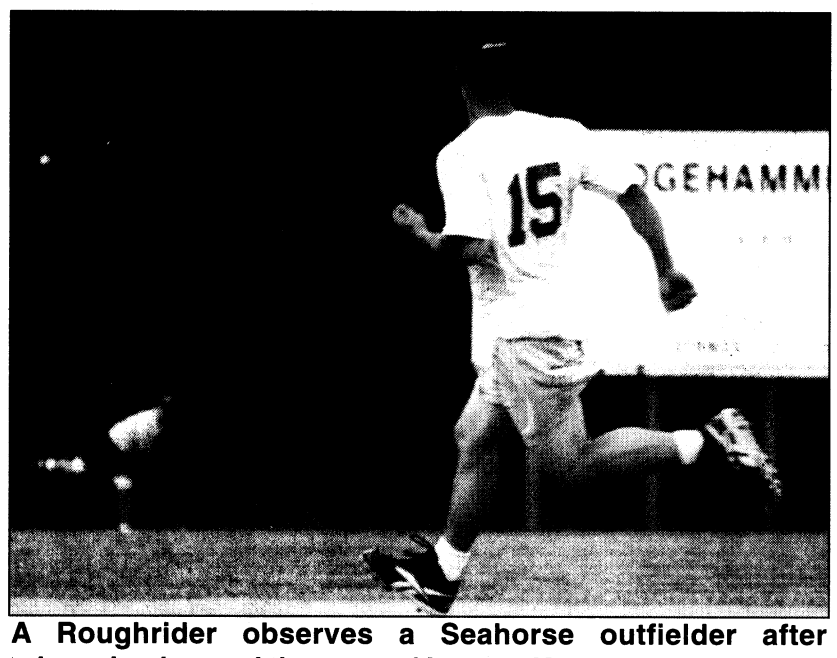
Still, it wasn't all buddy-buddy on the field, Dimitri said. Competition was fierce as the teams battled for bragging rights and heated up their friendly rivalry. Even company leaders mixed it up. 63rd Engineer Co. 1st Sgt. John Johnson, Capt. Jason Miller, HHC, and Navy Lt. Jeff Brancheau, officer in charge for Design Management, played important parts for their teams.

"It's outstanding to see people in their positions come out and spend their personal time with the units," Nguyen said. "It shows they came about not only the mission, but their soldiers, too, and makes us respect them more and want to work harder to help the team."



Photos by Sgt. William Graves

Seahorse Latisha Wilson blasts the ball down the first-base line during a scrimmage with the Roughriders June 27.



A Roughrider observes a Seahorse outfielder after advancing beyond the second base at Knappenburger Field.

Institute offers exam

Dana Cravey
Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital

The Institute of Athletic Health Care and Research, a nonprofit organization affiliated with the Hughston Sports Medicine Foundation, will provide fall sports pre-participation screening evaluations July 20 at Shaw High School in Columbus. The evaluations will cost $5 per athlete. For each exam, $4 will be placed into an account for that school's athletic program to provide for athletic health care equipment and supplies. All athletes must be dressed in shorts, T-shirts, socks, and tennis shoes. No long pants or blue jeans. Athletes need to report the front of the school more than 15 minutes prior to your school's assigned time:

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9:30 a.m.	Spencer and Central Talbotton
10 a.m.	South Girard and Terrell Co.
10:15 a.m.	Kendrick
10:30 a.m.	Columbus
10:45 a.m.	Brookstone and Carver
11 a.m.	Pacelli and Russell Co.
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11:30 a.m.	Grace Christian and Tri-County
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The PPSE will include the following stations: medical history, height and weight, blood pressure and pulse, dental check, vision station, general medical check, musculoskeletal exam, body composition and a fitness exam.

The fitness exam includes a 10-yard dash, vertical jump, pull-ups for boys, flexed-arm hang for girls, and medicine ball throw.

For information, call 706-322-1217 ext. 24.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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YS soccer camp — Youth Services soccer camp registration runs until July 12. Times for registration are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m at Building 1056. The camp is open to Youth Services members ages 6 to 15. The cost is $65 per child.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS cheerleading camp — Youth Services cheerleading camp registration begins Monday and runs until July 19. Registration times will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m at Building 1056. The camp is open to Youth Services members ages 6 to 15. The cost is $40 per child.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS aerobics — Youth Services aerobics classes start in July. Registration is ongoing at Building 1056, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The classes are open to children ages 6 and up.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Army 10-Miler qualifier — There will be three races to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team. The races will be at the Santiago Fitness Center July 20 and Aug. 17. Registration begins day of the race at 6 to 6:45 a.m.

The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the 18th annual Army 10-miler race Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1/30 will receive free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification. Hours of operation are from. noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

off post

Summer shootout — The Premier Summer Shootout, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation Joints in Motion Marathon Training Team, will conduct a shooting clay tournament July 27 at Chattahoochee Clays Shooting Course, 3945 Old Seale Highway. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with two flights obtainable at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Summer Shootout offers a four-man team with NSCA Rules applying. The day will include a catered lunch and shooters' bags for each participant, team trophies as well as door prizes to be raffled off during the awards ceremony schedule to begin at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 576-4086, ext. 3.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

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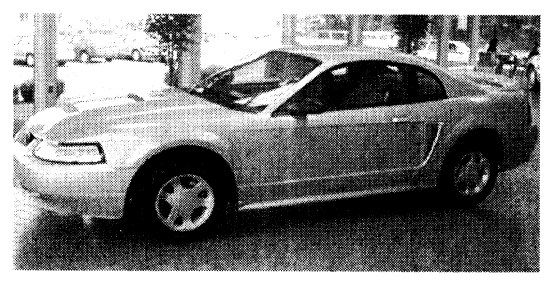
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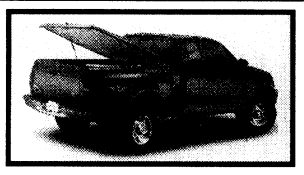
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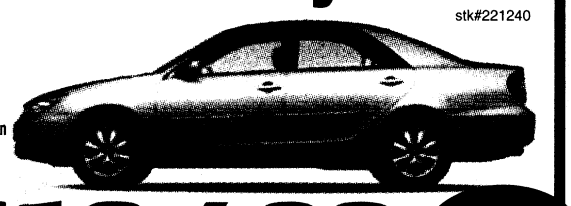
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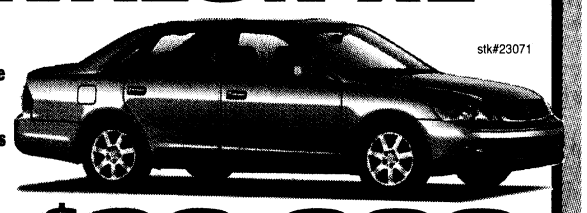
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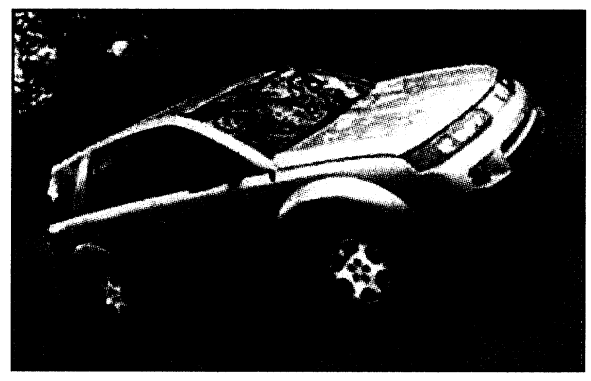
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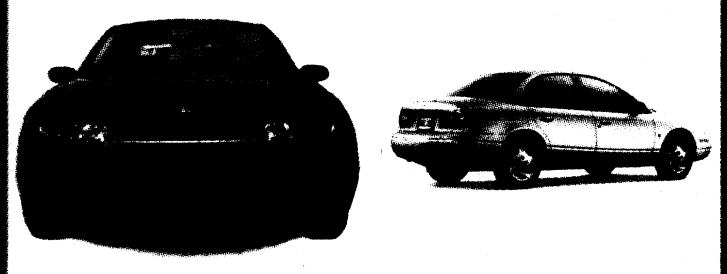
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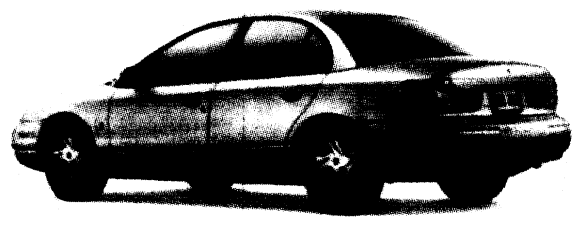


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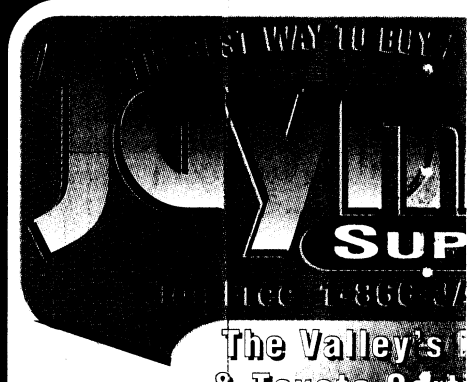


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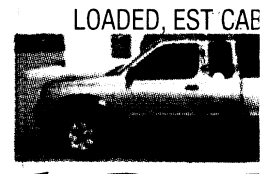
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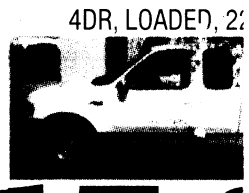


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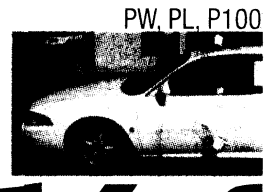
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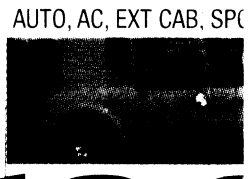
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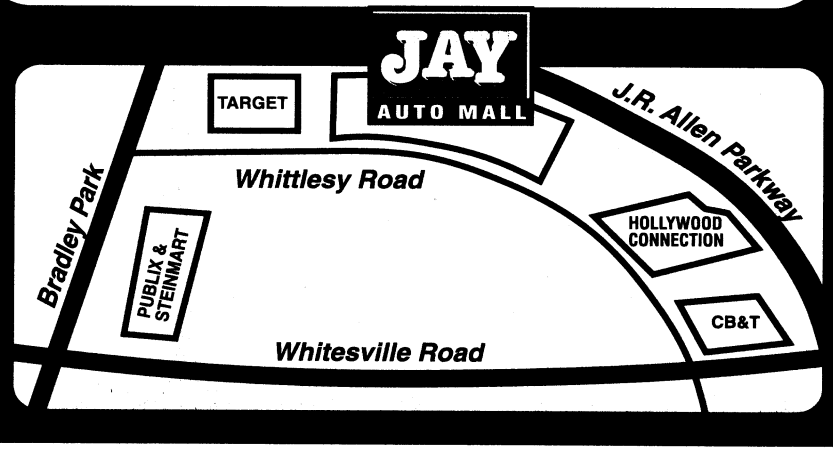
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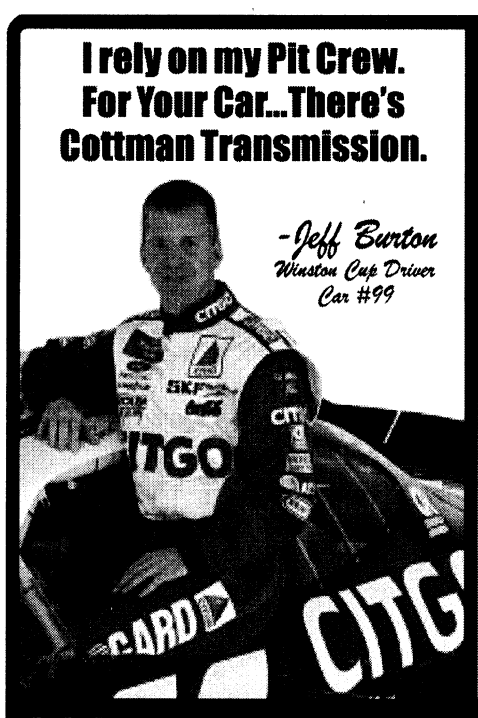
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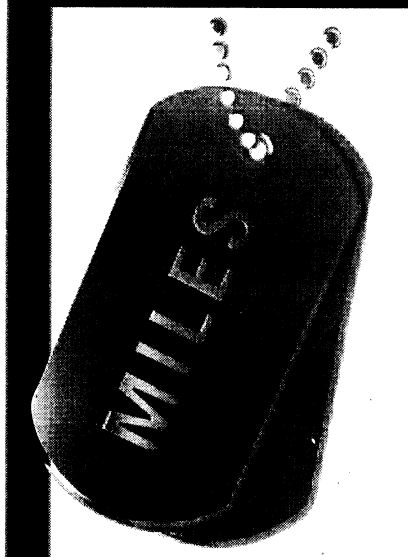
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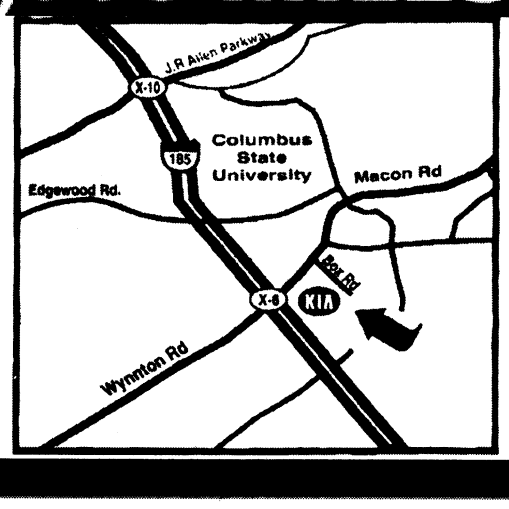
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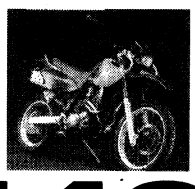
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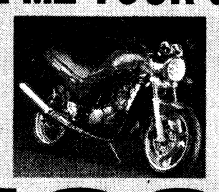
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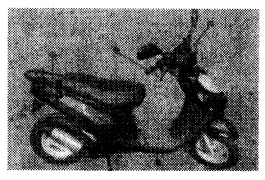
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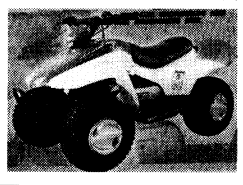
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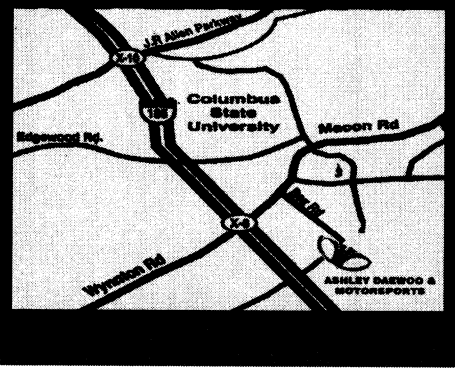


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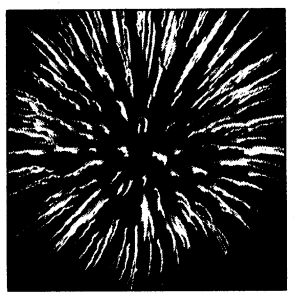
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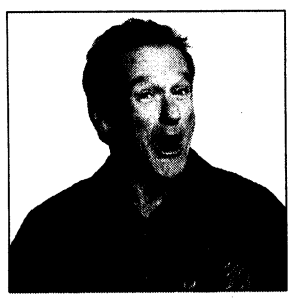
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Ecstasy use rises among troops

Investigators know exactly what to look for

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

As the drug ecstasy becomes more prevalent among young people in America, the number of soldiers using the so-called "designer drug" is also increasing, said Chief Warrant Officer Paul Bond, drug suppression coordinator for the Fort Benning Criminal Investigation Command.

"We've definitely seen an increase of ecstasy among soldiers around Fort Benning in the past three years," Bond said. "Our CID investigators know the drug is out there and they know how to find who's using it. Soldiers who use the drug need to beware that we are following their tracks closely."

CID is made up of several drug suppression teams with a primary goal of counteracting the flow of illegal drugs onto Fort Benning.

Last month, a state and federal investigation called Operation Xtermination busted more than 80 U.S. Marines and sailors in an ecstasy ring in North Carolina. The bust has put both Fort Benning and Columbus agents on an increased alert, Boyd said.

"We work extremely close with the Columbus Narcotics Metro Task Force," Bond said. "Our agents are undercover patrolling area clubs and hot spots every night of the week."

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While Fort Benning does not keep statistics on the exact number

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Military dogs protect post

Handlers, dogs work together, keep post safe

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Man's best friend can be more than just a companion. The military working dogs of Fort Benning are an asset to the community and make it a safer and more secure place to live, work and play.

Handlers with the 209th Military Police Detachment had some of their dogs out Monday as part of on-going training with their four-legged partners.

"You can't hide anything from a dog," said Sgt. Anthony Gulli, K-9 handler with 209th Military Police Detachment. "Their sense of smell is just too good. People try to hide drugs in tires and gas tanks. They wrap them with an inch thick of plastic trying to cover up the odor. The dogs are trained to detect and concentrate on just the certain odors and when they go to work all the other smells are filtered out."

Drug dogs are trained to detect six different substances, and explosives detecting dogs are trained for 12 different odors.

Handlers train dogs to detect pure odors, so even if the scent is diluted or masked, traces of it will still be there to be picked up. The dogs are also trained to detect fringe odors. Handlers teach dogs by rolling up a rag and putting it in with a substance for a while. The dog can still locate the odor or even after it has left.

It's similar to putting a couple teaspoons of salt into a glass of water. When the water is boiled away, only the salt remains. It's the same way when someone tries to cover an odor, it will still be there, Gulli said.

A dog, barking, snarling, lunging and drooling at someone can be more intimidating than a line of police, because people usually assume a dog is more likely than the police to injure them, Gulli said.

"The dogs are trained to bite and hold their subject until the command is given to release," Gulli said. "If someone tries to run from a dog, they're going to get caught, and we just have to follow the screams."



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Robin demonstrates the proper biting technique on Sgt. Anthony Gulli, K-9 handler with 209th MP Detachment.

> "You can't hide anything from a dog."
>
> **Sgt. Anthony Gulli**
> K-9 handler with 209th Military Police Detachment

To have a dog as obedient and skilled as the working dogs, a lot of time is invested into them and their training.

See **DOGS**, A-6

AUSA talks change

Congressman to discuss legislation

USAIC Public Affairs Office

The Fort Benning chapter of the Association of U.S. Army is sponsoring a meeting on concurrent receipt at 10 a.m. Saturday in Marshall Auditorium in Infantry Hall.

The guest speaker at the meeting with be Congressman Mac Collins, who will discuss congressional action and the current status of concurrent receipt.

Concurrent receipt is the single biggest issue for retired military personnel who are disabled, said Chuck Hunsaker with U.S. Congressman Mac Collins's staff.

Military and veterans groups, to include AUSA, have worked with members of Congress for a number of years to change the legislation which does not allow retired military personnel to receive both retired pay and disability pay.

Changes to the legislation have come close, but the change has never made it completely through both houses of Congress.

Collins has been on a special subcommittee of the house budget committee studying concurrent receipt. He will tell the group about the legislation, where it is in the legislative process, the prospects of passage this year, and answer any question members of the audience may have.

The meeting is open to anyone with an interest in the topic, not just AUSA members.

SOAW protesters appear in local court

Defendants stand trial for November crimes, many found guilty

Bridgett Siter
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Thirty-seven protesters appeared before a U.S. magistrate this week, charged with violating federal law by trespassing on Fort Benning during the annual SOA-Watch rally in November.

The defendants, members of the SOA Watch who allege some graduates of the former U.S. School of the Americas committed atrocities in Central and Latin America, pleaded their case before U.S. Magistrate G. Mallon Faircloth, who distributed copies of the congressional acts that created The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, which replaced the SOA 18 months ago.

"I ask you to determine whether the democratic process has worked and is working," said Faircloth, according to Jim Houston, a reporter for the Columbus *Ledger-Enquirer*. The new institute has clearly defined goals, curricula and supervision.

As of press time, 31 of the defendants were found guilty of trespassing after having previously been banned from entering post. Each faces up to six months in prison and a $5,000 fine. One was acquitted. Thirty-one who pleaded guilty await sentencing, including a husband and wife from Elkton, Va.

Ten pleaded not guilty, but admitted by stipulation that they crossed onto Fort Benning during the Nov. 18 protest. Five have demanded a trial in which they will represent themselves.

The defendants, ranging in age from 18 to 72, included the Rev. William Joseph O'Donnell, a Catholic parish priest from Berkeley, Calif., who has been arrested 224 times during the last 46 years.

The youngest defendant, 18-year-old Michael Sobol of Denver, told the magistrate he received school credit for participating in the SOA-Watch demonstration.

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I have a feeling you'll not notice at first. Minor irritations like leaking pipes or pay glitches will be overlooked, swept aside, in the glow of newlywed bliss.

Your new home, no your new 'quarters' will look charming and cozy through the eyes of love. And that's what I would wish for you, my sister's daughter — rose-colored glasses.

But one day, sooner or later, perhaps when he's been gone too long — a TDY or field exercise — you'll take a good long look around you at the quarters you call home, the strangers you call neighbors and the commitment (24-7!) he calls work. And you'll see flaws instead of perfection.

That's when the honeymoon ends and the marriage begins.

That's when you remember your vows — "for better or worse" — and paint a wall, lay a rug or hang a picture to make the worst kind of quarters better.

That's when you remember that "forsaking all others" means leaving friends here and there, time and time again. And making new ones along the way.

That's when you realize "in sickness and in health" includes homesickness.

And that's when you remember "till death do us part," and pray for God's protection over your soldier and your country.

The good news?

When the perfect wears off, the pride will shine through — pride in what he does and who he is.

Pride in being married to a soldier.

You'll stand and salute every time the flag passes by and expect others to do the same.

You'll get goose bumps when you hear children say the Pledge of Allegiance.

You'll notice license plates with Purple Hearts and feel immeasurable gratitude toward strangers.

You'll defend the Army as surely as the Army defends you.

Your family will miss you, and you'll miss them, but you'll be part of a much bigger family now.

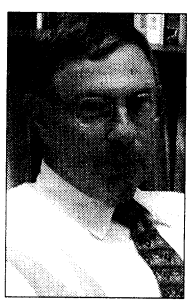
Welcome.

The life of an Army wife is not perfect, but I have no doubt you'll make the perfect Army wife.

Cheating cheats all of us

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



Does watching the evening news ever make you want to scream, "What's wrong with you people!"

And I'm not even referring to the war on terrorism. Heck we don't need terrorists to do us in. We're doing a pretty good job of it ourselves.

I'm not sure which is worse, the cheaters or the people who won't take responsibility for their own actions. But maybe they are one and the same.

We look at Enron and WorldCom and wonder how such crooked people can get to where they are and how they became that way.

But then we pick up the newspapers and read about kids cheating at school. They get caught. Teachers fail them for the course.

Then the daddies and mommies raise holy heck with the principal or the school superintendent and next thing little Johnny or Suzy has a passing grade.

No wonder kids grow up thinking there's no penalty for cheating, no wonder kids grow up with no moral compass, no wonder kids grow up thinking the world owes them a living.

First I find fault with the parents. If I'd been caught cheating on a test, or plagiarizing a paper, I'd still not be able to sit down (I know, we don't spank anymore.)

My parents were more apt to back a teacher who was trying to instill discipline and other values into me, than their son who was out to beat the system.

Then I blame the administrators who cave in to these so-called parents. Have they no backbones? Have they no standards?

Would they want to be operated on by a doctor who cheated on his anatomy exam? "Let's see, I think this little squishy thing is the appendix, or was the appendix on the right side, hmmm?"

My parents held me responsible for what I did or failed to do. If I did something stupid and got hurt doing it, OK, they were sorry I was hurt.

But in their book, we learn by our mistakes, we don't sue everyone within a 50-mile radius because we are inept, clumsy or spastic (Yeah we didn't have politically correct language to worry about then either.)

I don't think the west would have been won if we'd had to rely on the pansies who permeate society today.

Thank God (can I say that?) for the Army.

What this nation needs is an influx of drill sergeants.

If drill sergeants can mold couch potatoes into fighting men and women, if drill sergeants can instill the seven Army values into the "me generation," then they are the ones to save the nation.

There's a program, Troops to Teachers. Instead of sending former soldiers off to get teaching certificates, they need to send teachers, administrators and school board members to drill sergeant school.

I'll betcha the students would sit a lot straighter, pay closer attention and wouldn't dare cheat if some guy or gal wearing a drill sergeant hat was standing in front of them.

And I'll bet the whiny butt parents who came to complain that Johnny or Suzy can't get into Harvard now because of a C grade would probably think better about the complaining too.

"Let's see, do I really want to tell that guy that I think his standards are too high?"

There are a lot of good folks out there, young and old, in and out of education. We only hear about the anomalies.

Unfortunately, the number of people who want to get ahead at any cost is rising. We need to put the brakes on them.

A tour of duty for people like this certainly would help. The transformation these young civilians go through is uncanny and positive.

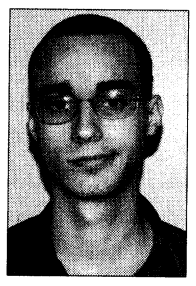
Drill sergeants, keep up the good work.

Liars and cheaters, go bury your heads.

Soldier celebrates career milestone

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

COMMENTARY



It's been one year since I joined the Army. There have been many ups and downs, but I've gotten through them.

I joined July 4, 2001. What a great day to join the Army. But I didn't know what I was getting myself into when I raised my hand.

I went to basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C., where I was part of 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment.

I loved basic training. I had so much fun. There were many things I learned about myself, and it made me a better person.

Army values, the value of teamwork and the real value of friendship have made me stronger.

I learned more in basic training than I imagined. Sure, I was in the Boy Scouts and I learned a lot of skills, but not as many as I learned in basic.

After graduating from basic, I moved to Fort Meade, Md., to attend the Basic Journalist Course at the Defense Information School.

Fort Meade was a great place to be. The first four weeks I couldn't go off post, but once I could, a bunch of us would go to Baltimore or Washington, D.C., every weekend. What a great place to be.

But, for every joy there is a price to pay.

DINFOS wasn't exactly the easiest school to get through. In fact, it was the hardest 13 weeks of school I had ever had.

English, grammar and composition.

When my papers were graded, tiny mistakes added up, and after a few minus fives and a couple minus ones my grade got low.

I graduated at the end of January and headed to Fort Benning. Now being from Kennesaw, Ga., which is 20 minutes north of Atlanta, I didn't want to be stationed here. But, I accepted it and began working for *The Bayonet.*

Going through training totally changed my view on how the military is run. I realize the effort that we put in to make America a safe country. Our jobs as soldiers require us to be on our toes 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

There are also many opportunities I had that I never realized I had.

The two main opportunities for me are Airborne School and eArmyU, the free online college program — free laptop, free printer and free Internet access.

The only requirement for keeping the equipment is completing 12 college credits within two years of enrolling in the program. I've started eArmyU and I plan on attending Airborne School.

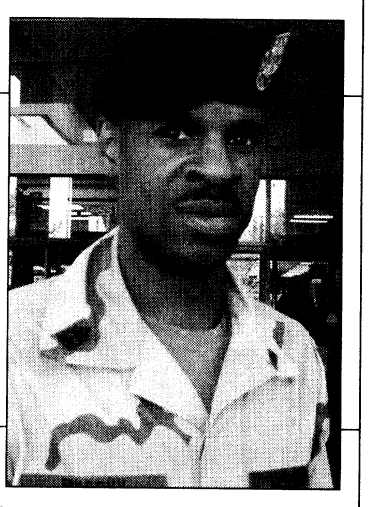
This year has been a great one, and I look forward to each new adventure and opportunity.

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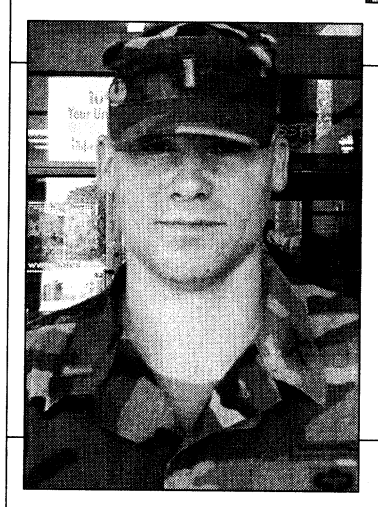
What advice do you have for someone marrying a soldier?



Michele Nunweiler, family member — "My advice is to support your soldier wholeheartedly and become involved in unit activities."



1st Sgt. Terrence Murphy, 317th Engineer Battalion — "Be prepared for anything that comes up. The military is very diverse. Support your soldier."



2nd Lt. Cory Roberts, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry — "Communication has to go both ways. Be flexible with moves and deployments. Any military spouse needs to understand the expectations the military has. A military spouse can't have an 'I married you, not the Army' attitude."



Retired Master Sgt. Jimmie Jakes, Columbus — "Make sure you're really in love — an unconditional love. Be ready for sacrifice and know how to spend your time when you're apart."



Jeannie Cummings, family member — "A military spouse needs a lot of patience, understanding and stamina. There needs to be commitment to the marriage and to each other. A military spouse has to be a very strong person and a team player."



1st Lt. Jeanne Wiles, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — "Enjoy the time you have together. Play lots."

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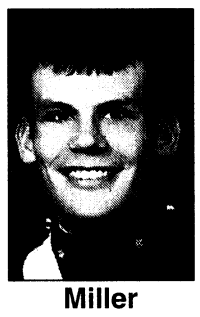
West Point grad dies during pre-ranger

Friends mourn all star's death

Angela Sachitano
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The past week and a half has been especially tough for those who knew 2nd Lt. Zachariah Miller.

Miller, a 2002 West Point graduate and Rhodes scholar was attending the pre-ranger course at Fort Benning when he collapsed during a land navigation exercise July 1.


Miller

Friends say Miller was in superb physical shape and they are confused and in shock as to what could have possibly caused the 22-year-old soldier to collapse.

"He was an all-star at West Point," said 2nd Lt. Matthew Myer, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regt., and a college friend of Miller's. "Many cadets looked up to him. He set the standard with his brilliance."

Miller was awarded a Rhodes scholarship for his hard work at West Point and was granted acceptance at the University of Oxford in England next year to expand upon his degree.

"It was his goal since high school to be a Rhodes scholar," Myer said. "He was just about ready to live out his dream. Who knows what he would have done with his life and for this Army?"

Miller was originally from Stoneboro, Pa., and had just arrived on Fort Benning for temporary duty last month following his graduation from West Point.

He had successfully completed Airborne School and was one day away from finishing up the pre-ranger course when he failed to return to the base station.

"Members of the 75th Ranger Regiment immediately began a search for him," said Monica Manganaro, Fort Benning Public Affairs spokesperson. "They found him dead that evening at around 8 p.m. We are all in disbelief and left with few answers."

Preliminary results of Miller's autopsy were inconclusive, Manganaro said.

The remaining tests will be performed by the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, and it could take six weeks before a cause is released to the public.

Meanwhile, friends agree Miller had already achieved in his life more than most people achieve in three lifetimes. Among his many accomplishments, Miller was elected captain of the West Point rugby team and was a tutor to many of his fellow cadets.

"He was one of the most selfless people I knew," Myer said. "To be at a school like West Point and stand out like he did shows what an outstanding individual he was. I and the rest of us who knew Zachariah are going to miss him dearly."

Rangers induct 16 into hall of fame Tuesday

Inductees give praise to partners

Bridgett Siter
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There was a lot of finger pointing Tuesday at Marshall Auditorium, where more than 300 rangers honored 16 of their own during the 10th annual Ranger Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

One after another, the inductees took the stage, shrugged off any accolades, and pointed instead to the leaders who inspired them, the comrades who fought alongside them and the wives who held it all together back home.

"I didn't get here by myself. It took a lot of good people, NCOs and officers, along the way," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Autrail Cobb, a former command sergeant major of the Infantry School, who was lauded for 30 years of exemplary service.

"I owe it to the real ranger, my wife, my ranger buddy for 45 years," said retired Lt. Col. James Rogers, an OCS Hall of Fame alumnus who was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross during the Vietnam War.

"There's no greater honor than to be honored by your comrades, but they were right there with me," said retired Master Sgt. Edward Posey, who applauded the men he served with in the 2nd Ranger Company in Vietnam.

But no one denied he was "in the company of giants," as Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Petsch referred to the hundreds of rangers present, representing every generation of soldiers since World War II.

"They say I'm joining an elite group today. But I say I did that when I graduated from Ranger School," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. James Collier, a former command sergeant major and chief instructor of the Ranger Department.

Indeed, of the more than 50,000 soldiers who have served with ranger units, only 170 have been inducted into the hall of fame, including such notables as President Abraham Lincoln, retired Maj. Gen. Frank Merrill, who led the legendary Merrill's Marauders, and South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond, an honorary inductee in 1994.


Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Retired rangers, Command Sgts. Maj. Warren "Bing" Evans, left, and Harris Parker and Master Sgt. Edward Posey, right, await their turn to speak during Tuesday's hall of fame induction ceremony.

Former Sgt. Robert L. Carr was inducted posthumously during Tuesday's ceremony. A member of Merrill's Marauders, Carr distinguished himself by braving a hail of Japanese gunfire to rescue two of his injured comrades during a 10-day siege on his unit in Burma. He then returned to his job as artillery spotter, calling in fire only 30 yards away to end the siege. Carr was recommended for a Silver Star for his actions. But ironically, the former muleskinner's records were lost when the mule that was carrying them fell off a cliff.

Carr died Feb. 12, before his family received word of his nomination to the hall of fame. His widow and daughter accepted the honor on his behalf.

"This would have been one of the finest hours of his life," his daughter said. "He would've accepted it in the memory of the Marauders who didn't make it back.

"Dad loved the rangers and he loved being a ranger. He never told many people about it. He just was. He was a ranger everyday, like all rangers, who are heroes every day and everyday heroes."

The guest speaker, retired Brig. Gen. Richard J. Eaton, added a touch of levity to the otherwise reverent occasion.

"I'm tempted to talk about berets," he said, and the crowd laughed. "But I won't. We're here to talk about the Ranger Hall of Fame, an institution that validates the concept of the ranger and everything he stands for — loyalty, selfless sacrifice, honor."

Eaton capsulized the history of the rangers, noting the challenges against their cost effectiveness has been "an on and off battle for years."

"But that's not the case now," he said, as the nation fights the war on terrorism and recognizes the need for highly trained soldiers.

Besides Cobb, Rogers, Posey, Collier and Carr, the following were inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame: Staff Sgt. Glenn H. English Jr., deceased; retired Brig. Gen. Charles E. Getz; Dr. James E. Hopkins; former Capt. Lester E. Kness; retired 1st Sgt. Charles Rickard Laws Jr.; retired Command Sgt. Maj. Harris L. Parker; Sgt. First Class Edward W. Pucel, deceased; retired Lt. Col. Kenneth W. Stauss, deceased; retired Sgt. Maj. Dennis Thompson; former Sgt. Victor D. Valeriano; and retired Lt. Col. Richard D. Wandke.

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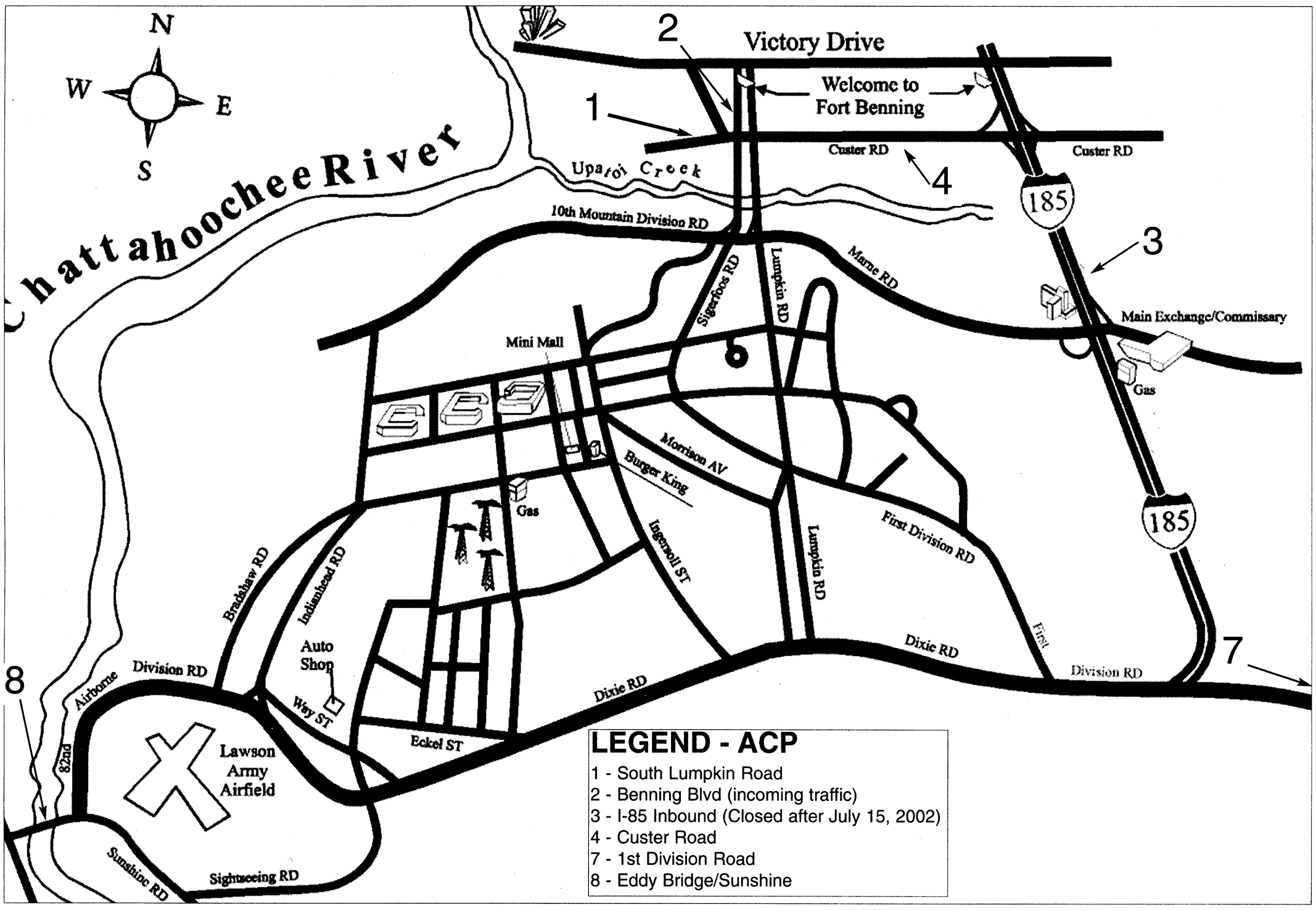
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Interstate 185 Inbound to close Sunday



All access control points will be open over the weekend, but Eddy Bridge and Sunshine Road will be rerouted through other Access Control Points.

Interstate 185 closes Sunday at 5 p.m. South Lumpkin Road will remain open 24 hours a day, starting at that time.

Traffic will be re-routed at the Victory Drive exit to Benning Boulevard inbound or South Lumpkin Road.

Traffic can also enter through Custer Road or 1st Division Road.

Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, suggested:

• People use alternate routes to:

• Use flex time to the maximum extent … allow subordinates to come in at different times so there are not major delays.

• Minimize physical training during this time. Allow soldiers to do physical training on their own.

• Reschedule events, and plan accordingly to get on post.

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Changes to TSP to help

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Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Upcoming improvements to the Thrift Savings Plan for both military and federal civilian employees will make the program easier to use.

Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, an Army lawyer who directs the Armed Forces Tax Council in the Pentagon, said the most significant change will be that accounts will become daily valued, instead of the current monthly valued. All transactions will be updated daily, he said.

Other changes include better online access to accounts and participant statements expressed in shares and dollars, instead of just dollars as the current statements are.

All changes are due to be implemented Sept. 16. Emswiler said no action is required from participants. However, he cautioned, there will be a two-week period from the end of August until Sept. 16 during which participants will be unable to make certain changes to their accounts or make withdrawals.

"For that two-week period when they're actually transferring accounts into the new record-keeping system, there's going to be a pause in your ability to do certain things," he said. "But otherwise, this is basically going to be seamless."

TSP participants will gain the ability to make changes daily, "but this isn't meant to make you a day trader," Emswiler said. "Think about your long-term investment needs and don't move your accounts simply based on short-term market fluctuations."

He said the Thrift Savings Plan is intended to be a retirement investment plan.

"That means it's a long-term investment. You don't want to just jump around based on short-term needs," he said. "You want to develop your investment strategy based on what level of risk you're willing to accept, whether your needs are long-term or short-term, and then stick with that plan."

For more information on the plan visit www.tsp.gov. A chart outlining the upcoming changes is available at www.tsp.gov/forms/tsplf11.pdf.

AROUND POST

Retirement ceremony

The retirement ceremony for Command Sgt. Maj. Otis P. Blanks, Basic Combat Training Brigade, is 1:30 p.m. Monday at Marshall Auditorium.

A farewell, coat-and-tie dinner is at 6 p.m. at the Officers' Club. Cost is $16.50 per person, with checks payable to the FBOC.

For more information or to order tickets, call 544-8614.

Changes of command

Fort Benning will have the following changes of command:

• Tuesday — Lt. Col. Brad Nelson will take command of 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. The outgoing commander is Lt. Col. Mike Hanley.

For more information, call 544-9513.

• July 23 — Lt. Col. Robert E. Freehill will take command of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. Lt. Col. Donald M. Sando is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-9368.

• July 29 — Col. Bryan R. Baldy will take command of Infantry Training Brigade at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. Col. Thomas W. Hayden is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-9964.

• Aug. 5 — Lt. Col. Todd Fitzgerald will take command of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Pomeroy Field. Lt. Col. Michael E. Culpepper is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-8061.

• Aug. 27 — Lt. Col. Greg Kane will take command of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. Lt. Col. Michael Winstead is the outgoing commander. Location is to be announced.

For more information, call 545-8516.

• Aug. 28 — Lt. Col. Alan W. Neyland will take command of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. Lt. Col. Daniel P. Dillon is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-1962.

eArmyU briefing

The eArmyU is the Army's educational initiative designed to offer the eligible enlisted soldier the opportunity to work toward a college degree or certificate anytime, anywhere. The educational program is 100 percent free and includes a technology package that consists of a laptop computer, printer, and free Internet service. There are briefings conducted on the eArmyU program for soldiers who are interested in enrolling. These briefings will be on a first come, first serve basis. The next briefing is at 9:30 Wednesday in classroom 32-B, Infantry Hall.

For more information, call the Education Center at 545-1774.

ID card section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. Wednesday

It will close at 11:30 a.m. july 23.

For more information, call 545-1411.

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score. The skills learned are applicable to the individual's military duties. The remaining class is scheduled for Aug. 12-Sept. 3. The class will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.). A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

Two-star breakfast

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general, will recognize Fort Benning's outstanding military and civilian personnel and volunteers at the Two Star Excellence Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. July 26 at the Supper Club. Tickets are available in Infantry Hall, room 547. Cost is $6.25.

For more information, call 545-4729.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board to consider soldiers for the promotion to sergeant major will be Oct. 1. Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000 and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977 and Oct. 1, 1992. Date of birth is no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951. Because of the implementation of stop-loss, soldiers normally ineligible due to retention control point — BASD is earlier than Oct. 1, 1977 — in a primary military occupational specialty affected by stop-loss will be considered eligible.

Soldiers must have a DA photo. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

For more information, call 545-8861 or 545-5640.

CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of two Dell laptop computers, one Infocus portable projector and one JVC VCR from Building 2631, Preventive Medicine, from June 14-17.

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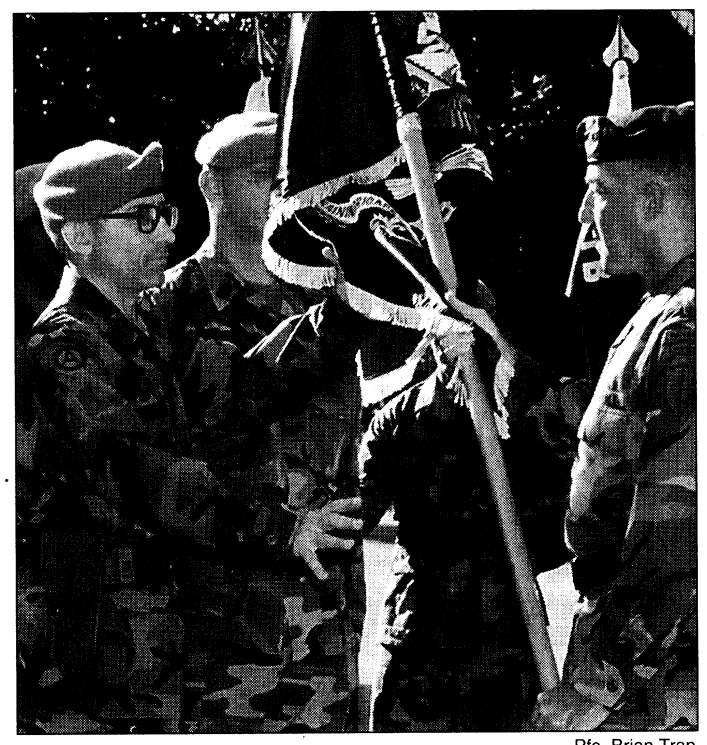
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There's a new 'Kidd' in town

Brigade welcomes commander

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff



Pfc. Brian Trap

Col. William G. Kidd accepts the brigade colors.

The former commander of the 6th Ranger Training Battalion returned to the Ranger Training Brigade to take command of the brigade Wednesday morning in a ceremony at the Ranger Memorial.

Col. William G. Kidd succeeds Col. Hazen L. Baron, whose next assignment is the executive officer to the commanding general of Forces Command.

"It has been a dream for the past two years being the commander of the RTB, and now I have to wake up," Baron said. "Colonel Kidd is the individual to take command of this most severest of schools.

"I pray the big ranger in the sky looks over your brigade the way it watched over mine," Baron said.

It was a bittersweet day of change, said Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton, post commanding general. Everyone involved was saying goodbye to one family and welcoming another.

"I have mixed emotions about saying goodbye to the Barons," Eaton said. "We're losing a great command team. They brought an ever greater degree of realism to the Ranger Course."

Kidd has served as a platoon leader, company executive officer and assistant logistics officer for 2nd, Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, ranger operations officer in U.S. Army Special Operations and Command, Fort Bragg, N.C.

"I'm thrilled to be serving with the brigade again," Kidd said. "I look forward to living here and working with all of you, or should I say 'y'all.'"

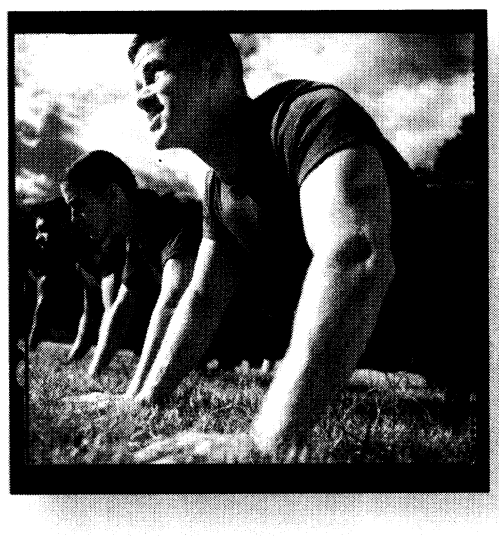
During the Gulf War, Kidd served as an assistant operations officer in U.S. Army Central Command and as a military observer in the United Nations Observer Mission in Kuwait. He also was the 6th Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, executive officer in the Berlin Brigade and served as a NATO staff officer.

"We're happy to have Colonel Kidd. He has received high marks from many people," Eaton said. "I look forward to working with you. You're truly steeped with the ranger ethos."

The Birmingham, Ala., native was commissioned through ROTC in 1978 and served three years in the National Guard before entering active service in 1981. Kidd has a master's degree from Webster University.

He is also a graduate of the Ranger Course, U.S. Army Command and General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

"I shall work every day to live up to the creed carved on the stones of this (Ranger) memorial," Kidd said.



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Dogs: Discourage bad guys from running from police

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When a handler gets a dog it takes about a month for the initial training.

In the first week, a handler plays with the dog to gain its trust, then the dog is trained with detection and bite work in a process that takes about a month, to prepare the dog for qualification.

The process takes a lot of time. Handlers can put in 50 to 65 hours a week, and there is also a lot of training done with the dogs during time off, said Sgt. Edward Smart, explosives detecting dog handler.

"The majority of our dogs are more than 95 percent accurate, even though the standard is 90 percent for a drug dog and 95 for an explosives dog," Smart said.

The dogs' accuracy and speed are vital to mission success.

"During a health and welfare inspection one dog can be in and out of a room in less than a minute and accurately identify if there are any substances in there," Gulli said. "If each room was done by hand, it could take hours."

"It's a rewarding job," Gulli said. "I get to see the fruits of my labor when I'm out there with my dog and we are taking drugs out of the community."



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Apollo finds a sack of marijuana during training with Sgt. Anthony Gulli, K-9 handler with 209th MP Detachment.

Ecstasy: Endangers soldiers lives, careers

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of ecstasy cases on post, Boyd said the drug is more prevalent among younger soldiers. There have also been a few isolated cases of career soldiers and family members using the drug, Boyd said.

Raves, or all night drug and dance parties, are common among ecstasy users. Investigators said they have not busted any rave parties on Fort Benning and are unaware of raves happening in the barracks or on post facilities.

Partiers take ecstasy because it's a hallucinogen as well as a stimulant. Usually taken in a tablet form, the drug produces profound positive feelings and can make those who take it feel connected with one another, according to the Narconon Drug Research and Rehabilitation Center in California.

The "closeness" among users can be a hurdle for investigators looking to break a case, Boyd said.

"Our biggest obstacle with ecstasy is the people who use the drug tend to be very cliquish," Boyd said. "It's sometimes hard to break in the close-knit circles to find out who's supplying. It's not a drug that we find on the streets."

One of the easiest ways to detect ecstasy is through a urinalysis, and many company commanders are now testing all of their soldiers on a monthly basis instead of the 20 percent of soldiers the Army requires.

"Because I deal with parachutes, I have to make sure my men and women are completely competent and focused at all times," said Capt. Rich Glisson, E Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507 Infantry Regiment. "I test 100 percent of my soldiers every month. There aren't any excuses as far as I'm concerned."

Glisson detected a case of ecstasy from a soldier's urine test more than a year ago and severe punishments followed, he said.

A soldier who is detected using ecstasy or any other illegal drug can be prosecuted by a court martial and receive a dishonorable discharge, as well as jail time.

A regulation handed down just this month requires commanders to discharge a soldier within 30 days if caught with drugs, even on a first offense.

"We know there may be a lot of soldiers out there who need help," Boyd said. "If soldiers come to us ahead of time, we will do our best to rehabilitate them and get them counseling. But once the drug shows up in their urine, we may have no choice but to discharge them."

If that doesn't deter soldiers, then the effect on their mind should, he said.

Studies from the Narconon Drug Center show extreme damage to the pleasure transmitters and other nerve endings in the brains of ecstasy users.

"Many people don't understand what kind of permanent effects this drug has on the central nervous system," Boyd said.

One thing is for sure, every soldier knows the consequences ecstasy will have on their career, Glisson said.

"Soldiers know when they sign up for the Army, the deal is they cannot take drugs," Glisson said. "It's stated to them clearly, and they agree to stay clean. I have little sympathy for the ones who get caught."



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Post to display Vietnam Wall Memorial in Fall

Wall will be temporary replica of D.C. memorial

Angela Sachitano
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More than 58,000 American men and women lost their lives or are still missing as a result of the Vietnam War.

In remembrance of those fallen comrades, every one of their names are held in high respect on the Vietnam Wall Memorial in Washington, D.C.

It's not always easy for soldiers and their families to make the trip to Washington, D.C., to see the memorial in person, so the Columbus owned, Striffler-Hamby Mortuary is sponsoring construction of a replica of the Vietnam Memorial to be displayed on Fort Benning from Oct. 11-13.

"To see the wall in person will offer unforgettable memories," said Angela Garnto, a Striffler-Hamby executive and director of the Fort Benning Vietnam Wall Experience. "As soon as we found out about the project to replicate the wall, we knew we wanted to be a part of it."

Service Corporation International owns Striffler-Hamby and several other funeral homes throughout the country.

Two years ago, the company had the idea of building a replica of the wall and moving the memorial from city to city.

"I and a lot of other veterans are anxiously awaiting the memorial," said retired Col. Biff Hadden, senior vice president of Military Affairs for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce. "The wall is a very personal place for everyone who has served."

At 240 feet long and 8 feet high, the wall will be a 3/4 scale replica of the original and be on displayed at Sacrifice Field for free to the public.

"This is going to be an enormous event," Garnto said. "We have been working with the creators of the original Vietnam wall to make sure this is an exact replica. Our soldiers and veterans need to see this."

The wall will be brought in on an 18 wheeler truck in two sections and will take about 10 hours to construct, Garnto said.

Once it is complete, the wall will be handicapped accessible, with a lighted walkway and shrubbery surrounding the memorial.

"On the three days the wall will be on post, there will be ceremonies, music, speakers, and displays, all in an effort to keep the spirit of the Vietnam vets alive," Garnto said.

The Vietnam Wall committee is actively recruiting volunteers to help set up the wall, as well as volunteers for the hospitality committee, and a safety committee to help control crowds and traffic.

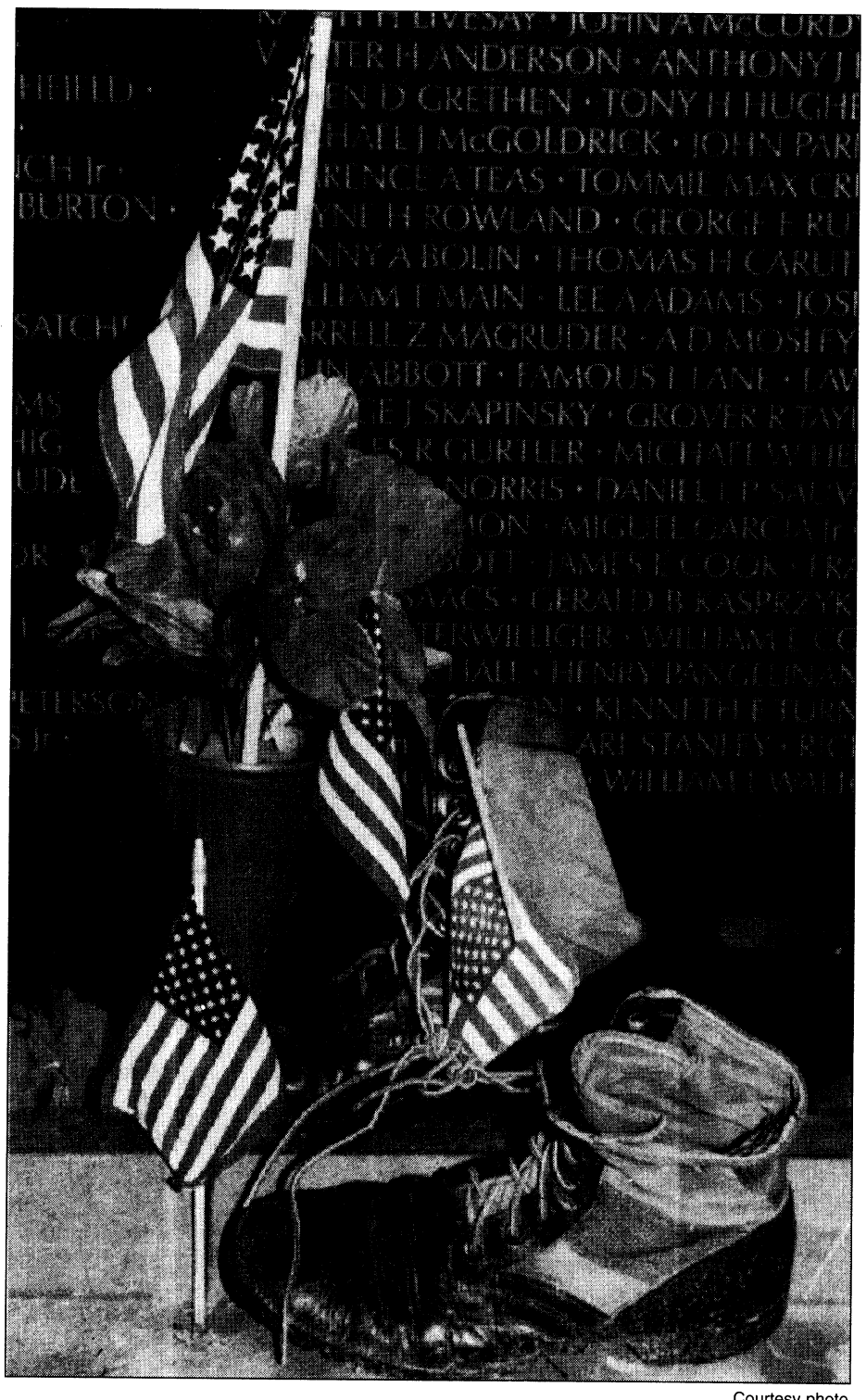
Anyone interested should call 563-2372 to sign up.

In the meantime, veterans will be counting the days until they can share the experience with their community.

"I served in the Vietnam War and lost several friends in the line of fire," Hadden said. "This will be an emotional event for many of us."



Courtesy photo
People from across the world reflect on the Vietnam War heroes.



Courtesy photo
Tourists and veterans leave objects at the base of the Vietnam Memorial to remember their fallen loved ones.

Attention Fort Benning Water Consumers

The 2002 Fort Benning Water Quality Report has been printed and mailed to water consumers on the installation.

Additional copies of the report are available at the Environmental Management Office in Meloy Hall room 310, from Joe Wilkins or Patrick Chauvey. Distribution of the report is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act by July 1 of each year. The value of the report is that it explains the quality of the water produced at Fort Benning and the water source. The report is brief, to the point, and written in non-technical terms. It outlines the water treatment processes, lists the contaminants detected by laboratory analyses, origins of those contaminants and their health effects. Importantly, the report lists telephone numbers, web addresses, and mailing addresses of Georgia and federal water regulators, and the American Water Works Association for those who have further inquiries about their water quality.

For more information, call 545-2400 or 545-4211.

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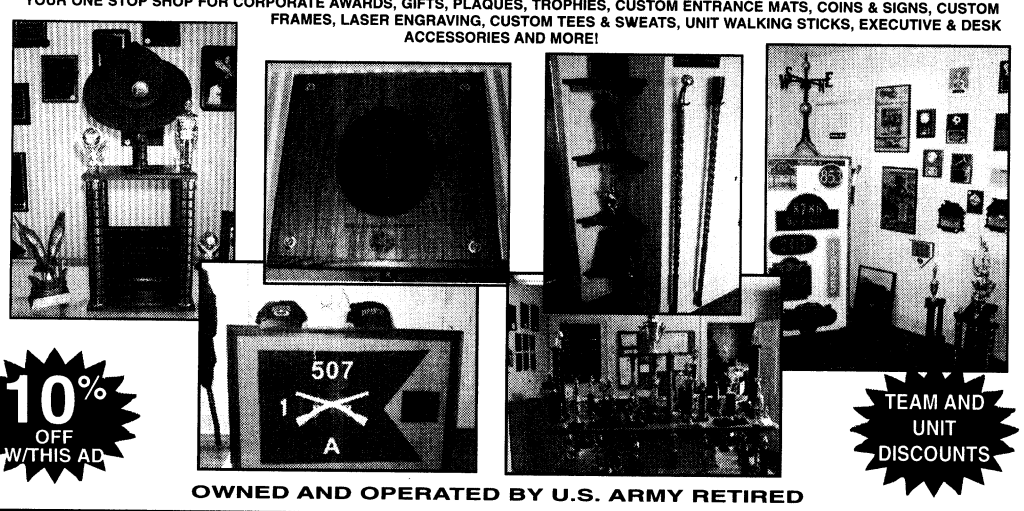
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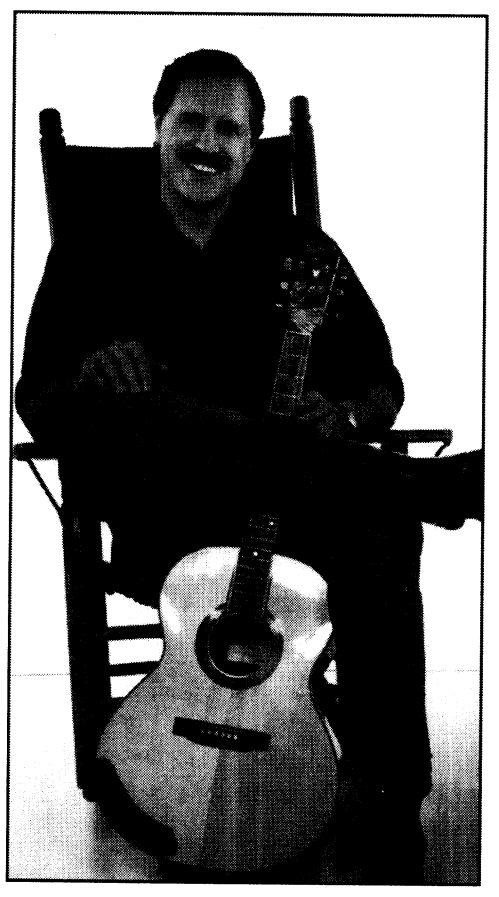


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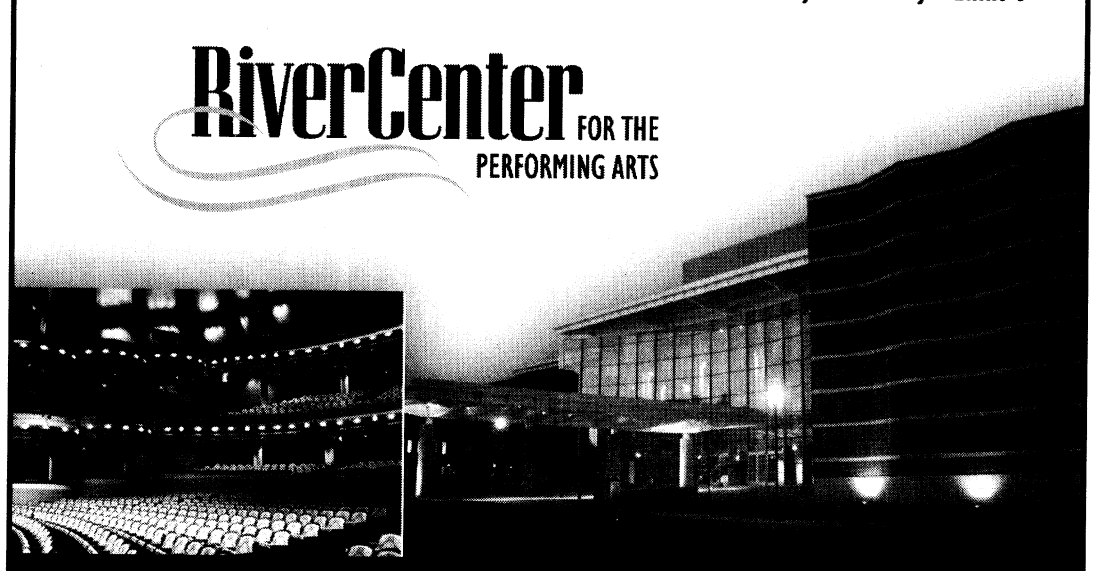
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NCOs get new career guidance

Move to help many soldiers get promoted

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — An updated Department of the Army pamphlet will soon provide noncommissioned officers more robust career development guidance on the path to sergeant major.

Replacing a 15-year-old generic Department of the Army Pamphlet 600-25, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Guide, the new guide will offer structured institutional and self-development career advice tailored to each military occupational specialty and skill level via the Web later this month.

"The Army has been in need of this publication for some time," said retired Sgt. Maj. Carl Armentrout, chief of Army Development Systems XXI Enlisted Component. "The field asked for better NCO professional development guidance and it is being delivered. It's very extensive."

Updating the NCO guide was one of the recommendations the Army Development Systems XXI task force made to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki last year. According to its charter, the task force was formed in October 1999 to "chart a course for enlisted and warrant officer development and management required in the next century."

Making the pamphlet an e-book allows it to be updated quickly by MOS proponents and other Army officials when changes occur or more current information is available, Armentrout said.

As an e-book, the guide also has hundreds of hyperlinks for more detailed coverage of specific Army subjects and programs. Users can checkout the Army's Credentialing Opportunities Online Web site to see how a MOS compares to a similar civilian profession and what is required to qualify for jobs in that career field. Another link takes users to the Army Education Web site which details information on a myriad of academic degree-building programs and available tuition assistance.

Specifically, the guide lays out the duties, prerequisites, required institutional training and recommended self-development of each MOS by career management field and skill level, Armentrout said.

Armentrout gave an update on other ADS XXI enlisted initiatives:

Career field proponents have made significant progress on the requirement to reduce MOSs to a more manageable level, he said. When the ADS XXI task force formed, the Army had 241 MOSs. The number today is less than 200.

The next step is for Training and Doctrine Command to look across proponents to see what other MOSs might be consolidated for further reductions, Armentrout said. Low-density MOSs that are not inherently military are also being examined for possible outsourcing.

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On the need to staff Sergeant Major Academy instructor positions with seasoned senior NCOs, the first batch of 15 report in this summer, with 15 more following in 2003 and another 15 in 2004.

The recent practice had been to staff the academy's 48 instructor positions with sergeants major who had just graduated from the academy's training, Armentrout said. Another fix in the works is lifting a regulatory ban that prohibits command sergeants major who leave command positions for other non-command assignments from returning to command slots.

A similar initiative is under review to field experienced senior NCOs in observer and controller positions at the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., and the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La.

"Obviously, a command sergeant major who has taken a battalion through the National Training Center a time or two is better qualified to mentor NCOs coming through NTC than someone who has never been there before," Armentrout said.

Colonel indicted for orchestrating scheme

Officer faces 115 years of jail if convicted

Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A federal grand jury in Southern California today indicted an Army colonel in South Korea on charges of orchestrating a scheme in which he solicited bribes in exchange for influencing the award of contracts to two Korean businesses.

The 11-count indictment is against Col. Richard James Moran, who was commander of the U.S. Army Contracting Command Korea, an agency that annually approved more than $300 million worth of contracts. The federal grand jury in Santa Ana alleged that Moran influenced the award of four contracts in exchange for bribes that were paid primarily with $100 bills.

More than $700,000 in cash was discovered when agents with the Army Criminal Investigation Command searched Moran's residence at Yongsan, Korea, Jan. 16. More than $400,000 in $100 bills was found in Moran's bed.

Those charged today were:

- Moran, 56, a 25-year veteran of the Army whose home state is in Maine;
- Moran's wife, Gina Cha Moran, 44, who allegedly solicited some of the bribes for her husband;
- Joseph Kang Hur, 57, of Anaheim Hills, Calif., who is accused of acting as a "consultant" on one of the contracts and collected cash and checks, half of which was paid to Moran;
- Ronald Adair Parrish, 49, who was chief of the Contract Support Division at USA-CCK;
- Businessman Richard Lee Carlisle, 31, of Harrison County, Ind.

The investigation into Moran's activities began when the Army detected irregularities in certain contracts in Korea, officials said.

Army CID conducted an investigation and brought the results to the attention of the Department of Justice.

The FBI and IRS-Criminal Investigation joined the inquiry that resulted in the indictment, said an official of the U.S. Attorney's Office in Los Angeles.

He said the Seoul District Prosecutor's Office and the Korean National Police provided critical assistance throughout the investigation.

Three of the contracts dealt with family housing on the Osan Air Base, barracks at Camp Carroll and barracks at several facilities collectively called Area I. Moran allegedly influenced the award of the contracts after soliciting bribes. The total value of the contracts was nearly $25 million.

Moran, his wife and Hur are all charged with conspiracy based on the solicitation of bribes in relation to the contracts.

Additionally, Moran is charged with four counts of bribery.

The indictment also charges a second conspiracy based on allegations that the Morans laundered some of the proceeds of the bribery scheme.

This charge alleges that they stored bribe money at their residence and then transported it to the United States, where they purchased cashier's checks that were deposited into accounts throughout the country, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Gina Moran is also accused of obstruction of justice for attempting to hide the approximately $700,000 that was recovered from the Morans' residence earlier this year.

This count alleges that Gina Moran moved the money from a couch in the living room to the couple's bedroom after Army CID investigators had searched the bedroom.

If he is convicted of all charges in the indictment, Moran faces a statutory maximum penalty of 115 years in federal prison.

Editor's note: *Information provided by the U.S. District Attorney's Office for Los Angeles.*

TRADOC Knowledge Online complements AKO

Soldiers to have video teleconference from their desks

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — When TRADOC Knowledge Online becomes fully operational, soldiers and civilian employees will be able to engage in video teleconferences from their desks and staff voluminous documents without e-mailing them to individuals for review.

"We're providing a tool that complements Army Knowledge Online," said Maj. Brent Ruhlen, project manager for TKN in Training and Doctrine Command's deputy chief of staff for Command, Control, Communications and Computers.

"Some of the features will be a little bit duplicative of AKO, but it will have a lot more features that AKO doesn't have."

Users can access TKN with their AKO password so they "don't have to remember a new one," Ruhlen said. "TKN is currently being run in a pilot phase among the deputy chief of staff organizations at TRADOC headquarters."

"When the pilot concludes in October, we will seek permission and funding to start expanding it to the schools in (fiscal 2003)," Ruhlen said. "We are planning a three-year expansion effort to the schools if we all of the necessary funding."

The order in which schools will receive TKN capabilities hasn't been decided yet, he said.

"We're trying to provide tools that make everyone's life easier and to get information out easier," the major said.

TKN will be a large enough system for people to place their files on it and choose those who can access them.

Most organizations have Web sites, and many of those sites contain information which requires a password to access it.

"We're telling them to go ahead and keep up the site you have for the public, but for your other content that you can't give to the public, stick it in our system and then put in a link to your public site so that users can get all your information," Ruhlen said.

Password-protected Web pages do not contain classified material, but it can be information that shouldn't be available to some groups.

TRADOC headquarters agencies such as the DCS for doctrine or combat developments frequently have to coordinate documents with leaders and users around the Army. If a large document is e-mailed to several locations, it will use up space on servers at those locations.

The project officer can then have the system send an e-mail to all the people involved with the project, explaining the document and how to access it on TKN.

Currently combat developments, along with subject matter experts from training centers and schools, is creating an operational requirements document, which is necessary step in producing and producing and procuring a new system.

"We've also got collaboration tools," Ruhlen said. "You can do online meetings, where you've got chat capability, audio, video, white-boarding and sharing of applications."

He foresees every person in TRADOC being able to add video cameras, microphones and speakers onto their desktop computers. This equipment will be industry standard to be recommended by Ruhlen and his technicians.

"We can cut down on TDY (temporary duty) trips by using these," he said. "We've got the video teleconferencing studios on all the posts, but those are limited in number and if you want to schedule a VTC meeting with somebody at Carlisle Barracks (Pa.) their facility may be occupied.

"With this equipment, you can have a meeting any time, with people at any place. If a user doesn't have a camera and microphone, you can do it via chat-rooms capability. I can do it anywhere I've got a web browser and an Internet connection."

Another feature of TKN is called a "Quick Place."

"It is a virtual team room where, if I've got a project that I'm working on with a team of people, I can set up one of these, customize it and we can collaborate on our project in a secure environment," Ruhlen said. "Nobody else can get in there unless we allow them in."

TKN will be where offices can post local news that would otherwise be sent via e-mail. This includes items such as retirement notices and organizational events.

"That will keep from sending a one-meg PowerPoint slide via e-mail," he said.

The documents saved on TKN will also be saved on a local server. So if the system fails, a person can still access and work on them.

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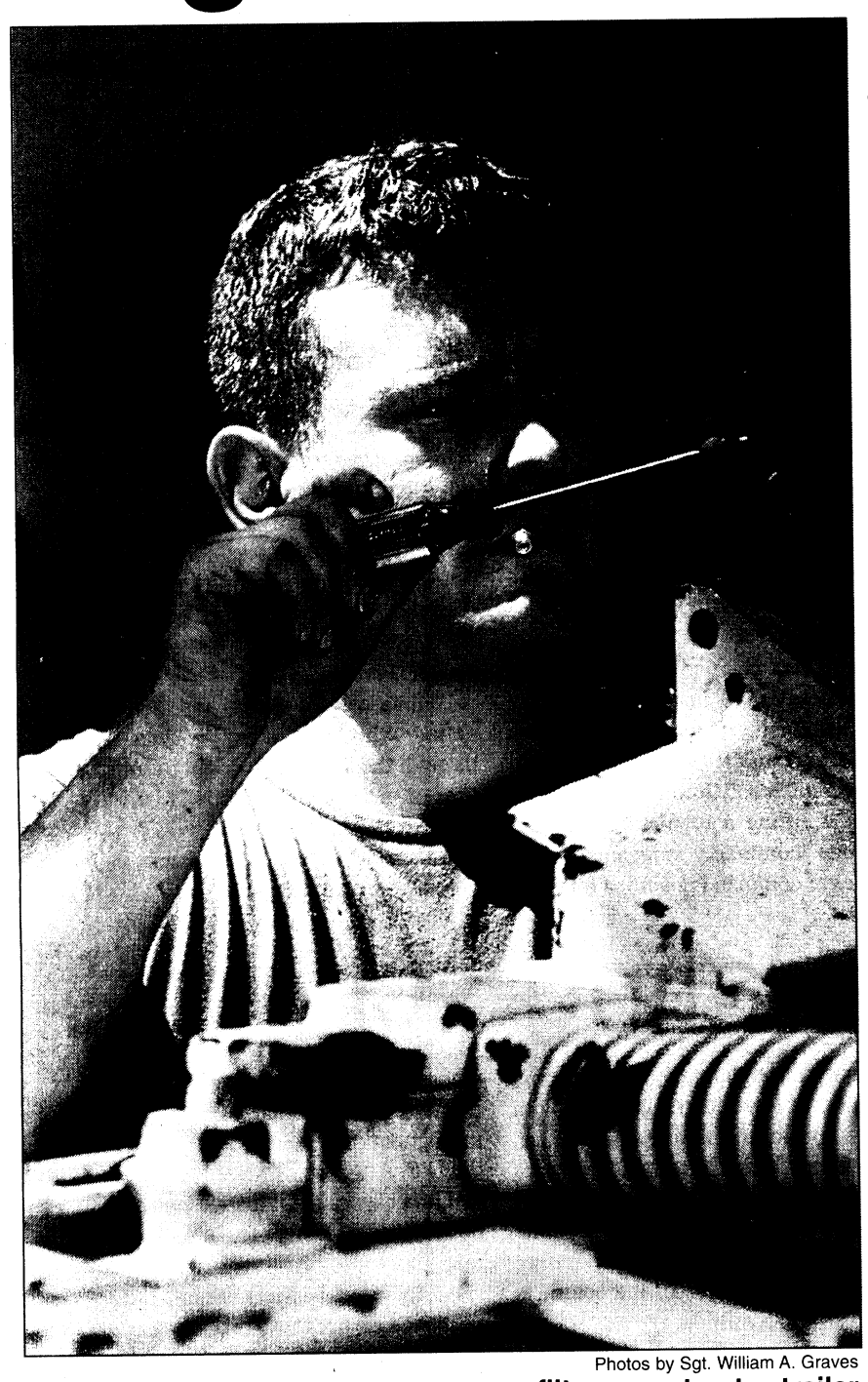
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Engineers trains for deployment



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Spc. Justin Wood changes a grease filter on a tractor-trailer Monday at 36th Engineer Group motor pool.

Soldiers prepare for Fort Pickett, Va., mission

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Approximately 80 soldiers from the 63rd Engineer Company will deploy for three and a half months to Fort Pickett, Va., in early August to build a training area for the commonwealth of Virginia.

"We're eager to take the skills we've trained on during the projects we've done for (the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics) on post and apply them to a mission that requires deploying and working with (Joint Task Force) 6," said 1st Lt. Darren Fraser, company executive officer.

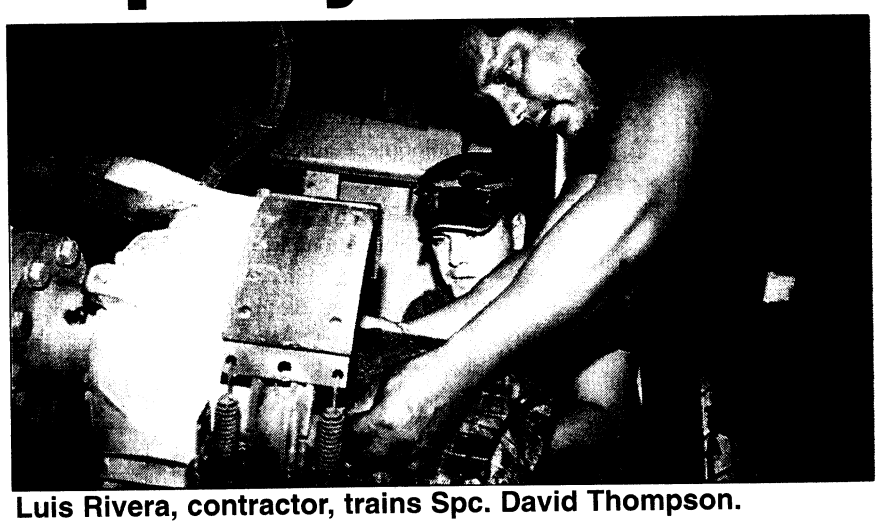
JTF 6 is an anti-drug military unit that asked the company to build the facility where policemen will train for high-speed chases on a 24-foot wide, 1.2 mile road.

Prior to building the road, soldiers will work on erosion control measures, which include construction of 13 sediment basins, 6,500 linear feet of silt fences, 3,900 linear feet of diversion dikes and five stone construction entrances.

Next, they will clear and grub 260 acres of organic material. This will involve the removal of 75 stumps per acre.

After that, they will build the road, four culverts and 14 check dams, which are made of stone and placed in drainage ditches to slow down water and control erosion.

As it was last year in Douglas, Ariz., when it built a border-patrol road for the task force, the company is ready to accomplish all facets of the mission to standard, Fraser said.



Luis Rivera, contractor, trains Spc. David Thompson.

Fifteen missions the soldiers completed in the past eight months have prepared them for the deployment, he said. From installing culverts at Clear Lake Pond to building a walking trail at Martin Army Community Hospital, the soldiers have helped save the post money, as they have earned valuable stick time on their equipment and vehicles.

"This is a capstone mission for us," Fraser said.

An Organization Contract Augmentation Team from Lear Siegler Services, Inc., has also helped prepare soldiers for the mission, said Chief Warrant Officer Darrell S. Shelby, 36th Engineer Group maintenance technician. The program improves the quality of service of the company's wheeled vehicles and engineering equipment and, ultimately, enhances deployment readiness.

"The soldiers are ready, and the contractors are on line with the services," Shelby said. "They'll be at a 100 percent (operational readiness rate) prior to the deployment."

While the soldiers are in Virginia, the contractors doubt they will have any problems with their vehicles or equipment, said Luis Rivera, head mechanic for the program. When the vehicles leave the maintenance bay, they are almost like new. If soldiers should have problems, the training they have received will help them complete the mission.

The contract mechanics have imparted years of experience to the soldiers so their vehicles and equipment are safe and reliable, he said.

"It's all about helping the troops," Rivera said. "It's been a privilege to work with them for the past three months."

Soldiers appreciate the contractors' help, and they are excited to deploy, said Spc. David Thompson, motorized transportation operator.

"We're all ready to go," Thompson said.

"All we do is train. We understand it is necessary, but working on vehicles and inventorying parts in the motor pool can get boring. Actually doing our job up there will be a good change of pace."

OCS learns squad tactics, communication

Soldiers react under stressful situations

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Imagine sitting in the woods. Your whole squad is waiting for you to give the signal to attack the enemy. Then, just before your plan is finished, enemy forces fire upon your squad.

What do you do?

Officer Candidate School Class 05-02 learned the answer in the squad tactical exercise July 1, in which they were tested in many areas of leadership.

"We wanted to see how they would react under stressful situations," said Capt. Tim Hill, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, commander.

"The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate the candidates on leadership skills and communication."

The commander would give the squad leader a situation and what needed to be done, and the squad leader would devise a plan on how to accomplish the mission.

"I used the plan that I thought would be best in the situation," said Officer Candidate Mabry Schkes, squad leader. "I had the teams move out and cover each other. I reacted to the firing by the enemy and told the team leaders what we needed to do to overtake the hill. The team leaders took it back to their soldiers and, in turn, they executed a great counter-attack."

The other candidates learned valuable lessons during the exercise, said Officer Candidate Brian Kupczyk.

"It's all thinking on your feet and making the quick and accurate decision, he said. On the battlefield, those quick decisions can mean the difference between life and death."

The training encouraged soldiers to compensate and take the initiative to complete the mission to standard, Hill said.

"We used the tactics we were taught without definitive orders," Kupczyk said.

The training should pay dividends for the future second lieutenants, Hill said.

"The war on terrorism will take on many forms," Hill said. "Today's training was just a taste of what they might face, but when you add in all the rest of what they learn here, they should be ready."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Officer Candidate Chad Weyhrauch checks the wounded enemy for weapons, maps and other vital military items.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

1-15 prepares to deploy with "warrior ethos"

1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment

As the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment prepares for an upcoming deployment to Kuwait, the "warrior ethos" ingrained in these fine soldiers will inevitably be the foundation of their success. Everything the "Can Do" Dragons do is with a focus on combat readiness and effectively destroying any potential threat. Since the summer of 2000, the "Can Do Express" has been rolling at full speed and has yet to slow down. The "Can Do Express" is a term used by the leaders and soldiers of the 1st Bn., 15th Inf., Regt., to affectionately describe the intense operation tempo that keeps the battalion in a constant state of technical and tactical readiness.

The soldiers of this organization are well versed in shooting gunneries, successfully completing combined live fire exercises using both mounted and dismounted troops, conducting long distance foot marches and perfecting battle drills. The sense of pride in their numerous accomplishments is evident in the way the Dragons carry themselves around not only Kelley Hill, but Fort Benning as well. From the time these professionals show up in the morning, to the time they adjourn at the end of a long day, these great soldiers consistently give 110 percent. The Dragons of the 1st Bn., 15th Inf., Regt., continually set the standard for other soldiers throughout 3rd Brigade to emulate.

This "warrior ethos" is a thought process that transcends lessons learned from perfecting battle drills or physical conditioning derived from countless hours of physical training; this mindset is a way of thinking that affects every aspect of these warriors' lives. The "Warrior Ethos" ingrained in these soldiers says that "Your mind is your most powerful weapon …" and, "Don't do your best; be the best!" It is a way of thinking that makes a good soldier great and a great warrior awesome. The "warrior ethos" is alive and well in everything that the 1st Bn., 15th Inf., Regt., Dragons put their hands to. These soldiers possess a mindset that says, "I simply refuse to lose." This infectious spirit can be directly attributed to the unwavering commitment to excellence personified by the Battalion Commander, Lt. Col. Dennis W. Smith. It is his zeal and passion that washes over the battalion and motivates these soldiers accomplish extraordinary feats.

The soldiers of the 1st Bn., 15th Inf., Regt., are learning lessons that will serve them well wherever they go and whatever they do.

Attention to detail, rigorous physical conditioning and the attitude that "failure is not an option" are attributes that these soldiers carried with them as they embarked on their deployment to Southwest Asia. The Dragons continue to add to a proud regimental history, made by the sacrifices of men not unlike themselves, who consistently answered the nation's call with the unwavering response, "Can Do!" You see, these young men are more than mere soldiers;

New Jersey welcomes TF 1-15

Sgt. 1st Class C. Parker
1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment

NEW JERSEY KABAL, KUWAIT — It's no longer just the punch line to a bad joke. The main bodies for the "Can Do Battalion" completed the convergence on New Jersey Kabal in the Kuwaiti desert between May 19 and 24.

The departure from Fort Benning and arrival in Kuwait were activities that were filled with mixed emotion for a number of soldiers within the battalion. Many soldiers were anxious to get on with the deployment for which they had prepared for over a few months, while others arrived in Kuwait with uncertainty as to what lay ahead.

Never had Command Sgt. Maj. Gabriel Ossa been a welcome sight as when welcoming the various units of the battalion into the country as he spoke in the draw yard at Camp Doha. With each entity that drew equipment from lot 5, the professionalism of the Dragons was evident. The teamwork and dedication of the soldiers enabled the battalion to complete the equipment draws well under the standard time allotted, often with hours to spare.

With the soldiers having exceeded the equipment draw standard, they were all anxious to get to the kabal that they would call home. It seemed almost fitting that as the units of the battalion rolled into New Jersey Kabal, the sun was rising, welcoming both the new occupants and a new day.

The kabal itself is still in its infancy and improvements are being made daily. The showers and ever expanding phone lines for morale calls seem to be the high points of New Jersey at this point. The AAFES truck is expected to open any day now and the morale trips to Camp Doha on Saturdays promise to offer much needed relief.

The task force completed its first task force run on Memorial Day. The esprit de corps and cohesion were high as Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, B Co., 1st Bn., 64th Armor Regiment, C Co., 317th Engineer Bn., B Co., 46th Engineer Bn., A Co., 1st Bn. 15th Inf., Regt., B Co., 1st Bn. 15th Inf., Regt., and the COLT ADA team ran the 5K "inner loop" of the Kabal. This is the first of what promises to be many events that will bring the diversified task force together as a cohesive combined arms team.

The task force is currently planning upcoming training and operations that will hone its war fighting skills and allow them to participate in exercises not easily available at Fort Benning. The Dragons left Fort Benning as an infantry battalion and arrived in Kuwait as Task Force 1-15th and true to the "Can Do" spirit, hit the ground running and don't plan on stopping anytime soon.

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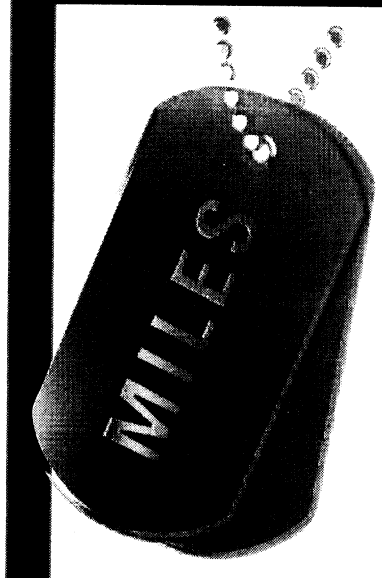
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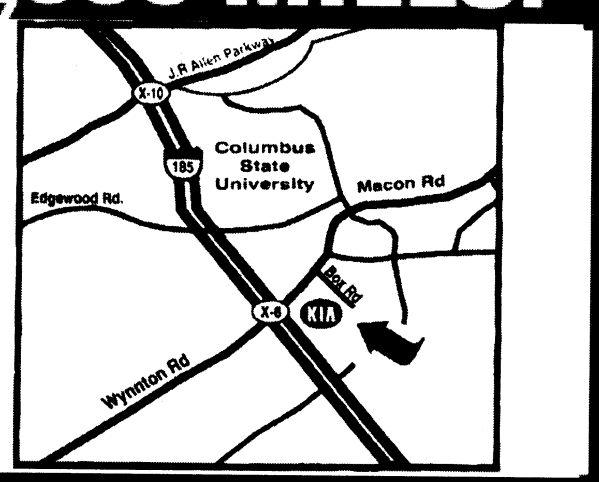
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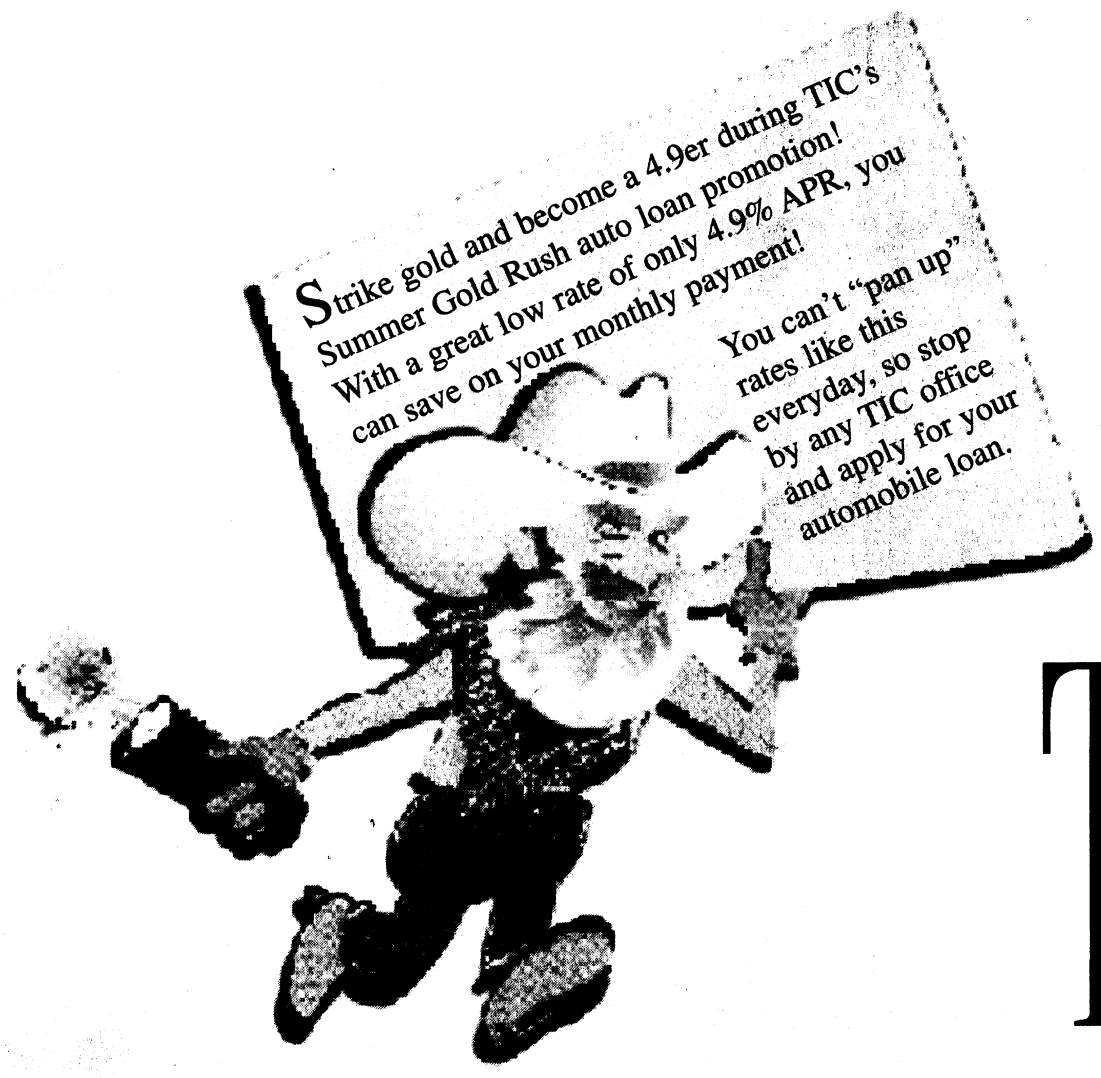


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Families flock to fireworks

Angela Sachitano
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The bugs were busy and the humidity was high, but that didn't stop Fort Benning soldiers and their families from packing fields, playgrounds and front yards for the post's Independence Day festivities July 3.

The annual celebration on York Field left on-lookers wide-eyed as the sky was illuminated with the fireworks.

"It's like the movies, how they do that," said 6-year-old Conner Delaney. "I love this!"

For some soldiers, the event was an excuse to get out and meet neighbors.

"We decided to have a barbecue in our back yard and invite the neighborhood over," said Capt. Rob Delaney, who just arrived on post this month for the Infantry Officers Career Course.

"We are glad we did. It's a great time celebrating the birth of our country together."

Stephen King, fireworks director, has been in charge of the Fort Benning fireworks since 1993, and this year he said he added several elements to the show.

"Usually we end with a finale, but this year we wanted to begin the show with something spectacular," King said. "I started the show with 56 bangs for the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence. Then I went on to add 50 more bangs and some illuminating comets for the 50 states."

The show included a pyrotechnic salute of red, white and blue.

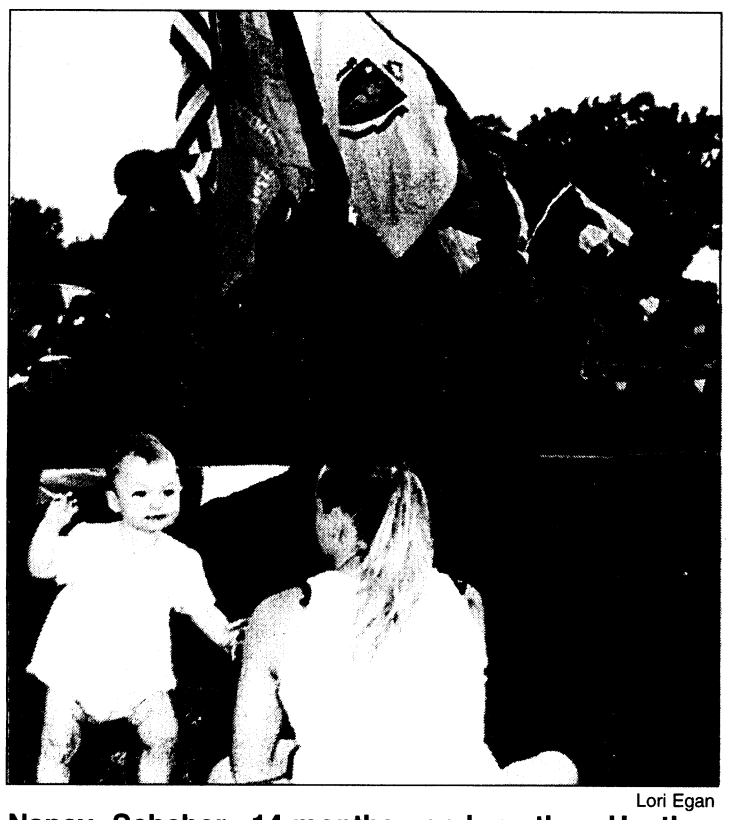
"My grandpa used to take me to see the Fort Benning fireworks show when I was little," said King, a Columbus native. "I never dreamed I'd eventually be creating the show myself."

Fort Benning spent about $7,000 on the fireworks, which lasted about 30 minutes, said Sally Ghent, chief, Support Branch of the Community Recreation Division.

The looks on the children's faces during the event proved its success.

"My kids sat silent, staring at the sky with occasional oohs and ahs," Delaney said. "It was the quietest they had been all night."

"And the most patriotic."



Lori Egan

Nancy Scheber, 14-months, and mother Heather Bradley celebrate Independence Day on York Field.

Restrictions in effect

Post officials encourage people to conserve water

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Mandatory water restrictions are now in effect on Fort Benning.

Residents are now restricted to when they can use water during the day.

"The water restriction is in place because of the drought during the summer months in recent years," said Joe Wilkins, environmental specialist with the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. "When you do not get any rain, it puts the total water supply in short supply, and there has to be restrictions on its use."

Residents on Fort Benning living in even numbered addresses can only water on even days, and residents in odd numbered addresses can only water on odd days.

The times for watering are from midnight until noon and 7 p.m. until midnight.

"The times are in place to allow Upatoi Creek, Fort Benning's water supply, to remain at a level where there is still enough water," Wilkins said. "The Upatoi is not that big. The creek flow is at 124 million gallons a day, which is not bad, but we still need to conserve the water."

Fort Benning is in Stage 2 of a five-step system on water restrictions. Stage 1 is a voluntary stage of restriction. The second stage requires the mandatory water restriction from noon to 7 p.m.

The restriction includes filling up wading pools, car washing. sod watering or anything else that requires outdoor water use.

Families who need to water during the hours of noon to 7 p.m., may be granted a 30 day-temporary permit from the Environmental Management Branch.

"If we get to any of the higher stages, it will limit our water use a little bit more," Wilkins said. "I don't see that as a problem, though.

"The water restrictions are there just for the worst-case scenario. We want to make sure we have enough water for families on post for drinking, hygiene, firefighting and for troops in the field."

> "There is still a shortage of water across the state of Georgia."
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> **Chuck Walls**
> Garrison Manager

"Because of the recent rain, a lot of people don't believe that a drought is a major concern," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager. "There is still a shortage of water across the state of Georgia, and we still need to be concerned. Water is a precious resource, and we need to do as much as we can to conserve it."

The water restrictions have been a fixture during the summer on post for a few years.

"This summer is just like all others," Wilkins said. "The water restrictions are there, but we will have no problem getting through it. The community seems to be interested in conserving water, so it should not be that big of a problem for the community."

To apply for a permit or for more information go to the EMB in Meloy Hall, Room 310.

BIRTHS

Boys

Zane Alexander Ulmer — born June 14 to Claudia and 1st Lt. Andrew Ulmer.

John Dalton Mars — born June 14 to Martha Terina Mars and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Mars.

John Patrick Whyte IV — born June 14 to Jennifer and Capt. John Whyte III.

Jakobi Lavaris Marion Brinson — born June 16 to Spc. Keshia and Jesse Brinson.

Kallen David Sharp Thomas — born June 18 to Julie and Sgt. Joshua Thomas.

Daniel James Hendrix — born June 18 to Angie and Pfc. James Hendrix.

Benjamin Ryan Bremer — born June 19 to Jennifer and Pfc. Benjamin Bremer.

Dominic Alexander Acosta — born June 19 to Odalys Santoni-Acosta and Capt. Julio Acosta.

Marcus Tonae Fuqua II — born June 19 to Delicia and Sgt. Marcus Fuqua.

Aidan Joseph Schaffer — born June 23 to Robin and Capt. Matthew Schaffer.

David Paul Edinger Jr. — born June 24 to RonaShunique Patterson and Sgt. David Edinger.

Joshua David Steinbach — born June 25 to Allison and Sgt. 1st Class Steinbach.

Darious Jamar Boyd — born June 26 to Consuelo and Staff Sgt. Frank Boyd.

Benjamin Sanders Gray — born June 26 to Jessica and Capt. Robert Gray.

Robert Alexander Frye — born June 26 to Julaine and Sgt. 1st Class Robert Frye.

Girls

Mayra Lina Martinez — born June 14 to Marilyn and Pvt. Jason Martinez.

Savannah Ann Taylor — born June 17 to Teresa McDonough and Chief Warrant Officer Alexander Taylor.

Ashley Marie Holody — born June 18 to Rebecca and Spc. Jason Holody.

Aryanna Kay Pilarski — born June 18 to Erika and Staff Sgt. Martin Pilarski.

Sarah Megan Wonsowski — born June 18 to Dana and Staff Sgt. Richard Wonsowski.

Morgan Reanna Littell — born June 19 to Nancy and Staff Sgt. Brian Littell.

Zoe Ayla Ruth — born June 20 to Aylin and Spc. Monta Ruth.

Alyssa Sue Berrios — born June 20 to Jennifer and Pfc. Amerido Berrios.

Lillian Ann Wickman — born June 20 to Kelli and Sgt. Jeremie Wickman.

Hannah Brooke Wright — born June 21 to Chi and Staff Sgt. Bryan Wright.

Amber Rae Graham — born June 24 to Danielle and Sgt. Gary Graham.

Adaline Celeste Harris — born June 25 to Jocelyn and Pfc. Keith Harris.

Kaitlyn Belinda Nicole Wright — born June 25 to Catherine and Staff Sgt. Curtis Wright.

Kelly Adriana Cruz Fierro — born June 25 to Michelle and Sgt. Angel Cruz.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Newcomers briefing — The newcomers' briefing is 8:30 a.m. today at the Family Unit Network Center, Building 359. Orientation begins at 8 a.m.

For more information, call 545-7517.

Instructor Training — The Fort Benning AFTB Program will conduct its Instructor Training Program from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from Monday through Wednesday in Building 359, The Family Unit Network Center.

Lunch will be provided to all participants.

For more information or to register for the course, call Sarah Hertig at 545-5377.

Town Hall Meeting — The 36th Engineer Group will sponsor a Town Hall Meeting for Bouton Heights and Davis Hill at 7 p.m. Thursday at School Age Services, Building 9608.

For more information, call Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Porter at 545-9263.

Good Old-fashioned Fun — Youth Services is planning a "National Kids Day" 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 by providing a "Good Old Fashion Fun Day."

There will be hula-hoops, hopscotch, horseshoes, ping-pong, face painting and plenty of games and activities at Building 1056.

Parents are encouraged to participate in the games and various activities with their children.

Parents can even teach their children some of the games they enjoyed as children. YS plans to make this an annual event that will emphasize the importance of parents and children spending meaningful time together.

For more information, call 545-3070 or stop by YS, Building 1056.

Family housing parking — All quarters on post will be assigned one parking space to give easy access to their quarters.

All residents must ensure that they park only in their designated area or any unmarked area if they have more than one car.

Visitors must also park in an unmarked space. For more information, call your community life office.

Also, guidelines have been set up for front yard decorations.

No fencing is permitted in the front yard of any quarters; front yard decorative borders are permitted, but should not be constructed of greater than one-inch lumber, railroad ties, metal rods or pipes, contain sharp points nor exceed 18 inches in height; prior to installation, occupants will submit a drawing of the proposed front yard decoration border on a fence request form; borders must be well maintained or removed; and no wooden patio or porches are allowed in the front yard.

For more information, call your family housing inspector, Community Life NCO or the Community Life Office.

Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families clearing quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew.

If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew to clean their quarters..

If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment. and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

Lending Closet — Because of an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods, to return the items borrowed as soon as their belongings are delivered to them.

For more information on how to borrow household goods or where, call the Lending Closet at 545-4485.

OSC Thrift Shop — The OSC Thrift Shop is in need of daily and summer volunteers. In order to be a volunteer at the OSC Thrift Shop, the following guidelines must be met: be a soldier or family member with a military ID card; and be at least 13 years old.

The following benefits are immediately available to volunteers working two hours or more each time the Thrift Shop is open for business: first pick of newly consigned merchandise, child care reimbursement for up to two children and more.

For more information, call 687-4830 or go by the OSC Thrift Shop and pick up a volunteer booklet.

Communities need mayors — The Community Life Mayors Program is accepting applications for mayors and vice mayors in all housing areas.

For more information or to get an application, call Evelyn Livermore at 682-5414.

OSC changed its name — Notice is given that articles of amendment which will change the name of Officers' Wives' Club of Fort Benning, Inc. to Officers' Spouses' Club of Fort Benning, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code.

The registered office of the corporation is located at Crain Hall, Building 229, Ingersoll Avenue, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support and help people with problems of fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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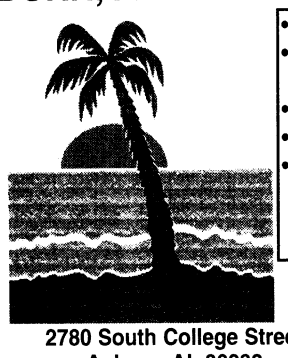
Book singings — Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Eric L. Haney will be signing his book, *Inside Delta Force*, from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday at Books-A-Million in Columbus.

Retired Col. David Hackworth will be signing his book, *Steel My Soldiers' Hearts*, at 5 p.m. Tuesday at Books-A-Million.

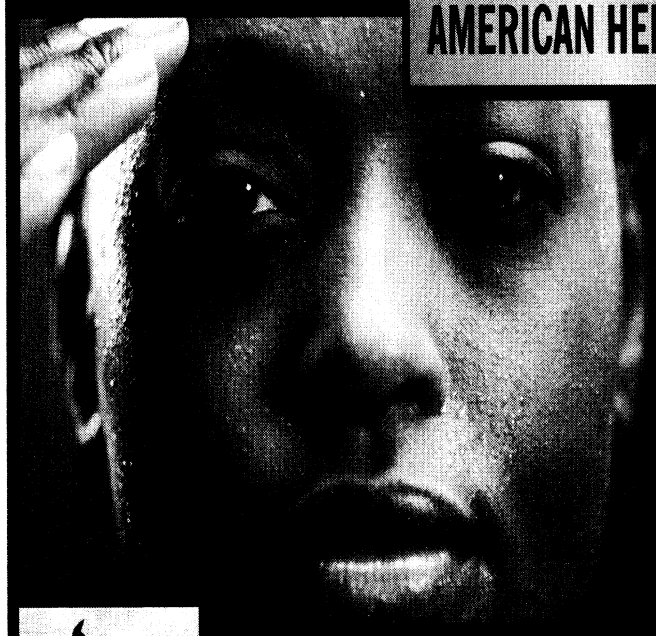
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Gimme five THE GRILLIN' WAY

Kay Blakely
American Forces Press Service

When it comes to grilling, most of us think of steaks, chops, chicken or ribs. But you're missing out on some of the best eating of the season if you fail to include fresh vegetables grilled right alongside your main dish.

Grilling's a perfect way to make sure you get the recommended five servings from the fruit and vegetable food group each day. And sometimes, the vegetables can even be the main dish. Such is the case with portobello mushrooms, which are so large and meaty they are often considered the "steaks" of the mushroom family.

Almost any vegetable you would normally steam, boil or sauté can be cooked on the grill. Potatoes, zucchini and yellow squash, sweet peppers, onions, any kind of mushroom, fresh corn grilled in the husk, even tomatoes, are all prime candidates. Cabbage cooked on the grill develops a delicious sweetness I've never been able to duplicate by any other cooking method. Even though I'm normally not fond of eggplant, I love it cooked on the grill.

Try your hand at vegetable grilling and you're sure to come up with a few of your own favorites as well. Grilling is easy, and success is almost guaranteed as long as you keep a few tips in mind:

• Grill vegetables over a medium-to-hot fire. A charcoal fire is ready when the coals are completely covered in gray ash, usually about 30 minutes after the fire is lit.

• Vegetables can be halved, quartered or cut into rounds, but the trick is to cut all pieces roughly the same thickness (no thicker than three-quarters to one inch) so the veggies will cook evenly.

• Be careful not to overcook. Depending on the vegetable and its thickness, a total grilling time of two to five minutes per side is sufficient.

• Brushing vegetables with olive oil or vegetable oil will keep them from sticking to the grill. And certain items, such as asparagus, eggplant and cob corn, will benefit from a 30-minute soak in cold water prior to grilling.

• If you plan to use wooden skewers for kebabs, be sure to soak them in water to prevent smoldering or flaming once they reach the grill.

• For small vegetables that would fall through the grate, either use a hinged grill pan or cook them wrapped in foil.

Once you have a bit of experience under your belt, knowing the specific handling required for each kind of vegetable will become easy. If you're trying it for the first time, though, the following list will probably come in handy. It's a good one to clip and save in your recipe box for reference.



Asparagus: Trim off the tough lower ends and soak in cold water for 30 minutes to an hour if the stalks are a bit wilted. Pat dry, then place directly over the coals, turning every minute or so. Remove when the tips begin to turn brown. (These are really good!)

Bell peppers: Cut peppers in half, top to bottom. Remove stems, seeds and whitish ribs. Cut into strips about two inches wide; brush lightly with oil and grill two to three minutes per side. Or leave the peppers whole and grill until completely blackened. Close the hot peppers in a plastic bag while they cool for 10-15 minutes, then peel off the blackened skin. The crusty skin comes off easily, but it's a messy job. Split open and remove seeds. Eat as antipasto with oil and vinegar, or use in any recipe that calls for roasted peppers.

Cabbage: Cut a large head of green cabbage into four to eight wedges and remove the core. Sprinkle wedges with garlic powder, salt and pepper and generously dot with butter. Arrange wedges back together, as if a whole head again, and wrap tightly in heavy-duty aluminum foil or a double layer of regular foil. Grill over medium coals for 45 minutes to an hour or until tender. After the required cooking time, leave the wrapping intact and move to the back of the grill to keep warm while other menu items finish cooking.

Carrots: Use full size carrots, but not too big — the smaller ones are best. Brush with olive oil and cook over medium to low coals until tender, or brown over higher heat and move to a cooler portion of the grill to finish. They will take at least 10 to 15 minutes to cook.

Corn on the cob: Gently pull back the husks, but don't remove them. Remove the silks and cut off the very tip of the cob. Soak in cold water for about 30 minutes. Pat dry and brush generously with butter. Fold the husks back down and tie or twist the ends to secure. Place over medium coals for about five to eight minutes, turning often to avoid burning. Keep warm on the back of the grill, away from direct heat, while the remainder of the meal is being grilled.

Eggplant: Slice larger varieties into rounds about 3/8-inch thick; smaller versions can be sliced in half lengthwise. Brush with olive oil and grill until they start to brown, about five minutes per side. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar or serve with an Italian salsa verde (garlic, basil, parsley and tomatoes — all fresh and all chopped; add salt and extra virgin olive oil to taste).

Garlic: Take whole bulbs and cut off the root end. Brush with olive oil and place cut side down over a hot fire. Grill for about 10 minutes or until the skin is brown.

Mushrooms: Clean and remove stems. Toss in a bowl with oil, then thread on metal or wooden skewers, or spread them loosely over the grill if they are large enough. Grill four to five minutes for small mushrooms and six to eight minutes for larger ones.

Onions: Sweet varieties such as Vidalias are best, but any onion will do. Peel and slice onions about one-half inch thick, brush with oil and grill about three to five minutes per side. Drizzle with balsamic vinegar, if desired. Onions can also be quartered or chunked and threaded on a skewer with other vegetables for a nice kebab.

Tomatoes: Cut in half top to bottom. Grill cut side down about two to three minutes.

Potatoes: Wash and dry whole potatoes. Rub with vegetable oil. Wrap in aluminum foil and grill 35-40 minutes or longer, turning occasionally. To test for doneness, squeeze gently with a hand protected by an oven mitt. When they give to gentle pressure, they are done. Or, place small new potatoes and fresh green beans on a large square of aluminum foil, dot generously with butter, and season with salt and pepper. Wrap tightly, folding edges of foil securely to prevent butter leaking. Grill for 35-40 minutes. Thick slices of potato can also be grilled directly on the grate. Brush with oil, season with salt and pepper, and cook for about three minutes per side.

Zucchini (or any other summer squash): Small squash can be halved lengthwise, large ones should be cut into one-half inch thick rounds. Brush with olive oil and grill two to three minutes per side. Use a hot fire so they cook quickly and stay firm, but watch carefully so they don't burn.

All of this is so simple, you really don't need to follow a specific recipe, but I've included a couple anyway. They are all exceptionally good. So get grilling and enjoy.

Marinated Grilled Vegetables

1 medium eggplant
2-3 small zucchini or summer squash
1 each red and green bell pepper, seeds and ribs removed
1 medium onion
10-20 mushrooms, stems removed
1/4 cup olive oil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 teaspoon dried oregano

Wash vegetables. Mix olive oil, lemon juice, garlic and oregano together. Let sit. Slice eggplant into half-inch thick rounds. Cut squash in half lengthwise or into half-inch rounds. Cut peppers into squares or wide strips. Cut onions into wedges. Toss vegetables with oil mixture to coat evenly. Cover and marinate in refrigerator for at least one hour. Preheat grill. Place everything on the grate and cook 10-20 minutes, brushing remaining oil mixture over the vegetables every few minutes. Remove vegetables from grill as they become done.

Variation: Use 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh basil instead of oregano.

Notes: Bottled Italian salad dressing also makes a good, easy marinade. It's especially good on zucchini. Vegetables may be threaded onto skewers before grilling, if desired, rather than grilled on the grate. Serve vegetables hot from the grill, at room temperature or as cold leftovers.

Grilled Portobello Mushrooms

4 portobello mushrooms
1/3 cup canola oil
1/4 cup chopped onion
5 cloves garlic, minced
1/3 cup balsamic vinegar

Clean mushrooms; remove stems and reserve for other use. Place caps on a plate with gills up. In a small bowl, combine the oil, onion, garlic and vinegar. Pour mixture evenly over the mushroom caps and let stand for one hour. Grill over hot coals for about 5 minutes per side, brushing with additional marinade if desired. Serve immediately. Serve as you would a hamburger with all the trimmings, slice and use as a side dish or over lettuce leaves as a salad or serve whole as a vegetarian alternative to steak.

Editor's note: *Kay Blakely is the consumer advocate in Defense Commissary Agency Europe. Blakely's article was provided by DeCA Headquarters, Fort Lee, Va.*

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Summit focuses on mobile students, college tuition

Conference lists military family issues

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Transitioning students between high schools and reducing college tuition for military families were the focus of a conference being hosted by the Army July 8-10 in Washington, D.C.

One soldier is paying twice as much to send his child to college because he's not a resident of the state where he's stationed. Then, there's a graduating senior who has attended four different schools since entering the ninth grade.

These are real-life examples that Lt. Gen. James Hill, I Corps and Fort Lewis, Wash., commanding general, laid out before delegates at the Army's second-ever Education Summit. And these are the issues that Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki invited educators and post commanders to explore.

"We need schools to do the right thing, not the bureaucratic thing for our children," Hill said. "It's too easy to fall back on what the law or policy says. I encourage everyone to work with your state to change and challenge laws that are obstacles to our mobile students."

Delegates were challenged to: develop a strategy to "institutionalize" recommendations from an Army study on secondary education and to also develop a strategy for military families to gain favorable in-state tuition policies.

On the last day of the summit, delegates briefed Shinseki on how they hope to enhance the education progression of military family members.

The Army is hoping that its Secondary Education Transition Study and Memorandum of Agreement will alleviate some of the challenges of the mobile military child, Hill said. The Army began a study in 1999 to better understand the effects of mobility on high school students and provide recommendations to ease the impact. Out of the study came a memorandum of agreement, which is the framework for establishing common practices among school systems.

There are currently 94 school districts that have signed the agreement, but plenty of others have not, Hill said.

School districts involved in the MOA partnership agree to: improve the timely transfer of records; ease transition during the first two weeks of enrollment; foster access to extracurricular programs; lessen impact of moves at the end of junior year and before and during senior year; communicate variations in school calendars and schedules; create and implement professional development systems; continue child-centered partnerships between installation and supporting school; provide information concerning graduation requirements; provide services for post-secondary study.

While the MOA workgroup discusses ways to reduce the challenges of transitional high school students, Hill also asked that they remember the challenges of children with special needs.

Too often children with special needs get ignored, Hill said. As a parent with a special needs daughter, he knows the challenges too well of moving his daughter from school district to school district and having to advocate for her rights again and again, he said.

As military members move from post to post, they become stateless people, Hill said. Which is why Army leadership is hoping that an agreement can be made that will allow soldiers to get in-state tuition rates.

"This is a tough time to ask universities for such an agreement, because so many people are facing economic woes," said Maj. Gen. Joe Taylor, chief of legislative liaison for the Office of the Secretary of the Army.

"However, our presence in their community represents a non-declining investment," Taylor, said. "I believe it should be attainable for soldiers to receive in-state tuition rates. And as long as there isn't a break in enrollment, that in-state status should remain, with no regard to if the parents have to move."

The idea for in-state tuition is basically common sense, but changes aren't made based on common sense, Taylor said. The delegates are going to have to come up with concrete data and weigh in on the positives, he said.

Washington state has an in-state policy that is favorable to military families, but Hill said it wasn't instituted because of state benevolences. It took the combined leadership of the Army, Air Force and Navy to frame the issue for state legislature, he said.

It was economic logic that brought about the achievement, Hill said.

"The U.S. military in the state of Washington directly influences over $8 billion a year of the state's economy. We told them that we were a dollar-generating constituency, and they listened."

The memorandum of agreement and the in-state tuition policy are both good ideas, Hill said. But a lot of good ideas never see the light of day because they lack staying power, he added. Hill challenged the delegates to come up with data to show that their ideas are better than any others.

Volunteers to create memorial flag for terror victims

Cross stitchers use needle-work for flag

Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth A. Barnes of Hampton Roads, Va., is using her needlework skills to memorialize terrorism's victims.

Barnes heads an ambitious volunteer cross-stitching project involving people across the nation and overseas. Her goal is to create a flag of cross-stitched squares 35 feet high and 62.5 feet wide with the names of those who died not just in the Sept. 11 attack, but in all the terrorist attacks over the last 30 years.

The daughter of a Navy enlisted man, Barnes is married to Petty Officer 2nd class James W. Barnes, an electronics technician assigned to a naval communications station in Hampton Roads. She said the Sept. 11 attack made her angry and scared.

"Since my husband was in the military, I couldn't help but remember the bombing of the USS Cole the previous year," Barnes said. Up until Sept. 11, she said, terrorism was something that happened overseas. "Even though you knew it was there, you never truly expected it to come to America."

Deciding to do what she could to help, Barnes originally came up with the flag idea honoring the Sept. 11 victims and the sailors who died in the attack on the destroyer Cole. As she began researching terrorist attacks on the Internet, however, she learned of many other attacks over the last 30 years.

"I don't remember hearing about 90 percent of them," she said. "I was about 7 when the bombing at the Marine barracks in Beirut happened." For three weeks, she combed the Web compiling a list of terror victims. "I know I didn't get them all," she said.

Her list includes about 4,000 names of service members and civilians who died at terrorists' hands overseas and at home. Most recently, she added Daniel Pearl, the journalist executed in Pakistan, and Mark Burnham, the missionary hostage killed during a rescue attempt in the Philippines.

The list also includes 219 Marines, 18 sailors and four soldiers who died in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1983; the 198 people killed in the Pan Am Flight 103 bombing near Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988; the 168 people who died in the 1995 Murrah Federal Building explosion in Oklahoma City, Okla.; the 19 airmen who died at Khobar Towers in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, in 1996; and the 17 sailors who died on the USS Cole in Yemen in 2000.

Barnes and her husband designed patterns for the World Trade Center, the Pentagon, each military service and many other organizations. Volunteers provide their own materials at a cost of about $4 per square.

Depending on the needleworker's ability, Barnes said, a cross-stitch square can take from a few hours to a few days to make.

Right now, volunteers have completed about 2,000 squares. People across the country and in Canada, Scotland, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, Japan, Guam and the Bahamas are working on another 700.

Barnes is still seeking volunteers to do another 1,500 squares. She hopes to have the flag finished by Sept. 11, the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks on America. She plans to take the massive flag to Washington, D.C., New York City and to the Beirut Memorial in North Carolina.

The flag "documents history that tends to be forgotten," she said. "I want it to be remembered."

Information on the project is available at www.memorialflag.org.

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REFLECTIONS

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. (Joshua 1:9 NIV)

Fear and discouragement are two very powerful emotions, but so are courage and encouragement. Perhaps we tend to experience fear and discouragement more frequently than courage and encouragement because of all the troubles and uncertainties of life, but that need not be so.

We need to keep in mind that, interestingly enough, these opposing emotions are mutually exclusive of one another; that is, where one resides, the other opposing emotion can not co-exist.

Therefore, we can displace fear and discouragement by remembering the powerful encouragement God gave to Joshua.

We may think Joshua had good reason to be afraid and discouraged. After all, his beloved spiritual leader, Moses, had died recently, leaving some very big shoes to fill, and now he was supposed to take over where Moses left off and lead the frightened, oft-complaining, critical and quarrelsome people of Israel into a war against giants and fortified cities.


White

Nevertheless, in the first nine verses of this first chapter in the book of Joshua, God told Joshua no less than three times to be strong and courageous, and that doesn't include the several promises God made to him regarding what God was about to do with and through him.

When God offers such powerful encouragement, how can anyone not be encouraged?

I have a confession to make: I am easily discouraged by the troubles and uncertainties of life, especially by the critics in this world.

I'm sure some of those critics think they'll motivate me to do better if they point out my weaknesses or failures, but their criticism serves only to discourage me and destroy my motivation.

You might not expect this from a preacher and minister of God serving as a chaplain in the Army, but it's true. I am pretty good at encouraging others in fact, I consider that one of God's spiritual gifts to me (see Romans 12:8 but I'm not so good at encouraging myself.

However, I can always find reassurance and comfort and encouragement with God, when I pray to him and read his holy word.

Just as God reassured and encouraged Joshua, so he encourages each of us. Moreover, if we want to be like God (and he did instruct us to be like him, you know), we should work at encouraging others around us. If we all do that, someone will eventually encourage us, too.

Any fool can find fault, tear down, and destroy another with criticism, but it takes a truly wise and godly person to encourage and build up another.

If you are a leader, whether an NCO, or an officer in the military or a civilian, let me encourage you to look for ways to encourage your subordinates and peers, rather than find fault and criticize their efforts.

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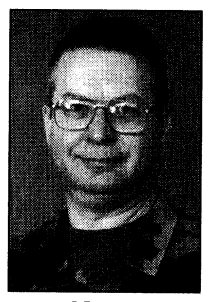
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Nagging drives loved ones away

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

A negative cycle occurs when a spouse persistently and diligently confronts his or her mate about an issue that never seems to get resolved. He thinks she just wants to nag and put me down. She just wants to argue. She thinks he doesn't want to talk to me. He doesn't care. She feels that he doesn't want to resolve the problem.

When a husband distances himself from his wife, his wife turns up the volume. She tries harder to get a response, while her husband tries to avoid a conflict and to withdraw from the emotional intense feelings of resentment, bitterness, disappointment and frustration.


Koop

This gender cycle of pursuing and distancing is common, but not universal. Since men usually are not as verbal as women, they often seek to avoid verbal conflict.

Men tend not to practice and value verbal intimacy as much as women do. Men need to realize that women are not trying to start a fight. Instead, women are trying to resolve an issue in order to get closer and be more intimate with their partner.

Women often feel more responsible for settling differences and maintaining relationships. Because of their high verbal and socialization skills, women seek to resolve conflict in personal relationships more than men. Women need to realize that men are often seeking to avoid conflict and not intimacy with them.

Both men and women avoid things that make them feel anxious or less able to handle conflict. Avoidance and distancing may seem to be good ways for people to avoid unpleasant conversation, but such actions only make things worse. Scripture admonishes us to live in harmony with one another; to be sympathetic, loving, compassionate and humble; and to be a blessing (I Peter 3:8-12).

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CHAPEL NOTES

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They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

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For more information, call Monica Manganaro at 545-3438.

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9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

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Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

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Sunday Torah Study

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Sunday Islamic Study

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Saturday Worship Service

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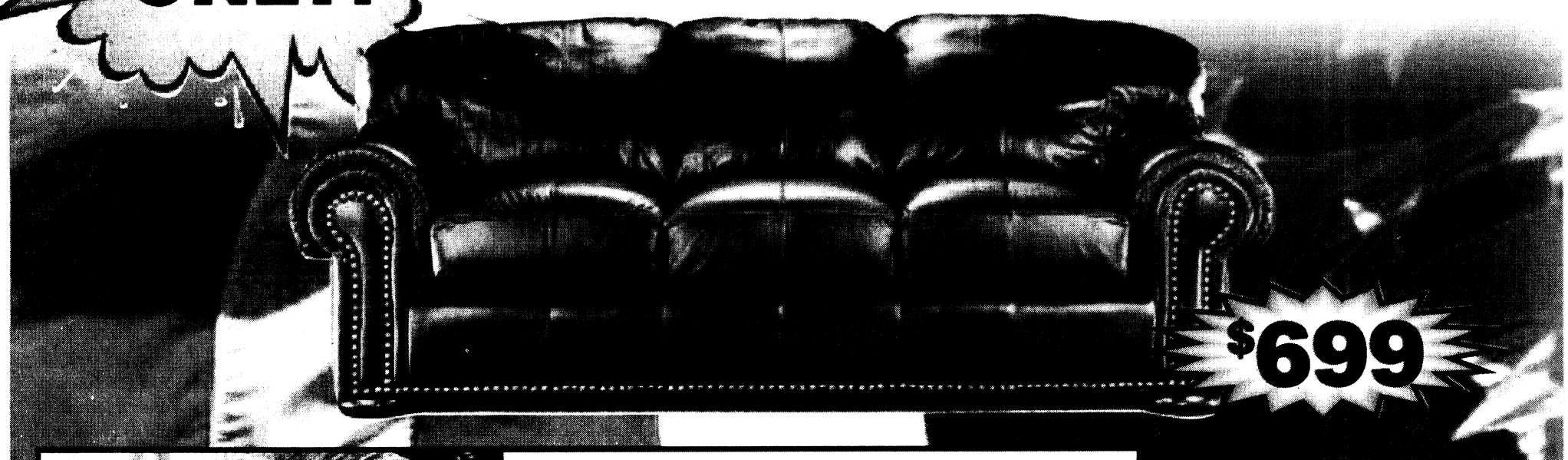
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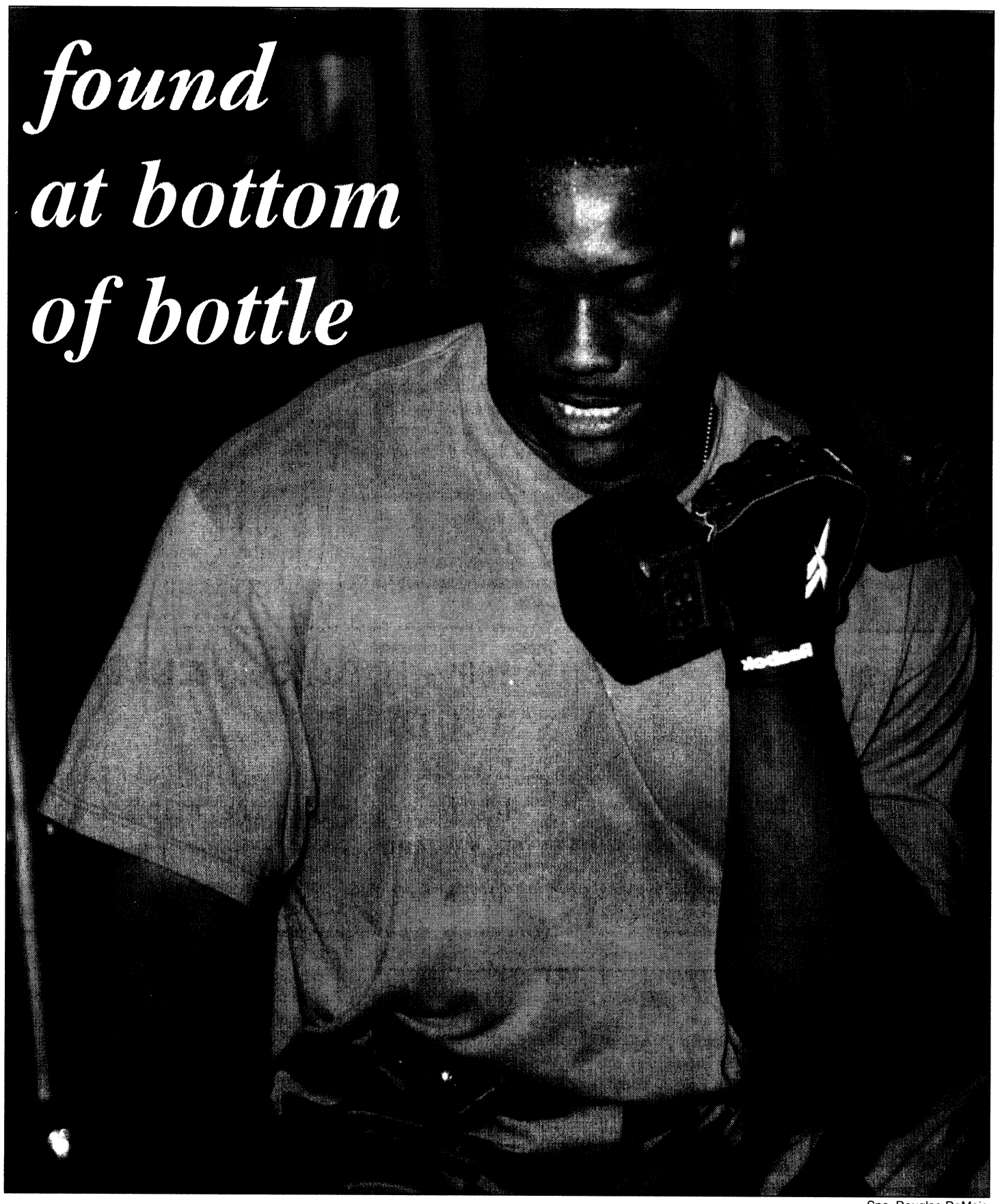


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SPORTS

Dangers found at bottom of bottle



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Supplements damage vital organs, body

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Soldiers are required to meet and maintain a physical fitness standard. Muscular strength and endurance are concerns for some while weight and mass are concerns for others.

But then there are some soldiers who are fixated on looking good and feeling strong.

"Strength is a critical component to soldiers' tasks," said Frank Palkoska, deputy commandant for the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School. "Many military occupational specialties require heavy lifting."

Engineers, infantrymen and soldiers in combat arms are just a few personnel required to perform heavy lifting.

For this reason and many others, some soldiers are choosing to pick up a pill before they pick up the iron.

"There are a bunch of different reasons why soldiers choose to take supplements," Palkoska said. "It may make them feel better, look better, enhance their performance or help them meet weight standards."

While supplements are the answer for some bodybuilders, for overweight soldiers and those who are just trying to gain an edge over their peers, weight training and a balanced diet are the answers to the dangers of supplements, Palkoska said. Supplements are not needed to increase muscle mass, gain an edge or lose weight.

"We don't advise supplements," Palkoska said. "We advocate a total body workout."

The reality is supplements like ephedra, mahuang and guarana extract, which contain caffeine, do improve metabolism and muscle performance, but the results are short-lived, said 1st Lt. Julie Hess, chief of clinical dietetics for Martin Army Community Hospital.

"Don't waste money on supplements," Hess said.

Some of these supplements, like ephedrine, are central nervous system stimulants, increasing the body temperature, heart rate and damaging the kidneys and liver, she said. They also dehydrate the user.

They are an artificial way to increase your metabolism and gain strength.

Muscles in the body contain 70 percent water, Palkoska said. Once the body starts having water taken away from it, it begins to have negative effects on the body.

"As hot as it gets in Georgia, when you take these supplements, your risk factor for a heat injury goes up," Palkoska said.

Hess concurs.

"During the summer, we get soldiers coming into the hospital for heat injuries, and we find out they've been using supplements," Hess said. "They're setting themselves up for a heat injury."

Evidence proves taking supplements can constrict blood vessels and overwork kidneys. The body excretes what it doesn't need, so if the body receives too much of anything, it causes stress on the liver and kidneys, which may make them to shut down.

"There is a big misconception that more is better," Hess said. "More can be harmful."

A safety alert put out by Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, June 21 stated the circumstances of a soldier death, from Fort Hood, Texas, was a direct result of the use of supplements.

"The question you need to ask yourself, is it worth the risk?" Palkoska said.

So what is a soldier to do?

Maintain a healthy diet and exercise, Hess said. Eat seven to eight small meals throughout the day and make sure a minimum of the meals have five servings of fruits and vegetables.

When people want to lose weight, they tend to skip a meal. The body reacts by storing fat, Hess said. Skipping meals hinders metabolism rather than helps it.

Lifting weights is also a good resolution to weight problems, Palkoska said. For beginners, the fitness school advises working out the major muscle groups, such as quadriceps, pectorals, biceps and abdominals. Recommendations are three sets of eight to 12 repetitions.

"Developing the core muscles works a large combination of other muscles," Palkoska said. "The weight training will help maintain or increase metabolism."

For building strength and muscle mass, the Army Physical Fitness Research Institute recommends the overload principle, four to six sets of heavy weight with five to eight repetitions. Strength is gained by exposing muscles to a heavier loads.

For building muscular endurance, Palkoska recommends lifting a weight within reason for three to five sets of 13 to 20 repetitions. This will burn more calories than the other exercises and tone muscles.

"Getting the results you want is more of an art than a science," he said.

Soldiers are responsible for their fitness. Make the smart decision, Palkoska said. Weigh the options available and learn the facts. And one other thing. Drink water.

Choke out!



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

While practicing during a combatives class, Staff Sgt. Charles Hester, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, uses his legs, while on his back, to hold Capt. John Serafini, 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt., in his grasp. Hester applies a cross collar choke, which is used to cut blood circulation to the brain.

Free Agents hammer Seahorses

High-powered offense wins game

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Behind the offensive power of the entire lineup, the Free Agents demolished the Seahorses, 16-4, in intramural softball action Tuesday on Knappenburger Field.

The Free Agents of B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, hammered the ball all night against the Seahorses of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group.

"We came out strong swinging the bats," said Vern McClendon, Free Agents' third baseman. "We kept it up throughout the game."

The Free Agents started out strong with five runs in the first inning. The Seahorses came back with two runs of their own in the bottom half of the first inning.

"We started out good by drawing four walks in a row," said Drew Romancky, Seahorses' left-center fielder. "We tried to keep it going, but a few offensive mistakes ended the inning."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Lisa Wills fails to make contact during a game Tuesday.

After a strikeout, the Seahorses scored another run on a single. Then the very next batter grounded to short, resulting in a double play, which ended the inning.

"The double play saved us from a bad inning," McClendon said. "Strikes weren't being called our way, so it was a perfect way to end the inning."

At the top of the second, the Free Agents once again used defensive mistakes by the Seahorses to score six runs.

"We missed some easy catches and easy groundballs and that really killed us in the second," Romancky said. "This game is all about fundamentals and if you don't execute the fundamentals, then you're in for a long evening.

"We were just a little rusty from the holiday. It will go away before the next game, and we will have a better performance."

David Grey led the Free Agents in offense, going 3-3 with two doubles and three runs batted in.

Team members from both sides said the game is not just for competition, but also for fun.

"We're all out here for the fun of the sport," McClendon said. "It is a fun and competitive atmosphere, and it really boosts our morale to a high level."

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

YS soccer camp — Youth Services soccer camp registration runs until today. Register from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m at Building 1056.

The camp will be Monday to July 19 and is open to Youth Services members ages 6 to 15. The cost is $65 per child.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS cheerleading camp — Youth Services cheerleading camp registration runs until July 19.

Registration times will be Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m at Building 1056.

The camp will be July 22 to 26 and is open to Youth Services members ages 6 to 15. The cost is $40 per child.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS aerobics — Youth Services aerobics classes have started in July. Registration is ongoing at Building 1056, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The classes are open to children ages 6 and up.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Army 10-Miler qualifier — There will be two races to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team.

The races will be at the Santiago Fitness Center July 20 and Aug. 17. Registration begins day of the race at 6 to 6:45 a.m.

The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the 18th annual Army 10-miler race Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1-30 will receive free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification.

Hours of operation are from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members.

It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

off post

Summer shootout — The Premier Summer Shootout, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation Joints in Motion Marathon Training Team, will conduct a shooting clay tournament July 27 at Chattahoochee Clays Shooting Course, 3945 Old Seale Highway, Phenix City, Ala. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with two flights obtainable at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Summer Shootout offers a four-man team with NSCA Rules applying. The day will include a catered lunch and shooters' bags for each participant, team trophies as well as door prizes to be raffled off during the awards ceremony schedule to begin at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call the Arthritis Foundation at 576-4086, ext. 3.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

Former AMU soldier inducted into hall of fame

Olympian won Bronze Medal in '64 Olympics

Paula Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

ATLANTA— USA Shooting formally inducted the late retired Lt. Col. Tommy Pool into the U.S. International Shooting Hall of Fame at a private reception for invited guests and the media June 18 at the Holiday Inn Airport North.

The retired colonel won 17 international medals in rifle shooting during a career that spanned from 1959 to 1973, including a Bronze Medal at the 1964 Olympic Games in Tokyo.

Pool began his international competition as a member of the 1959 Pan-American Games Team, winning a team Gold Medal in Three-Position Rifle while setting a world record.

He also won Silver Medals in Three Position Free Rifle, Free Rifle Prone and Free Rifle Kneeling, and a Bronze Medal in Free Rifle Standing. He fired as a member of 1962 U.S. World Championship Team, winning an individual Gold and two Bronze Medals, as well as a Gold, two Silver and a Bronze Medal in the team championships.

A high point in Pool's career came as a member of the 1964 U.S. Olympic Team, with his Bronze Medal in Prone Rifle. As a member of the 1966 U.S. World Championship Team, he was a member of the world record setting Gold Medal winning team as well as picking up another team Gold Medal and team Bronze Medal.

Pool's last international competition came as a member of the 1973 U.S. Championship of the Americas Team, winning a team Gold Medal in Smallbore Prone.

After his retirement from the U.S. Army, Pool served as the public affairs officer for the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit at Fort Benning. He died in 1990. Receiving the Hall of Fame award plaque in Pool's memory was his widow, Nancy Pool, the coordinator of the Excellence in Competition Program and Small Arms Firing School for the USAMU.

Tommy Pool enjoyed life and always had a smile on his face, said Robert Mitchell, chief executive officer of USA Shooting, as he presented the plaque to Mrs. Pool, who tearfully replied, "Tommy would be so honored and so pleased."

Marksmanship competitors travel U.S., Europe, battle in finals

Paula Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have scored some major victories. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

•U.S. Practical Shooting Association Area 6 Championships, Topton, Pa., June 28 to 30 — USAMU action shooter Spc. Maxient J. Michel was the overall winner and additionally won the Military Division and Junior Division. Staff Sgt. Julie A. Goloski won the Womens Division and took second place in the Military Division.

•International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup, Suhl, Germany, June 24 Shotgun shooter Sgt. William H. Keever received the Bronze Medal in the Double Trap Match.

•USA Shooting National Rifle Championships, Atlanta, Ga., June 20 to 23 — Maj. Michael E. Anti earned the Bronze Medal in the Free Rifle Three Position Championship. Spc. Hattie J. Ponti obtained the Bronze Medal in the Sport Rifle Prone Match.

•USA Shooting National Pistol Championships, Atlanta, Ga., June 20 to 23 — Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski won the Silver Medal in the Center Fire Pistol National Championship, in which Staff Sgt. Eric G. Daniels was the High AA shooter, followed by Spc. Grant E. Saylor.

•Virginia State High Power Rifle Championships, Quantico, Va., June 14 to 16 — Shooting the Magnum, the USAMU Service Rifle Team, coached by Sgt. Emil Praslick III, won the 1,000-Yard Any Rifle Team Match; team members were Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Coffey and Staff Sgts. Norman L. Anderson, Lance S. Hopper and Jared N. van Aalst. Coffey and Hopper placed second and third in the individual match. Sgt. 1st Class Scott A. Boyd won the 1,000-Yard Service Rifle Championship, followed by Staff Sgt. Tobie L. Tomlinson in second place. Anderson and Sgt. Robert M. Mango took second and third place in the 800 Individual Aggregate.

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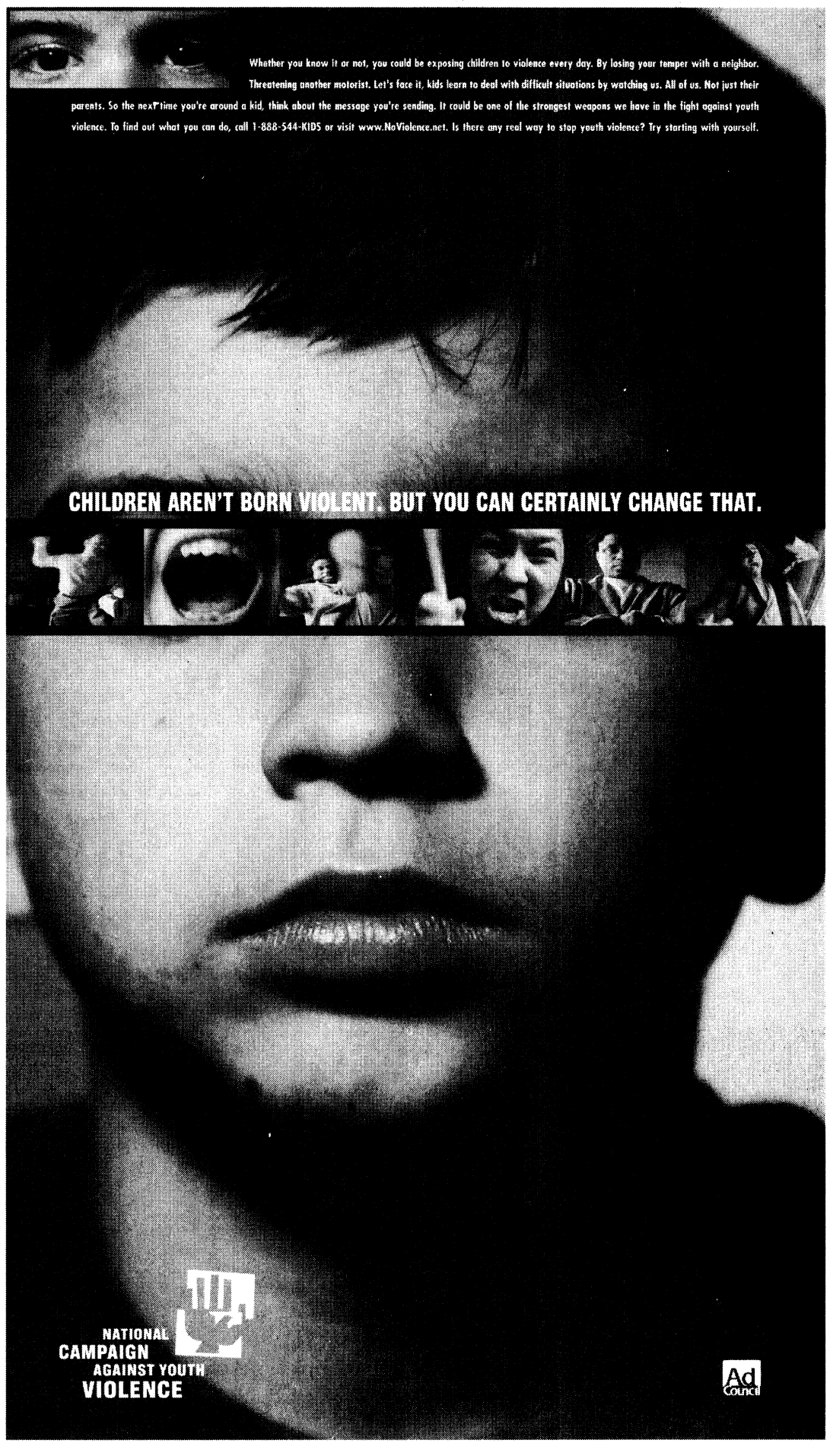
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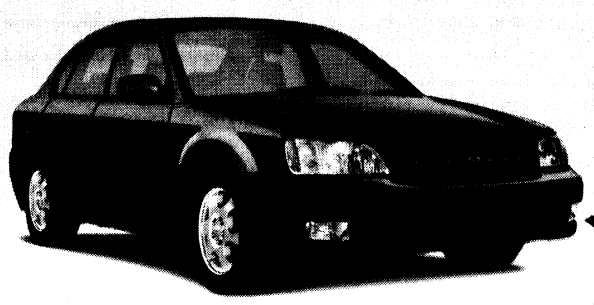


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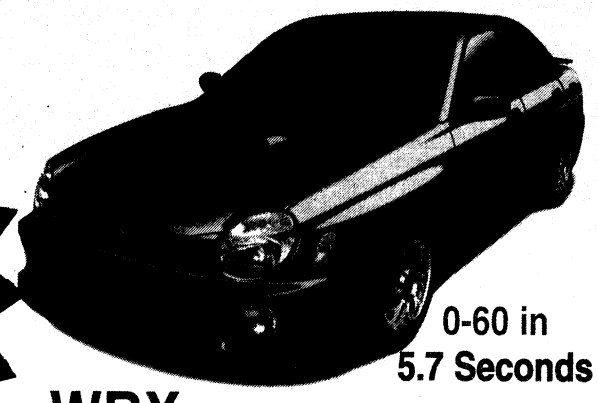


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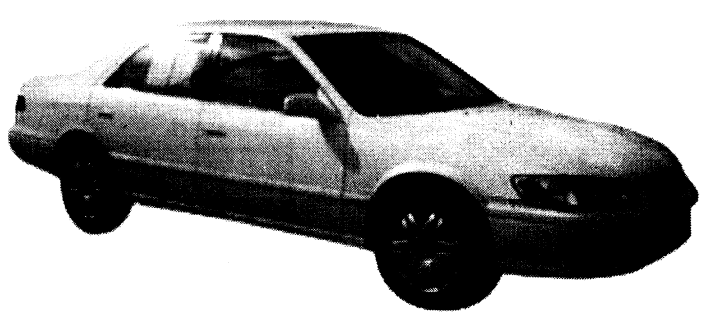


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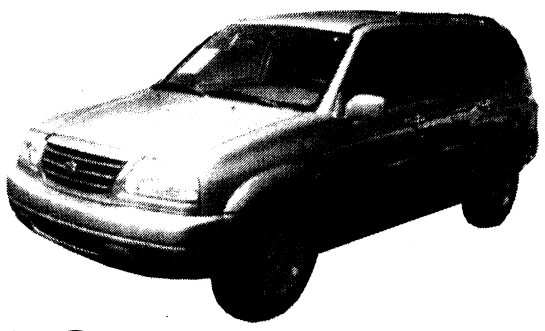
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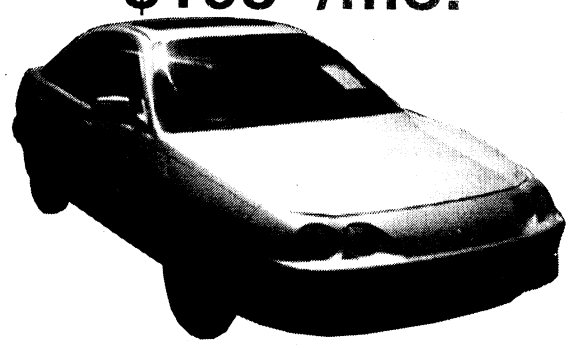
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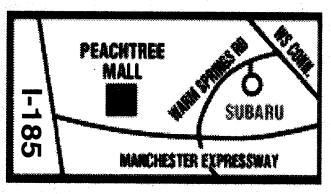


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Fisher Price 2 way swing $35, Vibrating Bassinett $35, GRACO stroller for $40 Call Anna @ 689-4742 (F19)

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Yard Sale

532 Hartsock Loop From 8am - ? Everything must go. (F12)

2 family yard sale. Lots of toys, clothing, odds & ends and collects. Sat. July 13th 8am-1pm. No early birds please. 4668 Bridlewood Dr, lots of great buys!! (F19)

Multi-Family moving Sale. 201 Madden Ave. (White Elephants) Sat July 13 8am - ? Furniture, Appli., Kitchenware. Etc. (F12)

120-A Kessler Dr. (Custer Terrace) Sat July 13 8am-noon. Small girls clothes, Baby items, women's clothes, mens clothes, etc. (F12)

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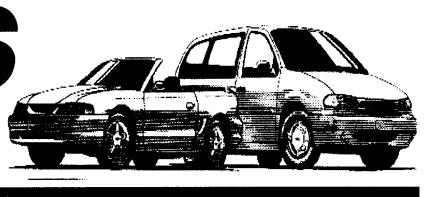
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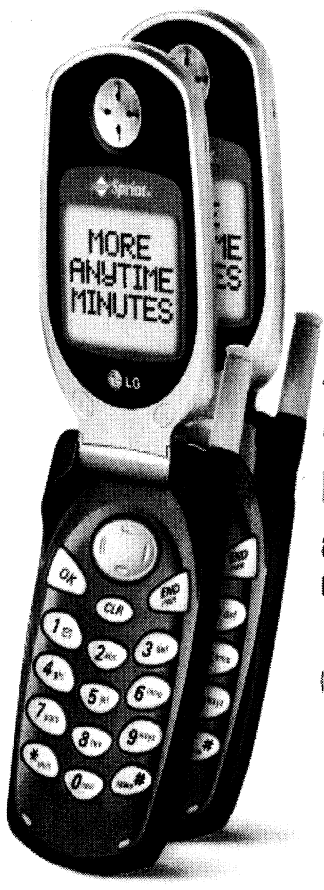
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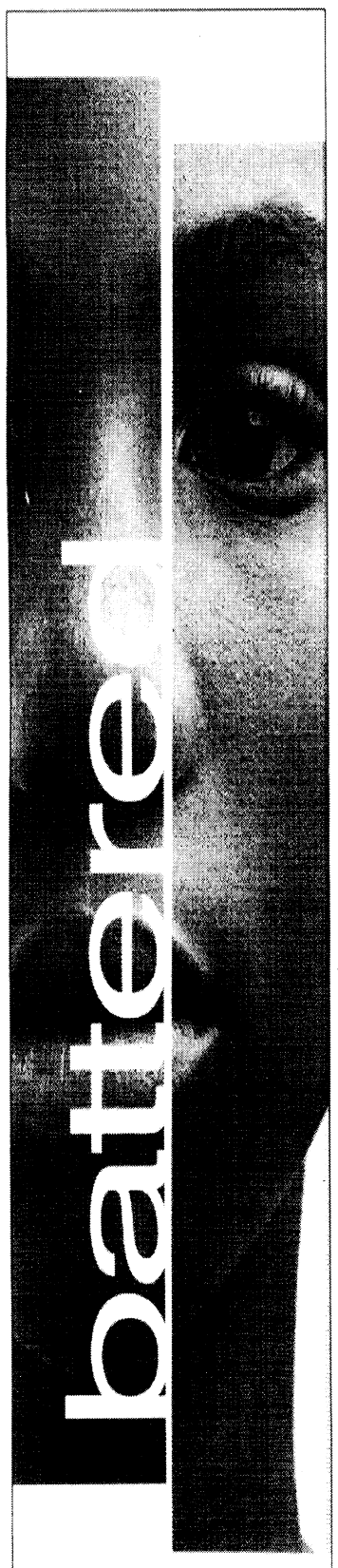
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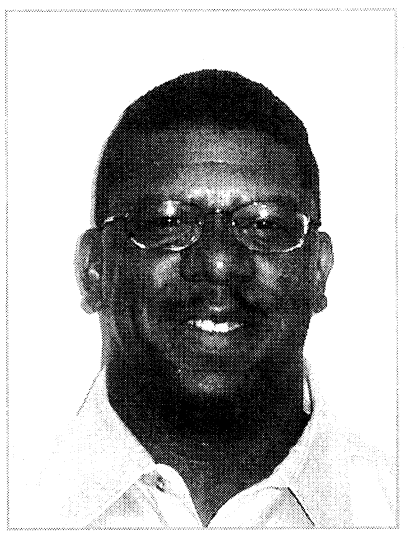
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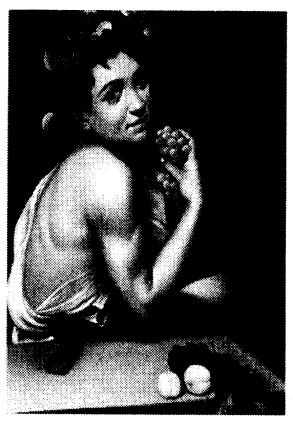
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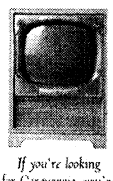
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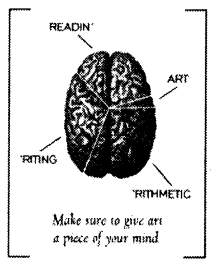
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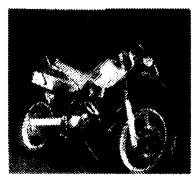
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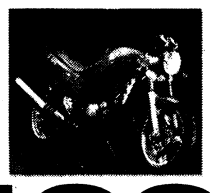
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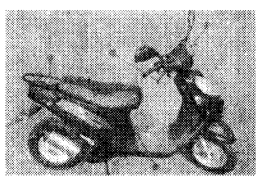
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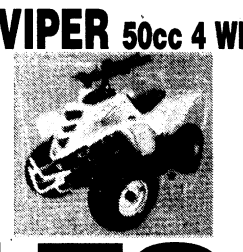
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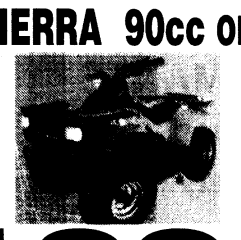
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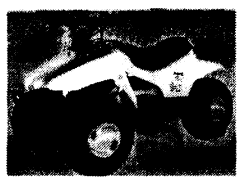
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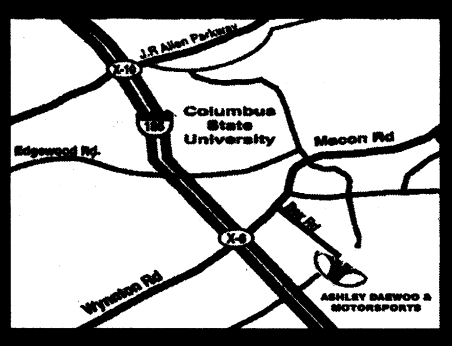


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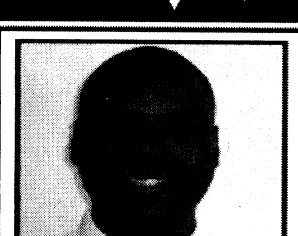
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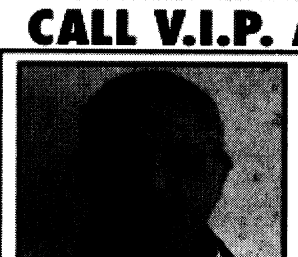
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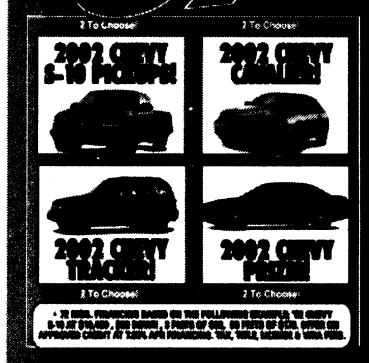
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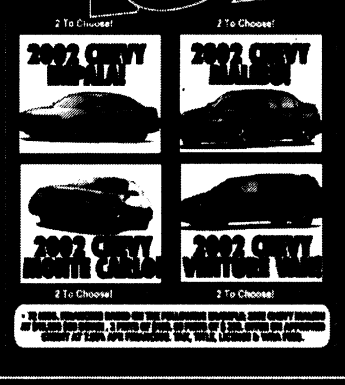
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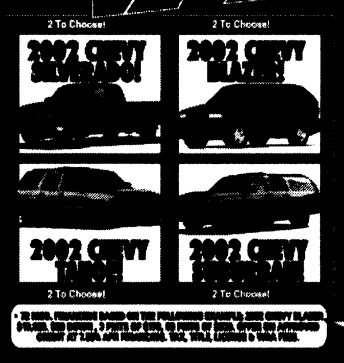
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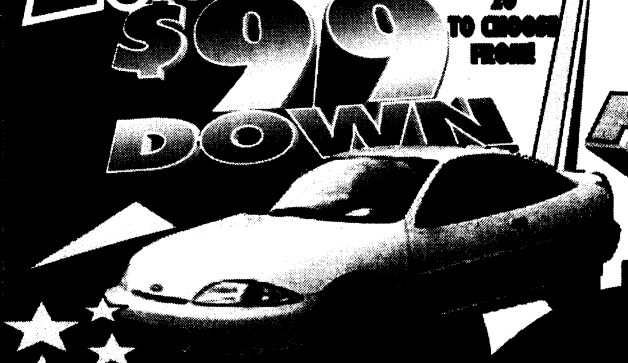
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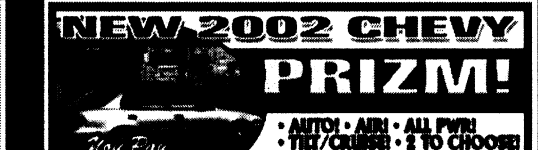
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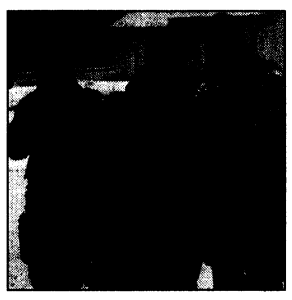
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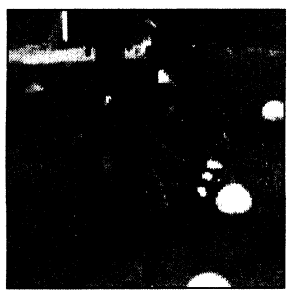
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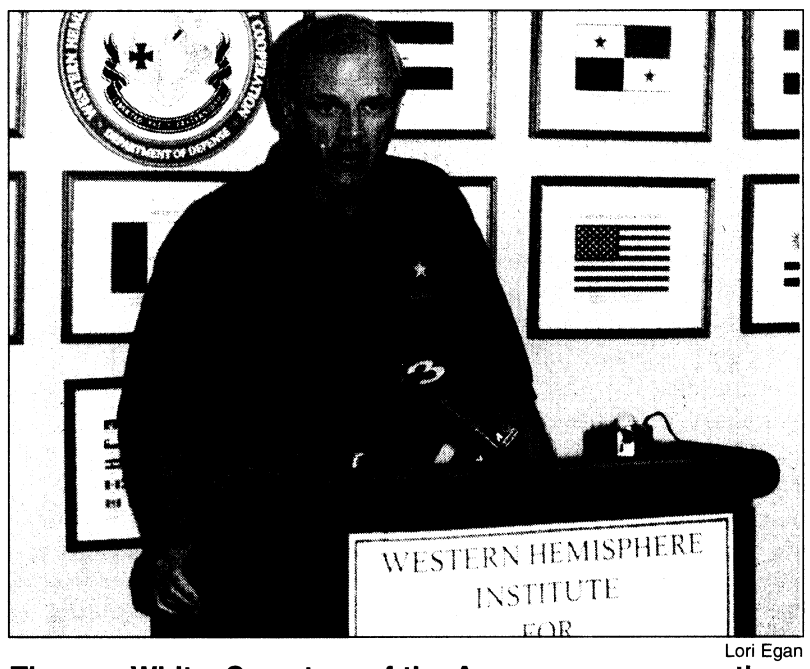
"There is enough work for everybody. Let me assure you of that," the Secretary of the Army told media and post officials July 11, after a daylong tour of Fort Benning, which included a chat with soldiers recently returned from Afghanistan and a close-up look at basic training.

Retired Brig. Gen. Thomas White denied reports that the decision to relocate the Puerto Rico-based U.S. Army South in Texas was a done deal and assured his audience that rumors of a possible transfer of assets from Fort Benning to Fort Knox was "not the case at all."

"The decision has to be communicated to the Secretary of Defense. He makes that decision," White said, when questioned about a report from U.S. Rep. Mac Collins in early July that accused Army officials of withholding information about the status of Army South. "And also I have a statutory obligation to fully brief the interested members of Congress and talk them through our analysis before any final decision is made. We're still short of that."

White, who began his Army career here in 1967, said it was "great to be back," and called Fort Benning "the heart, the core, of the Army," noting the exemplary training he observed during his visit to the 75th Ranger Regiment, Infantry School, Basic

See **WHITE**, A-3



Lori Egan

Thomas White, Secretary of the Army, answers questions at a July 12 press conference at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

Protester chains self to gate

Firefighters use 'jaws of life' to cut her free

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

A SOA-Watch protester stopped traffic Saturday when she closed the main gate and chained herself to it.

Incoming traffic on Benning Boulevard was rerouted for nearly two hours as Fort Benning officials explored the safest way to remove the 23-year-old demonstrator.

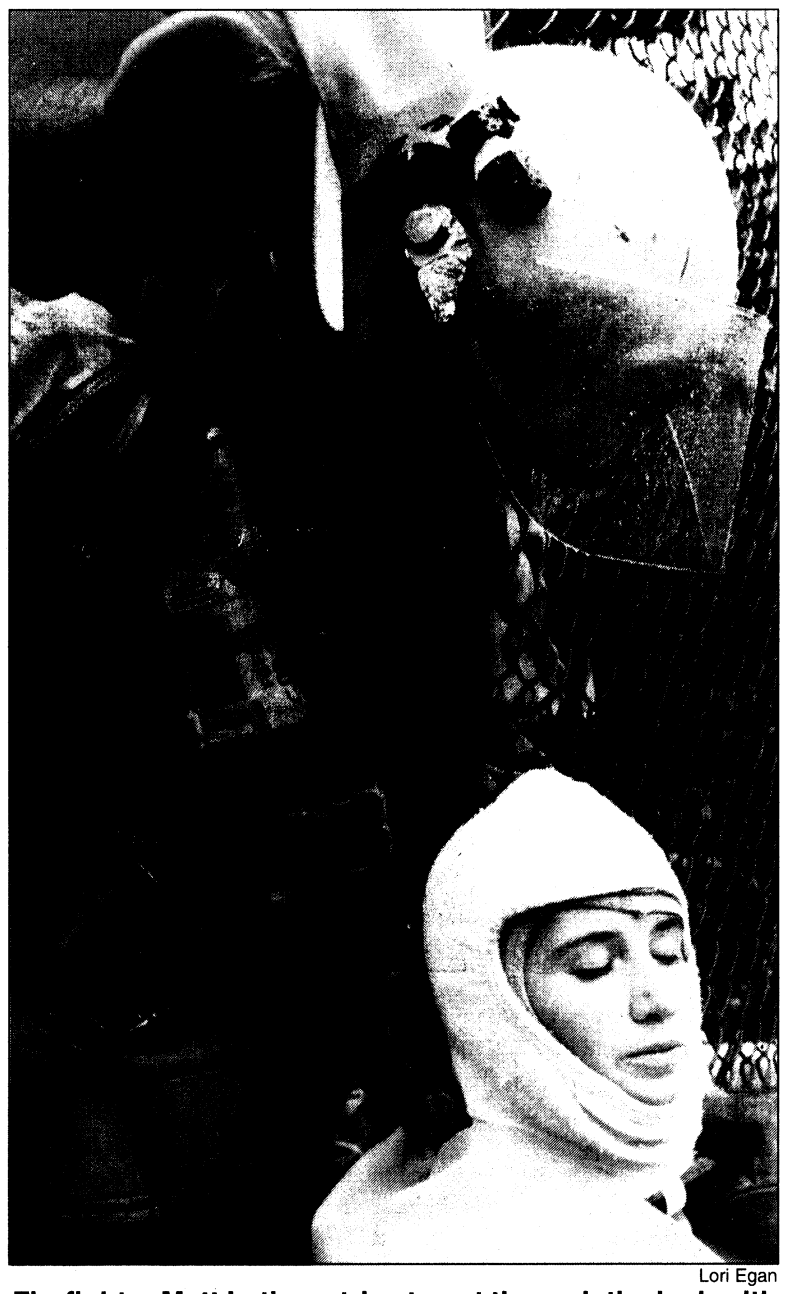
Rebecca Johnson, from Washington, D.C., cut the chains keeping the gates open, locked the gates closed with a cable lock and then used a U-shaped bike lock around her neck to chain herself to the gate.

Johnson told WTVM she was protesting the sentences U.S. Magistrate G. Mallon Faircloth gave the 36 protesters who were charged with criminal trespass when they crossed onto post in November during the annual SOA-Watch demonstration.

The group continues to protest the U.S. Army School of the Americas, which was closed December 2000.

Faircloth sentenced repeat offenders to the maximum sentence of six months in jail. First-time trespassers received a 90-day jail sentence. Some protesters received six-month probations. Monetary fines were assessed according to the protester's ability to pay.

One protester was found not guilty.



Lori Egan

Firefighter Matt Lathrop tries to cut through the lock with a saw. The "jaws of life" were needed to cut the lock.

Firefighters from Station 32 used the "jaws of life" to cut the Kryptonite bike lock from Johnson's neck after they used a battery-powered saw to cut the lock from the gate.

Military Police Investigator Sonya Thomas said the keys to the

See **PROTESTER**, A-3

RIF causes job freeze

A-76 projected abolishment of 683 positions

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A hiring freeze went into effect Thursday, a move designed to cushion the blow of Fort Benning's impending reduction in force.

The vacancies will leave more job slots for current employees, said Willie Varner, director of Civilian Personnel.

The results of four commercial activities studies, known as A-76, require as many as 683 job positions be abolished to meet the target manpower level by Jan. 25.

The studies concluded that a major portion of functions provided by Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics and the Training Support Division of the Directorate of Operations and Training can be performed cheaper by a contractor.

Adjutant General and Directorate of Information Management functions were also studied. It was determined that these remain inhouse to be

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Pay inequity problem for disabled vets

Congressman talks concurrent receipt

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An age-old law limiting disabled veterans' retirement benefits is archaic and unfair, and merits a close look from Congress, said a group of Army veterans who met with U.S. Rep. Mac Collins at Infantry Hall Saturday.

"Concurrent receipt," the practice of reducing retirement base pay by the amount of disability a veteran receives, was instituted shortly after the Civil War, when the great number of disability claims threatened to bankrupt the fiscally fragile union. For example, soldiers who were awarded 50 percent disability saw their retirement base pay reduced by 50 percent, thereby capping retirement benefits at base pay.

Once common among businesses nationwide, the practice of concurrent receipt was discontinued by all but the military long ago, said Chuck Hunsaker, president of the local chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army.

"To my knowledge the military is the only one that still practices this," said Hunsaker, a member of Collins' staff. "That's the real inequity of this — the guy constantly sent into harms way, the one who has the greatest chance of being hurt, is the only one who doesn't get compensated for his disability. It's unfair."

Hunsaker, who called concurrent receipt "the single biggest issue for retired military personnel who are disabled," was among the 40 veterans present for the meeting. Collins apprised the group, mostly retired Army veterans, on the status of concurrent receipt as Congress prepares for summer recess.

The congressman, who served on a special subcommittee studying the issue for the house budget committee, said the prospect of passing a law revising the policy looks promising, but will likely take several years.

The House of Representatives is considering a bill that will be "phased in over a period of five years for those at 60 percent disability or greater," Collins said.

The Senate version proposes to cover 100 percent of disabled vets, but makes no provision for funding, he said. Therefore, the final decision will probably be closer to the house proposal.

Concurrent receipt is unfair, Collins said, but limited funding stands in the way of immediate resolution. Congress works with only one third of the federal budget, half of which is earmarked for defense. With the nation at war, Congress is currently working with a deficit.

"He laid it on the table — here's what we're trying to do with one third of the discretionary funds," Hunsaker said. "We can only do so much with what we have to work

See **VETS**, A-3

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COMMENTARY



"Mom, make her stop singing that. It's getting on my nerves."

The back seat of the van is Mckenzie's favorite place to sing. Maybe it's the acoustics. Like the singing in the shower, it just sounds better. She's not particularly loud — she's never shattered the windshield. But nonetheless, it drives the other kids crazy.

Sometimes it's "the Barney song." You know they hate that. My boys have decided that Barney is, hmmm, how do I say this? Well, let's say Barney has chosen an alternate lifestyle. Therefore, they find the Barney song personally offensive. Make her stop, please!

Mckenzie says, "It's a free country."

Now I don't like the Barney song either, but it brings my baby great pleasure, and it's a wee bit satisfying to watch the boys writhe in agony. They're teens you see.

But more importantly, Mckenzie's right. It's a free country, and she has the right to sing.

I tell them to tune her out, ignore her, sing along or talk among themselves.

But let the baby sing.

Last week a soldier sent out an e-mail to all post commanders and directorates — an important notice with information to be disseminated to all soldiers and civilian employees.

At the conclusion she added "God bless America."

You know the rest of the story.

Someone — a civilian post employee — took offense.

He responded immediately, admonishing the author and suggesting she limit her references to God to friends within her religious circle.

A soldier — and by proxy the soldier's family — has made a commitment to defend the Constitution of the United States and the rights it protects, among them the rights of free speech and religion.

The soldier in question has not only the right, but the duty to stand up for her belief in God.

She made a promise, swore a solemn oath, pledged her allegiance to God and country when she joined the Army. It's all about loyalty, one of the seven Army values.

Now, it seems we're a nation on the brink of war with itself — a war of words. And in order to win it, those who would fight for the right to speak God's name must speak it frequently and boldly. This is not a time to be silent.

It's still a free country, and — God forbid! — should the courts decided to delete God's name from the Pledge of Allegiance, we still have the right to say it.

There will be those who choose to be offended.

They can tune us out, ignore us, sing along or talk amongst themselves. Uncle Sam's still in the driver's seat, and he says, "Sing, baby, sing."

Editor's note: *While we support a person's right to their beliefs, we also recognize official e-mail shouldn't be used for espousing those beliefs.*

Now, ain't that America

Melissa House
Bayonet correspondent

COMMENTARY

Sometimes, it's all about timing, good or bad.

In this case, bad timing left us all feeling pretty good about our country and ourselves.

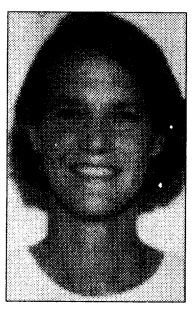
Our goal was to start for Pennsylvania by 9 a.m. This was a trip born out of desperation. Only three weeks earlier, we arrived at Fort Benning from Kansas. After the second week, my husband deployed.

I was faced with the prospect of keeping my three sons entertained through the summer, while simultaneously (and single-handedly) unpacking the boxes.

I took the easy way out. Off to Grammy's!

Our early start didn't happen. At 11:40, we cleared the front gate, headed in the right direction — north. Then a voice from the back said, "Mom, I'm hungry," and my oldest son reminded me that we still needed an oil change. So we hit Burger King and the Grease Monkey. It was 1 p.m. before I finally set the cruise control.

It was smooth sailing for the first three hours. While my youngest slept, the older two played video games and had their first look at Atlanta.



We made our first pit stop just into South Carolina and the timing would change the rest of our trip.

A few minutes after resuming our journey, we came to a complete stop and would stay there for the next two hours.

We spent the first minutes in our air-conditioned world hoping to move. Then the emergency vehicles started nosing their way through the traffic and the boys had to get out to count them.

Faced with the prospect of a long wait, we went to stand in the shade of an overpass.

There, despite the heat and the long delay, we saw the spirit of America alive and well on the 5th of July.

As we stood there, our collection of individual travelers became a group. One woman loaned her cell phone. Two teen-agers scrambled down the bank and handed out sodas. My boys shared their grapes.

A truck driver and a man in a button-down shirt talked about big rigs. We all laughed as a father and daughter rode their scooters on the interstate.

I was really surprised by this.

I'm used to this sort of camaraderie on military posts, where we all share in a common service to our nation. We welcome new families moving in. We share information in line at the commissary and the PX.

I don't expect to see much of the same attitude outside of the gate, but then, maybe I'm not looking for it.

We drove on.

As the boys began to stir in the early hours of July 6, we passed signs for Harper's Ferry and Antietam. The last stretch sent us through Gettysburg, a meaningful place in the history of our nation, with its monuments and cannons flanking the road.

We were in the homestretch and I had John Mellencamp playing in my head. "Now, ain't that America, home of the free" and what a great place for us to be.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Soldier takes exception to article

This is concerning an article in volume 60, number 26. The title of this article is *Fort Benning Soldiers Train with Kuwait Forces*. This article concerns me because it is further evidence of the maltreatment of Kelley Hill soldiers by Fort Benning. There are two points which I wish to bring to your attention.

The title of the article references Fort Benning soldiers; however, the body of the article discuss the 1st Battalion, 41st Armored Regiment. 1st Bn., 41st Armored Regiment is not stationed on Fort Benning, it is not part of the 3rd Brigade Combat Team, the 3rd Infantry Division or even the 18th Airborne Corps. 1st Bn., 41st Armored Regiment is part of the 3rd Armored Division out of Fort Riley, Kansas.

There are soldiers in Kuwait from Fort Benning from the 3rd Brigade. I just returned from this deployment early. The bulk of these soldiers make up Task Force 2-69. These soldiers were not mentioned.

The second point of contention is the mention of the M-1 A2 Abrams tank which the soldiers are "training" on.

Neither TF 1-41 or TF 2-69 use this vehicle. Though the Kuwaiti forces use the M-1 A2, we only have two units in this Army that use the M-1 A2, the 7th Cavalry and 4th Infantry Division. The task forces present in Kuwait are using the M-1 A1 Abrams tank. This discrepancy is made even more glaringly obvious by the picture of the M-1 A1 accompanying the article.

The research done for this article was substandard and a disservice to the troops mentioned in the title of the article.

I have been assigned to Kelley Hill as a tanker for almost four years. In these four years, my fellow 3rd Brigade soldiers and I have been continually treated as unwanted step-children by Main Post (Follow Me) personnel and civilians.

We have not been welcome anywhere we go on this post outside of Kelley Hill simply because of the patch we wear on our left shoulder.

This is pretty shoddy treatment of the largest most deployed combat force present on this post. In my four years with this unit 3rd Brigade has deployed a KFOR rotation to Kosovo, a Brightstar rotation to Egypt and two Intrinsic Action rotations to Kuwait in addition to Operation Desert Spring currently deployed. This is an impressive feat for any unit and deserving of a better degree of treatment by fellow Fort Benning soldiers.

Your recent article only adds salt to the wounds. Due to a lack of concern for correct fact reporting it would be preferable if you just left us completely out of your publication and its circulation.

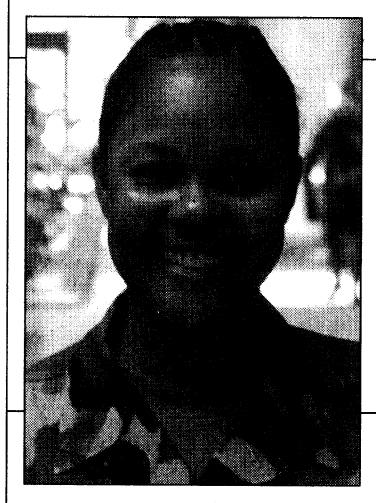
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Editor's note: *Thank you for bringing our errors to our attention. In our haste to provide coverage for Task Force 2-69, we failed to do our homework and check the article for accuracy and relevance — committing the number one sin of assuming. We assumed that since someone in Kuwait was submitting an article to The Bayonet, then the article must be about soldiers from 3rd Brigade.*

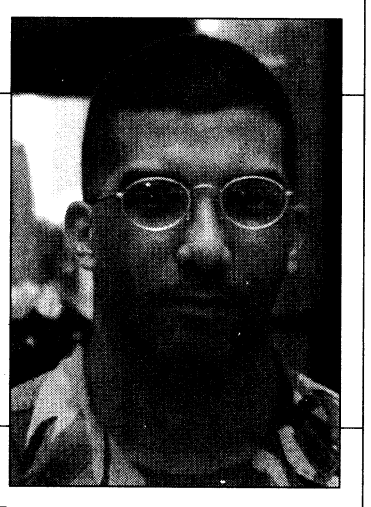
You are absolutely correct — the 3rd Brigade is one of the most deployed units in the Army and one of the best. Because of that and because it's a Fort Benning unit, we are always looking for ways to publicize the many achievements of the Sledgehammer Brigade, just as we seek to publicize the great work of all our Fort Benning units.

VARIOUS VOICES

Do you attend town hall meetings, and how do they impact the community?



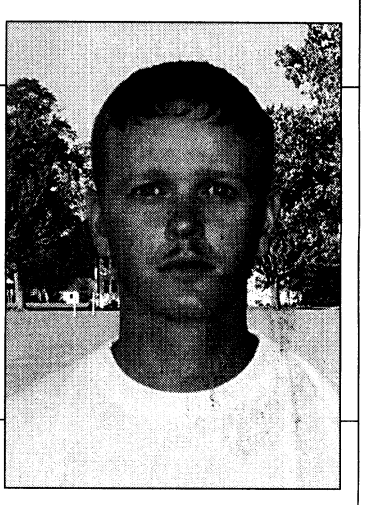
Sgt. 1st Class Duwanna Ellis, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "I don't go. When I get off work I just want to relax. Although, I think it has a great impact on the community when problems are actually resolved."



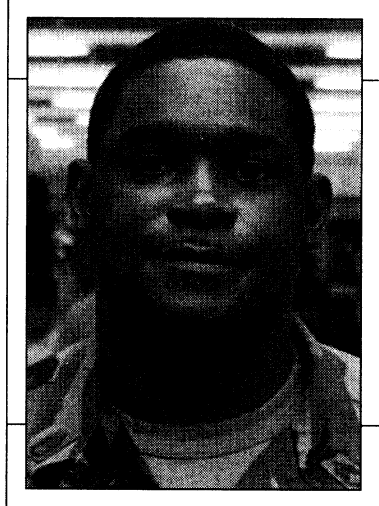
1st Sgt. Brian Allen, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "No, I've never attended a meeting. However, I've watched them on Channel 4 and there are good questions asked. The meetings provide a direct link to those who can solve problems."



Andrea Wiggins, family member — "No, I don't go to them. If I wanted to address a problem, I would attend one. There is strength in numbers, and those who attend them get the support they need to resolve community issues."



Staff Sgt. Jesse Schmidt, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry, Regiment — "No. The meetings only make an impact depending on the topics covered and enforcement of any new policies."



Staff Sgt. Keith Stalnaker, 317th Engineer Battalion — "I think they have an impact on the community, but in the two years I've been here, I've never known of a town hall meeting I could attend."



Teresa Broadus, family member — "Personally, they haven't helped me out at all. I don't attend them, nor do I have the slightest idea how to find out when and where they are."

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These chains kept the gate open and were cut in order to close the gate.

Protester: Gets arrested

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locks were damaged with pliers so that they could not be used to open the locks.

Johnson was charged with criminal trespassing, destruction of government property and impeding the flow of traffic.

Military police also charged Frank Salerno for trespassing. He was videotaping Johnson's actions when he crossed onto the military reservation.

Federal law prohibits political protests on military reservations.

Approximately 20 protesters watched Johnson lock herself to the gate and waited for the Directorate of Public Safety personnel to remove her.

Fort Benning's chief of staff, Col. Charles Cornwell said, "I was proud of the very professional response of all Fort Benning soldiers and civilians as they dealt with the incident.

"We will continue our responsible actions to protect federal property while ensuring the safety of those using it."



Photos by Lori Egan

MPs carry the protester, who refused to walk, to a patrol car.

Vets: Seek equality

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with, but we want the overall best for the country. We do understand that that may mean putting the issue of concurrent receipt on the back burner temporarily for the good of the nation."

Jim Rhodes, a retired disabled veteran from Columbus, attended Saturday's meeting.

He agreed that disabled soldiers have been getting a raw deal for years, but took heart at Collins' interest in veterans' affairs.

"I'd love to see the veterans get what they deserve. It's not fair," Rhodes said.

"But I'm impressed that Congress is trying to do something about it. It was brought home to me that this is a funding issue, and I understand that. We're working in the right direction."

White: Visits with media

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Training, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab.

"It's truly one Army. You can see that here," he said. "Fort Benning is magnificent. There's an enormous level of work going on here."

White said he's convinced today's soldiers are prepared for the Army's increased optempo with the war on terrorism and the continued peace-keeping missions abroad.

"Let me just say flat out, I've been with the Army nearly 40 years, and this is the best Army I've ever been associated with. Vietnam, the Cold War Army ... this beats all those Armies hands down. We are more 'one Army' than ever before.

"We've focused on terrorism training for a long time, and it will continue to be a core mission of the Army," he said.

White met with 14 rangers during a private lunch at the Warrior Inn Dining Facility, greeting each with a handshake and "How're you doing? Tell me about yourself."

He questioned the soldiers about their background and career history, occasionally interjecting information about his own career, which included two tours in Vietnam.

"All these CIBs look wonderful," he said of the rangers' newly acquired badges, awarded for combat service during Operation Enduring Freedom.

The secretary also asked the soldiers their concerns and frustrations with Army life.

"He asked what we'd change about (the Army) if we could," said Spc. Ryan Perez. "We talked about money — that was a big one — incentives and bonuses and stuff. And we talked about family life, how it could be made better. He talked about how it was when he was in, and we told him how it is for us. He talked about his experience in Vietnam, and we told him about Afghanistan."

Pfc. Thomas Rosa said White was "very receptive" to their concerns.

"It was a good chance to go straight to the top, to give our opinions to someone who has the power to do something about it. He actually cared about what we had to say."

Reduction: Hits home

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performed by federal employees.

The RIF affects more than just the aforementioned agencies. All individuals assigned to perform the job series affected by the RIF are at risk of losing their jobs because of other factors including seniority and Veterans' Preference points, Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, said.

To help reduce the number of civilians who are losing their jobs because of the results of the A-76 study, the government is offering a VERA/VSIP initiative to encourage long-time employees to retire early.

VERA allows retirement for those age 50 or older with at least 20 years of service, or at any age with at least 25 years of service.

Employees covered by Civil Service Retirement System are subject to a reduction in the annuity of two percent for each year under 55 at separation.

The Voluntary Separation Incentive Program with the buyout law, resignation, early retirement and optional retirement incentives may be offered to encourage eligible employees to separate voluntarily.

The goal is to minimize the need for layoffs as federal agencies continue to downsize and restructure.

The buyout is a lump sum incentive that is equivalent to an employee's severance pay entitlement up to a maximum of $25,000. The payment is fully taxable for purposes of federal withholdings, Medicare, applicable state and local taxes,and Social Security for those covered by that system.

The payment is not counted as basic pay for purposes of calculating benefits such as retirement annuities.

Those who do not take or don't qualify for the voluntary separation incentive program or voluntary early retirement program will have the first right of refusal 45 days before the contractor takes over.

"This plan has been five years in the making, and we are ready to execute it," said an A-76 official.

A briefing will be given after RIF letters go out no later than Oct. 18, explaining rights and entitlements to affected personnel.

"These are difficult times," Varner said. "We have an outstanding work force. They've consistently met the requirements and now it's sad to see it's to the point of a RIF."

Editor's note: *Next week's paper will publish an article on the affected positions and job series.*

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Friends, family mourn retired CSM's death

Association founder killed in crash

"Like a bulldog, he grabbed on to things and would not let go."

Retired 1st Sgt. James Clark
Friend of McCoy

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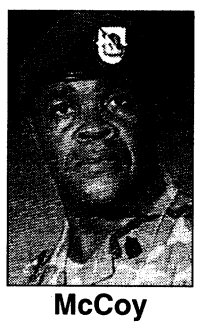
"Anyone can have a famous name, but a good name is born out of honesty, integrity, and character," said Bishop L.D. Skinner, pastor of Bread of Life Christian Church, as he quoted from Proverbs 22, Verse 1. "Such is the life of Command Sergeant Major Robert A. McCoy Sr."

Skinner presided over McCoy's funeral services July 12, three days after the retired airborne sergeant major and founder of the Sergeant Majors Association was killed in a car accident in Newnan.

Soldiers from McCoy's former unit, 1st Battalion, 507th Infantry Regiment, carried his casket covered with the American flag, as friends, family and former soldiers crowded the Infantry Center Chapel to pay their respects to a man they say changed their lives.

"He was a strong pillar of this community," said retired Sgt. Maj. Marvin Alston Jr., president of the Sergeants Major Association. "He had time to listen to you and give you the push you needed. You rarely saw him get upset. He encouraged the people around him to always do and say what's right."

McCoy embarked on a career in the armed forces that spanned some 30 years. He saw action during Vietnam and for his valor and conduct was awarded numerous medals and citations including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Army Achievement Medal and a National Defense Service Medal. McCoy served as command sergeant major of 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507 Infantry Regiment, at Fort Benning and retired in 1995.


McCoy

"He was full of life and told a lot of jokes," said retired 1st Sgt. James Clark. "His nickname was Bulldog. Like a bulldog, he grabbed on to things and would not let go. His missions and his goals were always carried out until the end."

The stories of people McCoy influenced were shared with the entire church, as retired soldiers, friends and family members took turns speaking.

"Robert pushed me to stay in the Army, even after we had both been wounded in Vietnam," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie Roberts. "We were both told we were medically discharged and we had to go home. Robert wanted to continue fighting for our country. Because of his influence, both of us stayed. I owe a lot of my Army career to him."

Although McCoy's military career ended in 1995, he continued to stay involved with military affairs. In addition to founding the Sergeants Major Association, he was also a member of Association of the United States Army and the National Infantry Association. McCoy was also a supporter of the environment. He began his own company, McCoy Environmental, which is responsible for staffing environmental projects, such as oil spills and clean ups.

"This man made a difference," Skinner said. "He touched the lives of everyone he came into contact with."

Many of the people McCoy came into contact with were members of his own church, Bread of Life Christian Church in Columbus. McCoy was a strong advocate for children and donated frequently to the church's youth ministry, Skinner said.

"He loved the young people at the church," Skinner told mourners. "He always wanted to know what they needed."

During the service, many said they needed above all else, reassurance that their friend and hero is in a better place.

"He was a man among men, a soldier among soldiers," Clark said. "He loved his airborne soldiers, and he loved the Lord. His spirit will live on forever."

Longtime DOT worker dies in car accident

DOT training chief had great career

"Lowery was a man we all depended on. His death will affect the entire training force."

John Ohrt
Course manager for Basic Combat Training Brigade

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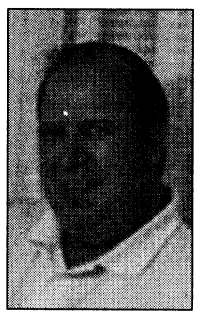
Every soldier who has trained on Fort Benning in the past decade has been influenced in some shape or form by the initial entry training team chief Robert Lowery.

Lowery was the cornerstone for all matters dealing with Training and Doctrine Command and basic training and was instrumental in developing some of the Army's newest technological training advances.

"Lowery was a man we all depended on," said John Ohrt, course manager for Basic Combat Training. "His death will affect the entire training force."

Lowery died July 11 in a car accident on Highway 165 just outside of Fort Benning near Lawson Army Airfield. Friends say he was on his way home from work when his car apparently veered across the center lane and into an oncoming vehicle.

"Bob was an outstanding worker and he will be missed by this department and all of us who knew him," said Bob Jordan, deputy director of Operations and Training. "We are all still in shock over his death."


Lowery

Lowery, a retired master sergeant and tank commander in Vietnam, was instrumental in developing the file transfer protocol (FTP) Web site for soldiers. Since it's creation, the site has allowed commanders from different installations to download training materials and other essentials to TRADOC no matter where they are located.

"Bob really led the way for getting all of the Army's installations together to standardize training," Ohrt said. "He was a stickler for regulations. He knew the regulations inside and out and stuck by them."

Among other achievements, Lowery is also credited for the recent development of the new weapons system of infantry training courses.

"Bob took the initiative at making sure the new weapons system was incorporated into the soldiers' training routines the right way," Ohrt said. "He was more of a behind-the-scenes guy. Even though he led us in many ways, he wanted to make sure everyone got the credit."

Lowery, a GS-11 at his death, was one of the longest working civil service employees at the DOT, and those who worked with him said it's going to be hard to find someone with as much experience and dedication to the Army.

"He affected everyone he knew on all levels," said Steve Taylor, chief of Course Management Training Development. "From the generals down to the sergeants, everyone knew they could come to him and get the training issues resolved."

Lowery is survived by his wife and two sons. A full military honors funeral was held Tuesday at the Fort Mitchell Cemetery.

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Dr. (Col.) Adolfina M. Polk performs a dental exam on Love Dental Clinic co-worker, Pfc. Mary Gaws, July 12.

"The Army way of life has been good to us. In return, we've tried to make things a little better."

Dr. (Col.) Melvin Polk
orthodontist

Married doctors make post brighter

Husband, wife set to retire, move to Virginia

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

One can judge the impact of Army careers by their legacy. If the thousands of brighter and more confident smiles are any indication, a Fort Benning husband and wife can walk away proudly.

Fort Benning will soon lose Dr. (Col.) Melvin S. Polk, orthodontist, and his wife, Dr. (Col.) Adolfina M. Polk, pediatric dentist, to retirement.

"I'm really going to miss them," said Brenda Dacus, who has known the Polks since they arrived four years ago and works as Melvin's assistant. "I told someone once, 'If I could tie (Melvin) up and put him in a closet, I would do it to keep him here.'"

Everyone who works or is a patient at Love Dental Clinic would say Fort Benning is a brighter place because of their time here, she said.

"(Melvin) is serious and concerned about his patients' welfare, but he's also fun to work with," Dacus said. "He has a good attitude at work and makes coming to work fun."

Many people enter a position and make changes to fit their desires, but Melvin had the "If it ain't broke, don't fix it" mentality.

"He's open to suggestions," Dacus said. "It doesn't have to be his way all the time."

Melvin is terrific with his patients, too, she said.

For instance, one of Melvin's patients was stationed here at Fort Benning five months ago. She has braces and trusts him so much she has paid for trips from Utah to continue seeing him.

"He's an outstanding man who is committed to and super friendly with his patients," said John Gunn, a patient and Department of Defense civilian at Robins, A.F.B., Ga. "He goes above and beyond what is normally required by a doctor.

"Fort Benning is going to be at a big loss when he leaves. It's going to be hard to find someone to replace a man of his caliber."

The same could be said about Adolfina, Dacus said.

"She's short and petite. She looks like a kid, not a colonel about to retire," Dacus said. "But just because she's little doesn't mean she'll back down from making sure the job is done right."

Adolfina demonstrated her outstanding leadership qualities as the OIC of Love Dental Clinic from November 2000 to May 2002.

"She'll joke around, but she's serious about her patients," Dacus said. "She's real gentle with the kids, and she's good at calming their fears."

Melvin and Adolfina are a great couple whom will be missed by everyone who knew them, she said.

"They will be successful wherever they go. They'll like them as much as we do," Dacus said.

The doctors will retire in September and move to Reston, Va., to work with a group practice.

Melvin has mixed emotions about retiring.

"I look forward to the challenge (of my next position), but when you practice in the military for 21 years, it's all you know. We'll miss our military family," he said.

The couple, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary July 8, has been through a lot together. After dental school, Melvin joined the Army in 1981 and Adolfina began a three-year commitment to the National Health Service (Public Health Service). Upon completion, she joined the Army in 1984. They've always been stationed together and have traveled the world, including duty assignments in Asia and Europe.

"The military has met expectations beyond my wildest dreams," Melvin said. "It's given us stability in our lifestyle and the resources to educate our children.

"(Daughters, Melba, 21, Manon, 19, and Megan, 18) are well-rounded people," he said. "They've experienced what a lot of people only talk about with professors in classrooms."

Melvin has had many highlights during his career, he said. While serving as the division general surgeon at Fort Campbell, Ky., he lived 40 miles away from Nashville, Tenn., which the Polks call home.

He also enjoyed his orthodontic residency training while at Fort Knox, Ky.

"In the military, you begin your career as a general practitioner," Melvin said. "I always wanted to become an orthodontist, and I'm grateful the military gave me the opportunity to obtain specialty training.

"With ortho, you really get to know your patients and, in some cases, become friends. They're like part of the family. I find that rewarding."

No place has that happened more than here, he said.

"I have a special place in my heart for Fort Benning because I've spent a third of my career here," Melvin said.

The post Dental Activity staff has helped make his job easier with unparalleled support, especially from those with whom he works the closest, he said.

"All the positive accolades I have received would not have been possible without my assistants (Dacus and Strickland)," Melvin said.

Like Melvin, Adolfina has been fortunate to have excellent coworkers throughout the years, she said.

"We've had a good time and have enjoyed the camaraderie with the soldiers and civilians," Adolfina said. "The people here at Love (Dental Clinic) are a class act."

The clinic has been unique, she said.

"I'll miss working with the different specialty areas," Adolfina said. "The clinic is a conglomerate of all dental specialty areas as well as general dentistry. If you have a question about something outside your area of expertise, all you have to do is ask, and they'll help you right away. You don't have to refer patients downtown."

She is thankful that Melvin encouraged her to join the Army after her commitment with the National Health Service because of the diverse and numerous skills the service provided them, she said.

"I was just going to stay in the Army for three years to gain dentistry experience and knowledge," Adolfina said. "However, with every new course and assignment, our careers just snowballed and kept rolling and rolling. One day I turned around, and I'd been in for 15 years, and I said, 'This hasn't been all that bad.'"

The doctors' job satisfaction and children have kept the couple motivated through the years.

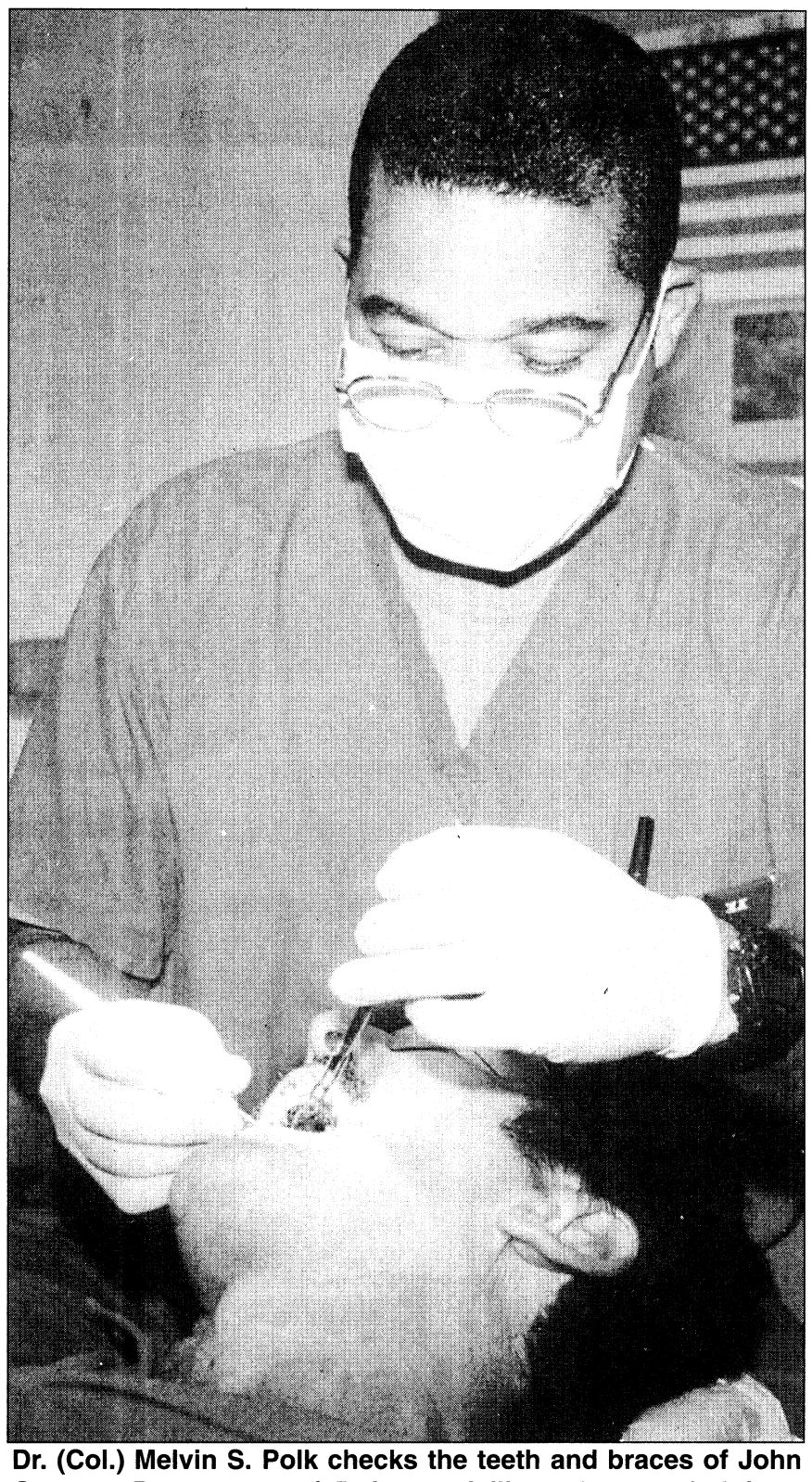
"When you enjoy what you do, it's easy to get up in the morning," Adolfina said.

"The children have kept us busy, too. We've been able to work as a team from day one — like an Army of One — so we were able to accomplish things for the military and our family through proper planning and a solid plan to balance the two."

Melvin agreed.

"The Army way of life has been good to us," Melvin said. "In return, we've tried to make things a little better."

Judging by the smiling clean and straight teeth around here, they've done just that.



Dr. (Col.) Melvin S. Polk checks the teeth and braces of John Gunn, a Department of Defense civilian who traveled from Robins A.F.B., Ga., for the doctor visit.

AROUND POST

100 percent tuition paid

Effective Oct. 1, tuition assistance will cover 100 percent of college tuition and most fees up to the semester hour cap of $250 and new ceiling of $4,500 per fiscal year. This rate applies to instruction delivered traditionally or through distance education.

For more information, call 545-1436.

Changes of command

Fort Benning will have the following changes of command:

• Tuesday — **Lt. Col. Robert E. Freehill** will take command of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. **Lt. Col. Donald M. Sando** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-9368.

• July 29 — **Col. Bryan R. Baldy** will take command of Infantry Training Brigade at 9 a.m. on Kanell Field. **Col. Thomas W. Hayden** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-9964.

• Aug. 5 — **Lt. Col. Todd Fitzgerald** will take command of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Pomeroy Field. **Lt. Col. Michael E. Culpepper** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-8061.

• Aug. 20 — **Lt. Col. Alan W. Neyland** will take command of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. **Lt. Col. Daniel P. Dillon** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-1962.

• Aug. 27 — **Lt. Col. Greg Kane** will take command of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. **Lt. Col. Michael Winstead** is the outgoing commander.

Location to be announced.

For more information, call 545-8516.

ID card section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will be closed at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-1411.

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score. The skills learned are applicable to the individual's military duties. The remaining class is scheduled for Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

The class will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.). A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

Two-star breakfast

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general, will recognize Fort Benning's outstanding military and civilian personnel and volunteers at the Two Star Excellence Breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Thursday at the Supper Club.

Tickets are available in Infantry Hall, Room 547.

The cost is $6.25.

For more information, call 545-4729.

Command Awards Ceremony

Fort Benning will conduct a Command Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Follow Me statue at Infantry Hall.

The pre-ceremony command brief for awardees and their guests is scheduled for 2 p.m. that day.

For more information, call 545-1132.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board to consider soldiers for the promotion to sergeant major will be Oct. 1.

Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000, and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977, and Oct. 1, 1992. Date of birth is no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951.

Due to the implementation of stop-loss, soldiers normally ineligible due to retention control point — BASD is earlier than Oct. 1, 1977 — in a primary military occupational specialty affected by stop-loss will be considered eligible.

Soldiers must have a DA photo. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

For more information, call 545-8861 or 545-5640.

NCO, soldiers of quarter

The the NCO, Soldier of the Quarter Awards Luncheon is at 11:30 Aug. 9 at the Main NCO Club.

See your command sergeant major or 1st sergeant no later than Wednesday for tickets.

For more information, call 545-1500.

Women's Equality Day

The U.S. Army Infantry Center Equal Opportunity Office will present a Women's Equality Day Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Officers' Club.

The theme will be "Living the Legacy of Women's Rights Today" and the guest speaker will be Col. Gale Pollock, Martin Army Community Hospital commander.

The cost is $7.50.

See your EO advisor for tickets or call the EO office at 545-6665.

College registration

For fall 2002, Columbus State University and Chattahoochee Valley Community College students should see a counselor at the Education Center prior registering at the college. This prevents problems with the term enrollments and additional drop fees.

For more information, call 545-1436.

CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Division is seeking information pertaining to the larceny of two Dell laptop computers, one Infocus portable projector and one JVC VCR from Building 2631, Preventive Medicine, from June 14-17.

For more information, call 545-5237 or 545-5222.

Reclamation sale hours

The new reclamation sale hours conducted at Building 224 will be 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. the first Friday of every month.

For more information, call 545-1104.

DoD needs $14 billion for war

Military spends $2 billion monthly for war on terrorism

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Services

WASHINGTON — America's war on global terrorism will go broke if $14 billion in fiscal 2002 budget supplemental money earmarked for DoD isn't approved by Congress soon, the department's senior money manager said July 12.

DoD Comptroller Dov S. Zakheim told Pentagon reporters that the U.S. military is "burning through" an average of $2 billion a month in prosecution of the war on terrorism at home and overseas.

"We're in a war — we're operating here, we're operating overseas," Zakheim said. "Al Qaeda and the Taliban folks haven't just given up and walked away."

Indeed, in a letter to Congress dated July 3, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld acknowledged that the supplemental funds "are needed to sustain our readiness and global operations against terrorism."

If congressional passage of DoD's supplemental is delayed significantly beyond July 15, Rumsfeld wrote, the impact "would likely include inability to meet the military payroll, canceled training, deferred depot maintenance for ships and aircraft, postponed facilities maintenance and repair, and reduced spare parts and supplies purchases that would hurt future readiness."

DoD asked Congress in late March for the additional $14 billion to fund the war, Zakheim said. The initial $17 billion supplemental request has long been spent, he said.

The department needs the new supplemental before mid-August, Zakheim said.

Otherwise, the lack of additional funds will hamper war operations, including transport, maintenance, training, and military and civilian payroll.

If DoD doesn't get the additional funds soon, Zakheim said that Air Force flying hours "will die by the middle of August" and engine maintenance for F-18 planes "would go south."

Navy ships would remain in port. The Army, he said, would have to cancel training at Fort Irwin, Calif. Force protection construction projects, such as barriers at military bases, would have to be curtailed.

Without the supplemental, the department won't be able to pay its military members on Aug. 30, Zakheim said. Up to 35,000 civilians would have to be furloughed.

All of these possible scenarios would hurt military readiness, morale and, possibly, retention, Zakheim said.

The proposed DoD supplemental contains:

• $7.2 billion for conducting military operations.

• $4.1 billion to pay for some 80,000 Guard and Reserve troops called up to active duty for the war.

• $200 million for service members in critical wartime jobs like linguists and other hard-to-maintain specialties.

• $500 million to obtain additional precision munitions, such as Joint Direct Attack Munitions.

• $1.6 billion to fund command, control, communications, and intelligence support and classified programs.

• $400 million for coalition support to Afghanistan, Pakistan and other partners in the war on terrorism.

DoD is already $3 billion into its fourth-quarter funding to pay for the war, Zakheim said. Mindful of looming deficits, Congress is now in conference to discuss and negotiate national budgetary matters.

Zakheim said there is a lot of goodwill in Congress as part of ongoing negotiations for DoD's budget supplemental. However, time is running out. The annual monthlong congressional summer recess coming in August normally lasts through Labor Day.

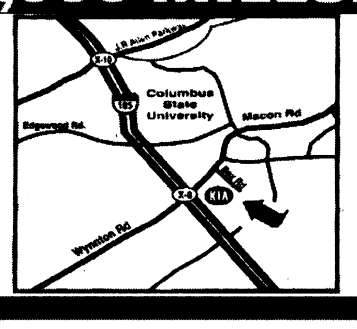
"Sometimes things take time to get sorted out. We're just saying, ... please do so by the beginning of August," he said.

Zakheim said that DoD can't just stop all military operations if Congress doesn't provide the additional money before its recess.

"But," he said, "you reach a point where if you don't have the money, you don't have the money."

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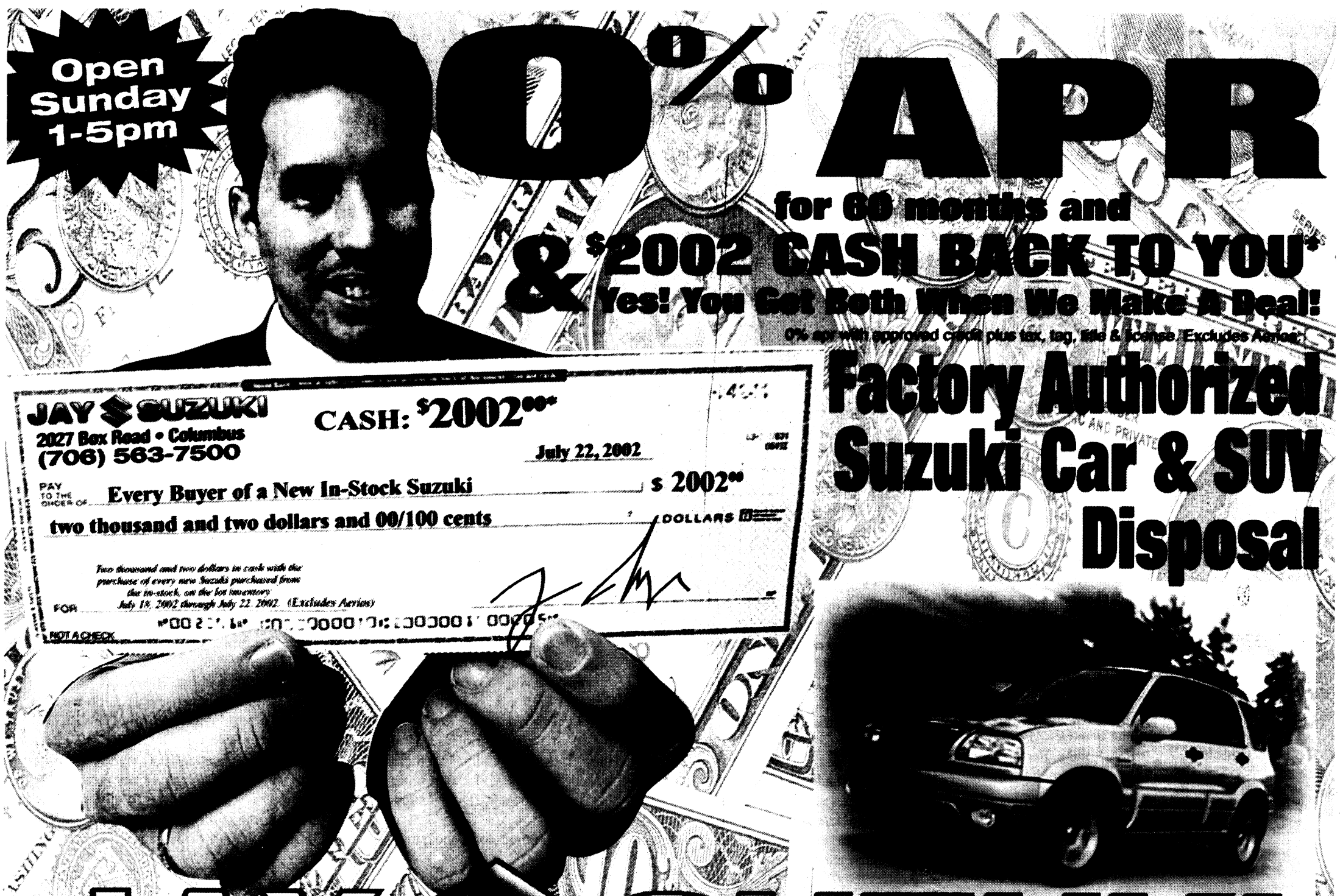
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Command change promises 'steady' transition



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Lt. Col. Michael Hanley and Lt. Col. Bradley Nelson watch the troops at the ceremony.

Signature block changes for 'Rock Steady'

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The dictionary states that steadiness lacks change, and a rock is a firm and solid foundation.

Tuesday's change of command ceremony for the the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, gave new meaning to the battalion's motto — Rock Steady.

Lt. Col. Michael Hanley succeeded Lt. Col. Bradley Nelson in a ceremony on Kanell Field, on that marked change for the Rock Steady battalion. But the new commander promised to continue the battalion's tradition of "steady training" the world's best infantrymen.

"All regulations and procedures will remain in effect," said Nelson, quickly dispelling any misconceptions about changing the foundation of the battalion.

The new commander expressed his gratitude to those in attendance and said he was excited to be back at Fort Benning, particularly to join the Infantry Training Brigade's Rock Steady battalion.

Prior to commanding 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., Nelson was a tactics instructor at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and two master's degrees, one in public administration and the second is in theater operations.

Nelson has held personnel and training positions in Germany and Fort Bragg, N.C. He has a Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge, Expert Infantryman's Badge and Combat Infantryman's Badge.

The new commanders awards and decorations include a Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medals and Humanitarian Service Medal.

Nelson lives on post with his wife, Andrea, and two children, Stephanie, 14, and Phillip, 10.

As for Hanley, he knows what he's accomplished during his time with the Rock Steady battalion.

"My life's ambition is to serve and train the best soldiers in the Army — infantrymen," Hanley said.

"And I did just that, I accomplished my mission."

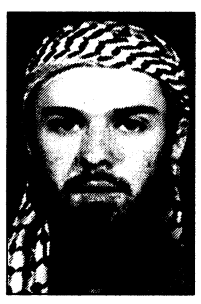
Hanley will move to his new job at the Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate in Infantry Hall.

American traitor plea bargains, gets two decades

Taliban soldier agrees to cooperate

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The American people will eventually see John Walker Lindh's deal with federal prosecutors as an appropriate outcome, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said here Monday.



Lindh

Rumsfeld discussed the Lindh case with CNBC television reporter Brian Williams.

As part of his plea bargain with federal prosecutors signed early that day, Lindh, 21, agreed to cooperate with U.S. military officials to combat al Qaeda terrorists in exchange for a prison sentence of up to 20 years.

"Well, I am delighted that he is going to be off the streets for a good, long time," Rumsfeld said of Lindh's deal.

"Two decades is not nothing."

The "American Taliban" pleaded guilty to two of 10 charges against him: aiding the Taliban and possessing explosives in the commission of that crime.

Had he been convicted of all 10 charges, Lindh could have been sentenced to life in prison.

Rumsfeld said Lindh also withdrew charges that he was mistreated while in U.S. military custody in Afghanistan.

Northern Alliance forces captured Lindh Nov. 25, 2001, in Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan, following a Taliban-al Qaeda prison riot.

Justice Department officials said Lindh's plea bargain also calls for him to cooperate "fully, truthfully and completely" with the United States, and to testify at grand juries, trials or other proceedings, including military tribunals.

He agreed to participate in debriefings conducted by law enforcement and intelligence officers and will be available for pre-trial meetings with U.S. government attorneys.

He also agreed to take lie detector tests.

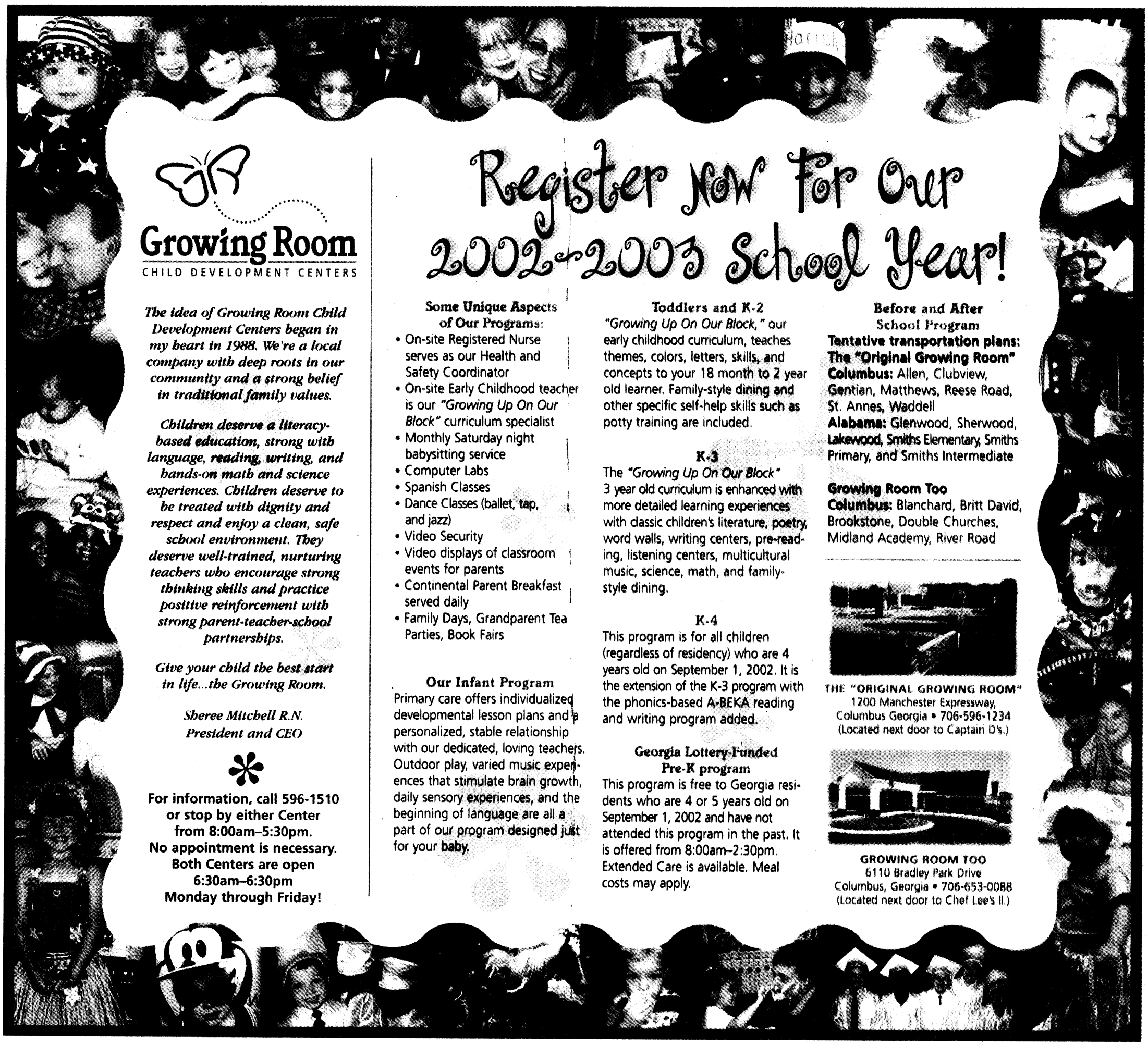
Commenting on the plea bargain, Rumsfeld said Lindh "was a relatively low-level person in the al Qaeda, or Taliban, depending on what one wishes to say."

When captured by Northern Alliance troops, Lindh was armed and had participated in a battle that took place in a prison in Mazar-e Sharif, Rumsfeld said.

The Defense Department, was consulted in the Lindh proceedings, but had no part in decisions regarding the plea bargain, he added.

When Lindh's plea agreement is fully and publicly aired, Rumsfeld said, most Americans will agree as to its fairness.

"People will look at the elements of it and nod and say, 'Well, that's appropriate. That's about right,'" he said.



Violence disrupts aid effort in Afghanistan

Afghans need more than forces provide

Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Violence in northern Afghanistan is beginning to cause serious problems, Deputy Defense Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz said during a Monday visit to Mazar-e Sharif.

Violence in the region, he said, is disrupting the secure conditions needed to deliver the kind of aid and assistance the coalition has been providing and wants to continue.

Speaking at the Jordanian Hospital, Wolfowitz said the facility has treated more than 80,000 Afghans. Others are being cared for at a Spanish field hospital in Bagram, and the U.S. military is doing many humanitarian projects around the country.

"But the need is just enormous, and this is one demonstration of it," he said.

The deputy stopped at the hospital after meeting with Northern Alliance Gen. Dostem, local leader Ustad Muhakkik and other officials. At a news briefing, he recounted how he had expressed U.S. appreciation to the Afghan leaders for the role they played in their country's liberation.

"It is difficult to remember just how dangerous and precarious things were here only eight months ago," he said. "The victory here in Mazar-e Sharif, I believe, was the beginning of the liberation of the whole country."

He said he advised the Afghan leaders that "in some ways, the challenges of war are easier than the challenges of peace, because in war you know who the enemy is and peace is more vague."

The United States is committed to helping in the reconstruction of Afghanistan, Wolfowitz said.

"We've learned a lesson over the last 10 years that we can't afford to just leave Afghanistan to its own devices," he said.

The current goal is to stabilize the country, restore security and promote economic growth and development, he said, "and to do it in a way that doesn't go back to a tyrannical mode of government."

That will require balancing power between the central government and local leaders, Wolfowitz said.

Right now, he said, the central government is still weak. He said an earlier meeting with President Hamid Karzai included talks on training and equipping the Afghan National Army.

Controlling the violence, thereby enabling the international community to continue providing assistance, is key to the country's overall security picture.

"It's very clear to me just from the people we talk to here in Mazar-e Sharif that even these tough generals care a great deal about what happens to their people," Wolfowitz said.

"If they think that if they behave well and do the right things, their people would get assistance, then they will be much more likely to behave well," he said. "If that assistance isn't coming, then we lose one of the greatest sources of influence that we have."

Wolfowitz said that it's impossible to generalize about security in such a huge country.

"The problems are very different in different places," he said.

"There seems to be a little bit of a tendency when there is a problem that occurs in one place, everybody says security in Afghanistan is collapsing," Wolfowitz said. "I think in different places, different solutions are appropriate. We are not approaching this with a doctrine or with a blue print. We are doing it very pragmatically, and when we see a problem we look for the best way to try to solve it."

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> **Paul D. Wolfowitz**
> deputy Defense Secretary

During his visit to Afghanistan, Wolfowitz toured the training site for the Afghan army and met with officials at the International Security Assistance Force headquarters in Kabul.

"It is wonderful to have a partner like Turkey," he said. "What Turkey has done with us has been indispensable. Turkey's role on the leadership of the International Security Assistance Force is something that we appreciate very much. It's been done with the kind of professionalism that we come to expect of the Turkish armed forces, and we appreciate it a lot."

Wolfowitz traveled to Afghanistan after a day in Istanbul, Turkey, where he spoke to the Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation. In his address, he pointed out the role Turkey can play in regards to Iraq.

Under Saddam Hussein, he said, Iraq slaughters its own people and threatens stability in the region. Using Turkey as a model, a democratic, free-market Iraq "could rapidly build a modern and wealthy society that would be a source of prosperity, rather than insecurity, for its neighbors," he said.

Turkey can also serve as a model for Afghanistan, Wolfowitz said.

TRADOC to select first NCO, soldier of year Aug. 7

Command's winners will face 14 other soldiers

James Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — For the first time ever in Training and Doctrine Command, NCOs and soldiers will compete for TRADOC NCO and Soldier of the Year Aug. 7 at Fort Monroe.

Then from Sept. 23-27, they will compete against NCOs and soldiers from the other 14 major commands, starting with performance demonstrations at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

"We are excited about this chance to honor our great NCOs and soldiers in Training and Doctrine Command," said Command Sgt. Maj. Anthony Williams, TRADOC command sergeant major.

"Sergeant Major of the Army (Jack) Tilley has given us the opportunity to recognize our great soldiers by creating the first awards program to honor them at Army level."

Until this year NCO and soldier awards programs were primarily at the installations, Williams said. The reason there was no major command program is because no similar program existed at Army.

"Sergeant Major of the Army Tilley must be congratulated on his initiative," Williams said. "He is as pumped up about the program as are the commanders and command sergeants major around the Army."

Currently at TRADOC major subordinate commands, boards are being held to select their top NCOs and soldiers to come to the headquarters.

"Every NCO from corporal to sergeant first class, and every soldier from private through specialist is eligible to compete for NCO and Soldier of the Year," said Sgt. Maj. Rodney Berry, sergeant major for TRADOC's deputy chief of staff for base operations support. Berry is handling all of the details required for arranging the competition at Fort Monroe, while establishing annual procedures to be followed from installations to TRADOC for succeeding years.

"There will be a runner-up for both the NCO and soldier of the year. One reason we have to have a runner-up is if the soldier or NCO is unavailable, the runner-up can step in and represent TRADOC."

There will be six NCOs and six soldiers in this year's program, Berry said.

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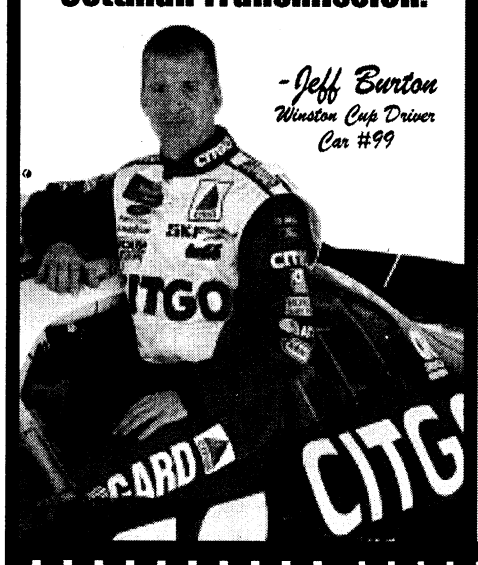
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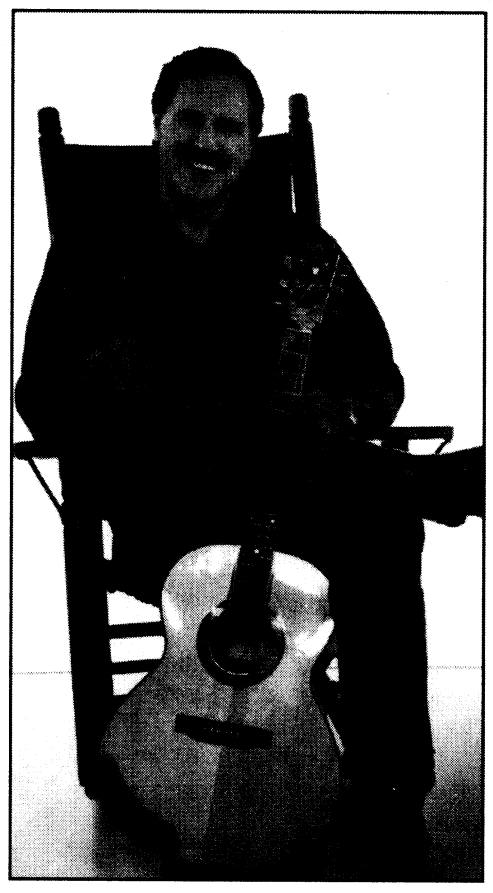
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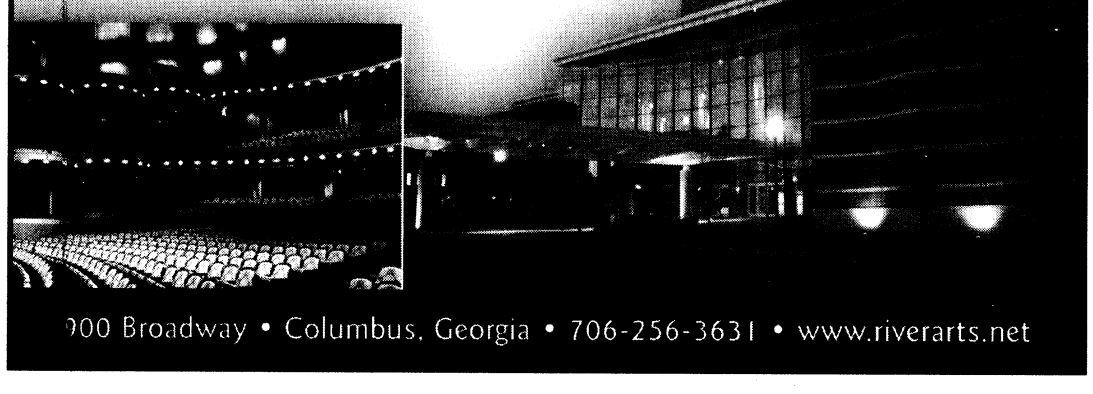
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Rumsfeld says: 'Old ways out, new in'

Adaptability will be critical during war

Linda D. Kozaryn
American Forces Press Services

WASHINGTON — What dangers loom in the days ahead? How might future adversaries attack the United States?

Dealing with future threats will take more than just new, high-tech weapons, said the top man at the Pentagon. It will take new ways of thinking and fighting.

"The ability to adapt will be critical in a world defined by surprise and uncertainty," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld wrote in a bylined article in the May-June issue of Foreign Affairs magazine. "As we painfully learned on September 11, the challenges of the new century are not nearly as predictable as were those of the last."

As future enemies acquire weapons of increasing power and range, the defense secretary warned, attacks could grow far more deadly than those of Sept. 11. He said America's new challenge is to defend itself against the unknown, the uncertain, the unseen and the unexpected. To accomplish what may seem an impossible task, he said, requires putting aside comfortable ways of thinking and planning, and taking risks and trying new things.

Using the war in Afghanistan as an example, Rumsfeld said this first war of the 21st century showed that even the horse cavalry could be used in previously unimaginable ways. U.S. and coalition forces used today's laser-guided weapons, 40-year-old B-52 bombers and men with guns on horses in unprecedented ways to defeat a dangerous, determined adversary, he said.

"What won the battle for Mazar-e Sharif and set in motion the Taliban's fall from power," Rumsfeld said, "was a combination of the U.S. special forces; the most advanced, precision-guided munitions in the U.S. arsenal, delivered by U.S. Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps crews; and the courage of valiant, one-legged Afghanistan fighters on horseback."

The secretary does not suggest, however, that the Afghanistan combination is a model for the future.

"The lesson from the Afghanistan experience is not that the U.S. Army should be stockpiling saddles," he said. "Rather, it is that preparing for the future will require new ways of thinking and the development of forces and capabilities that can adapt quickly to new challenges and unexpected circumstances."

Even before al Qaeda terrorists employed American jetliners as weapons, he said, U.S. defense officials were forming a new strategy for the new security environment. They had moved away from the two-major-theater war approach that called for, he wrote, "maintaining two massive occupation forces capable of marching on and occupying the capitals of two aggressors at the same time and changing their regimes."

Instead, he said, they decided to focus on "deterrence in four critical theaters, backed by the ability to swiftly defeat two aggressors at the same time, with the option for one counteroffensive to occupy an aggressor's capital and replace its regime." By no longer maintaining a second occupation force, he said, resources could be freed for the future and for other lesser, current contingencies.

Defense officials also moved away from the Cold War era threat-based strategy to adopt a capabilities-based approach. Rather than focus on who might threaten us or where, Rumsfeld said, defense leaders began to look at how the nation might be threatened and how to deter and defend against such threats.

Rumsfeld compared the change in strategy to a homeowner dealing with burglars.

"You cannot possibly know who wants to break into your home, or when, but you do know how they might try to get in," he said.

"You know they might try to pick your lock, so you need a good, solid deadbolt on your front door."

The same logic holds true for national defense, he said. Defense officials need to examine the nation's vulnerabilities rather than build armed forces to fight a certain enemy.

The nation must prepare to defend against attacks on U.S. space assets and information networks as well as attacks by cruise and ballistic missiles and nuclear, chemical and biological weapons. The nation must also build up its power-projection abilities, precision strike weapons and space, intelligence and undersea warfare capabilities.

Rumsfeld said defense officials are now focused on achieving six transformational goals. Over the next five years, he said funding is being increased in each:

• Protecting the U.S. homeland and bases overseas, 47 percent.

• Projecting and sustaining power in distant theaters, 21 percent.

• Denying enemies sanctuaries, 157 percent.

• Protecting information networks, 28 percent.

• Using information technology to link joint forces, 125 percent.

• Maintaining access to space and protecting space capabilities, 145 percent.

Meeting 21st century challenges will require rapidly deployable, fully integrated joint forces that can reach distant theaters quickly and work with air and sea forces, Rumsfeld said.

It will also require intelligence, long-range precision strike capabilities and sea-based platforms, he said.

A new triad of reduced offensive nuclear forces; advanced conventional capabilities; and new missile, space and cyber defenses, supported by a revitalized defense infrastructure, will form the basis of a new approach to deterrence, he wrote.

U.S. forces must also change the way they think, exercise and fight, Rumsfeld said. If you give a knight in King Arthur's court an M-16 rifle, it's not transformation if he uses the stock to knock in his opponent's head.

"Transformation occurs when he gets behind a tree and starts shooting," he said.

Rumsfeld summed up some of the lessons gleaned from the war in Afghanistan and other recent experiences that apply to the future.

• Future wars will require all elements of national power, including economic, diplomatic, financial, law enforcement, intelligence and overt and covert military operations.

• Joint forces must be able to communicate and operate seamlessly on the battlefield.

• Accepting help from any country, on a basis comfortable for its government, and allowing that country to characterize how it is helping, maximizes both countries' cooperation and effectiveness.

• Wars can benefit from coalitions, but should not be fought by committee.

• Defense of the nation requires prevention and, sometimes, pre-emption.

• Rule out nothing, including ground forces. Enemies must understand that the United States will use every means available to defeat them.

• Put U.S. Special Forces on the ground early to increase an air campaign's effectiveness.

• Be straight with the American people. Support must be rooted in trust, understanding and common purpose.

America's men and women in uniform are doing a brilliant job, Rumsfeld said.

"The best way we can show our appreciation is to make sure they have the resources, the capabilities and the innovative culture not only to win today's war, but to deter and, if necessary, defeat the aggressors we will surely face in the dangerous century ahead," he said.

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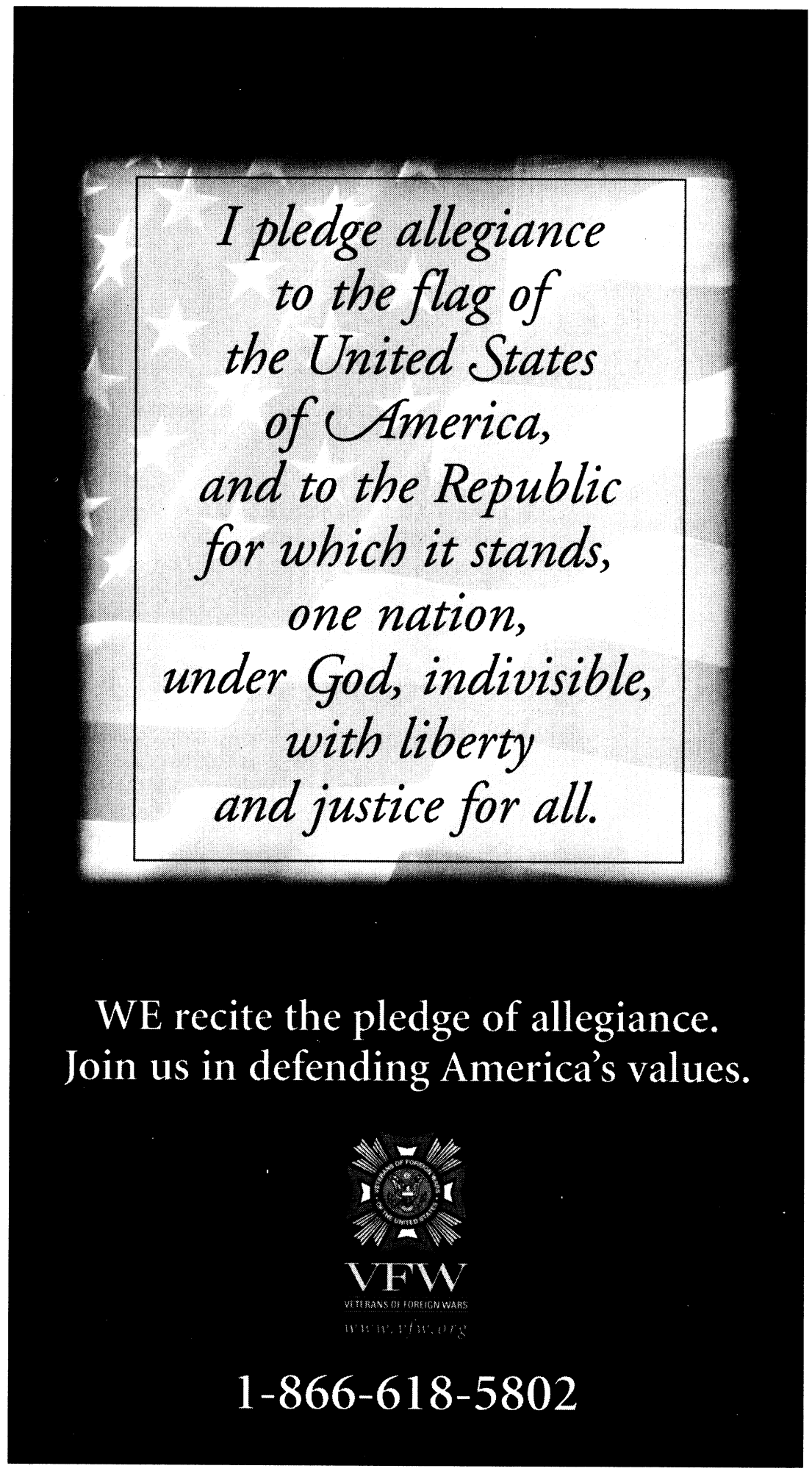
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Team trains for hostage situations



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After determining the path is clear, the team advances.

Camera eliminates surprises

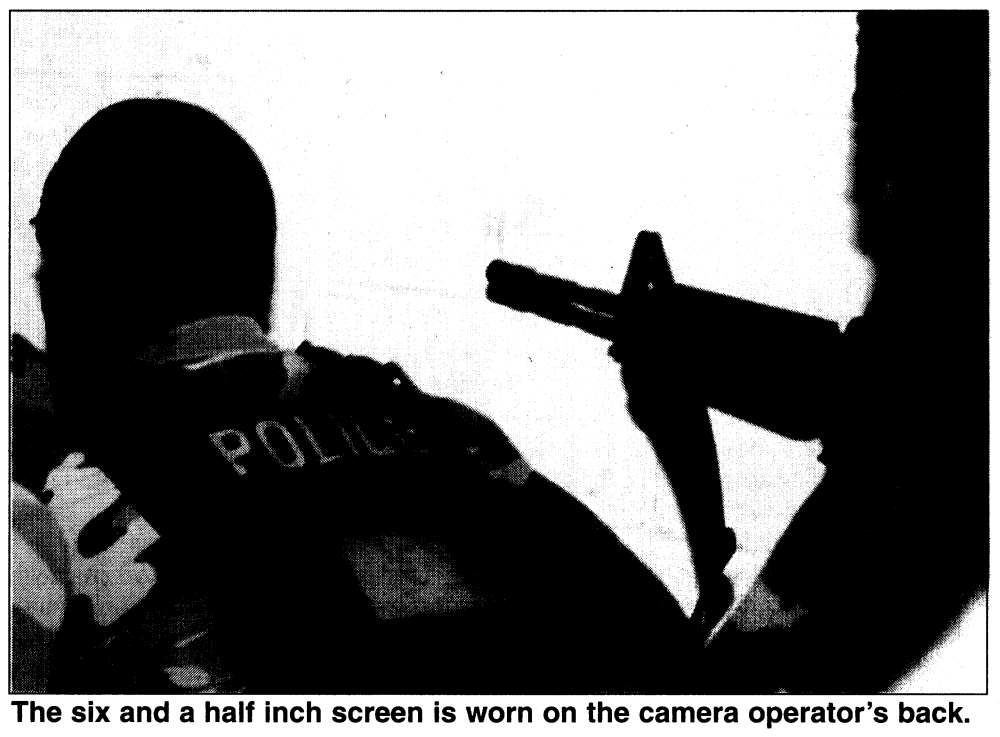
Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Members of Fort Benning's special reactions team stepped deeper into the 21st century during active-shooter training at the McKenna Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain site July 12. During a slow and deliberate entry into "hostile" environment, the team used a loaner surveillance camera, attached to a 17-foot retractable pole, to improve situational awareness.

"Before, we had to send an individual in the building," said Staff Sgt. Kyle Jenkins, team NCOIC. "With this, we can see someone who is hiding from us."

The leader of the entry team views optics from a 6.5-inch monitor mounted on the vest of the member holding the retractable pole and uses hand signals to tell the pole holder where to position the camera. The camera has an infrared lens to detect natural heat emitted from all objects viewed.

The camera, the SCS-1 SeCam, made by Sciax, allows an entry team to identify potential threats and locate personnel inside a structure without having to expose a team member to fire or give away their positions by using a mirror. This assists members with communication and plan development for a mission, said Capt. Andrew Sullivan, team commander.



The six and a half inch screen is worn on the camera operator's back.

"The purpose of the camera is to give the commander a picture," Sullivan said.

Essentially the camera helps eliminate a surprise factor, which helps lower the risk members take when leading the entry team, Jenkins said. Clearing a building can be a very stressful mission and moving through a hostile environment requires a significant amount of communication.



The SCS-1 SeCam is more than 3 inches long.

Mario Martinez, chief executive officer for High Risk Training Corporation, describes the camera as a tremendously effective tool to clear confined spaces without exposing team members. Squads could also use the system in a way similar to how soldiers clear caves in Afghanistan.

The camera can be used across the board of military and law enforcement activity. That is why the team collaborated the training with Martinez.

"We hope we never have to use this training, but if we do I'm fully confident we will perform the mission to standard."

U.S. customs also took part in the training exercises and learned from Martinez's expertise.

Soldiers train on computer to improve accuracy

Program gives soldiers feedback

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

In the war on terrorism, soldiers need every tool they can get their hands on to train.

Sometimes it is difficult to get out to the ranges, so some soldiers don't fire their weapons as much as they should.

A year and a half ago, 3rd Brigade received a program from the Army called Engagement Skills Trainer that allows soldiers more chances to fire their weapon.

However, the soldiers don't fire live rounds.

They use cables hooked to their M-16 A2 rifles, that are, in turn, attached to a computer.

The rifle, when fired, shoots a laser at the target, and where the laser hits shows up on the computer.

"The soldiers still wear all of their equipment, and do everything else they would normally do on a range," said Sgt. Ronald George, program trainer. "The only difference is they are inside and are not firing live rounds.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Sgt. Ronald George watches as Pvt. Michael Ruggles, Pvt. John Baena and Pvt. Michael Stitts take their turn to the test on the program.

"The program shows the soldiers the mistakes they made when firing and what they did correct," he said. "We can tell how they handle the four fundamentals of firing.

"We can see their breathing pattern, trigger squeeze, aiming and if they are holding a steady position or not."

"Instead of a drill sergeant telling me my breathing is messed up or that my trigger squeeze is off, I can see what I am doing wrong and make the corrections myself," said Pvt. John Baena, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery."

The program also gives them time with their weapon and gets them used to firing in the prone position before going into battle.

"Some soldiers do not have as much time as others to get out to the range to zero their weapon and get comfortable firing," George said. "This allows them to get in more practice than they normally would."

The soldiers said they will take the lessons they learned with the program and be able use them out on the battlefield.

"This just gives me one more tool to use that enhances my marksmanship," Baena said. "It's just one more program the Army is providing to soldiers to help us fight the war on terrorism."

Paratroopers convoy to remote Afghan village

Soldiers help bombing investigation

Spc. Jason B. Baker
Army News Service

KHANDAHAR AIR FIELD, Afghanistan — Their first mission was to be a show of force and chance for the newly deployed soldiers of the 82nd Airborne to become acquainted with new surroundings.

The mission changed, though, and the paratroopers of D Company ended up taking their armored Humvees on a long journey as a ground-assault convoy to provide security for an investigation being conducted in the town of Deh Rawod, Afghanistan. The investigation was gathering facts about a bomb that killed villagers there during a wedding party June 30.

"It was a shock at first," said Pvt. Reggie Maas, D Co., 3rd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, after the unit was awakened at 2 a.m.

Within an hour of the mission change, the troops had their gear together and were ready to be briefed on the plans for the new mission that would last from July 2-6.

"Being in the military, flexibility is the key to success," said 1st Lt. Patrick McDougald, platoon leader.

"We knew there was a lot of attention on this," McDougald said. "The attention was not just from the local people who were affected, but the whole world was watching. We had to show the utmost professionalism."

The soldiers listened to a briefing, rehearsed the route and then moved out of Kandahar Air Field onto the dusty Afghan road during the hottest part of the day.

"The gunners put up with a lot of discomfort," McDougald said. "But they remained focused the entire time. Even though it was extremely hot, well over 100 degrees."

The soldiers manning the 50-caliber heavy machine guns and MK-19 grenade launchers were continually scanning the terrain for enemy during the 16-and-a-half-hour trip.

"It can be pretty tiring," said Pfc. Ernesto Saraba, gunner. "But your life and your buddy's life are on the line, so you stay pretty focused."

By the time the convoy had reached its stopping point for the night, it had been dark for several hours. The convoy rested and prepared for the second leg of the journey.

The five-hour trip from their rest point on to Deh Rawod offered some very rough terrain and a very well-known ambush point, said Lt. Col. Martin Schweitzer, battalion commander.

"The terrain was rough, real rough," Saraba said. "Our Afghan guides kept getting their vehicles stuck. At several points everyone would get out of the (truck) so it could get up a hill and then get back in when it had reached the top."

Some of the civilian trucks the Afghans used were washed down rivers and on several occasions the paratroopers had to rescue the guide vehicles with their Humvees, Schweitzer said.

The convoy put their training to practice and negotiated the ambush point without incident, Schweitzer said.

"We have a series of procedures to prevent the enemy from getting the upper hand," Schweitzer said. "There was no doubt who owned the terrain when they (the convoy) made a stop."

In the town of Deh Rawod, the location of the investigation, it was apparent the people were not happy with the visiting paratroopers, McDougald said.

The convoy's reception started with aggressive gesturing and eventually grew to rock and vegetable throwing, McDougald said.

"I got hit in the face by a piece of watermelon," Saraba said. "I guess a kid just finished eating it and decided to throw it at me. They also threw rocks at my vehicle."

"As soon as our vehicles had passed them they would start throwing stuff," Maas said. "The first rock that hit my Humvee really surprised me."

The soldiers didn't let the reaction of the locals get to them, Maas said. They remained professional and remembered they had an important job to do.

The convoy pulled security in the village for the next two days while the investigation took place. At night the two platoons slept on their vehicles inside a small compound in the middle of the village.

The idea that on the other side of a mud wall that barely came over the top of the convoy's vehicles were possible al Qaeda and Taliban operatives, made the next two nights a little "eerie," McDougald said.

"I was so nervous I didn't know if I would ever get to sleep," Saraba said. "You could see people on top of their houses watching us. I was so tired, I finally just fell right to sleep."

Following the investigation the convoy headed back to a small village, where they rested for a night and redistributed supplies for the journey back to Khandahar the next day.

The route back to Khandahar Air Field seemed shorter, Saraba said. The convoy returned without incident.

"Every soldier knew his role," McDougald said. "That is the reason the mission was a success. The most important thing is everyone made it back safe."

The success of the mission was a direct result of training, said Saraba. Before the battalion left, it conducted training to practice scanning rooftops and windows, which became practical in the rugged terrain and small villages of Afghanistan. Both Saraba and Maas said the experience would help them on future missions. Now that they are back, they are looking forward to getting out again.

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Reservists deploying to help fight in war

Support soldiers leave for Japan

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Army News Service

FORT BELVOIR, Va. — Approximately 50 reservists from the Army's 9th Theater Support Command have been activated for deployment to Japan in support of the war on terrorism.

The 9th TSC is a multi-component unit, said Col. Michael Means, deputy commander. He explained that the unit has an active-duty component of some 30 soldiers stationed at Camp Zama, Japan, and the bulk of its troops — some 400 Army Reserve soldiers — are based at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Only a small part of the 9th TSC is deploying in support of Operation Enduring Freedom, Means said. The deploying soldiers will be working with the 10th Area Support Group, headquartered in Okinawa, to support logistical operations in the Pacific region.

"Since the birth of this nation, the citizen-soldier has been a vital part of our nation," Means said, the deploying soldiers, and the family and friends who came to see them off. "Your contribution to help keep America strong and free of terrorism is a very noble cause, so hold your heads up."

"Today we live in troubled times, as reflected by the events of September 11," said Lt. Col. Donald Moore, who is the unit's senior officer for the deploying group. "The 9th TSC was called, and it's time for you to step up to the plate. It's a proud day for all of us, and a great day to be a soldier."

Some of the soldiers said they were caught a little off guard by the deployment, but leaders said they did well in preparing to go.

"We've been preparing for about two months, and mentally for about six months," Moore said.

That preparation has been about more than just making sure the soldiers are ready to go; it included taking steps to prepare the families.

"It's important to let their families know that we're here to support them while their soldiers are gone," Means said. "It's more critical to support the families today than ever before."

"The key is the family support group," Moore said. "That's the key that holds it all together."

Most of those deploying are leaving family behind.

"I'm not nervous yet. I still don't think it's real," said Spc. Latara Martin, a mother of two — Donnesha Streeman, 5, and Darren Nomikos, 7 — who has been a reservist for nearly two years. "My mother is taking care of my children while I'm gone.

"My daughter is sad because we've never been apart," said Martin, an administrative specialist. "My son is not really sure yet (how to feel) because I'm not gone yet. They understand that it's part of my job, and they're proud of me."

Deploying soldiers are making use of family care plans to ensure those they leave behind are taken care of. Some soldiers, however, said they have encountered challenges.

"This is my first extended deployment, and it will be one of the best tests of my family care plan," said Sgt. Alfred Sullivan, who has been in the 9th TSC since joining the Army Reserve in 1998.

Sullivan is the geographic single-parent of three children, as his wife is an active-duty soldier stationed in Italy.

"My wife was shocked to learn of the deployment," said Sullivan, a logistics automated NCOs. "But I have a good family care plan — they'll be staying with their grandmother in Mississippi."

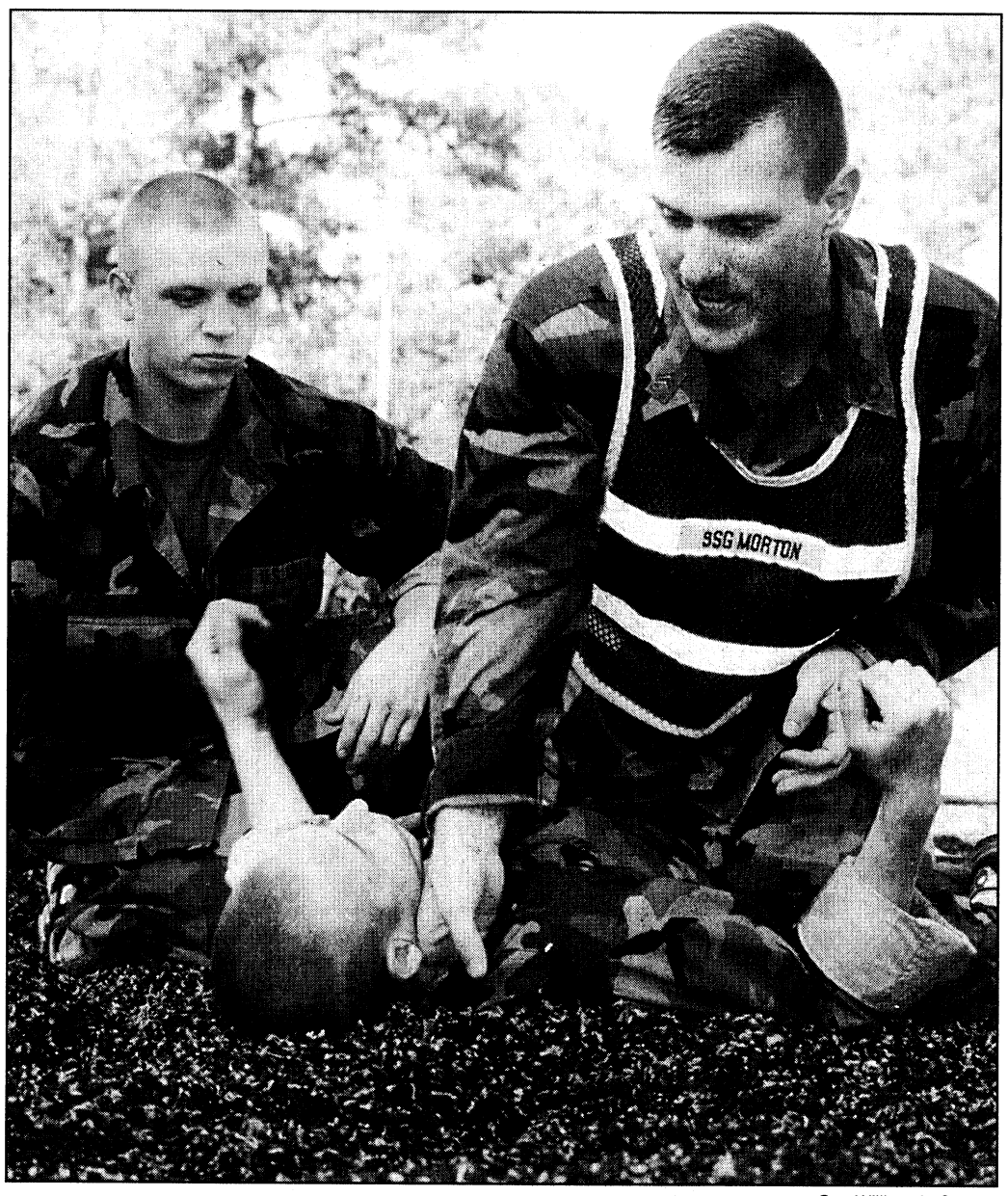
It is never easy trying to explain a deployment to loved ones, especially those who are too young to really understand what it's all about, said Spc. James Heatherly. He has a 3-year-old daughter, Veronica.

Heatherly is an administrative specialist who has been with the 9th TSC for about a year after spending about 10 years on active duty. His first major deployment was with the 18th Personnel Group (Airborne) for Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Mia Heatherly said she plans to keep in touch with her husband through phone calls and e-mail.

Heatherly and other 9th TSC soldiers are now at Fort Eustis, Va., where they will undergo mobilization activities for about eight to 10 days. From there they will head to Japan, officials said, to provide logistical command and control for the U.S. Army Pacific Command.

Helping hand



Sgt. William A. Graves

Staff Sgt. Michael Morton, drill sergeant, demonstrates the cross-collar choke hold on Pvt. Ronnie Gray, from Ocala, Fla., as Pvt. Jerad Gard, from Evansville, Ind., observes during hand-to-hand combat training Tuesday at Goodyear Field on Sand Hill.

The soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, enjoyed the chance to fight their battle buddies and break away from the monotony of the classroom, Gray said.

"They're getting pretty good at it," Morton said. "Regardless of (military occupational specialty), they're all terrorist targets because they wear the uniform, and they need to know how to protect themselves. We teach them to fight from the ground because that's where most fights end up, so they'll be prepared to defeat the enemy in the future if they find themselves in a similar situation."

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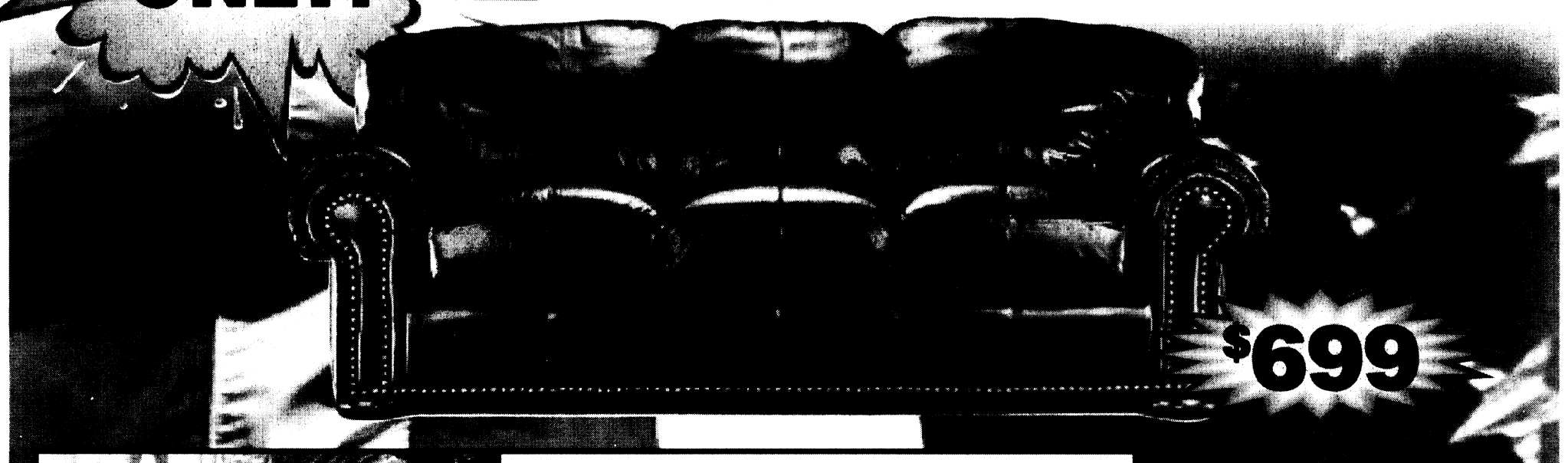

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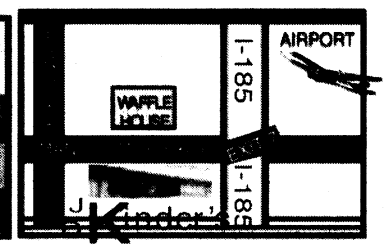
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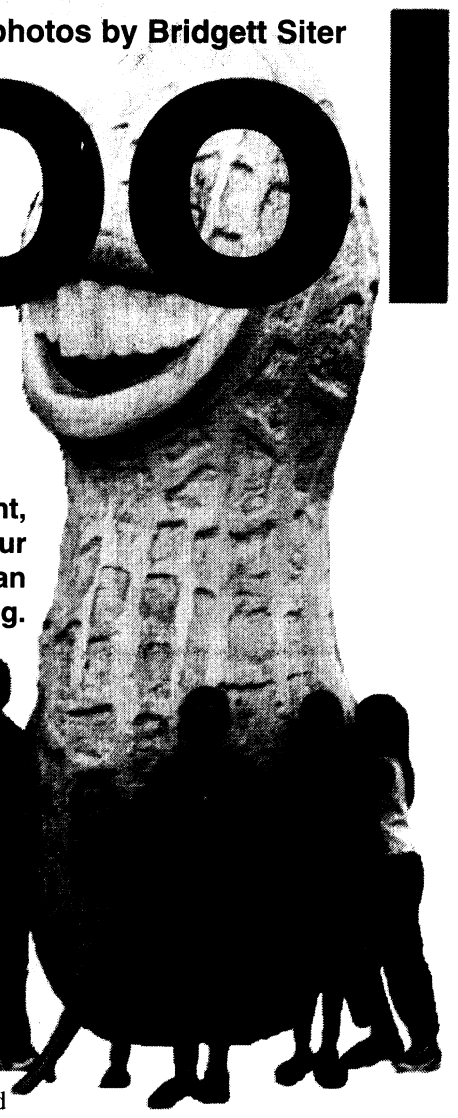


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Countdown to school

Story and photos by Bridgett Siter



Plains, Ga., is famous for it's peanuts and it's president, former President Jimmy Carter. Take a self-guided tour through town and you'll learn about the young man who went from peanut-farming to peace-making.

The countdown is on. Just 24 days till school starts.

24 more days of perspiration pools on the upholstery.

24 more choruses of *"Mom, there's nothing to do,"* verses one, two and three — *"It's too hot out there," "I'm so bored,"* and *"Can you take me and 12 of my friends to the pool?"*

24 more days of bedtime bartering. "Please, oh, please, just one more hour? Half an hour? Ten minutes? Pretty please? There's no school tomorrow. *Puleeeze?*"

24 more days of good ol' summertime.

If the thought makes you break out in a sweat and the thermometer's set on 68, you have a textbook case of summer fever. You got it from your kids.

The antidote is simple and fairly effective. Take a chill pill. Take two, with a tall glass of ice water. Relax. Summer fever, like summer vacation, is not a life sentence. It'll pass in a few days. Here's a list of diversionary activities to keep the crew occupied and satisfied till the first school bell rings and summer fever dissipates for good:

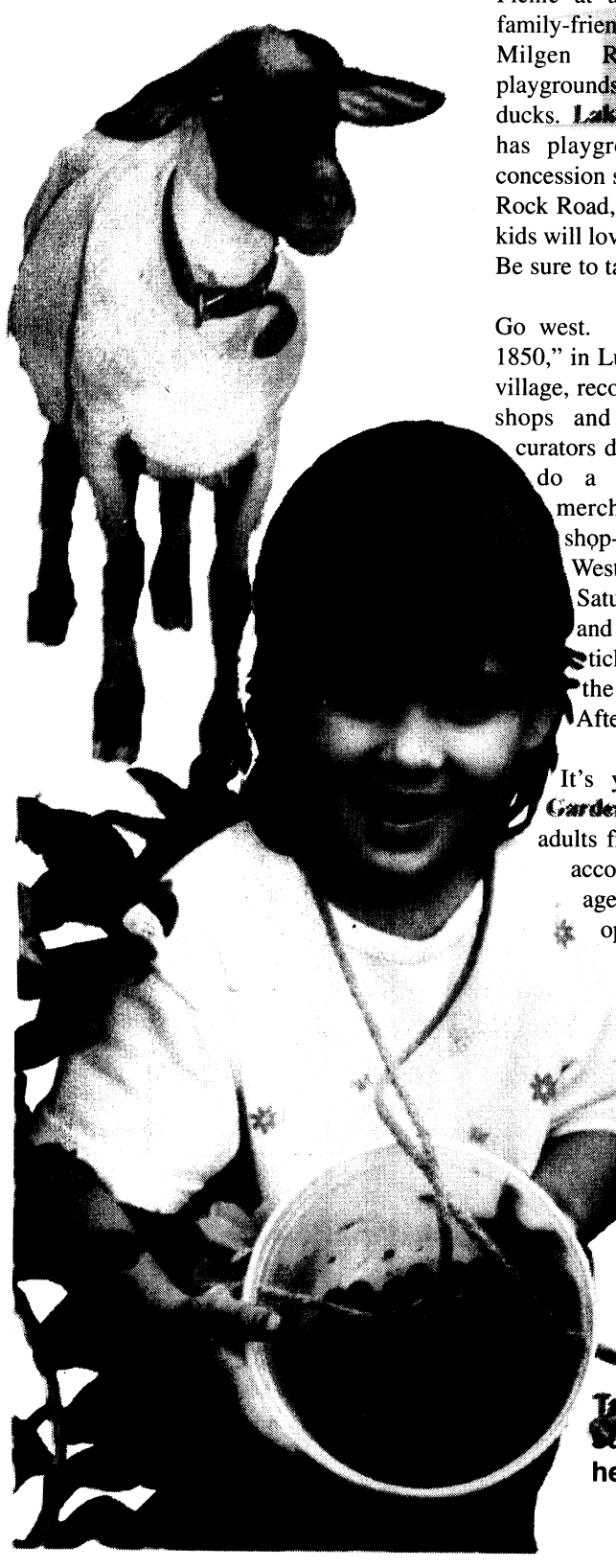
Tell them to hit the trail — the **McBride Trail**, a one and a half mile nature trail that begins and ends at McBride Elementary School on Custer Road. Remember to carry plenty of water and clean up afterwards.

For a "reel" good time, take them fishing at Fort Benning's **Russ Pond**. Pack a picnic and a good book, so you can relax while the kids feed the fish.

Amuse 'em with a museum. **The National Infantry Museum**, on Baltzell Avenue, is a treasure trove of relics from the infantry archives. Sound terribly unappealing to the kids? Take them on a scavenger hunt to see if they can find Calculator the Dog on the first floor, jump towers on the second, and a "Raiders of the Lost Ark" jeep on the third.

Still bellyaching? Tell them to take a hike! Hike the **Historic Trail**, which encompasses 26 sites around Fort Benning's Main Post, starting at the National Infantry Museum, where you can pick up a map for your self-guided tour.

Visit any one of the dozens of "u-pick-'em blueberry patches that dot the backroads of eastern Alabama. I highly recommend **Mr. Kelly's Blueberry Patch**, 20 minutes west of Fort Benning, just off County Road 39 in Seale. Call 334-855-9464 to find the best time to stock up on blueberries.



Tour the White House — **FDR's Little White House** in Warm Springs, Ga., 45 miles north of Fort Benning on Alternate 27 (Manchester Exit off 185) in Meriweather County. The whole family will enjoy walking through the home Roosevelt loved so dearly. Pack a lunch and stop by the president's favorite picnic spot atop Pine Mountain.

Plan a return trip — or two or three. That's how long it takes to hike the 23-mile **Pine Mountain Trail**. Stop by the visitor's center in the village of Pine Mountain for a trail guide, and spend a few hours traipsing through forests beneath cool Georgia pines.

Head inside to the air conditioning. Wile away a few hours with a good book while the kids explore the hands-on activity room at the **Columbus Museum** on Wynnton Road. Explore Columbus history — free — as you and the family tour the museum's Chattahoochee Legacy. The Columbus Museum also showcases great artists of local and national distinction.

Take the troops to lunch at the area's most unusual fast food restaurant, **Burger King**, on Wynnton Road. Housed in a rambling old renovated home, this BK is tastefully decorated with vintage photos and relics from Columbus' early days. It's classy dining with fast food fare.

Picnic at any one of the area's scenic, family-friendly parks. **Cooper Creek**, on Milgen Road, has walking trails, playgrounds, bike trails, fishing ponds and ducks. **Lakebottom Park**, on 17th Avenue, has playgrounds, walking trails and a concession stand. **Flat Rock Park**, on Flat Rock Road, is a great place to picnic. The kids will love climbing the rock formations. Be sure to take a camera.

Go west. **Westville**, "where it's always 1850," in Lumpkin, Ga., is a living history village, reconstructed from original homes, shops and offices, and populated by curators dressed in period costumes who do a bang-up job of portraying merchants, teachers, farmers and shop-keepers from the 19th century. Westville is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Free tickets are sometimes available at the O'Club, the NCO Club, Afterhours and IRT.

It's your lucky day. **Calloway Gardens**, in Pine Mountain, admits adults free on Mondays, when they're accompanied by a child under the age of 5. Take advantage of the opportunity to visit the garden's butterfly sanctuary, the Victory Garden, Robin Lake Beach or the Sibley Horticulture Center. Be sure to see the "Hunters from the Sky" exhibit at the Virginia Hand Calloway Discovery Center before it closes Sept. 8. For more information, call 1-800-282-8181.

Take a **trolley ride** through historic downtown Columbus. Ride on brick streets and see grand old Georgia homes, some pre-dating the Civil War. The vintage-style trolley tour takes less than 45 minutes and costs only 60 cents. Tours begin every 45 minutes at the Transfer Center on 9th Avenue. For more information, call 653-4413.

Take a stroll along the Chattahoochee. **The River Walk** meanders 10 miles from Fort Benning to the downtown Columbus. Cyclists are welcome.

Take a dip in one of Fort Benning's **swimming pools** or visit one of the three new **water parks** in Columbus, located at the Shirley Winston Park, Psalmond Road and Rigdon Park. Admission to the new parks is $1 for children under 11, $2 for teens 16 and under, and $3 for the rest of us. For more information, call 653-4506.

Take time out from the fun and take advantage of the AAFES back-to-school sale at the **PX**.

Mann, oh Mann. **The Mann Museum** in Opelika, Ala., boasts 35,000 square feet of North American wildlife exhibits, including record-setting Polar Bears and grizzlies, and many hands-on displays. Ever rub a wolf the wrong way? Now you can. Mann Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday — except Wednesdays, when it's closed — and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Alabama time is one hour behind Georgia time, so plan accordingly. Admission is $7.50 for adults, $5 for kindergartners through high school, and $6 for seniors. For more information, call 334-74[illegible]

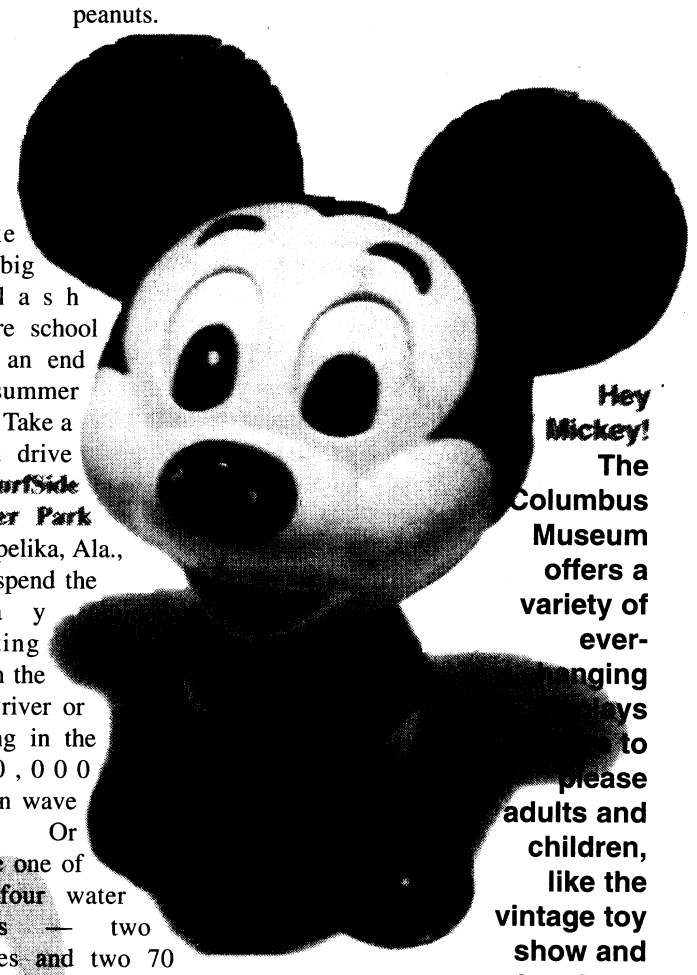
Visit **Providence Canyon**, [illegible]gia's Little Grand Canyon," seven [illegible] west of Lumpkin on Sate Road 39C[illegible] a scenic three-mile trail around th[illegible]yon rim, or take the more challe[illegible] seven-miler, which will lead thro[illegible]naze of canyon floors. Or just sta[illegible] the edge of the canyon, throw your arms in the air and yell "One more week till school starts!" at the top of your lungs. That's no echo you'll hear. That's other parents.

When you're done gawking at huge, dead animals, take a drive to **The Good Shepherd** Animal Rehab Center in Warm Springs, where you can get up close and personal with a more lively menagerie. To schedule a visit, call 655-2354.

The **Coca-Cola Space Science Center**, 701 Front Ave., offers out-of-this-world fun for the whole family. The center hosts an ever-changing array of activities designed to intrigue your star-struck child's imagination and feed his curiosity about space travel. To see what's happening today at the space center, call 649-1470

Visit **Oxbow Meadows** just outside Fort Benning on Lumpkin Road. Oxbow is an environmental learning center, sure, but don't let that put you off. Take the kids to explore the wetlands and woodlands of the Chattahoochee flood plain, touch a turtle, visit a beaver's house or take a nature hike. For more information, call 687-4090.

Plains, Ga., is a great place to spend a day, and the cost is peanuts! This tiny town is home to former President Jimmy Carter. You can go inside his boyhood home, walk the halls of the school he and Rosalynn attended and tour various sites along this free eight-mile self-guided tour. Pick up a guide at the Plains Welcome Center before you start your day. And be sure to stop by The Peanut Emporium to sample the other export Plains is famous for — peanuts.



Make a big splash before school puts an end to summer fun. Take a short drive to **SurfSide Water Park** in Opelika, Ala., and spend the day floating down the lazy river or sailing in the 640,000 gallon wave pool. Or brave one of the four water slides — two flumes and two 70 foot curly-Qs. Cost of admission at SurfSide ranges from $11.95 to $14.95, but you can get a 10 percent discount with your military I.D. For more information, call 334-821-7873.

Have a ball. Take the kids **bowling** at one of Fort Benning's two bowling centers. The centers open early (8:30 a.m. throughout the week and 11 a.m. on Sundays) and stay open late. Weekdays are the best time to get a lane. It only costs $1.25 per person per game — a bargain in anybody's book. The Main Post Bowling Center even offers group rates. For more information, call 682-7777.

Hey Mickey! The Columbus Museum offers a variety of ever-[illegible]nging [illegible]ays [illegible]to please adults and children, like the vintage toy show and hands-on activity center. Admission to the museum, on Wynnton Road, is free.

Take your pick! There are lots of "u-pick-'em" berry patches and fruit orchards along the backroads surrounding Fort Benning. Or visit one of several animal rehab centers in the area, including The Good Shepherd in Warm Springs, Ga., where you can meet Billy the Kidd, top left.

MOSQUITO TRAPS

Gas leaks cause recall

Consumer Product Safety Commission

WASHINGTON, D.C. — In cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, The Coleman Company Inc., of Wichita, Kan., is voluntarily recalling about 136,000 Mosquito DeletoTM Traps.

The mosquito trap's propane regulator can leak propane or allow an overflow of propane gas, both of which pose a fire hazard to consumers.

In addition, the fuel hose attachment sold with the Back HomeTM System can become damaged and leak propane, which poses a fire hazard to consumers.

Coleman has received 28 reports of traps melting or catching on fire as a result of propane leaking, and seven reports of damage to the propane fuel hoses. No injuries have been reported.

The recalled Mosquito DeletoTM Traps were sold as a part of the Portable System and the Back HomeTM System.

The traps are about 24 inches high, have a green or gray base and top, a black center, and attach to either a 1 pound propane cylinder or a 20 pound propane cylinder with a hose.

The traps have two sets of model numbers: 2950-800 and 2950-801, which can be found on a label on the front of the trap above the words, "WARNING: For outdoor use only."

The recalled Back HomeTM System traps include a 5-foot rubber hose that connects to 20 pound propane cylinders.

The Portable System and Back Home SystemTM mosquito traps were manufactured in the U.S.

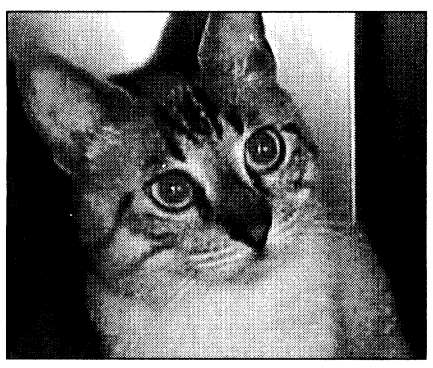
Home centers, mass merchandisers, and hardware stores sold these products from March 2002 to July 2002 for between $170 and $200. The products were sold nationwide, except for California.

Consumers should stop using the mosquito traps and propane hoses immediately. Consumers should contact Coleman at (800) 257-5299 anytime, so that a representative can help determine whether their trap needs to be replaced, repaired, or can continue to be used.

For more information, consumers can log on to the company's Web site at www.coleman.com

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Family housing parking — All quarters on post will be assigned one parking space to give easy access to their quarters. All residents must ensure that they park only in their designated area or any unmarked area if they have more than one car.

Visitors must also park in an unmarked space. For more information, call your Community Life Office.

Also, guidelines have been set up for front yard decorations.

No fencing is permitted in the front yard of any quarters; front yard decorative borders are permitted, but should not be constructed of greater than one-inch lumber, railroad ties, metal rods or pipes, contain sharp points nor exceed 18 inches in height; prior to installation, occupants will submit a drawing of the proposed front yard decoration border on a fence request form; borders must be well maintained or removed; and no wooden patio or porches are allowed in the front yard.

For more information, call your family housing inspector, Community Life NCO or the community life office.

AAFES birthday party — The Army Air Force Exchange Service will celebrate 107 years of service Thursday at the Main Mall post exchange. All active duty, retiree, reservist and family members are invited to celebrate the occasion.

There will be lots of give-a-ways donated by AAFES contractors and vendors to show the service's appreciation to the customers.

Activities include:

Double hoop competition

Playstation2 competition

Putting green

Ice cream demo

George Foreman Grill demo and give-a-way

Brach's Chocolate Popcorn demo

Red Cross doing blood pressure checks, etc.

Karaoke contest

Worm grab

Car seat safety demo sponsored by Military Police

Fort Benning Fire Department

Bicycle race

Huge sidewalk sale.

Prizes include a $1,000 diamond ring, a $250 shopping spree, a Playstation2, jeans for a year (dickies), George Foremen Grill, free manicure and pedicure, Cub Cadet 6.75 horsepower self-propelled lawn mower, two dozen long stem red roses, free calling cards, hats, T-shirts and much more.

Food and refreshments will be available.

For more information, call 682-0562.

Good old fashioned fun — Youth Services is planning a "National Kids Day" 3 to 6 p.m. Aug. 4 by providing a "Good Old Fashion Fun Day."

There will be hula-hoops, hopscotch, horseshoes, ping-pong, face painting and plenty of games and activities at Building 1056. Parents are encouraged to participate in the games and activities with their children. Parents can even teach their children some of the games they enjoyed as children. YS plans to make this an annual event that will emphasize the importance of parents and children spending meaningful time together.

For more information, call 545-3070 or stop by YS, Building 1056.

Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families clearing quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew.

If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew.

If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

Lending Closet — Because of an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods, to return the items borrowed as soon as their belongings are delivered to them.

For more information, call the Lending Closet at 545-4485.

OSC Thrift Shop — The OSC Thrift Shop is in need of daily and summer volunteers. In order to be a volunteer at the OSC Thrift Shop, the following guidelines must be met: be a soldier or family member with a military ID card; and be at least 13 years old.

The following benefits are immediately available to volunteers working two hours or more each time the Thrift Shop is open for business: first pick of newly consigned merchandise, child care reimbursement for up to two children and more.

For more information, call 687-4830 or go by the OSC Thrift Shop and pick up a volunteer booklet.

Communities need mayors — The Community Life Mayors Program is accepting applications for mayors and vice mayors in all housing areas.

For more information, call Evelyn Livermore at 682-5414.

OSC changed its name — Notice is given that articles of amendment which will change the name of Officers' Wives' Club of Fort Benning, Inc. to Officers' Spouses' Club of Fort Benning, Inc. have been delivered to the Secretary of State for filing in accordance with the Georgia Business Corporation Code. The registered office of the corporation is located at Crain Hall, Building 229, Ingersoll Avenue, Fort Benning, GA 31905.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Car care — Drop-off vehicles scheduled for maintenance by an Auto Skills mechanic will begin 8 a.m. Monday through Friday. Quick lube service, do-it-yourself and all other services will be offered 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

For more information, call 545-2337 or 545-7048.

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Special Olympic Masters Bowling tourney — Volunteers are needed to help with the Special Olympics Masters Bowling Tournament for Georgians (23 and older) with mental disabilities Saturday and Sunday at the AMF Peach Lanes, street address.

Volunteers are needed for two Saturday shifts, morning (7:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and afternoon (11:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and Sunday (7:30 to noon). Volunteers can work multiple shifts. Lunch will be provided for volunteers who work both Saturday shifts.

For more information, call Myra Tinney at 685-2734 or e-mail at stevemyra@hotmail.com.

Safe Sitter classes — Safe Sitter classes for girls and boys ages 11 to 13 will be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31-Aug. 1 at Health Matters of St. Francis.

Safe Sitter teaches participants how to handle emergencies when caring for children.

Participants learn safety and security precautions such as what to do if a stranger comes to the door and when and how to call for help. They receive information on child development and age-appropriate activities.

The cost for Safe Sitter is $50 and lunch will be provided both days of the class.

To register your child, call Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

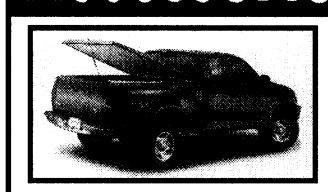
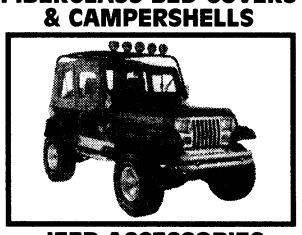
Columbus International Festival — Come out and celebrate the heritage of Columbus at the Columbus International Festival from 2 to 7 p.m. Aug. 11 at the Columbus Civic Center. The festival will showcase countries around the world.

The event is free to the public. For more information call the Mayor's Commission on Diversity at 653-4017.

Head Start — Head Start is a child development program that provides comprehensive services to 3- and 4-year-old children.

Stop by one of the following Head Start Centers: Beallwood, Rosemont, Peabody, Baker Village or Luna from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to enroll your child on site. It takes about 15 minutes to apply.

For information, call 649-1696 or 649-1641.

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Sun relief



Sgt. William A. Graves

Soldiers with the 157th MP Company, West Virginia National Guard, check IDs at the Custer Road access point Tuesday. The soldiers are glad Fort Benning cares enough about its soldiers and community members to build the Sprung shelters that protect them from the elements, said Capt. Rick Shawyer, company commander.

"It's easier to work through the day when the sun's not beating down on you," Spc. Shaye Conaway said. "I'm sure the drivers we check are happy they don't have to get rained on anymore, too."

The shelters have other advantages.

"The lighting and set up are much better," Shawyer said. "It makes the process faster and lessens the drivers' inconvenience."

Shop commissary every day to save money with manager's specials

Rick Brink
Defense Commissary Agency

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissary customers have a good reason to shop their commissary more often thanks to "Manager's Specials" — short-term sales offering extra low prices on popular products.

"The low prices and short promotional periods of Manager's Specials create a win-win-win situation for commissary customers, the Defense Commissary Agency's and the manufacturers of the products we sell," said Alan Jones, deputy chief of DeCA Marketing Business Unit.

Customers win because they're getting extremely low prices on high-demand products; manufacturers win because the low prices help attract customers to buy more of their products; and DeCA wins because it's able to deliver greater savings to customers, Jones said.

DeCA first tested Manager's Specials in selected commissaries a year ago.

"The enthusiastic response by customers spurred its offering in all of our stores," said Bob Vitikacs, DeCA's executive director for operations and product support.

Because the prices are so low and these are popular products, the sales typically last only three days to a week.

"The short promotional period is why we say 'It pays to shop every day' when we talk about Manager's Specials," Jones said. "Many customers are in the habit of shopping on pay days or monthly, but they need to shop regularly at the commissary in order to take advantage of all the sales we offer them."

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The specials are easy to spot in stores because they are prominently displayed with red and yellow "Manager's Special" signs.

Customers can also visit the DeCA's Web page at www.commissaries.com to find the Manager's Specials in their local store. Manager's Specials are a feature on the "Savings Aisle."

Manager's Specials are similar to DeCA's popular Best Value Items program in that they both offer great low prices, Jones said. But that's where the similarity ends.

DeCA launched the BVI program two years ago in response to feedback from young, active-duty military members who wanted quality products that matched or beat commercial grocer's "store brand" products. BVIs are not necessarily the most familiar name brands, but they are consistently the least expensive brands compared to store brands sold in commercial grocery stores. Manager's Specials are generally top-selling, recognizable brands at deeply discounted prices, on sale for a short time.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates nearly 280 commissaries worldwide, providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families.

Authorized commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth more than $2,400 annually for a family of four.

A core military family support element, and a valued part of military pay and benefits, commissaries contribute to family readiness, enhance the quality of life for America's military and their families, and help recruit and retain the best and brightest men and women to serve their country.

BIRTHS

Boys

Caleb Benet Guillory — born June 26 to Shoneka and Spc. Steve Guillory.

Trent Tyler Potter — born June 28 to Denise and Spc. Justin Potter.

Brian Adam Moore — born June 28 to Annaliza and Staff Sgt. David Moore.

Silas Haynes Barinowski — born June 29 to Laurie and Lt. Col. Robert Barinowski III.

Girl

Harmony Josephine Meeker — born June 29 to Alivia and Staff Sgt. Harmon Meeker.

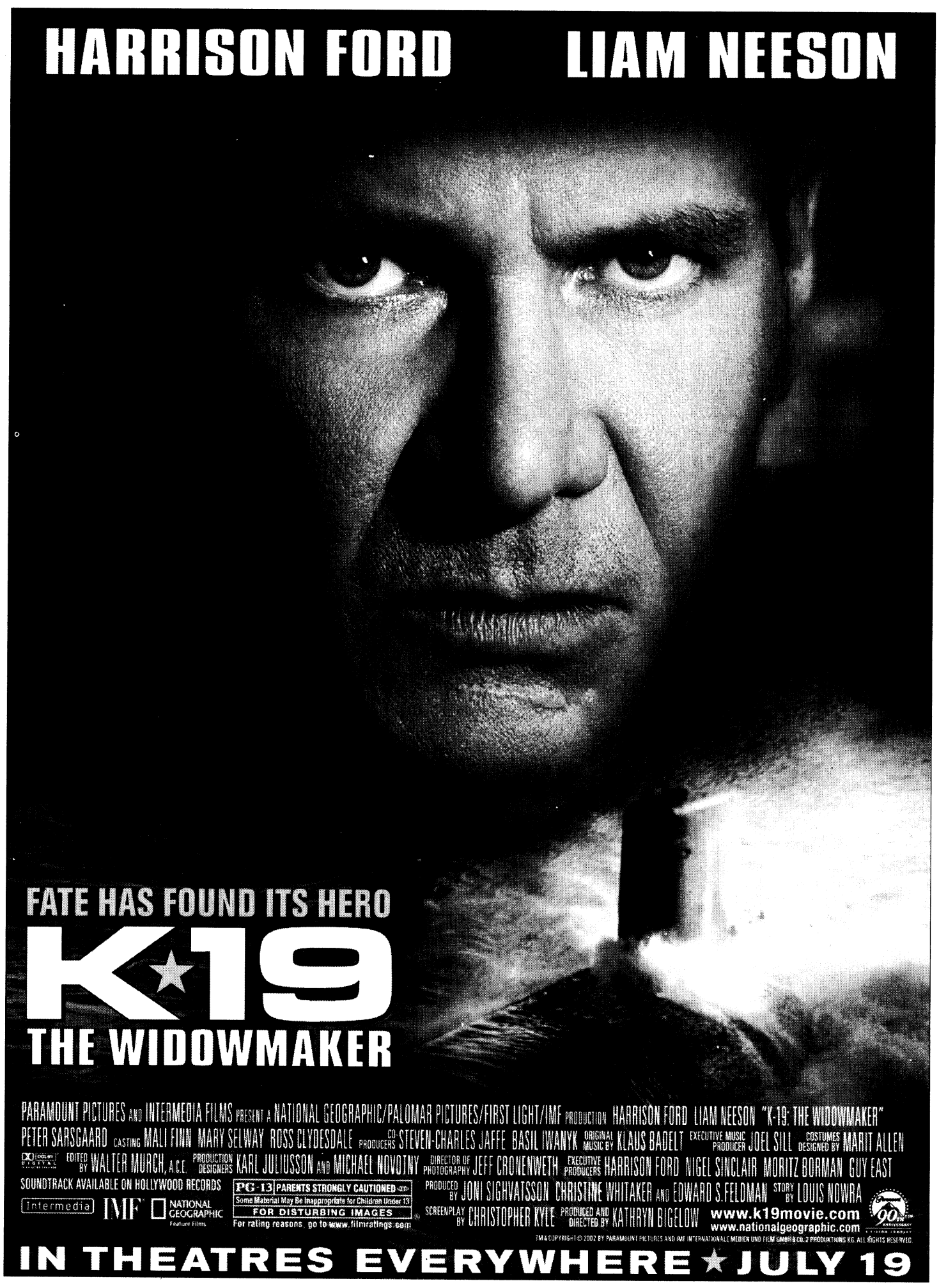
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Students garden for good cause

e-Club teaches kids about earth, helping others

Angela Sachitano
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Home and Gardens Network eat your heart out.

The children in the Dexter Elementary School e-Club may know more about harvesting a good crop than most of their parents.

"I've been gardening since I was in kindergarten," said second-grader Courtney Beaton. "It's hard work."

It may be summer, but that didn't stop more than a dozen students from harvesting, washing, and weighing the vegetables in their school's garden July 12. They looked like experts.

"I wanted to help, and I don't mind getting dirty," said first-grader Hannah Vigil-Shuck. "We harvest and today we'll give them to people who don't have a lot of food."

Dexter Elementary School kindergarten teacher Earnestine Ezekiel is the green thumb behind the little hands. She started the e-Club at Dexter in 1994 to help the children learn about the environment.

This year, the children are using their knowledge to help others.

"We decided to grow as many vegetables as we could fit in our garden to give to the homeless," Ezekiel said. "The kids planted these vegetables in early spring, and now we'll be handing them over to one of the local shelters."

The children spent their school lunch breaks watering the garden as well as early mornings during the school year learning about the different crops, Ezekiel said.

The result is a flourishing garden in the back of the school of potatoes, cucumbers, squash, and peppers, to name a few. The children also planted herbs and dozens of flowers.

"My friends and I like coming out here to help," said 6-year-old William Peters.

"I'm so proud of these kids," said Ezekiel, who was named the Fort Benning Teacher of the Year this year for her innovative ways of teaching. "This club is not mandatory. All of the children involved are here because they like gardening.



Angela Sachitano

Earnestine Ezekiel and members of the e-Club harvest the club's garden July 12.

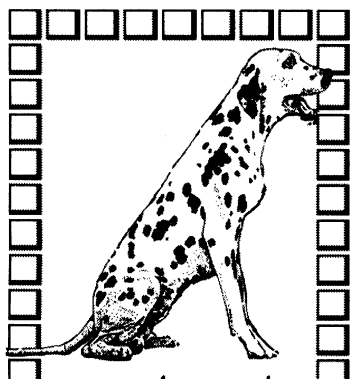
"Now they want to make sure this food gets to the people who need it."

Residents of the House of Mercy shelter in Columbus will receive the vegetables that will likely last them the rest of the summer, Ezekiel said.

The tally this time around reads 49 pounds of potatoes, 18 pounds of melons, 15 pounds of cucumbers, eight pounds of squash, and three pounds of peppers.

"The children are learning about the benefits of taking care of the earth and of taking care of others less fortunate," Ezekiel said. "My hope is these kids will remember what they learned from the e-Club long past elementary school."

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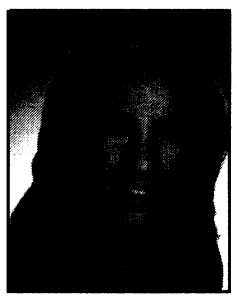


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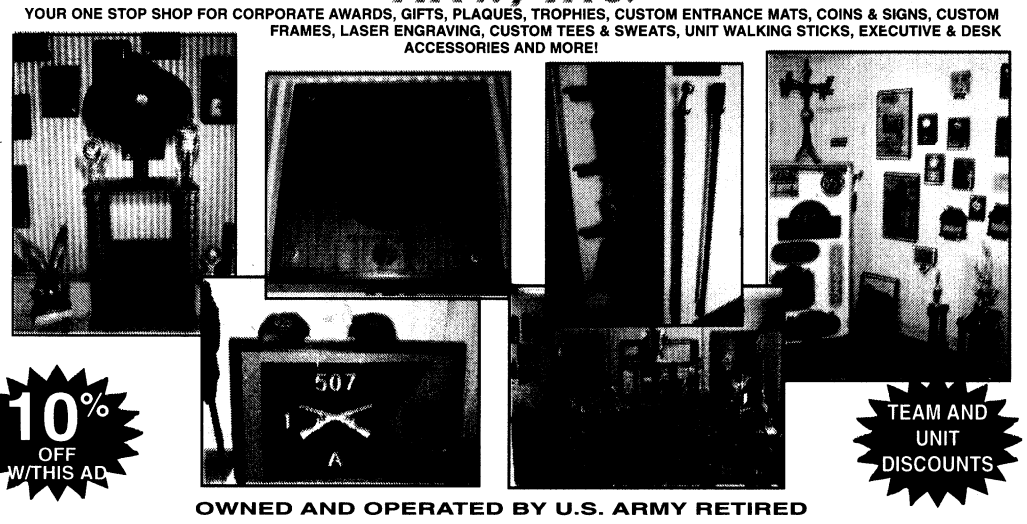
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Cast your net on the right side

Follow feelings from heart, mind will become clear

Chaplain (Capt.) Sean Facchinello
1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

The disciples of Jesus came from many walks of life. Physicians, tax collectors, homemakers, you name it, they followed Jesus.

Some of Jesus' followers were fishermen. They earned their living catching fish — spent a lot of time on the Sea of Galilee.

My wife, Lynne, and I had the privilege of visiting Israel and taking a boat across Lake Galilee where many of the followers of Jesus fished.

One particular day, as noted in the Gospel of John 21:5, Jesus said, "... Friends, haven't you any fish?" These fishermen spent the entire night fishing and coming up empty. Tired and disgusted, they caught nothing. Jesus told them "throw your net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." There were 150 fish in their nets from that catch, and they could hardly pull them into the boat. Can you imagine the party they had after that catch! What a miracle!

REFLECTIONS

It goes to show us what can be done with God's help. In the Gospel of Mark 1:17, Jesus calls people to "Come, follow me ... and I will make you fishers of men."

Maybe you sang a song about fishers of men in church when you were a child.

Fishing for fish and fishing for people are two different things. Yet how easy it is to forget our own families when we are doing our job or even caring for our families and forgetting to reach them for God.

What I mean is, we may even care for our family, but forget that we need God's help if we are going to be successful at caring, successful at loving and providing for them.

We can be like the fishermen who caught nothing.

But when they met Jesus, they found their successful catch of fish came not from their own efforts but from doing what Jesus said they should do.

Are you tired of coming up with an empty net? Especially when it happens too often?

I recommend putting God into your family. Set forth the time to cast your net on the right side, rather than leaving God out of the family picture.

May God bless your family and grant you success at caring for your home!

LISTEN CAREFULLY

Attention is key to healthy communication

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

The speaker-listener technique provides structure that lets couples talk respectfully and safely.

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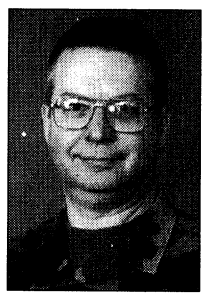
Speakers should break up what they say into one or two sentence bite-size pieces.

By pausing after one or two sentences, speakers allow listeners to fully hear, understand and acknowledge what is being said.

The listener is then able to paraphrase what was said to ensure good communication.

The speaker uses "I" statements to take responsibility for thoughts and feelings and to avoid mind-reading.

By keeping to one topic, the speaker explores all the thoughts, feelings, and options about an issue that will promote better problem solving later.



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A listener listens by carefully attending to what the speaker is saying.

The listener faces the speaker, stands or sits in a nondefensive manner, nods his head, and uses phrases such as, "Ah-huh," "Sure," "OK," "I see," to indicate that they are concentrating on what the speaker is saying.

The listener acknowledges what the speaker is saying by responding with empathetic statements as, "I can tell this is important to you," "I didn't know you felt this way," and "Thank you for sharing this."

After several sentences, the listener should paraphrase what the speaker has said.

This ensures that the listener fully understands the speaker.

Even if he disagrees, the listener should never rebut, deny, defend, justify, rationalize or verbally attack the other person.

The listener encourages dialogue by inviting further exploration. "What else do you feel or think about this issue?"

After fully exploring the issue, the listener asks further questions like, "What do you see as possible options?"

After fully listening, the speaker then listens to what the listener has to say about the issue. Scripture states, "Be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry" (James 1:19).

Would you like to make your marriage communication better?

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

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Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
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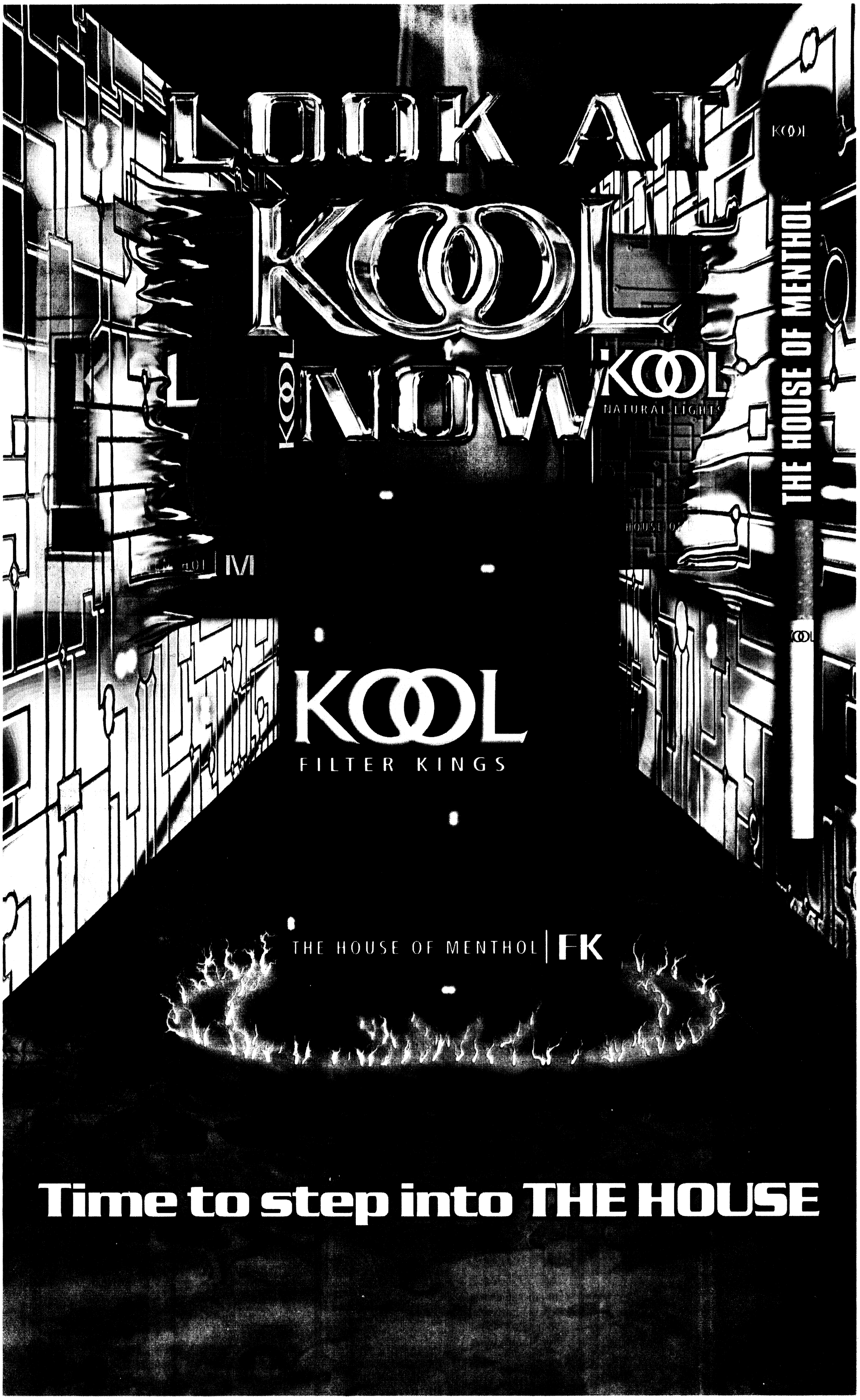
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SPORTS

Instructor wins world championship

Russian sport uses variety of combat styles

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

A Fort Benning combatives instructor has staked his claim as the U.S. and World Champion in the sport of Somba, a Russian form of hand-to-hand combat for soldiers.

Like a gladiator, Spc. James Stelly, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, battered and beat his competition to win the World Open Somba Championship in Shreveport, La., June 22.

"It felt pretty good," said the 19-year - old."I never really thought of winning something of this caliber."

Somba is the third recognized style of international wrestling, said Sgt. 1st Class Matt Larsen. With arm bars and leg locks acceptable, but no choke holds allowed in the sport, Somba follows freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling on the international scene.

"He basically manhandled those guys," Larsen said. "His spirit and fighting ability carried him through the competition."

"I think many of the guys there were more experienced than me," Stelly said, who was a high school state champion in wrestling.

"My stamina is what I think helped me win most of my matches."

Every day Stelly trains soldiers in hand-to-hand combat to help them become lethal with their hands.

Although teaching different martial arts styles and techniques at the combatives school is helpful, Stelly believes his competitive edge comes from practicing with students.

"All the guys at the school are really aggressive, and it helps me get used to that kind of intensity."

Evidently, the intensity paid off, Larsen said. Half of his fights were won by forcing his opponents to submit. He had the most in the competition with three.

Stelly won the championship with a straight arm bar, which can break an arm at the elbow if the opponent doesn't submit. Still, there is room for improvement, he said.

Somba originated in the Soviet Union in 1939. The Russian phrase Somba means — "self defense without weapons." The sport is most famous for its leg locks.

It incorporates judo, jiu-jitsu, grappling, freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling.

For more information on combatives, call 545-2811.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Spc. James Stelly demonstrates an arm bar hold he used to win the Somba title on 2nd Lt. Stephen Tegge.

Youth Services soccer camp helps post children get game

Children learn skills from All Army coach

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Approximately 22 children broke the summer routine of waking at noon to watch TV for rest of the day, when they were out at 9 a.m. Monday at French Field for the first day of Youth Services soccer camp.

The weeklong camp helped participants improve their skills, reinforce the fundamentals of the game and taught new moves. There was something for all skill levels in the 4- to 15-year-old range.

"This is the best sport for kids to get involved with," said McDonald Williams, head coach of camp and with the armed forces coaching staff. "The beauty of soccer is you can do well, once you master the fundamentals of the game. More importantly, the game teaches children life lessons about teamwork and communicating the same skills we need in today's world."

The participants in the 7- to 10-age group went over shooting, dribbling, controlling the ball while running and developing footspeed.

"The camp is great," said Ashley Blake, 12, first-year participant. "We learned a lot of different steps, kicks and shooting. It's just a lot of fun. It gets me out of the house, and I get some exercise. Otherwise, I would probably be sitting at home watching TV."

Williams' lessons have payed off with William Walker, assistant coach at the camp. Williams instructed him when he was about 14 years old, and now Williams is helping him go on to play soccer in college.

The camp offered more than just an edge for the upcoming soccer season.

"Playing soccer helps me get out to meet different people, make friends and work on my social skills," Blake said.

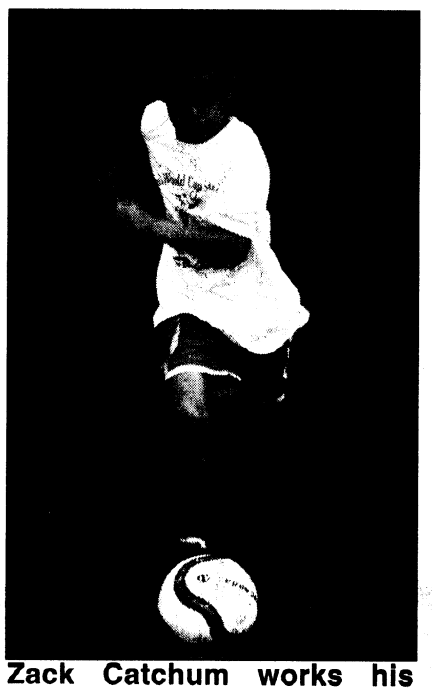
The game also builds confidence in the young players, Williams said. There's a 7-year-old who didn't want to leave his parents' car when he got here. He started out hiding behind his mom, and now he's out here having a great time.

"We're teaching them a whole lot in a short period of time," Williams said. "It's amazing how quickly the children's skills progress; they began improvising on the moves I taught them.

"When we started this morning, some of the children wouldn't even touch the ball with their left foot," Williams said. "Now they are learning skills that will help them throughout their soccer careers."

Williams said the children attending the camp will definitely have the upperhand when the season starts up in August.

"If they can continue to work on the moves we teach and perfect them; it will end up being like Michael Jordan's fade away jump shot. You know it's coming, but you can't stop it," Williams said.



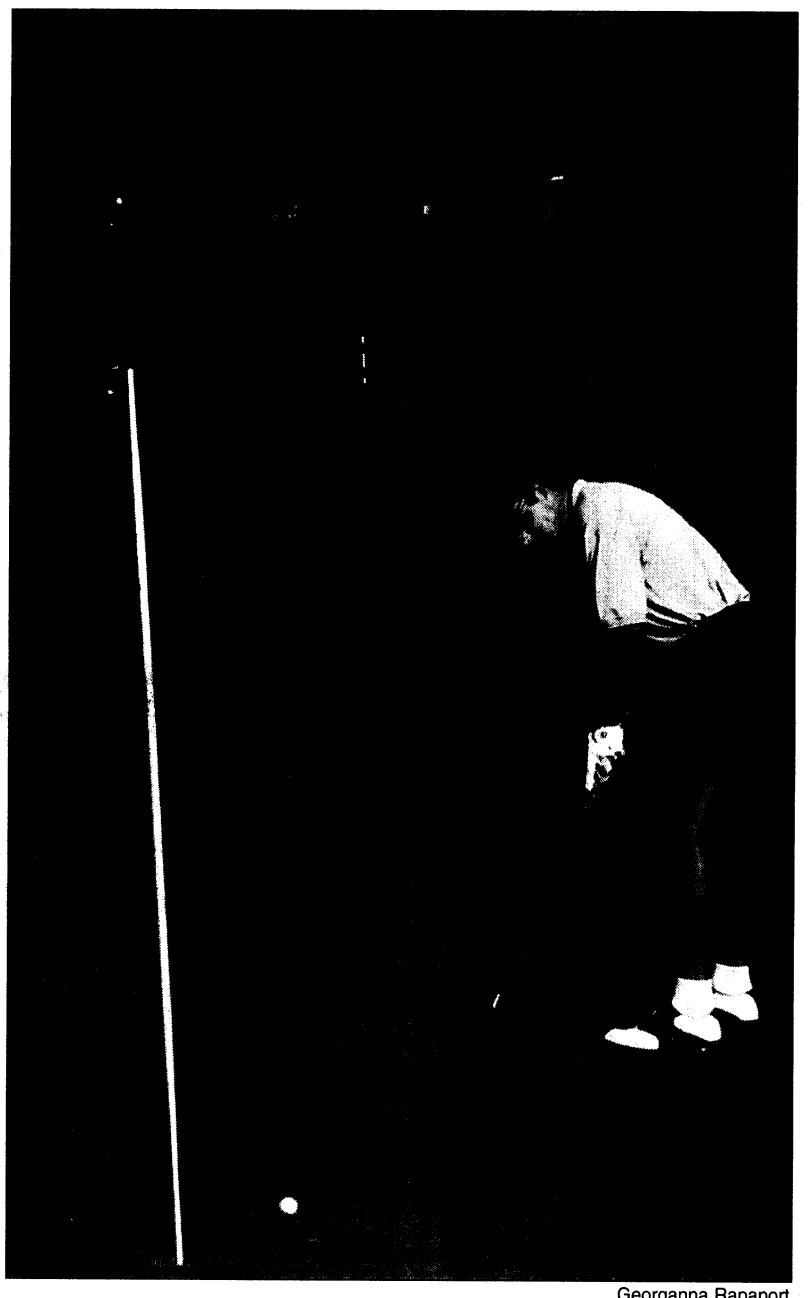
Zack Catchum works his approach for the outside cut.



photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Zack Catchum stops Dewey Blake's during soccer camp.

Fresh greens



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Cliff Hughes putts on the newly renovated green at the Fort Benning Golf Course.

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For more information, call 687-1940.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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YS cheerleading camp — Youth Services cheerleading camp registration ends today.

Registration time is from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m at Building 1056.

The camp will be Monday through July 26. It is open to Youth Services members ages 6 to 15. The cost is $40 per child.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Army 10-Miler qualifier — There will be two races to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team.

The races will be at the Santiago Fitness Center Saturday and Aug. 17. Registration begins the day of the race at 6.

The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the 18th annual Army 10-miler race Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

YS aerobics — Youth Services aerobics classes started in July. Registration is ongoing at Building 1056, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The classes are open to children ages 6 and up.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

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Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1-30 are eligible for free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification.

Hours of operation are from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members.

It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Summer shootout — The Premier Summer Shootout, benefiting the Arthritis Foundation Joints in Motion Marathon Training Team, will conduct a shooting clay tournament July 27 at Chattahoochee Clays Shooting Course, 3945 Old Seale Highway, Phenix City, Ala. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with two flights obtainable at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The Summer Shootout offers a four-man team with NSCA Rules applying. The day will include a catered lunch and shooters' bags for each participant, team trophies as well as door prizes to be raffled off during the awards ceremony schedule to begin at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, call 576-4086, ext. 3.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

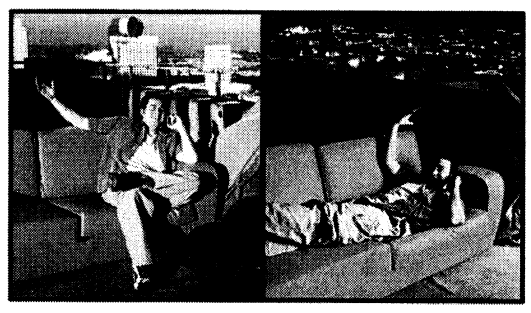
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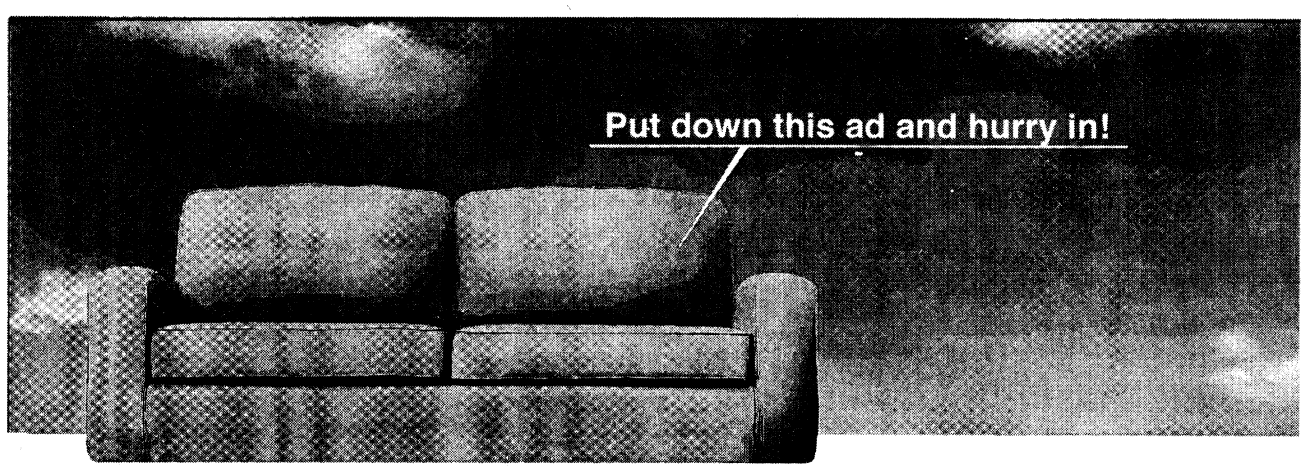


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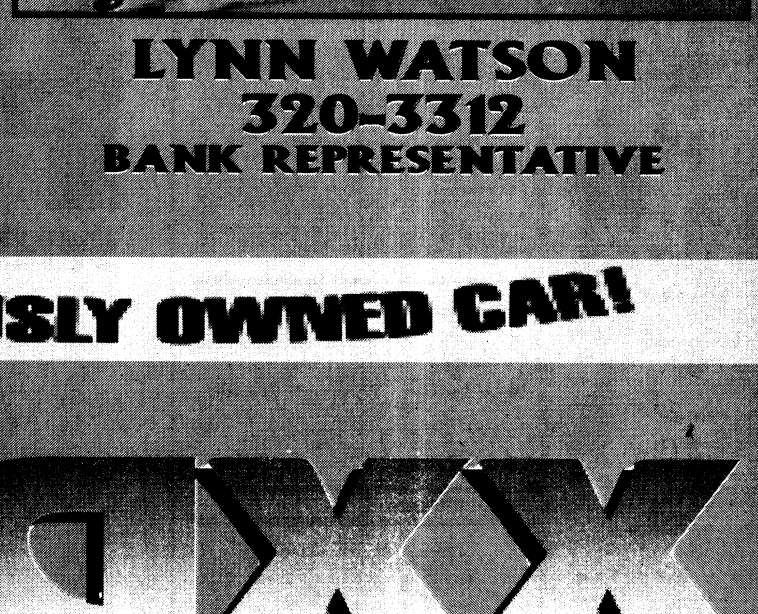
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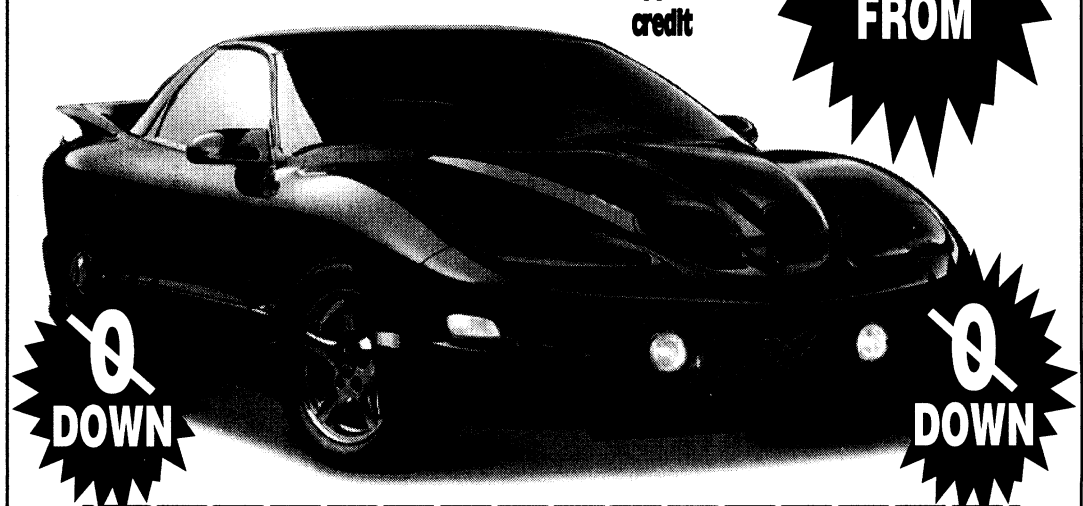
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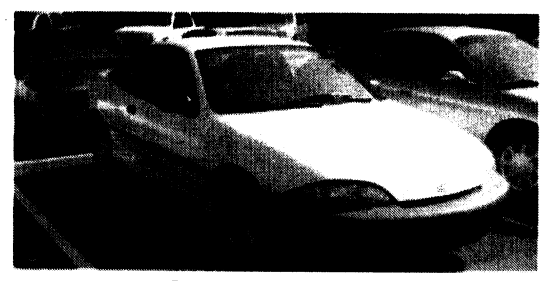
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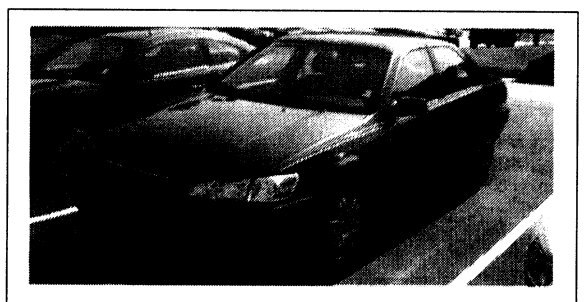
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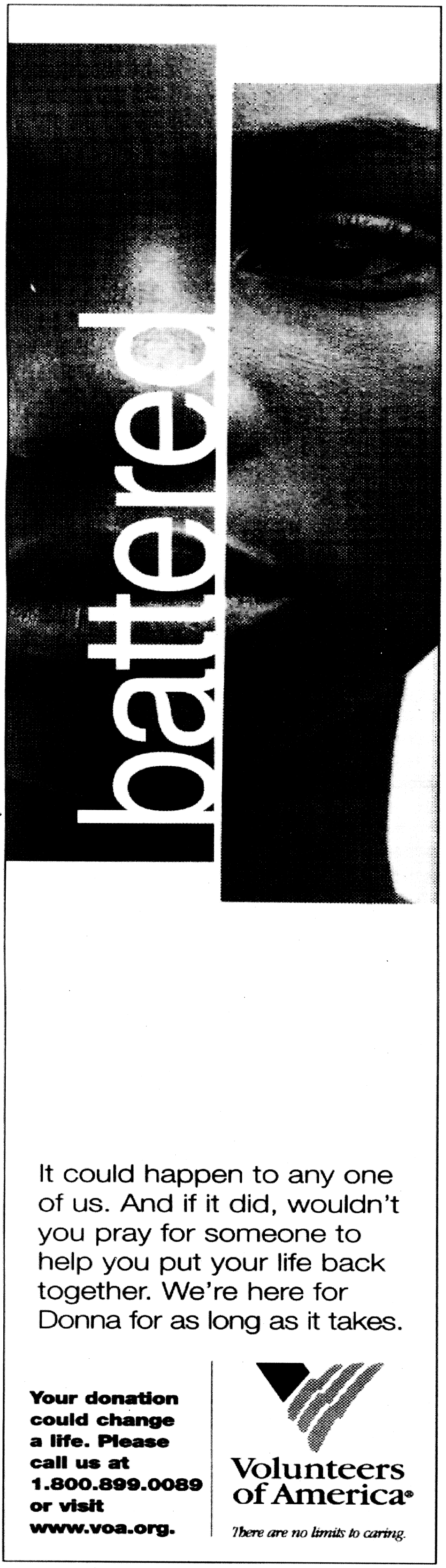
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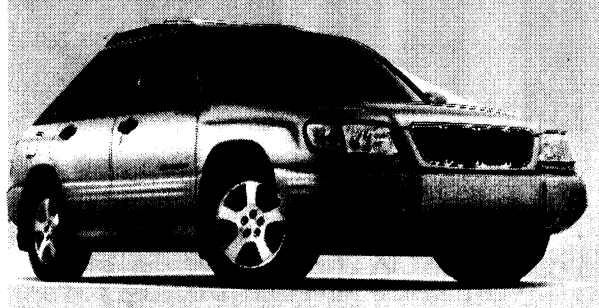
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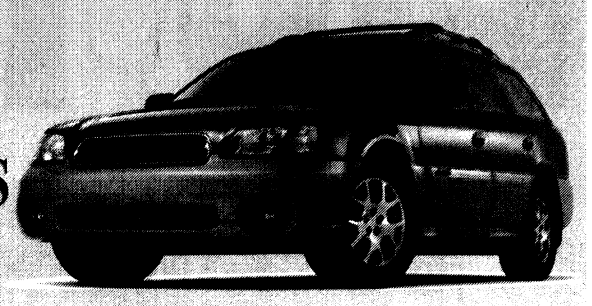
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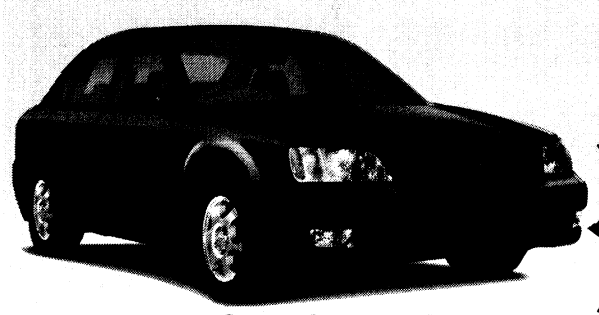


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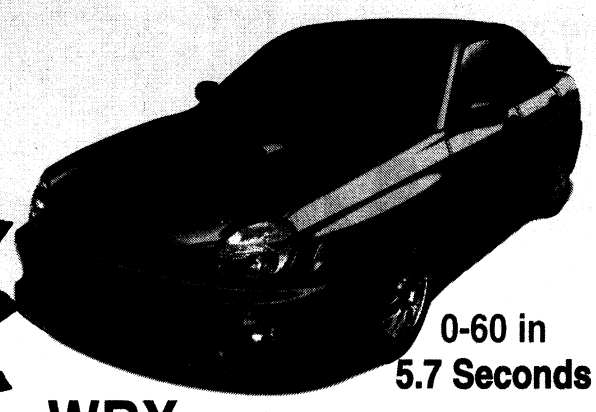


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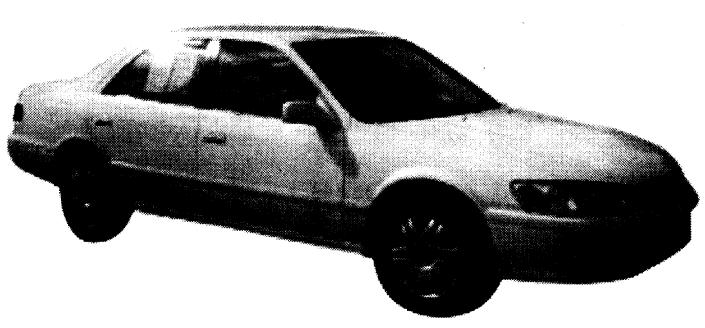


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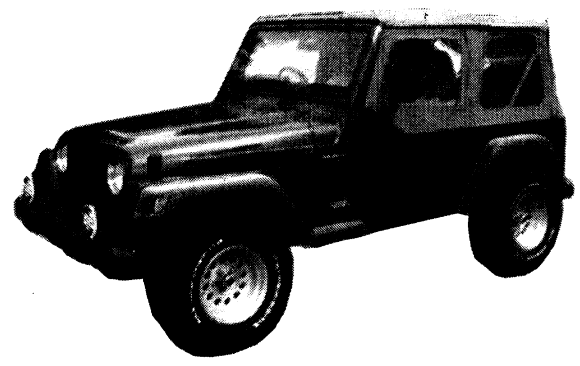
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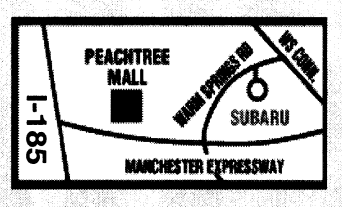
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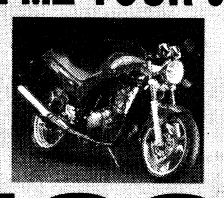
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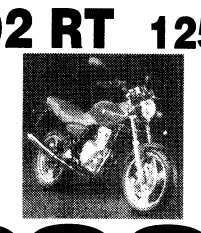
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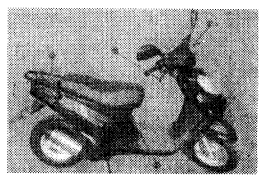
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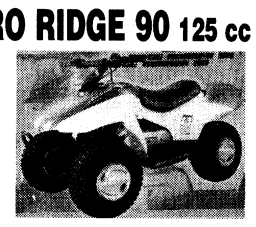
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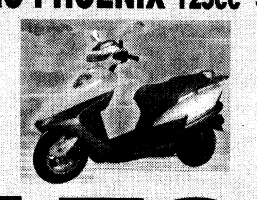
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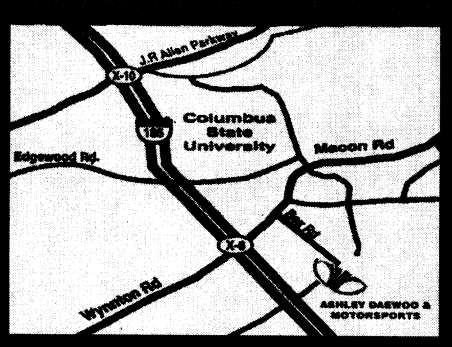


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A76 sets change in motion

Fort Benning has plan for employees

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The upcoming reduction in force may be displacing more than just the abolished positions.

Individuals assigned to a job series unaffected by the RIF may be at risk of being displaced because of other factors including seniority and veterans' preference points, said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

There are two methods of placing employees during the second round of a RIF — "bumping" and "retreating."

Employees compete for other positions, and their placement rights are determined by their retention standing (tenure group, veteran preference, years of civil service). Employees will be placed in order of retention level, an A-76 official said.

Bumping is an employee's right of assignment to a position occupied by another employee in another competitive level in the same competitive area. Workers need to remember:

• The employee bumping must be qualified for the position (including any minimum education requirements),

• The employee being bumped must be in a lower retention group.

If a career non-veteran who is qualified for a position held by an employee with veterans' preference, but has less than three years at his position, the veteran could be bumped. In this example, both requirements are met. The non-veteran employee is qualified for the position and is in a higher retention level than the other employee. Length of service is not a factor in bumping. A career non-veteran employee cannot bump another non-veteran employee regardless of length in service.

Retreating is an employee's right of assignment to a position they have previously held or is basically identical to their previous one, when the position is occupied by a lower-standing employee in the same

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Rappel!



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Pvt. Derrick Wolowicz with 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, rappels down Sand Hill's Eagle Tower Thursday. Capt. Rems Keane, E Company commander, said the endstate of today's training finds the soldier overcoming his fears.

Sand Hill recruit dies after 1-mile run

Man passed on university, joined Army

Bridgett Siter
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A 17-year-old basic trainee died Monday, one week after arriving at Fort Benning.

Pfc. Nicholas O. Williams, of Pinehurst, Ga., complained of dizziness during the "cool-down" phase of a physical fitness test, after completing a one-mile assessment run about 6 a.m.

He was treated by medical personnel on site and taken to the troop medical clinic before being transported by ambulance to Martin Army Community Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 8 a.m., said Fort Benning spokesperson Monica Manganaro.

Results of an autopsy showed Williams died of natural causes complicated by an enlarged heart. A pre-existing condition, concentric left ventricular hypertrophy, which predisposes a person to abnormal heart rates and patterns, is believed to have been a contributing factor, but final toxicology reports will not be available for several weeks.

The PT test is routine practice for recruits who are awaiting assignment at Sand Hill's reception station.

Williams graduated from Dooly County High School two months ago. According to a published report in the Columbus *Ledger-Enquirer*, he finished fourth in his class of 120 students and received the Presidential Service Award for completing 150 hours of community service.

The recipient of two college scholarships, Williams decided to pursue his education while serving in the Army.

Smokers need to follow the rules

Regulation sets guidelines for smoking

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

This is the first part in a three-part series that explores smoking in the workplace.

Fort Benning is cracking down on violations of the rules that govern smoking in the workplace.

"The rules are important to protect the non-smokers," said Mary Loudermilk, Personnel Management Specialist with the Directorate of Civilian Personnel. "The ideal state, in my mind, is a reduction in the number of smokers and improved overall health of the smokers.

The current plan is helping the post meet that objective, she said.

"I do not foresee any challenges to the plan because we overcame those in the initial phase of the implementation and negotiation processes," Loudermilk said.

Fort Benning's leadership negotiated agreements with the three unions on post that detail smoking procedures.

Fort Benning Policy Memorandum 600-63-1 dated Jan. 29, 2001, regulates smoking in the workplace. Some guidelines are:

• Smoking of tobacco products is prohibited in all workplaces, in all military vehicles and aircraft, and all official vehicles.

• Smoking is prohibited within 50 feet of entrances and exits. Smoking is permitted in designated outdoor smoking areas.

• Employees will not be denied the right to smoke and will be authorized appropriate break time for this purpose. However, smokers will not be allowed additional time beyond routine breaks to be away from their jobs for smoke breaks. Supervisors will monitor their workers and initiate appropriate action if workers violate this policy.

• Cadre and faculty of any military school will not use tobacco products in the presence or view of students while on duty.

• Smoking is prohibited where it presents a safety hazard, that is, firing ranges, ammunition storage areas, fuel pumps, motor pools, and equipment maintenance shops.

• Smoking is prohibited during the conduct of the Army Physical Fitness Test. This prohibition extends from the beginning of the test until participants depart the testing area.

• The use of all tobacco products in Infantry Hall is prohibited. This includes the use of snuff or chewing/smokeless tobacco. Use of all tobacco products on the cafeteria deck is also prohibited.

• Individuals who violate the policy may be subject to a variety of penalties, depending upon the violation, the status of the offender,

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I don't care if you smoke, just don't exhale around me

Richard J. McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

There's probably no one more fanatical when it comes to not smoking than a former smoker. I know. I'm one of those people.

I dread standing next to smokers. I might love the smoker dearly, but, to put it mildly, they stink.

It's on their clothes, in their hair. My brother still smokes and while we like having him come visit, when he comes back into the house from his smoke breaks I don't want to sit next to him. Heck, I don't want to be in the same room with him. I've been tempted to spray him down with the dog's flea and tick spray, give him that nice citronella smell. And it still might come to that.

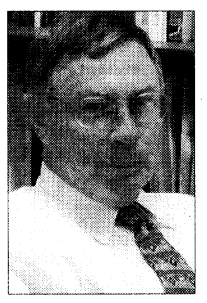
I see that restaurants in Columbus are starting to ban smoking altogether. That's good because in their infinite wisdom, the people who designed restaurants normally have the smoking section up front so the non-smokers have to pass through it.

And is one half-wall going to keep the smoke out of the non-smoking section? "I'm sorry, Mr. Smoke, but you can't cross that line. The non-smokers are over there."

So when I leave one of those restaurants, I smell just like I smelled in my smoking days — stinky. Except when I was smoking, I couldn't smell it. So it was all right then.

Why did I smoke? Probably for the same reason millions of others smoke. I enjoyed it. I liked the taste of the raw smoke coming through my nonfiltered Pall Malls — if you're going to do something, don't do it half— (you know what) — go all the way.

Why did I quit? I didn't like being a prisoner of an inanimate object. Of course I must say that like Mark Twain, quitting



smoking was easy. Heck it was so easy, I did it maybe a dozen times.

My technique was flawless. Let a pack of cigarettes sit open for a couple of weeks, then smoke one of those suckers. Yuck. I'd lose the desire to smoke. So that's how I quit.

I'd quit after football season in college, and resume after the track season ended.

I took it up in the Army because we got free cigarettes with our C-rations. And what could be more fun than seeing if you could light up under the eyes of a ranger instructor at night?

So I smoked off and on in the Army. I'd quit for a year or so, then see someone enjoying his cigarettes so much that I had to have one. Next thing you know I was bumming them on a regular basis, then I'd be buying replacement cartons for that person and pretty soon I'd be back to smoking my Pall Malls.

I had my last cigarette the January before I got out of the Army. That was sixteen years ago. It was tough at first. I'd see someone with a pack of Pall Malls and I'd start to salivate. But I'd overcome that desire to go up to him and ask for one and the desire would pass.

I took it one desire at a time. And now I can say I never have that desire anymore, well almost never. Writing this column kind of makes me want to go find a Pall Mall. The good news is I don't know if they sell those coffin nails anymore. Plus as I think about it, only the taste of that last stale cigarette comes to mind and once again, the desire passes.

There's a lot of literature on the streets about the dangers of smoke. How hundreds of thousands of Americans lose their lives thanks to smoking or secondhand smoke. And it's all true. But when you're young, you're invincible, just like Lancelot.

So I'll say this to you young good-looking men and women.

If you're a smoker, you're not very kissable except to another smoker.

Smoking makes you age faster. You develop wrinkles around your lips from sucking on cigarettes, you develop wrinkles on your forehead and around your eyes as you squint from the smoke rising up.

Your clothes don't last as long. Your expensive DVD players, stereos and computers die early deaths as they get coated with nicotine and clog up. You have to clean the windows more often, especially in your car — do you realize that gunk that comes off on your cleaning rag is coating your lungs?

Your teeth and nails and fingers turn yellow.

Above all, how can you afford it? Cigarettes in the commissary are $30 a carton! For me, that's a major investment.

It's a good meal with a couple of drinks. It's a round of golf at a decent golf course. It's two CDs or a movie for two and all the trimmings.

For you one carton a week folks, what could you do with an extra $120 a month in your pocket?

If you ever thought about quitting, make a commitment and do so. Martin Army Community Hospital has a great system — better than the stale cigarette system, I'll bet, to help you. Do yourself and your loved ones a favor. Give the clinic a call at 544-3065 or 544-1255. You could be on your road to recovery.

RESPECT

R-E-S-P-E-C-T, just a little bit!

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

Aretha Franklin sang about it. Most of us expect it, and couldn't we all use a little more respect?

Respect. You know. To honor. Revere. Hold in high esteem. Regard highly.

Sure it's an Army value, but when you get right down to it, shouldn't respect be a life value regardless of your occupation? For that matter, so are the other Army values, but that's another commentary.

We respect ourselves because we have enough self-esteem to recognize that we deserve to treat ourselves well, and expect to be treated responsibly by others.

We respect others, our elders and people in authority, for example, for their contributions and their accomplishments to our lives.

But respect has another definition too … it also means "to refrain from interfering with."

I take that to mean being tolerant, which is defined as "sympathy or indulgence for beliefs or practices differing from or conflicting with one's own."



Like "respect," "tolerance" has more than one definition, too. It can mean a "capacity to endure pain or hardship." Being tolerant isn't always easy. Sometimes it's downright painful, especially when the viewpoint demanding to be tolerated doesn't come close to agreeing with our own.

Our law enforcement personnel are shining examples of respect and tolerance. The most recent example would be how professionally they treated the young woman who closed and chained the front gate and then locked herself to it. Traffic had to be rerouted for more than two hours. She certainly showed no respect for the people traveling onto post and no respect for the installation.

She, like protesters before her, knew she would be treated with respect. She would have been the first to complain if she hadn't. Clearly part of the "ME-ME-ME generation" it wouldn't occur to her that she owed some respect back.

In that big bell-curve we call "life," those on the far right and far left sides of the curve should be tolerated by those in the middle as we try to respect each other.

But too often, the left and right forget it's supposed to cut both ways.

Do you respect yourself enough to recognize that other points of view aren't personal attacks or tyrannical attempts to make you change your mind? Or are you so egotistical and closed-minded you've convinced yourself that you're the "only one who's marching in step?"

Being tolerant isn't always easy no matter where you stand. Can you matter-of-factly state your points because you've carefully examined both sides of the issue? I can respect that. Or are you a rebel without a clue?

Respect. Tolerance. It's a two-way street. Blocking that street does more than cut off communication between both sides. It cuts your credibility to shreds and no reasonable person will take you seriously.

Without credibility you get no respect. Can you tolerate that?

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Tennesseean enjoys *The Bayonet*

I live in Tennessee, and I am very thankful for (*The Bayonet* digital version at www.thebayonet.com). I personally do not know what it is like to be at Fort Benning or in the Army for that matter, but someone very close to me is there for boot camp. It is very hard to be away from someone you love, but for some strange reason, I find a small comfort when I look at this site. I guess just seeing a small bit of what they do and learn helps.

I bet I have read every story and article several times and I am looking forward to learning more. So please I beg you keep this site up. Believe it or not it does help. Thank you.

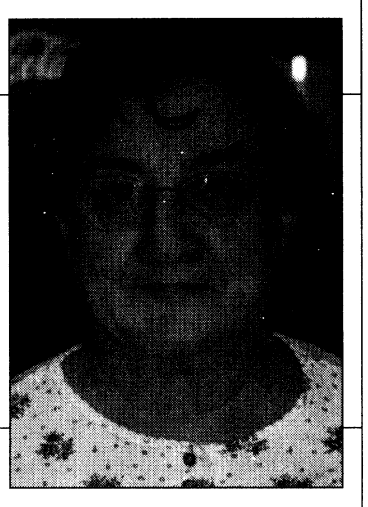
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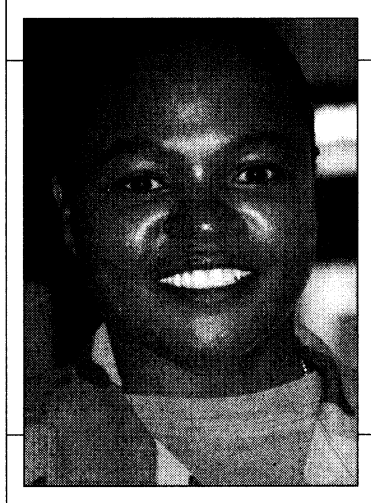
What do you think about non-smoking restaurants?



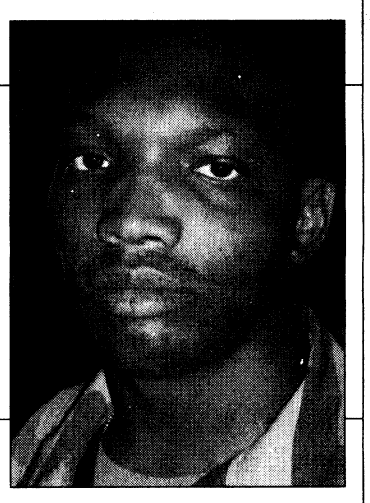
Capt. Chip Bredfield, 50th Airlift Squadron, Little Rock AFB — "It should be up to the restaurants if they want to separate it. I think, though, they should have two separate rooms for the smokers and non-smokers."



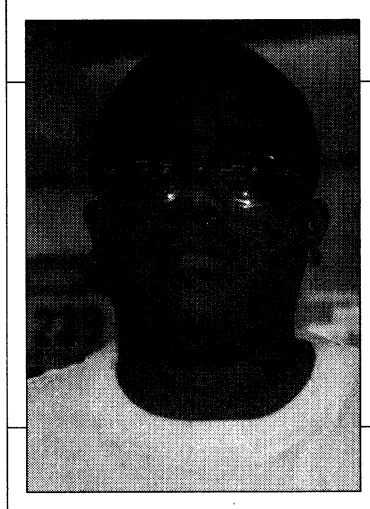
Virgie Minard, family member — "My husband just had triple bypass surgery, because of the smoking he used to do. I don't want to smell it while I'm trying to enjoy a meal at a restaurant."



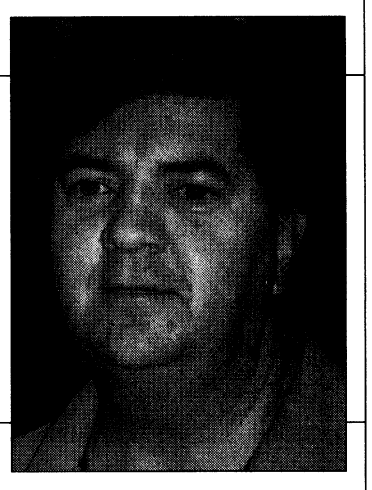
Sgt. Yvetter Martin, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment— "I don't like the idea. It's bad if I want a cigarette and can't have one. I say, 'Smoke them if you got them.'"



Sgt. Andre Moye, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I think it's good. This way non-smokers won't have the risk of secondhand smoke. Secondhand smoke is a leading cause of cancer."



Ian Morse, 12, family member — "I wish that all restaurants were non-smoking. I have asthma, and I can't stand people smoking."



Ret. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Gus Yoannon, Phenix City. — "I think it's a good idea. But, if they could just separate the smoking and non-smoking sections with a little more than plastic plants, then that would be okay."

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Woodpeckers show signs of increase

New activity observed in 68 clusters

Bridgett Siter
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How much wood would a woodpecker peck, if a woodpecker could peck wood?

A woodpecker of the red cockaded persuasion would peck as much wood as he could, as long as it's live pine, at least 15 inches in diameter.

Fort Benning's pine forests are home to the red cockaded woodpecker, or RCW, the only woodpecker to frequent live wood. A native of the southeastern United States, the RCW has been listed as an endangered species since 1970, a victim of the south's diminishing pine forests.

But things are looking up. According to statistics from the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics' conservation branch, the RCW population is on the increase at Fort Benning.

Of 321 "potential clusters," or sites where the RCW could flourish, 242 "show signs of activity," said Michael Barron, a wildlife biologist with the conservation branch, which conducts an annual RCW census. Of those 242, 198 have been positively identified as nesting grounds.

That's an increase of 68 since the branch first began aggressively tracking the RCW in 1996.

"We view this as a sign we're improving here on Fort Benning," said Barron, who believes it'll be several more years before the RCW is completely out of danger.

Fort Benning is one of 15 sites in the southeast designated as RCW "recovery grounds." With 900,000 acres of suitable pine forests, it has the potential to house at least 450 clusters, or families, of woodpeckers, each cluster averaging between two and five birds. Unfortunately, much of those forests have suffered the same fate as others throughout the southeast, disappearing through over harvesting and taken over by hard-wood trees.

Controlled burns, designed to encourage pine growth, have helped re-establish the RCW population to some degree, Barron said.

The use of "artificial cavity inserts" have also been a boon to the bird. RCWs peck cavities in live pines for nesting. By inserting prefabricated pine birdhouses — "government housing," Barron calls them — the woodpeckers can be coaxed into uninhabited territory, where they form new clusters.

"By placing them strategically, we can sort of recruit new clusters where they need to be," Barron said. "It's a 'band-aid' approach that's so far been very successful."

Efforts to re-establish the RCW population have necessarily restricted training in various areas, a fact Barron said will ultimately prove to be in the Army's best interest.

"The RCW population is really an indication of how healthy our ecosystems are. And the more we study and protect the woodpecker, the more we realize they inhabit the kinds of landscapes the military needs for training," he said. "If they're in danger of extinction, it means our forests are in danger. And the Army needs them for training. Any temporary inconvenience will pay off in the long run."



File photo

A member of the Fire Management Program sets a prescribed burn to help the woodpecker's ecosystem.

New commander takes helm on Sand Hill



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Col. Thomas W. Hayden relinquishes command of the Infantry Training Brigade Monday in a change of command ceremony.

Incoming leader pledges to uphold traditions

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

A former Fort Benning ranger and airborne student made his long-awaited return to the home of the infantry as he took command of the Infantry Training Brigade at a change of command ceremony on Kanell Field Monday.

Col. Brian R. Baldy assumed command of the brigade from Col. Thomas W. Hayden, who is heading to Washington, D.C., to work on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon.

"I'm looking forward to the challenges that await me," Hayden said.

"Commanding a great brigade like this has prepared me for that challenge."

Baldy is coming from his assignment as the Infantry Branch Chief and Combat Arms Division Chief Personnel Command at the Pentagon, and said he plans to continue all of the great work Hayden has done.

"It's a great honor to be part of a first class brigade that trains so many infantrymen each year," he said. "I pledge to uphold all of the traditions of the brigade."

Baldy has served in a variety of assignments, which include; the 24th Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga., 4th Reserve Officer Training Corps Region, Fort Lewis, Wash., 60th Infantry of the 9th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash., United States Military Academy, West Point, N.Y., 14th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division (Light), Hawaii, 503rd Infantry (Air Assault), 2nd Infantry Division, Republic of South Korea, and Army G3 office in the Pentagon.

Baldy received his commission from the Citadel, Charleston, S.C., in 1979. He also graduated from the Infantry Officer Basic Course, Infantry Officer Advanced Course, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Command and General Staff College, the National War College, as well as Airborne, Air Assault and Ranger School.

During his 23 years of service, Baldy has earned the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Ribbon and the Expert Infantryman's Badge.

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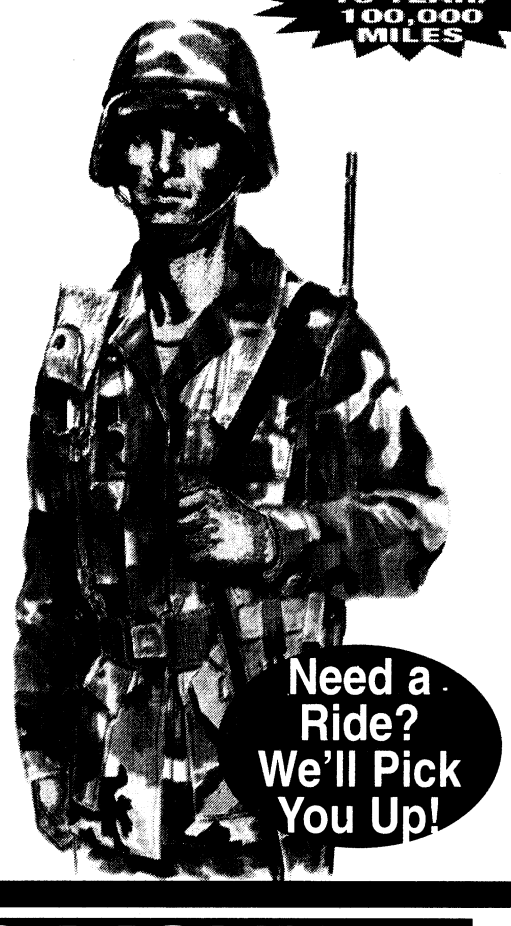
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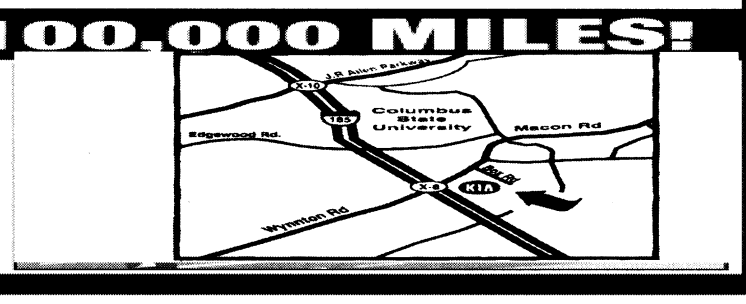
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Senior leaders seek post's support

Fort Benning leads way in change

Angela Sachitano
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Another brick in the wall of Army Transformation has been laid, as the second out of six brigades designated for transformation is closer to operating the Stryker vehicle.

Approximately 100 senior leaders of the 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division out of Fort Lewis, Wash., will be looking to Fort Benning for doctrine support this week, as the brigade takes another step in the transformation to a full-fledged Stryker unit.

The transformation brigade is converging on post, meeting with military intelligence, artillery, armor, logistics and engineer experts from installations around the nation.

"We welcome you, and we want to do all we can to make the transformation a success," said Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton, commanding general, to leaders of the brigade during the Senior Leaders Course July 25. "The Stryker brigade is more than the vehicle. It's about the people and the components behind the vehicle. We need your feedback. If you don't like something, tell us."

There are several doctrinal issues Fort Benning is not convinced are right just yet, and the two weeks the transformation brigade is here will be a learning process for all involved, Eaton said.

"We are taking the best of heavy infantry and light infantry and combining it to be a more responsive, agile and flexible fighting unit," said Col. Bob Brown, commander of the brigade. "Our purpose while we are here is to learn how to fight and train this new organization."

The brigade is the second brigade to begin the process of transforming to a Stryker brigade, but the first light-infantry brigade to convert. 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, also out of Fort Lewis, was the first to transform two years ago. Four more brigades will eventually make the transformation, a process that takes several years to complete.

"We will eventually have 300 Strykers in this brigade, and we are fielding 9,000 pieces of equipment," Brown said. "We will also be taking advantage of four unmanned aerial vehicles. This is a new way to fight dominant maneuver."

The brigade is six months into the process and looking to deploy by spring of 2004.

It's courses like the one at Fort Benning this week that quickly move the transformation brigade in that direction, Brown said.

"We are looking to these experts during our time here to shed light on the Stryker and all of its capabilities," Brown said. "We will then take this information back and train the soldiers in our brigade."

Since its introduction last year, the Stryker has set the standard for a new way of fighting in the Army, he said. Once utilized, the vehicle will be able to move 60 miles per hour, identify enemies, all the while staying linked to other Strykers during battle. Several units will use the Stryker including medics carrying soldiers and mortar units.

"The last time the Army went through something like this was the air-land battle concept in the 70's and 80's," Brown said. "That concept led the Army through Desert Storm. One can only imagine where the Stryker will take us now."

The brigade will be looking to Columbus as an example of a possible environment of city warfare while here. By learning the details of the city, leaders can access just how swiftly the Stryker can maneuver in and out of urban environments if need be.

"We have a lot to accomplish in the time we are here," Brown said. "This is a dream for all leaders to be on the cutting edge of new technology with the full support of everyone. We will have elevated our way of thinking after we leave here."

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> 1st Brigade, 25th Infantry Division, commander

Four N.C. soldiers kill wives

Command investigates cause of violence

Spc. Kyle J. Cosner
U.S. Army Special Operations Command Public Affairs

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Fort Bragg and U.S. Army Special Operations Command officials responded to reporters' questions about the killing of four military wives by their active-duty husbands in a span of less than six weeks during a press conference July 26.

Three of the four accused soldiers had returned from deployments in Afghanistan within the last six months.

Despite suggestions from the media that the killings may have been related to those deployments, Col. Tad Davis, Fort Bragg's garrison commander, told a roomful of reporters that the incidents probably related more to the soldiers' preexisting marital problems than to their deployments in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"That's one of the factors that we'll look at during our investigation into each one of these cases, but also what was the relationship, what was going on in that family, what was going on in that household — and then look at all those issues together to see what we can put together as a total picture of what was going on in that family," Davis said.

Davis discounted Afghanistan as a direct factor in the killings, pointing out that duty there was no more stressful than deployments to other theaters.

"We've got several thousand soldiers deployed right now in 30 or more countries around the world," he said. "In many cases, those soldiers are in a stressful, if not more stressful environment, than these soldiers might have been in Afghanistan."

Davis also cautioned against drawing too many connections between the four incidents.

"We've got to judge each and every one of these cases on its own merit and then see what we come up with in the end," he said.

Across post U.S. Army Special Operations Command, Maj. Gary Kolb, the command's public affairs officer, echoed Davis' comments. Three of the accused soldiers belonged to USASOC units.

"I think each case has to be taken differently," Kolb said. "To pinpoint one thing like the war in Afghanistan and say that's the cause is pretty hard to do. Each (case) needs to be looked at individually."

Davis said that although military families are subject to the same problems as civilian families, these incidents were a surprise, as there hadn't been a domestic-related homicide at Fort Bragg in two years.

"In many respects, what we've found is that some (military) families do have problems," Davis said. "But ... we are shocked and extremely surprised with the recent occurrences, and our hearts go out to each and every one of the families, to include the children in particular.

"In whatever way we can, we try to have programs available for (families experiencing problems) — everything from marriage counseling to marriage enrichment programs," Davis continued. "At the same time, we stress to each and every one of our leaders at every level to make sure that they're aware of the circumstances among the soldiers, especially those that are married."

However, such resources can't do much good if soldiers don't take advantage of them, according to Henry Berry, Fort Bragg's family advocacy program manager.

"It's one thing to know that an individual is experiencing a problem — it affords you the opportunity to render assistance," Berry said. "If you don't know, your hands are tied. Then, when a serious incident does take place, you go on a guilt trip. Should we have known? What could we have done? To be absolutely honest ... (these incidents) are mind-boggling ... I was completely caught off guard.

"We're going to look at these cases," Berry continued. "We have to identify what took place to prevent them. It could mean deleting programs, but it will probably mean adding on to our programs."

Whether the accused soldiers came forward for counseling is under investigation, Davis said.

He also said that despite his post's attempts to prevent domestic disputes within military families, sometimes problems could slip through the cracks — with tragic results.

"(These cases have) had a great deal of impact upon our soldiers, their families and our entire community," Davis said. "We are surprised and saddened by the unusual number of deaths, and are concerned about the children that are left behind. Domestic violence is never a pleasant issue, and I can assure you that we take our responsibilities as leaders very seriously."

"We want to make sure that the families back here at Fort Bragg are taken care of," he said. "Stress is something we face on a daily basis...when you add on top of that military life, it increases the stress tremendously, and when you add on top of that the fact that loved ones might be moving into harm's way and danger, that also increases the amount of stress on our families."

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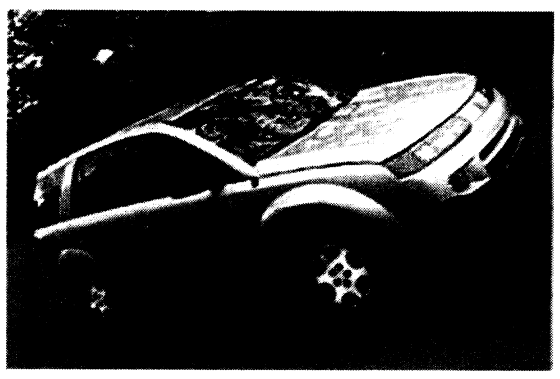
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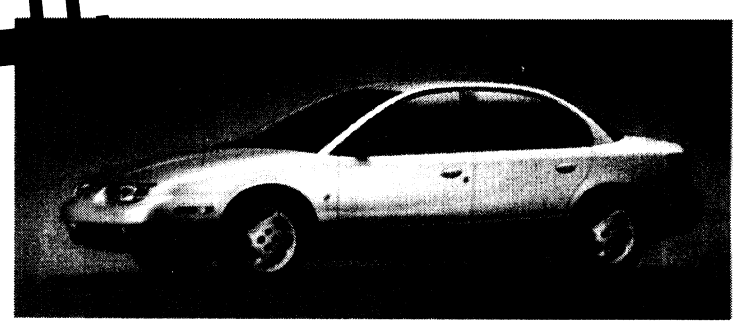
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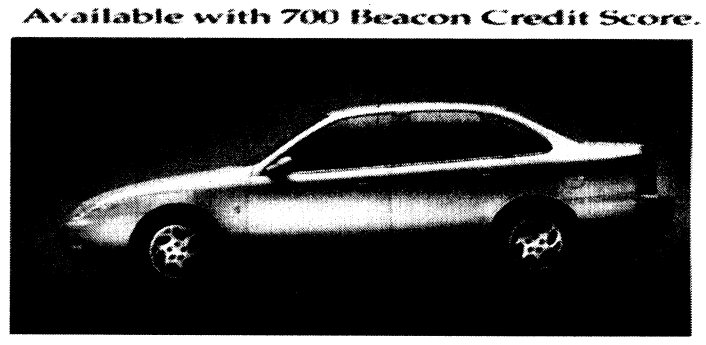
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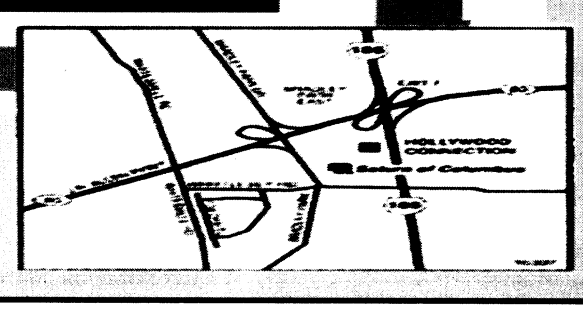


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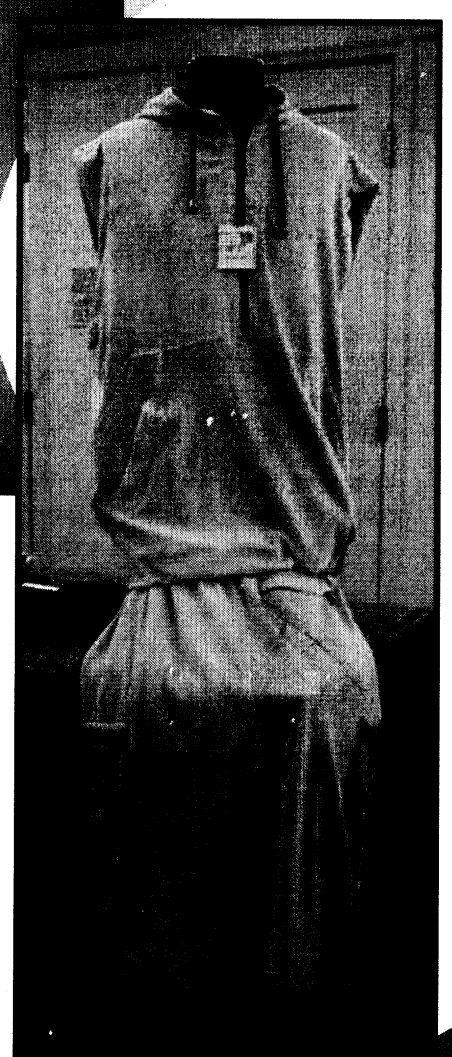
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Protect yourself from identity theft

Safeguard your military information

Melissa House
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A recent *Army Times* article may have left many military veterans concerned about the security of personal information contained in their service records.

As recently as 1999, veterans were advised to file their certificate of release or discharge from active duty, the DD214, with their local courthouse, a practice in effect since the end of World War II. Many of these recorded documents have been used through the years to replace lost or destroyed copies, determine eligibility for benefits, and, in some cases, to recreate the information in entire service records.

But most recently, these documents have been used for the increasingly frequent crime of identity theft. State court system records are not generally protected by any system similar to the Privacy Act used to protect an individual's personal information within the Department of Defense.

Georgia veterans may rest a bit easier, thanks to Governor Roy Barnes. On May 13, he signed an amendment to the Official Code of Georgia making it unlawful to disclose information from military service records or issue copies of those records for a period of 50 years after filing. However, veterans, their next-of kin, and their attorneys may examine the records or receive copies after presenting proper identification.

Records are not to be reproduced or used for commercial or speculative purposes.

Violations of the amended code constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of up to $5,000.

While personal information may be obtained by other methods, the state of Georgia has taken the necessary steps to help ensure that your DD214 is protected.

Friede McDonald, chief of the Personnel Processing Center on post which oversees retirement services and separations, advises veterans to remain cautious. The Georgia amendment is not a guaranteed fix.

"The DD214 is protected," McDonald said, but the law does not cover the DD215, which makes corrections to the original record. "We're also not sure what will happen at the end of the 50 year period."

A soldier separating from the service at age 20 will be 70 when the information can be released. At that point in time, the individual may need to think about protecting things like retirement assets.

In addition to safeguarding the DD214, veterans should also take steps to protect their information from other sources, such as:

• Remove your Social Security Numbers from checks, driver's licenses, and other forms of identification,

• Do not carry Social Security cards in wallets,

• Shred all financial statements,

• Check financial statements against receipts monthly for accuracy,

• Use secure Internet Web sites for purchases,

• Close unused credit and bank accounts, destroy old credit cards, and shred credit card offers,

• Drop credit card payments in secure mailboxes,

• Order credit report yearly.

Resolving identity theft can be a lengthy and frustrating process. Capt. David Anglin, senior trial counsel with the Staff Judge Advocate. There was a court martial last year involving stolen mail. The individual was using credit card applications to open fraudulent accounts.

The most common identity theft that Anglin has seen involves stolen "starter checks" not pre-printed with any information. On the more sophisticated side, individuals used a flight manifest then went to the Identification Card section and obtained new cards with the fraudulent information at Fort Bliss in 2000.

"They received thousands of dollars in goods," Anglin said.

Four individuals were charged and went to trial.

Anglin said he encourages soldiers and veterans to maintain their finances and financial records.

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To protect your identity from theft: When people find they are a victim of ID theft they should:

- Contact the fraud departments of the three credit bureaus
- Contact creditors for the fraudulent accounts, and then follow their procedures for written notification
- File a police report, and keep a copy of the report as proof.

They "really need to look at their credit card statements," he said, and he has personal experience to back it up. While Anglin was not a victim of identity theft, he did notice a charge on his credit card for a service he did not request.

"The better credit card companies will notify you if they see charges that appear out of the ordinary, and you need to report any problems quickly so they can be resolved," he said.

If people find they have been the victim of identity theft, they should act immediately and:

• Contact the fraud departments of the three credit bureaus. Request that a fraud alert be placed on your file and order copies of your credit reports. Copies are provided free to victims,

• Contact creditors for the fraudulent accounts, and then follow their procedures for written notification,

• File a police report. Keep a copy of the report as proof.

Several legislative acts are in place to help victims. The Fair Credit Reporting Act established procedures for correcting mistakes regarding credit. The Truth in Lending Act limits liability for unauthorized credit card charges, while the Electronic Funds Transfer Act covers automated teller and debit transactions. But the best defense against identity theft is a good offense, Anglin said. People should take steps to protect their personal information now.

For more information, visit www.governmentguide.com/consumer_services.

Soldiers to receive 40 points for BNCOC

Move to help clerks cut errors, add efficiency

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who successfully complete the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course will be awarded 40 promotion points beginning Aug. 1.

Soldiers will no longer receive four promotion points per BNCOC-course week. This change will lessen administrative mistakes and level the playing field for BNCOC graduates with similar military occupational specialties, personnel officials said.

"Clerks will no longer have to do the math," said Sgt. Major Louisa Scott, the chief of Enlisted Promotions, Total U.S. Army Personnel Command.

Under the current system, when soldiers complete both phases of BNCOC — common core and military occupational specialty specific — they submit two Department of the Army 1059 forms to their Personnel Support Branch for points, Scott said.

Then the PSB clerk decides on their own how many points a soldier gets, Scott said. For example, if phase one is five weeks and three days and phase two is two weeks and two days one clerk may give 32 points for eight weeks, but another clerk may give 28 points for seven weeks. By implementing a 40-point standard there's no room for interpretation, Scott said. Some soldiers may have the perception that they are going to lose points because their particular BNCOC is longer than 10 weeks, said Sgt. Major Gerald Purcell, personnel policy integrator with the Army's G1.

"That's not true. The point system will be applicable to every soldier in the MOS, and the cut-off score will reflect that," he said.

Soldiers will still be competing against others in their MOS, and everyone in that MOS will have 40 points, Scott said.

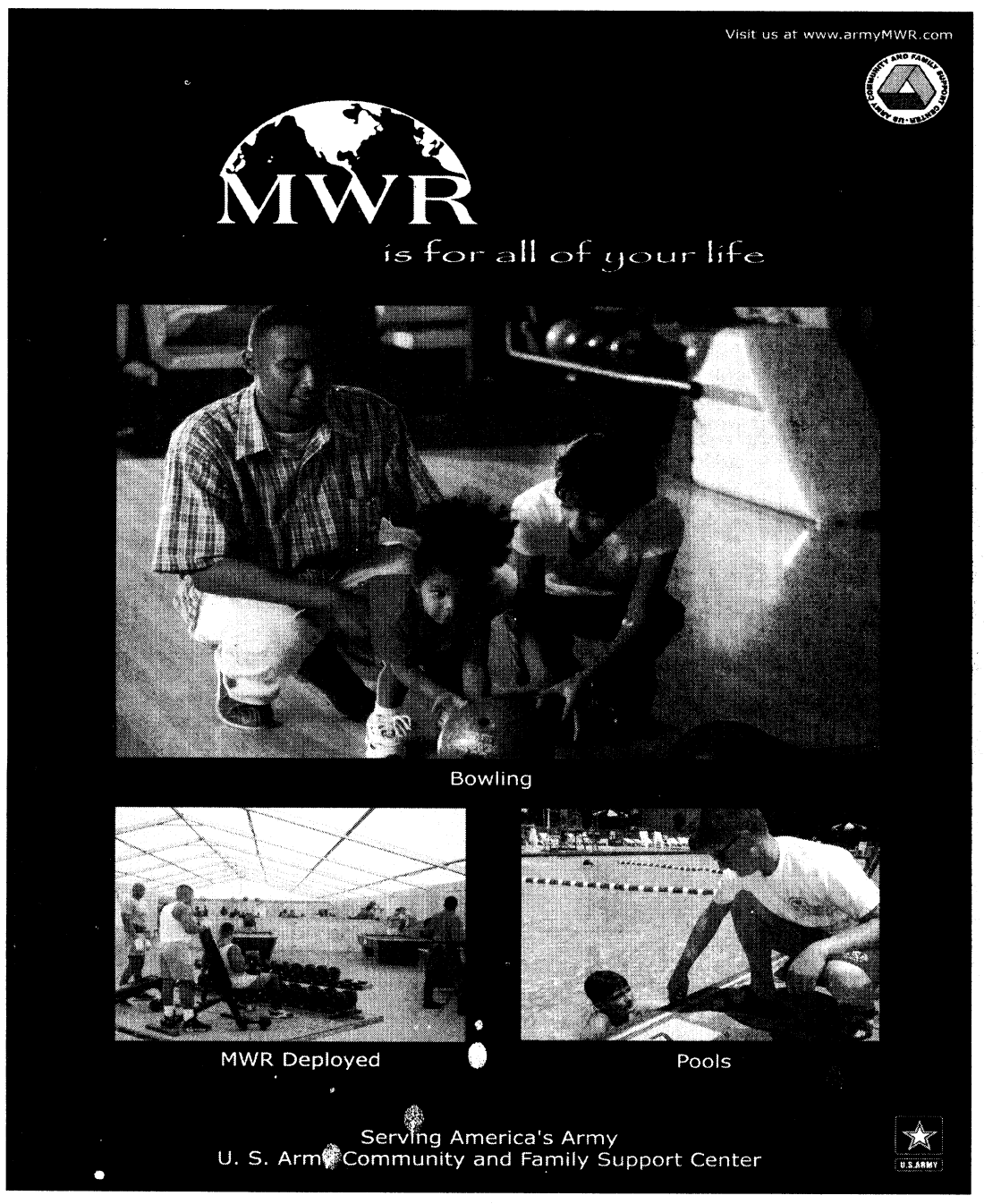
The soldiers most greatly affected are those who are in MOSs that have merged, such as some in the medical field, and those that are planning to merge under the implementation of ADS XXI initiatives, which was designed to consolidate MOSs with similar functions, Purcell said.

Last year several medical skills were combined under the umbrella 91W. After the merge, some soldiers had promotion points based on a 12-week BNCOC course while others had points based on an eight-week course. Other potential merges include personnel administrative specialists (75B) and personnel services specialists (75H) who would be renamed as 42A.

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Ranger regiment gets ninth top NCO

Father of four praises God, family, soldiers

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The former command sergeant major of 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash., accepted responsibility from long-term-ranger Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Rakow at the Ranger Memorial July 25.

Command Sgt. Maj. Hugh Roberts became only the ninth top NCO in the history of the 75th Ranger Regiment.

Just before the ceremony, Rakow was honored for nearly 20 years of service to the regiment. Through his career, he served in each of the three battalions and in the regimental headquarters. Rakow was awarded the Legion of Merit for his service from April 2000 to July 2002. He was also inducted into the Order of Saint Maurice. Rakow's wife, Laura, was also honored, receiving the Outstanding Civilian Service Medal and the Shield of Sparta as a heroine of the infantry for her 15 years of volunteer service to unit families.

Col. Joseph Votel, the regimental commander, praised Rakow as an "accomplished leader and proficient trainer" who was always "certain of his azimuth." Votel said Rakow impacted numerous rangers, many of whom would carry a favorite "Rakow story" with them.

Rakow spoke about the three pillars of his success; his religion, his family and the rangers. Rakow's four children, Kathryn, Aaron, Nathan and Jacob were all present for the ceremony and heard their father's words of thanks.

His farewell speech was both humorous and serious.

"The lifeblood of the Rangers are the young guys," he said. "It's not the briefings or the badges — it's the boys that matter."

He recalled a time when a ranger platoon was lucky to have 30 soldiers in a time when he said being a ranger wasn't cool. The men he led will remember Rakow's charisma as a leader and his dedication to the soldiers, said Cpl. Shane Misner.

Rakow was key to the NCO leadership in the regiment, he said.

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> **Command Sgt. Maj. Walter Rakow**
> eigth top NCO for 75th Ranger Regiment

Pfc. Richard Sharp echoed that sentiment.

"Command Sergeant Major Rakow showed us the pinnacle of NCO leadership and what we can attain."

Although Rakow's next assignment will be command sergeant major of 2nd Brigade, 85th Training Support Brigade, at Fort McCoy, Wis., he assured the crowd that he would always be a ranger in his heart and a ranger in his mind.

Votel said that Roberts' "exceptional reputation and quiet, certain confidence" made him the right leader for the job, and he charged Roberts with helping lead the regiment to reach the next level of success.

"The strength and reputation of a unit is borne on the backs of its noncommissioned officers," Votel said.

As a result, the regiment and the 2nd Brigade, 85th TSB, will be in good hands, he said.

U.S. Joint Forces exercise to measure capabilities

Collaboration key focus of operation

Master Sgt. Debra Bingham
4th Infantry Division Public Affairs

SUFFOLK, Va. — There's an experiment underway at the U.S. Joint Forces Command at Suffolk, Va., and dozens of locations around the country, but you won't find any test tubes or beakers in this "laboratory."

The experiment, Millennium Challenge 2002, is designed to simulate a realistic battlefield in the year 2007. Part of a Department of Defense-wide transformation process, MC02 will explore new methods of planning, organizing and fighting in a joint service environment, officials said.

The MC02 experiment is taking place at 17 simulation sites and nine live sites across the country.

It's the largest joint military experiment and exercise of its kind in history, with more than 13,500 military and civilian personnel participating. MC02 runs July 24-Aug 15.

Lt. Gen. B.B. Bell, Commanding General of III Corps and Fort Hood, is wearing a different hat during MC02. He's serving as the commander of the Joint Task Force Headquarters. About 200 soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, worked with Bell at Suffolk prior to the exercise start for a final planning and rehearsal exercise called Spiral 3.

Bell said he is excited about the role Fort Hood soldiers are playing in helping the U.S. Joint Forces Command and Department of Defense explore innovative concepts for battle and command and control.

"We're forward thinking and forward looking. We're trying to harness the power of information and information sphere technologies to better prepare the U.S. Joint Forces for war about five years from now," he said.

During Spiral 3, held the first two weeks in June, military members from all service branches worked together, planning and becoming familiar with the computer-based "tools" linked to the simulation.

One of the experiment's objectives is obtaining information superiority over an adversary. The goal is to rapidly access, share and process information in order to develop plans and execute them — almost simultaneously. The computer-based tools make that possible.

During the experiment, operators can quickly retrieve information from military and governmental agencies, as well as economic and academic sources.

"These tools give us instant communication, instant collaboration and enormous capability to retrieve data to help us in our decision making process," Bell said.

Computer tools also enable commanders and staff to simultaneously talk with each other.

Hundreds of people can be brought together in a virtual auditorium for an interactive meeting, without the "attendees" leaving their workspaces. Bell said the aim is to tap into the knowledge base of people "sitting" in the auditorium.

"It's quite probable that some great thinker, one who is normally buried in an office somewhere, will have an idea or concept or know something about the enemy that is so important to us that we'll be able to grab it and bring it into our thinking immediately," Bell said.

Spiral 3 gave participants a chance to master computer tools and allowed them to leap into the future. Bell said mastering the computer skills was not as difficult as changing traditional military decision-making mindsets and finding new approaches and answers to problems.

"We've got to reconfigure ourselves, both in terms of the way we would perceive fighting today and project ourselves to the way the Joint Forces Command believes we would be able to fight five years from now," Bell said.

Part of that new way of thinking is being explored in a concept called Rapid Decisive Operations.

RDO brings a vast knowledge base, command and control elements and operations together to bring about a desired effect on an adversary.

Bell said it means moving away from traditional, time-consuming sequential operations, where plans are issued from the top and trickle down to subordinate levels, to a faster, collaborative approach. By using technology to communicate, plans and combat operations can be developed simultaneously.

"We can bring our thinking together very, very rapidly and conduct operations quickly and decisively," Bell said.

The collaborative process includes thinking about the kind of effect or impact planners want to have on an adversary, a concept called Effects Based Operations.

"What we're learning in this process is a better way to look at the enemy, in terms of what he is capable of doing, and what kind of effect we want to achieve with regard to the enemy," Bell said.

The effect could be a military action, or it could be economic, information or diplomatic one, he said.. Although MCO2 is an experiment, it is expected to provide insight into how to transform the military to meet future challenges.

Interim armored vehicle tested in DoD experiment

Pvt. Sara Wood
13th Public Affairs Detachment

FORT IRWIN, Calif. — Demonstrating increased joint strategic deployment ability, four C-17 aircraft carrying eight Stryker Infantry Carrier vehicles and 75 soldiers from Fort Lewis, Wash., landed at Southern California Logistics Airport in Victorville, Calif., July 25.

The Strykers and soldiers came from 5th Battalion, 20th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division — part of a Stryker Brigade Combat Team.

The role of the SBCT during the Army Transformation Experiment 2002 is to initiate the first Stryker involvement at the National Training Center on an experimental basis, said Warrant Officer Mark A. Miller, brigade mobility officer for the SBCT.

ATEx02 is part of the Millennium Challenge 2002 exercise that is designed to test military transformation concepts across the Department of Defense. The Stryker, the Army's new eight-wheeled, interim armored vehicle, is the first major vehicle to be fielded into the Army in 14 years.

"We're going to put the vehicle through its paces and see what it can do," said Sgt. John Bartlett, vehicle commander with 5th Bn., 20th Inf. Regt.

The SBCT will demonstrate its capabilities in a live and simulated training environment during ATEx02.

The SBCT is able to deploy from the U.S. to any theater within days, Bartlett said.

"It will facilitate a quick reactionary force to go into any hostile area or developing theater and serve as a deterrent," Miller said.

Because the Stryker has wheels instead of tracks, Miller said, it is easier to transport and load on and off vehicles and aircraft.

"It took us minutes to off-load with soldiers," Miller said. "That means that within minutes, we can have a lethal force rolling down the road."

The Stryker is an important part of the Army transformation because of its rapid, strategic deployability and mobility, Miller said.

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Martin Army Community Hospital is observing Organization Day today. All clinics close at 10:30 a.m. The Adult Primary Care Clinic hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The following are other hours:

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- Laboratory — 7:30 to 4:30 p.m.
- Radiology — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Emergency Room will remain open. Patients with health questions may call 544-CARE (2273) and select the prompt to speak with an Advice Nurse.

For further information, call 544-2041.

Changes of command

Fort Benning will have the following changes of command:

- Monday — **Lt. Col. James F. Todd** will take command of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on Pomeroy Field. **Lt. Col. Michael E. Culpepper** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 544-8061.

- Aug. 20 — **Lt. Col. Alan W. Neyland** will take command of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. **Lt. Col. Daniel P. Dillon** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-1962.

- Aug. 27 — **Lt. Col. Greg Kane** will take command of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. **Lt. Col. Michael Winstead** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-8516.

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score. The skills learned are applicable to the individual's military duties. The remaining class is scheduled for Aug. 12-Sept. 3.

The class will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.). A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment and must be completed before the test begins. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

Command Awards Ceremony

Fort Benning will conduct a Command Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Follow Me statue at Infantry Hall.

The pre-ceremony command brief for awardees and their guests is scheduled for 2 p.m. that day.

For more information, call 545-1132.

NCO, Soldiers of Quarter

The NCO, Soldier of the Quarter Awards Luncheon is at 11:30 Aug. 9 at the Main NCO Club. See your command sergeant major or 1st sergeant no later than July 24 for tickets.

For more information, call 545-1500.

Termination of microfiche

Effective Aug. 15, Officer Records Branch will no longer be sending official military personnel files microfiche to individual officers in the field. Officers will need to view their OMPFs through Army Knowledge Online.

The link is https://ompf.hoffman. army.mil. For more information, e-mail offrcds@hoffman.army.mil.

Women's Equality Day

The U.S. Army Infantry Center Equal Opportunity Office will present a Women's Equality Day Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Officers' Club.

The theme will be "Living the Legacy of Women's Rights Today" and the guest speaker will be Col. Gale Pollock, Martin Army Community Hospital commander.

Cost is $7.50.

See your EO advisor for tickets or call the EO office at 545-6665.

College registration

For fall 2002, Columbus State University and Chattahoochee Valley Community College students should see a counselor at the Education Center prior registering at the college. This prevents problems with the term enrollments and additional drop fees.

For more information, call 545-1436.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board to consider soldiers for the promotion to sergeant major will be Oct. 1.

Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000 and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977 and Oct. 1, 1992. Date of birth is no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951.

Due to the implementation of stop loss, soldiers normally ineligible due to retention control point — BASD is earlier than Oct. 1, 1977 — in a primary military occupational specialty affected by stop loss will be considered eligible.

Soldiers must have a DA photo. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

For more information, call 545-8861 or 545-5640.

Army accepting law school applications

2nd Lt. through Capt. eligible

Office of the Judge Advocate General

WASHINGTON — The Army is now accepting applications to fund law school for eligible lieutenants and captains.

Under the Funded Legal Education Program, up to 15 active-duty commissioned officers may be able to attend law school in the fall of 2003.

The program is open to officers in the grades of second lieutenant through captain. The Judge Advocate General will accept applications from Aug. 1 through Nov. 1.

"The Funded Legal Education Program is an outstanding opportunity for officers interested in becoming lawyers and judge advocates to attend law school fully funded by the Army," said Lt. Col. Laurel Wilkerson, deputy Staff Judge Advocate at Fort Benning. "Officers continue to draw their pay while attending school. It's a great deal."

Applicants must have at least two but not more than six years of total active federal service when training begins, officials said. Interested officers should register immediately for the next Law School Admission Test, commonly called LSAT.

Those eligible should review Chapter 14, AR 27-1 (The JAG's FLEP), officials said. Those interested can contact their local staff judge advocate for further information.

Applicants should send their request through command channels, to include their branch manager at Personnel Command. Copies of the applications should be forwarded to: The Office of The JAG, ATTN: DAJA-PT (FLEP), 1777 North Kent Street, Rosslyn, Va. 22209-2194.

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Soldiers scream and cheer for Kung Pow during the concert. Approximately 2,600 Sand Hill soldiers attended the concert sponsored by Morale, Welfare and Recreation.



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Kung Pow performs a cover song for Sand Hill soldiers at Saturday's concert at Weatherby Field.

Soldiers rock at field's second concert

Sand Hill soldiers take break

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Approximately 2,600 Sand Hill soldiers took a breather from the pushups and "front, back, go's" that often accompany basic training to attend Morale, Welfare and Recreation's second concert at Weatherby Field Saturday night.

"Before they joined, all of these soldiers saw different aspects of the Army life, and one of them was the USO experience," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "We wanted to give the soldiers a taste of that tonight and let them know they are a part of a band of brothers."

The concert, which featured a cover band called Kung Pow and food and drinks most soldiers had not tasted for a while, went well, said Al Gelineau, acting director of Community Activities.

"This gives them a big boost to their morale," Gelineau said. "This is what MWR is all about."

Soldiers agreed the night offered them a needed break, said Pvt. Nathan Morales, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, whose company is in its eighth week of training.

"We all had a wonderful time," the Devol, Okla., native said. "We had a chance to think about how much we've accomplished. We're almost done, and tonight gave us another boost to finish training."

Many soldiers, who lined the barrier that separated them from the stage, seemed to enjoy the band and had no trouble laying aside their inhibitions. They screamed, raised their hands and interacted with Kung Pow's female lead singer for two hours.

"The intent was to give the soldiers a relief from the stress of training, and it did," said Staff Sgt. Josef Morris, headquarters, Infantry Training Brigade. "It seemed to be well organized and ran smoothly."

He was impressed with the speed at which the large number of soldiers went through the concession lines, he said.

Pfc. Nathan Beeks and Pvt. Paul Enerson, both from 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, went to the first concert while at 30th Adjutant General.

"It's all about (Rest and Relaxation)," said Beeks, from Huntington, Ind. "Both events were awesome — especially the bands."

The concert motivated members of their company, who graduate today, Enerson said.

"It shows how strong the Army is," the Bloomington, Ill., native said. "It makes you feel appreciated. Tonight showed that we matter. Every soldier here is a link in the chain."

DCA is working on plans for additional concerts for Sand Hill soldiers at the field, Gelineau said.

He also envisions special events next year for all post residents to attend, and, possibly, the tri-community area.



Kandyce Briseno sells Pvt. David Udave a soda. Soldiers had the chance to eat pizza, too.

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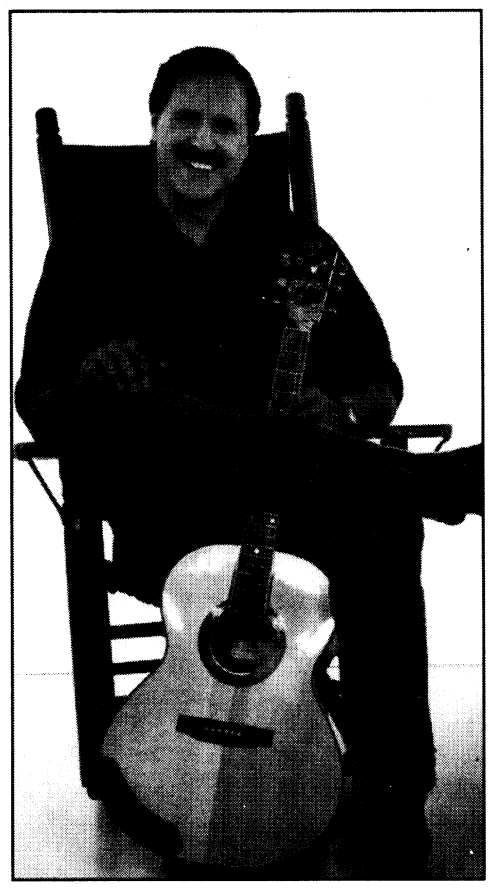
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Nearly 30 years after penning those words, retired Master Sgt. Jimmie Jakes, Sr., still has a heart for the Army's enlisted leaders. A former chief of the Infantry's Leadership Course, Jakes is once again instructing NCOs on the finer points of effective leadership. And it starts with integrity, he said.

"That's where it begins and ends," said Jakes, who spoke to a class from Fort Benning's Basic Noncommissioned Officers Academy July 24. "The NCO, he's the backbone of the Army. His job may be different from that of an officer, but he's no less than anyone else if he has what it takes to be an effective leader. That's integrity."

Jakes retired from the Army in 1982 after more than 20 years in service, including tours in Korea and Vietnam, where, as a squad leader with the 7th Cavalry, he was severely wounded during the bloody battle at Landing Zone X-ray in the Ia Drang Valley.

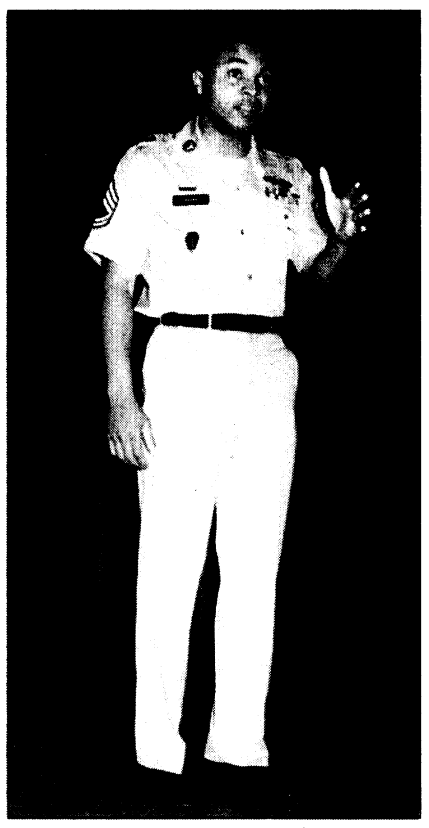
When Jake's wounds threatened to cut short his infantry career, he accepted a position on the first NCO committee to help develop the curricula for BNCOC, ANCOC and PLDC in 1971. An emphasis on strong moral character was the core of those courses, Jakes said, and it's still the foundation of strong leadership in today's Army.

"Nothing's changed. Where the rubber meets the road, where the sergeant has control of his troops, he still has all he needs to lead and to shape good soldiers," Jakes said. "When a private looks an E5 in the eye, he still sees a sergeant, a leader, and he's depending on that sergeant to instruct and lead with integrity."

An effective leader leads by example, Jakes said, striking a delicate balance between familiarity and distance with his soldiers.

"Those stripes give you authority. They don't give you respect. That has to be earned," he said. "And you earn it by walking a very fine line. They're your troops, but you can't be 'one of the guys.' You have to set yourself apart and be a leader.

"On the other hand, as an NCO, you have to be approachable. You can't be too aloof. You're the one they look to to set the example, and you can't do

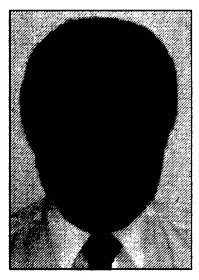


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Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy Jakes at 30.

that from a distance. They need to see you, see you every day. You should be the first to get up and the last to go to bed. You should be the last in the chow line. That's how you lead. That's how you earn their respect."

Jakes cautioned against equating respect with affection.

"I'm not talking about liking or



Jakes

loving you. Maybe that'll come later. Maybe it won't," he said. "They may never like you, but if they respect you, they'll do anything for you."

"*Anything,*" he reiterated, recalling how, in 1964, many 7th Cavalry soldiers didn't like their new commander, then Lt. Col. Harold Moore, whose later account of the Ia Drang battle became the basis for the movie *We Were Soldiers*, released earlier this year.

"But it didn't take him long to earn their respect, because he didn't ask anything of them he wasn't willing to do, and by the time we went (to Vietnam) we'd've done anything — anything — he asked us to. We respected him first, but we came to love him because he was a man of integrity."

Jakes believes his experience in Vietnam was the catalyst for his second career as a preacher. He served as pastor of the AME church in Dothan, Ala., for 11 years, before his old battle wounds forced him into retirement.

"I was brought up in church, but I'm convinced Landing Zone X-Ray was the cause of my going into the ministry," the Phenix City native said. "When I was wounded, I was laying there looking up, and it came to me. I said, 'God, if you'll get me outta here alive, I'll do anything for you, even preach.' That was 1965. I went into the ministry in 1987. It took me a while, but I kept my promise."

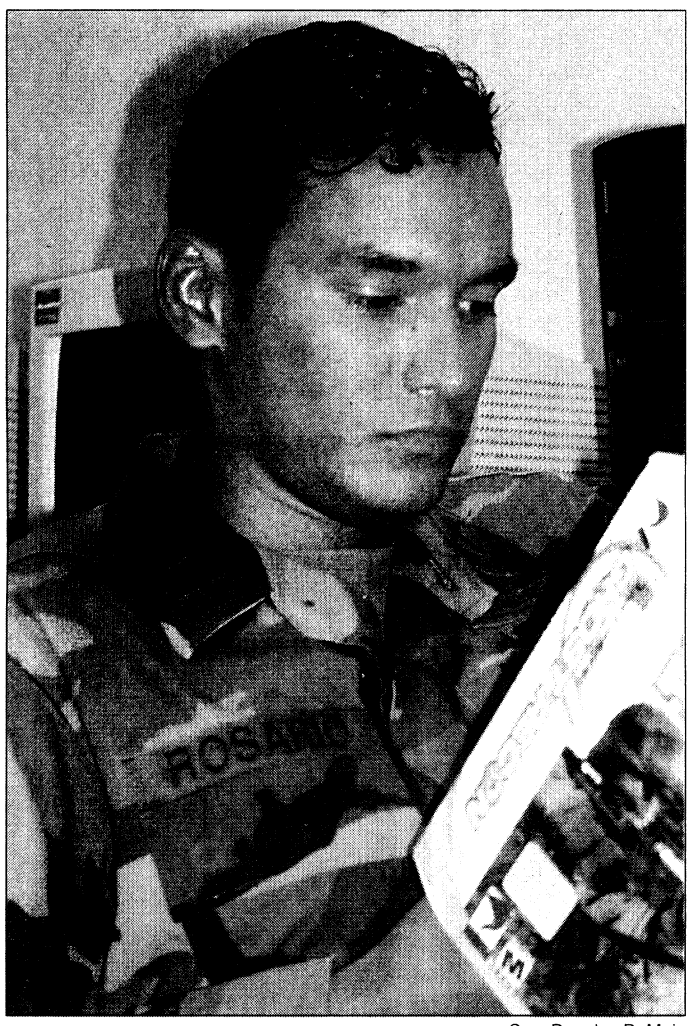
Jakes kept his promise to serve God in mind, even as he helped develop the courses that would shape Army leaders for years to come.

"You might not talk about God in the classroom, but I've always said everything good — every principle the Army is built on — can be found in the Bible," he said. "When you open the leadership manual, and read all about the principles of effective leadership — integrity, honesty, loyalty .... You can look in the Holy Bible and find those same traits. The Army's not teaching anything new."

A father of four and a grandfather "of a whole bunch," Jakes plans to spend his retirement years writing and speaking.

He's working on two books, one about his experience in Vietnam and subsequent call to the ministry. And he plans to continue speaking to NCOs, living the last lines he wrote for the creed that set the standard for NCOs Armywide — *"I will not forget, nor will I allow my comrades to forget, that we are professionals, noncommissioned officers, leaders of men!"*

Gaming industry meets Army in battle



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Capt. Jose Rosario checks out the new game.

Simulation trains course captains

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Marking a new era of training for the Army, the Infantry Captains Career Course is embarking on simulation training for company commanders in military operations in urbanized terrain.

The course will use a simulation game of McKenna MOUT site to train commanders, said Capt. Brent Cummings, small group instructor for the course.

The game, called "Full Spectrum Command," is about 40 percent complete in its design phase, said Rob Sears, project leader from Legless Productions.

"This is the first time a game is being designed and developed for the U.S. Army," Sears said. "I think we're really just scratching the surface with this."

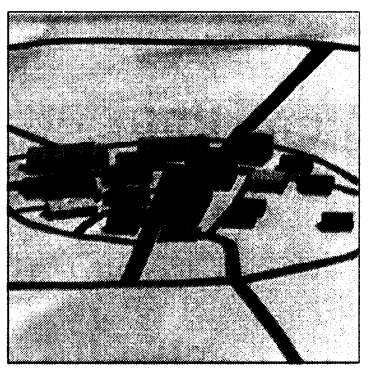
With the game to come out in six months, graduates of the course are providing feedback to the joint venture team of the Simulation, Training and Information Command of the U.S. Army, the Institute for Creative Technologies, Quicksilver Software, and Legless Productions to fix any major problems before the game is finalized.

The game will give commanders a series of scenarios in three phases. In the initial phase, a commander develops tactical plans and strategically places his company's three platoons into a position that will be most effective for the mission.

"They'll have a chance to test their planning skills against the computer," Cummings said. "Commanders can also play against one another."

The second phase, implementation, sends soldiers out to execute the mission, Cummings said. Artificial intelligence is incorporated into the game and adds a chaotic aspect to depict the realities of war.

"(The game's) purpose is to



Courtesy graphic
The McKenna MOUT map used in game.

measure a company commander's ability to be adaptive on the battlefield," Cummings said. "(Chaos) works on their stress levels and abilities to make decisions under pressure."

The artificial intelligence adds in human dynamics, Cummings said. For instance, an order given by the commander could contradict the previous order, and the soldier may not try to accomplish anything. So during the after action review in the third phase, the game addresses these situations.

"I think it has a lot of potential to be a valuable tool for company commanders," said Capt. Andre Takacs, course graduate. "It uses commercial logic that many of us are used to."

The game is run from a CD-ROM on a personal computer, which allows for more repetition, Cummings said. It provides excellent understanding and lifelike situations in the classroom, helps build commanders experience and increases cognitive processes for making logical decisions on the battlefield.

"I think the computer training is great," Takacs said. "However, the simulations will supplement training. It will not take place of training in the field."

"Full Spectrum Command" is merging new technology, the commercial game industry and the Infantry School together to develop a tool which will facillitate cognitive development and adaptive thinking for future company commanders, Cummings said.

"It's exciting," he said.

Post soldiers enhance fire power in Afghanistan

120mm mortars aid in war, effectivness

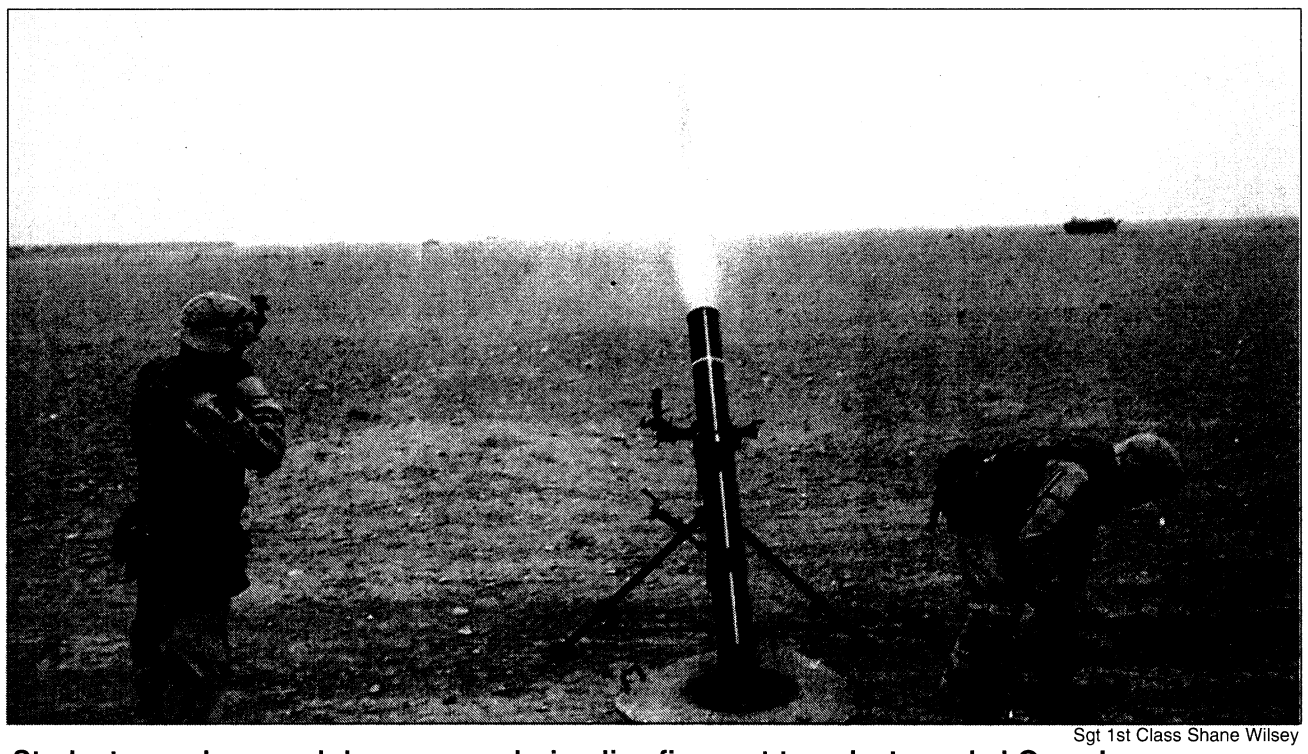
Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Soldiers fighting the war on terrorism in Afghanistan needed more fire power, so they called Fort Benning's mortar instructor team to bring over and certify them on 120mm mortar systems to help them "reach out and touch the enemy."

The seven person training team went to Afghanistan to enhance fire support for Operation Anaconda since soldiers there at that time didn't have field artillery at their disposal. The team was attached to 3rd Brigade, 101st Air Assault, Fort Campbell, Ky. They were tasked to train soldiers from three battalions with 187th Infantry Regiment, Fort Campbell, Ky.

"We were really well received," said Sgt. 1st Class Shane Wilsey, mortar instructor. "Everyone was highly motivated, and the chain of command was very involved. They all wanted the equipment faster than we could get it there"

"Everyone was really enthusiastic about getting certified right away. We



Sgt 1st Class Shane Wilsey
Students send a round down range during live fire next to a destroyed al Quaeda camp.

arrived at 4 a.m. after an all day flight, and they wanted us to start training at 7 a.m. the same day."

The chain of command requested the 120mm mortar system for its increased range and fire power over the 61mm and 80mm mortar systems.

As soon as the team arrived at Baughman airport, Afghanistan, they were told they had to be very flexible, Wilsey said. The team was warned, but they didn't expect, to follow the troops to Kandahar to finish the classes.

"You could feel the tension there," said Edward Baldwin, team chief instructor. "I spent 22 years in the military and never saw combat. Then I got the chance to go to Afghanistan as a civilian doing what I love training soldiers. It was a great experience."

The team spent 30 days in Afghanistan to certify three classes in their unique setting.

"Outside the compound, you could see camels walking through the mine fields," Wilsey said. "We were hoping to see one explode, but it never happened, I guess they knew where all mines were."

Although not triggered by wandering camels, every few hours the team would hear the mine sweepers set off a mine adding a reminder to the seriousness of their environment and mission. The five-day classes certified the key personnel in the battalion using the trainer concept, so those soldiers could take the information back to their unit to train others.

But to complete the certification, the soldiers and the team had to leave the safety of Kandahar to conduct a live-fire exercise, which was done next to rubble that used to be an al Quaeda training camp.

"There was an eerie feeling out there," Baldwin said. "Once we left post to go to the firing site, it was lock and load. There were still people living out there, watching us go by, and we were observing them, too. You couldn't tell who was on your side and who wasn't. We were told not to take anything for granted in an area where anything can happen."

The live fire went well, Wilsey said. The soldiers felt comfortable with the system during the exercise. The group targeted destroyed tanks near the training site out in the barren vista of the Afghan desert.

It was great to be more directly involved with the soldiers in Operation Anaconda and help them blow away the enemy, he said.

Soldiers learn to be NCOs at PLDC

NCOA school teaches future leaders

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The war on terrorism has taken many soldiers through the hot and mountainous terrain of Afghanistan. Battles our country may fight down the road could end up in another desert region or a jungle region.

So how do we prepare the leaders of soldiers to accomplish their mission and get their soldiers back safely?

One way is the Primary Leadership Development Course, a big stepping stone for soldiers' careers.

"At PLDC, we reinforce the basic common tasks," said Sgt. 1st Class David Jorge, small group leader. "There are certain tasks a leader has to know to accomplish every mission, and here we reiterate what they need to know."



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Sgt. Phillip Maxwell shoots an azimuth at his next point during PLDC land navigation training. Maxwell earned a perfect score on his test.

A big thing soldiers need to know is how to patrol, he said. When deployed to Bosnia or Kosovo, it's not just the infantry that does the patrols; everyone does them.

After finishing land navigation, soldiers taught each other different classes in common tasks. Tasks included camouflage, physical fitness and nuclear, biological and chemical training.

Besides teaching classes to their peers, the soldiers are required to learn basic common tasks.

These tasks include drill and ceremony, physical fitness and land navigation.

The soldiers also take three written exams, two on leadership and one on map reading, Jorge said.

"Soldiers make PLDC harder than it really is," said Spc. Heather Showalter. "The hardest part is learning to become a team for a short time with many people you don't know."

If you're in a great team, then the course goes smoothly, she said.

It's not just the soldiers putting in the time and effort at PLDC. The small group leaders dedicate themselves to help soldiers succeed, said Spc. Walter Mack

"The SGLs are very supportive. If there is help needed in an area, they dedicate themselves to ensure it gets done."

The SGLs goal is for soldiers to live by the words Jimmy Jakes wrote in 1973.

"We want to make sure that when these soldiers graduate the PLDC class they are more than ready to live by the NCO Creed and that they can effectively help other soldiers," Jorge said.

Many aspects of PLDC, such as learning a leadership style and implementing it in the proper way, challenge soldiers, Mack said.

"The biggest thing I learned while I was here was that it is much harder to lead a group of your peers than it is to lead a group of your subordinates," Mack said.

At the end of PLDC, the soldiers go on a field training exercise where they work on small unit tactics, patrols, ambushes, defensive maneuvers and offensive operations.

"I just can't wait to be finished," Showalter said. "Not only will I become a sergeant, but I am looking forward to leading other soldiers."

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

13th CSB deploys to Fort Polk, La.

1st Lt. Joseph T. Southwick
598th Maintenance Company

The "Log Warriors" from 13th Corps Support Battalion are taking part in an exercise called "Swamp Trooper" at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., until Aug. 28.

The battalion deployed July 24 to provide direct support logistics for 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment's combat operations and corps level units operating in the area.

The JRTC exercise simulates current real-world scenarios. The 13th CSB will "occupy" a friendly nation that has been invaded by a neighboring country to restore regional balance. The JRTC scenario will force the 13th CSB to overcome factors that U.S. forces encounter when they support other countries. The battalion trained with a focus on real world scenarios that include terrorists groups within the host country aimed at disrupting operations, hostile civilians displaced by U.S. occupation, and an actual opposition force main element that is invading the host country.

All of these elements train year round at Fort Polk to provide visiting units a realistic training environment that mirrors many of today's wartime missions.

The 13th CSB is operating an Intermediate Staging Base and will transition to support from a Logistical Support Area. After occupying the LSA, the tactical scenario will increase and the true test of "just-in-time" logistics, along with the concept of support, will evolve. The key to success is a flexible, yet integrated support plan tied into the maneuver commander's intent.

Many elements of the 13th CSB will play a vital role in support of 2nd ACR. The 598th Maintenance Company will provide direct support maintenance to light wheeled vehicles, Class IX supply support, and has a significant force protection mission.

"This is a prime training opportunity to experience both intensive and timely scenarios in unfamiliar terrain," said Capt. Melissa Eslinger, commander, 598th Maintenance.

"Events such as media relations, civilians on the battlefield, and small unit infiltrations are crucial to rehearse while accomplishing our Combat Service Support," she said.

The 104th Transportation Company is pushing convoys of supplies forward to the Brigade Support Area to provide logistical support. Logistical packages must be available day or night.

The 608th Ordnance Company is providing a platoon to run the Ammunition Supply Point during the 2nd ACR Live Fire Exercise.

Finally, the 110th Supply and Service Company attached to 13 CSB is suppling water, Class III (fuel), and is involved in the Class I (food) mission.

The battalion is poised to facilitate all corps level logistical support to elements operating through or around the 2d ACR's battle space. After months of preparation, planning, and local field exercises, the battalion is poised for its capstone test.

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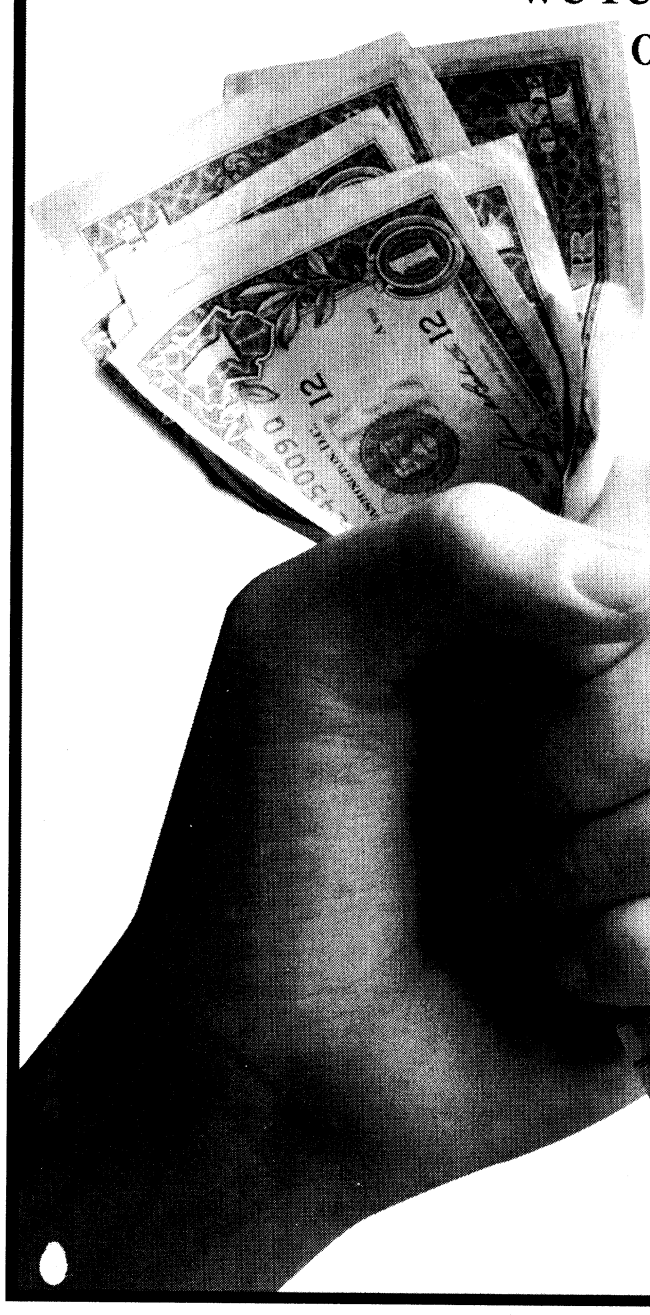
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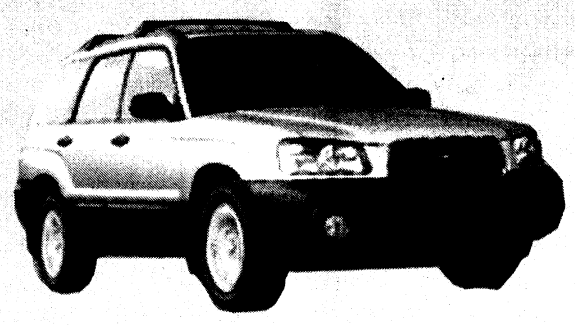


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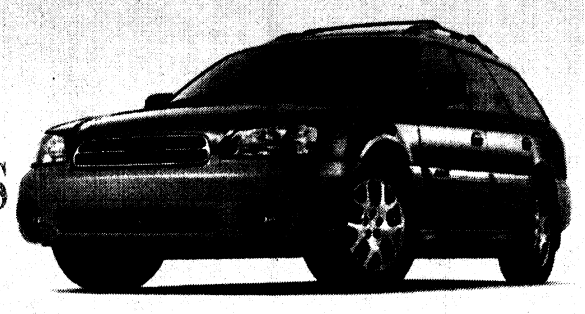
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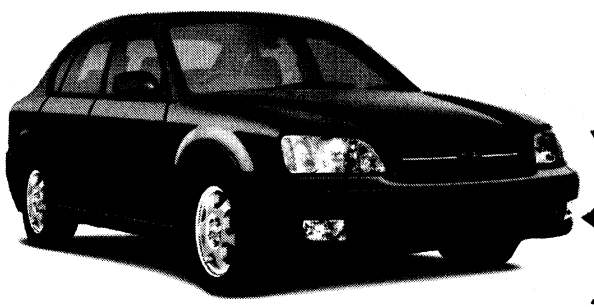


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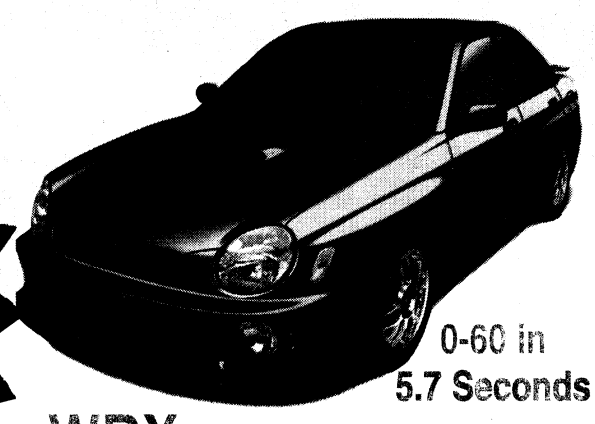
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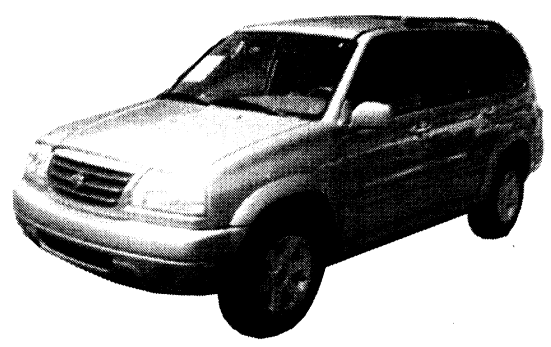
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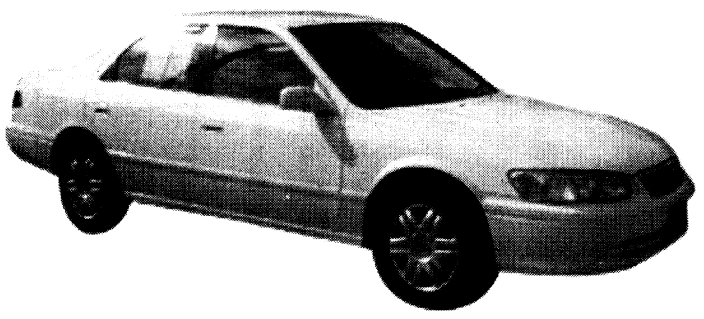
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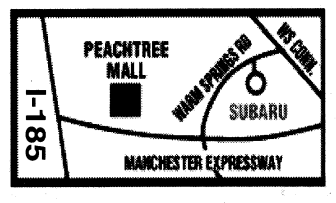
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Generals' conference

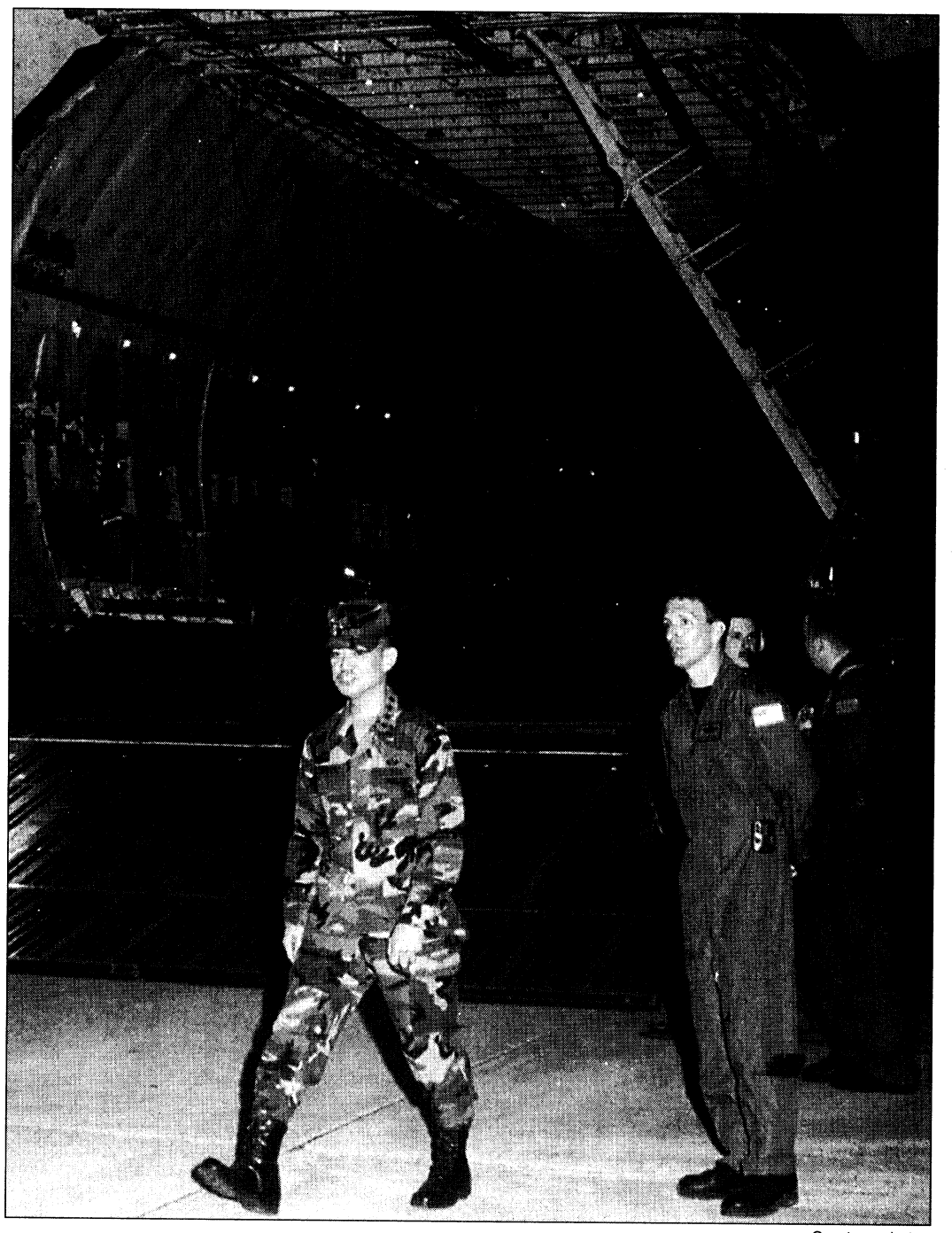
Fort Benning hosts more than 150 general officers

Fort Benning hosted 156 generals and command sergeants major, to include the Chief of Staff of the Army and the Sergeant Major of the Army in a three-day conference earlier this week. The conference focused on "training a transforming Army."

The senior leaders focused on Army training doctrine, specifically on two Field Manuals that are in draft form, FM 7-0 (Training the Force) and FM 7-1 (Battle Focused Training). The conference goal was to capture key Army training and leader development concepts in order to produce trained and read leaders, soldiers and units.



Two soldiers prepare a night vision exhibit for the conference which hosted more than 156 generals and command sergeants major.



Courtesy photos

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff, walks off a C-130, after arriving at Fort Benning for a conference concerning "training a transforming Army."

CG: Tightens grip on smoking rules at workplace

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and other relevant factors. Military personnel are subject to punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Civilian personnel are subject to possible disciplinary action. Repeat or flagrant violations can result in the removal of personnel from activities such as MWR facilities and the Youth Activity Center or even the installation.

"I don't think (the rules) bother most of us," said an Infantry Hall smoker. "It's the majority dictating to the minority, and if (smoking) is offensive to someone else, so be it."

Still, the smoker said it was interesting how the rules gradually become more strict. For instance, smokers went from being able to smoke inside the cafeteria, to smoking on the deck, to smoking at the gazebo. Furthermore, the Army once issued cigarettes and only gave breaks to those who smoked. But, he conceded, times have changed.

For more information about the regulations regarding smoking in the workplace, call 545-2724.

Post: Hopes to help employees deal with ramificatiojn of A76 studies

competitive area but on a lower competitive level.

The three conditions that must exist when retreating are:

• The employee retreating must have previously held the position or one which is substantially the same.

• The employee retreating must be qualified for the position, including any minimum education requirements.

• The job retreated to must be occupied by someone with the same retention standing but with fewer years of civil service.

A non-veteran employee with five years of service could retreat to a position previously held (or substantially the same) if it is currently occupied by an non-veteran employee with four years of service.

All assignment rights during the second round of RIF are limited to:

• Positions no higher than the grade from which being released,

• Positions no lower than three grades or grade-intervals below the grade from which being released. An exception to this is veterans with 30 percent or more compensable disability. These employees may retreat (not bump) into positions five grades or grade-intervals below the grade from which released.

To help reduce involuntary job losses resulting from the A-76 study, the government is offering Voluntary Early Retirement Authority or a Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay to encourage long-time employees to retire early.

There is no guarantee everyone will be able to take different positions, said Hans Knoff, chief of Management Advisory Service Division. The total number of people qualifying for VERA and VSIP are still unknown, so the number of people who will remain when the RIF happens is also unknown.

VERA allows retirement for those age 50 or older with at least 20 years of service, or at any age with at least 25 years of service.

Employees covered by Civil Service Retirement System are subject to a reduction in the annuity they receive of two percent for each year under 55 at separation.

The goal of all these plans is to minimize the need for layoffs as federal agencies continue to downsize and restructure.

Another incentive of the buyout is a lump sum incentive equivalent to an employee's severance pay entitlement up to a maximum of $25,000. The payment is fully taxable for purposes of federal withholdings, Medicare, applicable state and local taxes, and Social Security for those covered by that system.

The payment is not counted as basic pay for purposes of calculating benefits such as retirement annuities.

Those employees affected by the RIF will have the first right of refusal 45 days before the contractor takes over the positions. First right of refusal means the employees will be offered open positions from the contractors before they are hired out.

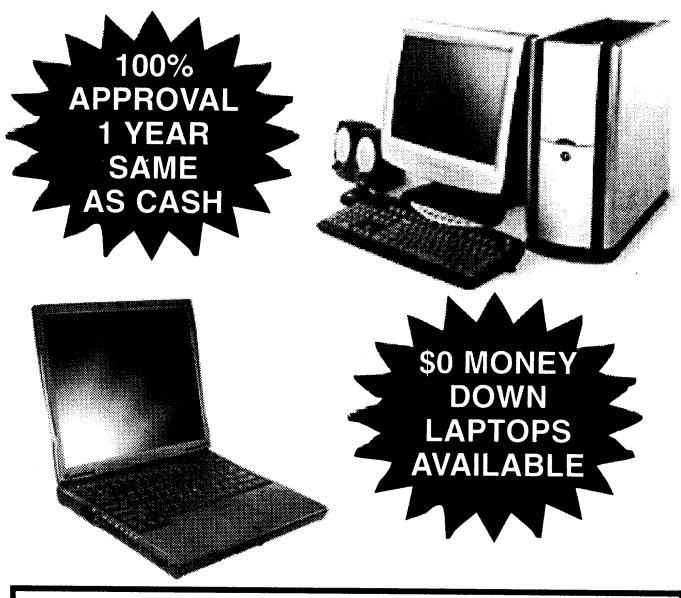
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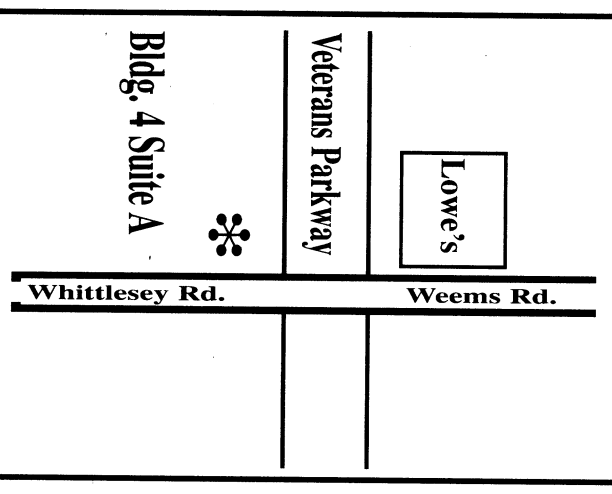


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Families turn to ACS for help

Service offers free help, opportunities

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When Army spouse Melissa Givvines gave birth to triplets a little more than two years ago, she and her husband, Sgt. John Givvines, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, knew it was not going to be easy raising three babies.

"People with three children at different ages say they know what it's like," Givvines said. "But having three infants at the same time is a whole different ball game. It can be overwhelming."

Givvines turned to the Army Community Service center for help, and before she knew it, ACS offered to provide assistance and day care through respite care from the Family Advocacy Program.

"ACS offers just about every service an Army family needs as they build their life around the military," said Marilyn Wallace, chief of ACS.

"The amount of stress that surrounds a military family can be too much at times. That is why ACS is here."

ACS celebrated its 37th birthday July 25, as supporters of the program gathered to reflect on the organization's importance to the whole Army community.

"ACS makes me feel lucky to be in the military," Givvines said.

"I know I am well supported. If I ever need advice or assistance, it's good to know I am not alone."

Some of the services ACS provides include marriage counseling, financial assistance programs, credit and checkbook management classes, healthy parenting classes, support groups for the families of special needs children, victims advocacy programs and access to victims shelters.

"We work with agencies in the Columbus community so we are well connected and always available," Wallace said.

"Most military families are away from their relatives, so they turn to our experts here for support. The difference I have seen our services make in people's lives is remarkable," she said.

The process to take advantage of ACS services is simple, Wallace said.

Families can stop in Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza and look at the lists of classes available.

Families can also make appointments to talk privately with trained, professional counselors and nurses about everything from child illnesses or financial management to resume building.

> "ACS offers just about every service an Army family needs to build life around the military."
>
> **Marilyn Wallace**
> chief of ACS

"During wartime, we often work with the family readiness groups to get families ready to deal with deployments," said Becky Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager.

"We hold sessions with battalions to educate families on dealing with life while dad or mom is away."

Although ACS is a part of every Army installation, there are still many families who are not aware of the services and how it can help them become a stronger military pillar, Wallace said.

"All spouses should stop by and talk with our counselors at least once to learn about what we have to offer," Wallace said. "There truly is something here for everyone."

ACS hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Counselors can also be reached at 545-7517.

Devices help kids stay alive

Post guidelines cover approved pool tools

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

According to the Center for Disease Control, accidental drowning killed 1,003 children under the age of 15 in 1998. Among children aged 1 to 9, drowning is the second leading cause of death from injuries.

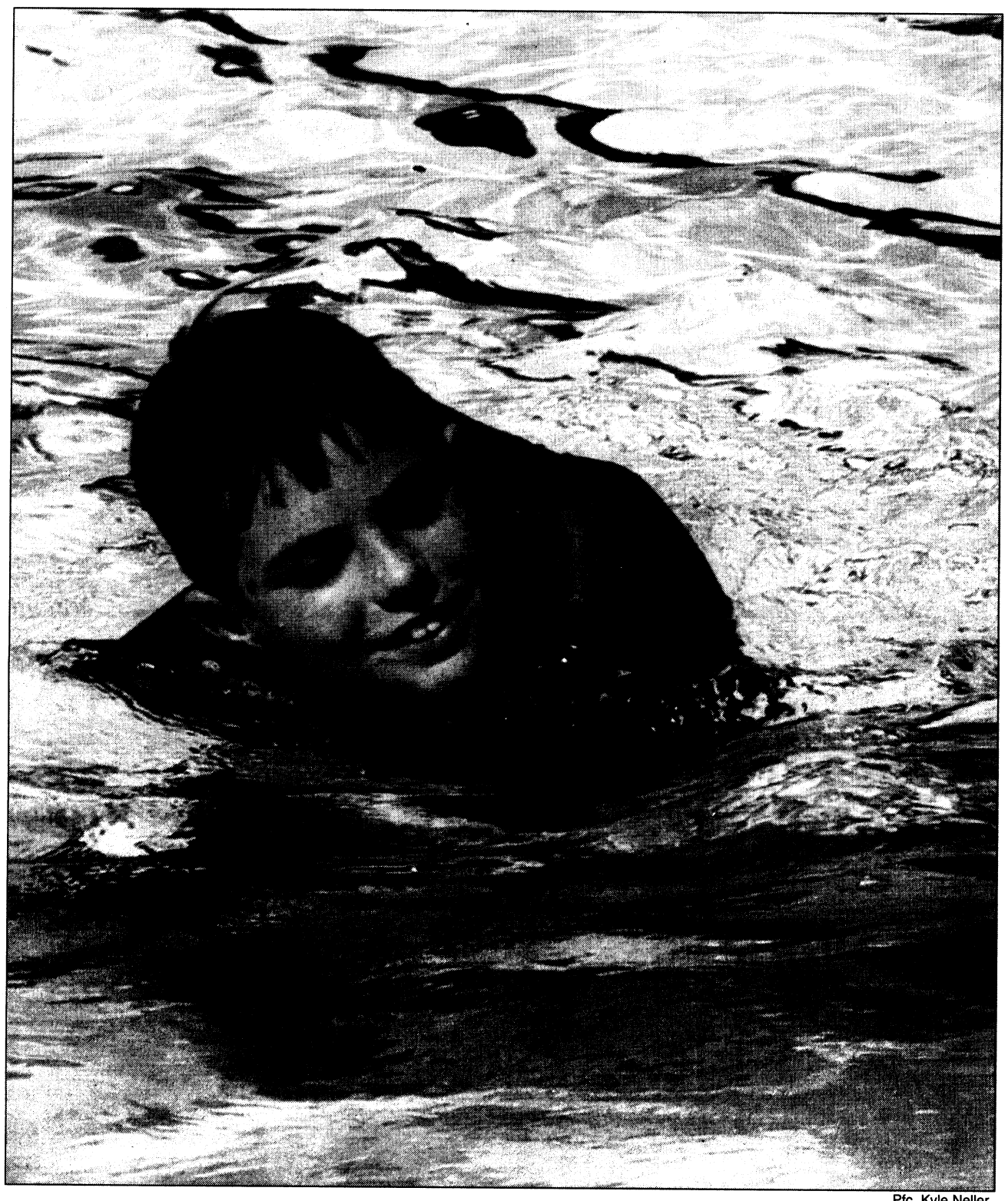
As the dog days of summer come to an end, parents and children will be escaping the heat at the pool, and the Fort Benning Safety Office has maintained a written policy to help keep children safe in the water, said Andrew Snoddy of the Community Recreation Division. At the heart of the policy are the guidelines for the use of personal flotation devices in post pools.

The current policy states that "no artificial floats, masks, or fins will be used in the pool area unless authorized by pool managers." Children may only use flotation devices approved by the United States Coast Guard.

"Pool managers have authorization to make case-by-case decisions on flotation devices that may have an American Red Cross or other agency endorsement," Snoddy said. "The pool manager should look at how the flotation device is worn and also check to see if it fits the child properly."

The policy is in effect for Carey, Custer Terrace, Kelley Hill and Bryant Wells pools. The pools at the Officers' Club and Uchee Creek have adopted similar policies of their own. Life jackets are available for use at the Uchee Creek pool.

The Officers' Club pool also requires approved life jackets but allows the use of masks, fins and rafts during the Wednesday evening "Raft Night."



Pfc. Kyle Neller

Tyler Rich plays in the water at the Uchee Creek swimming pool, Tuesday. Uchee Creek provides a fun and safe environment for children to swim.

Life jackets are a way for parents to reduce the chances of their children drowning, according to the CDC, Red Cross and Coast Guard.

Air-filled swimming aids such as "water wings," are not suitable substitutes if a child is not a proficient swimmer.

These can give both parents and children a false sense of security in the child's swimming abilities. Because air-filled aids are generally made of plastic, they can deflate if punctured or unplugged and increase the risk of drowning.

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends swimming lessons for children aged 4 and older as another way to greatly reduce the chances of drowning, but teaching your child to swim does not mean that your child is safe in water. Parents can check at pool offices on the availability of swim classes.

For more information, call 545-7900.

Chaplains receive national recognition

More chaplains available on Fort Benning

Angela Sachitano
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Families seeking pastoral counseling on Fort Benning won't have to wait more than a day or so to talk with a chaplain on post.

At any given time, there are 10 to 17 pastoral counselors waiting to give family care, said Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Frederich, deputy director of the Family Life Training Center.

The American Association of Pastoral Counselors recognized the continued success of the post's Family Life Chaplain Training Program this week with its accreditation.

"This is like the Good Housekeeping seal for counseling," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) George Onstad, director of the U.S. Army Family Chaplain Training Program. "Our soldiers and family members who come here for the help they need are receiving the best the chaplaincy has to offer."

The program on Fort Benning provides education on marriage and family counseling to Army chaplains. Chaplains remain here for 15 months and receive a master's degree in counseling from Columbus State University. From there, chaplains will disperse to other installations, Onstad said.

"The best part about the program being located here on Fort Benning is our soldiers and families have more family life chaplains to turn to than any other post," Onstad said. "During the program, we have six or seven

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Thrift Shop struck by lightning

Storm destroys computer files

Angela Sachitano
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Lines at the Fort Benning Thrift Shop may be especially long over the next few weeks as the store recovers from a massive lightning and thunderstorm which blew out the store's internal computer system.

Lightning struck the store July 2, blowing the chimney to pieces and sending bolts of electricity through the computers.

"It's taken us three weeks to get things somewhat back to normal," said Lori Lane, Thrift Shop manager. "In times like this we realize how important this place is to many people on post."

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> Thrift Shop manager

The shop, which has been taking consignments and donations from families for the past 20 years, had to rewire the entire computer system. Since the computers went down, the store has lost about $15,000 in consignments, and sales are down 25 percent, Lane said.

"We're getting a lot of phone calls from people wondering when they can consign," Lane said. "During the summer months, people are always in a rush to sell their items before or after their move. We are working as quickly as we can."

Up until Tuesday, there wasn't a way to track the consignments because all four computers were out of commission. Two computers are now up and running, but the store is still at a disadvantage, Lane said.

"We're used to working with four computers, but we'll have to make do with the two we have until the others are fixed," Lane said. "We can take consignments now but at a much

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Spencer High School registration under way

Muscogee County School District

The Muscogee County School District is making registration easier and more convenient this year for high school students who live on Fort Benning.

High school students who are new to the state and district and who will attend Spencer may now register for the upcoming school year at Spencer High School.

Parents of high school students living on post should bring proof of current address, (such as a housing papers or current utility bill) report card, and student's social security card.

New students also need: birth certificate, immunization certificate and eye, ear and dental certificate.)

Other students who are new to the district or who have moved may register at the Columbus Roberts Center on Brown Avenue Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. through 5 p.m.

Parents must show proof of address (current utility bill, lease agreement, or sales contract on home).

ASK THE JUDGE

Office of Staff Judge Advocate

Q: My spouse and I are going through a divorce. Is he (or she) entitled to part of my military retired pay?

A: In order for a former spouse to be entitled to receive part of a service member's military retired pay, at least some portion of the marriage must have overlapped with the service member's military service.

During the divorce process, the service member may agree to give a percentage of his or her retired pay to the former spouse. If an agreement cannot be reached, a judge will determine what the former spouse will be entitled to receive. While entitlements vary from state to state, it is generally true that the longer the marriage overlapped with the time of service, the more the former spouse will be awarded. Under the Uniformed Services Former Spouses' Protection Act, the maximum percentage of retired pay that a court can order to be paid to a former spouse is fifty percent.

Q: When do payments begin? How can they end?

A: Most states require the service member to begin making payments to his or her former spouse at the date of their retirement. A few states, however, require service members to begin paying once they are eligible for retirement, even if they have not actually begun receiving their retirement pay. Without participation in the Survivor Benefit Plan, the payments will automatically stop if the service member or former spouse dies. Remarriage by the former spouse may also end the payments, depending on the provisions of the divorce decree.

Q: What military benefits may a former spouse be entitled to receive?

A: Depending on the period of overlap between the marriage and the service member's military service, a former spouse may be entitled to PX and commissary privileges, as well as medical benefits.

There are three requirements that must be met before a former spouse can be entitled to PX, commissary, or medical benefits.

First, the service member must have served at least 20 years in the military. Second, the marriage must have lasted at least 20 years. Third, the marriage must have overlapped with at least 20 years of the military service. These requirements are referred to as the "20/20/20 test."

Using a fictitious example, Sgt. First Class (ret.) Robertson served on active duty from 1975 to 1997, he married his wife in 1976, and they divorced in 2001. His ex-wife would meet the 20/20/20 test, because there was 20 years of the soldier's military service (1975-1997), he and his wife were married for 20 years (1976-2001), and 20 years of the marriage occurred while he was on active duty (1976-1997).

If this is the case, then the former spouse is entitled to use of the PX and commissary, as well as full medical coverage.

If the former spouse remarries however, he or she loses his or her right to all of these benefits.

Additionally, former spouses who enroll in their own separate health care plan will lose their right to military medical coverage.

Q: Once these benefits are lost, can they ever be reinstated?

A: Should the former spouse divorce the subsequent spouse, or if the subsequent spouse dies, the former spouse's PX and commissary privileges can resume. Medical coverage however, will only be reinstated if the former spouse's marriage is dissolved through an annulment.

Schools ready to welcome students

Col. Joe Torres
Garrison commander

DoDEA schools will start up Aug. 13. Each school has a program to welcome students and parents (if the training schedule permits — request you allow your soldiers to attend these events.)

Parents are vital links to their children's education.

We are encouraging all soldiers to take an active role in their children's schools.

This is the information for our on post schools only — we have many children who go off post to schools in the local community (please allow those parents to also attend "opening day ceremonies" for their children's school.)

Here is the info on our open houses for on-post schools for parents and children to attend:

Dexter Elementary School — Will host its annual Sneak-a-Peek at 2 p.m. Aug. 12. Parents and students will be welcomed by the principal, and teachers will be introduced in an assembly in the multipurpose room.

Here they will get an overview of the school's goals and its focus related to the Community Strategic Plan. Families will then be dismissed to visit their children's classrooms and receive information about that specific grade level, to include schedules, expectations and curriculum.

The afternoon will close with a summer social on the front lawn, hosted by the PTO.

Faith Middle School — Will host the following events to welcome parents and students:

Tuesday: PTO meeting at 11 a.m. and a new family orientation and barbecue at noon

Aug. 12: Sneak preview for all sixth-graders and new seventh- and eighth-grade students

Sept. 3 : Open house and PTO at 6:30 p.m.

Sept. 6: Faith Middle School's 50th Anniversary Celebration

Loyd Elementary School — Parents and students are invited to attend an orientation to meet their children's teachers and to find out important information about their particular grade level. The orientation will be Aug. 12 at the times shown below.

Students may want to bring their school supplies to their classroom on this day to avoid bringing them on the bus the first day of school.

Pre-K parents and children may drop in anytime between 8:30 and 3:00 p.m.

kindergarten: 8:30 a.m.
first grade: 9:30 a.m.
second grade: 10:30 a.m.
third grade: 11:30 a.m.
fourth grade: 1 p.m.
fifth grade: 2 p.m.

McBride Elementary School — Will host "Right Start" — Write Smart and Sneak a Peek, Aug. 12 at 2:30-3:30 p.m.

Parents will meet in their children's classrooms to learn how to help their children get off to a good start.

Then they will move to the gym to talk about McBride School's goals and objectives for the Community Strategic Plan, with an emphasis on helping their children learn to write well.

Stowers Elementary School — Will host its pre-K Sneak-a-Peek from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 12. Kindergarten Welcome Day will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 12. Pre-K and kindergarten parents and children are invited to drop in during at this time.

First- through fifth-grade teachers will host the Very Involved Parent (VIP) activity from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Aug. 14. This is an opportunity to sit with your child and enjoy a learning activity.

Open House at Stowers is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20.

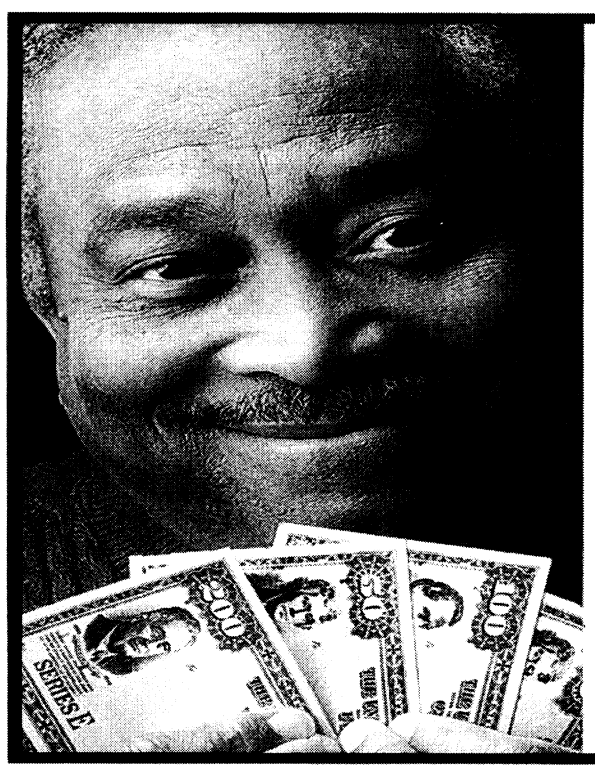
White Elementary School — Will host a Sneak-a-Peek for parents and children 2:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 12.

Parents, along with their children, will visit classrooms at 2:30 p.m., and then meet the principal in the multipurpose room at 3 p.m. to hear about White School's goals and expectations for School Year 2002-03.

Wilson Elementary School — Will host a Sneak-a-Peek in classrooms from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Aug. 12. Each morning at 8:30 Aug. 13-16 parents are invited to the multipurpose room to discuss programs available at Wilson, to include Reading Recovery, Reading and Math Remedial Classes, Literacy Place Reading, Special Education, Technology, Speech and Language Services and the Gifted Program.

Beginning Sept. 6, at 8:30 a.m., the Wilson staff will introduce parents to "First Fridays."

The program will address issues of interest to parents. These First Fridays will include various guest speakers, as well as academic sessions, to help parents use the latest techniques to help their children, who are having problems with schoolwork, at home.



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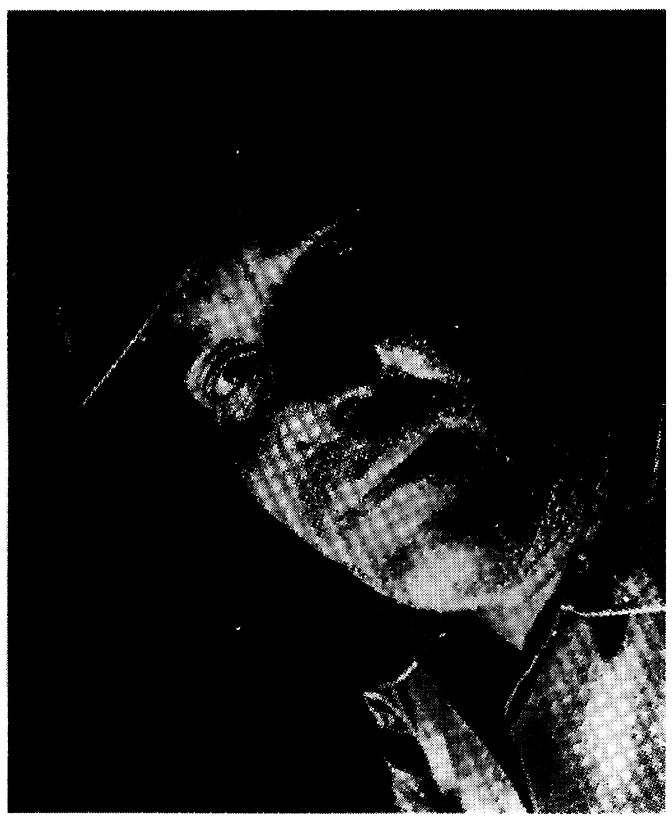
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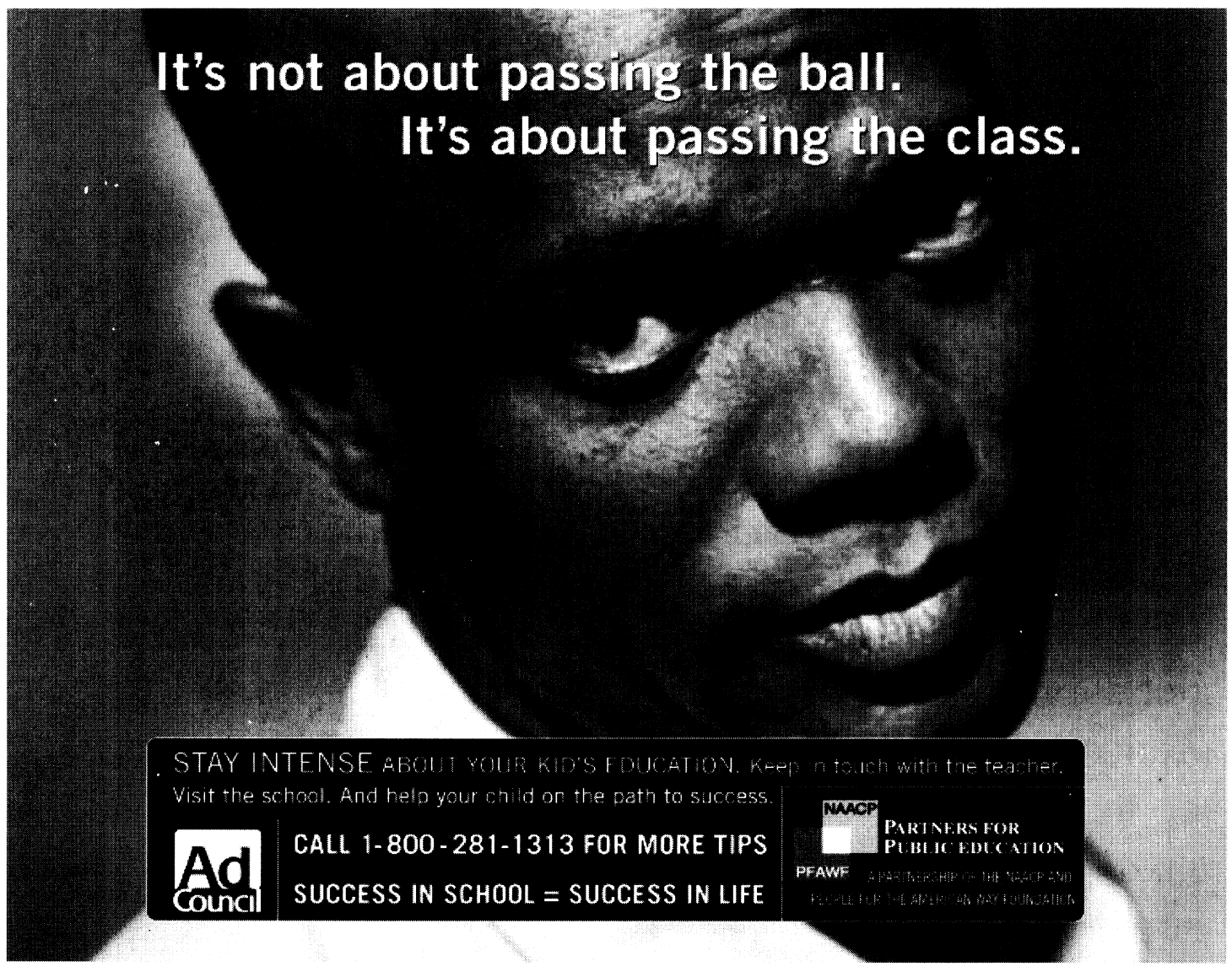
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Girl Scout Membership Kick Off — The Girl Scouts of Concharty Council would like to extend an invitation to community members interested in becoming part of their growing team. Join them Saturday as they hold their annual Membership Kick-Off event. This fun-filled day will take place at the Washington Chapel Parish House in Tuskegee, Ala. and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Central Standard Time. The kick-off is a way for volunteers to preview many of the activities, events and learning opportunities for the Girl Scout program year.

For more information or to register for the Membership Kick-Off, call the Concharty Council office at 327-2646 or (800) 326-8912.

Good Old Fashion Fun — Youth Services is holding a "National Kids Day" 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday by providing a "Good Old Fashion Fun Day."

There will be hula-hoops, hopscotch, horseshoes, ping-pong, face painting and plenty of games and activities at Building 1056. Parents are encouraged to participate in the games and activities with their children. Parents can even teach their children some of the games they enjoyed as children. YS plans to make this an annual event that will emphasize the importance of parents and children spending meaningful time together.

For more information, call 545-3070 or stop by YS, Building 1056.

Beacon College registration — Beacon College and Graduate School will begin its Fall Semester registration at Fort Benning. Students can earn undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and Biblical studies. Students may also earn graduate degrees in Biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry, and the Master of Divinity.

Full financial aid, including veterans' educational assistance is available. A representative from Beacon will be on post every Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza. For more information, call 323-5364.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?" a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation. The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Student exchange — Hosting a high school exchange student starting this August is like bringing the world to your doorstep.

The Foundation for Intercultural Travel matches international students with host families across the U.S. Families of all "types" are eligible; retired couples to single parent families. Not only two parent families have enjoyed hosting an international son or daughter.

Students arrive before your school's start date and bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses. They have their own medical insurance as well.

Host families agree to provide room and board and to include them as a family member. F.I.T. has one semester as well as academic school year students. All students speak English.

For more information, call toll-free (877) 439-7862.

Registration — Pre-kindergarten registration is now taking place at Childcare Network.

This is the free Georgia pre-kindergarten program and eight locations are serving the community for convenience. The three closest centers to Fort Benning are: 2123 Avalon Rd. 563-4109, 137 N. Oakley Dr. 687-8454, and 4909 Buena Vista Rd. 561-0139.

Registration can be done at any of these centers.

For more information, call Michele Grier at 563-5526.

Also, applications are being taken for lead pre-kindergarten teachers. The individual should possess a diploma, AA or Bachelor's degree in early childhood education. Resumes can be sent to 3009 University Ave., Columbus, GA 31907, or call 563-3798.

Live Entertainment at Afterhours — Don't miss the live performance by Universal recording artist, Miracle, featuring the hit single *"Bounce,"* Aug. 9 at Afterhours. Showtime is 11 p.m. Tickets are $6 for active duty and $8 for civilian. Be sure to arrive early, limited seating available. Tickets available at the door.

For more information, call Afterhours at 689-0887.

OSC gift shop — "A Bit of Benning," a consignment store for homemade crafts, is now open next to the OSC Thrift Shop.

For more information, call 687-3537.

AFTB teaches about the Army — LES, ACS, FRG, RD, PLDC, NTC?!?!

If this looks like a foreign language to you — you are not alone. Let Army Family Team Building start you on the right track to understanding this world called "the Army."

AFTB classes are free, open to everyone, and jam-packed with Army knowledge you will need to thrive in the military environment. The next AFTB Level I class is 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 20-22 in Family Unit Network (FUN) Center, Building 359, on the corner of Ingersoll and Vibbert Avenues.

For more information or to register for this class, call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil.

Hospital classes — A series of classes that address such topics as pregnancy, breastfeeding, anesthesia concerns, labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation exercise, postpartum care, newborn characteristics and parenthood are available. Classes are the first three Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Baugh Conference Room, second floor of Martin Army Community Hospital.

The first class is about breastfeeding.

The second class is a Mother and Baby.

The third class is on labor and delivery anesthesia.

A car seat safety class takes place once a month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Baugh Conference Room. To reserve a seat and find out the class date, call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

The class is limited to 15 participants.

To schedule a HIV/AIDS class call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

Family housing parking — All quarters on post will be assigned one parking space to give easy access to their quarters.

All residents must ensure that they park only in their designated area or any unmarked area if they have more than one car.

Visitors must also park in an unmarked space. For more information, call your Community Life Office.

Also, guidelines have been set up for front yard decorations.

No fencing is permitted in the front yard of any quarters; front yard decorative borders are permitted, but should not be constructed of greater than one-inch lumber, railroad ties, metal rods or pipes, contain sharp points nor exceed 18 inches in height; prior to installation, occupants will submit a drawing of the proposed front yard decoration border on a fence request form; borders must be well maintained or removed; and no wooden patio or porches are allowed in the front yard.

For more information, call your family housing inspector, Community Life NCO or the Community Life Office.

Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families clearing quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew.

If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew.

If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment, and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

Lending Closet — Because of an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods to return the borrowed items as soon as their belongings are delivered to them.

For more information, call the Lending Closet at 545-4485.

Communities need mayors — The Community Life Mayors Program is accepting applications for mayors and vice mayors in all housing areas. For more information, call Evelyn Livermore at 682-5414.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meet at 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Parade of Nations and Cena Tipica — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation presents its first "Festival of the Hemisphere" at the Columbus Iron Works on August 29, beginning at 6 p.m.

This festival represents the Institute's participation in Hispanic Heritage Month, and is open to all who wish to attend. The cost is $25 per ticket; tickets will be sold until August 15.

Tickets may be purchased from Cecelia Alexander at Building 35 or call 545-1285. Come and enjoy the evening.

CASA volunteers — CASA volunteers are ordinary people who are caring, honest and committed to doing what is best for a child.

No special experience or knowledge is required. All volunteers are thoroughly trained in courtroom procedure, social services, the juvenile justice system and special needs of children who have been abused or neglected.

CASA welcomes volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethical and educational backgrounds. CASA has a particular need for bilingual volunteers, men and people of color.

The next training session starts Sept. 14. For more information and an application, call 323-3687.

Martin Army Community Hospital offers school screenings

The appointment includes an eye, ear and dental screening. Please bring the child's shot and medical record to the appointment. August appointments will be available every Wednesday for a full day. If you cannot keep the appointment, call and cancel at least 24 hours in advance. To schedule an appointment, call 544-CARE (2273).

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Lightning: Strikes post thrift store, destroys computers

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slower pace."

The thrift shop has had its share of obstacles this summer. Earlier in the season, a portion of the aging roof began caving in and collapsed in the back of the store. Then, last month a nearby water main burst and flooded store grounds, soaking everything in its path.

"I've been thrifting here for at least 15 years," said Berta Zavala, a military spouse. "The Thrift Shop is important to many of us, and I can't imagine the post without it. The money it makes helps the lives of so many people on Fort Benning."

The Thrift Shop donates a large portion of its profits to charities like the Red Cross, Boy and Girl Scouts, Little League, Disabled American Vets, local hospitals and local schools.

The shop is also the place many people turn to during a crisis," Lane said.

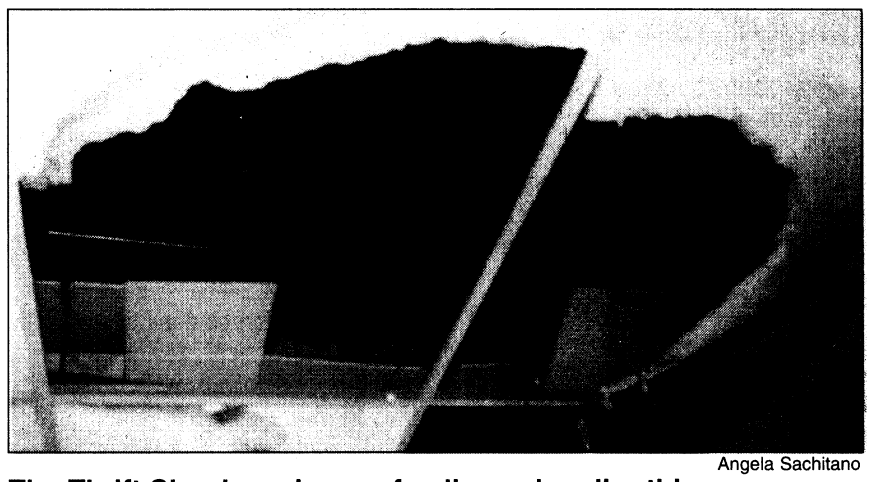
"A fire wiped out several Fort Benning homes earlier this year and we were able to supply clothes, blankets, and other necessities," she said. "We have worked hard to be a pillar that the community can rely on for needed items."

For now, the shop is going to have to rely on the community to be patient and understanding as things get back to normal.

"We need all the donations we can get to make up for our loss in profits this past month," Lane said. "Our volunteers are working overtime to get items on the floor and looking good."

Donations and consignments are now being accepted from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and on the first Friday of the month from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information call 687-4830.



Angela Sachitano

The Thrift Shop' s aging roof collapsed earlier this year.

Chaplains: Help families get through tough times

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chaplains a year we normally wouldn't have. They are here to mentor families."

Chaplains specializing in the family life ministry must perform a minimum of 300 hours of marriage and pastoral counseling while here, Onstad said.

Last year, Fort Benning soldiers received 2,400 added hours of counseling. Most Army installations are only assigned one Family Life chaplain to handle the marriage and personal counseling.

"Family life chaplains are essential to Army life," Frederich said. "This accreditation means that our training program not only exceeds Army standards, but it exceeds the national pastoral standards as well."

Family life chaplains graduate from the program at Fort Benning and then go on to other posts to train Chaplains there, Onstad said.

"Having these chaplains training here helps compensate for the shortage of chaplains our post and posts around the nation are dealing with," Onstad said. "Our soldiers are lucky to have this program, with all of the chaplains, here."

Family Life chaplains minister to all religious faiths, Onstad said. For more information on how to receive family life counseling, call 545-1760.

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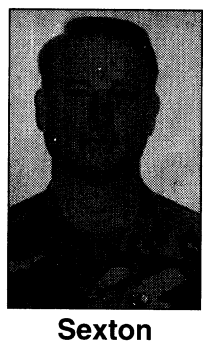
We are in the middle of summer, and the heat of the day wears on a person making them feel weary, tired and ready for the end of the day to come.

Summertime heat makes one long for the cool breezes of the fall. Summertime is a time for relaxing under the shade of a tree and sipping on a cool drink of water or the traditional lemonade.

When we are hot and the sun is beaming down on us, summertime brings out emotions we try to keep under subjection. We get snappy, crappy and sometimes down right mean-spirited.

The Bible shares with us in Proverbs 18:24 that a man who has friends must show himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother.

Summertime friends are the best friends to have. When you are tired, frustrated and weary of the day's events, a friend comes along and lifts your spirits. A friend brings a smile to our face.


Sexton

A friend tells us we are doing a good job and is appreciative of the work we are doing. A friend gives you strength to finish the day. A friend makes your day.

The Bible shares in Proverbs 27:17, iron sharpens iron; so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend. We must all be friends to others.

There will times when you need a friend to help lift you up. It has been proven that a smile helps relieve stress.

A summertime friend is a stress reliever. We all need summertime friends, friends who will be there for us and with us through the thick and thin times. Through the hard times and lean times, through the rough and tough times.

In real life there are times when our friends are not near enough to give us the lift we need. It is in those times we have a friend that can not be seen, his name is Jesus.

Jesus shares with us in John 15:15; I have called you friends. In the heat of the battle, Jesus is there.

When there is no one to help lift us, Jesus is there. When no one says a kind word, Jesus says, "I Love You."

All of us must have summertime friends, those who are there when we need them.

But for the times when we have no one, Jesus is the ultimate summertime friend.

Have you talked with him today?

CHAPEL NOTES

Workers needed — The Fort Benning Chaplain's Office is seeking applications for individuals to serve in a variety of positions in the chapels on post.

These positions include musicians, choir directors, watch care workers, bus drivers and custodians. Interested individuals should call the Fund Manager at 545-4960 or visit the office in Room 512 in Infantry Hall.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — PWOC resumed its summer Bible study. They meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The summer series is "That The World May Know" a video tour through the lands of the Bible with life changing lessons from the Word of God.

TIC fall welcome picnic — The Infantry Center Chapel will hold its fall welcome picnic after the 10:30 a.m. service Aug. 25.

As we welcome newcomers to the community and our returning members, we will focus on our on-going ministries and the opportunities for families to grow and serve in the chapel.

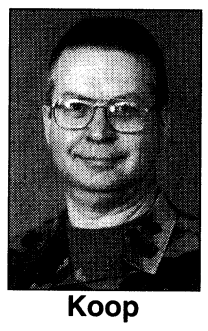
Don't run away from problems

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Happiness doesn't automatically come with divorce. A new study on hundreds of unhappy couples says divorce doesn't reduce symptoms of depression, raise self-esteem or increase a sense of mastery.

During the five years of the study, more than a third of the unhappy couples were divorced or separated and the rest stayed married. About one-fifth of those divorced had happily remarried within five years. Contrary to expectations, about two-thirds of unhappy couples who remained committed to each other often were doing better five years later.

The biggest improvements were discovered in the unhappiest marriages. Of the most discontented, about 80 percent were happy five years later, said Linda Waite, a sociologist who directed the research team. Staying married did not tend to trap unhappy spouses in violent relationships.


Koop

Time, marital work and personal change were the three routes that helped unhappy marriages turn things around.

One couple that didn't actively work on their marriage explained, "With time, job situations improved, children got older or better, or chronic ongoing problems got put into new perspective."

Other couples actively worked "to solve problems, change behavior or improve communication."

Some spouses made personal changes that improved their marriage. They found "alternative ways to improve their own happiness and build a good and happy life despite a mediocre marriage." For all practical purposes, the unhappy spouse changed.

Running away from our problems doesn't help. Troubles in marriage can mature us, develop patience within us and make us the better (James 1:2-5).

Would you like to make your marriage better? Free counseling and support are available.

Contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza at 545-1760.

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God...
James 1:5

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill



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SPORTS

SECTION C

Golf course renovation ends with party

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Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

There was a party going on at the Fort Benning Golf Course July 25 during the combined commanding general's pay day golf scramble and grand opening of the newly renovated Pineside course.

It's been more than a year since the two 18-hole courses, Pineside and Lakeside, have been completely open all at once. Certain holes throughout the year were closed to improve the playability and essence of the courses, which is why more than 150 people from the tri-city area joined the celebration of the first official function for the renovated course, said Roger Garrity, manager of outdoor recreation for Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

After some positive words on the re-opening of the courses, Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general, looking in the crowd's direction, was preparing to hit the first ball as part of the grand opening when a soldier said, "General, the green is in the other direction."

"The general was put right on the spot," said Celeste Raymond, competitor. "The general said, 'who said that?' and he called a soldier from the crowd, who made the comment, and made him hit the first ball."

The soldier hit the ball toward the fairway on the other hole, Raymond said. Everyone laughed as the soldier did pushups for not landing the ball on the fairway.

"Fun is what golf is all about," Raymond said. "Just enjoy the environment and have a good time."

And people did, Garrity said, as he mocked and heckled contestants over a loud speaker while they were putting on the new greens.

"I think the players are pretty happy with it," Garrity said of the new greens. "The course is in great condition."

With the addition of the greens from the renovation, the Follow Me Golf Course is making an effort toward increasing player and corporate memberships and to provide a facility soldiers can enjoy.

"We want this course to be better than all of the courses in the surrounding area," Garrity said. "We compete against other courses for revenue to maintain a self-sufficient business."

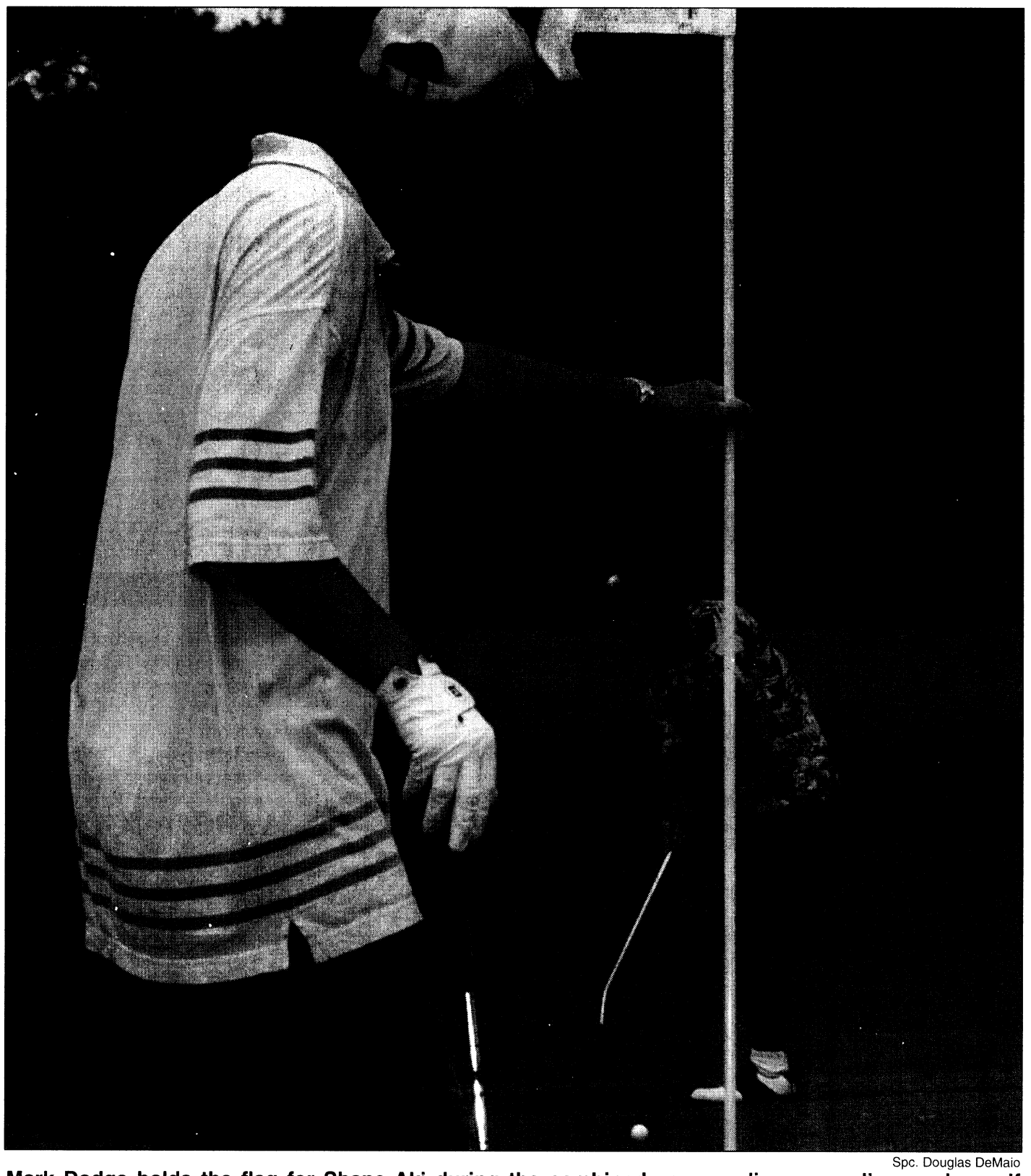
That is why the course chose to purchase Tifeagle grass, one of the best grasses in the south, and change the contours and moundings of the greens, Garrity said. With the addition of these elements, the course is more difficult, and the surface is more consistent for putting.

"I believe it's well worth the money," said Derek Denny, competitor.

"The greens were spongy and slow, but after two weeks, when the greens settle and become firm, they will be excellent," said Randy Idland, competitor and part of the primary sponsor team for Jay's Auto Mall. "This course is very well laid out, and with all the trees surrounding the course, it provides more of a challenge than courses in the surrounding area.

"Now that the course is open and the word gets out to the public, more people will come and play this course."

"We're moving in the right direction," Garrity said.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Mark Dodge holds the flag for Shane Aki during the combined commanding general's pay day golf scramble and grand opening of the newly renovated Pineside course.

Steel Soldiers get run for their money

Headhunters make move late in game

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Steel Soldiers took a 19-17 victory over the Headhunters in a head-to-head matchup of two of Fort Benning's top softball teams at Knappenburger Field July 25.

Basic Combat Training Brigade's Steel Soldiers took an early 8-1 lead over the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, Headhunters.

At the top of the third inning Steel Soldiers' Kerry Clements, left centerfielder, smashed a double and later scored as the team put up four more runs.

"We have a strong team if we bring our A game," Clements said.

In the fourth, the Steel Soldier sent the ball deep into right field to make an infield home run. He had to duck on his way in to dodge a near out.

The Steel Soldiers chance at bat was shut down with the spring-like jump of Richard Chandler, Headhunters' shortstop, pulling down the final out for the Steel Soldiers.

Both teams would have had nearly perfect records, except they each had to forfeit several games because of lack of players.

The hours that many of the drill sergeants and BCTB personnel have to keep and the taskings of 1st Bn., 30th Inf. Regt., took a toll on the number of players they are able to use.

"We do it for fun and don't take it too seriously. We all just like to come out here and have a good time building unit cohesion," said Ramel DeReese, Steel Soldier.

The Headhunters came back with the help of coach Richard Anthony Simmons who went 4-for-4 helping the rally to close the gap in score. Calls of "easy out" came from the Steel Soldiers before a Headhunter came to the plate, but the Headhunters kept on getting on base. With bases loaded, Lynn Price, right fielder, drove in three runs hit deep to left field. The Headhunters weren't slowed down until they had brought the game within reach at 15-9.

The Steel Soldiers got in four more runs at the top of the fifth inning. Then as the night were wearing on, the umpires declared the game would end after the fifth inning.

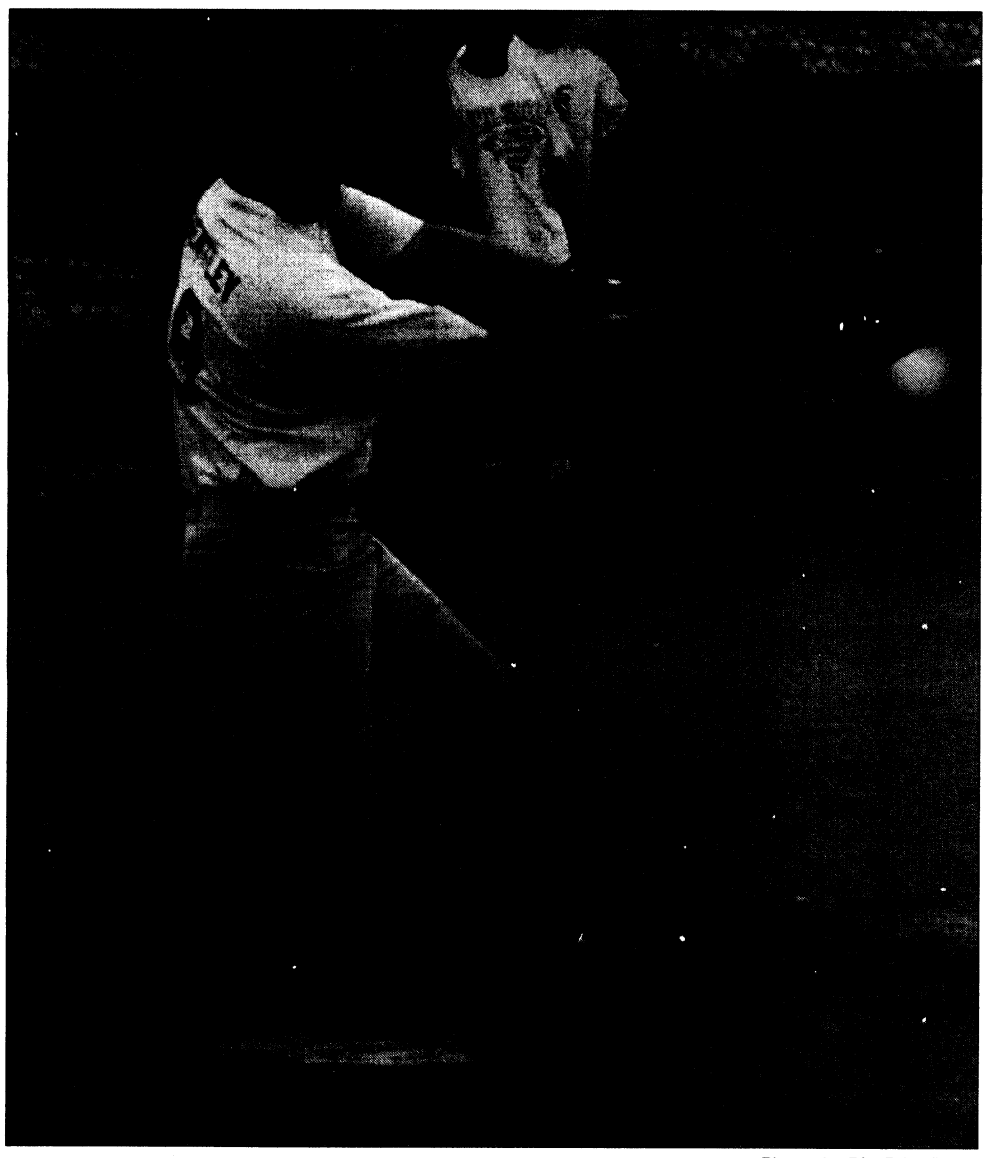
The Headhunters came out in a display of force. Calvin Sherman, catcher, who went 3-for-3 to make some of his first hits of the season, started the Headhunters out with a double.

He was sent home with the help of a double from William Bradley, Headhunters' pitcher.

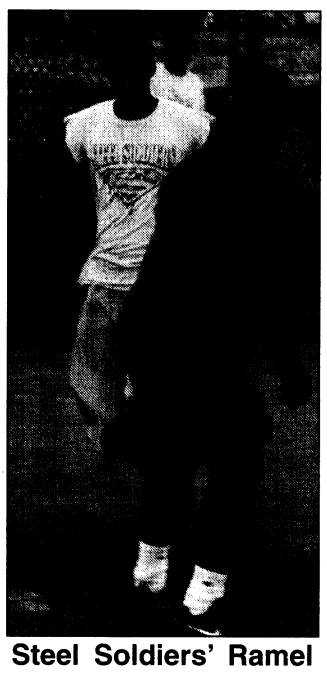
Then a tangle in the outfield gave the opportunity for the Headhunters to put in two more runs.

"We started the game strong but near the end of the game, we started missing fly balls," Clements said. "We just squeaked by. We should have been able to beat them by more runs."

"We beat last year's champs (Darby's Rangers, Ranger Training Brigade)," DeReese said. It was a lot like this game where we took the lead in the end. We deserve to take the championship. We're a good team."



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp
A Steel Soldier belts a ball to the outfield in their July 25 late game. Due to lack of visibility, the defensive play of teams was affected.



Steel Soldiers' Ramel DeReese stretches to reach home plate.

Post soldier coaches girls World Series softball team

Instructor's daughter helps represent Ga.

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

A Fort Benning soldier will coach a girls 13-14- and 15-year-old softball team during the Softball World Series Friday through Thursday in Eufaula, Ala.

Staff Sgt. Julia Lowthorpe, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, will watch her Georgia champions, Marion County Wildcats from the Dixie League, take to the field at 4 p.m. Saturday in the team's first ever game in the Softball World Series.

"It's an opportunity of a lifetime," Lowthorpe said. "It took a lot of hard work, dedication and team cohesion from the girls."

One Wildcat defined the season as a 'change for the better.'

"I think we have a pretty good chance," said 14-year-old Rebecca Larsen, daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Matt Larsen, 1st Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. "We are going to the World Series, and we're going to do our best."

Lowthorpe believes aggressive base running helped the team succeed, and Rebecca said the team's strong defense helped the Wildcats excel.

"When we entered the sixth game five and 0, it hit us that we were a good team," Lowthorpe said of the team from a town with one stoplight.

"I know we are the underdogs, but we'll do our best," Rebecca said. "It's really exciting to get a chance to represent the state of Georgia."

She encouraged post community members to show their support by coming out to the ball game. To get to Eufaula, travel west on U.S. 286, then south 70 miles on U.S. 431 and go east on Ala. 10.

USAMU soldiers win competitions

Team returns from Ohio victorious

Paula Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

• NRA Indoor Rifle Championships, Fort Benning, Monday — Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker won the 2002 Men's National Four Position Smallbore Rifle Championship and Spc. Karyn E. Manges won the 2002 Women's National Four Position Smallbore Rifle Championship. The USAMU Team of Parker, Manges, Spc. Trevor D. Gathman and retired Capt. Glenn A. Dubis won the National Four Position Smallbore Rifle Team Championship. Maj. Michael E. Anti won the 2002 NRA National Open Conventional Three Position Smallbore Rifle Championship and the NRA Open International Three Position Smallbore Rifle Championship. USAMU Team of Anti, Dubis, Parker and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas won the National Open Conventional Three Position Smallbore Rifle Team Championship and the team of Anti, Gathman, Dubis and Parker won the National Open International Three Position Smallbore Rifle Team Championship.

• Interservice Trap Championships, Fort Benning, July 25 through Sunday — USAMU shotgun shooter Sgt. William H. Keever won the Men's Double Trap Interservice Championship and set a new interservice record. Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves took second place and Sgt. 1st Class Brett E. Erickson was third. Staff Sgt. Joetta R. Dement was the winner in the Women's Double Trap Interservice Championship. Erickson won the Men's Interservice Trap Championship; Graves took second place. Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt won the Women's Interservice Trap Championship and Dement was second.

• NRA National Smallbore Rifle Prone Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio, July 22–26 — International rifle shooter Spc. Shane M. Barnhart took second place in the National Smallbore Prone Championship and in the Prone Metallic Sight Championship. He also beat 315 competitors to win the 50-Meter Metallic Sight Match and the 50-Yard Metallic Sight Match and finished second in the 100-Yard Metallic Sight Match. The USAMU Team, coached by Spc. Karyn E. Manges, and shot by Barnhart, Gathman, Staff Sgt. Timothy R. Manges and Spc. Hattie J. Ponti won the Metallic Sight Team Match, and the USAMU Team, coached by Ponti, took second place in the Any Sight Team Match.

• U.S. Practical Shooting Association Factory Gun Nationals, Quincy, Ill., July 20–23 — Action shooter Staff Sgt. Julie A. Goloski won the Women's Shoot Off; she also took first place in the Military Division and placed second in the Women's Division.

• NRA National Smallbore Rifle Three Position Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio, July 19–21 — Competing against 344 of the country's top shooters, Barnhart won the NRA Smallbore Rifle Three Position National Championship. Barnhart also took second place in the Any Sight Championship, the Metallic Sight Standing Match and the Any Sight Standing Match, as well as placing third in the Metallic Sight Championship and the Any Sight Prone Match. Gathman won the Metallic Sight Prone Match and took second place in the Metallic Sight Championship and the Metallic Sight Kneeling Match. The USAMU Team of Barnhart, Gathman, T. Manges and Ponti, coached by K. Manges, won the Metallic Sight Team Match; the same team, coached by Spc. Grant E. Mecozzi, finished second in the Any Sight Team Match.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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YS sports — Youth Services registration for football, soccer and cheerleading is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at Building 1056. Sports are open to children ages 6 through 15.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services will begin registration for gymnastics classes Aug. 9. The classes will be open to youth family members 18-months to 8-years-old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Army 10-Miler qualifier — There is one race left to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team. The race will be at the Santiago Fitness Center Aug. 17. Registration begins the day of the race at 6 a.m.

The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the Army 10-miler race, the largest of its kind, Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1-30 are eligible for free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification.

Hours of operation are from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

off post

Summer shootout — The Georgia Wildlife Federation is proud to present the largest sportsmen's show in the southeast — the 2002 Perry Buckarama.

Happening Aug. 16-18 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, the Buckarama will feature hundreds of exhibits, big-name speakers, archery and shooting competitions, door prizes and more record whitetails on display than ever before.

Come see the world-record whitetail and meet the hunter who harvested it — Milo Hanson. Scored by Boone and Crockett judges at an astonishing 213 5/8 points, the Hanson buck will be on display throughout the weekend.

The Perry Buckarama is an educational fundraising event sponsored by the Georgia Wildlife Federation, Georgia's oldest and largest conservation organization and a state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

The Georgia National Fairgrounds are located on Exit 135 off of Interstate I-75. Admission to the show is $7 for adults, $4 for seniors and $ for kids 6-12. Kids under 6 get in free. Parking is free.

For more information, call Doug Rithmire, GWF Show Director, at (770) 787-7887 or e-mail drithmire@gwf.org.

Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fundraiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 28. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.



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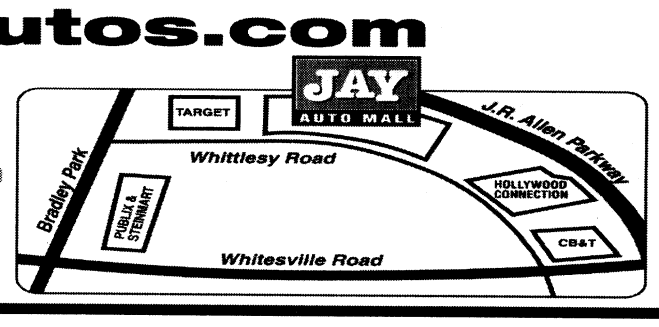
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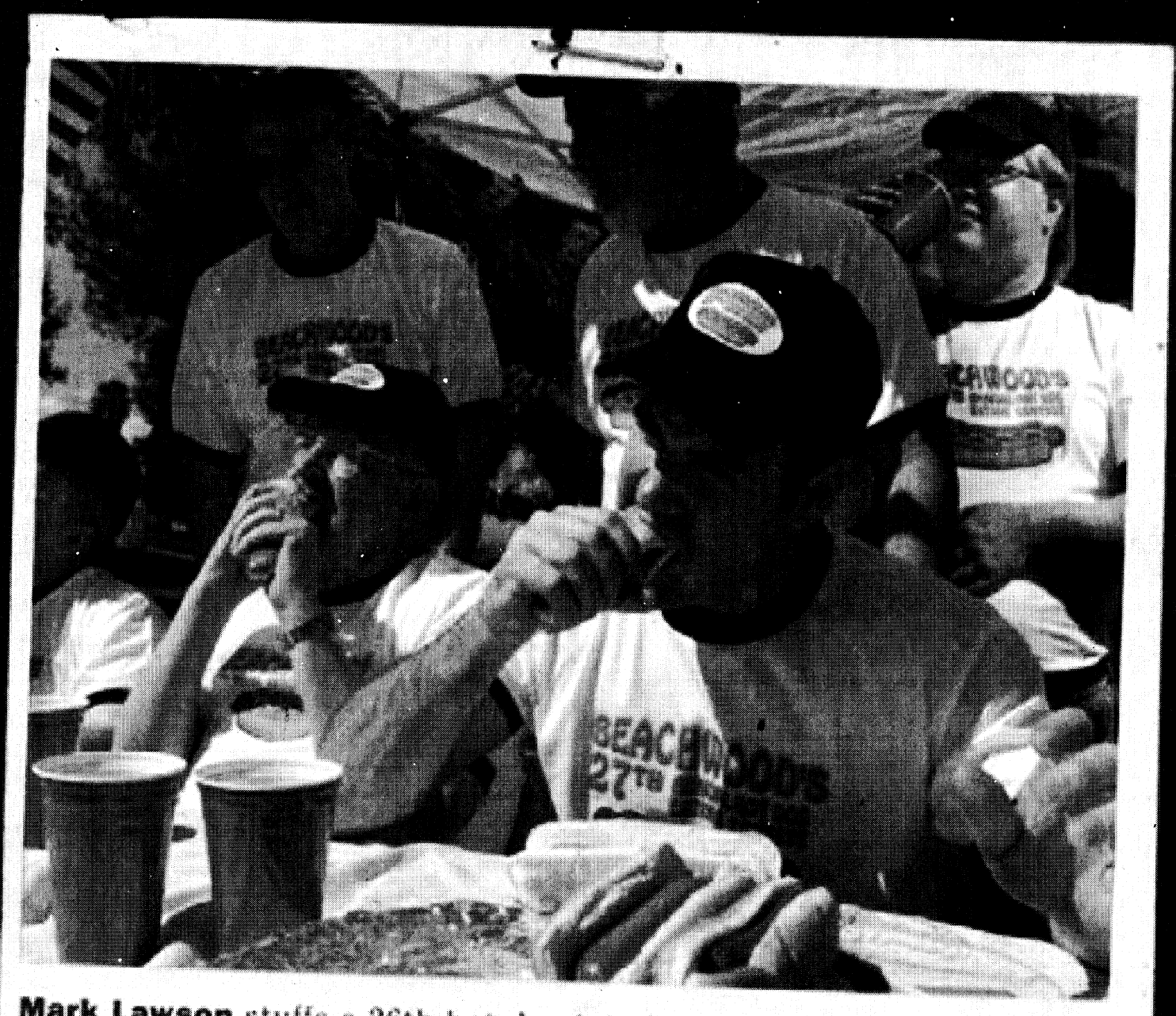
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Multi-family garage sale Sat. 8:00-12:00 Aug 3. 6731 Scoter Dr in Beaver Run, north columbus." (F2)

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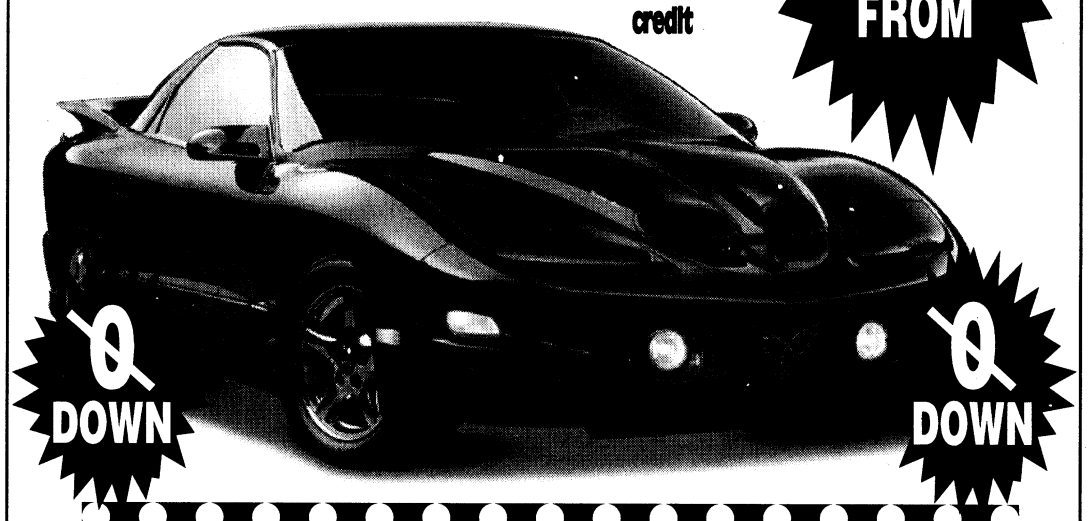
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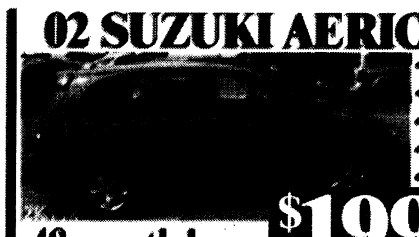
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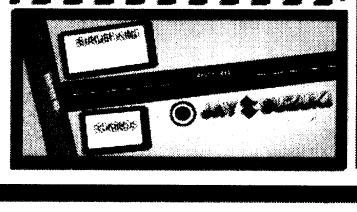
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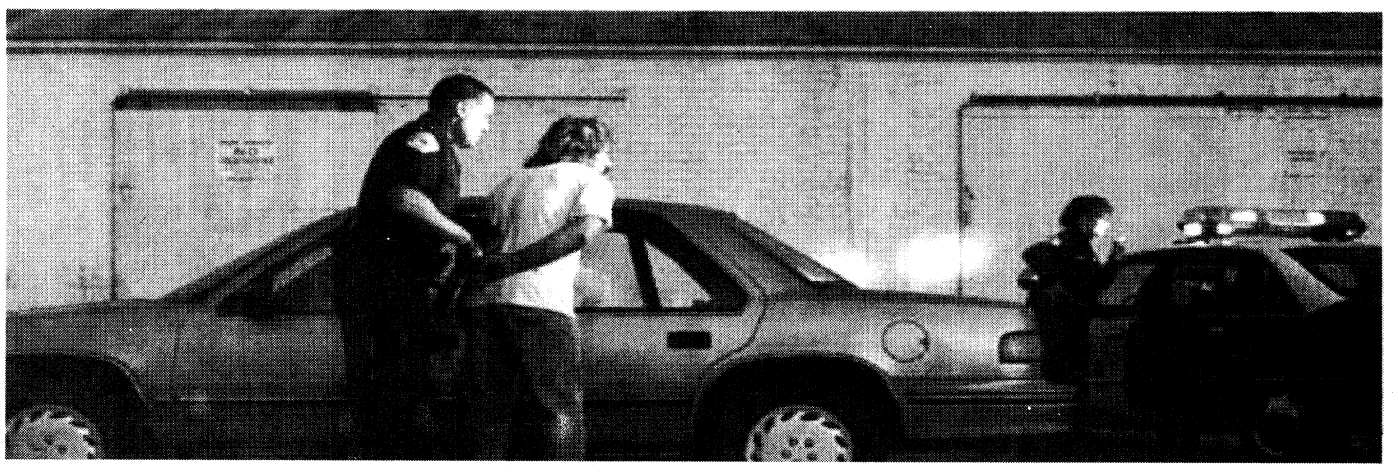
Columbus, GA, While it's still true "Crime doesn't pay" for the criminal, it may turn out to be quite rewarding for some local area car buyers this weekend. Thru Saturday, the criminal's loss is your gain as Rivertown Ford in Georgia will be offering vehicles seized by law enforcement agencies for sale direct to the public.

Buying police and government seized property has long been a great way to get incredibly low prices on cars, boats, even planes and houses. The problem for the public has been finding the auctions and sales where these items were being sold. Plus, many of these events are not open to the public. But that's now all in the past thanks to the Police Seized Vehicle Selloff .

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Why are these such bargains? Simply put, it's because the law enforcement organizations that take possession of these vehicles aren't in the car business. The F.B.I., D.E.A., U.S. Marshalls, Government Auctions and local Police and Sherriff organizations all seize vehicles on a daily basis. Additionally, a surprising number of vehicles impounded by the Police for illegal parking or traffic violations are never claimed by their owners. As a result, these organizations must either pay to store the vehicles, or sell them off.

Now, Rivertown Ford has secured many of these vehicles and will pass the savings on to consumers. "We have been planning for this event for over six months. We've scoured auctions throughout the country for these vehicles plus we've become a regular at the local impound lots" said Williams. He also stressed the dealership will make available plenty of other preowned vehicles so this event will include something for every buyer. "Hondas, Fords, Chevys, Toyotas, Dodges, Chryslers, Nissans, Volkswagens, virtually every make is represented here. Some are even still under factory warranty. But you should get here early because I'm sure the most popular vehicles will sell first."



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Williams concluded with a warning that this one-of-kind-event could be a one-time-only event. "It took a lot of work to put this event together and I'm not sure we'll be able to do it again. Make sure you come see us because missing the Police Seized Sell-Off would be a crime!"

RivertownFord is located at 1680 Whittlesey Rd. in Columbus, GA or call 706-653-7420 . For further information and to reserve a vehicle, visit the official Police Seized Vehicle Selloff web site at **www.PoliceSeized.com.**

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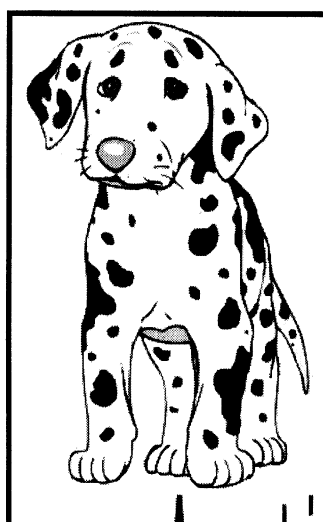
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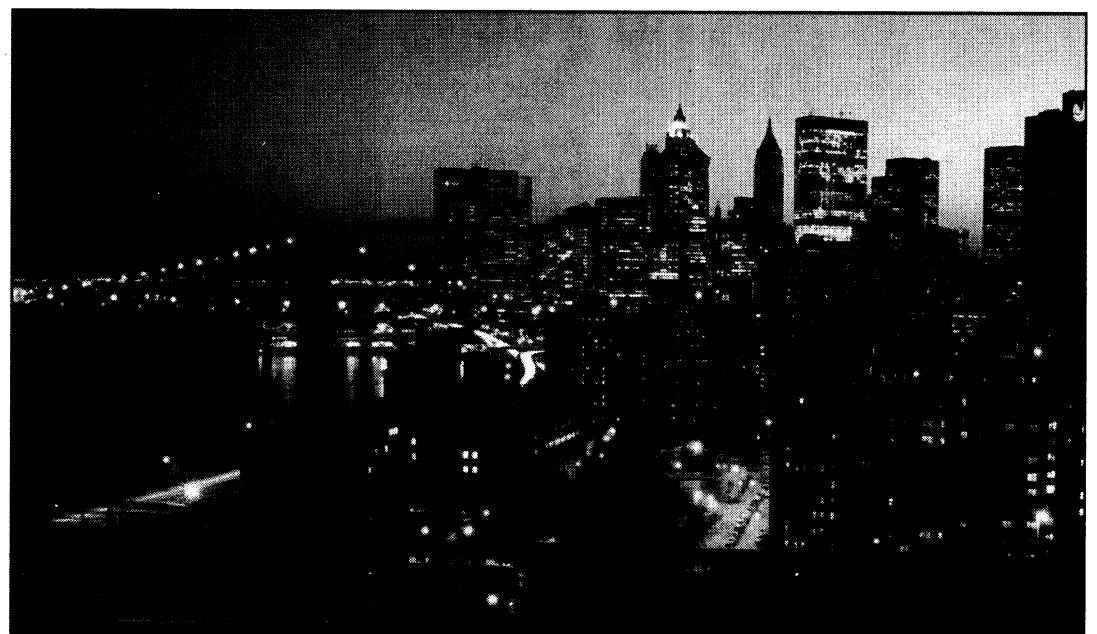
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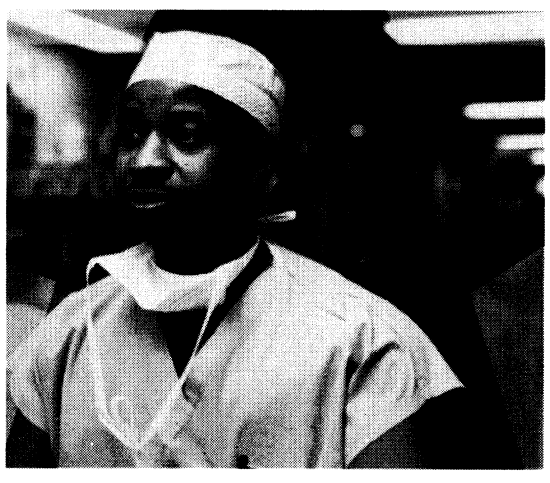
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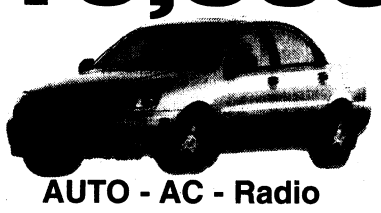
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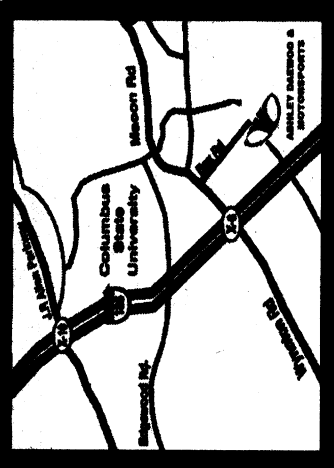
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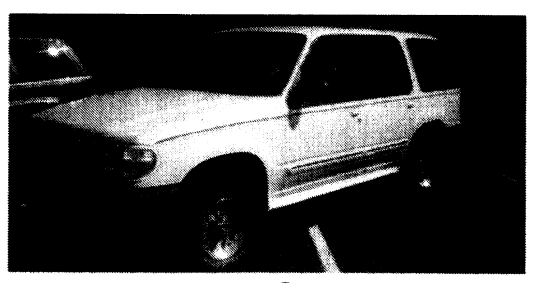
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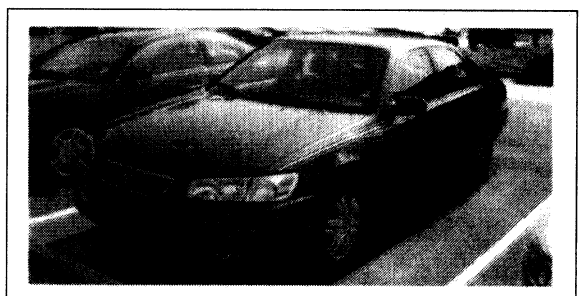
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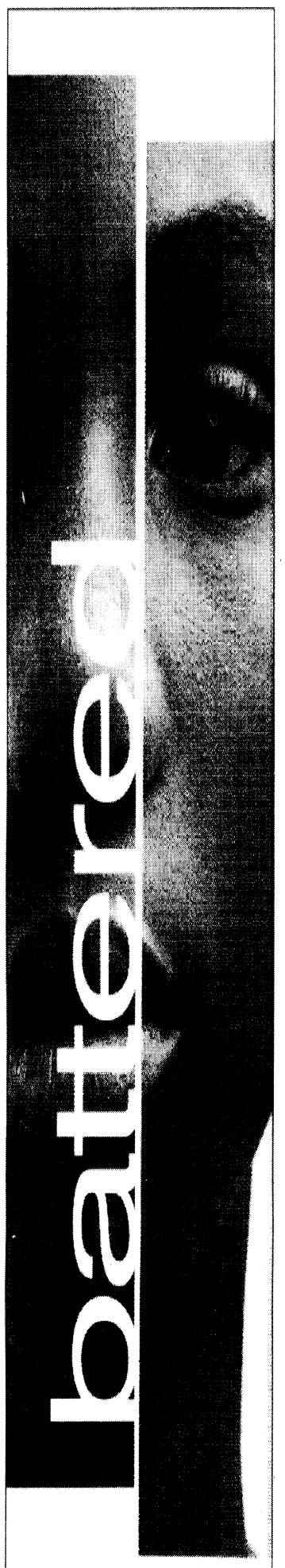
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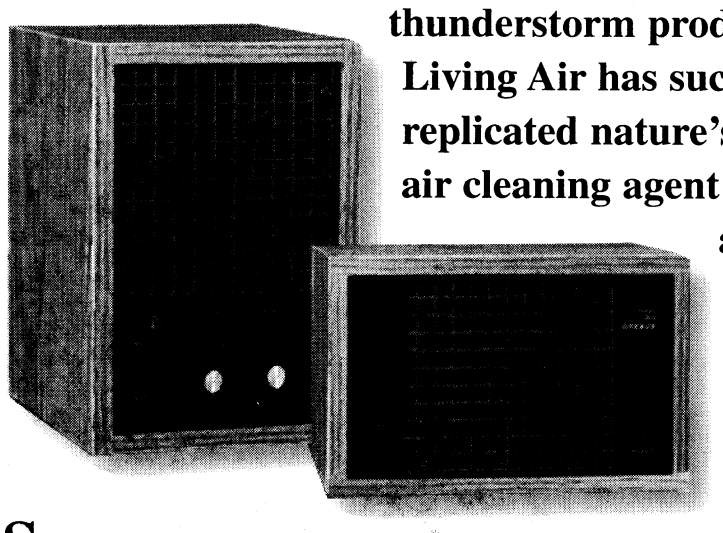
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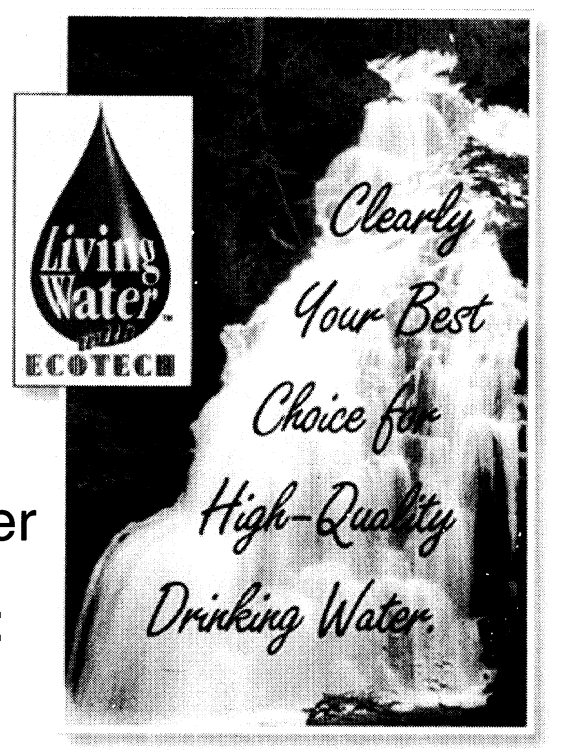


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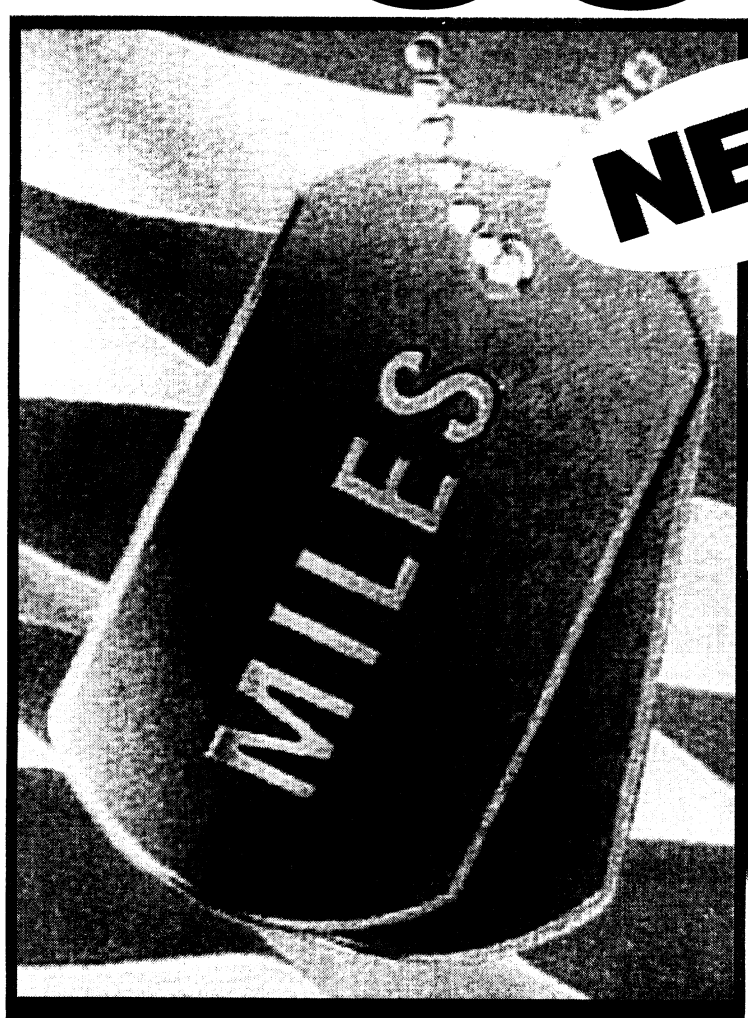
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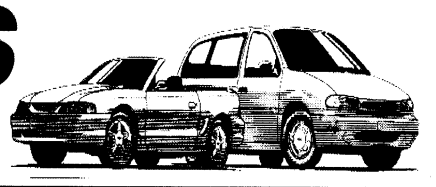
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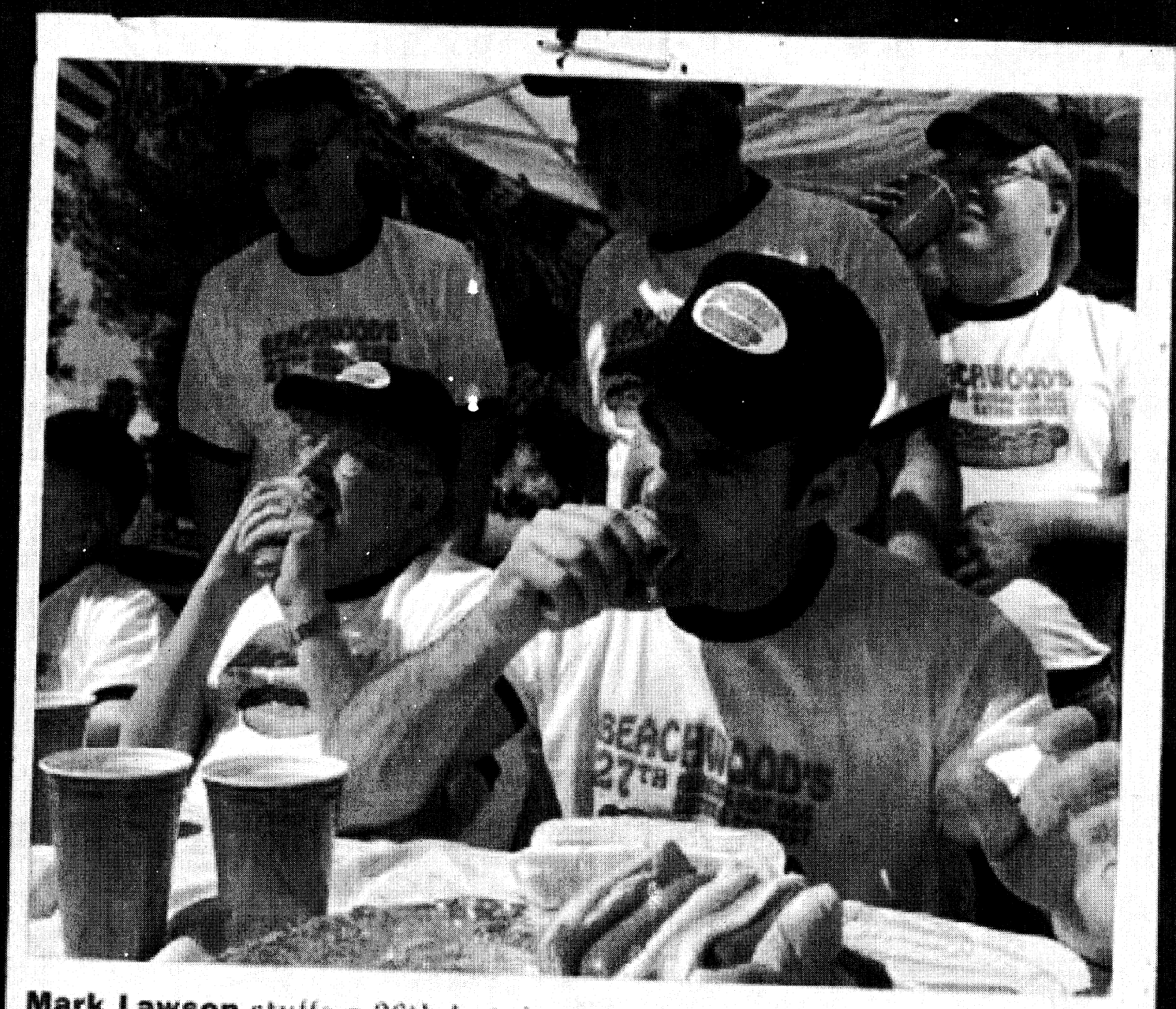
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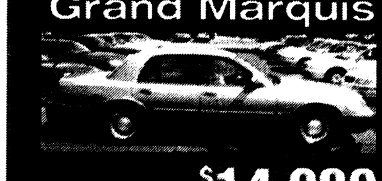
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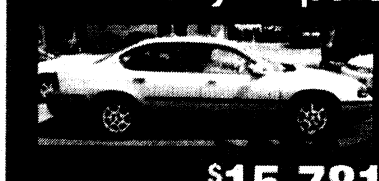
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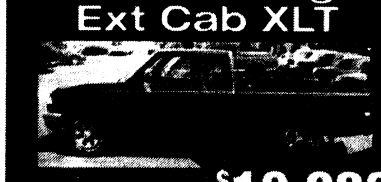
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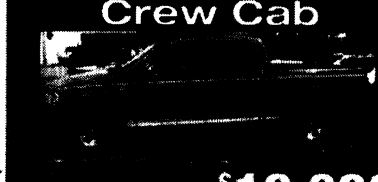
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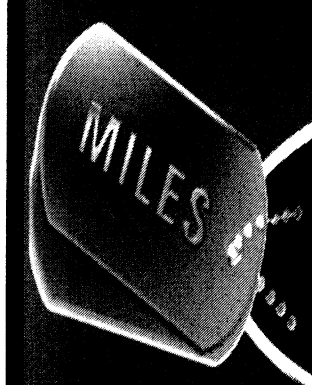
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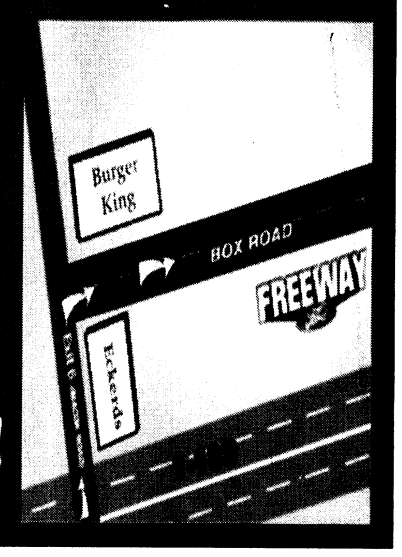
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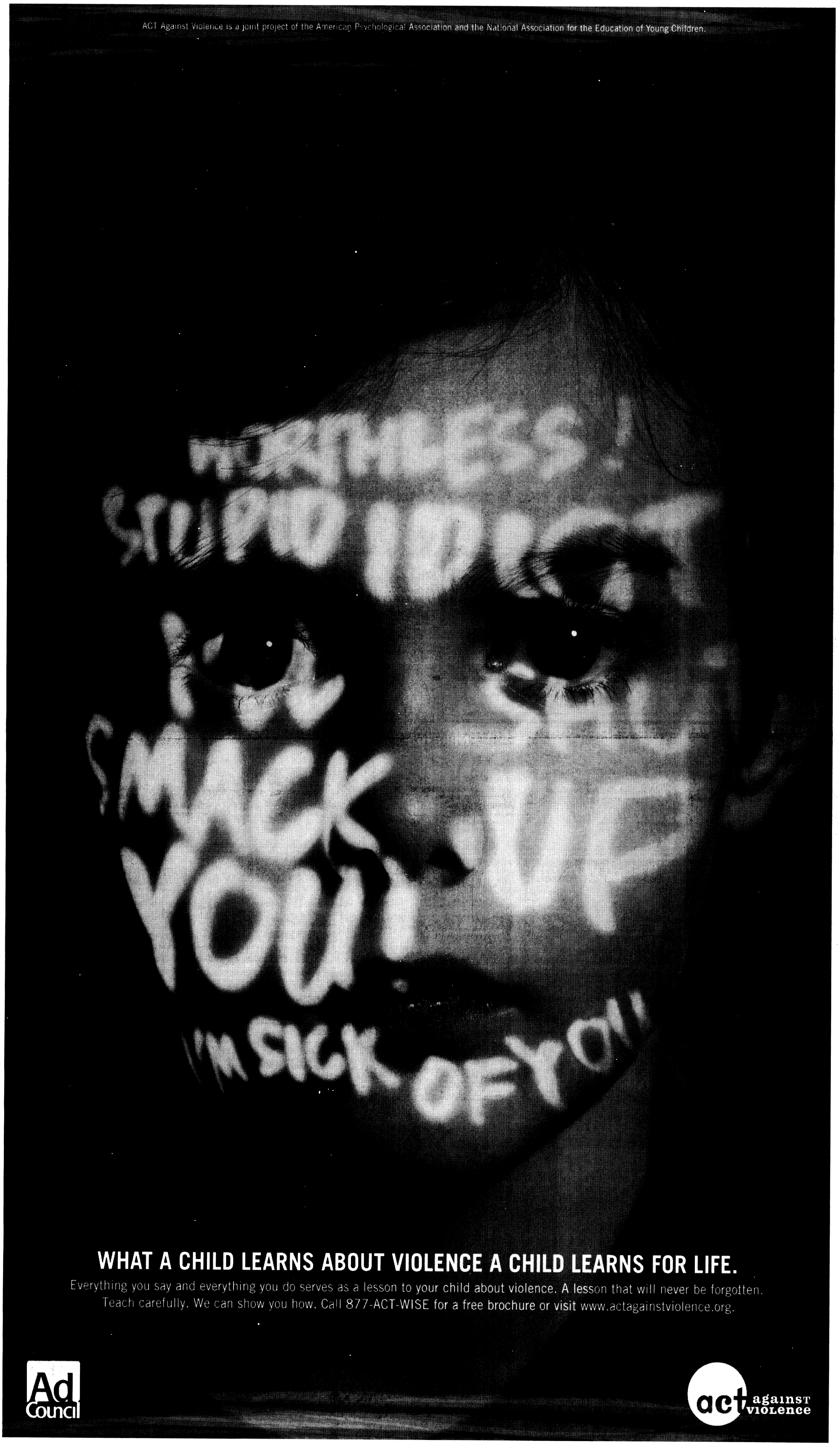


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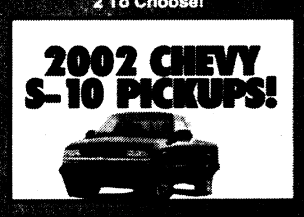
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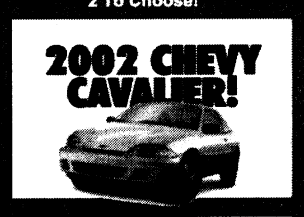


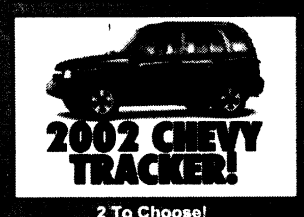
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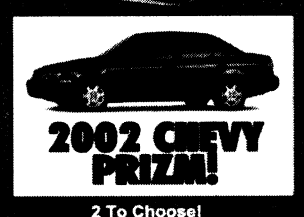
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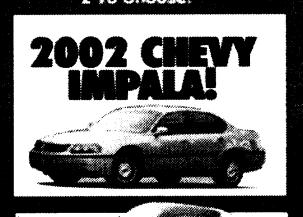




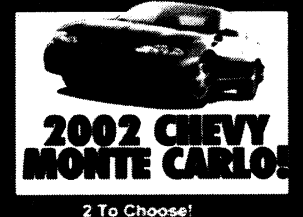
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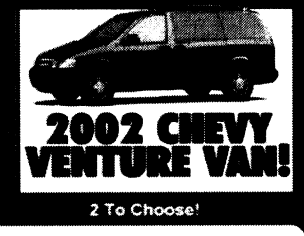
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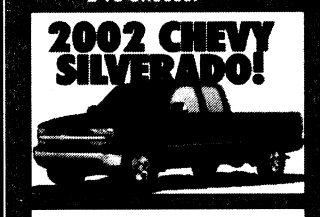


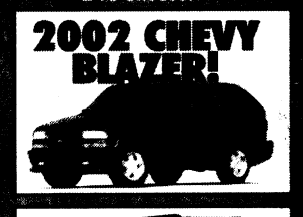


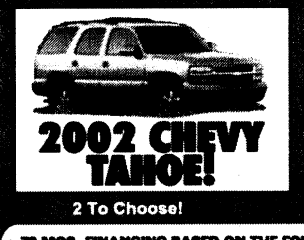
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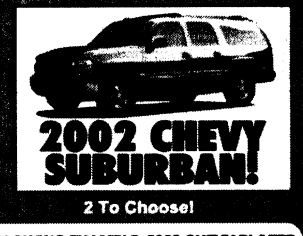
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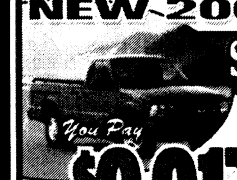


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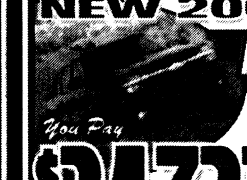


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DoD plan to soften hit of RIF

DoD program places workers in new jobs

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

For those who will be affected by the reduction in force, there is a placement program available to assist employees in locating available jobs.

Employees can register in the Priority Placement Program, a computerized referral system used throughout Department of Defense to place federal employees willing to relocate to other installations.

"This program is useful especially if people are mobile and serious about keeping a federal job," said Hans Knoff, chief of Management Advisory Service Division.

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> chief of Management Advisory Service Division

The DoD is making every effort to assure continuing employment for its permanent employees who are affected by RIF, according to a Directorate of Civilian Personnel press release. There are several placement assistance programs available to employees in locating

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Gas! Gas! Gas!



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Pvt. Eric Reid, with 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, reacts to the CS gas inside the chamber as part of his Nuclear Biological Chemical training at Britten Range Aug. 2. For more details, see page A-9.

Outbreak no cause for alarm

West Nile Virus dates back to 1930s

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The West Nile Virus is back, and there have never been more cases in a year reported to the Center for Disease Control.

As of Monday, 88 cases of the virus have been confirmed for 2002. Five of the 88 confirmed resulted in death and more than 65 percent of the reports are from Louisiana.

The outbreak is beginning to cause some alarm within the Fort Benning community, said Command Sgt. Maj. Dallas Carter, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment.

"My concerns are for the soldiers in my unit, family members and the Columbus area," Carter said. "Soldiers training in the field are exposed to the risk of this outbreak."

It is important to use bug repellent to help prevent infection, said Spc. Randy Wilson, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment.

"During basic training, we receive safety briefings about spiders, snakes and other animals," Wilson said. "I believe this issue is just as important, if not more important than the other briefings.

In the 1930s, asymptomatic infections and feverish-like symptoms began to sweep across Africa, West Asia and the Middle East. By 1937, in the West Nile District of Uganda, a

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Smokers pose risk to selves, others

Habit's effects can include death, suffering

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

This is the second part in a three-part series that explores smoking in the work place.

Smoking caused approximately 440,000 premature deaths in the U.S. annually and approximately $157 billion in annual health-related economic losses from 1995 to 1999, according to the Center for Disease Control Web site.

Most of these premature deaths were attributed to lung cancer, ischemic heart disease and chronic airways obstruction. Smokers are not the only ones who lose. Approximately 38,000 of the deaths during the five-year period were a result of lung cancer and ischemic heart diseases caused by secondhand smoke.

People should remember, smokeless tobacco can cause problems, too, such as bleeding gums and sores of the mouth that never heal, according to the Web site. Eventually users may end up with cancer.

"The good news is it is never too late to quit!" said Dr. (Lt. Col.) John O'Brien, Department of Family Practice and Community Medicine. "The risk of heart disease diminishes almost immediately after quitting."

For cardiovascular disease, the risk to former smokers drops substantially in the first two to three years, and in 10 years, is equal to people who never smoked.

For cancer, after quitting for 15 years, the risk of death is reduced by 80-90 percent, but it will never equal the risk of nonsmokers.

For strokes, an approximate 80 percent reduction in the risk of death is seen within five years.

For emphysema and chronic bronchitis, it depends on when the smoker quits. If a smoker quits:

- By age 40, there may be no detectable difference in lung function between smokers and those who never smoked,
- Between ages 40 and 60, lung

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Web sites where one can get more information on smoking cessation, the benefits of quitting, and effects of smoking are:

- American Lung Association www.lungusa.org
- WellnessWeb's The Patient Network www.wellwebb.com
- Smoking Cessation Facts www.kickbutt.org
- CDC Prevention Guidelines www.onder.cdc.gov
- Smoking Cessation Behavior Modification www.clc.upmc.edu/CLC_HTML/smoking.html
- Agency for HealthCare Policy and Research (Smoking Cessation Practice Guidline) www.ahcpr.gov
- American Cancer Society-Freshstart Program www.cancer.org/tobacco/index.html

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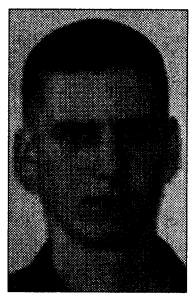
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SELFLESS SERVICE

You could learn a lot from a hero

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

COMMENTARY



True selfless service can only be realized in situations where there's no time to consider all angles of the problem.

At the age of 21, Spc. Michael Fitzmaurice risked his life for his fellow soldiers in the 17th Cavalry, 101st Airborne Division, in Khe Sanh, Vietnam, in 1971.

When three explosive charges were thrown into his bunker, he threw two of the charges back out, then threw his flak vest and himself over the remaining charge to absorb the blast.

Being selfless is not natural to the human mind. It's geared for survival. Fitzmaurice's actions were contrary human nature.

Suffering partial loss of sight and a number of serious wounds, Fitzmaurice charged out of the bunker and engaged the enemy until his rifle was damaged by a hand grenade. While searching for another weapon he fought a North Vietnamese soldier in hand-to-hand combat. He then returned to his original fighting position, refused medical evacuation, and continued to defend his position against the attacking enemy.

Unlike many Medal of Honor awardees, Fitzmaurice survived his act of heroism.

He didn't do it for the award or stop to think about how good it would feel to help the war effort. He acted on instinct. He stopped thinking about himself and did what he needed to do to save the lives of many other soldiers.

Everyone wants to believe he would "do something," but there is no in-between when it comes to true selfless service. If everyone else worried a little bit less about themselves and more for the common good of the community, we'd all be better off.

Use fear factor to keep kids safe

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



Paranoia is my middle name. I keep my doors locked. I try not to go out after dark alone. When I leave the mall, my keys and police whistle are in my hand and I make a beeline to my car. When I'm cycling on the Riverwalk, I pack a cell phone and pepper spray (which I know how to use) instead of a patch kit and tools (which I shouldn't be allowed to touch).

As our daughter becomes more independent, I try to walk the line between teaching caution and scaring her silly. I don't like being preoccupied with personal safety, and it grieves me to think my daughter would grow up thinking like me.

Then, in the span of a few short months, two junior high cheerleaders disappeared in Oregon. Elizabeth Smart was taken from her bedroom in Utah. Samantha Runnion was snatched from her grandmother's yard. Days after Samantha's murder, two men grabbed Erica Pratt from a Philadelphia sidewalk. Their names join a growing roster, preceded by children like Polly Klaas and Danielle Van Dam.

It occurred to me that in spite of my quirks, I am a functioning adult, and maybe my overly cautious approach helped get me here. I don't ride the Riverwalk after dark unless it's a group ride, but it's not unusual for me to ride solo during the day. It's not all strangers that I avoid, just the few that set off warning bells. It's not unusual for me to shop after dark. But I go to busy, well lit areas.

Before my daughter learned to swim, I took a lot of heat because she was afraid to get in a pool without an adult. I put that fear into her. I wanted her to be afraid of the water until she could swim. But I saw to it that she learned to swim, and now that fear is the healthy respect it should be.

I think that dealing with strangers is the same. For now, she needs to be afraid.

I've coached my daughter, and I hope the rules sink in. Stay in sight. Talk to anyone you want if I'm holding your hand. Don't judge someone by how they look or what they say. Don't let strangers get close enough to touch you, and if they do, scream, "This is not my parent." If we get separated in a crowded area, stand still. If we get separated in a store, don't leave. If you need help, always go to a woman who has children with her. No matter how big someone is, it's going to hurt if you pinch the underside of his upper arm or the inside of his thigh. If you are grabbed, get out of your clothes if that's what it will take to get away and do whatever it takes to stay out of the creep's car. You aren't big enough to battle him into submission, so do everything you can to buy some time.

Some of her little friends take self defense classes. They think that they can defend themselves. Is this your child? Get real. If you were barely four feet tall and weighed 70 pounds, could you defend yourself from an adult male? It's not right that children aren't safe from predators, but this is the real world, and that's how it is.

While we do what we can to change that, we need to protect them. Like it or not, fear may be their best defense.

House + decorating = priceless

Melissa House
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COMMENTARY



Moving. We've all done it. With each new house comes the challenge of making it a home, taking a blank space and adding personality to make it comfortable for family and friends. It's an even bigger challenge to do all that without spending a lot of money.

My husband hates to move. He also hates it when I decide to paint. Naturally, I got the urge to paint my kitchen. I bought a gallon of the color I wanted and a gallon of glaze, so I could try a new technique.

I mixed up my small test batch — seven parts of glaze to one part of paint — and went to work with my trusty brush, planning to do one wall. Several hours later, I finished the entire kitchen, all on half a cup of paint. I think I'll be moving that gallon of "Soft Apricot" around for a few years.

I've decided that I hate it when I paint, too. So, I abandoned the paint and turned my attention to a wallpaper border. I had all the right tools from a job I completed under the watchful eye of my mother, who survived 36 years of military moves. Mom has given me some sage advice through the years. She even had wisdom for wallpaper.

"Never hang wallpaper with your spouse," she said. Inevitably, someone wants to slap the paper up, and the other wants to use a magnifying glass to match seams. Without my husband around, now was the perfect time.

At this point, it might be enlightening to mention that my in-laws came to visit last weekend. I still had boxes to unpack, but I was fixated on hanging this border.

I brushed the adhesive on all 15 feet of paper, then tried to hang it at the top of an eight-foot wall with only a short step stool. The blasted thing didn't stick. The next thing I knew, the border turned into a black and tan python, winding around me, the shower head and the legs of the stool. Now, I had another problem. How could I keep it stuck to the wall, hold the rest of the roll and, and move the stool around the room? I desperately needed another hand.

I grabbed the only thing I could find in the bathroom — a plunger. I grabbed the "yucky" end and used the handle to hold the border to the wall while I slid the stool around and around the room. I got that roll up, then the second, then the third. It was the wee hours of the morning when I stepped back to admire my handiwork.

The cost for all this, you might ask?

Discount wallpaper border —$9.48, Adhesive — $6.90, Plunger — $4.95. If there had been a video camera in the bathroom, well, it would have been priceless. And I was lucky, the border was still hanging when I woke up.

When you run out of paper, keep flossing

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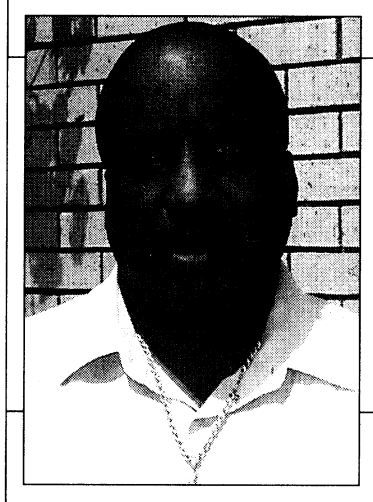
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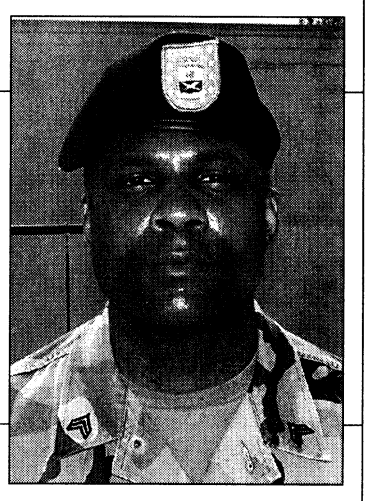
Recently I came across a compilation of questionable statistics about longevity, which said people who floss their teeth on a regular basis live an average of 10 years longer than those who don't, mothers of boys have a shorter life expectancy than mothers of girls, and a study of early schoolwork of octogenarians showed that those who wrote longer, compound sentences with bigger words lived longer than those who wrote shorter, less complex sentences, which started me thinking about my own mortality, and now here I sit, flossing, and wondering if the fact that I have two girls cancels out the fact that I have two boys who would otherwise surely be the death of me, and it occurs to me that though I take a fistful of multivitamins everyday, exercise semi-regularly — given the fact I tote laundry up the stairs and down the stairs — and eat enough vegetables to keep Del Monte in de money, maybe there are other things I could and should be doing to maximize my chances of living to see my children's children have children, because I'm certain I'd make a great grandmother, because who better to spoil the diapered darlings than a pampered grandparent, if you get my drift, which I seem to be doing, so let me get back to the subject at hand, which was the pursuit of long life through the use of long sentences, I believe, and though it makes absolutely no sense to me, I'm willing to give it a try, and though it's getting a little more difficult right about now, I'm determined to continue until I run out of

VARIOUS VOICES

What is the true secret to a long and healthy life?



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Horacio Clarke, Phenix City — "I eat a lot of steamed and raw vegetables, and don't smoke or drink."



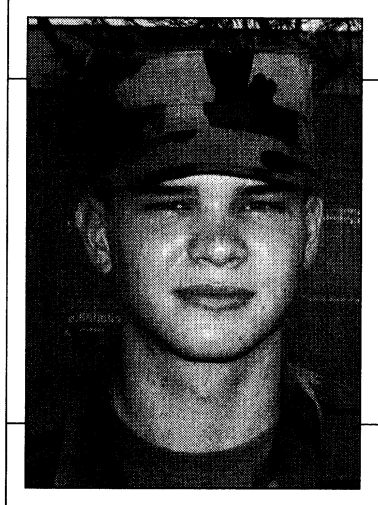
Sgt. Anthony Davison, tasking NCO with 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "Exercise. I run, lift weights and do a lot of yard work."



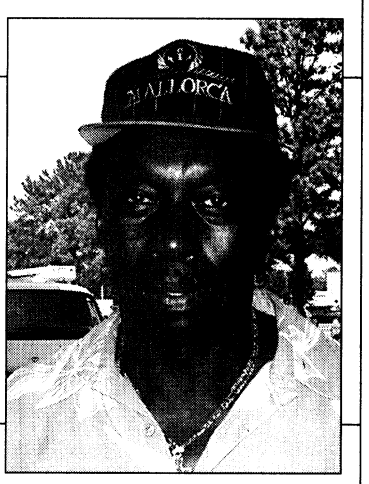
Alfreda Zeigler, family member — "You have to do right by people, trust in God and take care of yourself."



Christeil Emery, family member — "Always have a positive attitude because all the little things will get you down, and if you stay positive, things go a lot smoother."



Pvt. Jamie Bullins, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment — "Live life to the fullest, you can't take it for granted. You need to kick back and relax."



Retired Master Sgt. James Smith, Columbus — "Living right and good, physical exercise. I walk at least four miles a day."

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Rock of the Marne welcomes new leader

Commander pledges to keep standard

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

A former rifle platoon leader received his long-awaited assignment to Sand Hill, as he took command of the Rock of the Marne Battalion at a change of command ceremony Monday on Pomeroy Field.

Lt. Col. James F. Todd assumed command of the 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, from Lt. Col. Michael E. Culpepper, who is heading to Kelley Hill to become the Deputy Commanding Officer of 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division.

"It's been a pleasure to work with all of the soldiers at the battalion," Culpepper said. "I've seen many young, enthusiastic soldiers come and go, and it has made my job worthwhile."

Todd is coming from his assignment as the chief, Plans and Mobilization Division, Directorate of Operations and Training, and said he is looking forward to participating in some of the training with the soldiers.

"I'm real excited about having the opportunity to take command of a first-class battalion," Todd said. "I plan to keep up the standards and get the soldiers ready to go to Advanced Individual Training."

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> **Lt. Col. James F. Todd**
> commander, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment

Todd has served in a variety of assignments, which include: the 9th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he served as a rifle and mortar platoon leader with the 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, ranger platoon leader with 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, Operations Officer of 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, in Germany, 7th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, during Operation Desert Storm, observer controller at the National Training Center, executive officer of 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas. and the 4th Infantry Division chief of training at Fort Hood.

Todd received his commission in 1984 as an infantry second lieutenant.

His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School and the Command General Staff College.

Todd is married to Adele Todd. They have five children; James, Daniel, Marc, Paul and Anna.

Heat injury causes death

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The final results of an autopsy conducted on a 22-year-old lieutenant, who died during a land navigation training exercise in July, determined the cause of death was due to heat stroke.

2nd Lt. Zachariah R. Miller, of Stoneboro, Pa., was attending the 75th Ranger Regiment Training Detachment's pre-Ranger course.

When he failed to return to the base station at the end of the allotted time for the land navigation course, members of the 75th Ranger Regiment immediately began a search.

Miller was found dead later that day. He was here following his graduation in June from the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.

He was to attend the University of Oxford in England this fall as a Rhodes scholar.

Army secretary talks Bragg issues

Army support of families increases

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

SUFFOLK, Va. — Secretary of the Army Thomas White told reporters and members of the Joint Forces Command today that Army Transformation is on schedule and that Army leadership is looking for answers to the four murders of spouses of soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C.

White visited JFCOM headquarters Aug. 1 to receive a briefing and updates on Millennium Challenge 2002, an exercise and experimentation involving all branches of the armed forces.

He said that parts of the Army Transformation Plan announced by Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki in October 1999 "are part of our fundamental objectives today."

The goals of Army Transformation included creating network-centric organizations, lighten logistics trails and the Future Combat System platforms that are more lethal with more personnel protection. They will be combat platforms to increase strategic-tactical deployment and operational mobility.

The interim armored combat vehicle, the Stryker, is now being delivered to Stryker Brigade Combat Teams at Fort Lewis, Wash.

A Stryker company deployed to the National Training Center, Fort Irwin, Calif., is operating with an 82nd Airborne Brigade in the Army Transformation Experiment 2002, part of MC02.

"The Stryker Brigade is really one component of the overall Transformation we started three years ago," White said. "And, I think the Strykers being involved in their first joint exercise … is evident of the fact that we're bringing (Transformation) to fruition."

The secretary stressed that the Army will always operate as part of a joint team.

> "There is nothing more important than what we're doing than operating in this joint environment. And we look forward to future exercises in support of JFCOM."
>
> **Thomas White**
> Secretary of the Army

"The Army exists to be the land component of joint forces," White said. "There is nothing more important than what we're doing than operating in this joint environment. And we look forward to future exercises in support of JFCOM and the enhancement of our ability to operate as a member of the joint team."

When he was asked about the four soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., who murdered their wives, White said,

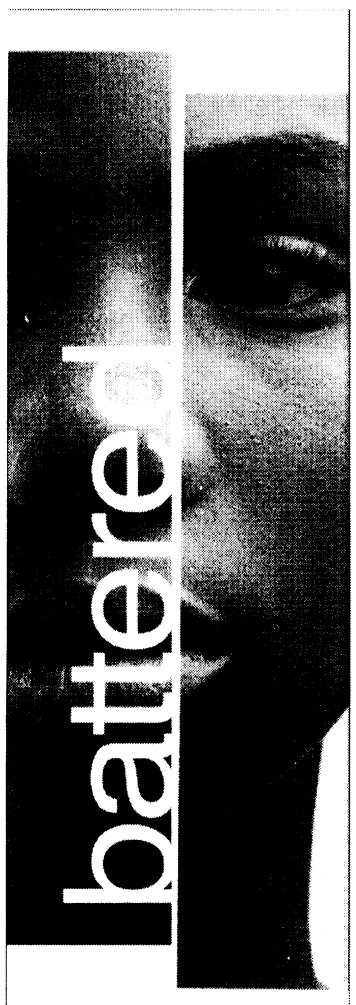
"We're tremendously concerned because it represents a tragic loss of life from the Army family. We are a married Army and the welfare of soldiers and their families is of paramount concern to us."

In response to a question about if there was some connection between duty in Afghanistan and the murders, White pointed out that one of the four soldiers had not deployed to Afghanistan.

He also pointed out that family advocacy programs are active throughout the Army and that it is supported by chaplains and leaders.

"We do an enormous amount with families on a daily basis, but, obviously with the extraordinary situation we've had at Fort Bragg, we've taken it up several notches," White said. "Those issues are under investigation by our leaders at Fort Bragg."

The Benning Boulevard checkpoint will be closed at 11:30 p.m. Saturday and reopen at 11 p.m. Sunday. The South Lumpkin Road checkpoint will be open during that time.



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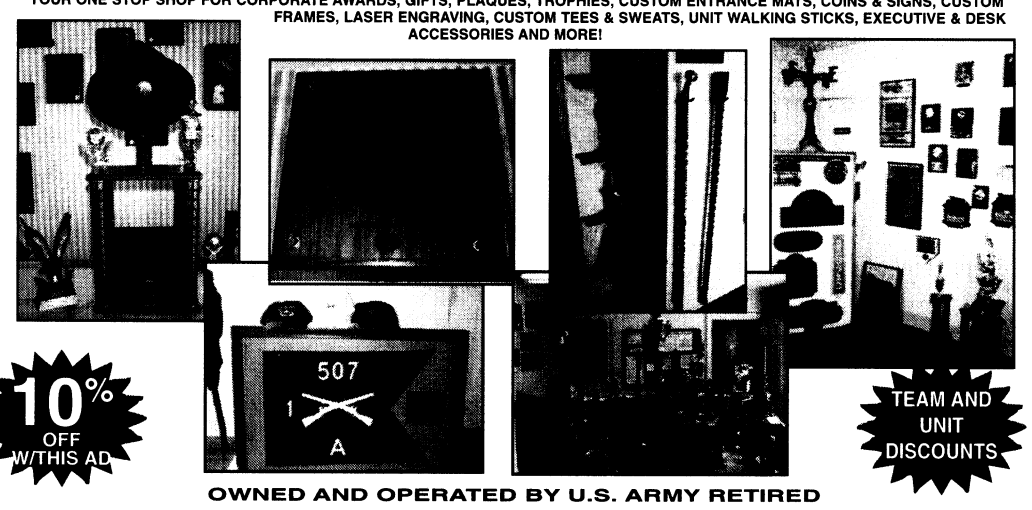
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PPP: Helps workers stay in government, relocate

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available jobs. The most commonly used are the PPP and the DoD placement plan for employees under grade retention.

"There is no guarantee everyone will be placed with this program," Knoff said.

During a mock RIF in 2000, 12 people took jobs elsewhere with the program. Since then a lot of workforce changes have taken place, and those numbers aren't very good indicators of how many people will be affected in the upcoming RIF, said an A76 official.

Personnel can register in the program in October after the RIF letters go out.

Registration in PPP is mandatory for activities within the commuting area when:

• The employee is pending separation without an offer at their current grade as a result of RIF.

• The employee has declined a transfer of function offer.

While registration does not guarantee continued employment, use of the PPP resumes is required at all DoD installations.

Normally, when an installation has a vacancy to be filled that matches the employee's skills and acceptable grade, a job offer is required. Employees should be prepared to discuss with a DCP representative their knowledge, skills and abilities, in addition to where they would be willing to relocate and at what grade level.

Employees can remain in the program for the duration of the 60-day notice period. If the employee is separated, they can remain registered for 12 months after separation.

During this period, placement in an appropriate position, declination of a valid offer, retirement or a personal request will terminate the employee's registration in the program. One valid offer is all that will be made to an employee. Once the employee accepts an offer, the government will pay related travel and transportation costs to the new location to the maximum extent permitted under the DoD Joint Travel Regulations.

For more information call 545-5562.

Virus: Not reported in Columbus, Fort Benning community

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woman became the first known person to be diagnosed with the West Nile Virus.

The West Nile Virus has become the second leading cause of encephalitis, a swelling of the brain, according to a memorandum from the Assistant Secretary of Defense, William Winkenwerder, dated July 11. It has spread to almost every state east of the continental divide and is moving westward.

"There is no evidence of the virus present at Fort Benning or in the Columbus area," said Lt. Col. Joaquin Oronoz, chief of Preventive Medicine, Martin Army Community Hospital. "Even in the areas where the virus is circulating, only a few mosquitoes are infected with the virus."

The chance of suffering severe effects from the virus after being infected is less than 1 percent, and of those the chance of death is 3 to 15 percent, according to the CDC.

There is no cure for the disease. Person-to-person transmission is unlikely. There is no documented proof of the virus being transmitted that way, according to the CDC.

Persons over the age of 50 have an increased risk of being infected. However, that doesn't exclude children and young adults from being infected, according to the CDC. The incubation period of the virus to reach encephalitis is three to 15 days.

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> **Lt. Col. Joaquin Oronoz**
> chief of Preventive Medicine, MACH

Symptoms of West Nile encephalitis are mild fever, headaches, body aches, skin rash and swollen lymph glands. Severe infections may be noted from high fever, neck stiffness, disorientation, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

There is no specific therapy for treating West Nile encephalitis. However, intravenous fluids, respiratory support and airway management are some of the supportive treatments in severe cases.

Actions are being taken to reduce or prevent the spread of the disease.

Surveillance programs are coordinating federal, state and local health department reports of all cases of the virus or potential outbreaks. They also identify potential breeding sites and test mosquitoes for the virus.

"To help prevent mosquitoes from breeding, remove standing water from around your home," Oronoz said.

In addition, the Center for Integration of Natural Disaster Information — Science for a Changing World recommends people apply screens to doors, stay indoors during mosquitoes' feeding hours, which often includes dusk and dawn, wear long sleeve shirts and pants, and drink lots of water.

Insect repellent containing DEET is also recommended to reduce the risk of being bitten. Adults should apply repellent containing no more than 33 percent DEET, which is good for eight to 12 hours. For children, it is recommended to apply repellent containing no more than 10 percent DEET and with children less than 3-years-old, repellent should not be applied, according to the CDC.

For more information about the West Nile Virus, visit the Web site www. cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/.

Smokers: Increase disease risk, help available

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function levels will be about equal to that of non-smokers who are 2.5-7.5 years older.

• After age 60, lung function will be comparable to non-smokers 5.5-15 years older.

"Current smokers have lung function equivalent to those of non-smokers 10-20 years older!" O'Brien said.

For younger tobacco users, the threat of a premature death is generally not significant. For this group, it is important to point out that there are many non-lethal yet unpleasant effects of smoking, including the cost, bad breath, wrinkles, stained teeth and gum disease, decreased endurance and ability to exercise, cough and sore throat, increased infections and visits to the doctor, stomach ulcers, weak bones, and, for males, problems with erections.

Still, smokers will have one of the following reasons for not quitting, O'Brien said:

• Addiction: The nicotine in tobacco is thought to be second only to cocaine in terms of its addictive potential. Nicotine is actually a chemical that the body naturally produces, and it stimulates the nerves in the body.

Thus, when people try to quit, they experience severe cravings, called withdrawal symptoms. If smokers can get past these initial severe symptoms, they decrease rapidly.

• Habit: After smoking for several years, smoking becomes associated with other activities: driving in a car, eating dinner, drinking a beer, or taking a break from work. It then becomes a challenge to break these strong connections.

• Stress relief: Smoking is used as a manner of relaxation. Someone trying to quit will have to substitute another form of stress relief, such as exercise and meditation.

What should a smoker do to quit?

O'Brien recommended the following:

1. If addiction is the primary obstacle, the use of nicotine replacement therapy — the "patch," nicotine gum or inhaler — will help minimize the effects of the withdrawal symptoms.

2. For many smokers, the use of Zyban/Wellbutrin helps to minimize cigarette cravings and decrease weight gain associated with quitting.

3. The highest quit rates are seen with the combination of one or more of the above medications with a formal smoking cessation class. Martin Army Community Hospital has two locations where anyone can attend these classes:

• Internal Medicine Clinic — Classes are held from 12 to 1 p.m. Monday and Wednesday for 4 weeks.

• Family Practice Clinic — Classes are held from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday of the first week, and then on the following two Thursdays.

The Center for Disease Control Web site recommends people:

1. Get ready and:

• Set a quit date,

• Change their environment,

• Review past attempts to quit and learn from mistakes.

2. Seek support and encouragement. Studies have shown that people have a better chance of being successful if they have help. People should tell their family, friends, and co-workers that they are going to quit and want their support.

3. Learn new skills and behaviors. People should:

• Try to distract themselves from urges to smoke,

• When they first try to quit, change their routine,

• Plan something enjoyable to do every day,

• Drink a lot of water and other fluids.

4. Be prepared for relapse or difficult situations. Most relapses occur within the first three months after quitting. People shouldn't be discouraged if they start smoking again. Remember, most people try several times before they finally quit. Smokers should avoid alcohol and other smokers, and remember weight gain, bad mood or depression may result when they quit.

"For smokers, quitting smoking is very difficult, but well worth it," O'Brien said. "I encourage (people) to talk with (their) primary care provider about the reasons to quit and the obstacles (they) will need to overcome.

"For non-smokers, please understand that smokers need our help to quit. Smokers are not bad people, just people that somehow acquired a bad habit. When a smoker is trying to quit, be tolerant of their moodiness, yet supportive of their effort."

Quitting is possible. Just ask Sgt. Joshua Davis, the commanding general's driver. He was one of the 46.5 million people over 18 who smoked in 1999, but he quit Jan 24.

"Everyone who smokes, dips or chews knows that it is unhealthy, Davis said. "Sometimes you just need a kick in the rear to motivate you.

His kick came from the CG.

"When the post commander takes interest in your bad habits, it is a wake up moment," Davis said.

He used a smoking cessation class on post to quit.

"They provided me with the nicotine patches and the classes to help deal with the mental aspect of my addiction," Davis said.

His advice?

"First, you have to want to quit. If you don't want to quit, you won't. Second, get into a program. You will be able to talk to other people who are going through what you are. And last, get an accountability partner, someone who will keep you on track and who you can talk to during the tough moments."

As a result of quitting, he said his mind, body, and spirit feel outstanding.

"I have more energy, and I know that through God anything is possible. If I can break an eight-year habit, anyone can. I still have moments when I want to smoke. But, all I have to do is remember the first month after quitting, and I don't pick one up."

For more information about the smoking cessation program, call 544-3065 or 544-1255.

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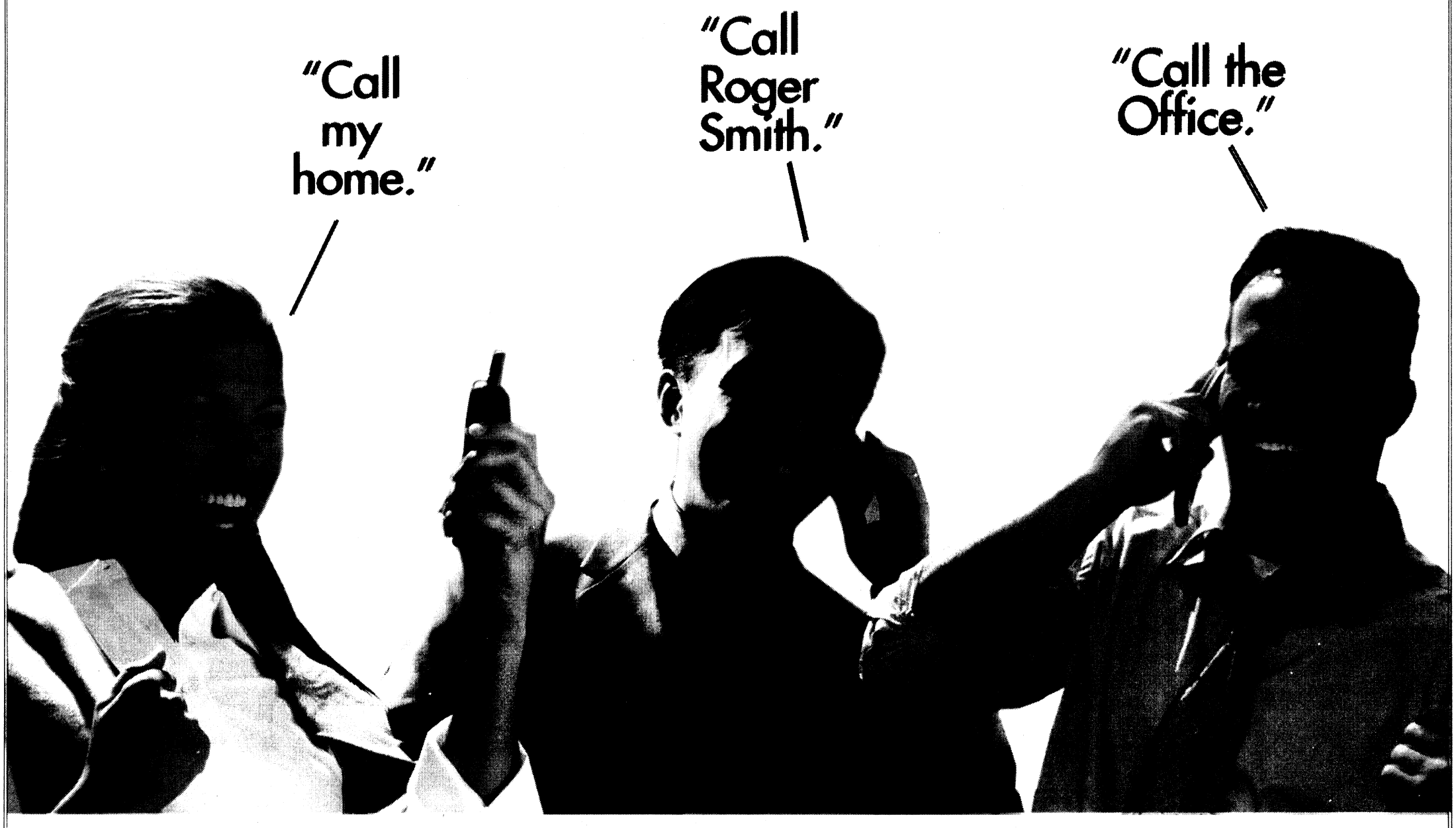
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Ephedrine supplements raise concern

Installations pulling drug from shelves

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Officers and family members exercising at the Officer's Club Fitness Center will no longer be able to purchase energy drinks containing the herbal supplement ephedrine.

The club has removed all of the popular drinks off the shelves and has decided not to sell them to soldiers, no matter what the circumstances.

"We received a memo from Fort Benning officials not to sell the products because of the potential fatal effects they can have on soldiers working out," said Vickie Gathers, Officer's Club fitness specialist. "Officers try to talk us into it, but we have strict orders now not to distribute those products."

The decision to pull ephedrine from the coolers of the O-Club comes just months after medical reports show two Fort Hood, Texas soldiers died after using ephedrine before a PT test.

The deaths of two Fort Jackson, S.C., soldiers this summer have also been linked to ephedrine, according to the Moncrief Army Community Hospital.

"Ephedra's effects on the body include an increase in heart rate and blood pressure, and it actually has a thermogenic effect, which means it raises the body temperature," said Maj. Eric Lund, chief of preventive medicine at Fort Hood's Darnall Army Hospital. "This puts people who are training in hot weather at higher risks for heat injuries."

Although ephedrine continues to grow in popularity, caution around the drug is also increasing on an international level, according to the Public Citizen's Health Research Group Web site. Health Canada, the Canadian health department, requested a recall of all ephedrine products in January. The United States Navy has also pulled ephedrine from shelves.

"All three military services have documented medical cases where significant adverse events and deaths have occurred among active-duty service members taking dietary supplements containing ephedrine," said Navy Surgeon General Rich Nelson. "This has led to a Navy ban of the sale of ephedrine products at stores on Pearl Harbor and the Marine base Kaneohe Bay."

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> **Vickie Gathers**
> Officers' Club fitness specialist

As far as the rest of the military stores and installations, only time will tell what will happen with ephedrine products, Gathers said. The officers club on Fort Benning is sticking to its policy, however, the products can still be bought at the GNC health-food stores on post.

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For more information, visit www.armypharmacy.org.

WHINSEC students learn about Columbus politics

City officials help teach institute

Lee A. Rials
WHINSEC Public Affairs

Democratic Sustainment Course students from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation took their understanding of U.S. local government to a new level at the Columbus Government Center Wednesday.

Dr. Russell Ramsey, course instructor, with the cooperation and assistance of Columbus City Manager Carmen Cavezza, placed students in the roles of mayor, city councilors and city attorney. At various times, Ramsey was a disgruntled citizen, an experienced advisor, but always the teacher. Cavezza acted in his own official role and added many details of how the city government operates its council meetings. Role-playing students as well as the students who provided the audience asked some very pointed questions to clearly understand what the city government does, its powers and its limitations.

After the session, Cavezza pointed out the difference between life as a military officer and the way a city government works.

"I hope you can imagine the change from being a general to working in the democratic process," he said.

He used the Lincolnian phrase "of the people, by the people, and for the people" to explain that many viewpoints affect the city's decision-making process.

Twenty four men and women are attending the six-week course that offers guidance on appropriate roles of government officials in a democracy. The class members represent military, law enforcement, and civilians from eight countries in Central and South America.

DoD announces proposal for Tricare delivery

New contracts will reward good service

Department of Defense

The Department of Defense Tricare Management Activity released a request for proposal today for a multibillion dollar health care delivery package to serve DoD's 8.7 million Tricare beneficiaries.

"Our new Tricare contracts will reward superior customer service, simplify administration of Tricare, and increase the ability of local medical commanders to best serve their local beneficiaries," said Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. William Winkenwerder.

The solicitation will result in the award of three contracts covering the North, South and Western regions of the United States.

Each contract includes a transition period of 10 months, plus five one-year option periods for health care delivery.

Copies of the solicitation are available electronically only and may be downloaded from the Tricare Web site at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/contracting/healthcare/solicitations/MCSS.

Paper copies will not be made available. Questions must be submitted electronically through the Tricare Web site using the "E-mail Questions to the Contracting Officer" option.

Proposals are to be submitted electronically. TMA will announce the contract awards at a later date to be determined. Subsequent solicitation announcements will be forthcoming for other support services.

For updates on the next generation of Tricare contracts, interested parties should frequently check the Tricare Web site at http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pmo/t-nex/.

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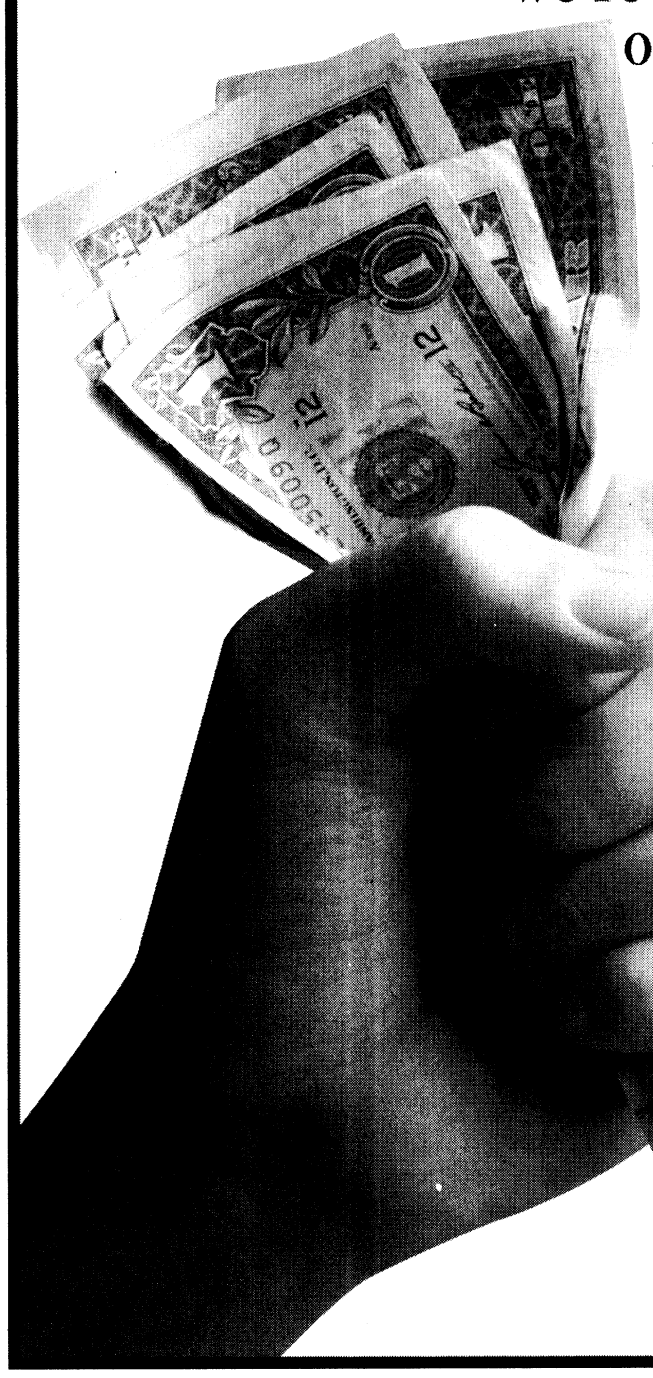
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Army introduces new board system

Move cancels hardcopy files, adds clarity

Army News Service

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Army's sergeant-major board meeting this fall will test a new Automated Selection Board System that eliminates hardcopy files and presents records to board members only as electronic files.

Of the master sergeants in the zone for promotion, only those in the medical field (Career Management Field 91) will be in the test population, personnel officials said.

Board members will review individual CMF 91 files (official military personnel file, photo, enlisted record brief and letter to the board president, if submitted) on the ASBS as electronic files.

The board will review hardcopy records for NCOs in all other career management fields, officials said.

The board is scheduled to convene at the U.S. Army Enlisted Records and Evaluation Center in Indianapolis Oct. 1. It will review files for those being considered for promotion to sergeant major and command sergeant major, and for those being considered for attendance at the Sergeants Major Course.

CMF 91 noncommissioned officers should review, update and sign their hardcopy enlisted record briefs and DA Form 2-1 to ensure the board has a current back-up record, personnel officials advised.

They said NCOs can do this with servicing personnel offices as done in the past.

NCOs in the test population should also access their electronic promotion file via the EREC web site at www.erec.army.mil, officials advised.

Once there on the site, CMF 91 NCOs will be able to access their records by clicking on "promotion file." Within the promotion file there are several tabs (OMPF, Photo, ERB and Statements).

OMPFs should be reviewed for missing or incorrect information, officials advise. They said questions or changes to files can be made directly to EREC following the instructions provided on the EREC web site in the "Enlisted Records Division/OMPF" portal.

Customer service representatives are available by calling (866) 771-6357 or DSN 699-3361. Official photos can be viewed by clicking the "photo" tab. EREC is in the process of scanning the current hardcopy photograph that is on file at EREC.

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> **George Piccirilli**
> Director, Management Support Division, U.S. Army Personnel Command

"We'll scan in approximately 500 photographs for the CMF 91 NCOs prior to the document cutoff date of Sept. 13," said Sgt. Maj. Deborah Seimer at EREC. The remaining photos will be hardcopy.

Regardless of career management field, all NCOs in the zone are asked to process the appropriate SGM/SMC declination statement or CSM acceptance/declination statement in the "statements" tab, officials said.

The first officers files that will test the automated selection process will be the Colonel Army Medical command selection board which takes place from Jan. 21-31, officials said. They added that the next test board will be the Feb. 4 Captain AMEDD promotion selection board. The U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command in St. Louis began automated boards in February for medical and chaplain boards, an ARPERSCOM official said.

"Officers and non-commissioned officers alike will be notified to review their electronic file through Army Knowledge Online," said George Piccirilli, the director of the Management Support Division in U.S. Army Personnel Command. He said soldiers and officers will essentially validate their own promotion file that board members see. Electronic review of their performance file and photo online is key to the selection process, he said.

"Future board members will use 21-inch monitors giving greater clarity than the microfiche ever did," Piccirilli said. This process will work.

Editor's note: *Information provided by the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command public affairs team.*

Battle of Hamburger Hill veteran dies in Calif.

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

A former Fort Benning soldier was buried Wednesday with full military honors at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, Calif. Soldiers from Fort Irwin conducted the ceremony.

Retired Master Sgt. Michael J. Murphy was a survivor of the battle of "Hamburger Hill" in Vietnam that was later retold in a 1987 film.

Fifty-six American soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division were killed and 420 wounded during the fight for Ap Bia Mountain May 10-20, 1969. Murphy was a veteran of two armed services, the Air Force from 1959 to 1963 and the Army from 1964 until he retired in 1980.

Murphy received his basic, airborne and ranger training at Fort Benning, and was stationed here during his service as well.

Murphy had a special fondness for Fort Benning, said family friend Kim Cennedy.

"I have family in La Grange now," she said, and when she visited them, she visited Fort Benning to see it for herself. "Mike was so proud of what he had done for his country," Cennedy said.

"He was proud, but humble," said Murphy's widow, Kathy. Murphy jumped into Cambodia and served three tours in Vietnam.

He generally only talked about his wartime experiences with other men, she said. When Murphy would return home, he never told his family exactly what he did.

Instead, "he would tell the kids he was 'on vacation'," she said. Murphy's last assignment was in Turkey during the Iranian hostage crisis.

Murphy received the Silver Star, Bronze Star Medal and three awards of the Purple Heart.

AROUND POST

NCO, soldiers of quarter

The the NCO, Soldier of the Quarter Awards Luncheon is at 11:30 today at the Main NCO Club. See your command sergeant major or 1st sergeant for tickets.

For more information, call 545-1500.

Awards Ceremony

Fort Benning will conduct a Command Awards Ceremony at 3 p.m. today at the Follow Me statue at Infantry Hall. The pre-ceremony command brief for awardees and their guests is scheduled for 2 p.m.

For more information, call 545-1132.

Termination of microfiche

Effective Thursday, Officer Records Branch will no longer send official military personnel files microfiche to individuals in the field. Officers will need to view their OMPFs through Army Knowledge Online. The link is https://ompf.hoffman.army.mil. For more information, e-mail offrcds@hoffman.army.mil.

eArmyU briefing

The Education Center will host a briefing at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 32B, Infantry Hall.

For more information, call 545-1774.

ID Card closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 2 p.m. Aug 19 to perform Student ID Card processing requirements. Normal operational hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 20.

For more information, call 545-1411.

Changes of command

Fort Benning will have the following changes of command:

• Aug. 20 — **Lt. Col. Alan W. Neyland** will take command of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. **Lt. Col. Daniel P. Dillon** is the outgoing commander. For more information, call 545-1962.

• Aug. 27 — **Lt. Col. Greg Kane** will take command of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. **Lt. Col. Michael Winstead** is the outgoing commander. For more information, call 545-8516.

FAST classes

Functional Academic Skills Training is a review of basic skills in math and reading geared toward improving a soldier's general technical score. The skills learned are applicable to the individual's military duties. The remaining class is scheduled for Monday through Sept. 3.

The class will be held in Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning class (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and an afternoon class (1 to 4:45 p.m.).

A three-hour pretest is mandatory for enrollment. The pretest is administered daily on a walk-in basis, promptly at 1 p.m. in Building 9004. Testing is also available at 8:30 a.m. by appointment only.

For more information, call Tilden Robinson at 544-3689.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board will meet to consider soldiers for the promotion to sergeant major Oct. 1.

Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000 and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977 and Oct. 1, 1992.

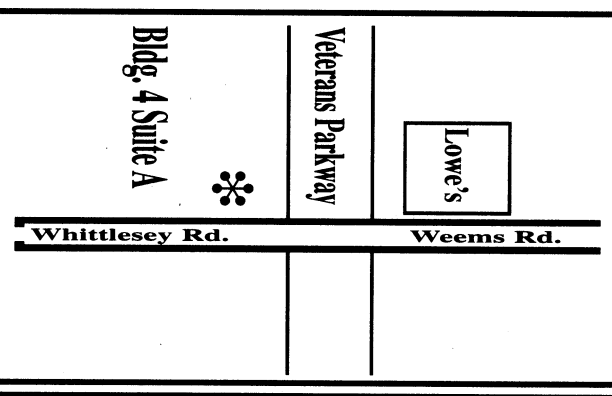
Date of birth is no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951.

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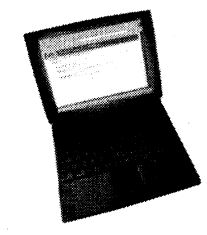
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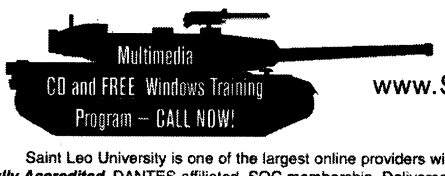


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Soldiers train on Malone urban terrain site

Site offers real world training

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A soldier from 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, checks a trap door to clear an area at Malone MOUT. With soaring temperatures, soldiers modify their uniforms by rolling their sleeves, when training in heat category 5.

With the war on terrorism calling on soldiers to deploy around the world to various environments, soldiers continually train for situations that may present themselves in the future.

A Military Operations and Urbanized Terrain site is a mock city that lets soldiers train as they would fight in an urban environment. E Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, acclimated itself to the urban environment at the Malone MOUT site Aug. 2.

"We teach them the basics of entering and clearing a room," said Sgt. 1st Class Robert Frye. "When they get to their unit, wherever that may be, all of the details will be set by a unit Standard Operating Procedure on how the unit handles each situation."

The Infantry Training Brigade soldiers trained at the site for two days.

"The first day was the introduction to MOUT training," Frye said. "The second day is when we actually take them through the MOUT site and let them get a feel for movement through the site."

Frye stressed to his soldiers that in today's modern battlefield, very rarely is there a fight where a soldier doesn't have to clear a building.

The soldiers went through the proper procedures on how to enter a building and how to cover for a man who has a weapon malfunction while in the building.

The soldiers went through the exercise in four-man teams. The last soldier was designated the "door kicker." The soldier would kick in the door and move out of the way as his team moved into the building. The soldiers would then follow in close behind.

Once inside the building, the soldiers cleared their section and gave a status report when asked for it by the team leader.

While going through the buildings, the drill sergeants told the soldiers to work together as a unit.

"The mission couldn't get done if we didn't work as a team," said Pvt. Jeremy Taylor. "All four of us have a vital role, whether it be to cover the window, front side or back side of the group."

The Army values play a vital role in urban combat, Frye said.

"The fourth soldier that kicks in the door uses selfless service by taking the chance he might be killed once he kicks the door.

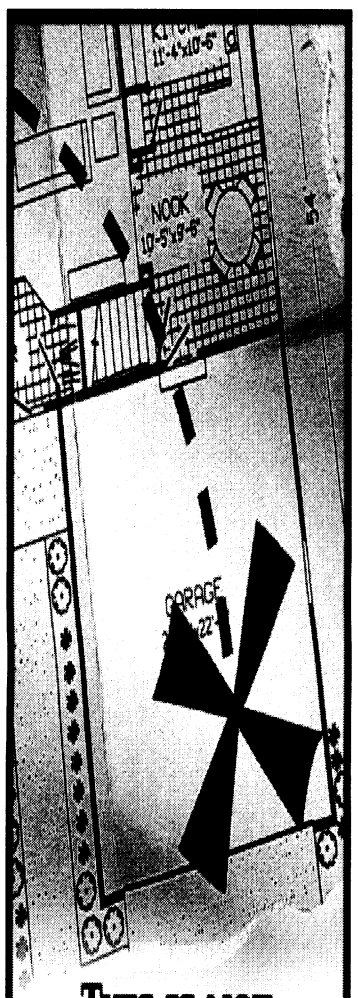
"The first soldier uses duty and personal courage to be the first to enter the room. He's exposed to the enemy for a second longer than the others.

"The other fire team members show loyalty by following the first person into the building to clear it," he said.

All agreed it was real world training.

"In a perfect world, the room is going to be empty with only the enemy inside of it," Frye said. "But, this is not a perfect world, and most of the time there is going to be some sort of furniture or equipment in the way of the soldier. The soldier just has to clear it in a safe manner."

"I was thinking about how, in a few months, I could be in Afghanistan or Iraq doing this same exact thing, but only with my life in danger," said Pvt. Joshua Munger. "But, if I am faced with the situation, I'll remember my training and remember to rely on my buddies, and I will be okay."



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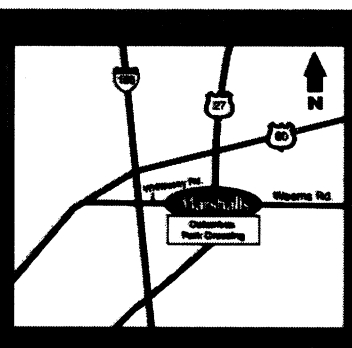
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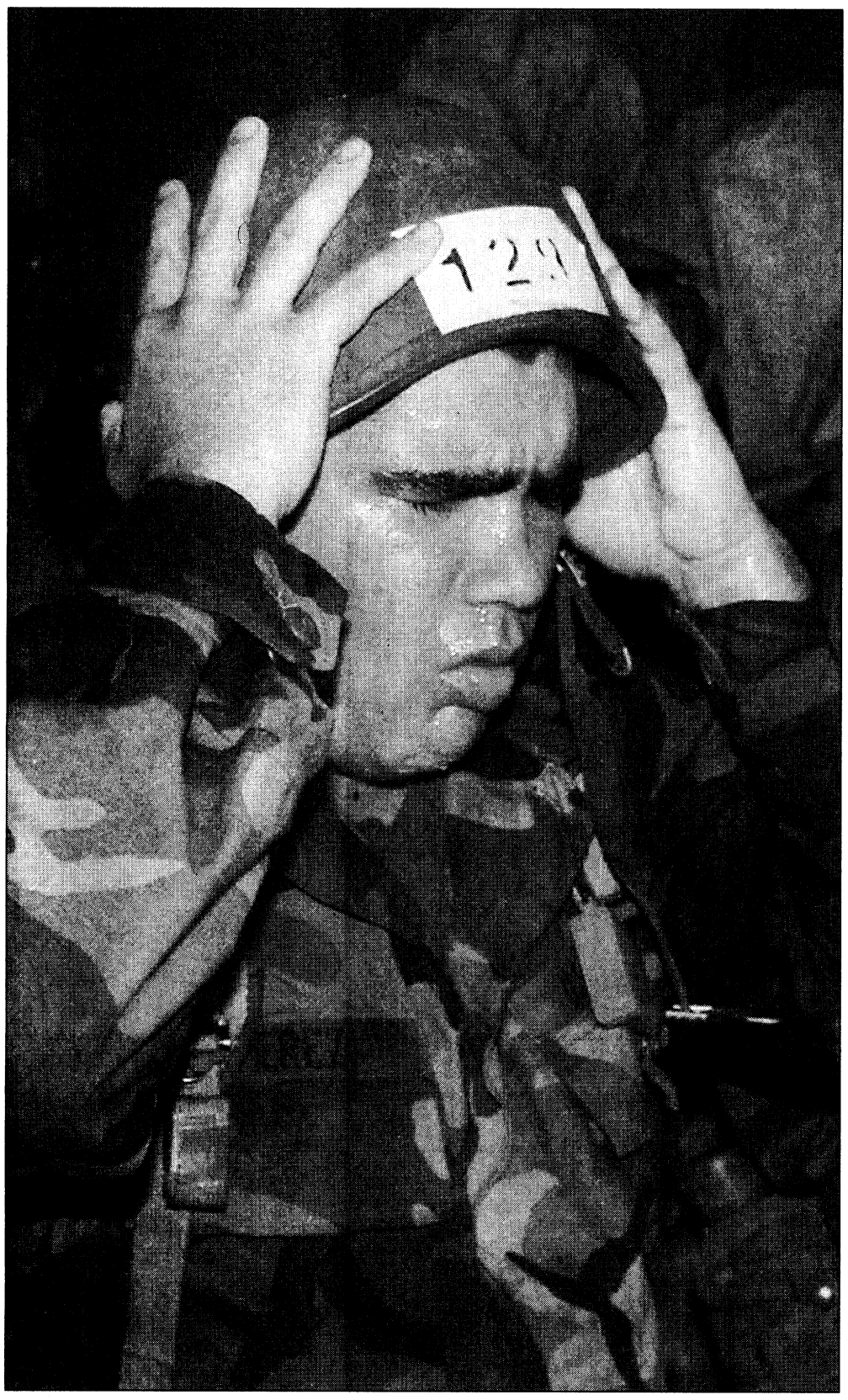
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NBC training more important than ever



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Pvt. Danny Perez puts on his kevlar while he feels the effects of CS gas in the gas chamber during nuclear, biological and chemical training.

Tensions rise while soldiers train to survive

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Potential threats of a nuclear, biological or chemical weapons attack are reaching new heights, and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein is cause for much of the concern.

With that in mind, military analysts are discussing a second invasion of Iraq, and basic training soldiers of E Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, are preparing themselves for the possibility of war in an NBC environment.

"We take all of our training seriously," said Staff Sgt. Erasmo Evans, drill sergeant for the company. "When they go in the gas chamber, they get a good picture of how serious this training is."

Soldiers went platoon by platoon through the gas chamber filled with CS gas at Britten Range Aug. 2.

They gained an understanding of how their equipment will work against these potential battlefield threats and got a taste of how potent chemical warfare can be.

"It definitely gets the message across," said Pfc. Aric Reid. "I never want to experience the gas chamber again."

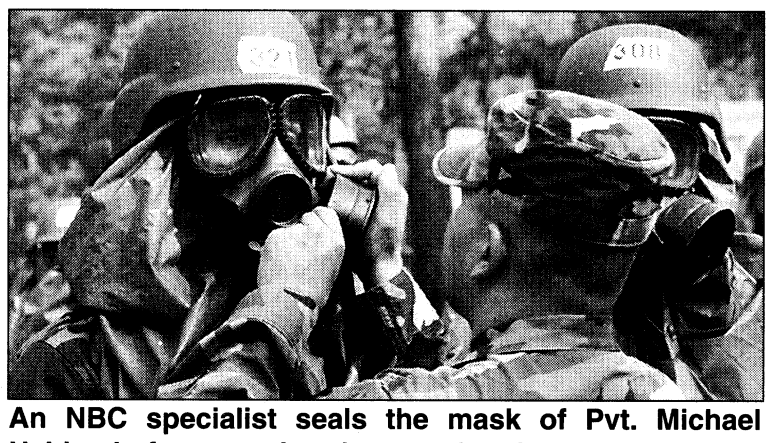
They also learned how to identify, respond and avoid NBC environments and how to protect and decontaminate while in them.

"This training introduces them to threats that exist with weapons of mass destruction," Evens said. "The gas chamber assures the soldiers that they can have faith and confidence in their NBC equipment, and the training may one day save their life."

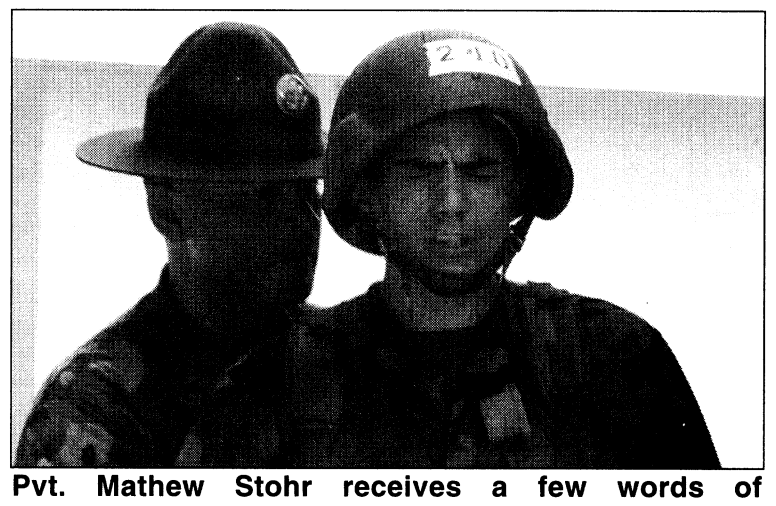
A soldier is given nine seconds to properly put on his mask and seal it.

During that time, each second becomes more important than the last.

"One second can make a difference between life and death," Reid said on his seventh day of basic training. "The gas chamber won't kill you, but there is stuff out there nations use that will."



An NBC specialist seals the mask of Pvt. Michael Habina before entering the gas chamber Aug. 2.



Pvt. Mathew Stohr receives a few words of encouragement as he steps out of the gas chamber.

A mask could be the most valuable piece of equipment a soldier has in a war with Iraq, said Pvt. Zack Szczepanek, 1st Bn., 50th Inf. Regt.

"Other than my M16, a mask is the first thing I would bring with me to war," Szczepanek said.

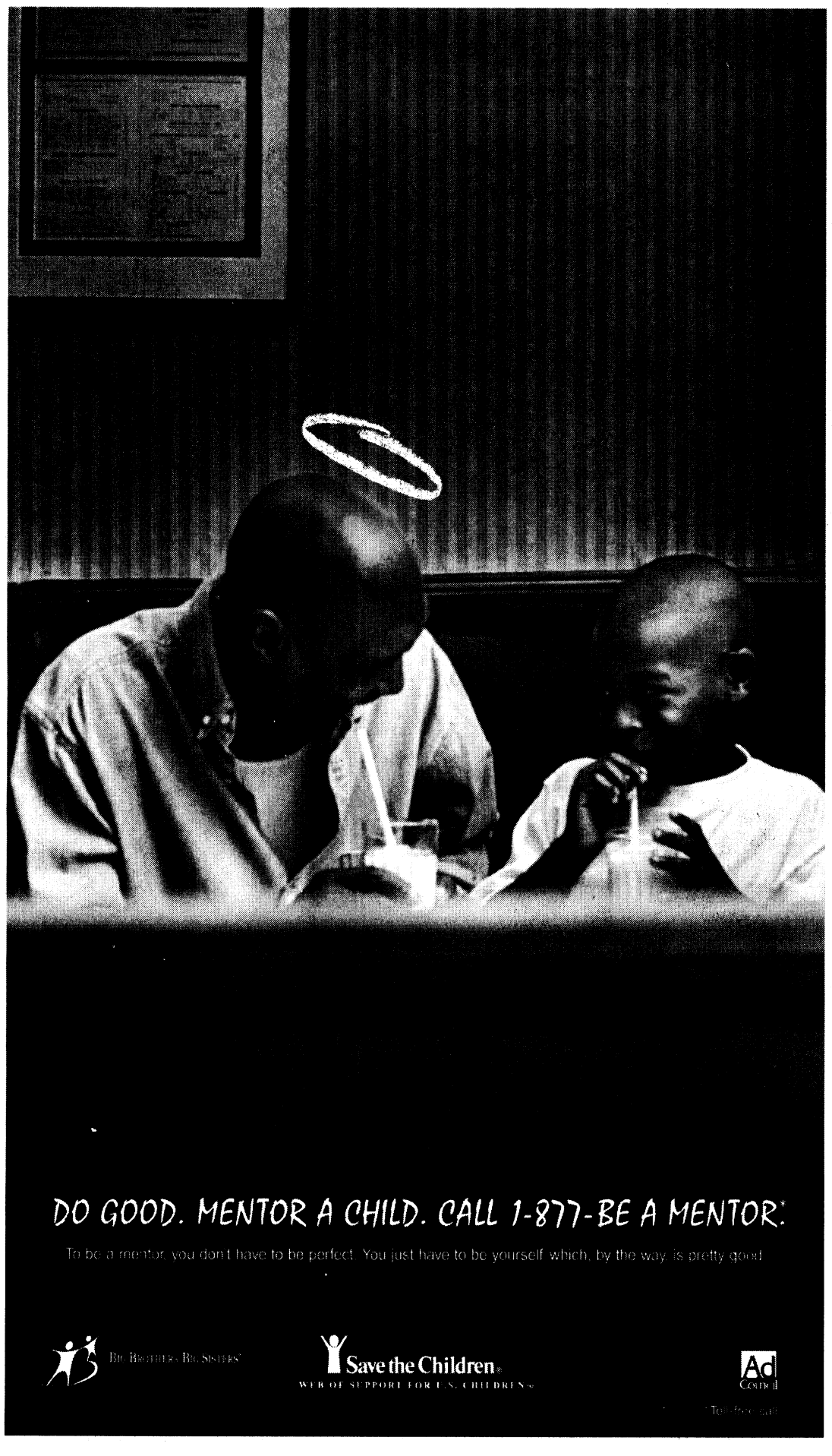
Szczepanek's drill sergeant, Evens, told him of his experience in Operation Desert Storm.

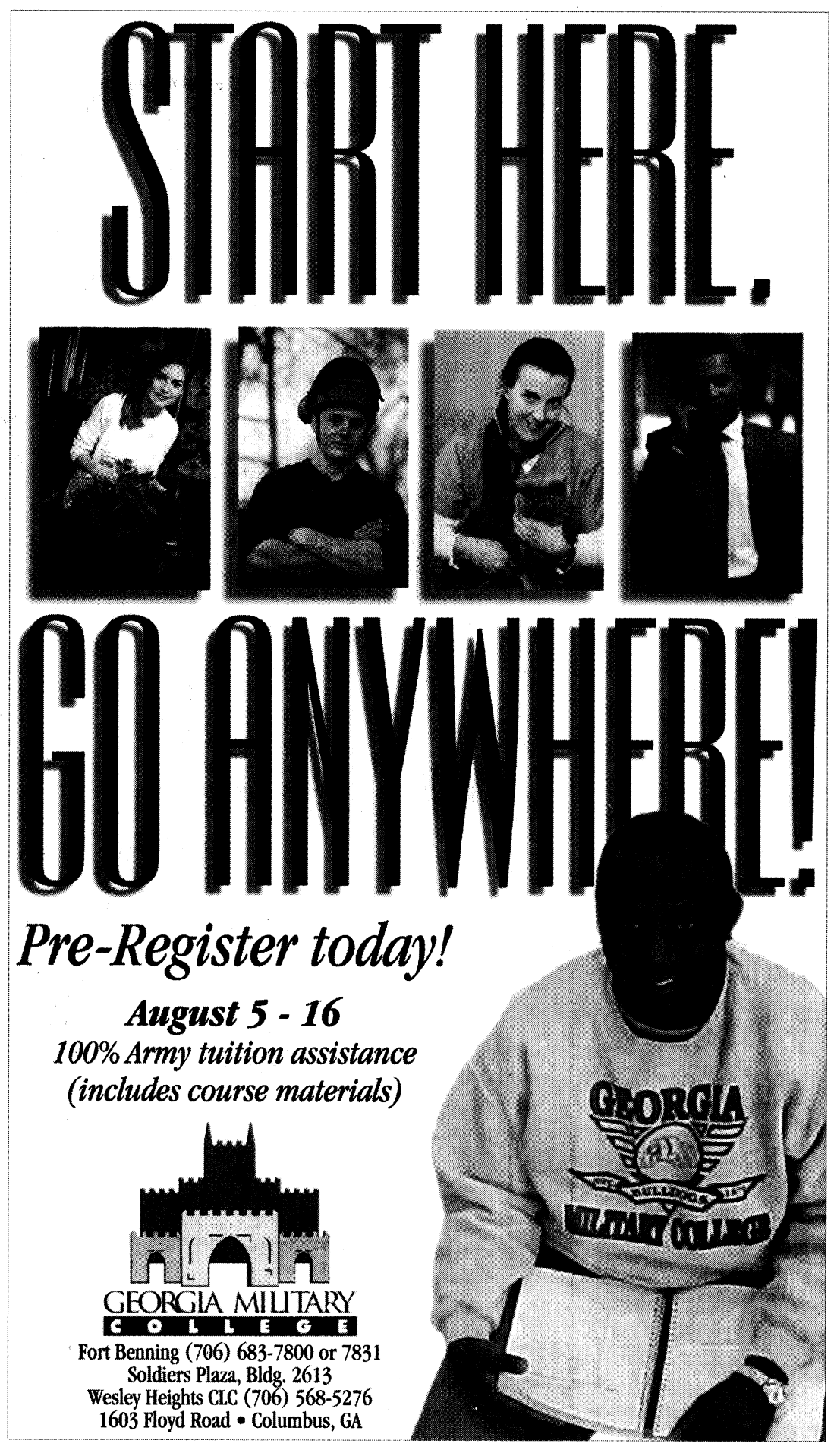
"The moment we arrived in port, we heard sirens for us to put on our mask," Erasmo said. "We had to have our chemical suit with us 24/7 because the NBC threat was so high."

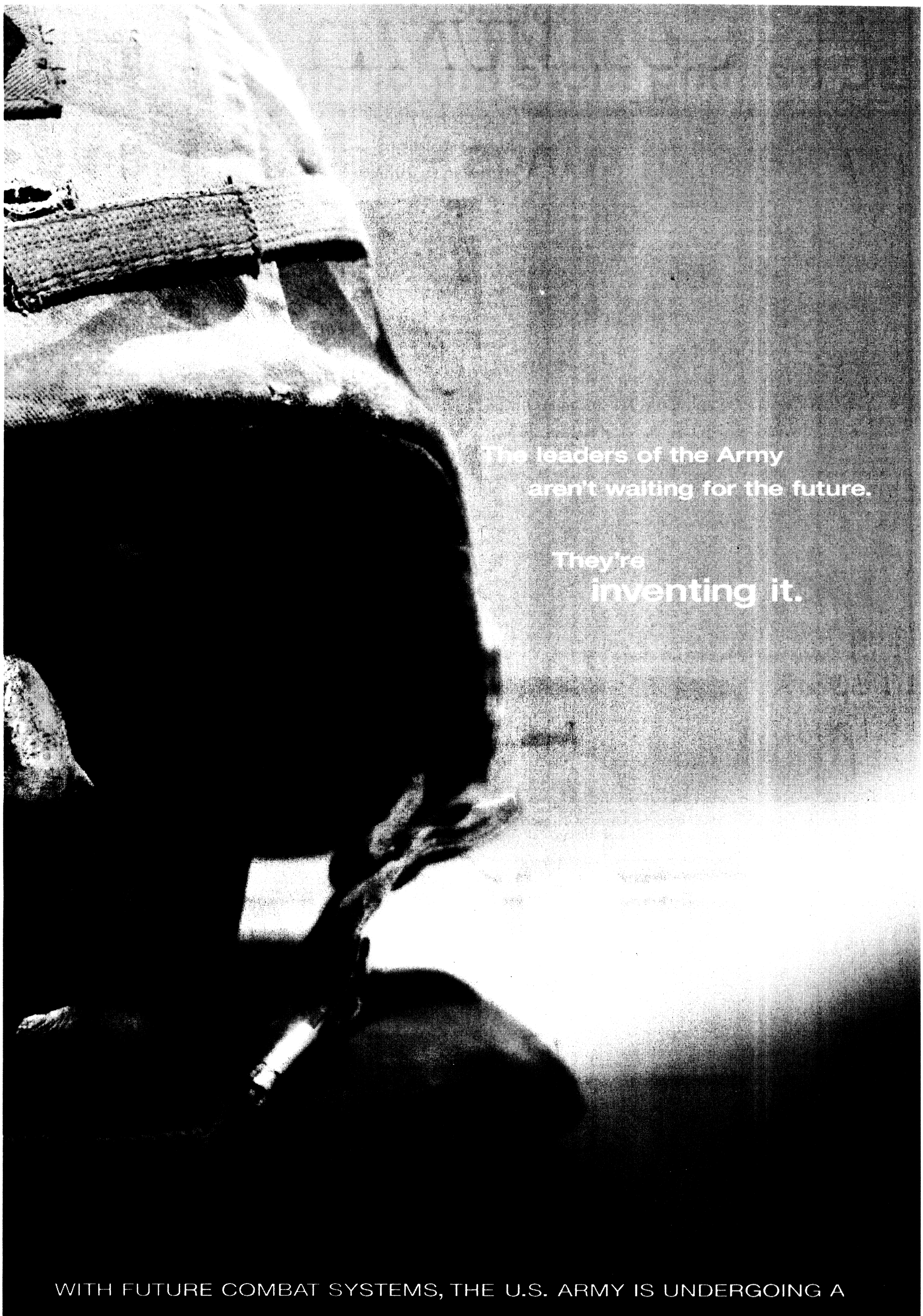
According to a recent poll on CNN's Web site, 76 percent of those who participated in the poll support an intervention of Iraq.

That is why it's important to keep the mask serviceable, Szczepanek said.

With the possibility of invading Iraq and fighting the war on terrorism, the exercises allowed drill sergeants to describe the valuable lesson of being proactive, Reid said. The experience and current world situation sends a clear message that NBC training is vitally important.







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Two sets of wings — silver & gold

Mom, son pin wings on each other

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Scott Wybro pinned angel wings on his mother as she faced the greatest challenge of her life — cancer — earlier this year. She returned the favor Aug. 2, as he completed a major milestone in his military career.

Scott, a fourth-year cadet of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, pinned a tiny gold angel to his mother's hospital gown the day she underwent surgery to remove a cancerous brain tumor Jan.31.

Suzanne has worn the angel ever since — through surgery, through chemotherapy, through good days and bad.

Last Friday was a good day. With the tiny angel on her shoulder, Suzanne beamed at her son as she pinned silver jump wings to his chest.

"I'm so thankful I could be here today. This is a wonderful day," she said, with a tear in her eye, as she patted and smoothed his lapel.

Scott, one of 385 graduates from A Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, began Airborne training July 14. Seven days later, doctors in Houston, Texas, detected a second growth on his mother's brain, this time a tumor 2 inches in diameter. She immediately resumed an aggressive chemotherapy and drug regimen that often leaves her feeling "out of it."

"She has her ups and downs. We weren't sure she'd be able to travel," said Pete Wybro, Suzanne's husband of 30 years. "She had a very strong will to be here."

Suzanne's trip to Fort Benning was a reunion of sorts. Joined by 22 family members from Atlanta, the Georgia native grinned as she recalled earlier trips to Fort Benning as a USO performer.

As for Scott, Airborne School was his first Fort Benning experience. He said prayer kept him focused when thoughts of his mother made him long for home.

"Sometimes I felt helpless being so far away. But she said she didn't want me to jeopardize anything I've got going. She wanted me to keep going," he said.

"I told him I'll get along just fine. I'm a soldier, just like him, but the enemy I face is cancer," Suzanne said. "He told me 'I can do all things through (Christ) who strengthens me.' That's his favorite scripture."

"It's from Philippians 4:13," Scott said. "It's something I live by."

"It's something I'm learning to live by," his mother said.



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Suzanne Wybro pins jump wings on her son, West Point cadet Scott Wybro.

Static can spark gas fires

Gas pump blazes raise concerns on post

Melissa House
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The Army recently issued an advisory message concerning gas pump fires sparked by static electricity in conjunction with a Petroleum Equipment Institute awareness campaign. Research on 150 fires at the pump concluded that static electrical discharge was the primary cause of these fires.

"We have not had any incidents at Fort Benning," said Rosa Bell, manager of the 24-hour shoppette.

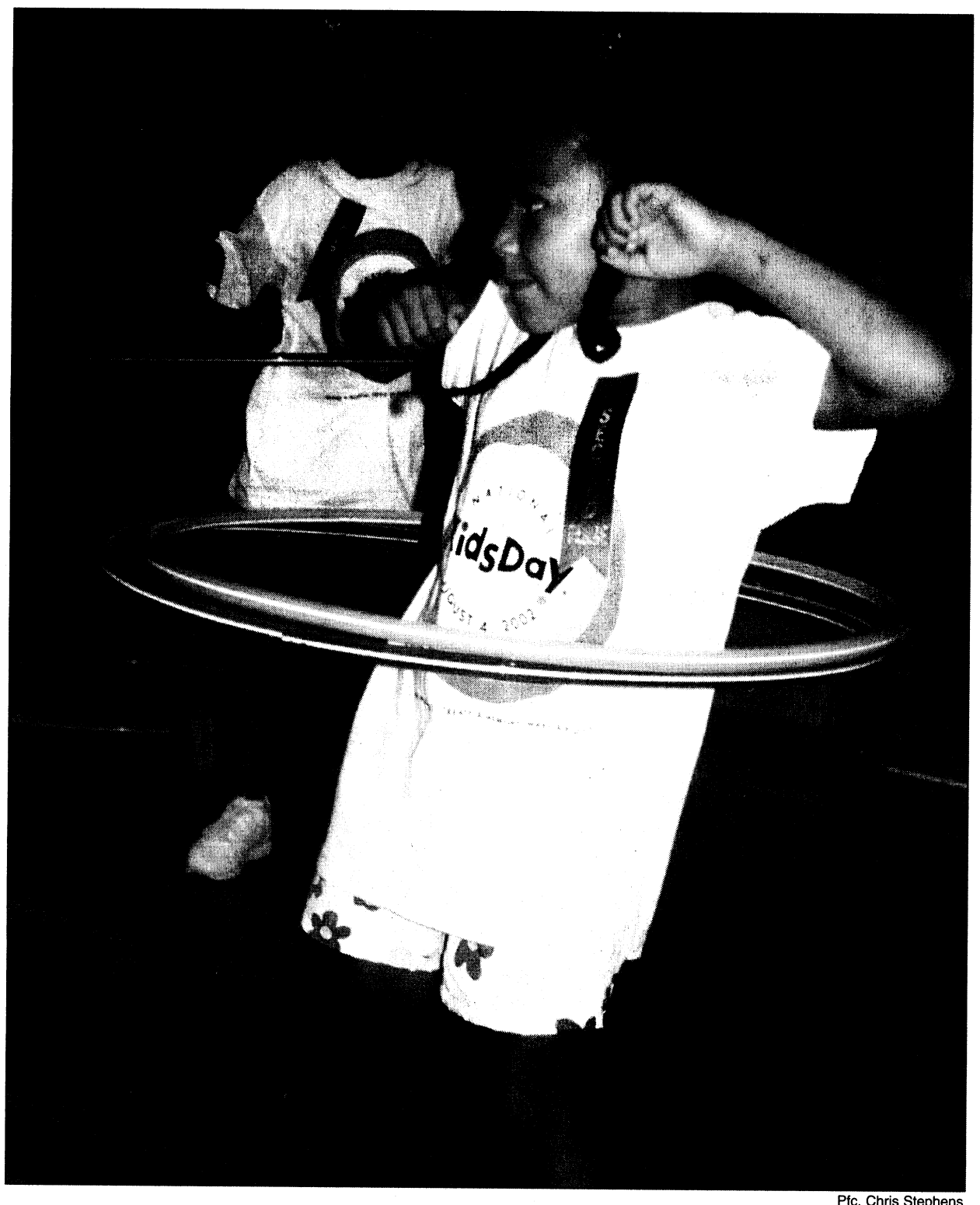
There have been some at other posts, she said, which prompted the message. "All of our pumps have warning stickers," Bell said. The stickers even carry a warning about static electricity.

But what the stickers don't say is what can cause the static to ignite the gasoline vapors. It's not the obvious sources. Cars were turned off, cigarettes were out, and cell phones were off.

Almost all of the 150 cases studied by the PEI involved the person getting back into the vehicle while the nozzle was still pumping gas. There is a great potential for creating a static electrical charge when clothing and car upholstery rub against each other, the message warns. The easiest way to prevent this is to avoid reentering your vehicle while refueling.

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Kids Day



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Raven Battle, 8, plays during National Kids Day Sunday. For more details, see B-4

Heat-related deaths possible

Car temperatures can rise to more than 120

Angela Sachitano
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Parents running quick errands may think their children can remain in the car for a few minutes without air conditioning, but beware, even on mild days temperatures inside vehicles can rise to dangerous levels, health officials said.

"When the temperature outside is in the 80's, the temperature inside a car can climb to 125 degrees in 20 minutes," said Ed Saidla, Environmental Health director for the Columbus Heath Department. "Children can die within minutes from heat exhaustion."

It may seem like common sense to some, but every year emergency officials are called to Columbus and Fort Benning parking lots to save overheated children from inside cars. Within the past year, there have been more than 20 incidents of children left in cars in the Columbus-Fort Benning area, Saidla said. Fortunately, here haven't been any deaths.

"I have driven by the commissary many times and seen kids and animals locked in hot cars with the window rolled down," said Fort Benning resident Wendi Delaney. "I wonder

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Heat Category 5 causes problems for everyone

Melissa House
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The recent death of a soldier on Fort Benning called for renewed and increased awareness of the factors contributing to heat injuries and what steps can be taken to prevent them.

Heat stroke is the most severe form of heat illness. It can occur even in people who aren't exercising if the weather conditions are hot enough. Records at the Lawson Army Airfield weather center show that Fort Benning was in Heat Category 5 when the soldier died.

Heat Cat 5 is the most severe heat category. Weather observers here determine heat categories during the summer months using a combination of the ambient, or environmental, temperature and the relative humidity.

An ambient temperature of 85 degrees, combined with a relative humidity of 70 percent makes it feel as if it was 94 degrees. Under these conditions, less severe heat injuries, such as heat cramps or heat exhaustion are likely with prolonged exposure and physical activity.

"July and August are extremely hot months," said Staff Sgt. Bryan Keating, Air Force weather observer at Lawson Army Airfield. "Fort Benning is usually in Heat Category 5 from around 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. daily with our maximum heating occurring at around 5 p.m.

"During the summer months," Keating said, "only rain with a cold front might keep us from reaching Heat Cat 5."

Once the post reaches Heat Cat 5, an advisory goes out automatically by computer to eight or 10 agencies on post, Keating said.

The information goes to Range Control, the 911 service and the post headquarters, among others.

"We also offer that info to anyone who calls our office,"Keating said.

During Heat Cat 5, units take steps to modify uniforms and activities.

Families should also take steps to protect against heat injuries, he said

According to the American Red Cross, children under 4, adults over 65, overweight individuals and those taking certain medications are the most susceptible to heat related injuries.

The best way to prevent these types of injuries is by being aware of the weather conditions, keeping hydrated and taking steps to keep cool. People should:

• Drink plenty of fluids — water is best. A dehydrated person may not sweat enough. Sweat is the body's main method of getting rid of extra heat,

• Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen,

• Schedule outdoor activities carefully — Individuals new to Georgia should give themselves and their families several weeks to become acclimated to the weather before spending a lot of time outdoors in the heat of the day,

• Closely monitor those individuals at risk for heat injuries,

The best protection is air conditioning, according to the Red Cross.

For more information visit www.redcross.org.

Heat: Causes deaths in vehicles

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what in the world could be going through the mother's mind. It's obvious when kids get overheated, their little faces get so red."

From 1996-2000, more than 130 children in America were killed because they were left in overheated cars, Saidla said. All of the children were under 3 years old.

"Many people also don't realize how quickly kids become overheated," Saidla said. "They're body temperatures increase much quicker than adults."

When left in a hot vehicle, a young child's core body temperature may increase three to five times faster than that of an adult.

This could cause permanent injury or death, Saidla said.

Many parents won't even take a chance, even when they are also in the car.

"I won't even put my child in the car unless it's cooled down first or we have the windows open and cool air blowing at full speed," said Janine Gwinn, a resident of Fort Benning. "I watch for signs that he is overheating. Babies are not supposed to sweat. If my son does, I know he needs to cool off immediately."

Unlocked cars also pose serious risks to children who are naturally curious.

One third of the heat related deaths in 2000 occurred when children crawled into unlocked cars while playing and became trapped.

"Parents need to make sure the cars are locked in the driveway," Saidla said. "They need to talk with their children about the dangers of playing in the trunk and the car."

The SAFE KIDS-General Motors survey, conducted in April, revealed that overall, 9 percent of parents believe it is OK to leave kids unattended in vehicles. Among parents age 18-24, that figure is double.

"No parent deliberately exposes their child to what becomes an oven-like temperature. The price they pay for this ignorance and absentmindedness is unimaginable," said Heather Paul, Ph.D., executive director of SAFE KIDS, a campaign dedicated to getting the warning out about the safety of children in the heat of cars. "These deaths are preventable."

Some tips to prevent heat exhaustion in cars are to:

- Make sure to check the temperature of the car seat surface and safety belt buckles before restraining kids in car seats,
- Use light window covering to shade seat,
- Keep car keys out of children's reach,
- Keep trunk and car locked at all times,
- Never leave kids in cars alone.

Static: Kills people at gas stations

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According to the PEI, about 75 percent of the static fire victims are women because they are most likely to go back into the vehicle for various reasons.

"Do not leave the nozzle unattended," Bell said, "even if the pump has one of the hold-open clips on the handle."

Static electricity buildup may not be as likely during humid Georgia summers, but it is something to be especially aware of during winter months and in drier climates.

People should make sure they are free of static charges before they touch the pump for the first time, by touching a metal part of their car before reaching for the fuel handle, according to the Office of Surface Mining.

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Emily Laura Alton – born July 20 to Claudia and Staff Sgt. Aaron Alton.

Candice Dayatra Belcher – born July 21 to Dayatra and Capt. Larry Belcher.

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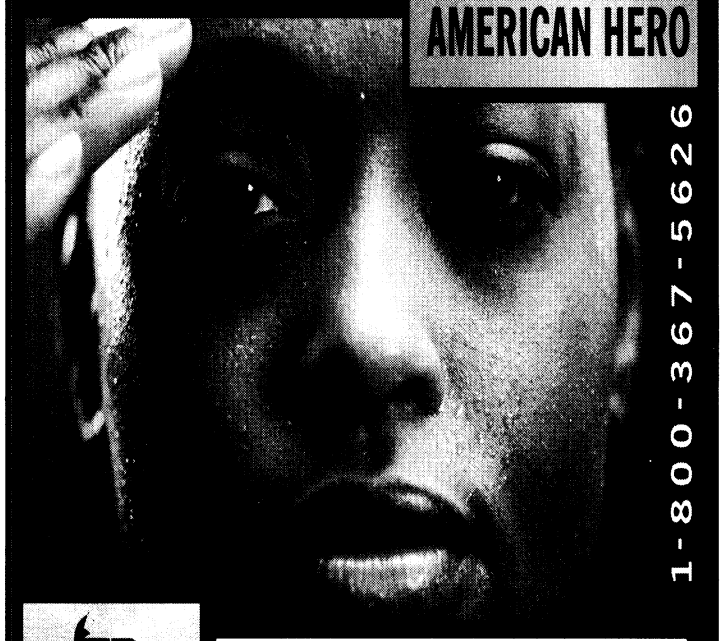
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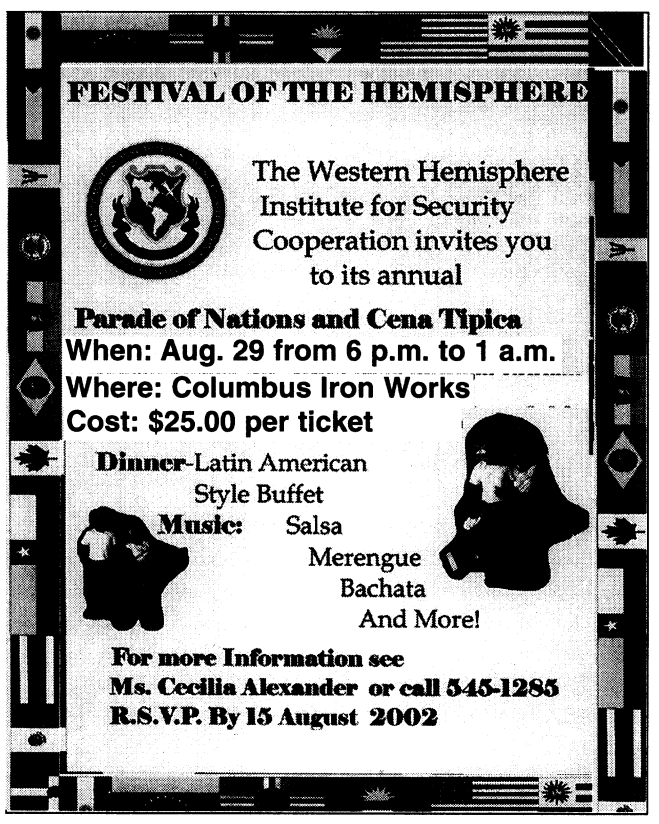
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OSC Super Sign-Up Night — The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning will host its Annual Activities and Membership Sign-Up Night from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Officers' Supper Club.

The event welcomes organizations, instructors and crafts people from Fort Benning and the surrounding communities.

Some of the participating organizations include the OSC Gift Shop, The Rankin Arts Center, Callaway Gardens, Army Family Team Building and many more.

There will also be an opportunity to sign-up for sewing instruction, language lessons, tennis, racquetball, golf groups and many more.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to benefit from this popular event.

OSC will offer membership sign-up throughout the evening. For more information, call Daisy Lewis at 687-3796.

Parade of Nations and Cena Tipica — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation presents its first "Festival of the Hemisphere" at 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Columbus Iron Works.

This festival represents the Institute's participation in Hispanic Heritage Month, and is open to all who wish to attend. The cost is $25 per ticket.

Tickets will be sold until Aug. 15.

Tickets may be purchased from Cecelia Alexander at Building 35 or call 545-1285.

Hispanic Heritage Luncheon and Hispanic Heritage Run — The Equal Opportunity Office at Fort Benning is planning to host a Hispanic Heritage run and luncheon Oct. 3. EEO is looking for volunteers to perform or provide cultural awareness activities, such as dancing, singing or other talents that represent Latin American heritage.

The Hispanic Heritage Run will start at 6:30 a.m. The next meeting will be at 1 p.m. Aug. 15 at Building 2509.

For more information, call the Fort Benning's Equal Opportunity office at 545-6665 or 5445-3198.

Beacon College registration — Beacon College and Graduate School will begin its fall semester registration at Fort Benning. Students can earn undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and Biblical studies.

Students can also earn graduate degrees in Biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry and the Master of Divinity.

Full financial aid, including veterans' educational assistance, is available.

A representative from Beacon will be on post from 1 to 4 p.m. every Thursday at Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 323-5364.

Registration — Pre-kindergarten registration is now taking place at Childcare Network.

This is the free Georgia pre-kindergarten program with eight locations to serve the Fort Benning and Columbus communities.

The three centers closest to Fort Benning are 2123 Avalon Rd. (563-4109), 137 N. Oakley Dr. (687-8454), and 4909 Buena Vista Rd. (561-0139).

Registration can be done at any of these centers.

For more information, call Michele Grier at 563-5526.

Also, we are taking applications for lead pre-kindergarten teachers. The individual should possess a diploma, associate's or bachelor's degree in early childhood education.

Send resumes to 3009 University Ave., Columbus, GA 31907, 563-3798.

AFTB teaches about the Army — LES, ACS, FRG, RD, PLDC, NTC?!?!

If this looks like a foreign language to you — you are not alone. Let Army Family Team Building start you on the right track to understanding this world called "the Army."

AFTB classes are free, open to everyone and "jam-packed" with Army knowledge you'll need to thrive in the military environment.

The next AFTB Level I class is 6 to 10 p.m. Aug. 20-22 in Family Unit Network (FUN) Center, Building 359, on the corner of Ingersoll and Vibbert Avenues.

For more information or to register for this class, call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil.

Hospital classes — A series of classes that address such topics as pregnancy, breastfeeding, anesthesia concerns, labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation exercise, postpartum care, newborn characteristics, and parenthood.

Attendance is encouraged at least three months before the delivery date. Classes are the first three Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Baugh Conference Room, second floor of Martin Army Community Hospital.

The first class is about breastfeeding. The second class is a Mother and Baby class and the third class is on labor and delivery anesthesia.

A car seat safety class takes place once a month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Baugh Conference Room.

To reserve a seat and find out the class date, call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

It is recommended the class be taken during the seventh month of pregnancy.

The class is limited to 15 participants.

To schedule a HIV/AIDS class call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families preparing to clear quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew.

If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew.

If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment. and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed by an inspector from the housing office.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

Lending Closet — Because of an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods, to return the items borrowed as soon as their belongings are delivered to them.

For more information, call the Lending Closet at 545-4485.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Columbus International Festival — Come out and support the Mayor's Commission on Diversity by attending the Columbus International Festival from 2 to 7 p.m. Sunday at the Columbus Civic Center.

Come celebrate our heritage. The event is free for the public.

Memorial Service — Calvary Baptist Church will be having a memorial service Sept. 11 in memory of last year's horrific attack on our nation and our liberties to freedom, religion, and our way of life.

For more information, call 322-1491 or 332-7250.

CASA volunteers — CASA volunteers are ordinary people who care about children. They're caring and honest and committed to doing what is best for each child.

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CASA welcomes volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethic and educational backgrounds.

CASA has a particular need for bilingual volunteers, men and people of color.

The next training starts Sept. 14. For more information and an application, call 323-3687.

Student exchange — Hosting a high school exchange student is like bringing the world to your doorstep.

The Foundation for Intercultural Travel matches international students with host families across the U.S.

From retired couples to single parents, families of all types are needed to host.

Students arrive before your school's start date and bring their own spending money for clothes, entertainment and other expenses.

They have their own medical insurance as well.

Host families agree to provide room and board and to include them as a family member.

F.I.T. has one semester as well as academic school year students. All students speak English.

For more information, call toll-free (877) 439-7862.

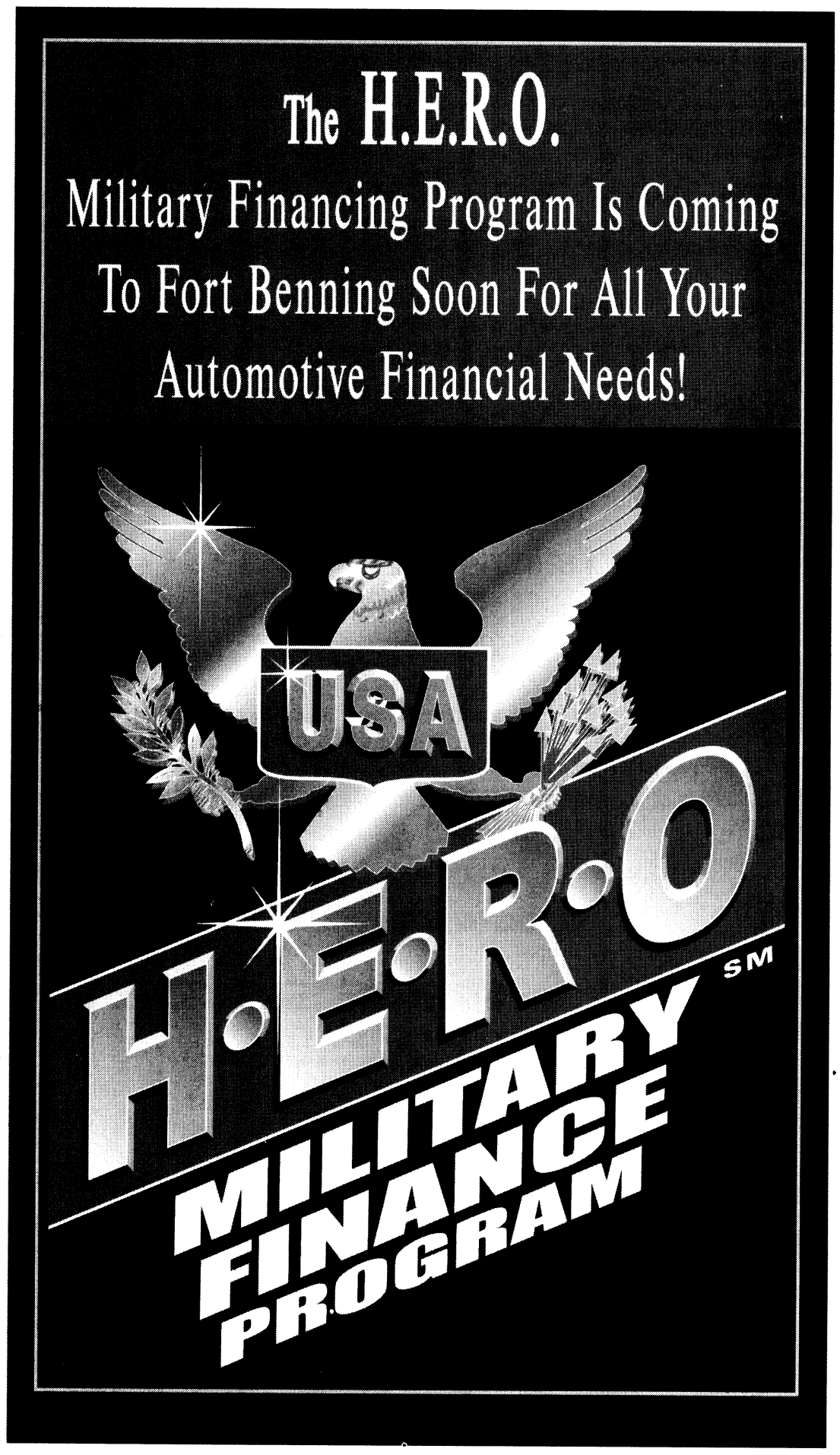
Tree book — "What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.





Post celebrates National Kids Day

Benning families spend day having fun

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

With the war on terrorism taking many soldiers overseas, the time soldiers spend with their families is diminishing.

To help alleviate that stress, Youth Services held its second annual National Kids Day, to allow families to spend time together and have fun, Sunday.

The day is a Boys and Girls Club program, headed this year by First Lady Laura Bush.

"The purpose of this day is to have the parents and children spend a day together doing various activities," said Quintella Thorn, recreation specialist for Youth Services.

Activities included blowing bubbles, hula hoops, chess, checkers, Ping Pong, paddleball, cards and music.

Resources for the event were provided by Army Community Services.The theme of the event was "Good Old Fashioned Fun."

"Some of the games provided allowed the parents to teach their children games they played as kids," Thorn said.

The approximately 50 children were glad Youth Services orchestrated this event.

"It makes my day better getting to spend time with my parents," said Andrew Rowland, 12. "We get to compete with each other and just relax for a day together."

The children were not the only ones having the fun. Parents ran, jumped, laughed and played with their children through all of the activities.

"I think this is great to spend a day of fun with my family," said Capt. Cecil Henry, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. "Being a company commander, I don't get to spend as much time as I would like with them. I treasure every moment I am with them."

National Kids Day is an annual event held the first Sunday in August.

"Although the theme will change every year, the same basic idea of parents having fun with their children will stay intact," Thorn said.

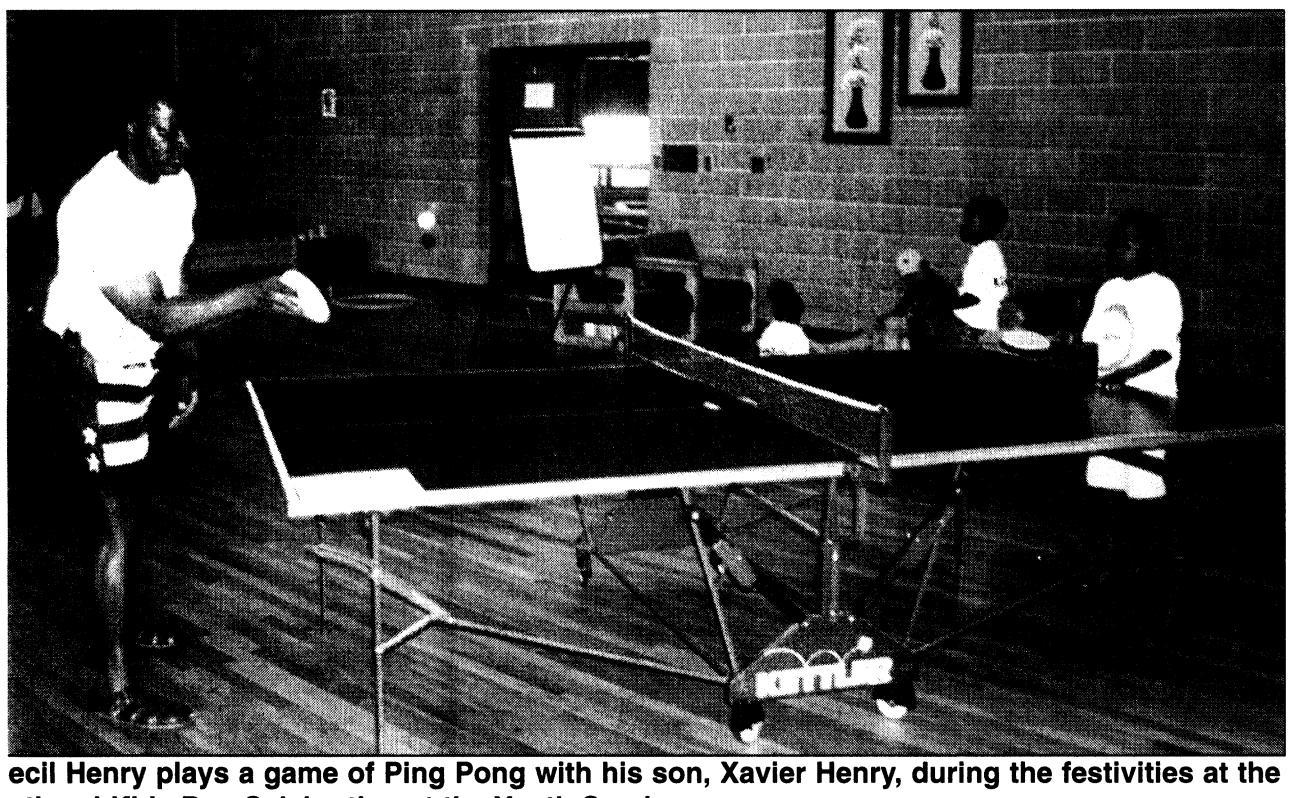


Israel Turnage, 7, blows bubbles during a contest.

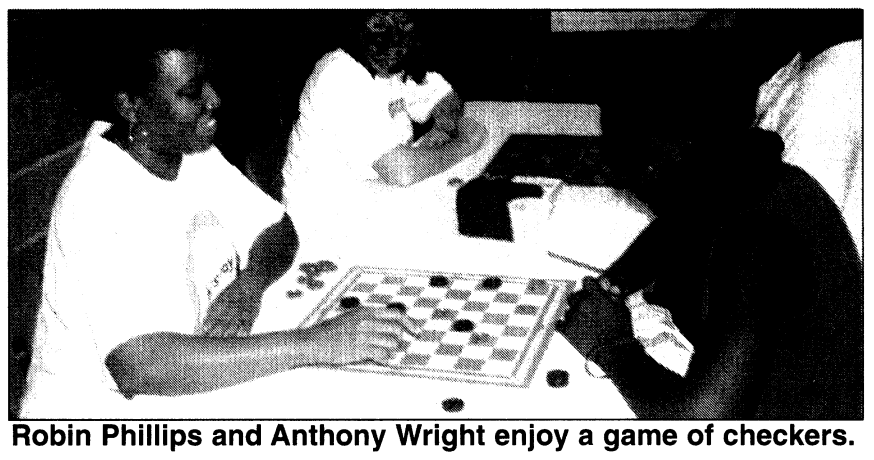


Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Raven Battle, 8, builds a domino tower as high as she can. A few minutes later the tower came down.



Cecil Henry plays a game of Ping Pong with his son, Xavier Henry, during the festivities at the National Kids Day Celebration at the Youth Services gym.



Robin Phillips and Anthony Wright enjoy a game of checkers.

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Change not necessarily bad thing

Jesus will always be role model for all Christians

Chaplain (Capt.) Daniel Petsch
Ranger Training Brigade

There once lived a man by the name of Isaac who was well known for his kindness and righteousness. One day he was traveling along a wild and lonely mountain trail when he heard a cry for help. Isaac immediately searched the area and soon found a young man lying at the edge of a cliff, moaning as if he were about to die.

"Help me," the young man begged. "I was traveling along the road when three robbers attacked me. I tried to fight back, but they beat me and ran off with all my possessions."

Isaac gave the stranger some water from his jug and helped him mount his own horse so he could take the young man to the next town and care for him. But the minute the young man sat onto Isaac's horse, he rode off.

Isaac, who knew the mountain like the back of his hand, slid quickly down the steep mountainside, and met the horse thief further down the road. "Stop!" Isaac commanded.

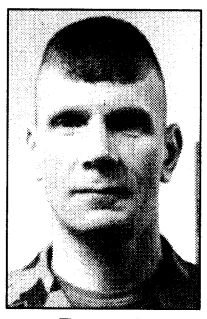
Used to his master's voice, Isaac's horse stood still. "If you want this horse," said Isaac to the young man, "take it as a gift. I don't want you to become a thief on my account."

"It makes no difference to me if the horse is a gift or stolen," shouted the young horse thief. "I shall sell it at the next town."

"For goodness sake, don't do that," Isaac cried. "Everybody there knows

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me and my horse. When you come with that horse and try to sell it, people will think you have killed me, and they will kill you in return."


Petsch

"Why should you worry if I get killed?" asked the horse thief. "It's my hide, and it shouldn't make any difference to you if I live or die."

"I don't want my friends to kill you, nor do I want you to be killed," Isaac insisted. "Listen to me. I am willing to write you a letter of sale if you promise that you will tell no one of what happened between us."

"The world is full of fools," said the young horse thief. "But so far I have met none bigger than you.

"Sure, go ahead and write me a bill of sale for the horse I stole from you. But I am curious. Tell me why you are acting so foolishly. There must be some trick to all this."

"There isn't," Isaac said. "But should people hear how you treated me, they might be afraid of helping a stranger who is in real need, for fear that what happened to me will happen to them. And that stranger, my friend, could be you."

The young man stared at old Isaac. Suddenly he began to cry. "My father and my father's father were thieves and were hung for their crimes. They taught me all they knew and never cared what would happen to me.

If I could have had a father like you, I would never have become a thief."

"It's never too late," Isaac said with a smile. "Come with me. With God's help, the damage of your childhood can be undone."

"I will!" cried the young man, and he moved in with Isaac and became an honest man.

Virtually everything we learn in life comes by way of the role models we have encountered.

These role models can lead us on the upward path or on the path toward ruin.

This story illustrates a great Biblical truth: regardless of one's cultivated or inherited tendency toward evil and regardless of the negative influences in life, there is always a second chance to change and reform our ways.

The quintessential role model given to us by our loving heavenly father is his son Jesus. By meditating on his life and character, we shall be changed! The time for change is now!

CHAPEL NOTES

Catholic Women of the Chapel — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — PWOC resumed its summer Bible study. They meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. Child Care is provided. The summer series is "That The World May Know," a video tour through the lands of the Bible with life changing lessons from the Word of God. For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

TIC fall welcome picnic — The Infantry Center Chapel will hold its fall welcome picnic after the 10:30 a.m. service on Aug. 25. As we welcome newcomers to the community and our returning members, we will focus on our on-going ministries and the opportunities for families to grow and serve in the chapel.

Tear down barriers to communication

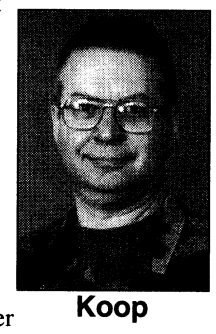
Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Communication can be improved by removing the filters and by tearing down the barriers to good speaking and listening.

Dr. Savanna McCain, marriage counselor, provides some practical suggestions.

Keep foremost in mind that there are always distracters to good communication. Work hard to speak clearly and unambiguously and to remove known distracters.

Realize that bringing up the past is an exercise in futility. Opening up old wounds delays healing, causes re-infection, and adds to the present problem. Proving your point is self-serving and destructive to teambuilding. Deal with the here and now rather than the past.


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Don't assume that your memory is fail proof. Don't argue over what was or wasn't said. Time, emotions and mental replays of the event distort even the best memories.

Announce your filters and the barriers to good communication when you recognize them.

For example, tell your spouse if you are tired, had a bad day at work or are concerned about other issues.

Look for the best in your partner. Don't assume the worst.

Don't let your negative feelings or bad attitudes minimize the efforts of your spouse.

Scripture implores us to remove barriers to good communication. You must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other (Colossians 3:8-9).

Would you like to make your marriage communication better? Free counseling and support are available.

Contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldier's Plaza, 545-1760, or e-mail me at koopr@benning.army.mil.

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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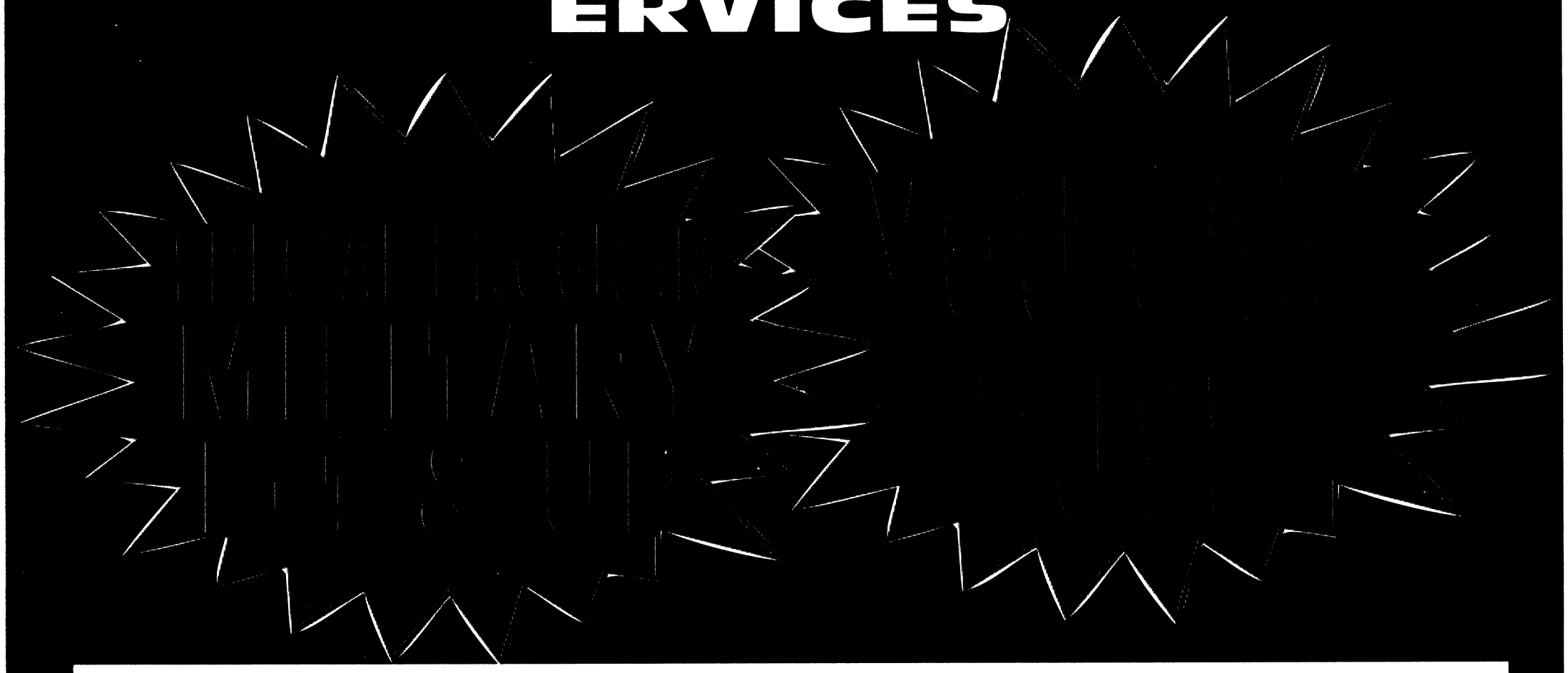
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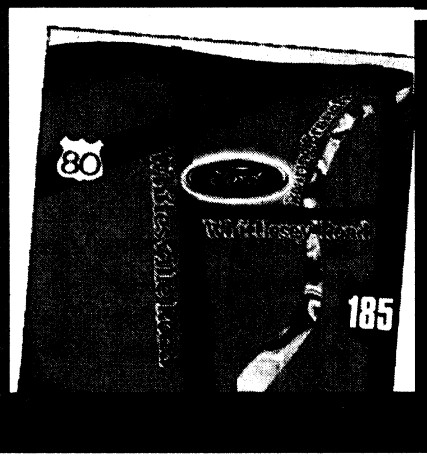


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SPORTS

Free Agents edge MEDDAC, 16-13

Split-second play at home determines game

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Time was of the essence when the Free Agents, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, beat U.S. Medical Department Activity, 16-13, Tuesday in the second game of intramural softball playoffs.

MEDDAC was in position to break a 12-12 tie in the bottom of the fifth inning, seconds before time for the game was to expire.

Angel Sanchez was on third, and there was only one out. On a sacrifice, Sanchez tagged up and headed for home.

The lightning-fast arm of Wayne Rice snatched the ball from the sky in rightfield and threw a rocket to home plate.

Catcher Jacob Viets caught the ball a split second before Sanchez reached home plate and tagged the runner out.

"That play turned the whole game around for us," said Free Agent Walter Edwards.

At the top of the sixth, Edwards drove in a run, but MEDDAC answered the agents with a run of their own to tie the game, 13-13.

Edwards made a huge play in the seventh inning when he hit an inside-the-park-homerun and broke MEDDAC's back.

"It was a bad game for us," said Free Agent's Rodney Alexander. "We usually play better. I think a couple of plays sparked our game, and we pulled it together for the win."

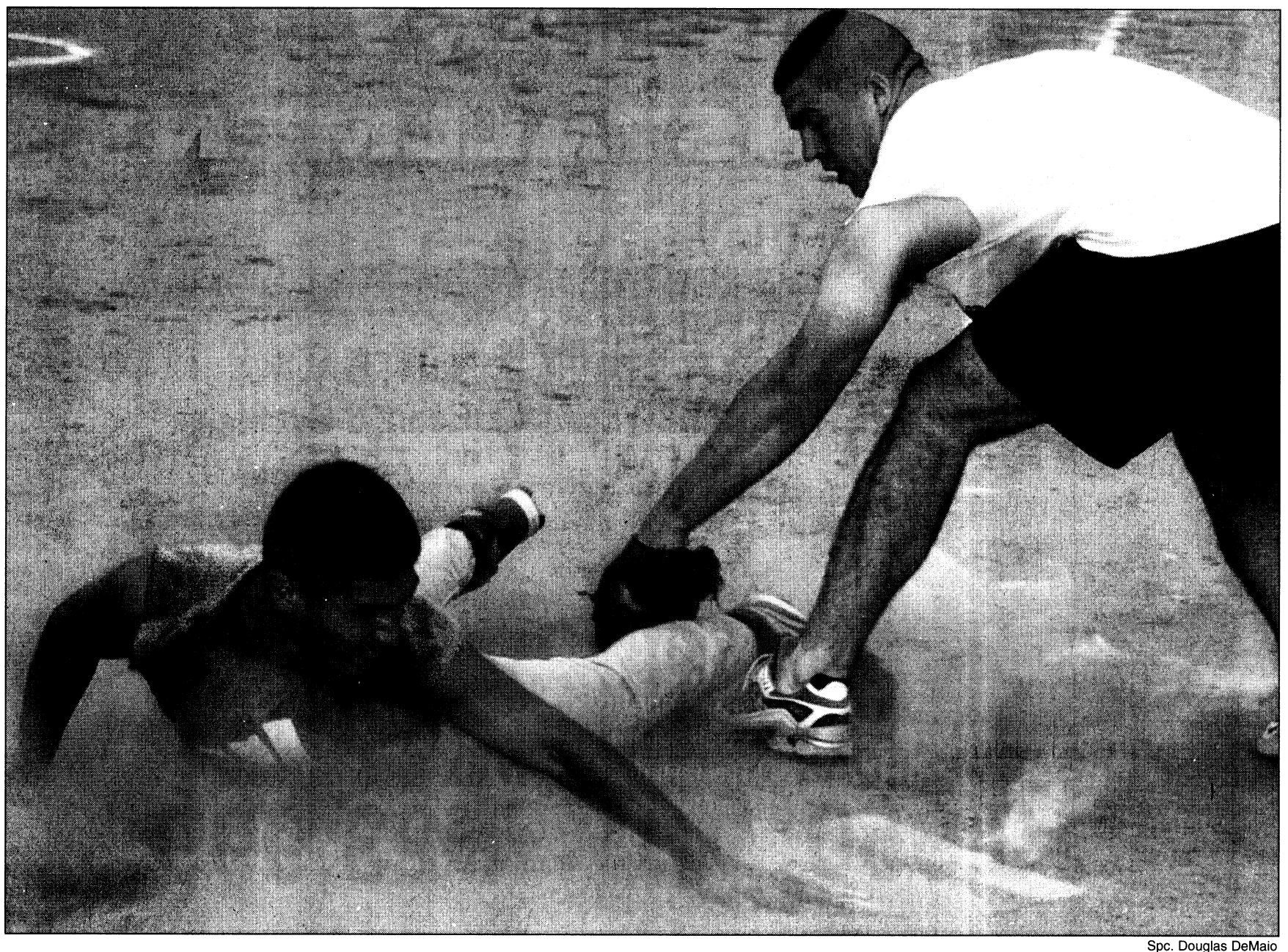
With the win, the Free Agents advance to the second round of the double-elimination tournament without a loss, which helps their confidence going into their next game, Alexander said.

"We know everybody out here is gunning to be the top dog," Alexander said. "The game did wonders for our confidence and morale."

In the beginning of the game, the offense for both teams flowed as smoothly as the beverages in the parking lot, but the defenses began to settle in and put a lid on the offenses.

"In the second half of the game, we cut down on our mistakes," Edwards said. "We started to play our normal game."

It was jitters on the part of the Free Agents that kept MEDDAC at bay, Alexander said.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Angel Sanchez, MEDDAC, is tagged out by Free Agents' Catcher, Jacob Viets, during the intramural softball playoffs. Sanchez was attempting to score the winning run, but Free Agents' Wayne Rice made a throw from rightfield to avoid the loss.

Winner sets five records at competition

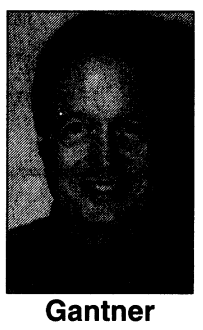
Swimmer sets goals, achieves them

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Winning a gold medal at the Olympic Games or at another type of games is something special.

But, very rarely does one see domination by a person in five different events.

Chuck Gantner, acting chief of the Office of Infantry Proponency, achieved this feat at the 2002 Georgia Games, in five different swimming events, July 21, in Augusta, Ga.



Gantner

"I was ecstatic when I won my fifth gold medal," Gantner said. "I've won more medals before, but each time you win, you prove something more to yourself."

Gantner won all of his medals during the swimming competitions. Gantner also set five Georgia Games records in the same day for his age category.

Gantner set records in the 200-meter back stroke, with a time of 2 minutes 55.38 seconds, 50-meter freestyle, with a time a 30.46, 100-meter backstroke with a time of 1:20.27, 50-meter butterfly, with a time of 33.43 and the 50-meter backstroke, with a time of 35.37.

To get ready for the competition, Gantner skipped lunch during work, and instead went swimming at one of the local pools on post.

"I work on all of the strokes when I go to the pool," Gantner said. "It's a great relaxation tool and a great way to relieve stress."

> "The key to this sport for me is to set a goal and stick with it until I achieve it."
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> **Chuck Gantner, on swimming**
> Chief of the Office of Infantry Proponency

According to the master's swimming Web site, www.usms.org, training is key during competitive swimming. Not only is the training key, but a person has to love the sport to continue to do it for so long.

Gantner has been swimming since the age of 10. He swam as a child in Piscataway, N.J., and won his first race also at the age of 10.

"I love this sport," Gantner said. "The key to this sport for me is to set a goal and stick with it until I achieve it. Then, I set a new goal for myself and try to achieve that."

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

YS sports — Youth Services registration for football, soccer and cheerleading is being held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at Building 1056.

Sports are open to children ages 6 through 15.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services will begin registration for gymnastics classes today.

The classes will be open to youth family members 18-months to 8-years-old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Hunter Safety Course — The next Georgia Hunter Safety Course will be held Tuesday. This class will be a review and test class only.

Persons who wish to attend will have to pre-register by either calling Department of Natural Resources Central Reservations System or access the Internet Web site at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or www.georgiawildlife.com in order to get into the class. Fort Benning Hunting Safety Classes are listed under Chattahoochee County.

There is a $4 processing fee to register through the Central Registrations Center. Registration through the Internet is free. No walk-ins will be allowed.

Students must obtain a CD from Outdoor Recreation, Building 1707 and complete the requirements by answering the questions in each chapter and the test. Students must do a print out of the affidavit and bring it to class. It does not have to be notarized.

DNR Central Reservations System number is 1-800-864-7275.

Class will be held in Classroom 8, Infantry Hall, at 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call Harley Chase at 545-4812 or 545-3267.

Army 10-Miler qualifier — There is one race left to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team. The race will be at the Santiago Fitness Center Aug. 17. Registration begins the day of the race at 6 a.m.

The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the Army 10-miler race, the largest of its kind, Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1-30 are eligible for free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification.

Hours of operation are from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members.

It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Summer shootout — The Georgia Wildlife Federation is proud to present the largest sportsmen's show in the southeast — the 2002 Perry Buckarama.

Happening Aug. 16-18 at the Georgia National Fairgrounds, the Buckarama will feature hundreds of exhibits, big-name speakers, archery and shooting competitions, door prizes and more record whitetails on display than ever before.

Come see the world-record whitetail and meet the hunter who harvested it — Milo Hanson.

Scored by Boone and Crockett judges at an astonishing 213 5/8 points, the Hanson buck will be on display throughout the weekend.

The Perry Buckarama is an educational fundraising event sponsored by the Georgia Wildlife Federation, Georgia's oldest and largest conservation organization and a state affiliate of the National Wildlife Federation.

The Georgia National Fairgrounds are located on Exit 135 off of Interstate I-75. Admission to the show is $7 for adults, $4 for seniors and $ for kids 6-12. Kids under 6 get in free. Parking is free.

For more information, call Doug Rithmire, GWF Show Director, at (770) 787-7887 or e-mail drithmire@gwf.org.

Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fundraiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 28. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

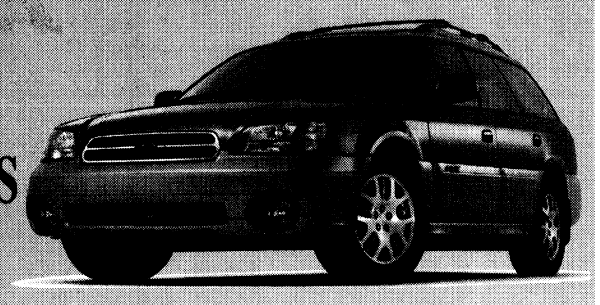
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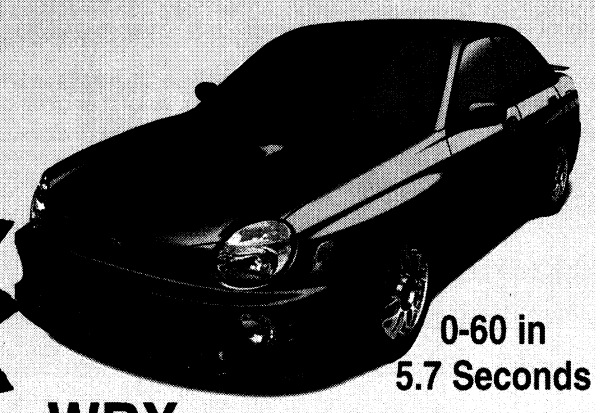


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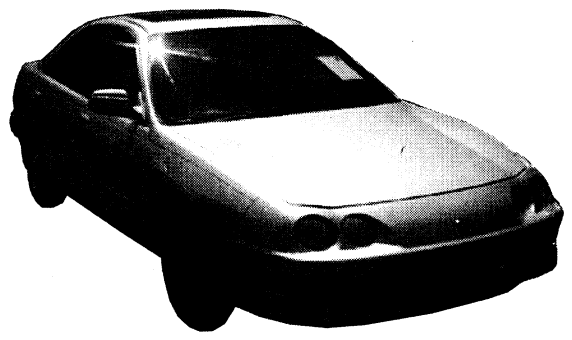


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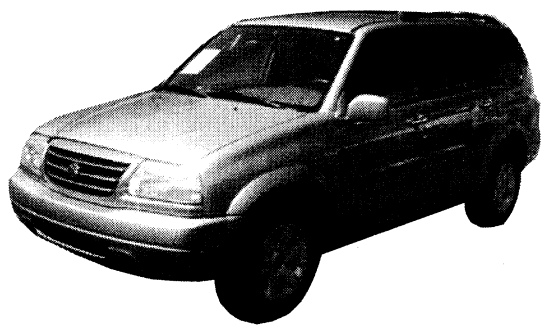
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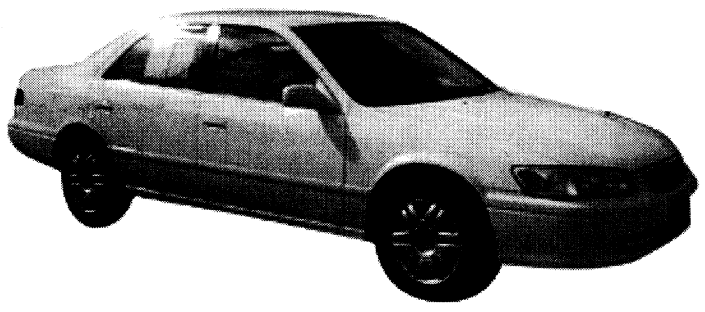
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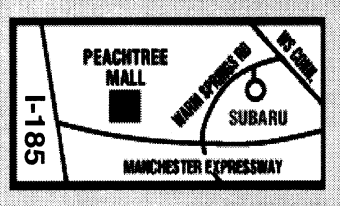
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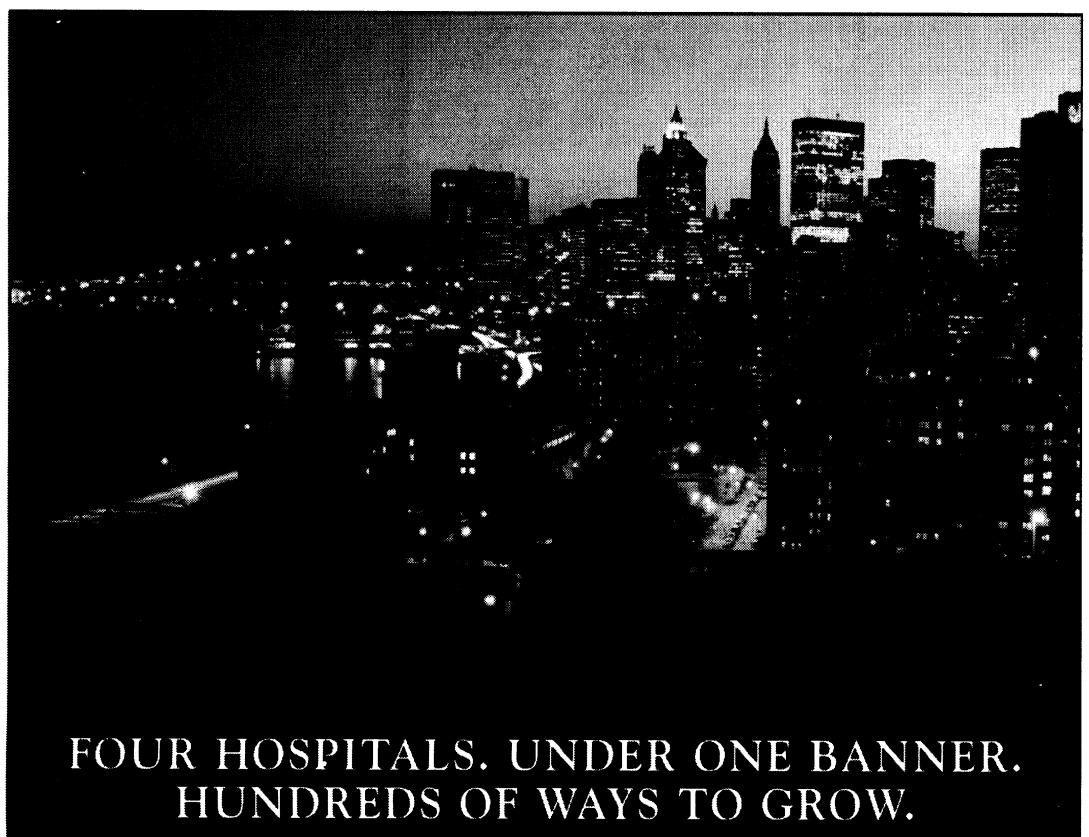


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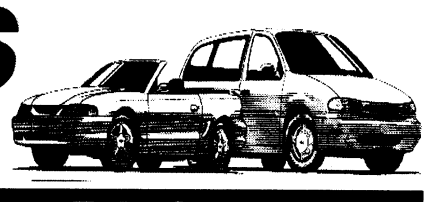
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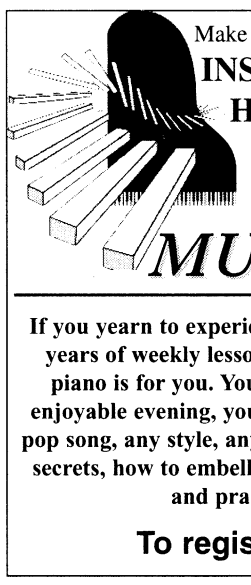
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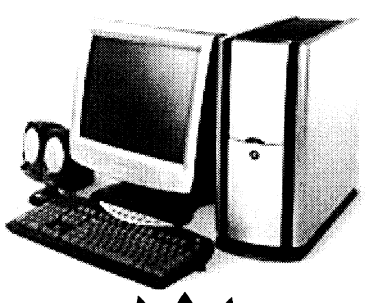
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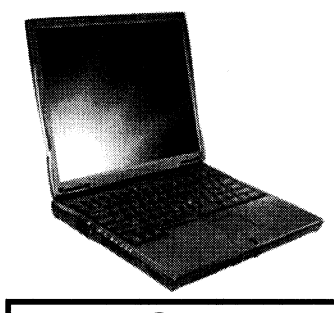
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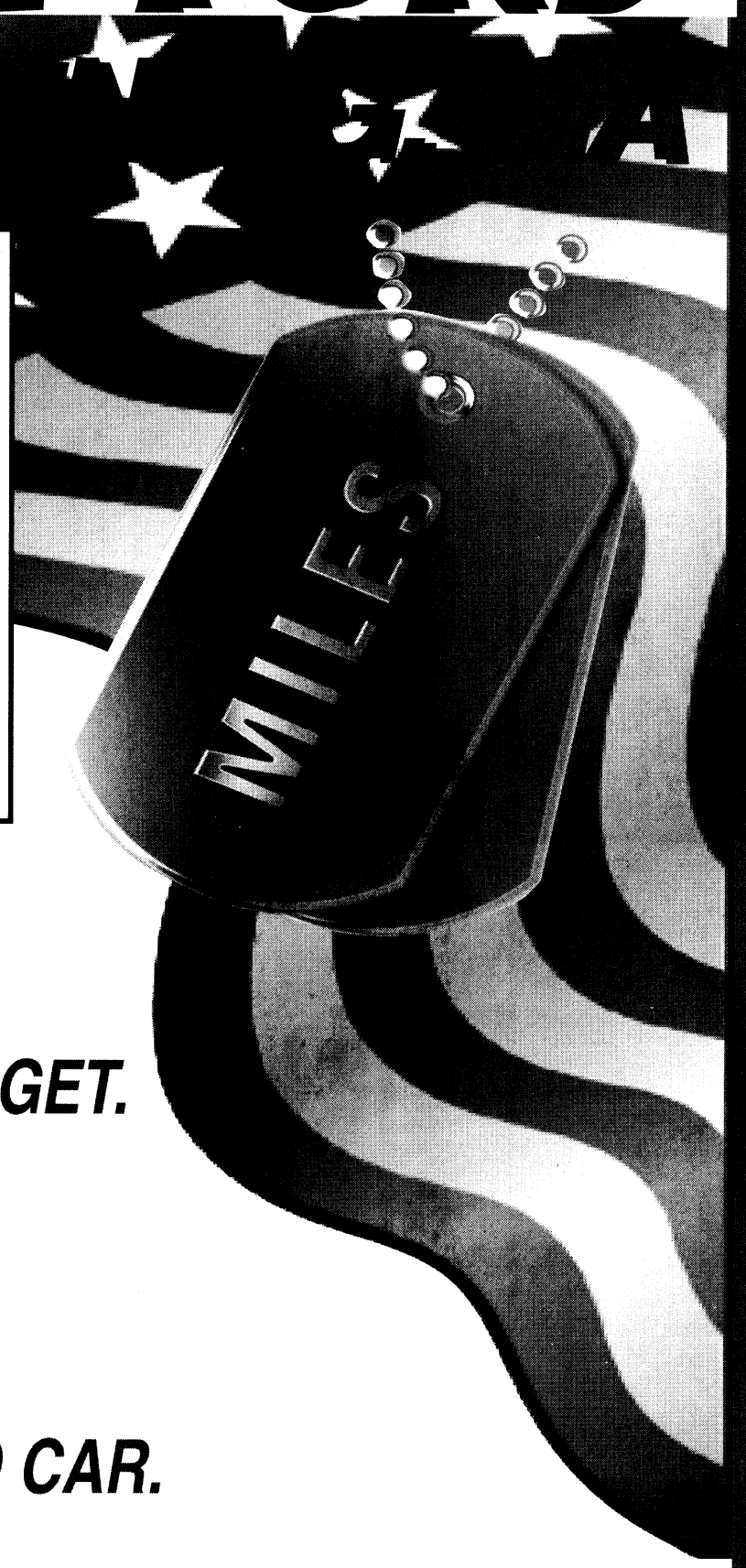
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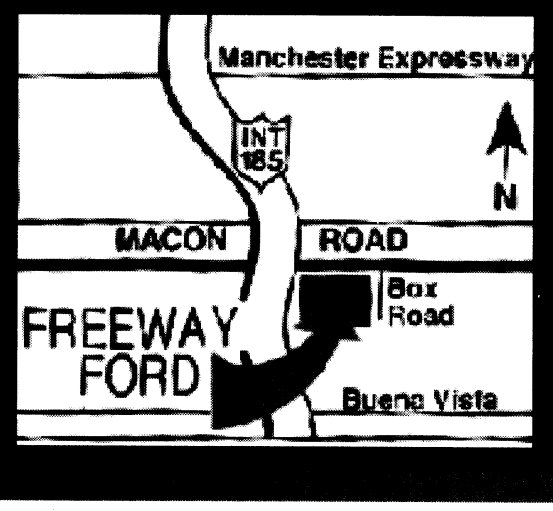
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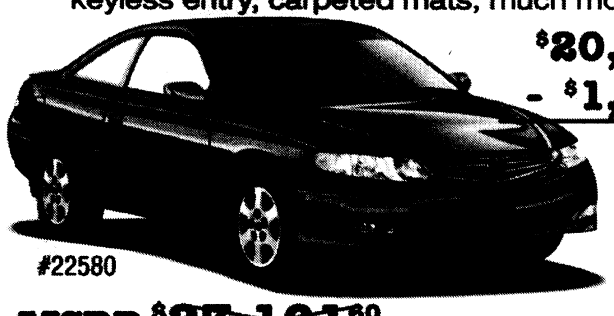
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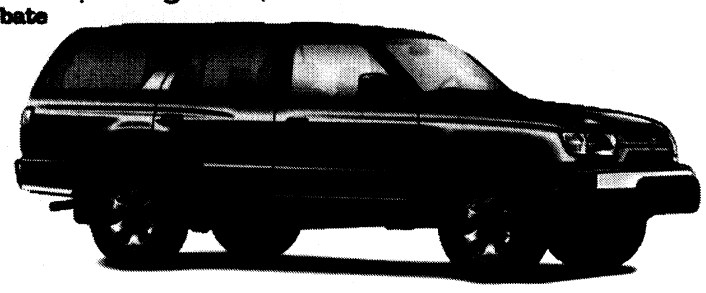
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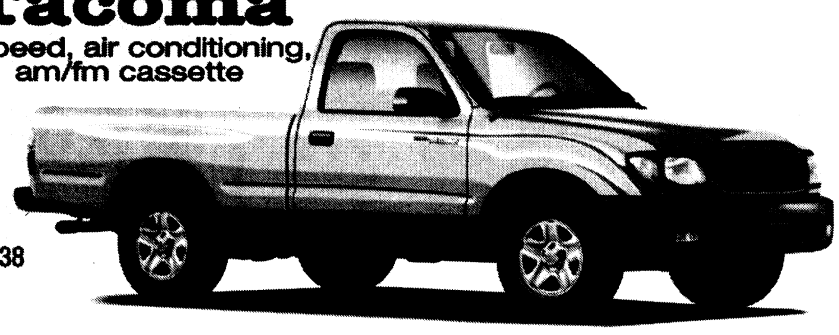
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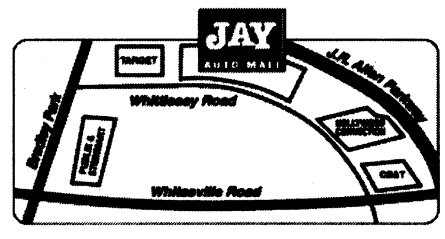
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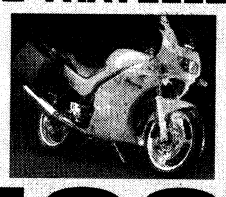
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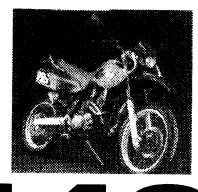
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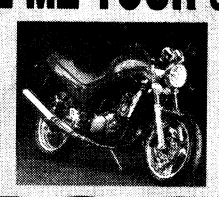
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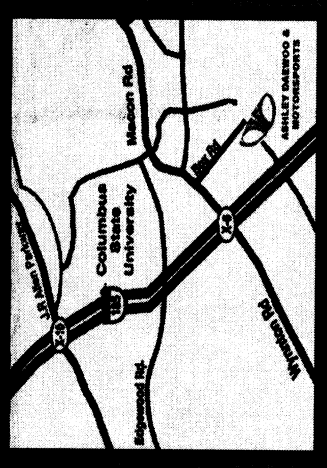
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Whose child is this that can't wait to get to school? She can't be the same little girl who wanted to drop out of the third grade — the child who fell to her knees when the final bell rang last June, threw her hands in the air and cried, "Free at last. free at last. Thank God Almighty I'm free at last."

I don't know who coined the phrase 'The grass is always greener ..,' but I suspect it was a mother of school-age children in the final weeks of summer vacation.

"I'm sooo bored. When will school ever start?" they moan. A veteran of said vacation vexation, I recommend you record their laments and play it back to them in March. In the mean time, take heart — school starts Tuesday.

But before you send out party invitations, better make sure you've done your homework. Have the kids been registered at their schools? Did you pick up a supply list and stock up on the pens and paper and paraphernalia they'll need to get started? Have they been properly vaccinated against the mumps and pox and cooties?

And more importantly, do have the latest, hottest, 'gotta have' gear?

What's that you say? No idea where to start? With less than a week to go, you'll need a crash course in what's hot and what's not with the junior league.

Better hit the ground running, and the best place to start is the shoe department, where no-lace slides are outdistancing traditional sneakers in the back-to-school race. Vintage favorites, like Converse Chuck Taylor's, are following close on their heels.

No-lace shoes are fine, but un-laced shoes are more than a fashion fax paus — they're a safety hazard, and therefore a dress code violation at post schools, where dress policies are determined by school principals.

Faith Middle School's dress code restricts untied shoes, house slippers, flip-flops or any other form of footwear deemed unsafe or inappropriate — a policy that applies to all apparel.

A quick stop at the girl's department reveals ... well, lets just say it reveals. Tube tops, halters and spaghetti straps are hot. Too bad. They're not permitted at Faith.

"Flirt" shirts, which typically brandish wishful adjectives like "cutie," "angel," or "superstar," are permitted, as long as they're not considered obscene and don't promote irresponsible behavior, according to Dr. Kim Crowell, assistant principal at Faith.

Khakis and capris are still on the A list this fall. They've been joined by rugby shirts, terry cloth track suits and anything red, white and blue. Which means Tommy Hilfiger is still popular, though Old Navy is rising to the challenge. All are acceptable, according to Faith's dress policy, as long as they reflect "a positive and respectful attitude toward learning."

But before they can focus on higher learning, young scholars must have the one item on top of every back-to-school list — the ultimate accessory — a set of wheels.

Book bags on wheels, or mobile backpacks, return this fall as the most popular mode of transportation for books. Starting at less than $20 in most department stores, they come fully loaded, with separate compartments for water bottles and cell phones.

Though post schools have not formally addressed the issue of backpacks, students should keep in mind that they can become a nuisance if they're not used properly, Crowell said. They're only to be used to transport school-related items, and should not be offensive.

Faith's "common sense, practical approach" to dress is designed to keep the school safe and learner-friendly, Crowell said. With that in mind, it does not allow:

- sheer clothing, backless dresses, muscle shirts or half shirts
- imprinted clothing with words or phrases that could be interpreted as obscene or conveys a double meaning, or promotes illegal, immoral or unethical activities
- dresses, skirts or shorts that rise above mid-thigh or are excessively tight
- pants that are not fitted at the waist, unless secured with a belt
- exposed underwear
- sunglasses, headscarves, nets, picks or hats
- oversized jewelry or visible piercings, other than earrings
- any electronic communication device (pagers, call phones, etc.) or other item that disrupts the learning environment.

Welcome back

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Or perhaps I should simply say, "Welcome," since nearly 25 percent of you have children entering Fort Benning schools for the first time. Welcome to Fort Benning, home of the infantry and the best doggone schools in the world.

That's a pretty bodacious statement, you say? I stand by it. Fort Benning schools restored this former home-school mom's faith in organized education. I've been to "the dark side" — public school systems where my third-grader was taught the finer points of "alternative lifestyles" and my son's principal said, "No, ma'am, we cannot make any exception for any child. They must all be treated alike."

You see, at that time, Jacob was struggling with the early diagnosis of a visual perception deficiency, which is a technical way of saying his eyes saw one thing, his brain saw another. Kinda like dyslexia.

That meant Jake needed a few special considerations to succeed in school — nothing complicated or difficult. A spot near the front of the class, preferably near a window, since he reads best under natural light. And he used a tinted overlay on all his worksheets "to make the words behave."



Ahhh, but that was too much to ask of a rigid, cookie-cutter, by-the-book school system.

Disheartened and frustrated, we turned to home schooling, perhaps the best decision we ever made. It forced my husband and I to take complete responsibility for our children's education. We dug deep within ourselves to determine our educational values. It was obvious to us, of course, that our children are all very different, and therefore they learn in different ways and have unique needs.

We wanted a school system that recognizes every child as an individual. One that is willing to make an exception to rote practice when it serves the child best. One that puts children first and allows, even welcomes, our presence and involvement in our children's education.

A pretty tall order, I admit, and one I didn't figure to fill anytime soon.

Then we moved to Fort Benning, and the rest is home-school history.

"Of course we can accommodate Jacob. That's what we're here for, the children," the principal said, and I knew we'd found a "home" school, one that shares our values and understands that every child comes with unique needs.

My job as a reporter has taken me into every Fort Benning school time and time again. I've found my children's school to be the rule, rather than the exception. We're blessed with a school system that exemplifies the very best DoDEA has to offer, and it starts at the top, with the superintendent, and includes a cracker-jack team of principals, teachers, paraprofessionals and support staff. They're the best.

Commandant encourages involvement in schools

As the Fort Benning community celebrates the beginning of a new school year, I am pleased about the opportunities we have to strengthen the bonds between the schools, the command, the community and our families.

We are fortunate to have our own school system at Fort Benning and a very good one, indeed. Active participation by parents will strengthen our school system and enrich our children's educational experience.

As a parent, you are a vital link in your child's education, and I urge you to become an active part of his or her school experience.





Because we so strongly believe that your involvement will make a difference in your child's life, active duty soldiers are encouraged to volunteer in the schools. What you do for your child today will determine, to a large extent, the remainder of your child's life.

I have tremendous pride and faith in the Fort Benning schools, and I am confident by working together as a team, the possibilities for our school system and our community are unlimited. Let me assure you that the school staff and the school board are committed to providing the very best possible education for your child.

Please join me as we work together to offer a world-class educational program for our children at Fort Benning.,

— Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton,
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Dear Parents,

As we look forward to making the school year 2002-2003 the best one yet at Fort Benning, there is no doubt that it takes all of us — students, teachers, parents, administrators, support personnel and the military — to make that happen.

The Department of Defense Schools have received tremendous accolades during the past year from such prestigious news sources as the Wall Street Journal, the Washington Post, USA Today, 60 Minutes and National Public Radio for our students' success in outscoring their public school peers in standardized tests, regardless of race, family income and parents' education.

We have solid evidence that we are doing well academically. However, we must prepare our youngsters to make good ethical choices, as well. That is why fort Benning Schools will focus on the Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage that develop good character.

Good character is what a person is inside. Our character is revealed by how we behave when we think no one else is looking. It is how we treat people who we think cannot benefit us or harm us.

A person of character has good ethical values that discern right from wrong and does what is right even when it is difficult, unpleasant or personally costly. Character, in short, is moral courage. The development of our students' character is a responsibility shared by our schools, families and the Fort Benning community.

We can nurture good character by speaking a common language of Army values at school and at home. We can use every opportunity to discuss with our children which acts exemplify doing the right thing.

Volunteering for school and community projects, keeping our commitments, lending a helping hand to those in need, talking about how others exhibit Army values, always telling the truth and keeping our environment clean are all ways we can promote good character and citizenship. What we do each and every day is much more important than what we say. Our students learn from what they observe and experience.

Please join us in our partnership of working toward a common goal of forming well-educated, happy, socially responsible children, whose lives represent the Army values.

Our future depends on it.

Sincerely,
Dell McMullen,
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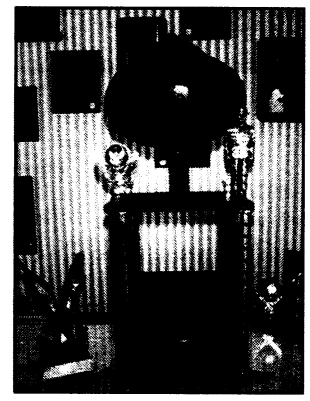
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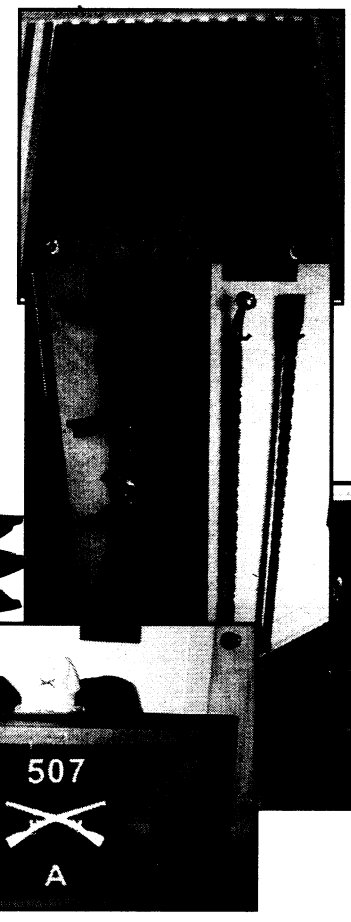


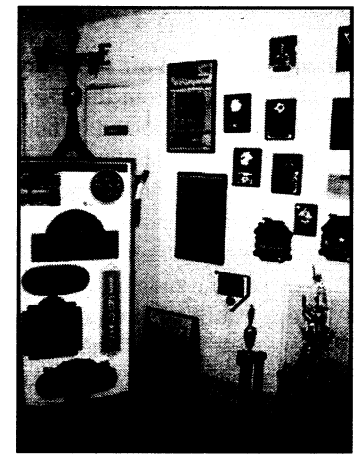
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Freddie Stowers Elementary

Stowers is located off First Cavalry Division Road on Stowers Drive and serves more than 600 students from the Davis Hills and Bouton Heights communities. Opened in 1993, the school is named in honor of Cpl. Freddie Stowers, the first black soldier to be awarded the Medal of Honor in World War I.

Dr. Tom Dignan is the principal of Stowers. Mike Starrett is the assistant principal.

Stowers continues to emphasize excellence in all areas, and parents play a key role. We are especially proud of our Very Important Parent program, which brings parents into the classroom once a month. At Stowers we believe learning is a family matter.

We hope you'll take advantage of these opportunities to get involved.

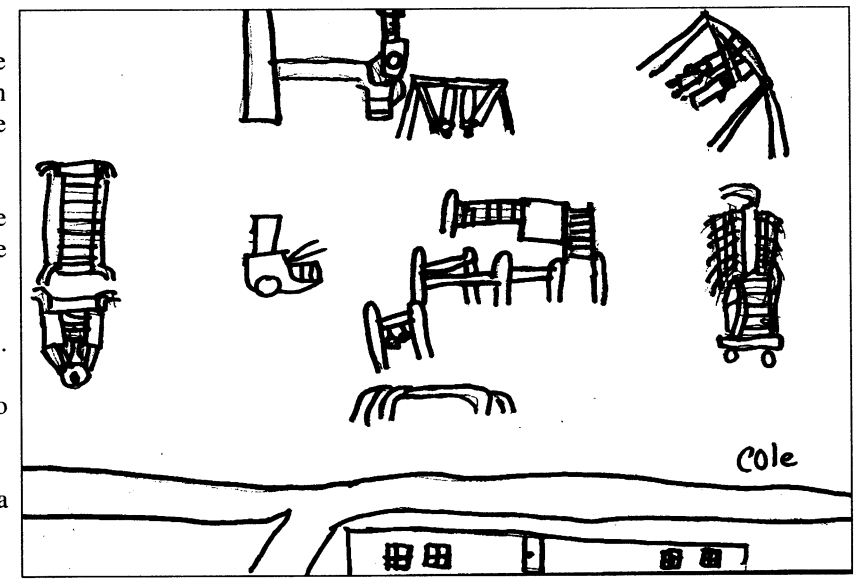
Stowers will host a Sneak-a-Peak for pre-K students from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 12. Kindergarten Welcome Day is Aug. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m.

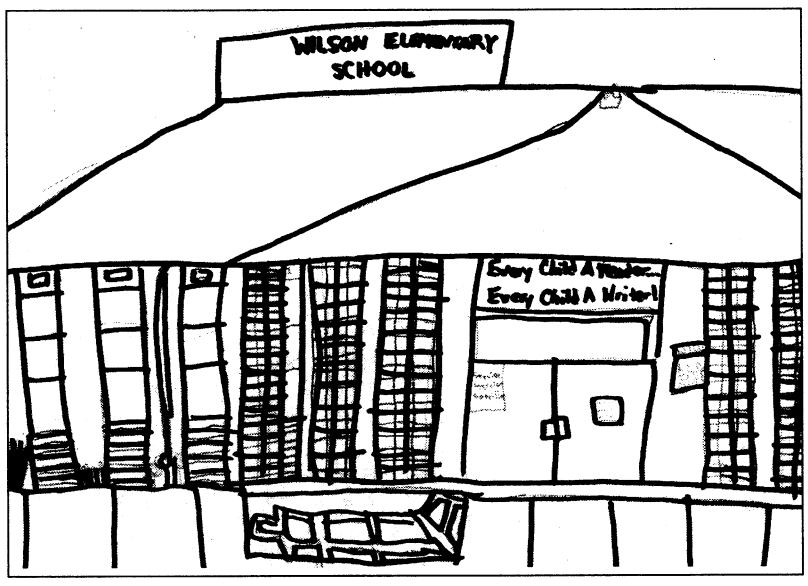
First- through fifth-grade teachers will host a Very Involved Parent activity from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m. Aug. 14.

An Open House is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Aug. 20.

Become a part of our school and you'll see why we say, at Stowers "Everybody is a Champion."

For more information, call 544-2312.





Wilson Elementary

Home of the Wildcats, Wilson is located at 112 Lavoie Ave. and serves more than 400 children from the Indianhead Terrace community. Phyllis Parker has been the principal at Wilson since 1990.

At Wilson, literacy continues to be at the forefront of our curriculum with daily silent reading, response literature journals, writing workshops, book clubs and the "Celebrate Reading" program, all designed to foster a love of literature.

In addition to our outstanding academics and fine arts programs, students have various opportunities to participate in extracurricular activities, including Spanish, photography, reading, drama, craft and computer clubs. They learn about community service through the Kids Care Network, a national organization that encourages philanthropy. Through Kids Care, our students have helped flood victims in Africa, fed hungry children in Haiti, helped build a house for habitat for Humanity, and raised money to aid battered women and children.

Wilson will host a Sneak-a-Peak in classrooms from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 12. Parents are invited to join us each weekday morning at 8:30 Aug. 13-16 to learn more about school programs.

For more information about Wilson elementary School, visit us at wilson@benning.odedodea.edu.

Edward A. White Elementary

White Elementary School, located at 300 1st Division Rd., was opened in 1962.

White is named in honor of Lt. Edward A. White, a Distinguished Service Cross recipient who was among the first of the 1st Cavalry Division to die in Korea in 1950.

The home of the Lions, White serves more than 300 student from the McGraw Manor, Battle Park and Main Post communities, as well as children from Latin American countries who reside on Fort Benning while their parents attend the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

These students enrich our classrooms by expanding our understanding of various foreign cultures.

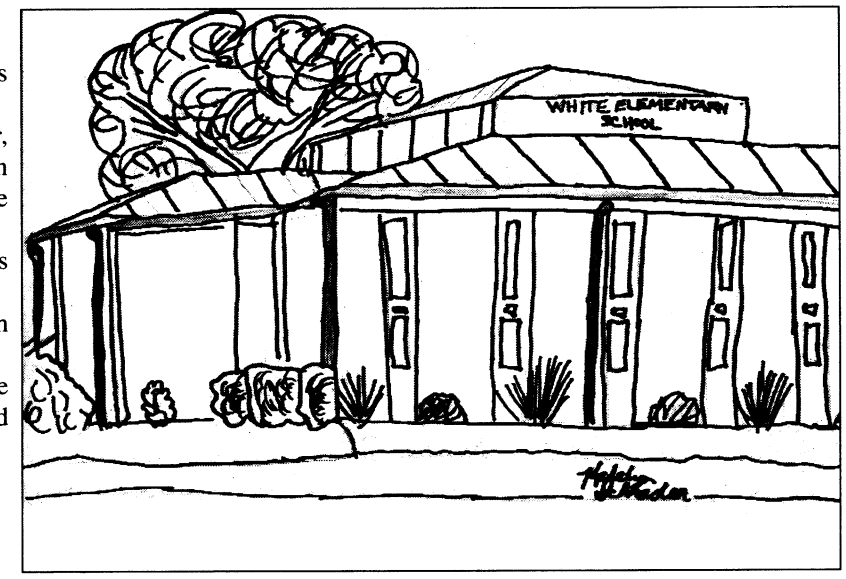
White invites all post residents to its annual Hispanic Heritage Celebration each September.

Principal Dr. Tommy Lee has an undergraduate degree from Columbus State University, a master's degree from Georgia State University and a specialist degree and doctorate from Auburn University.

White students are invited to meet their teachers Aug. 13, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

An open house is scheduled Aug. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 545-4623.



welcomes students

Herbert J. Dexter Elementary

Working Together Toward Tomorrow is the mission of the staff, students and parents of Dexter, located on Yeager Avenue and serving students from Fort Benning's Main Post and Upatoi communities.

Opened in 1969, Dexter was named in honor of Maj. Herbert J. Dexter, who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished service Cross for heroic action in Vietnam. Dexter was a member of the Screaming Eagles of the 101st Airborne Division. Dexter Elementary has adopted Herbie the Eagle as its mascot.

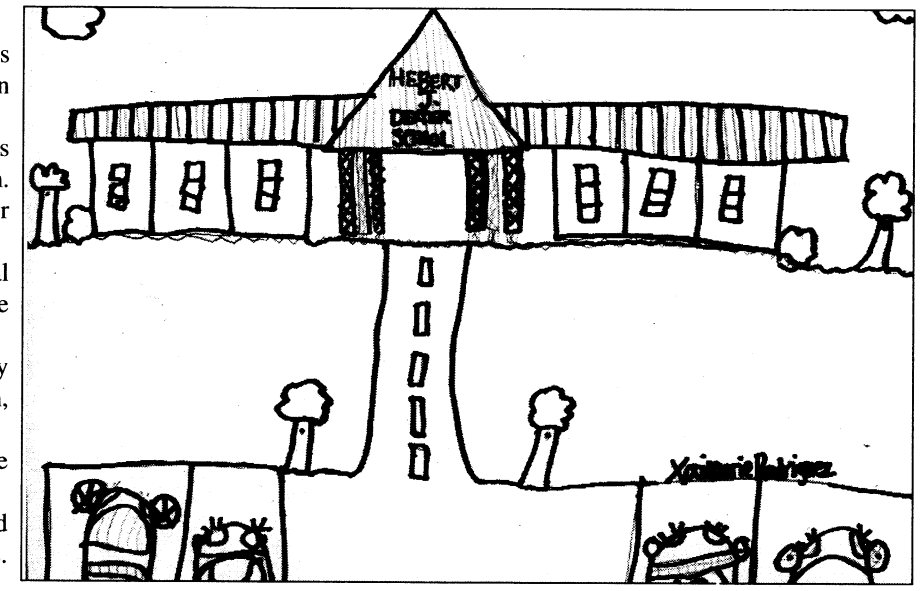
Dexter's history of service to mankind and ecology continues this year with special projects by the K-Club (kindness) and the e-Club (ecology), which was awarded the 2001 National Arbor Day Foundation's Education Award.

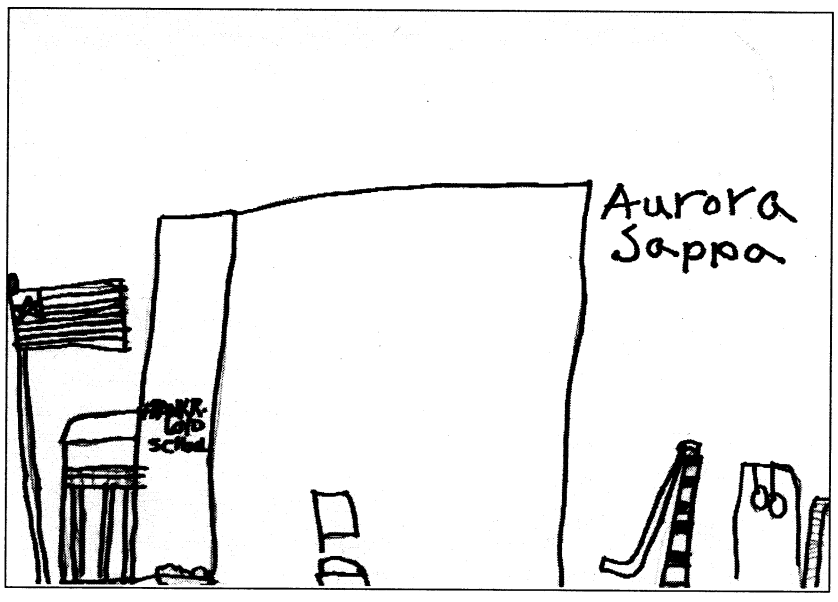
Extracurricular programs include safety patrol Peacemakers, Ambassadors, the Early Morning Fitness Club, WDEX television production, the Junior Leadership Team, ThinkQuest, and the Technology Club.

Vicki Rogers has been the principal at Dexter since 1990. Rogers was named the DoDEA National Distinguished Principal in 1996.

Dexter will host a Sneak-a-Peak at 2 p.m. Aug. 12. Parents and students are invited to join us in the multipurpose room for a brief assembly before visiting the classrooms.

The event will conclude with a summer social on the school's front lawn.





Frank R. Loyd Elementary

Loyd Elementary, home to the panthers, is nestled in the woods at 900 Santa Fe Rd. More than 300 students from the Custer Terrace community attend the school.

Built in 1958, the school was dedicated to 2nd Lt. Frank R. Loyd, a 25th Infantry Division soldier who was killed in the Korean War.

Loyd's motto is *Creating Excellence for Tomorrow's World*, and our goal is for every child to be an independent reader and writer.

Angie McPherson, an 11-year veteran administrator, has been principal at Loyd for three years. She holds a master's degree in special education.

Parents and students are invited to meet their teachers Aug. 12 at the following times: kindergarten — 8:30 a.m.; first grade — 9:30 a.m.; second grade — 10:30 a.m.; third grade — 11:30 a.m.; fourth grade — 1 p.m.; fifth grade — 2 p.m.

Pre-K students are invited to drop in anytime between 8:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Aug. 12.

For more information, call 544-3432.

Morris McBride Elementary

McBride Elementary School, 700 Custer Rd., is named in honor of Capt. Morris R. McBride, who was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in Vietnam. The school was opened in 1965.

McBride serves pre-K through third-grade students from the McGraw Manor community.

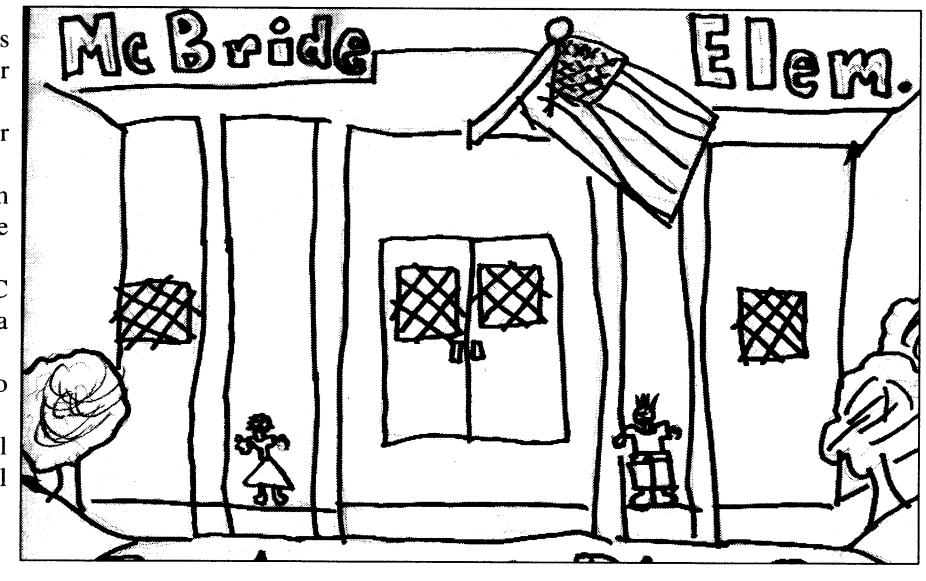
Principal Del Hicks holds a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from Northern Illinois University and an educational specialist's degree from Troy State University.

The Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission presented McBride the KCBC Community Award for Urban Forestry for the school's Woodland Trail Project, a hands-on outdoor classroom open to the public.

McBride will host Right Start — Write Smart and a Sneak-a-Peak from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Aug. 12.

Parents will meet their childrens' teachers before joining us in the school gymnasium to learn more about our goals and objectives for the 2002-2003 school year.

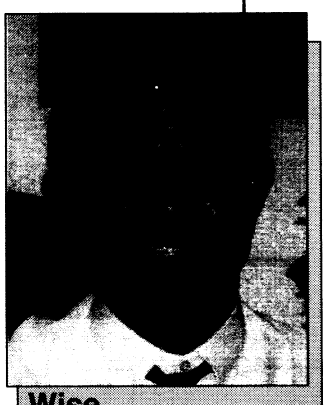
For more information, call McBride at 544-9411.



Faith turns 50


Mowen


Crowell


Wise

With an eye toward the future, Faith Middle School is making plans to celebrate the past. The 50-year-old school, which shares its anniversary with the Korean War, will honor Korean War veterans, particularly Lt. Col. Don C. Faith, for whom the school is named, September 5 and 6.

Principal Dr. Gregg Mowen said the students of Faith, which is an official partner with the Korean War Commemorative Committee, stand to learn a little about their school's history and a lot about their nation's history from the men who fought alongside Faith.

"Certainly we'll learn about the man, the hero, the school was named for, but we'll also learn a lot about the war from the men who were there. That's invaluable," Mowen said. "And at the same time, it'll give us a chance to honor these men."

Representatives of the 31st and 32nd Infantry Regiments, both of which Faith was commanding at the time of his death in the Battle of the Chosen Reservoir, and members of his family are expected to be on hand for a reception September 5. Veterans will visit the school the following day to talk with students. Details will be released at a later date, Mowen said.

To commemorate the school's historic ties to the 31st Infantry Regiment "Bears" and the 32nd Infantry Regiment's "Warriors," Faith replaced its eagle mascot with a "Warrior Bear."

The change is one of many for the school that "keeps reinventing itself," Mowen said. Last year the school launched various athletic programs, including baseball, basketball, roller hockey, soccer and cheerleading, and extracurricular activities, like the Newspaper Club, drama and mentoring program. Information on these programs will be available after the start of the school year, but parents are encouraged to contact the school for information about volunteering with a team or club.

Faith, Fort Benning's only middle school, services 700 sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders. This year all three grades will participate in PRIME Time — Putting Responsibility In Motion Everyday — a national program that teaches students to make responsible decisions and take responsibility for their actions.

Faith piloted the program for one week last year, setting aside 19 minutes a day, four days a week, for every teacher to conduct a PRIME Time session simultaneously. Staff and students then voted to institute the program this year.

"It's a program that allows them to talk about and deal with issues they don't normally get to delve into in school," Mowen said. "We know the middle school years are all about transition, and the Army and (Department of Defense Education Activity) are taking a close look at transitioning students to make the process easier and smoother and healthier.

"I believe PRIME Time will do that. It'll help them make the usual age-related and relational adjustments, but it'll also help our new students feel at home, get acquainted and feel a part of Faith. I believe it'll have social and academic benefits," he said.

The course will focus on such topics as study skills, problem solving, community service, goal setting and self esteem.

The school is making another change students have been clamoring for, Mowen said. Seventh-graders will be assigned laptop computers, a privilege previously only afforded eighth-graders. Seventh-graders will participate in NetSchools, an online Orion program that expands their ability to research and interact with educational programs around the world.

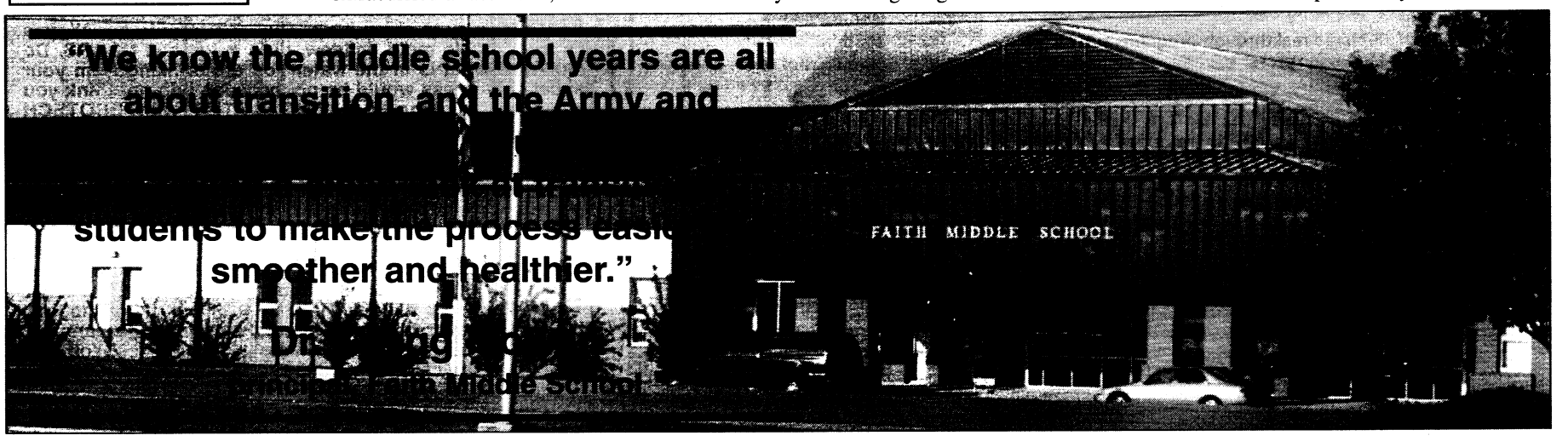
The cafeteria has been enlarged to accommodate more students, eliminating the need for six lunch periods. Students will eat in three shifts, each about 40 minutes long, 10 minutes longer than their former lunch period.

"Lunch is a social time for these kids," Mowen said. "Many of them speed through their meal to get to the social time. By condensing lunches and extending the period, we believe they'll have more time to eat healthy and still do what's important to them — visit."

Also, in keeping with the times, the 50-year-old institution will adopt a "more holistic approach" to discipline, Mowen said. Rather than an "incident-driven" reaction to behavioral problems, the administration, which includes assistant principals Dr. Kimberly Crowell and Clint Wise, adopted a policy that is more of a "step process," forcing students to take responsibility for their behavior before it gets out of hand, Mowen said.

"There's always consequences for inappropriate behavior that doesn't meet our expectations," he said. "But instead of a one, two, three strikes you're out approach, we'll address each problem or infraction along the way, so students and their parents and teachers can see what direction they're headed in."

Sixth-graders and their parents are invited to a Sneak Preview from 3 to 5 p.m. Monday. They will visit their classrooms and pick up their schedules at that time. Seventh-graders can pick up their schedules from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. today. Eighth-graders can pick up theirs between 1 and 3 p.m. today.



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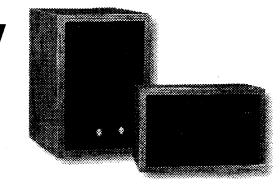
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child abduction

It couldn't happen in m

They read like a list from a book of popular baby names ... Casey, Elizabeth, Samantha, Danielle and Erica. Cute, trendy, "now" names. They've all made the "top 10" list over the past six years.

Chances are, you know little girls by the same names — probably several — in your neighborhood or your child's classroom. Maybe you chose one for your own daughter.

With shocking frequency their names have come to be associated with the unthinkable. Abduction.

Their smiles beam at us from snapshots taken during happier times – dance recitals and birthday parties. Their guileless grins remind us of their innocence. Their faces remind us of children we know.

But surely it couldn't happen here...

Kidnapping is nothing new to this country. Nearly 80 years ago the nation reeled when Charles Lindbergh's baby was snatched from his cradle, and once again, when 12-year-old Polly Klaas was kidnapped at knifepoint and murdered in 1993.

But the recent spate of abductions has taken on an even bolder, more daring nature with alarming frequency.

Elizabeth and Samantha disappeared from their own homes, snatched in front of witnesses. Casey was kidnapped when her father left the room for just a moment. Danielle was taken from her bed.

So what makes us so sure it couldn't happen here?

With the exception of an occasional non-custodial "parent-knapping," military posts have so far been exempt from the terror of abduction. Why that's so is a matter of speculation.

"I think we're fine. I think anybody who would do that sort of thing would be scared off by the MPs at the access points," said a Fort Benning mom of two, who asked not to be identified.

Another disagrees.

"If you think about it, there's no reason for us to feel super-secure. We just do," said Shannon Secules, mother of three and a Fort Benning resident.

"Look at all those girls. It happened in the most unlikely places — they're own homes — where everybody feels the most secure. So what makes us think we're any safer?"

Do post residents live with an overly inflated sense of security simply because we've never faced this kind of terror?

According to military police records, there have been no child abductions at Fort Benning. Reports of missing children are given immediate attention, and to date, they've all been located safe and sound nearby — usually at a neighborhood playground or friend's house.

But parents should not hesitate to call 911 if their child is missing, said the Directorate of Public Safety's operations NCO, Staff Sgt. Robert Johns. They should never allow themselves to become complacent about child safety and accountability.

"Never, never leave small children unattended. Post regulations prohibit children under 12 from staying home alone," Johns said.

"Many parents say they can't watch their children all the time. That may be true to a certain extent, but can you afford not to?"

Johns encouraged parents to talk to their children about the dangers of child abduction. And yes, to teach them to be suspicious of strangers.

"You have to be suspicious. Children ar too precious not to be. And teach them to be suspicious, too. Teach them to say no and run away. When it comes to children, 'better safe than sorry' always applies."

Johns said children should be taught to scratch and bite and yell as loud as they can if a stranger touches them.

Older children may discreetly wear a whistle on a "key cord" around their neck.

Parents should also teach very young children how to dial 911 using a toy or disconnected telephone. Never assume a child knows how to handle a telephone.

Children of all ages should be taught to be aware of their surroundings, Johns said. Make a game of it. Quiz them about their surroundings when you travel in the car. After a trip to the playground, ask them to describe what their playmates were wearing. When you tuck them in at night, have them close their eyes and describe their room in detail.

Exercises such as these will train them to be alert to changes in their environment and help make them aware when "a new face" enters the scene.

Parents, too, must learn to know their surroundings. Military families should chec with the police department and local residen before selecting a home in their new town. Crime statistics are a matter of of public record. For instance, a quick check of the Georgia Burea of Investigation's Sexual Offender Registry reveals the names and addresses of 140 convicted sex offenders in Muscogee County — good information if your scouting for a new home.

Military children who are used to the nomadic lifestyle may not be intimidated by strangers. After all, they constantly meet ne

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father of Polly Klaas, murdere

To find out what you can do to help make your community a safer place for children, contact the Polly K

y neighborhood ...

people — neighbors, classmates and parents' coworkers come and go frequently.

Marc Klaas, father of Polly Klaas and founder of the Polly Klaas Foundation for Missing Children, believes parents do their children a disservice when they focus their fears on "stranger danger."

"We have to get past this whole stranger danger' thing, and start teaching our children that danger sometimes wears a friendly face," he said in a July 25 interview on MSNBC.

Children, like many adults, tend to believe evil looks evil, he said. But murderers and child molesters are usually skilled at "making friends" with children. If they can gain their trust, even for just a moment, they can get close enough to "grab and run."

Parents should establish a system of "secret passwords" with their children — a funny phrase, a silly rhyme, the title of a favorite book or movie, the name of a favorite stuffed animal or even a nonsensical word. Children should be told to never get in a car or leave school or home with a family friend or relative if they're not "given the password."

Of course, the most obvious safety precautions are the ones we tend to take for granted — locking doors and travelling in pairs. Continue to practice standard safety measures, Johns said, but don't assume they are adequate. As noted earlier, several of the recent kidnappings have taken place in the child's home and in front of witnesses.

Burglar alarms, watch dogs and timed lights placed strategically around the house may deter potential invaders. And Web companies like herbiehydrant.com offer various innovative products to help protect your children.

Older children can use cell phones to keep parents abreast of their whereabouts. With the privilege of owning a phone should certain responsibilities, such as "check in" calls whenever he or she changes locations — from the theater to a restaurant or from a friend's house to the mall.

Children who have access to the internet should be instructed to never give their name, address or photo to anyone they meet online. They should leave a chatroom if the conversation or language becomes obscene and report it immediately to their parents. Sex offenders often meet their prey online.

There are dozens, if not hundreds of measures parents can take to keep their children safe. But there are no guarantees, Johns said. Complacency is a parent's worst enemy.

"Take ever precaution at your disposal to keep your children safe from kidnapp[ers], never assume it can't happen where you live," Johns said. "When you let your down, that's when you become vul[nerable]



What more can you do?

The Polly Klaas Foundtion offers these tips for [keeping] your community safe for children:

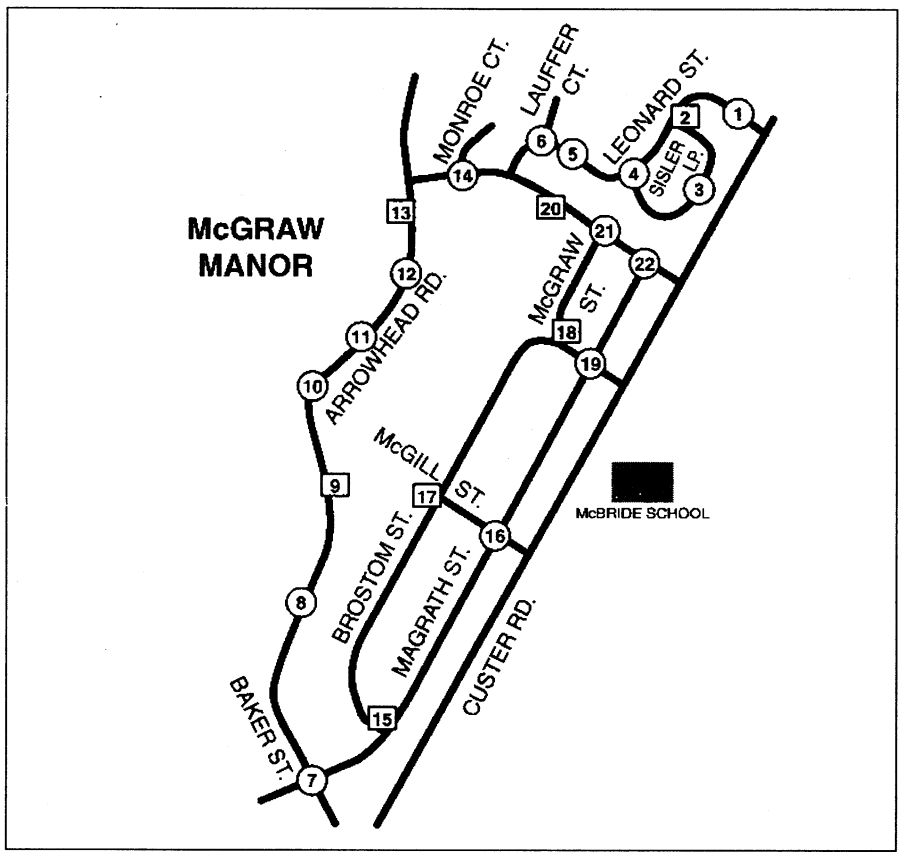
- **be a part of a neighborhood watch program**
- **get to know your neighbors**
- **get to know the law enforcement officers in your commun[ity]**
- **keep current identification of your children in a safe pla[ce] (fingerprints, photo, video, medical and dental records)**
- **don't leave your child alone or unattended in public places (in a car, store, park, etc.)**
- **know your child's friends names, addresses, ph[one numbers]**
- **before leaving your child with a care provider, [day care] center or youth organization, ask for references [and] qualifications. Always call references — don't assume they'll b[e] favorable**
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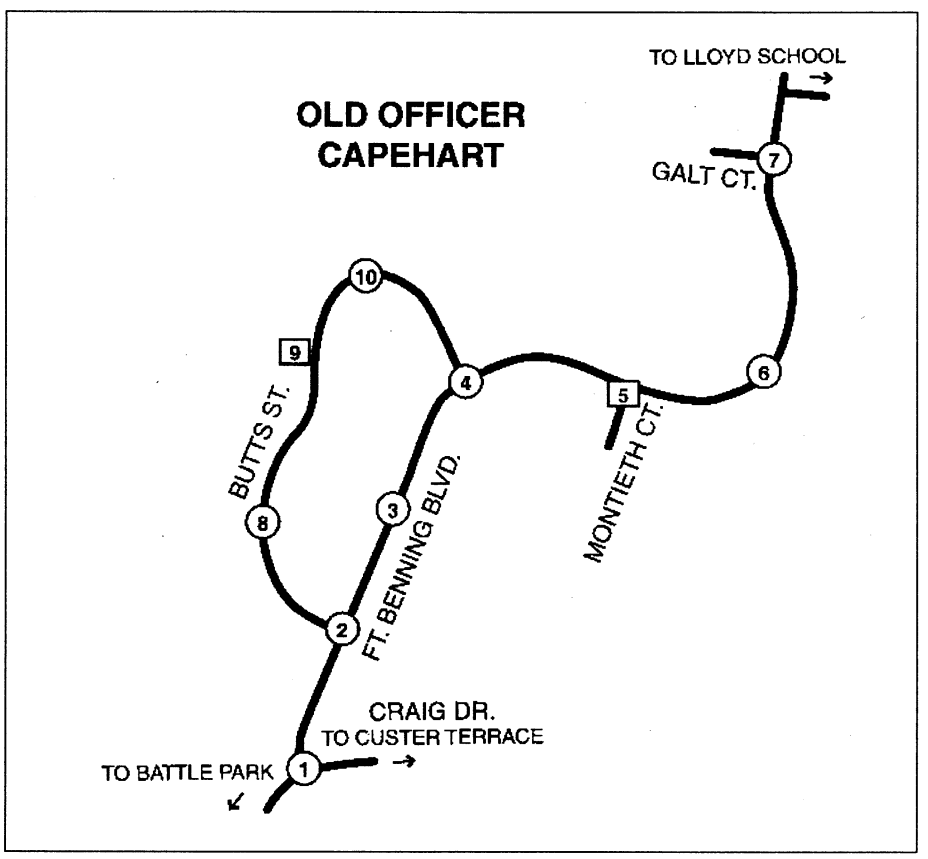
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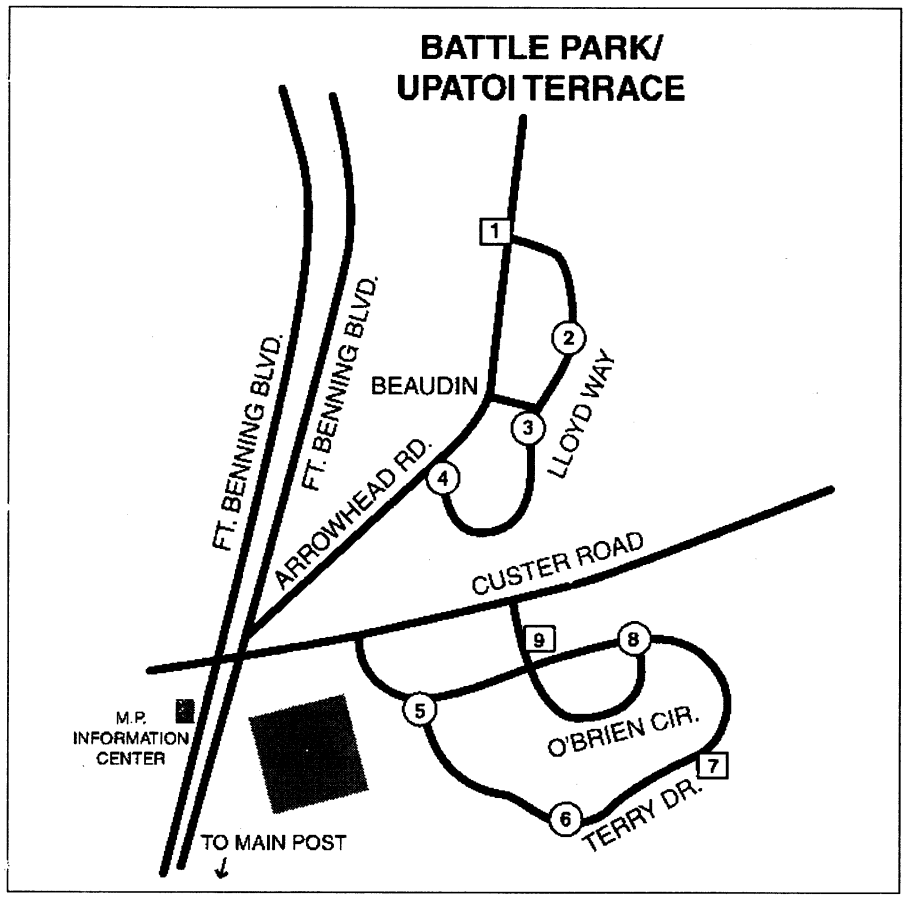
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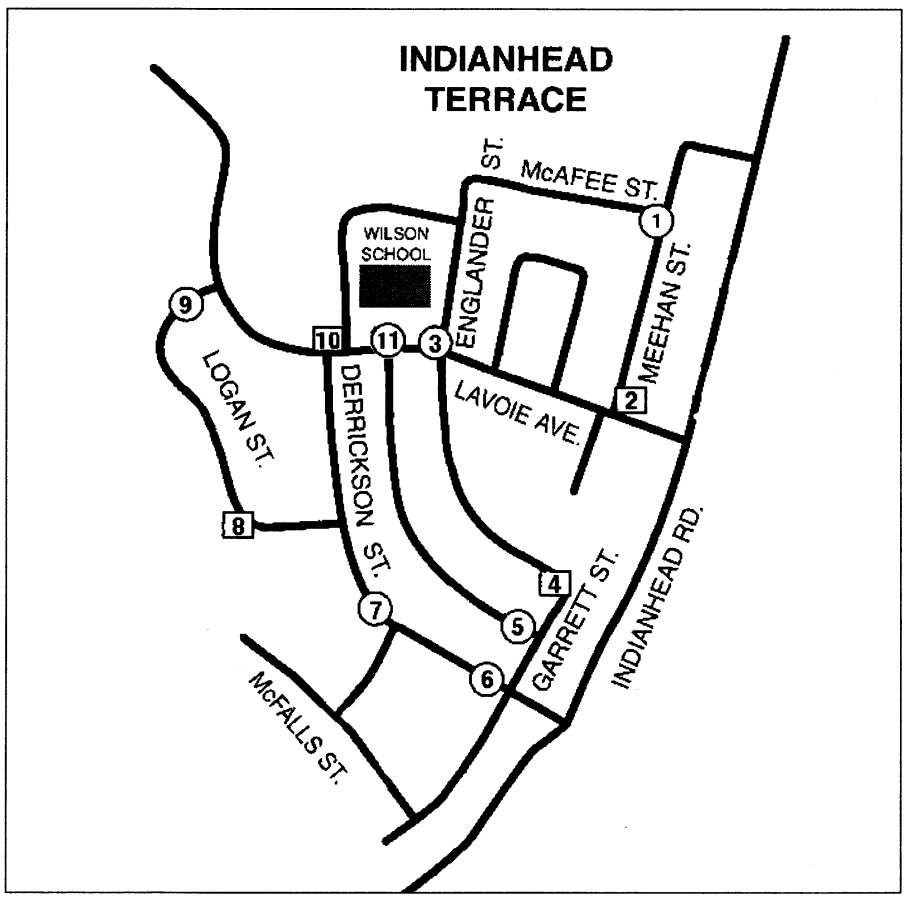
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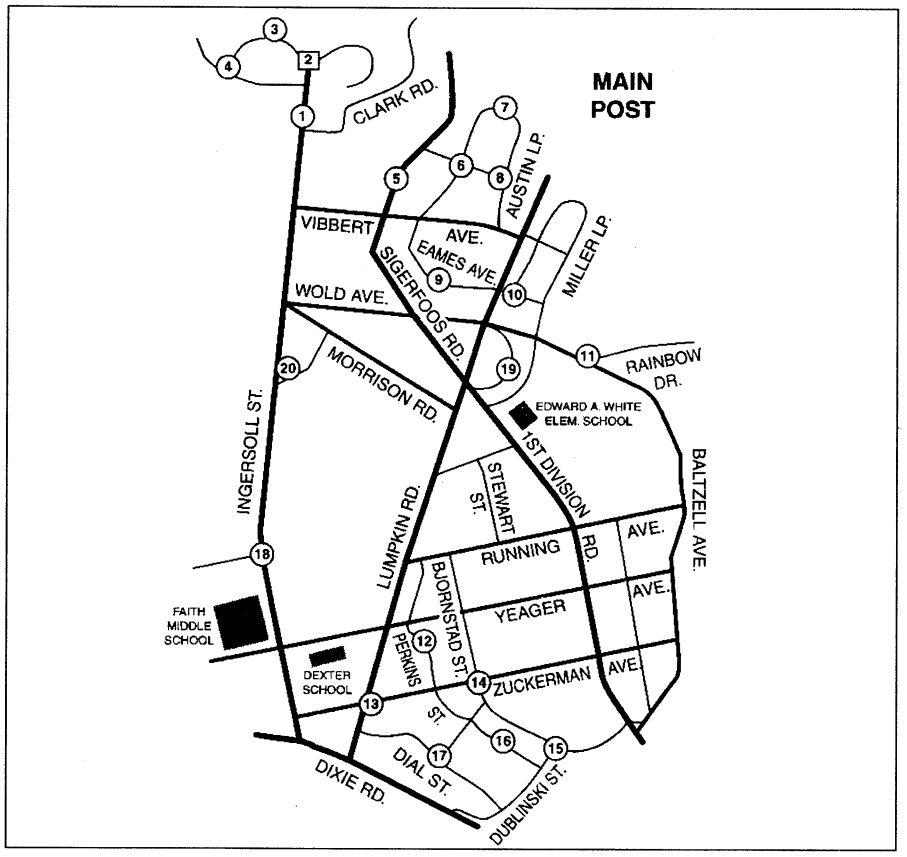

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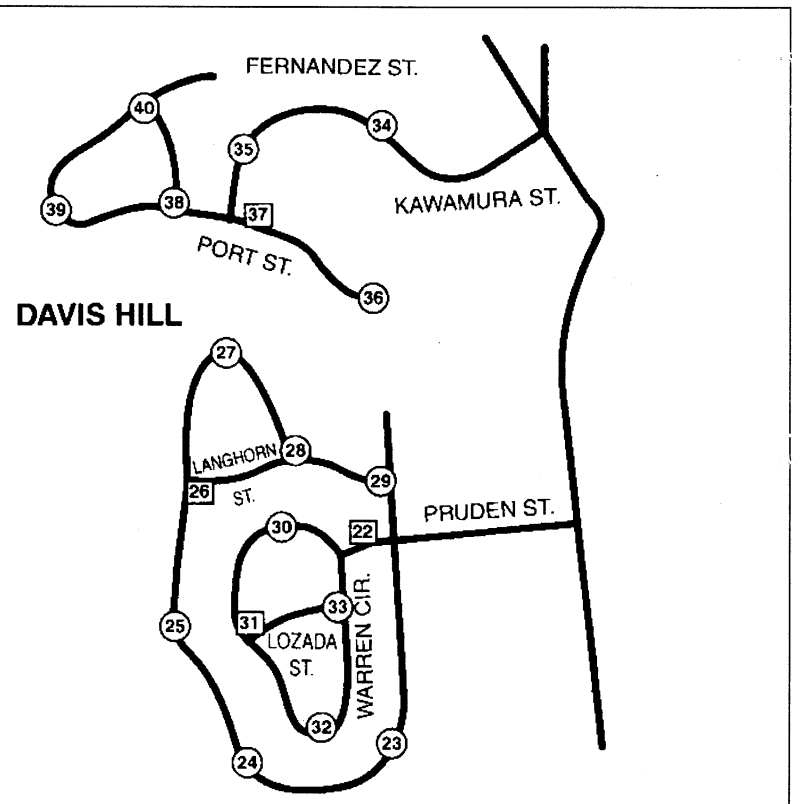

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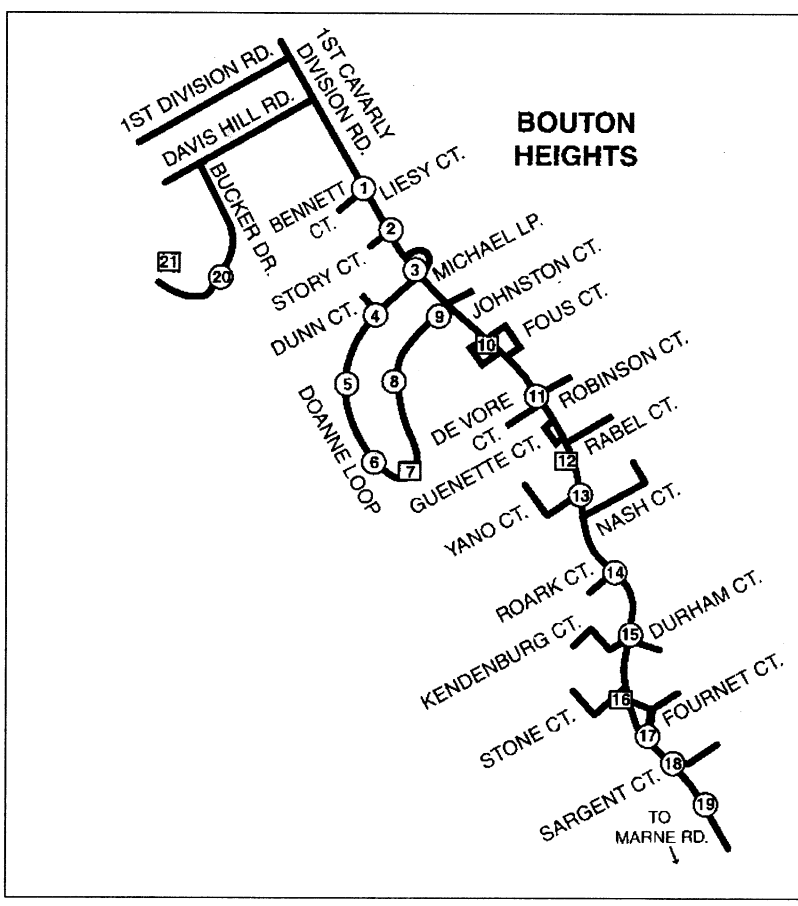

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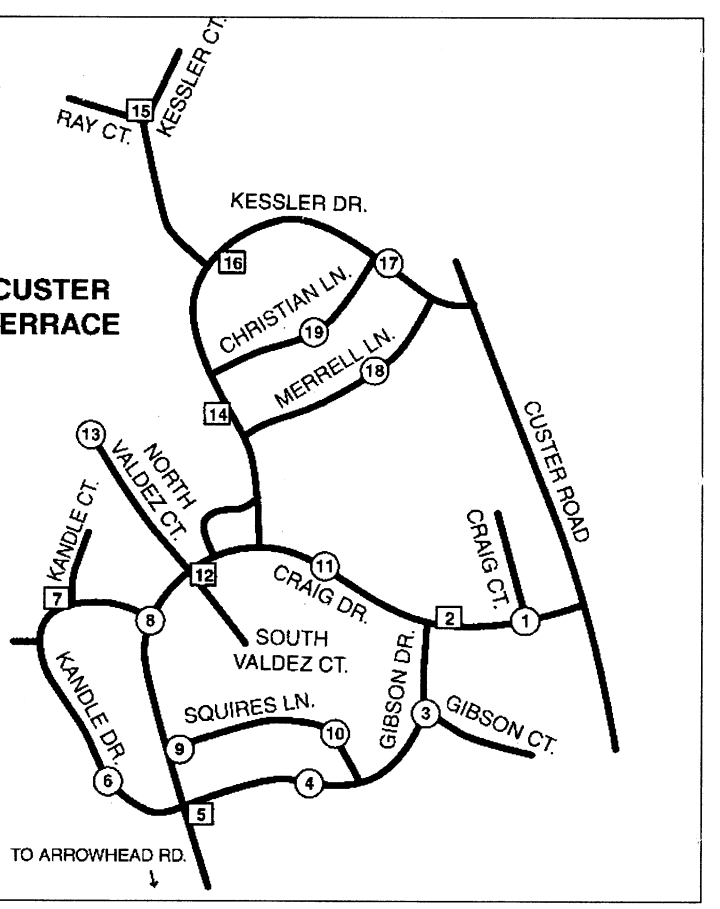

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Elementary Bus Schedules

McBride

Housing area	grades	stops	first pick-up	school lets out	Tuesday out	bus#
McGraw Manor	PreK a.m.	7-14	7:35	11:00	10:15	7
McGraw Manor	PreK p.m.	7-14	11:25 (Tue10:55)	2:15	1:00	7
McGraw Manor	K	7-14	7:35	2:15	1:00	7
McGraw Manor	1-3	7	7:35	2:15	1:00	To 7 From 17
McGraw Manor	1-2	8-14	7:30	2:15	1:00	17
McGraw Manor	3	8-14	7:30	3:15	2:00	17

White

Housing area	grades	stops	first pick-up	school lets out	Tuesday out	bus#
Battle Park	PreK a.m.	1-4	7:40	11:00	10:15	25
Battle Park	PreK p.m.	1-4	11:25 (Tue.10:55)	2:15	1:00	25
Battle Park	K,1&2	1-4	7:40	2:15	1:00	25
Battle Park	3-5	1-4	7:40	3:15	2:00	25
McGraw Manor	4&5	7-16, 19	7:40	3:15	2:00	3
McGraw Manor	4&5	1,2,4,6,17, 18, 20-22	7:45	3:15	2:00	4
ESL, all	PreK-5		7:45	3:15	2:00	13

Dexter

Housing area	grades	stops	first pick-up	school lets out	Tuesday out	bus#
Main Post	PreK a.m.	1-4	7:30	11:00	10:15	42
Main Post	PreK p.m.	1-4	11:25 (Tue.1055)	2:15	1:00	42
Main Post	K-2	1-4	7:30	2:15	1:00	42
Main Post	3-5	1-4	7:30	3:15	2:00	42
Upatoi Terrace	PreK a.m.	5-9	7:20	11:00	10:15	42
Upatoi Terrace	PreK p.m.	5-9	11:25 (Tue. 10:55)	2:15	1:00	42
Upatoi Terrace	K-2	5-9	7:20	2:15	1:00	42
Upatoi Terrace	3-5	5-9	7:20	3:15	2:00	42

Loyd

Housing area	grades	stops	first pick-up	school lets out	Tuesday out	bus#
Custer Terrace	PreK a.m.	1-19	7:20	11:00	10:15	24
Custer Terrace	PreK p.m.	1-19	11:25 (Tue. 10:55)	2:15	1:00	24
Custer Terrace	K	1-19	7:20	2:15	1:00	24
Custer Terrace	1-2	2-10, 12,13	7:25	2:15	1:00	9
Custer Terrace	1-2	1,11,14-19	7:30	2:15	1:00	11
Custer Terrace	3-5	2-10, 12,13	7:25	3:15	2:00	9
Custer Terrace	3-5	1,11,14-19	7:30	3:15	2:00	11
Old Capehart	PreK a.m.	1-10	7:20	11:00	10:15	1
Old Capehart	PreK p.m.	1-10	11:25 (Tue. 10:55)	2:15	1:00	1
Old Capehart	K	1-10	7:20	2:15	1:00	1
Old Capehart	1-2	1-10	7:20	2:15	1:00	44
Old Capehart	3-5	1-10	7:20	3:15	2:00	44

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Battle Park	6-8	1-4	7:30	3:15	2:00	23
Old Capehart	6-8	2-5,7	7:20	3:15	2:00	23
Bouton Heights	6-8	11,13,15,17,19	7:25	3:15	2:00	29
Bouton Heights	6-8	1,3,5,7,9,20	7:25	3:15	2:00	47
Indianhead	6-8	6,7,11	7:30	3:15	2:00	15
Indianhead	6-8	8-10	7:25	3:15	2:00	20
Indianhead	6-8	1-15	7:30	3:15	2:00	45
Davis Hill	6-8	23-26,28,29	7:20	3:15	2:00	41
Davis Hill	6-8	34,35,38,40	7:20	3:15	2:00	18
Davis Hill	6-8	31,33	7:25	3:15	2:00	47
Custer Terrace	6-8	2-5,7,11,12,14,16-18	7:10	3:15	2:00	12
McGraw Manor	6-8	7,15,20,22	7:15	3:15	2:00	2
McGraw Manor	6-8	8,10,12-14,17,18	7:20	3:15	2:00	8
Upatoi Terrace	6-8	5-9	7:35	3:15	2:00	2

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Oct. 14: Monday, Columbus Day holiday.
Oct. 16:Wednesday, End of first grade period.
Oct. 18: Friday, School work day — student holiday.
Oct. 21: Monday, In-service day — student holiday.

Nov. 11: Monday, Veterans' Day holiday.
Nov. 26: Tuesday,Thanksgiving holiday begins at end of day.

Dec. 2: Monday, school resumes.
Dec. 19: Thursday, Winter holiday begins at end of day.

Jan. 6: Monday, school resumes.
Jan. 9: Thursday, end of grade period.
Jan. 10: Friday, school work day — student holiday.
Jan. 13: Friday, In-service day — student holiday.
Jan. 20: Monday, Martin Luther King Jr. birthday — holiday

Feb. 17: Monday, Presidents' Day holiday.

March 19: End of grade period.
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March 24: Monday, In-service day — student holiday

April 4: Friday, Spring Break begins at end of day.
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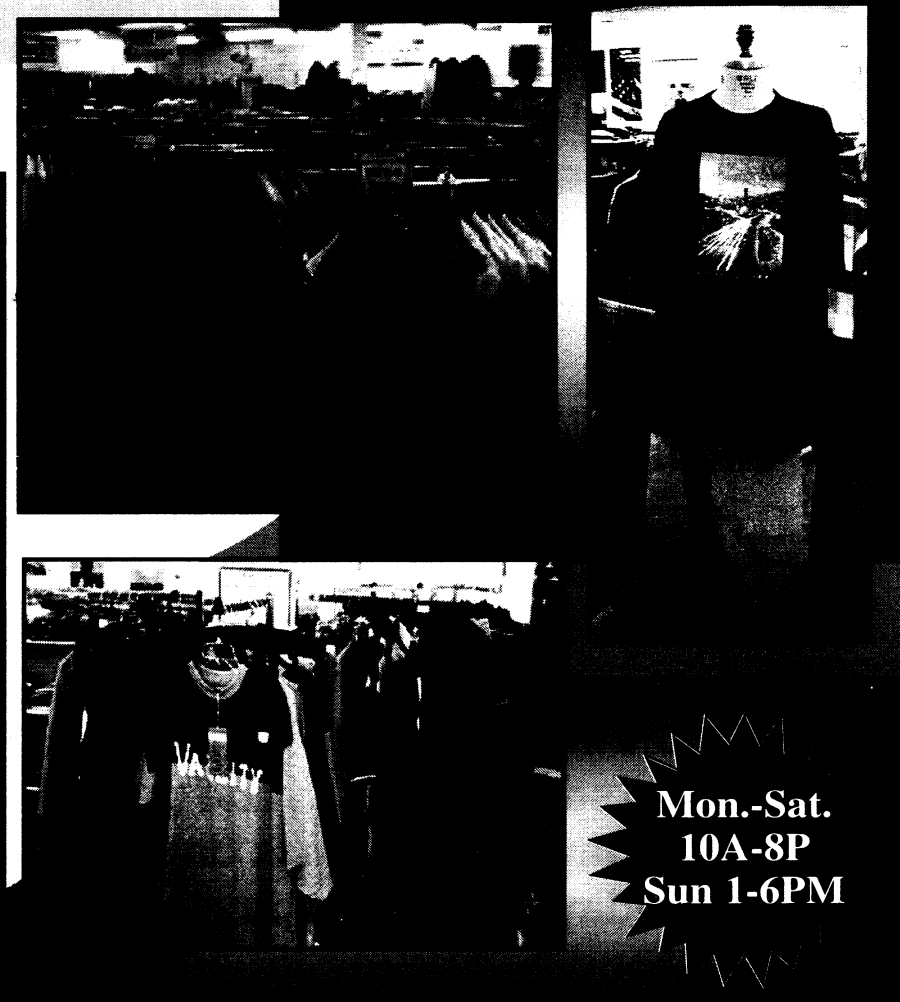
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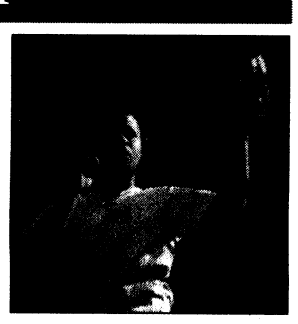
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Weather

Friday — high 88, low 69

Saturday — high 95, low 71

Sunday — high 92, low 70

National Weather Service

Post focuses on protection

Community must stay alert to terrorism

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Thomas Armstrong delivered a package and a wake up call about security issues to Fort Benning last week.

Armstrong was so concerned about what he perceived to be a lack of security here that he notified the FBI. Local agents passed his observations on to post officials.

According to Armstrong, he entered post in an unmarked van, received directions and proceeded with his delivery. Armstrong wandered through several rooms with a large box in an unidentified building, unaccompanied and unnoticed.

"We have made the necessary corrections to ensure that check point personnel perform their duties to standard," said 1st Lt. Cesar Ocasio of the Directorate of Public Safety. "It is incumbent upon the Fort Benning community

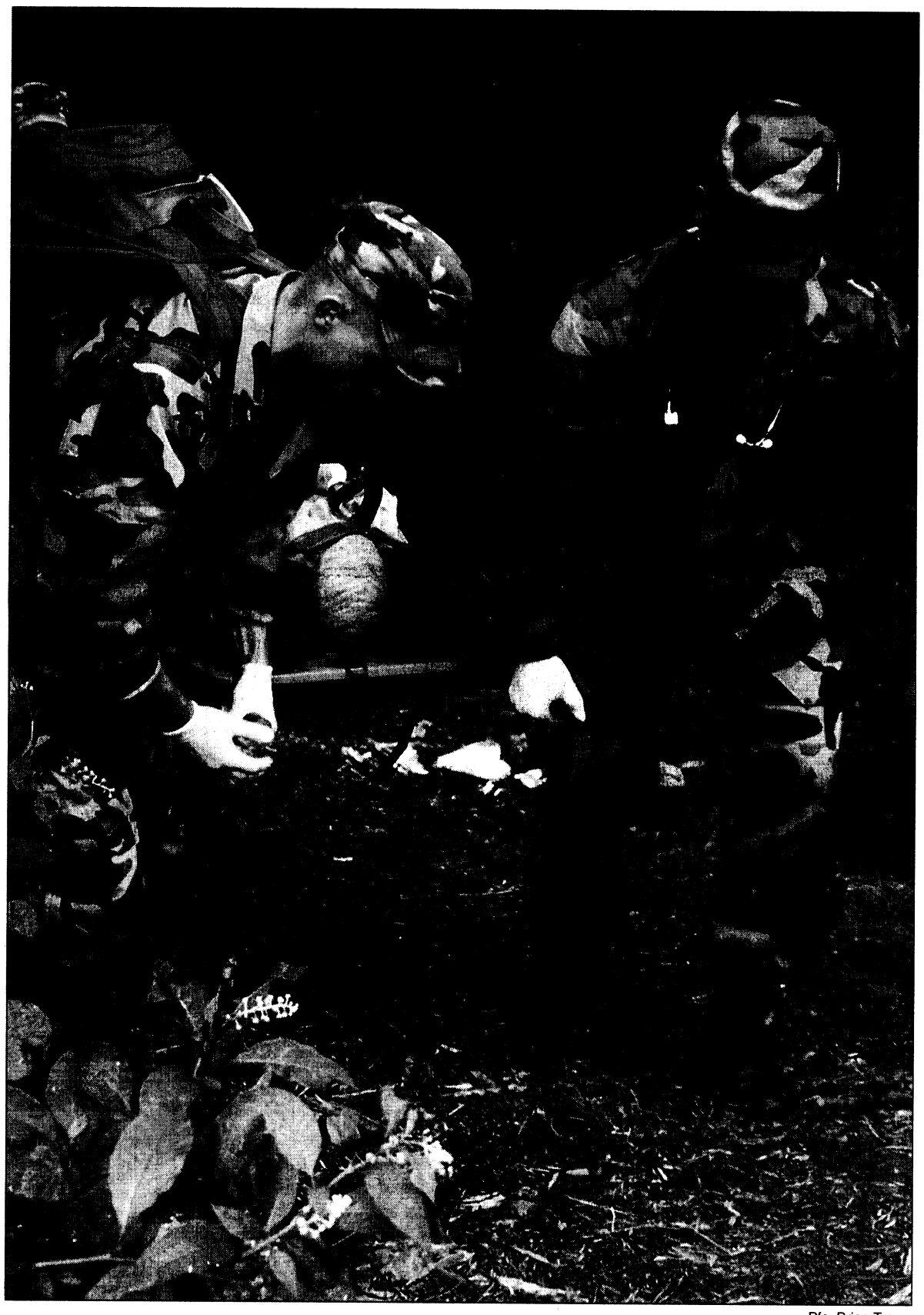
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Fort Benning community members should:

- Be alert to strangers and suspicious vehicles or items
- Report anything unusual
- Brief family members on residential security and safety procedures
- Instruct family not to share information with strangers
- Establish a duress code for family in case of emergency
- Remove base stickers if disposing of POVs
- Avoid using name and rank on answering machines
- Ask for ID from contractors assigned to work on your home or quarters

Medic!



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Spc. Michael Fuemmeler and Sgt. Anthony Lalonde, 4th Ranger Training Battalion help evacuate a "casualty" during training at RTB troop clinic. For details, see page A-12.

Post receives new AC

Colonel makes move from Germany

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

A former airborne and ranger student officially became the new deputy commanding general and the assistant commandant of the Infantry Center and School Wednesday.

Col. Stephen R. Layfield assumed responsibility of being Fort Benning's new AC from Brig. Gen. David Rodriguez, who is now the assistant division commander for the 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

Layfield is coming from his assignment as the operations

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MIT scientists visit post

Nanotech may produce lighter ruck

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Scientists from MIT and the Institute for Soldier Nanotechnology, rucked more than three miles with 35 pound assault packs to help them understand soldiers' needs the night of Aug. 9. The road march was part of a visit from nearly 35 ISN members.

The group of MIT professors and representatives from Dupont, Raytheon and two Boston area hospitals watched a Land Warrior demonstration, visited with basic trainees, watched a Rangers in Action demonstration, toured the McKenna Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain site and then approximately 25 members of the institute participated in the road march.

ISN was awarded a five-year $50 million contract for nanotechnology research March 12.

The science of nano focuses

See **SCIENTISTS**, A-7

New phone PIN system to save money

DOIM budget causes cuts in long distance

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Everyone making long-distance phone calls from a military phone will need a personal identification number beginning Monday.

Without a PIN, these calls won't be possible.

All commercial long-distance and Defense Switched Network (DSN) calls made from military phones will now be accountable to the person through their PIN.

"A monthly phone bill of long distance calls and who made them will be sent to the agencies," said Larry Lalka, chief of architect and plans with Directorate of Information Management. "It's like the phone bill one receives at home."

The change is because of a slated 70 percent cut in the DOIM's budget for long-distance calling, said Paul Yates, DOIM director. The savings from eliminating unnecessary long distance calls are projected at 20 to 25 percent.

"People will be able to see what's going on, and this will make people accountable for their calls," he said.

The information management officer or telephone communication officer can pick up and sign for the PIN numbers from the Information Center Building, Building 358.

If the DOIM Telephone Operations hasn't received the PIN number, the organization will not be authorized to place long distance or DSN calls starting Monday.

People will be personally responsible for the security of their PIN and any unauthorized use of the PIN by themselves or others may result in being held financially liable for use, according to the PIN acknowledgement of receipt.

When making a call:

- Dial the number,
- Listen for three beeps,
- Enter six-digit PIN.

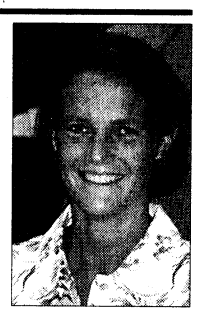
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ARMY LIFE

Life without the Army?

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COMMENTARY



I have been in the military all of my life. From the moment I interrupted NFL Sunday Football (enough years ago), I have been in the Army.

I thought that fact might make it harder to assess how my life might have been different if I hadn't joined the military, but the answer was obvious. I would have been a civilian.

Civilian: (noun): a person following the pursuits of ordinary community life as distinguished from one serving in a police, firefighting, or military force.

It's a little hard to gauge exactly what "ordinary, community life" might be when I've never participated in it. If I had been a civilian, I wouldn't have grown up in seven states and one foreign country. I didn't really understand how different that made me until I started my junior year in my third high school. As a child, I saw things that my peers in this small town in Texas had only read about in books.

While most of my classmates had barely ventured outside of the ARK-LA-TEX- (that area of the country defined these days by Clinton, Bush and the West Nile virus), my earliest memories are of riding trains into the salt mines in Austria and crossing the English Channel by boat. My brother and I actually got tired of touring castles and looking at tapestries, at the sophisticated ages of 7 and 3, and we had to wave to dad from the foot of the Leaning Tower of Pisa because mom was afraid to let us go up.

My personality, I think, was shaped by all of my experiences. I was raised to be independent, adaptable and open-minded. Each new move was not a challenge, but an adventure.

Once it came time to leave home for college, I validated my upbringing by choosing a military school and entering the Army myself. Of course, that decision also altered my life in the form of a husband and three sons who can all alternately be both blessings and curses, depending on the phases of the moon.

Only a few things mean more to me than the chance to serve my country as both a soldier and a spouse. I read somewhere recently that around 44 percent of current Army spouses have some prior experience with the military, either as children or as adults.

That statistic speaks volumes. We choose the Army way of life for ourselves and our families. We give our children opportunities to experience things that most in the civilian world will not. I love to hear my youngest tell people that he is going to be an "army man firefighter tank driver" when he grows up. Even my oldest, with four elementary schools under his belt at age 10, is talking about careers outside the civilian world, waffling between fighter pilot and policeman.

I could sit here and list all the people I met, the things I did, or the places I went as the daughter of a career soldier, wife of a career soldier and just plain soldier, but you'd be bored to death.

When it comes right down to it, if I hadn't joined the Army, I wouldn't be me.

Here, take my seat ... please

Bridgett Siter
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COMMENTARY

Can we talk, just the two of us? It's true my commentaries are usually geared toward a larger audience, but this one is just for YOU. I have a really big favor to ask. Really big.

As you read this, I'm a couple hundred miles away, enjoying a trip to the mountains I've had planned for several months. I'm having a great time. But Saturday my heart will be back home. Unfortunately I can't be with it.

See, tomorrow is Katie Turner Night at Golden Park. So what, you ask? Who's Katie Turner, and why should I regret missing a ball game? After all, we're talking about the soon to be defunct Columbus RedStixx, right?

Well, it's this way. Katie was my friend's daughter. She was studying pediatric audiology last year, when, just one month shy of her 24th birthday, she was diagnosed with a very rare form of cancer. Katie died a week later, giving her parents and sisters precious little time to say good-bye.



Faced with pain unimaginable, Dave and Linda Turner did the only thing they knew to do to honor their daughter's memory and keep her dream alive. Rising above their own pain to ease someone else's, they founded the Katie Elizabeth Turner Endowment for hearing impaired children. And just this summer, the endowment reached a milestone. Some little girl or boy will be the first to receive a hearing aid thanks to Katie's parents' relentless efforts to see their daughter's dream become a reality.

Now it's time to celebrate. And what better way than a day at the ball field? It's the American way. The RedStixx ball club, which has supported Dave and Linda's endeavor from the start, is donating $3 of every $4 ticket sold to Katie's kids. Lots of fun activities are planned for the night, including a silent auction. I wish I could be there to help celebrate.

That's where you come in. Could you, would you, won't you pleeease take my seat? Heck, take a whole row of seats. Take the kids, the neighbors, the in-laws and the mailman to the ball park. Eat popcorn and hotdogs and Cracker Jacks. Order a tall frosty glass of root beer and toast the Turners' triumph. Celebrate!

Do it for me, won't you please? Better yet, do it for Katie.

The game starts at 7 p.m., but gates open an hour earlier. Be sure to buy your tickets at the table set up near the ticket booth, so Katie's supporters can be counted.

Thanks very much. I owe you one.

HONOR

Seaman exemplifies Army values

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

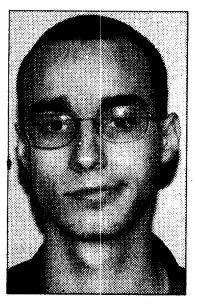
"We have many honors and traditions in the service. Some good, some bad. But, sir, I wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for our greatest tradition ... honor, sir!"
— **Senior Chief Carl Brashear**, as played by Cuba Gooding Jr. in *Men of Honor*

COMMENTARY

Brashear was born Jan. 19, 1931, in Tonieville, Ky., to sharecropping parents. He helped his father tend to the fields until he he joined the Navy at 17.

He was assigned to serve as cook, but Brashear wanted bigger and better things. He didn't want to be a cook. Using his fathers words, *"be the best,"* he fought through discrimination to enter the Navy's Deep-Sea Diving School, becoming the Navy's first black diver.

His adventure didn't end there. After finding a U.S. nuclear bomb dropped in international waters, Brashear saved the lives of two sailors.



When a rope pulling up the bomb broke and the sailors on the line were not getting out of the way, Brashear pushed the sailors out of the way. In the process, a huge piece of steel nearly severed his leg.

He could have gone home and retired, but he hadn't accomplished his goal.

Brashear had his leg amputated. He worked day and night to strengthen his leg so he could show a medical board he was fully capable of accomplishing his diving duties in the new Navy diving suit.

Brashear passed the medical board in 1967 and returned to full-active duty. He became a master diver in 1970, the first black master diver in the Navy.

This is more than just a Navy story. This is a story of honor.

In the Army values system, honor's definition is "to follow all Army values."

Did Brashear exemplify all the values during his career?

He showed loyalty to his country and his seniors by always doing his best.

There's no question that he went above and beyond the call of duty. In fact, he took it to a whole new level.

Though he received little respect because of his color, Brashear still performed his military duties while treating others like they should be treated.

Volunteering for the hard diving assignments takes care of selfless service. He always put his country before himself and he always did what was right, whether someone was looking or not.

He faced fear, danger and adversity, both physical and moral. Brashear represents a great example of what honor means.

He served proudly, while overcoming countless obstacles.

Honor is more than just a word. It is something that is in every military branch's code. Without honor, you have nothing.

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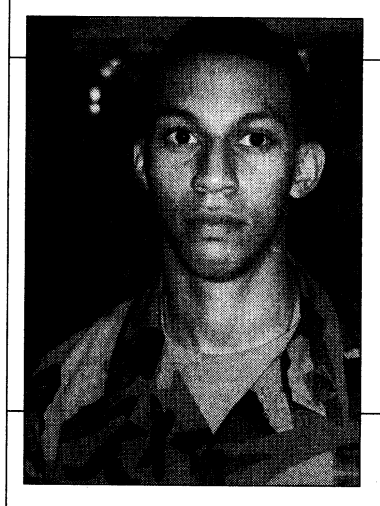
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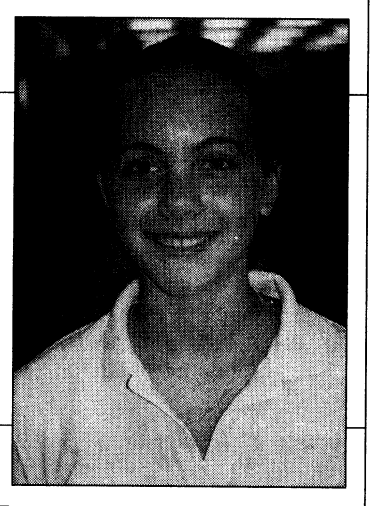
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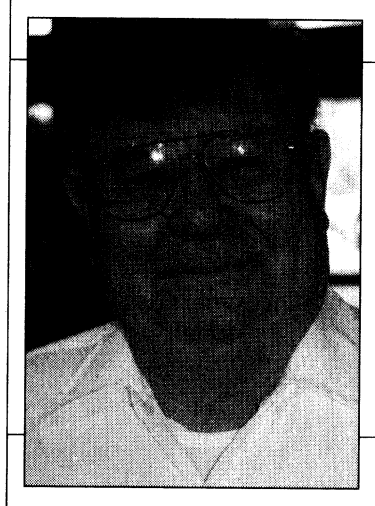
How would your life be different if you hadn't joined the Army?



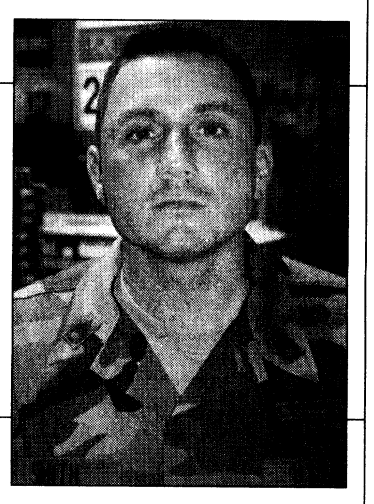
Sgt. David Baez, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I would be going to North Carolina State University major in history."

Katie Vaughn, 14, family member — "My family would be back in Kentucky where my dad was a pastor at our church."

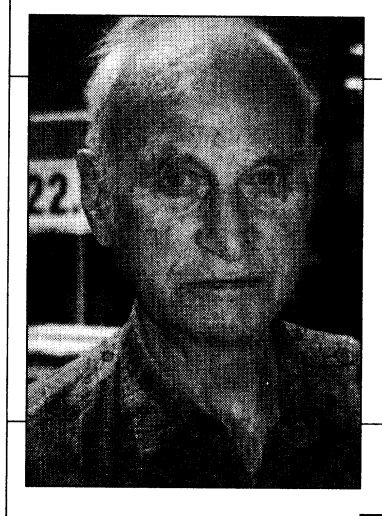




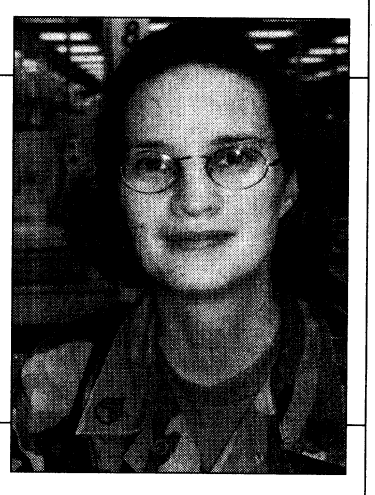
Retired Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Burge, Columbus — "I don't know what I would've done if I hadn't joined. I am glad I did though, because it helped me relax in my retirement days."



Staff Sgt. Bernard Smith, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I used to work off-shore on tugboats. I joined the military because I wasn't sure what I wanted to do. Plus, I had to get a job and support my family some way."



Retired Staff Sgt. Joe C. Smith, Columbus. — "I was a professional baseball player before I joined. I would've followed that career had I not joined the Army. After baseball, I don't know what I would've done."



Staff Sgt. Betty Powers, 1st Battalion, 57th Military Police Regiment — "I wouldn't have met my husband if I didn't join the military."

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Twin eagles: Ranger commander, brother, 'destined for life in uniform' reach rank of colonel

Brothers recount tale of twin triumph

Bridgett Siter
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John and William Kidd were born eight minutes apart on the second day of April, 1958, in that brief respite between the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Their father, George Kidd, had been an Army officer in Korea. His father served in World War I — "Saluting Demon they called him, 'cause he'd salute anything. He'd salute a rock," George said. His great grandfather was wounded in the Civil War, and two of his ancestors fought in the Revolution.

So it came as no surprise to George when his boys showed an interest in the military at an early age.

"It was in their blood, I could see that right away," he said. "I have pictures of them at 3 playing with my old Army service equipment, and at 5 raising the flag outside the house. They used to hold regular flag-raising ceremonies, with a bugle and all, much to the neighbors' disdain."

Their father suspected Bill and John were destined for life in uniform.

"If it wasn't for the Army surplus store, they wouldn't have had anything to wear in high school," he said.

Even the press took note. *The Birmingham News* ran a photo of the 15-year-old Kidds in their Eagle Scout uniforms in 1973. It was called Twin Eagles, a foreshadow of things to come.

Nearly 30 years later, Cols. Bill and John Kidd are sporting "twin eagles" once again.

Bill recently took command of Fort Benning's Ranger Training Brigade, and John serves with psychological operations with the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon. That, in and of itself, is quite an accomplishment, but George believes the fact that twins have reached the rank of colonel is probably an Army first.

"No one's ever been able to tell me of another case like it," he said.

Indeed, many would call John and Bill "a case." From grade-school "switch" pranks — "We dressed alike, right down to the little bow tie," John said, — to basic training, where drill sergeants thought they were seeing double, the fraternal-but-nearly-identical Kidds have made a practice of, well, kidding around.

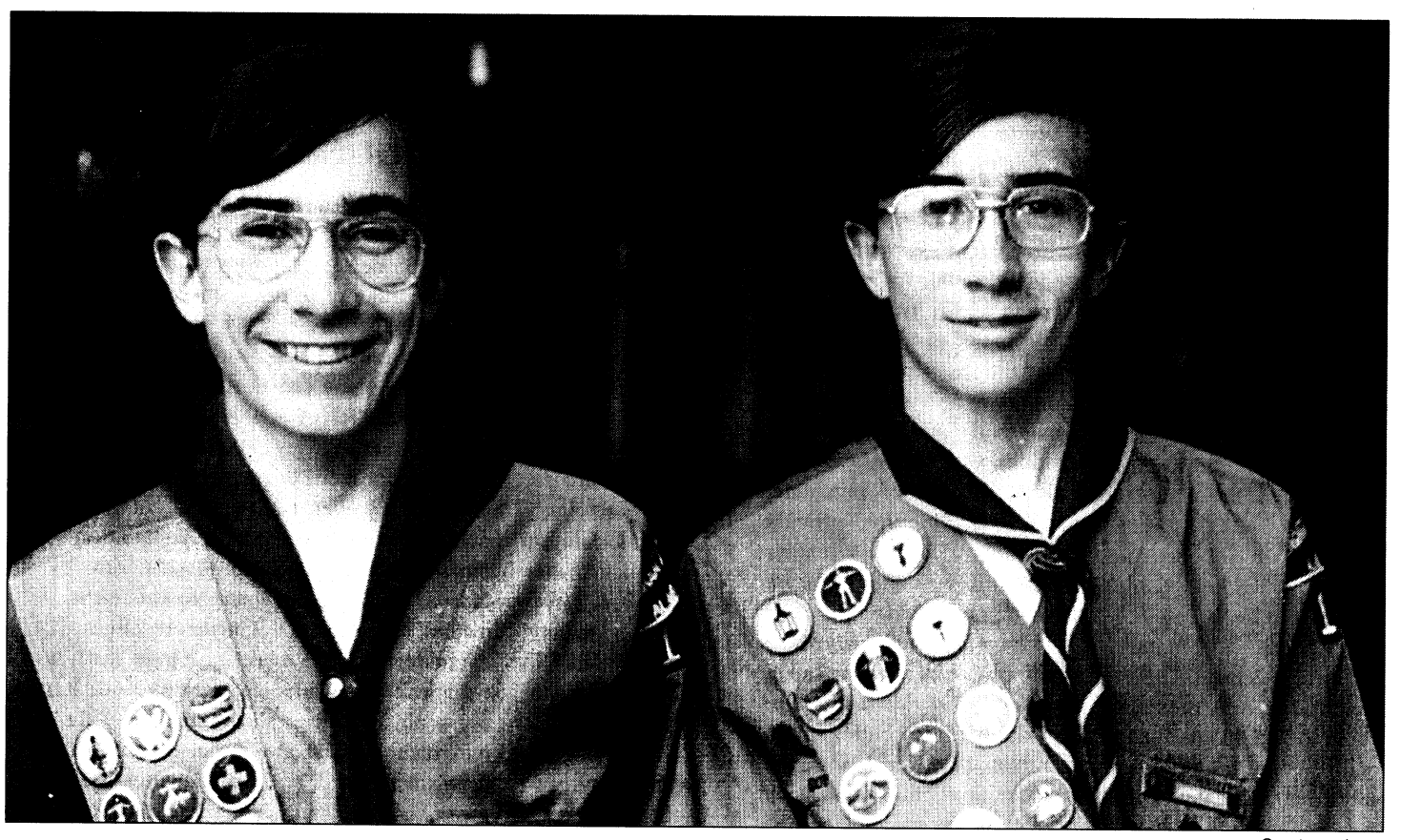
"Oh, it happens every day. Constantly," John said. "Just last week I was stopped by a two-star and he was just talking away. He had no idea I wasn't Bill. And there's an officer across the hall from me who thought I was snubbing her … because she thought I was Bill. That kind of thing happens daily. It can be a lot of fun."

Even the family gets in on the act.

Janet Kidd was having a coffee in her home, when she noticed her guests migrating toward the mantle, where they cast furtive glances at a photo of her brother-in-law, Bill, and his wife, Kim.

"Uh, Janet," a young Army wife finally asked. "Who's that with your husband?"

"Oh, her? That's his ex," Janet replied.



Courtesy photo

Cols. Bill Kidd, left, and John Kidd were 15 and achieved the rank of Eagle Scout in 1973.

The Kidds' career paths have crossed many times, including a short period when they shared an office at Fort Bragg. And though friends and professional acquaintances can tell them apart when they're together, they're often mistaken for one another when they're apart.

Lt. Gen. Wayne Downing, then U.S. Army Special Operations commander, paused to speak with John shortly after attending an early-morning meeting with his brother.

"He said 'About that meeting…,'" John recalled. "And I said, 'I wasn't there, sir.'

"And he said, 'Well I know damn well you were. You sat right by me.'

"I said, 'No, sir. I wasn't there,' and he started to get all flustered and mad, till someone said, 'Sir, that was the other one.'

"He said, 'Well, fire one of these sons of -------.'"

The twins said they've never felt challenged by their relationship — never doubted their individualities. But the relationship bears some "connections" that defy explanation.

Bill recalled a time during college, when his brother was injured in an automobile accident.

"I had no idea where he was, but I had this sense that something wasn't right. I had to find him. That happens sometimes, this feeling that I need to call or go see him, a kind of urgency."

It's a connection that translates into conversation.

"When we get together, people tell us our conversations are a bit disconcerting," Bill said. "We don't finish our sentences because we know what the other is thinking. Or we don't say anything at all. We just look at each other and nod and know exactly what we mean by it. It's not something we do consciously."

Despite their resemblance and shared history — they both attended the Georgia Military College and Auburn University — the Kidds are very different, they said.

John, the more gregarious of the two, "would be selling used cars if he hadn't joined the Army," Bill said.

"I'm more conservative. He likes hunting and fishing and firearms, and I'm not avid about them. He's an impulsive shopper, and I'm a cheap, miserly, squeeze-that-quarter-till-it-screams kinda guy. But we're really very close."

And there's one minor physical difference that John is grateful for, the difference of a few pounds.

"When I was going up for lieutenant colonel, somebody at Infantry Branch tossed my picture in the garbage. I guess he thought, 'We already have one of this guy,'" John said. "So when Special Forces got a hold of my packet and found my picture was missing, they just went down and borrowed Bill's. He weighs a little less. I figure that might've helped. Who knows, my promotion might be completely invalid. They might take it back if they knew.

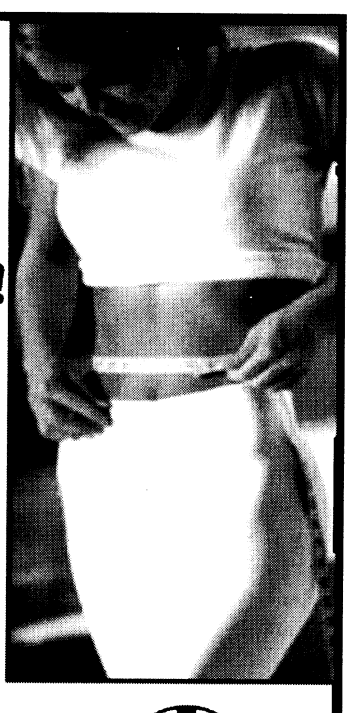
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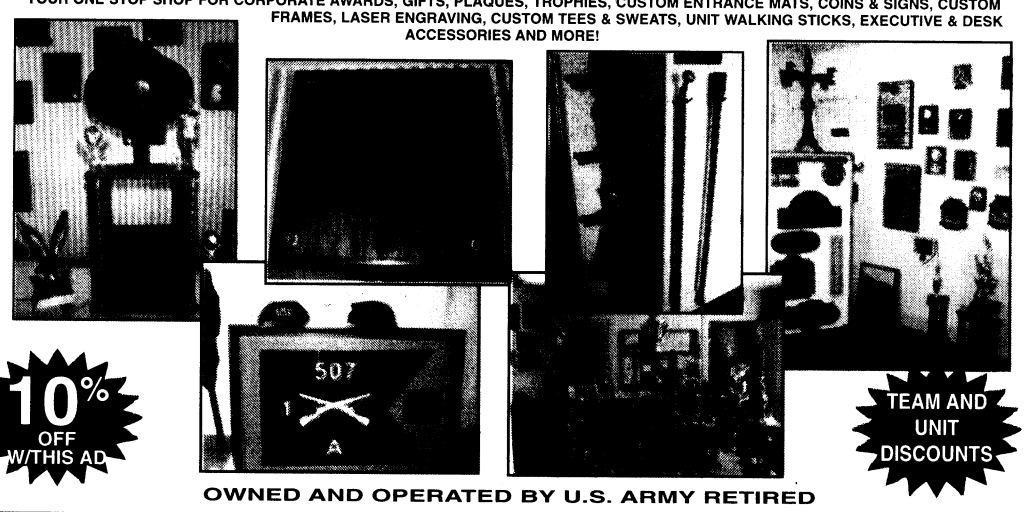
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Work force to restructure

DoD authority approves 6,000 buyouts

Willie Varner
Directorate of Civilian Personnel

The fiscal 2002 National Defense Authorization Act provided DoD authority to approve 2,000 civilian buyouts in fiscal 2002 and 6,000 buyouts in fiscal 2003 to support the need for work force restructuring and reshaping.

Unlike the Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay program, this authority provides buyouts up to $25,000 designed to create opportunities for management to restructure, re-engineer, or redesign vacated positions without a reduction in force or eliminating positions. This authority does not change the traditional VSIP authority delegated to commanders for use in conjunction with planned work force reductions in force.

The Special Work force Restructuring Buyout Authority was designed to address the skill imbalances that exist in DoD as a result of the downsizing of the 1990s and the expected work force exodus because of the rapidly escalating retirement eligibility. By fiscal 2005 within Training and Doctrine Command, 35 percent of the current work force will be eligible for regular retirement and an additional 35 percent eligible for early retirement. Therefore, this authority should be used to manage attrition and restructure positions to correct skill imbalances through an orderly turnover in personnel designed to reshape the work force.

Consistent with the president's goals for work force planning and restructuring, this also includes streamlining organizations, reducing the number of high-level managerial and supervisory positions, and filling vacancies with lower-grade personnel when feasible to provide personnel with career opportunities and future promotion potential.

Managers should analyze the need for this tool and the need to leverage restructure opportunities to better align resources to meet long-range considerations, that is mission and technology changes, needed reorganization, changes to skill sets and demographic shifts.

There is no limit to the number of requirements that TRADOC can identify; however, it is unlikely the command will receive authority to meet the total number identified.

Therefore, installations must focus on using buyouts that posture the civilian work force to meet high-priority needs identified in the TRADOC and Installation Command Plans. Since the installation positions are operationally controlled by the Installation Management Agency in fiscal 2003, each buyout requirement identified should indicate whether the position to be vacated is "Mission" or "BASOPs."

For more information, call Hans Knoff at 545-2681.

TIM headquarters to open

Centralized agency to manage Army's posts, fence funds

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — A centralized agency designed to manage Army installations and fence funds for soldiers and their families will open its headquarters Oct. 1 in Arlington, Va.

The Installation Management Agency will execute the concepts outlined by Army Secretary Thomas White when he pledged last year that the service would implement better business practices, said Philip E. Sakowitz Jr., the new agency's deputy director. Sakowitz has spearheaded the Transformation of Installation Management task force since March.

TIM has evolved into more than cutting layers of bureaucracy, Sakowitz said.

It will change the make-up of the Army. He said the Army's plan is to reduce military personnel in garrison.

"The only positions we can say for sure will remain is the garrison commander and command sergeant major," Sakowitz said, inferring other garrison positions will be filled by civilians. IMA has also become a mechanism for making sure the Army is taking care of its personnel, and running to standard, Sakowitz said.

The purpose of the agency is to make sure funds are funneled into programs to which it is allocated. Funding for an installation will be separated into two different pots, and no longer will it migrate between mission and base operations. The outcome is expected to be soldiers better trained for mission, improvement in well-being programs, and better workplace and living conditions on post, Sakowitz said.

Installation management will also be held accountable to a standard, he said.

"All soldiers have a standard operating procedure for doing their job — the Army didn't have one," Sakowitz said. "We hadn't been training to any standards in installation management. However, we have 95 base-operation services, examples are: childcare centers, dining facilities and gyms. We're going to write an SOP for all of them."

As an example of consistent base operations throughout the Army, Sakowitz talked about gym improvements. Plans are currently being written to have all gyms in operation for 90 hours a week, he said. The square footage of the gym will be based on the installation's population and all programs run by the gym, such as intramural teams, will also be under the same guidelines.

Change will not happen overnight, Sakowitz said. It will take about a year before all the standard operating procedures will be written. The headquarters staff will only be 40 percent staffed in October, and fully staffed sometime in 2003.

Soldiers will start to see upgrades in their living quarters and where they work in fiscal 2003, but most changes won't take place until the 2004-2005 time frame, Sakowitz said.

There are a number of changes the Army will undergo under TIM, and one will be the elimination of borrowed military personnel, Sakowitz said.

"Soldiers who work at the gym and basic trainees who pull KP (kitchen-patrol) duty are examples of borrowed military personnel," Sakowitz said. "Most of the time we don't have the funds to man those facilities, so we pull soldiers out of training."

The IMA will be run by Maj. Gen. Andy Aadland, who is currently the commanding general for the Maneuver Support Center, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

He will also head up the seven TIM regions. The regions headquarters will be located at Fort Monroe, Va.; Fort McPherson, Ga.; Rock Island Arsenal, Il.; Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Heidelberg, Germany; Fort Shafter, Hawaii, and Yongsan, Korea.

"There are a lot of people who are confused by the TIM regions," Sakowitz said. "They think that we are going from 14 major commands to seven regions. We're going from 14 to one. It's not central unless you go to one."

The MACOMS — such as Forces Command and Training and Doctrine Command — will no longer be the sole management authority for installations.

MACOM commanders will still be engaged in installation matters, as six of the commanders will represent all MACOMS and sit on a newly established installation management board of directors, Sakowitz said. However, the MACOM commanders will not be involved in day-to-day operations.

"I believe in my heart this is good for the Army," Sakowitz said.

Not only will IMA be taking care of people, managing all installations under one umbrella will enable the Army to capitalize on bulk purchasing to save money.

In a speech, Secretary White said that the Army has 300-plus separate contracts with Microsoft, Sakowitz said. That's an inefficient use of money.

"In the future, one contractor could serve all the Army's state or regional supply and utility needs," he said, "and the money saved can go back into well-being programs for the community."

Just as Transformation on the tactical side is developing in stages, TIM will change the Army at a slow but steady pace, Sakowitz said.

AROUND POST

ID Card closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 2 p.m. Monday to perform student ID card processing requirements. Normal hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday. It will also close at 11:30 a.m. Aug. 27 and reopen at 8:30 a.m. Aug. 28.

For more information, call 545-1411.

Changes of command

Fort Benning will have the following changes of command:

• Tuesday — **Lt. Col. Alan W. Neyland** will take command of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. **Lt. Col. Daniel P. Dillon** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-1962.

• Aug. 27 — **Lt. Col. Greg Kane** will take command of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. on York Field. **Lt. Col. Michael Winstead** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-8516.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board to consider soldiers for promotion to sergeant major will be Oct. 1. Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000 and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977 and Oct. 1, 1992, and date of birth no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951.

Due to the implementation of stop, loss, soldiers normally ineligible due to retention control point — BASD is earlier than Oct. 1, 1977 — in a primary military occupational specialty affected by stop, loss will be considered eligible. Soldiers must have a DA photo.

To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381. For more information, call 545-8861.

Hispanic Heritage Luncheon and Hispanic Heritage Run — The Equal Opportunity Office at Fort Benning is planning a Hispanic Heritage run and luncheon Oct. 3. EEO is looking for volunteers to perform or provide cultural awareness activities, such as dancing, singing or other talents that represent Latin American heritage. The Hispanic Heritage Run will start at 6:30 a.m.

For more information, call the Fort Benning's Equal Opportunity office at 545-6665.

College registration

For fall 2002, Columbus State University and Chattahoochee Valley Community College students should see a counselor at the Education Center prior registering at the college.

For more information, call 545-1436.

TREO hours — The office hours are 7:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. The office is closed Saturday and Sunday, and closes for training and federal holidays. The office closes for payday activities at noon.

For more information, call 545-1195 or 545 7297.

Wanted prior duty soldiers

Contact the local Reserve guidance counselor for prior service soldiers to fill shortages within the Reserve units on and around Fort Benning.

The office also provides Life Cycle Management of Prior Service Soldiers. It assists in updating prior service records, placement, re-enlistments, etc. to assists in updating the USAR database in AR-PERSCOM, St. Louis, Mo.

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Post inducts four into Audie Murphy Club

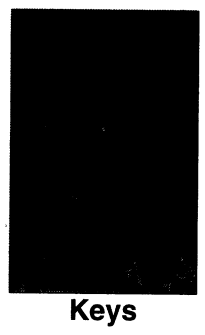
Post NCOs accepted to exalted club

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Four new members of the Audie Murphy Club were inducted in a small ceremony Aug. 9 at Marshall Auditorium.

The NCOs nominated by their chain of command for devotion to duty and leadership ability were Staff Sgt. Namu Keys, section sergeant with the 63rd Engineer Company; Staff Sgt. Matthew Mobley, a drill sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment; Sgt. Eugenia Radford, a petroleum inventory NCOIC, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment; and Staff Sgt. James Taylor, battalion communications chief, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.

"The Audie Murphy Club is one of the biggest honors at Fort Benning," said 1st Sgt. William Jones, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt.


Keys

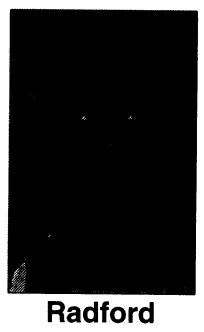
Club members have the spirit of Audie Murphy, one of the most prestigious NCOs ever, he said.

Keys prepared for the club's board for two years.

"It's a big relief that I've got it," Keys said. "Now I can help other NCOs get inducted in the club and help soldiers achieve their goals."

For the newly inducted members it isn't the apex of their goal setting.

"This is not the culmination," said Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Klein, post command sergeant major. "This is just the beginning. These are our best NCOs — who better to help subordinates and show their chain of command why they are Audie Murphy Club members."


Radford

"(Radford) is one of the most outstanding soldiers in HHC," Jones said.

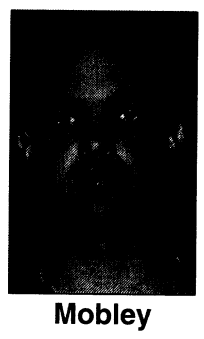
Radford and Taylor really stood out from all the soldiers, in physical training and devotion to their soldiers, he said.

"I found out I was inducted the day of the ceremony," Radford said. "I was waiting on the results, and I was ecstatic when I heard.

"Not only did I pass the board, but I have something to show for it too."

This is the second time Mobley was nominated for the club. He didn't make it during his first try two years ago while in Alaska.

"I didn't have the experience level as an E-5," Mobley said. "Now — I have more experience, and being a drill sergeant gives a lot of different leadership challenges on a day-to-day basis."


Mobley

The questions asked at the board were not typical by-the-book questions of promotion boards, they are more situational type questions. Most of the topics covered were care for soldiers, Keys said.

"I thought they might ask me something I didn't know how to answer," Radford said. "But I went in there and exceeded my expectations."

Everyone in the unit benefits from good leadership, and the inductees' subordinates will go on to be contributing members of their next unit, Jones said.

"(Radford) is a really good NCO. She is very caring and inspires me to do well," said Pvt. Mellania Ballard, who worked with Radford for the past seven months. "I didn't know my job very well coming out of AIT, but she helped me learn it really well. She teaches me something new everyday."

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> post command sergeant major

The original club was started at Fort Hood, Texas, early in 1986, according to a club Web site.

In 1993, a command sergeant major was voted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club by the membership and then became the Forces Command sergeant major. Soon thereafter, the club became Forces Commandwide, including the Reserves and National Guard.

In 1994, at a sergeant major of the Army conference, the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club spread Armywide to all commands with installations retaining the selection process for their own NCOs. In 1998, it was estimated that the club membership with more than 3,000 soldiers and was steadily increasing.

For more information, visit www.audiemurphy.com/samc.htm.

Editor's note: *Staff Sgt. James Taylor was at the National Training Center during the induction ceremony.*

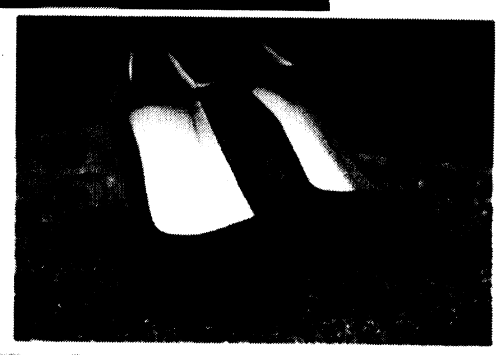
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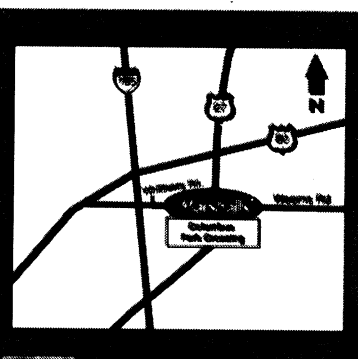
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Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton, commanding general, stands at attention with Col. Stephen Layfield, assistant commandant, during the ceremony welcoming Layfield to Fort Benning Wednesday at Marshall Auditorium.

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officer, 5th Corps, Heidelberg, Germany, and said he is looking forward to serving the Army, Infantry soldiers and the Fort Benning community.

"Seeing all of the Infantry soldiers working hard to defend our country is what I love to see," Layfield said. "It's an honor and a privilege to serve here on Fort Benning."

Layfield has served in a variety of assignments to include: rifle platoon leader, support platoon leader, antitank platoon leader, and company executive officer for 1st Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment, at Baumholder, Germany; commander of Headquarters Company, 2nd Brigade and Bravo Company, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 5th Infantry Division; battalion operations officer, 4th Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment; operations officer, Readiness Group, Fort Meade, Md.

After Fort Meade, he served as operations officer in Special Technical Operations Division, operations officer, Current Operations on the Joint Staff in Washington, D.C.; deputy operations officer for Training and battalion executive officer for 1st Battalion, 8th Infantry Regiment, at Fort Carson, Colo.; and commander of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, in Schweinfurt, Germany, where he deployed with the battalion as Task Force Able Sentry to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Following Macedonia, Layfield deployed with the battalion, re-flagged as 1st Battalion, 18th Infantry Regiment, to Bosnia, as part of Operation Joint Endeavor.

Layfield was then assigned to operations officer, III Corps at Fort Hood, Texas, where he served as Chief of Force Integration and Force XXI Fielding until assuming command of the 3rd "Greywolf" Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division.

Layfield received his commission in 1978. He holds a masters degree in administration from Central Michigan University. His military education includes the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Combined Arms and Services Staff School, Armed Forces Staff College and the Army War College.

His awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, NATO Medal, United Nations Medal, Parachutist Badge, Ranger Tab and the Expert Infantry Badge.

Layfield is originally from Baltimore and is married to the former Vicky Adwell.

MPs: Seek help from everyone to deter terrorists' attacks

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and unit personnel to remain aware of their surroundings."

In response to last year's terrorist attacks, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff mandated that all DoD personnel receive pre-deployment antiterrorism awareness training. This also includes family members traveling on official orders. The chairman further directed that antiterrorism awareness be instilled at all levels of education and training from accession through separation with annual refresher training.

The Directorate of Intelligence and Security, headed by Lt Col. Douglas Raymond, is Fort Benning's triple-hatted agency for issues of antiterrorism awareness.

"In the force protection arena, we conduct individual awareness training to personnel going overseas," said Al Harvey, DIS deputy director.

DIS instructors teach units deploying to places like Southwest Asia. The program is tied into the levy system and instructors conduct PCS briefings every Wednesday. The trainees at ITB and BCTB are briefed twice monthly. And DIS helps develop awareness programs for agencies in the civilian community.

> "Individuals are our first line of defense against terrorism, and our eyes and ears to everything."
>
> **Alice Bass**
> Antiterrorism officer

Under the second hat, the Intelligence Fusion cell works hand-in-hand with the military police to receive and review data and issue any terrorism threat alerts.

The third hat is operational in nature, where lessons learned are integrated into the working plan. To do this, the DIS creates Priority Information Requirements, which are changing documents of certain indicators of terrorist activity, Harvey said. PIRs are tailored to individual agencies, such as the post exchange or commissary.

"Individuals are our first line defense against terrorism, said Alice Bass, antiterrorism officer, "and our eyes and ears to everything going on."

People need to be aware of what is happening in their work or living areas, she said, and recognize those things, people or events that are out of the ordinary.

"Many people see things that are strange, but do not do anything," said Sgt. 1st Class Matthew Bonham, also a trained ATO. But if a few people see strange things and report them, it may paint a picture that may be valuable to the Fusion Cell, Bonham said. That one tidbit may open the door for investigators, he said.

"Some reports will turn out to be false alarms, said Bass, but some will not."

Speaking specifically about Anderson's delivery, Bonham said, "just because someone is on the installation doesn't mean that they have legitimate business here." Both Bass and Bonham say that it is important for soldiers and family members both on and off post to verify the documentation of individuals who come to homes and offices to make deliveries or repairs.

Currently, there is no antiterrorism training offered to spouses at Fort Benning other than those moving overseas. That may be something to look into, Harvey said.

Scientists: Visit Benning to help lighten soldiers' load

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on building and manipulating matter at the microscopic level of four atoms. It can be applied to micromachines, microchips and even to make steel stronger.

The institute plans to study nanotechnology in labs to look for ways to support the soldier and enhance survivability by providing care at a distance, said Edwin Thomas, a professor of material science and engineering with ISN.

The institute has the opportunity to produce hybrid materials by combining substances on the molecular level to create something completely new, he said. This means there's a chance of building lighter, stronger polymers with more flexibility, which could be used in body armor.

The goal of the institute is to address soldier load, and make it smaller, lighter and more mobile, said Chris Kearns, division chief, Division I, Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab.

Every university is experimenting with nanotechnology in different ways, but ISN has a focus on aiding the soldier, Thomas said.

> "We will have research that won't be just public and published, it will be used by soldiers."
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Those who went on the road march said the march was very difficult and a real learning experience.

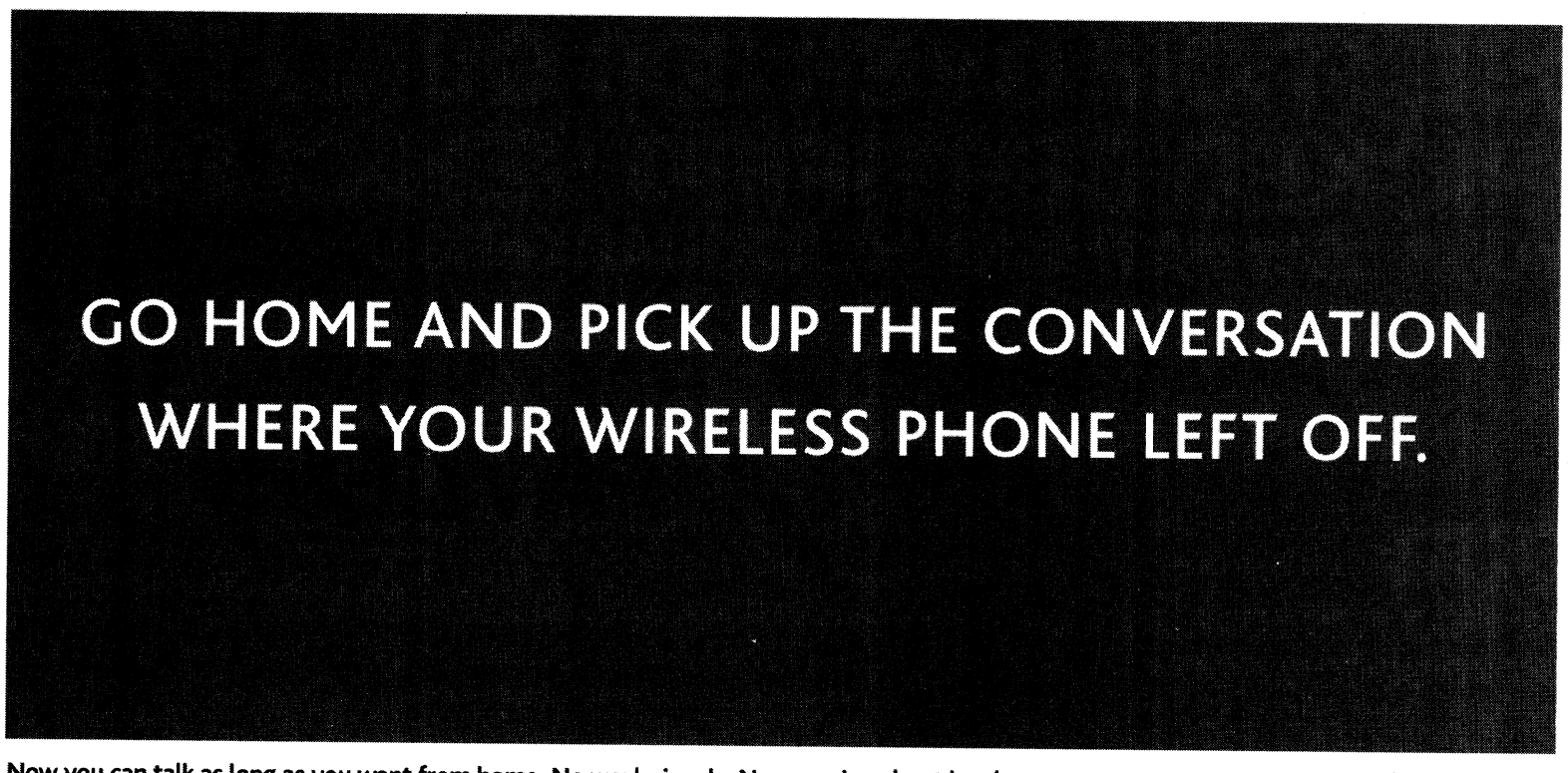
The road march helped the institute members get a better understanding of what it feels like to carry a load, the noise it makes and the effects on balance, said an ISN official.

"We will have research that won't be just public and published, it will be used by soldiers," Thomas said. "The program goal is to bring out partial answers in the near future to incorporate things now, instead of spending millions of dollars and 25 years before producing one final product."

ISN is envisioning a Dynamic Battle suit. MIT has dedicated facilities on campus for research and production of soldier nanotechnologies:

- To provide ballistic protection while maintaining mobility and wearable biological sensors,
- To produce nanodevices for soldiers' medical technology. New materials for wound healing and chemical detection, like blood coagulant imbedded in uniforms and are activated when the uniform is breached,
- To research and make exoskeltons and biological agent detection and protection devices,
- To produce liquid armor materials that change properties at different rates of speed to make the soldier mobile, but also resistant to bullets, the thickness of the current BDU.

For more information about nanotechnology and what the scientists are doing to help soldiers at MIT, visit www.aro.army.mil/soldiernano.



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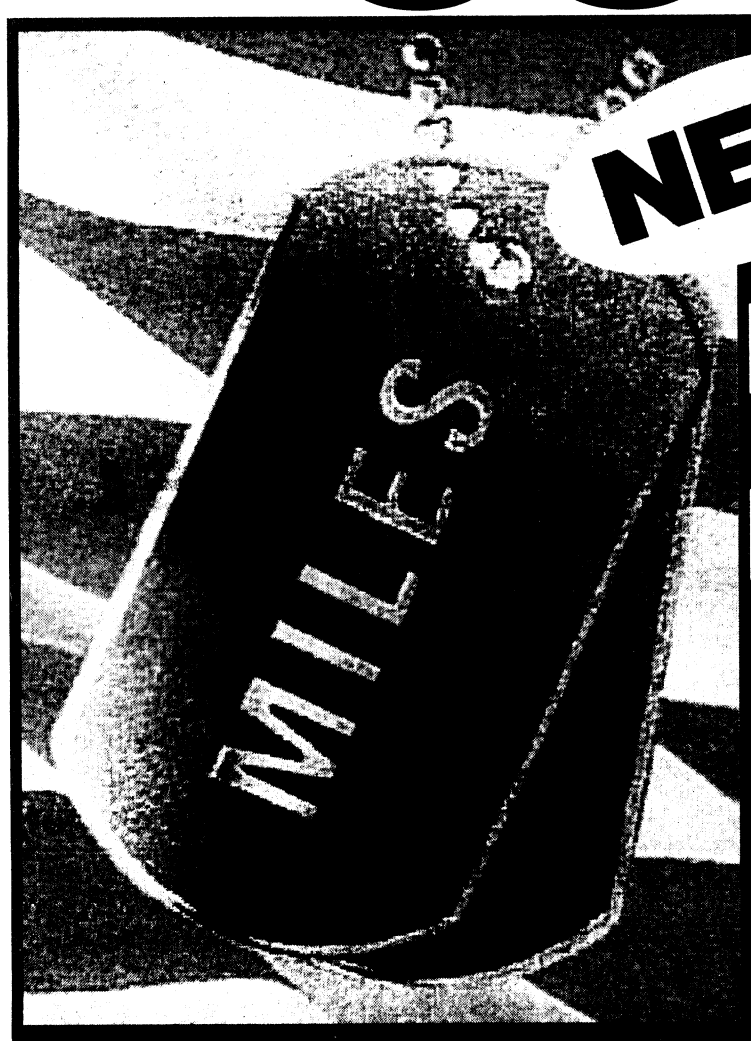
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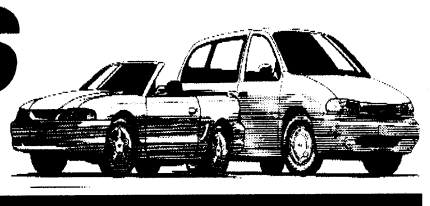
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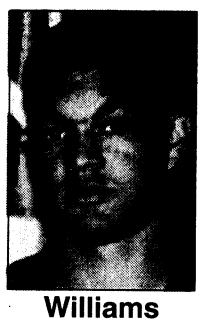
Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Soldier and NCO of the Quarter were announced Aug. 9 at a luncheon at the Main NCO Club.

Sgt. Joseph R. Delage, C Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, received the honor of NCO of the Quarter.

Delage, who wasn't at the awards ceremony, is in Germany training with the 1st Infantry Division.

"Sergeant Delage committed himself to winning the NCO of the Quarter," said 1st Sgt. Richard Lainberger, C Co., 2nd Bn., 29th Inf., Regt., "He went above and beyond standards we set for him."


Williams

Spc. Jason C. Williams, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, received the honor of Soldier of the Quarter.

"I was glad I won," Williams said. "I studied real hard for the post board and ensured myself that I was ready both mentally and physically."

Sgt. 1st Class Morris Jones, platoon sergeant, said he had no doubt Williams would win.

"He spent numerous hours and days preparing for the boards," Jones said. "We put him through many mock boards to ensure he was ready.

"His squad leader, Sgt. Hanz Welo, personally spent time helping him study to get him beyond the standard."

"What really helped me was studying with Sergeant Delage," Williams said. "We spent many weekends and weeknights helping each other study."

Next up, Williams plans to go to the Primary Leadership Development Course.

"I still have a lot to learn in the Army, and I am looking forward to learning something new each day," he said.

However, Jones sees Williams as a good candidate to go to Officer Candidate School.

"He has great leadership qualities and always puts forth 100 percent," he said. "He takes pride in his job and it shows."

Quarterly Command Awards Ceremony honorees

Fort Benning honored the following at the quarterly Command Awards Ceremony:

- Retired Master Sgt. Ted N. Whealton received the Bronze Star Medal of Meritorious Service in Republic of Vietnam.
- Retired Lt. Gen. Benjamin F. Register Jr. received the Civilian Award for Humanitarian Service.
- Command Sgt. Maj. Fred D. Marshall received Order of Saint Maurice Medal.
- James Rhodes received a Fort Benning Momento and Infantry Coin for unwavering support of veterans.
- Sgt. Armando Ayala, USAMU received a DA Certificate of Achievement and Infantry Coin for outstanding marksmanship ability.
- Sgt. William Graves, *The Bayonet*, received the 2001 DA Keith L. Ware Award for 1st Place in an Army journalism competition.
- Sgt. Daniel Monroy, Jr., WHINSEC received a DA Certificate of Achievement and Infantry Coin and Green to Gold Scholarship.
- Richard H. Coreno, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, received a 2002 Outstanding TRADOC CPAC Consultant Award.
- Deborah D. Holton, former president Officers' Spouses Club, received the Commander's Award for Public Service and Infantry Coin.
- Barbara Summerst, teacher, Wilson Elementary School, Fort Benning, received a Certificate of Achievement as DoD Education Activity Presidential Award Winner for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.
- Vanessa D. Jackson, DPS, received Certificate from AUSA and Infantry Coin for Civilian of the Quarter.
- Calvin A. Morse, received a USAIC Certificate of Appreciation and Infantry Coin for Volunteer of the Quarter.
- Richard Caravana, DBBL, received a 45-year Length of Service Certificate and Pin.
- James Crowder, DBBL, received a 45-year Length of Service Certificate and Pin.
- Charles T. Williamson, DFEL, received a 40-year Length of Service Certificate and Pin.
- Frank A. Williams, DFEL, received 40-year Length of Service Certificate and Pin.
- Lawrence V. Eggie, DBBL, received a 40-year Length of Service Certificate and Pin.
- Franklin V. Holbrook, RTB, receive a 40-year Length of Service Certificate and Pin.

Post to celebrate women's equality

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The U.S. Army Infantry Center Equal Opportunity Office is hosting the Fort Benning 2002 Women's Equality Day Luncheon from 11:30 to 1 p.m. Aug. 26 at the Officers' Club.

The theme for the luncheon is "Living the legacy of women's rights today." Col. Gale Pollock, the first female commander of Martin Army Community Hospital will be the speaker.

"We are expecting more than 300 people to attend this year's celebration," said Sgt. 1st Class Edward X. Amaker, chairperson. The committee has been working on the event for the past four months.

"We celebrate a number of ethnic events," Amaker said, "but this one is so important for women, especially in today's world."

Tickets for the luncheon are available for $7.50 from unit EO advisors or the post EO office by calling 545-6665.

War crimes tribunal attorney visits Institute

Prosecutor gives lecture to students

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Daryl Mundis speaks to WHINSEC students.

A trial attorney with the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia addressed students from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Tuesday.

Daryl Mundis is part of the team of lawyers prosecuting the high profile case against Stanislav Galic, one of the Serbian Corps commanders before the Tribunal. The trial is in recess now after eight months of the prosecution case. The defense case will begin in September and finish in January, Mundis said.

"The Galic case could have major implications on virtually every military in the world," Mundis said. "In many respects, this case could be more important than the case against Milosevic."

The defendant is charged with violations of two of the four war crimes that fall under the jurisdiction of the tribunal. The first offense is crimes against humanity and the second is violations of the laws and customs of war. For 44 months while Galic was corps commander, the people of Sarajevo were subjected to constant shelling and sniping that killed and wounded thousands of civilians.

"In prosecuting this individual, we try to stick with the safest cases where death or injury involved women and children," Mundis said.

Trials at the ICY are different from the Nuremberg trials because the tribunal only has jurisdiction over individual and cannot indict groups. The jurisdiction covers events that occurred after Jan. 1, 1991, through the present, and is not limited to Yugoslav nationals. NATO military personnel operating in the former Yugoslavia can be prosecuted under the ICY for violations of humanitarian law.

Events in the former Yugoslavia and in Rwanda prompted the move to establish a permanent international criminal court. The treaty entered into effect July 1. Of the 200 UN members, only 78 ratified the treaty, including Great Britain and France, both permanent members of the UN Security Council.

"Seven countries voted against the international court, including the United States," Mundis said. The U.S. had played a key role in establishing the ICY and the Rwanda tribunal. Other opposition came from China, Iran, Iraq and Libya.

"The U.S. may not be confident in the ICC and may fear that the court will become politicized and cause U.S. military and political leaders to be brought before the court," Mundis said. "But the ICC reflects many American values and is designed to prosecute the individuals like Hussein and Khaddafi who the U.S. wants prosecuted."

Since 1991, the ICY has conducted 13 trials involving 32 individuals. Forty-two individuals are in custody in The Hague and remain there through the trial and appeals, Mundis said

A few individuals were found not guilty, but the majority serve sentences ranging from two to 46 years in prisons in eight Western European countries. Eighty-five attorneys and 240 investigators work for the tribunal on cases that will be heard by judges from 25 countries. Judges for the Galic trial are from Denmark, Colombia and Egypt, Mundis said.

The first ICY trial involved a brutal Serbian camp guard who had owned a café in northwest Bosnia. After the war, he went to Germany and took a job in a coffee shop where a group of former prisoners recognized him as he took their orders. German police arrested the man and he would have been prosecuted under German law. The ICY asked for his transfer to Tribunal custody where he was tried and convicted, Mundis said.

"The success of the first few cases should lead to a reduction in the number of future cases," he said, "although most states that ratified the treaty will not provide any business to the court. But Sierra Leone and other African nations who have recently been involved in bloody civil war could provide some cases in the future."

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Sponsors help international soldiers

Host program looking for volunteers

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Imagine being in a foreign country for the first time, alone, and with very little knowledge about the people and their customs.

That's what hundreds of international soldiers stationed at Fort Benning go through each year.

"I am honored to be able to come here and study the latest developments of the American Army," said Capt. Shah Zahid, a Pakistani army officer attending the Infantry Captains' Career Course. "I hope to learn as much as I can about the American way of life."

Zahid is one of 450 international soldiers who will study along with Fort Benning soldiers this year. Soldiers come to the U.S. to attend Airborne School, Pathfinder School, Basic NCO course, Jumpmaster School, the Infantry Officers' Basic Course and ICCC.

But exposure to real American life outside of the Army is just as important as what international soldiers learn inside the Army, Zahid said.

"Many of them never have a chance to really see what the American culture is like," said Mary Renteria, International Program officer for the International Training Detachment. "The more exposure an international soldier has to our culture, the better understanding they have about our democracy and way of life."

But many soldiers aren't getting a chance to see the American way of life.

The host family program has close to 30 sponsors dedicated to assisting international students. That's not nearly enough to accommodate all of the international soldiers arriving here, Renteria said.

"People misunderstand sponsorship," Renteria said. "The students don't live in the sponsors' home, and the sponsors don't have to know a foreign language. The sponsor just needs to be willing to be a friend."

Melissa Kendrick, a 33-year-old Phenix City resident, has been a civilian sponsor for three years, and she and her friends often take international soldiers out to dinner and movies.

"We have a lot of fun," Kendrick said. "We want to give them a favorable impression of the U.S. They have a lot of questions, and we have a lot of questions for them, too."

Retired Lt. Col. John Vollentine and his wife, Shirley, are also longtime sponsors and are hosting Zahid while he is here.

"We can't put into words what we have learned from spending time with students from other countries," Vollentine said. "My children used to love to hear their stories and learn about their life back home. We still keep in touch with many of the former international soldiers."

Zahid noticed many names of officers from his own country as he looked through the Vollentine's guest book Tuesday.

It's been several decades since the Vollentines's hosted the young officers, and many are now three star generals in Pakistan, Zahid said.

"I am the first member of the Pakistan army to study with U.S. troops in nine years," Zahid said.

"A small number of people in my country have misconceptions about Americans. If they only knew how wonderful everyone has been to me here, I can't wait to share my experiences with soldiers back home."

International soldiers can be stationed at Fort Benning from six weeks to a year, Renteria said.

Even something as simple as grocery shopping can be difficult for the visitors.

"One wife of an international soldiers saw a picture of fried chicken on a can of Crisco. She bought the Crisco expecting fried chicken," Vollentine said. "She called me and asked me to explain what was going on."

Soldiers who are chosen to come to America to study with U.S. troops are the elite in their country, Renteria said. Zahid has been an officer in the Pakistan army since 1992.

He was accepted into medical school but instead chose to pursue his career in the army.

"The Pakistan army is working with American troops to hunt down al Qaeda and other terrorist groups hiding on Pakistan and Afghanistan borders," Zahid said.

"It is an important mission we are all determined to win.

My experiences here will make me a better soldier in the fight against terrorism back home."

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Israeli defense force leader speaks to soldiers

Chief talks tactics, ops during visit

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Just as the U.S. Army faces technological advances and improvements, the Israeli Defense Force is also facing the same changes, with the realization that its country's entire future depends on how quickly troops adopt to those changes, said Brig. Gen. Gadi Shamni, chief of Infantry and Paratroops Corps for the Israeli Defense Forces.

Shamni spoke to a packed auditorium of soldiers on the latest tactics and operations of the IDF, while visiting Fort Benning Aug. 6.

"What Shamni has done is paint a picture to our leaders," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commanding general. "We can learn through the similarities and differences of our two forces."

Israeli troops have many obstacles to overcome on their own land, Shamni said. Region size, varying terrain and more than a hundred different Israeli settlements and villages contribute to the lack of depth for defense.

"We have 1,480 miles of roads that have to be protected for citizens," Shamni said. "We can't use ambushes, snipers or explosives liberally. We have innocent people to watch out for at all times."

Terrorists, on the other hand, have no regard for citizens, and often use civilians as shields, Shamni said. This is one of the IDF's greatest challenges.

"Our soldiers face the difficulty of making a decision to kill a woman or child to defend the force," Shamni said. "This is a situation we all must think about because it is one of the terrorists common practices."

Shamni told Fort Benning leaders the IDF has been given specific instructions from the Israeli government.

Instructions that at any cost include:

- Providing security,
- Stopping Palestinian terrorism,
- Minimizing the possibility of internationalizing the conflict,
- Preserving the eventuality of returning to a diplomatic track in time.

"Israel has improved its intelligence and data flow over the past year," Shamni said. "We have also constructed a specialized infantry of reconnaissance units, and we are now using unarmed vehicles."

IDF leaders are dedicated to maintaining high moral and ethical standards within their soldiers, Shamni said.

"We have to achieve an ongoing improvement of our units always," Shamni said. "This includes collecting lessons from the field daily and rotating our soldiers through rigorous schools and training courses."

As soldiers took notes, Shamni also told the crowd about the IDF's focus on urban warfare, similar to the United States' transformation concept.

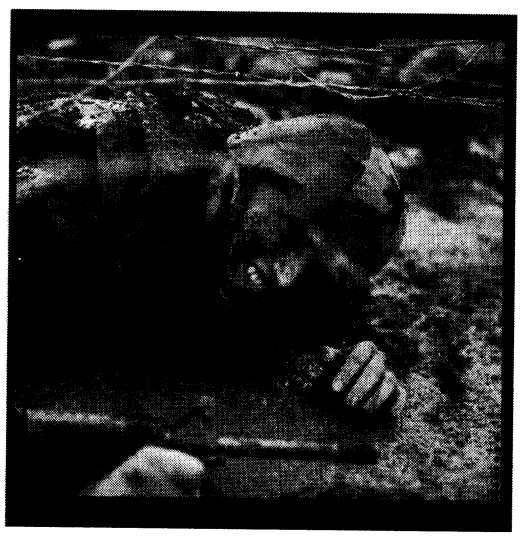
"We have night vision, snipers, and we're looking at camouflage for the urban terrain," Shamni said. "We see many of our future missions being carried out at night."

But Shamni admitted that the IDF must find a way to improve its sniper teams. He said snipers can only shoot around 600 meters and that's not enough.

The enemy has also made significant advances in warfare, he said.

"We are doing all we can to improve our technology," Shamni said as he concluded his lesson. "The problem is, so are our enemies."

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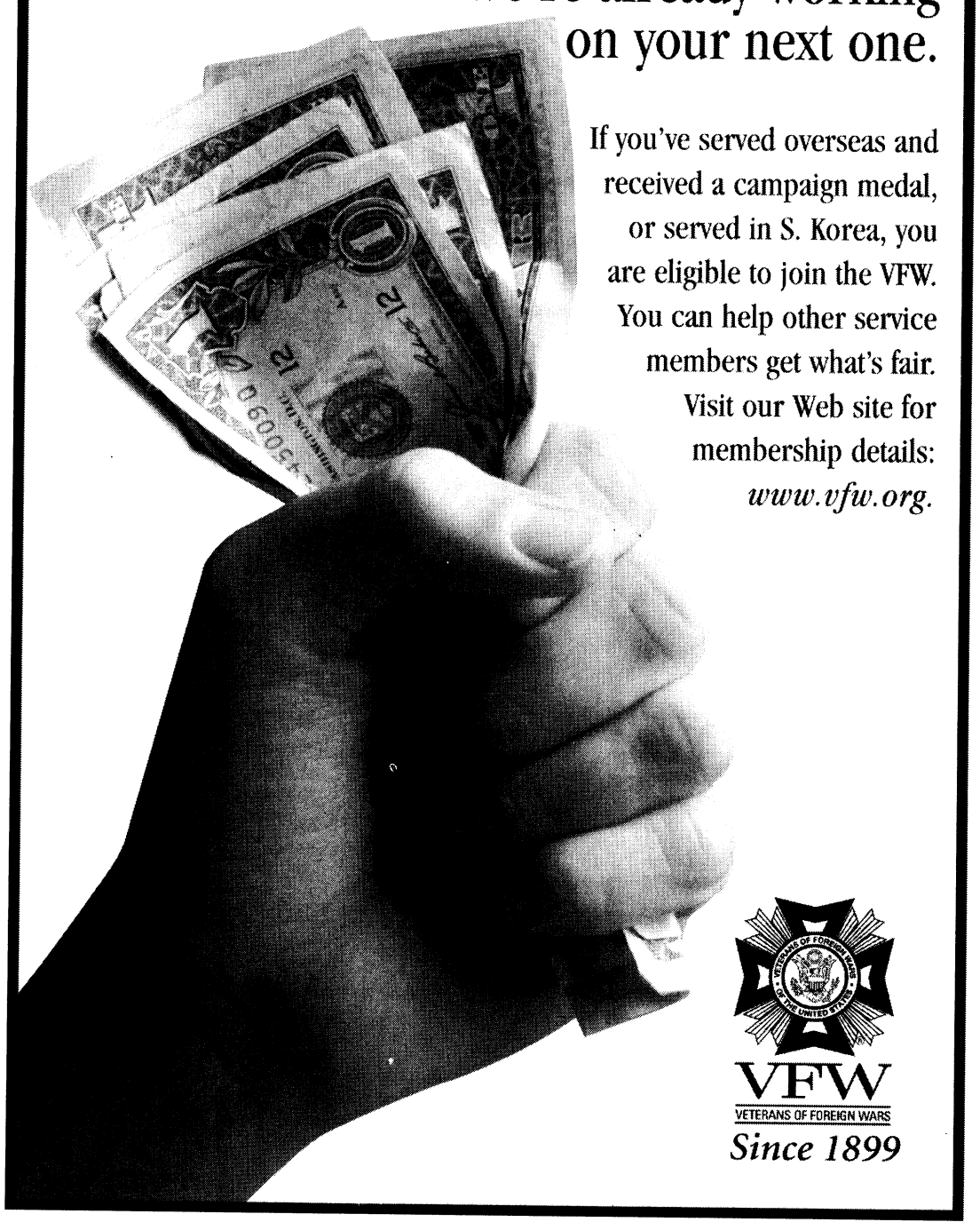
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'Ranger' medics keep students on course

Platoon offers medics chance to earn tab

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The 4th Ranger Training Battalion's medical platoon is raising the bar for medics Armywide.

Master Sgt. Mark Rasdall, operations NCOIC, said the platoon is offering medics, or soldiers interested in becoming medics, a chance to "be all that they can be."

"Nowhere else will they get the opportunities we offer," Rasdall said. "In terms of hands-on clinical and trauma experience, there's nothing equal to it, outside of combat. But medics here also get opportunities for schools they won't find anywhere else."

The medical platoon, whose job it is to keep ranger instructors and students fit for training, maintain an on-site aid station and accompany classes in the field where snake bites, heat exhaustion and poison ivy are common maladies.

The platoon also provides medical support for Fort Benning's Long Range Surveillance Leaders Course and airborne and dive operations, and assists local emergency medical teams that respond to 911 calls in the area, particularly traffic accidents on nearby Highway 280.

Besides the basic EMT and CPR training courses required for all medics Armywide, medics assigned to the RTB can attend paramedic courses, advanced training in cardiac life support and pre-hospitalization trauma, scuba and dive medical technician schools, pathfinder, airborne and jumpmaster schools.

But the "real kicker," Rasdall said, is the opportunity to attend Ranger School. Medics assigned to the RTB or 75th Ranger Regiment are the only ones afforded this opportunity. It's not a requirement.

Rasdall's seen 12 of his medics "tabbed" since 1999, and has made it his goal to see three more complete the course before he PCSs to Fort Bragg, N.C., in December.

Armywide, there are less than 70 medics wearing the ranger tab, a fact Rasdall would like to see changed.

"You certainly don't have to be ranger qualified to be a good medic. But I believe you should be able to do anything the students do," said Rasdall, who earned his tab in 1992. "My philosophy, after years in the airborne ranger community, is that in order to know our patients better and get a feel for what they're going through, we should go through it ourselves."

That means medics accompany ranger students during all road marches and runs, as well as airborne and water operations, Rasdall said.

"It gives us face time with the students, so they learn to trust us," Rasdall said. "For so long, there was this fear of coming to see the medics. They thought we'd put them out, I guess. But that's not our job.

"It's a good-cop, bad-cop thing. We let the instructors be the bad cops. It's our goal to keep them all in the course."

Until recently, the medical platoon was authorized only 18 slots, which meant medics worked round the clock to meet the demands of Ranger School, the LRS Leaders Course, water and airborne operations.

Authorized staffing was recently increased to 38, and the platoon currently has 29 on staff — 29 of the best medics in the Army, said 1st Lt. Scott Gilpatrick, the battalion's physician's assistant.

"Their average age is 25. They're given a lot of autonomy, a lot of responsibility for young guys, and they rise to the challenge," Gilpatrick said. "They don't just sit and observe an event. They're constantly dealing with real-world trauma.

"They're professional skills rival any you'll find in the civilian medical community, but they also have unique knowledge and skills they've gained through military training," he said.

Staff Sgt. Bryan Davis, a seven-year medic, is preparing to leave after three years with the RTB's medical platoon.

"This is the ultimate assignment. We see everything here, constantly, from blisters to heat stroke. You can't beat this place for experience," said Davis, who leaves with the confidence he can "handle any job out there."

The RTB's medical platoon, which stood up nearly six years ago, is one of the Army's best-kept secrets, Rasdall said.

"But it's time to get the word out. The medics out here can match anyone anywhere in the Army and win, hands down," he said.

"This kind of training and experience can't be matched, and it can't be beat."



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Spc. Scott Baird prepares to move a wounded "Ranger Rick" training dummy to a front line ambulance.

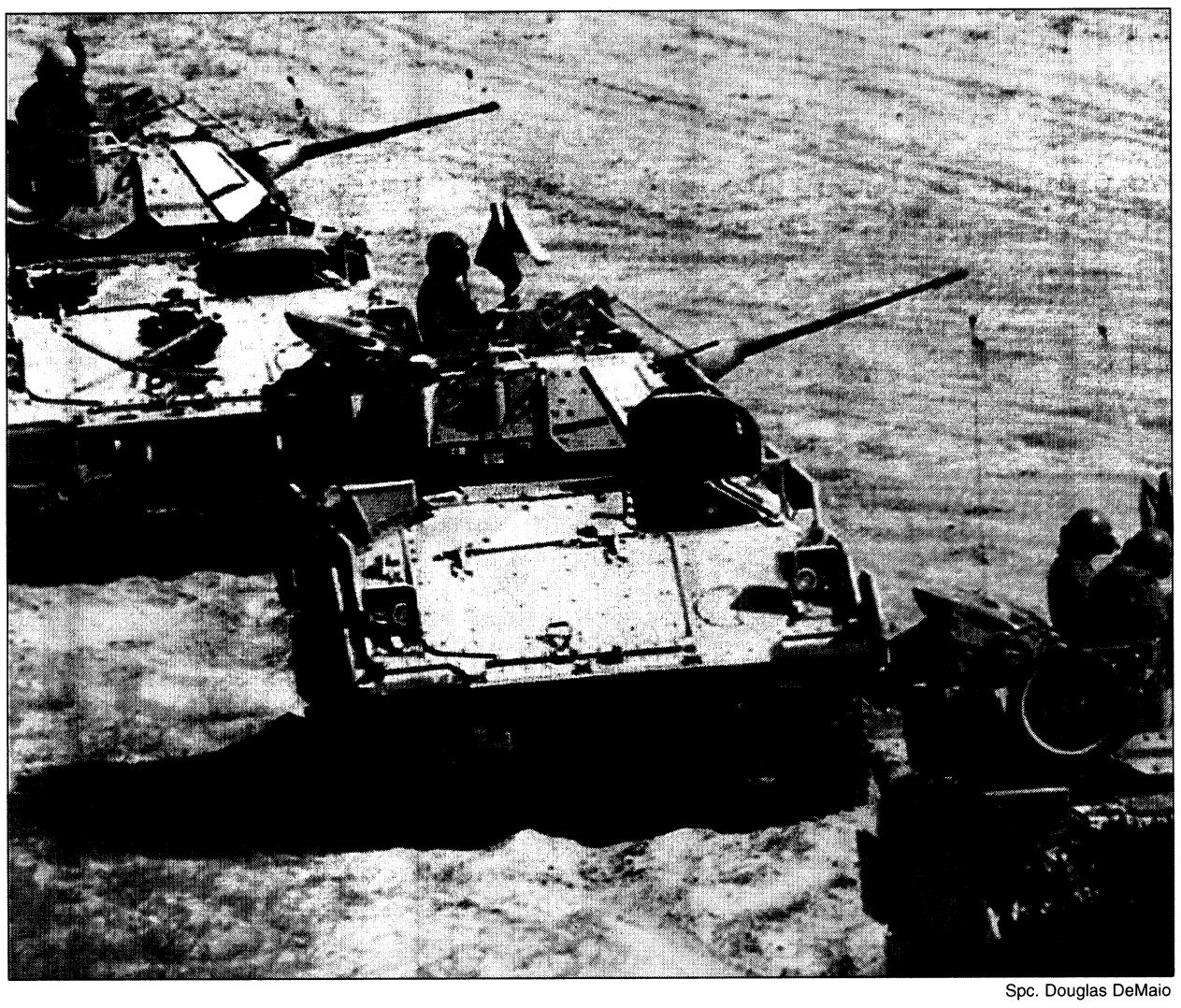


After determining "Ranger Rick" is lacking oxygen, a medic crew provides him with artificial breathing.



Spc. Michael Fuemmeler stabilizes "Rick" in vehicle.

Crews, platoons qualify on Tables 8, 12



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Crews from 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment await their turn at Hastings Range to test.

Bradleys blanket Hastings Range with ammunition

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

"The quick win the fight," said Sgt. 1st Class Michael Mars, platoon leader. "We treat exercises as though they are the real thing."

Soldiers from A Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, spent Monday and Tuesday qualifying crew and platoon levels with Bradley Fighting Vehicles at Hastings Range.

The object of the testing is to beat the time that it would take an enemy to engage a Bradley, Mars said.

Bradley crews and platoons zero their weapons system before the exercise. During the test, they fire from stationary and moving positions.

Soldiers want to go out there and shoot their best, said Capt. Michael Fortenberry, officer in charge of the range. These exercises simulate battlefield situations, and with mechanized units, it's a race against target exposure and time.

With the wind blowing dust over the range Monday, the test seemed as though it could had been in the desert of Iraq, Mars said.

"The exercise seems more realistic because the dust is kicking up," Mars said. "Fort Benning has so many different ecosystems like swamps, forests, lakes and desert land that it makes for a great training environment."

With men on the battlefield and gunners sending ammunition toward the enemy, the platoon has an enormous amount of lethality, said Command Sgt. Maj. Edward Martinez. In addition, the fighting vehicle can get infantry where they need to go in a hurry.

A platoon consists of four Bradley crews and three dismounted squads.

Bradley platoons are very dynamic and are a hard combination to beat, Mars said.

"You have airborne, artillery, light infantry, and then, you have mechanized infantry," Martinez said. "We can do what all other elements can do and then some."

"We have great capabilities to support our dismounted troops by fire," Mars said. "We can saturate the battlefield with fire."

The qualifications are a validation process for the Department of the Army. They are reported to the battalion, then the brigade and finally to division so the units can be deployed if ever the need arises.

"To be qualified to deploy, all 14 of our crews need to be qualified on the Bradley," said Capt. Joseph Anderson, company commander. "These soldiers are stepping up to the plate as they always do."

Rangers in action



Sgt. 1st Class Juan Pena takes Staff Sgt. John Newton to the ground before kicking him in the back.

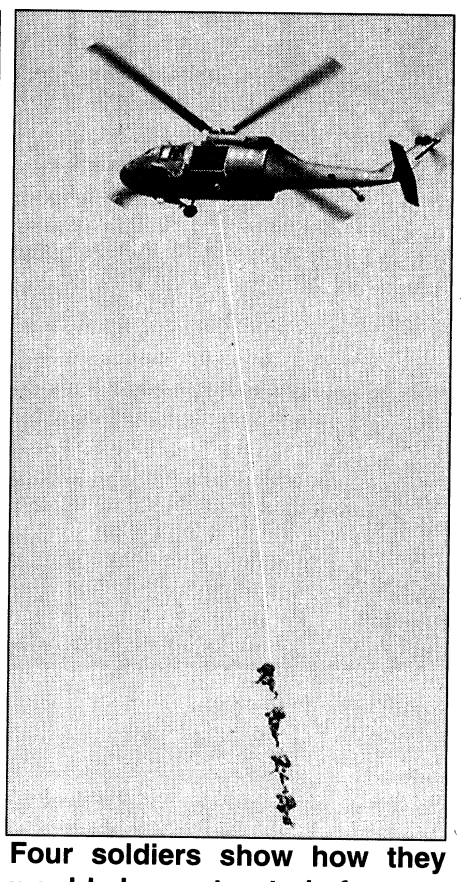
Rangers show tactics

Soldiers from 4th Ranger Training Battalion performed various tasks used by rangers in front of more than 600 people at the Rangers in Action demonstration Aug. 9. The demonstration lasted a little more than an hour.



Photos by Douglas DeMaio

Sgt. Marquis Franklin exits a UH-60 Blackhawk during a helocast demonstration Aug. 9 at Victory Pond.



Four soldiers show how they would be extracted from a hostile environment.

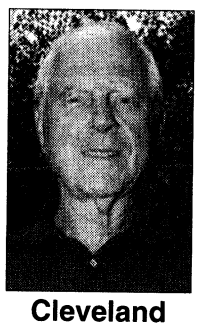
Air Force ace visits Rangers in Action

West Point grad downs five in Korea

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

At a Rangers in Action and graduation ceremony Aug. 9, more than a half dozen special guests were recognized for their service in the Army, but one guest stood among the guests with Air Force wings.

With a military career spanning 35 years, retired Lt. Gen. Charles Cleveland contributed to the progression of the Air Force by studying, planning and facilitating tactical fighter operations and movements within a flight formation.



Cleveland

"He's served his country well," said academy classmate, retired Col. Ralph Puckett, 75th Ranger Regiment honorary colonel.

"We need more people like him. He's a dedicated leader and a man of personal integrity. He's a person I would be happy to follow."

Soldiers were recruited to fill positions in the Air Force, created in 1947. Cleveland, a 1949 West Point, graduate, chose to become an aviator in the Air Force.

"I'm proud of my Army classmates who laid it on the line in Vietnam and Korea," Cleveland said of his classmates who fought on the ground. "But my decision was to fly."

In 1952, during the Korean War, Cleveland's unit, the Fighting Eagles of 334th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, in Kimpo Air Base, South Korea, engaged in combat, according to his biography. Flying a F-86 Saber Jet with the enemy in the sky, Cleveland was credited with four confirmed MiG kills and grounding more than six others MiGs.

"Instead of 'rangers lead the way,' we said 'check six,'" Cleveland said. "It meant look at your six o'clock position because that's where the enemy will be coming from."

Cleveland sees the rangers having fearless fighting qualities, integrity, selfless service, and a commitment to be the best, he said.

"(Rangers) produce many fine individuals," Cleveland said.

Cleveland has committed to do the same thing throughout his life.

Between 1981-1984, Cleveland was the commander of Air University, Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

"I tried to instill duty, commitment and love for each other and country," Cleveland said of his experience at the university. "I've brought integrity and pride of service with everything I've done."

On Aug. 1, 1984, Cleveland retired with more than 3,700 hours of flying jets and 4,300 total flying hours. He's received the Distinguished Service Medal (Air Force), Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and Republic of Korea Order of Military Merit, Chung Mu.

Any advice Cleveland gives is invaluable, Puckett said.

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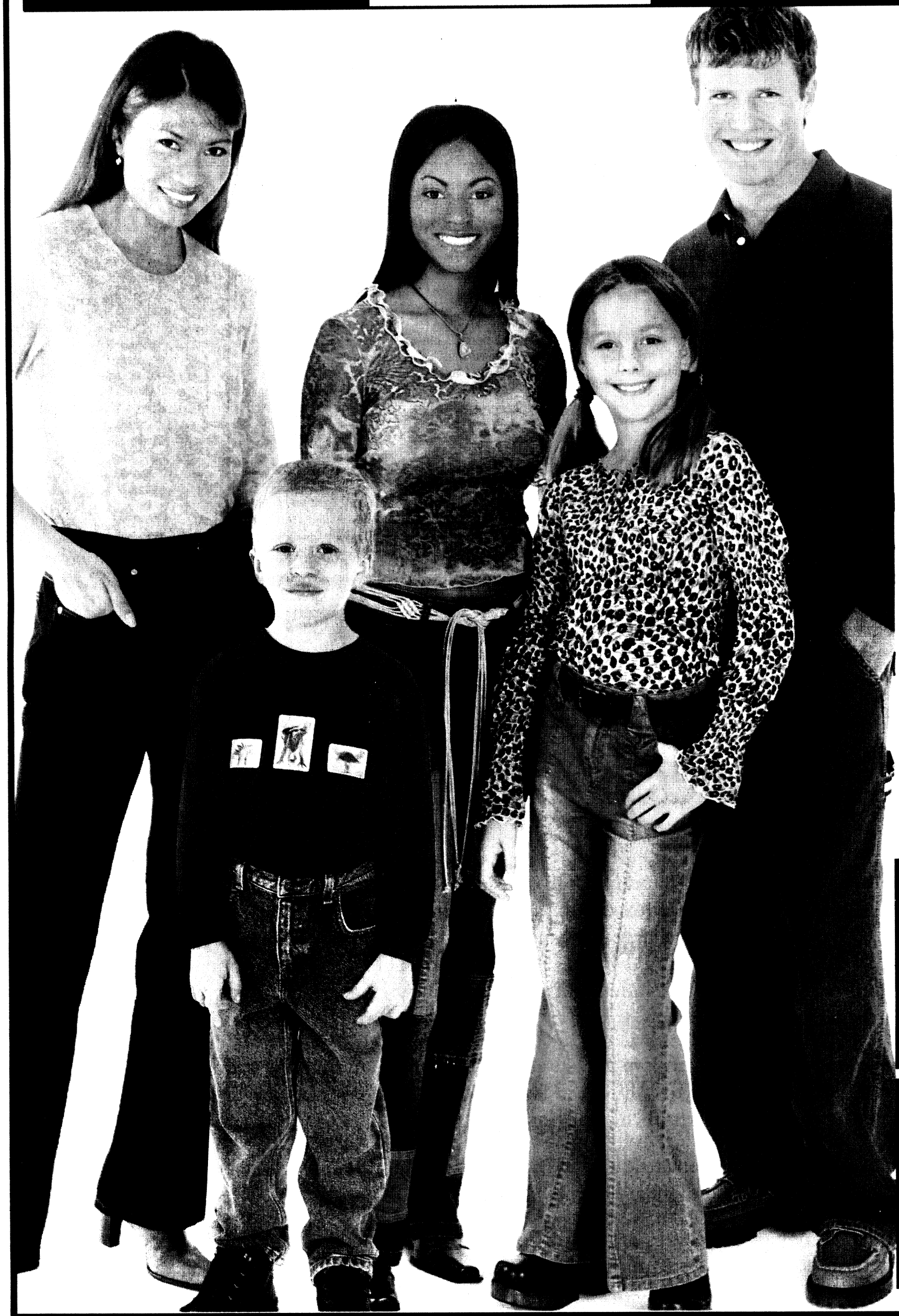
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Federal program helps families

WIC provides much needed money

Melissa House
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Nearly 90 percent of Army families have children aged 5 and younger, according to the Survey of Army Families IV, published in 2001. The Women, Infants and Children program, federally funded through the Department of Agriculture, was designed just for them.

The USDA started the program more than 20 years ago to provide special foods, nutritional counseling and breastfeeding support and education to low income women and their children up to age 5. WIC gives pregnant women, new mothers and children vouchers for basic foods including milk, cereal, fruit juices and infant formula.

"Data shows that early enrollment in the program, coupled with adequate health care, improves the overall health outcome for both mothers and children," said Jackie Miller, Nutrition Services Director at the Columbus WIC office. "The foods in the WIC program contain key nutrients that are critical during periods of rapid growth," she said."

The aim of the WIC program is to help women have healthy babies and help young children grow up healthy. By promoting good health, the program helps lower the infant mortality rate, Miller said. Georgia has one of the highest infant mortality rates and its WIC program is the eighth largest in the nation.

Approximately 24 percent of Army spouses in the 2001 survey reported using the WIC program between 1999 and 2001. At Fort Benning, there are 2,200 individuals enrolled, and 1,958 drew food vouchers for the month of July. There are more funds available for qualified individuals than are currently enrolled in the program, Miller said.

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RedStixx to honor woman's legacy

Family works to keep dream alive

Bridgett Siter
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Katie Turner had a vision. It started one summer in high school, when she volunteered at a camp for disabled children. A swimming instructor, Katie noticed she could enter the silent world of her deaf students under water. She longed to help them enter her's.



Turner

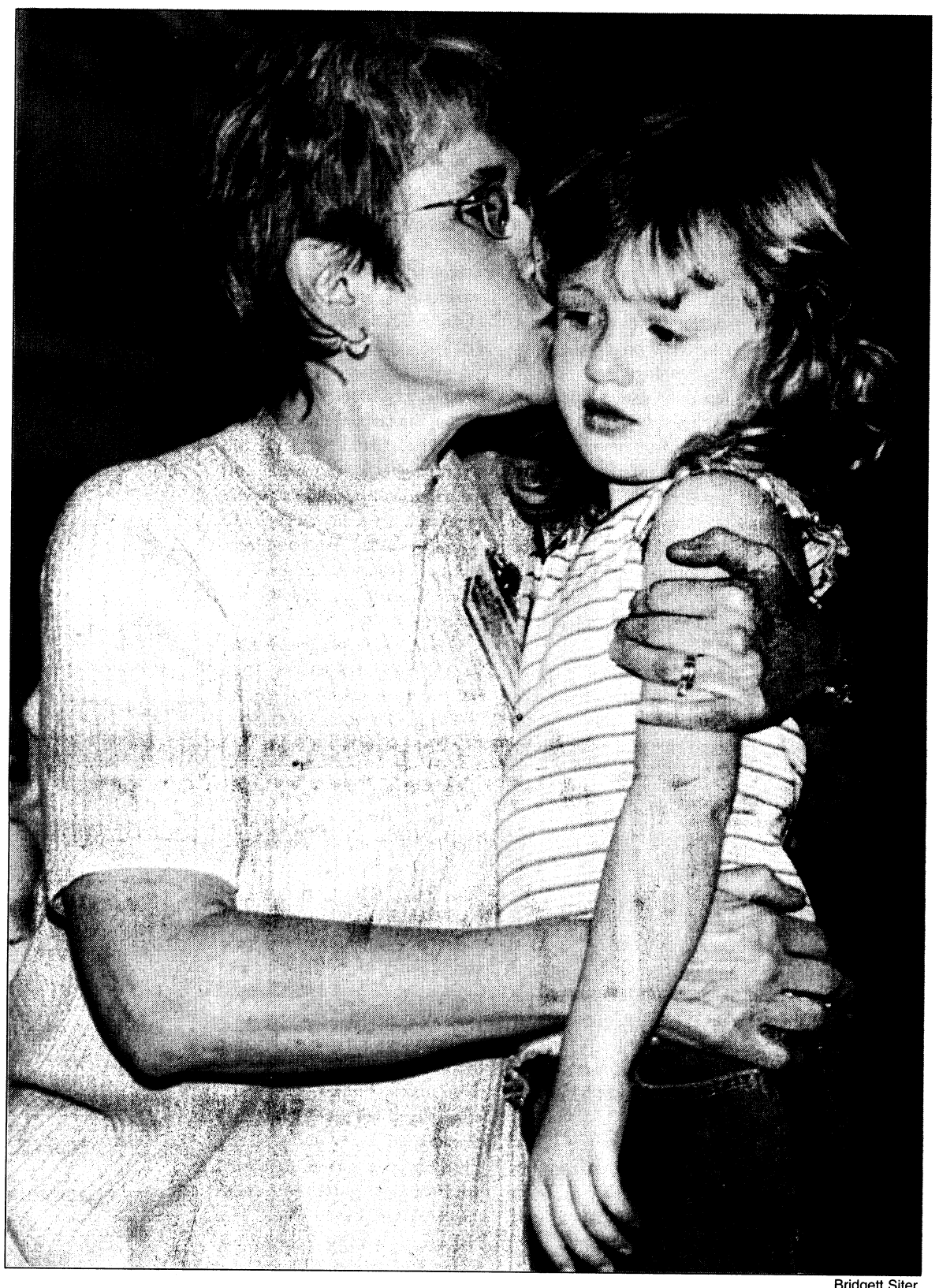
Katie was working toward her master's degree in pediatric audiology at the University of Georgia in Athens, when she was diagnosed with Burkitts Lymphoma, a rare and aggressive form of cancer that strikes less than 100 people in the U.S. each year. She died April 21, 2000, just one month shy of her 24th birthday.

For Dave and Linda Turner, the sudden loss of their youngest daughter was incomprehensible. Dave, who retired from the Army in 1993, and Linda, a Fort Benning school teacher, struggled to find meaning in their Katie's death. They wanted to keep her memory — and her dream — alive.

"We talked about trying to make something positive out of this. We could set back and let it destroy us, or we could make something good come of it," Linda said.

See **FAMILY,** B-3

School starts



Bridgett Siter

Pre-K teacher Louise Frazier welcomes Hannah Neel, 4, to school Tuesday at Stowers Elementary School.

House needs helpers

Veterans to benefit from volunteers

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Uncle Sam is looking for a few good *handy*men ... and women.

House of Heroes, a local nonprofit organization that repairs homes for aging veterans, is gearing up for their biggest challenge yet — 50 homes. Volunteers from Fort Benning will be organized into "teams" to tackle 10 houses.

Greg Camp, former chief of staff and spokesman for House of Heroes, said Fort Benning volunteers stand to benefit as much as the veterans.

"You get a huge sense of satisfaction out of this," Camp said. "It's a great way to say thank you to these former soldiers and their families, but the sense of personal gratification will last a life time."

House of Heroes is designed to honor local heroes — former soldiers or their widows — by restoring their homes that have fallen in disrepair.

"These are people who gave their lives to the military. They're getting up in years, and those little tasks around the house have gotten out of hand — things you and I maintain on a regular basis, like painting, yard work, minor repairing," said Chuck Walls, Fort Benning's garrison manager.

Each team will consist of 10-15 members, men, women and teen-agers, willing to spend a day or two during the week of Sept. 11-18 applying a "little elbow grease" to homes of heroes, Walls said.

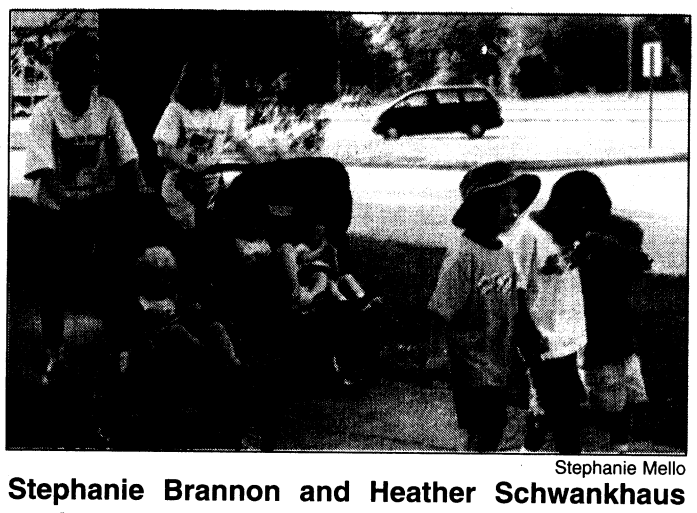
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Families 'walk to Kuwait'

Wives, children go extra mile

Stephanie Mello
Bayonet correspondent

"Going the extra mile" took on new meaning Thursday for wives of the 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, whose husbands are deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Desert Spring 02-02.



Stephanie Mello

Stephanie Brannon and Heather Schwankhaus push strollers while following Hanson Conkle, Devin Blount and Jason Conkle during their walk.

Wives, families, friends and neighbors of the "Can Do" Battalion held a brief yellow ribbon decorating ceremony at the 15th Infantry Regiment monument, the China Gate, Aug. 8, placing yellow bows and placards with each company logo along the walkway. They then laced up their sneakers and literally kicked off the monumental event by walking the first of the many miles to come. Mothers, wearing specially designed "A Walk To Kuwait" T-shirts, pushed infants and toddlers in strollers as older children marched in time to make the initial mile their own.

The concept of the walk was originally presented as a company-level function to the Battalion Family Readiness group steering committee, but rapidly gathered support and has grown to a nationwide activity.

Moms, dads, friends and neighbors from New Jersey to California, rallied behind the wives and are logging their mileage to help the wives make the ultimate trek. An Internet site link was

See **WALK,** B-4

AAFES sponsors program to motivate kids

Good grades win students scholarships

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Returning to school means back to school clothes shopping for many children.

It's an exciting time for students, but mom and dad do have to close the wallet sometime.

Fort Benning students who excel on their report cards, though, will find themselves on several shopping sprees throughout the year, thanks to an AAFES program designated to encouraging kids to excel in school.

The program is called "You Made the Grade" and all students in the sixth through eighth-grade qualify.

The prize?

$50 in coupons from brands like Tommy Hilfiger, Sony, and Nike.

"We want our military children to be the best they can be," said Donald O'Reilly, general manager, Fort Benning AAFES. "We're hoping these coupon books will encourage them to achieve even higher goals."

The books are awarded four times a year to kids with a B or higher average on their quarterly report cards. Each book also comes with an entry form to win one of three college scholarships.

"The scholarships are what we are most proud of," O'Reilly said. "This is a chance for a young kid to have their college partially paid for by the time they reach high school."

The scholarships are worth $2,000, $3,000, and $5,000 and will also be awarded to three different students at the end of each quarter.

Fort Benning children will compete with sixth through eighth graders on all Army and Air Force installations. The program has been available to children for four years, but Air Force children have taken most of the scholarships, O'Reilly said.

"I don't think enough of our parents and children in the Army knew about the coupon books and the scholarships," said Dell McMullen, Fort Benning Schools superintendent. "This year we want to make sure the word is out that this wonderful opportunity is available."

See **GRADES,** B-4

No dividends for SGLI

False info circulating on Internet

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

False information routinely appears from official-looking sources stating that individuals who have paid SGLI premiums are entitled to policy dividends. Most recently, an online announcement claimed that Congress had passed a bill entitling veterans and current service members to a dividend based upon their prior years of service. This is not true, however.

This problem regarding SGLI misinformation is nearly 40 years old. The dividend "hoax," as the VA refers to it, has its origins in a special dividend that was paid in 1950 to World War II veterans who had National Service Life Insurance policies.

Sometime in 1965, the special dividend news announcements of 15 years earlier resurfaced and were mistakenly published by several newspapers.

Since then the VA has made continuous efforts to stamp out this false story, but the rumor will not go away.

Instead, it has grown in size and scope.

The rumor later expanded to claim that the dividend was available to all veterans (not just those from World War II) and even those who never carried government life insurance.

The latest version states that all active duty service members, reservists, and personnel separated within the past few years are eligible for a SGLI dividend.

Once again, all of these rumors are incorrect. The misinformation continues, prompting hundreds of thousands of veterans to write to the VA and "apply" for this benefit.

Although the amount of letters fluctuates, the VA has received as many as 15,000-20,000 inquiries per week about this dividend.

The bottom line is that dividends are not payable to current service members insured under SGLI or Veterans' Group Life Insurance. SGLI and VGLI are group policies and do not pay dividends. More information can be found at: http://www.insurance.va.gov/inForceGliSite/dividends/special.htm"

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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PX, Commissary meeting — The Fort Benning PX Commissary Council Representatives' fourth quarter meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday at the Officers' Club Benning Room.

For more information, call 545-3328.

OSC Super Sign-Up Night — The Officers' Spouses Club of Fort Benning will host its Annual Activities and Membership Sign-Up Night from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 22 at the Officers' Supper Club.

The event welcomes organizations, instructors and crafts people from Fort Benning and the surrounding communities.

Some of the participating organizations include the OSC Gift Shop, The Rankin Arts Center, Callaway Gardens, Army Family Team Building and many more.

There will also be an opportunity to sign-up for sewing instruction, language lessons, tennis, racquetball, golf groups and many more.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

OSC will offer membership sign-up throughout the evening.

For more information, call Daisy Lewis at 687-3796.

Beacon College registration — Beacon College and Graduate School will begin its fall semester registration at Fort Benning.

Students can earn undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and Biblical studies.

Students can also earn graduate degrees in Biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry and the Master of Divinity.

Full financial aid, including veterans' educational assistance, is available.

A representative from Beacon will be on post from 1 to 4 p.m. every Thursday at Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 323-5364.

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The next AFTB Level I class is 6 to 10 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in Family Unit Network (FUN) Center, Building 359, on the corner of Ingersoll and Vibbert avenues.

For more information or to register for this class, call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil.

Hospital classes — A series of classes that address such topics as pregnancy, breastfeeding, anesthesia concerns, labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation exercise, postpartum care, newborn characteristics, and parenthood.

Attendance is encouraged at least three months before the delivery date.

Classes are the first three Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Baugh Conference Room, second floor of Martin Army Community Hospital.

The first class is about breastfeeding. The second class is a Mother and Baby class and the third class is on labor and delivery anesthesia.

A car seat safety class takes place once a month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Baugh Conference Room.

To reserve a seat and find out the class date, call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

It is recommended the class be taken during the seventh month of pregnancy.

The class is limited to 15 participants.

To schedule a HIV/AIDS class, call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

Family housing parking — All quarters on post will be assigned one parking space to give easy access to their quarters.

All residents must ensure that they park only in their designated area or any unmarked area if they have more than one car.

Visitors must also park in an unmarked space.

For more information, call your community life office.

Family housing decorations — Guidelines have been set up for front yard decorations.

No fencing is permitted in the front yard of any quarters.

Front yard decorative borders are permitted, but should not be constructed of greater than one-inch lumber, railroad ties, metal rods or pipes, contain sharp points nor exceed 18 inches in height.

Prior to installation, occupants will submit a drawing of the proposed front yard decoration border on a fence request form.

Borders must be well maintained or removed.

No wooden patio or porches are allowed in the front yard.

For more information, call your family housing inspector, Community Life NCO or the Community Life Office.

Clearing quarters — The Fort Benning Housing Division wants to remind families preparing to clear quarters they have two options when it comes to choosing a cleaning crew.

If families use the Fort Benning cleaning division, they will pay one fee to the post and leave the rest up to the Fort Benning cleaning crew.

If families use a cleaning company on their own, they are responsible for payment and cannot leave quarters until a final inspection of the home is completed by an inspector from the housing office.

For more information on clearing quarters, call the Housing Division at 545-2993.

OSC gift shop — "A Bit of Benning," a consignment store for homemade crafts, is now open next to the OCS Thrift Shop.

For more information, call 687-3537.

Lending Closet — Because of an increase in family need, the Lending Closet is asking all families who have borrowed household goods to return the items borrowed as soon as their belongings are delivered to them.

For more information, call the Lending Closet at 545-4485.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Memorial Service — Calvary Baptist Church will be having a memorial service Sept. 11 in memory of last year's horrific attack on our nation and our liberties to freedom, religion, and our way of life.

For more information, call 322-1491 or 332-7250.

Parade of Nations and Cena Tipica — The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation presents its first "Festival of the Hemisphere" at 6 p.m. Aug. 29 at the Columbus Iron Works.

This festival represents the Institute's participation in Hispanic Heritage Month, and is open to all who wish to attend. The cost is $25 per ticket.

Tickets will be sold until Aug. 15.

Tickets may be purchased from Cecelia Alexander at Building 35 or call 545-1285.

CASA volunteers — CASA volunteers are ordinary people who care about children.

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All volunteers are thoroughly trained in courtroom procedure, social services, the juvenile justice system and special needs of children who have been abused or neglected.

CASA welcomes volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethic and educational backgrounds.

CASA has a particular need for bilingual volunteers, men and people of color.

The next training starts Sept. 14. For more information and an application, call 323-3687.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Head Start — Head Start is a child development program that provides comprehensive services to 3- and 4-year-old children.

Stop by one of the following Head Start Centers: Beallwood, Rosemont, Peabody, Baker Village or Luna from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday to enroll your child on site. It only takes about 15 minutes to apply.

For more information, call 649-1696 or 649-1641.

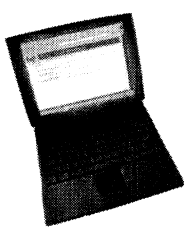
Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people who are experiencing infertility.

The Columbus Resolve Chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road, Columbus.

For more information, call 323-6659.

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Quick divorce may be none at all

Take time, get it done right way

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Separation and divorce can cause great emotional and financial turmoil. Also, it is often the legal system seems to make the process more difficult than necessary.

Uncontested divorces in the United States can take six months to a year, and sometimes longer, just to get all of the details worked out. But, it is worth the time in some cases.

The importance of taking such time, to ensure that the legal and economic needs of both parties and any children will be met, is not often understood or appreciated.

It is small wonder then that there is high demand for a way around the system.

There are a number of companies running ads in magazines and on Web sites which promise three-week, one-week, three-day, and even 24-hour divorces.

For a significant fee, these companies offer divorces through the Dominican Republic.

The idea sounds simple: Both parties execute powers of attorney to allow a Dominican attorney to file for divorce on their behalf, and the Dominican judge grants the decree that day.

A Dominican divorce decree usually arrives in the mail a few days later. In a fraction of the time it takes to get an uncontested divorce in the United States, you can get a quick divorce from the Dominican Republic.

Except that it is probably not a divorce at all, at least not in the United States.

While states are not required to recognize foreign court decrees, they usually do if the process producing the foreign decree meets certain requirements.

For example, one requirement is that at least one of the parties was an actual resident of the country that granted the divorce.

Sending mail to a country does not make you a resident of that country, nor does visiting the country for a short time in order to obtain a divorce. "Mail order" foreign divorces are almost always rejected by state courts.

There is a limited exception in the state of New York. New York will recognize a foreign divorce if one party was physically present in the foreign country when the divorce was granted, and the other party agrees to be bound to divorce by the foreign court.

In other words, if the parties do not agree that they are divorced by a foreign court, even New York will not honor the divorce.

Many quick-divorce advertisements cite court cases that have upheld foreign divorces.

These cases are limited to the same four or five New York cases, and in each case one of the parties was physically present in the foreign country when the divorce was granted.

Another advertising claim is that the local U.S. embassy will certify the divorce decree. In reality, however, the embassy only certifies the signature of the judge, much like a notary would do.

Certification by the embassy is no guarantee that a state court will accept the divorce decree.

While many companies promise a quick "mail order" divorce from a foreign court, the result is almost always a worthless court order.

The American system may be slower, but you'll only have to do it once.

Take the time to do things right.

For more information, call 545-3281.

House: Needs volunteers to help fix retirees' homes

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"Any amount of time they can give, whether they're skilled at carpentry or plumbing or laying carpet or just willing to apply a little "good ol' elbow grease ... it'll be greatly appreciated," he said.

House of Heroes started three years ago with the repair of one veteran's home. Last year 10 were repaired.

This year's goal of 50 is a response to the president's challenge of volunteers following the terrorist attacks last year.

The schedule of events, which includes a dinner honoring the heroes, will follow the Sept. 11 anniversary.

Most of the heroes are retired NCOs who live in the Oakland Park community off South Lumpkin Road in Columbus, a neighborhood whose affordability and proximity to post made it popular with military families and retirees 40 years ago.

There are hundreds of retirees in the declining community, Camp said. Their years of service, many of which included tours in Korea and Vietnam, warrant a measure of gratitude from local residents.

"The great thing about this program is, not only do they get their homes fixed up, but we get to know them on a personal basis, to learn a little about their lives and their families," Camp said. "It's a way to thank veterans while they're still with us."

Each team will have a captain who will visit the veteran to determine what repairs are needed.

Team members will have an opportunity to meet their heroes at a dinner, as yet unscheduled, before the day of the actual event.

For more information about House of Heroes, or to volunteer on a team, call Chuck Walls at 545-1500 or e-mail wallsc@benning.army.mil.

Family: Keeps dream alive

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So when a professor from UGA's Department of Communications Sciences and Disorders suggested the Turners establish and endowment for hearing-impaired children, knew they'd found "the perfect way to celebrate Katie's memory."

Nearly two years ago, with the help of UGA officials, the Turners began a campaign to raise the $10,000 necessary to establish the Katie Elizabeth Turner Endowment to provide financial assistance for families of infants and children who need hearing aids and other assistive devices.

"We will get the money. We will not give up. We can't let her go and not do something to make sense of it," Linda said at the time.

That determination paid off. Katie's endowment fund recently garnered enough interest to purchase a hearing aid for a child in Georgia.

College officials are faced with the task of screening applicants.

Though Linda and Dave are ready to celebrate the milestone, they say they'll continue to fight for more funding, and a local ball club is pitching in to help.

The Turners have long been active supporters of the Columbus RedStixx, and the club has sponsored various fund-raisers.

This one's a bit different.

"It's really a celebration," Linda said. "Just a celebration of Katie."

The RedStixx will donate $3 of every $4 ticket sold for Saturday's game against the the Lakewood Blue Claws to the Katie Elizabeth Turner Endowment.

They'll also ante up the proceeds from a silent auction, featuring autographed sports memorabilia from Big Leaguers Travis Driskill, of the Orioles, and Todd Helton, of the Colorodo Rockies.

And students from Fort Benning's Dexter Elementary School will sign *Take Me Out to the Ball Park* during the seventh-inning stretch.

Much of Linda's family is traveling from Michigan, Illinois and Ohio to attend tomorrow's game.

It's a reunion of sorts for Linda and her sisters, who haven't been together since Katie's funeral.

It's the support of family and friends that has turned a tragic time into one of hope and possibility, Linda said.

"People are just wonderful. You think this is the worst thing in the world, but people surround you and encourage and lift you up," she said.

"We're encouraged because Katie's foundation is working, and it's wonderful people who have made it possible. So we feel like celebrating."

To join the celebration, purchase game tickets at a table set up outside Golden Parks's ticket booth before the 7 p.m. game.

BIRTHS

Boys

Marcus Tyler Catlett — born July 14 to Jamie and Sgt. Mark Catlett.

Jordan Mayo Burse — born July 14 to Charlotte Mayo-Burse and Sgt. 1st Class Michael Burse.

Jackson Daniel Kleager — born July 14 to Katie and Capt. James Kleager.

Daniel Meikei Diggs — born July 14 to Danielle and Sgt. Bobby Diggs Jr.

Dylan Andrew Kaan Mazuranic — born July 14 to Deniz and Capt. Neil Mazuranic.

Michael Shane Simmons — born July 15 to Trudy and Staff Sgt. William Simmons Sr.

Austin Mikel Garcia — born July 17 to Alison and Sgt. Erasmo Garcia.

Devon Wayne Maddox — born July 17 to Ella and Spc. Michael Maddox.

Joshua Michael Baldwin — born July 17 to Spc. Vonshelle Baldwin.

Chance Scott Benner — born July 18 to Ashlee and Staff Sgt. Brian Benner.

Carson Dean Rouse — born July 18 to Beth and 2nd Lt. Harold Rouse.

Girls

Brianna Rae White — born July 12 to Danielle and Spc. Jeremy White.

Kelly Marie Nichols — born July 13 to Karen and Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Nichols.

Lottie Lisa Hoover — born July 17 to Donna and Sgt. 1st Class Brian Hoover.

Madison Anais Cabrera — born July 18 to Pfc. Roxanne Adriano and Pfc. Lazaro Cabrera-Lam.

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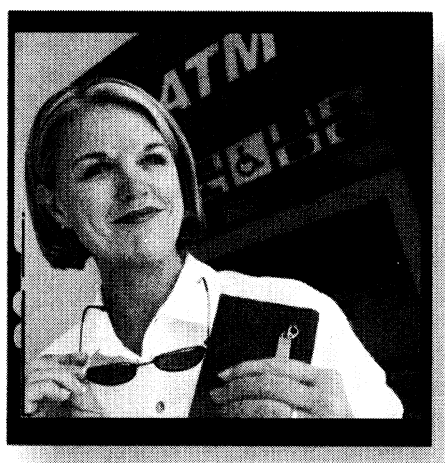
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WIC: Gives children a chance to grow up healthy

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The Fort Benning WIC office is located in Building 2613 in Soldiers' Plaza. Counselors there try to identify individuals who may benefit from the program during in and out-processing.

WIC directors are working with the nursing director at the hospital to try to get mothers enrolled early in their pregnancies and to incorporate the program information into healthcare packets, Miller said.

To determine eligibility for WIC services, counselors consider annual household income and the number of individuals in the household.

The Georgia WIC program does not include Basic Allowance for Housing in income calculations.

Mothers and eligible children are weighed and measured and have their hemoglobin checked for iron content during screening. Children are re-examined every 6 months to see how they are doing.

Once enrolled in the program, WIC issues food vouchers that can be used at any participating grocery store.

The transaction is handled like a check. The kiosk at the entrance to the commissary is the Fort Benning voucher issuance site, open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Right now, individuals can get a two-month issue of vouchers.

"We are considering a three month issuance for select people," Miller said.

Another component of the Fort Benning WIC is the Farmers Market nutritional program. Local farmers sign up and make Georgia-grown fruits and vegetables available to enrollees.

Each family in the WIC program receives an additional $20 in vouchers for market produce.

"We had $19,000 earmarked for the Farmers Market program this year," Miller said.

Families have until Sept. 30 to use those vouchers. The USDA will determine funding for next year based on how many vouchers are redeemed.

Enrollees who PCS to stateside or overseas locations are urged to see the WIC counselors before leaving Fort Benning.

"We can provide them with a card to use so that their WIC service is not delayed," Miller said.

"WIC is a really good program," she said. "If we educate mom, it benefits the entire family."

For more information, call the WIC Hotline at 1-800-228-9173 or the Fort Benning office at 682-6455.

Walk: Shows families support for deployed loved ones

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developed by the 15th Infantry Regimental Association to promote the event and even provided an on-line registration and mileage tracking form.

"We are going to (virtually) walk, bike, hike or swim 7,204 miles before the end of November," said Mary Taylor, FRG leader for A Company.

"We wanted to do something positive to show support of our soldiers in the desert and also provide a healthy way for wives to gather and help each other make it through this time," Taylor said. "The news is full of other world situations and the support that those soldiers receive during their deployments. We wanted to send the same message to our guys ... that we love them and they are important to us."

Milestones of the walk including Atlanta, Washington D.C., Paris, France and Cairo, Egypt will be posted monthly to a map located in the battalion rear detachment area so everyone can see how far they've have gone and how far they still have to finish.

Debbie Cranston, B Company, and her two sons, Andrew and Anthony, signed on for the event to show their support.

"I really think it's a good idea and a great way to promote the real meaning of family support," Cranston said. Andrew said he "liked the walk but hated the bugs flying about and tickling me."

Pamela Smith and Angela Blount, two newcomers to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, shared their different reasons for joining the activity.

"I have been with other FRG's that did not have this sense of unity and bonding," Smith said. "It's good to be with a unit that does support its families and promotes cohesion. It's also a great opportunity to meet the other wives and share information.

"I brought my son, Devin, to meet other children and to help him know that his dad is not the only one who is deployed. I came for the exercise and to show support for my husband," Blount said.

Robin Triplett, a friend of Blount and a retired Army family member, walked to show support for her friend.

"I think it is a terrific idea and I'm going to walk everyday until I can't walk anymore," Triplett said.

"Soldiers on Kelley Hill deploy throughout the year and yet many people never know they are gone because we are away from the main stream," said Heidi Charlton, battalion commander's wife. "Decorating the monument is our way of bringing more visible support to their deployment.

"I am really proud to be among the wives supporting this activity. We are all highly motivated and I have no doubt that we will go the entire distance," she said.

> "Decorating the monument is our way of bringing more visible support to their deployment."
> **Heidi Charlton**
> battalion commander's wife



Stephanie Mello

Mandi Cardinal, family member, secures ribbons and company placard.

Grades: Students get prizes from AAFES

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In previous years, children had to walk into the PX themselves with their report cards and claim their prize. This year, Faith Middle School is going to be more involved and will hand the books and scholarship entry forms out at school to those students who qualify.

"By getting the middle school involved, we can make sure children are informed and are getting the credit they deserve for good work," O'Reilly said.

Sixth through eighth graders who attend schools off post and even children who are home schooled also qualify for the program. Those families can retrieve their prizes from the PX by showing proof of their grades, O'Reilly said.

"This year we are hoping an Army child will win one of the scholarships," O'Reilly said. "Let's hope competition with the Air Force kids motivates them even more."

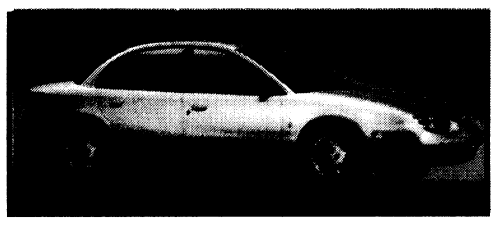
A table with more information on the "You Made the Grade" program will be displayed during the Sept. 3 open house at Faith Middle School.

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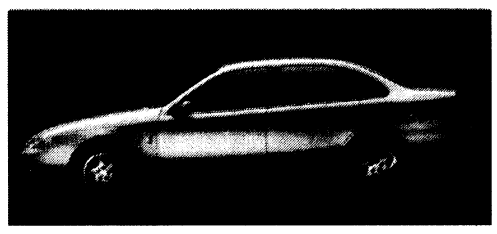
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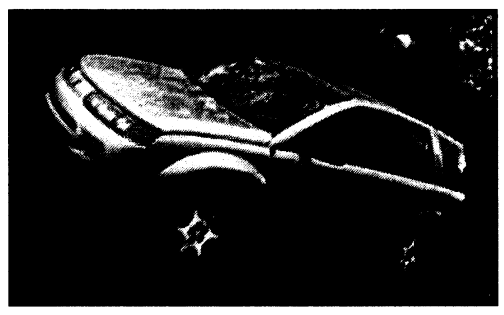
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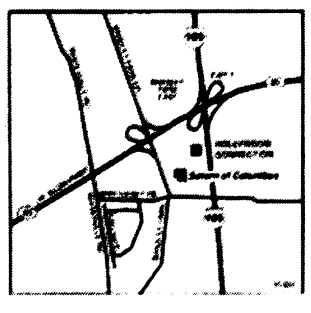
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Strong family life makes better soldiers

Maintaining loving family takes work

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Josh Llano
3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment

The 15th verse of Joshua 24 states: "And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve.

"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

After one's relationship with God, the family relationship is the number one priority.

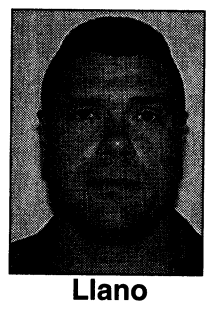
The family is the spring of self-worth, love, satisfaction and meaning.

God and his chaplains bless families.

God joins the husband and wife, and their children are the harvest of that love.

God created the family and meant it to enclose the strongest relationships.

REFLECTIONS


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To nurture a strong family life, we need to encourage strong commitments, which will create a sense of security and love.

Spouses should never need to doubt one another's commitment and care for the other.

For Christians, the family should be as it was for Joshua — a place where the family members learn about, speak about and serve the Lord.

Out of such dedication and security will come family members who feel appreciated.

They will feel that if they were to leave the family, they would be missed and no one could take their place. Communicating love and respect will uphold that sense appreciation and security.

Family members can communicate their commitment, love and respect through words of appreciation and by spending quantity time over a few minutes of quality time.

We must take some time and spend it with the family in order to promote better soldiers.

Families who promote this kind of atmosphere are very blessed indeed during the business of military life. Have you spent time with your family today?

CHAPEL NOTES

Workers needed — The Fort Benning Chaplain's Office is seeking applications for individuals to serve in a variety of positions in the chapels on post.

These positions include musicians, choir directors, watch care workers, bus drivers and custodians. For more information call the Fund Manager at 545-4960 or visit the office in Room 512 in Infantry Hall.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — PWOC has resumed its summer Bible study. They meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in the Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

Child care is provided.

The summer series is "That The World May Know," a video tour through the lands of the Bible with life changing lessons from the Word of God.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

TIC fall welcome picnic — The Infantry Center Chapel will hold its fall welcome picnic after the 10:30 a.m. service on Aug. 25.

Newcomers to the community will be welcomed and the returning members will focus on their on-going ministries and the opportunities for families to grow and serve in the chapel. Everyone is invited to attend this event.

Take break to improve communication

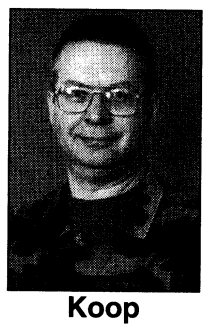
Time outs benefit transmissions

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Calling a time out can improve communication. If the argument is escalating, if you feel you or your partner are losing control, if you aren't getting anywhere, if there is misunderstanding, silence or withdrawal, you should take a break from it all.

Proverbs 17:14 states it this way, "Starting a quarrel is like breaching a dam; so drop the matter before a dispute gets out of control."

Taking a time out is not running away from the problem, nor is it childish behavior.


Koop

Taking a break merely acknowledges the conversation is going in the wrong direction or has stalled.

What are the seven rules for taking a time out?

• First, any person should be able to call a time out at any time they desire.

• Second, the person who calls for a time out must say when they will come back within 24 hours to talk to their partner about the issue. Most breaks last from a half hour to an hour.

• Third, use the break time to understand the perspective of your partner and to consider other options. Reflect on what you may be doing to hinder the communication process.

• Fourth, never hesitate to apologize or to seek forgiveness for the breakdown in communication.

• Fifth, always reaffirm your love for one another and your commitment to each other.

• Sixth, shift to a safer way of communicating. Use the speaker-listener technique to provide a safe structure for communication.

• Finally, don't start an important discussion unless you and your partner have the time to talk about it. Trying to settle an issue while driving to work, to chapel or going out for dinner is always unproductive, and sometimes dangerous.

Would you like to make your marriage communication better? Free counseling and support are available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760.

"... My father will honor the ones who serve me."
John 12:26

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.,	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon Monday, Thursday, Friday	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

3:30- 4:15 p.m.	Confession, Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
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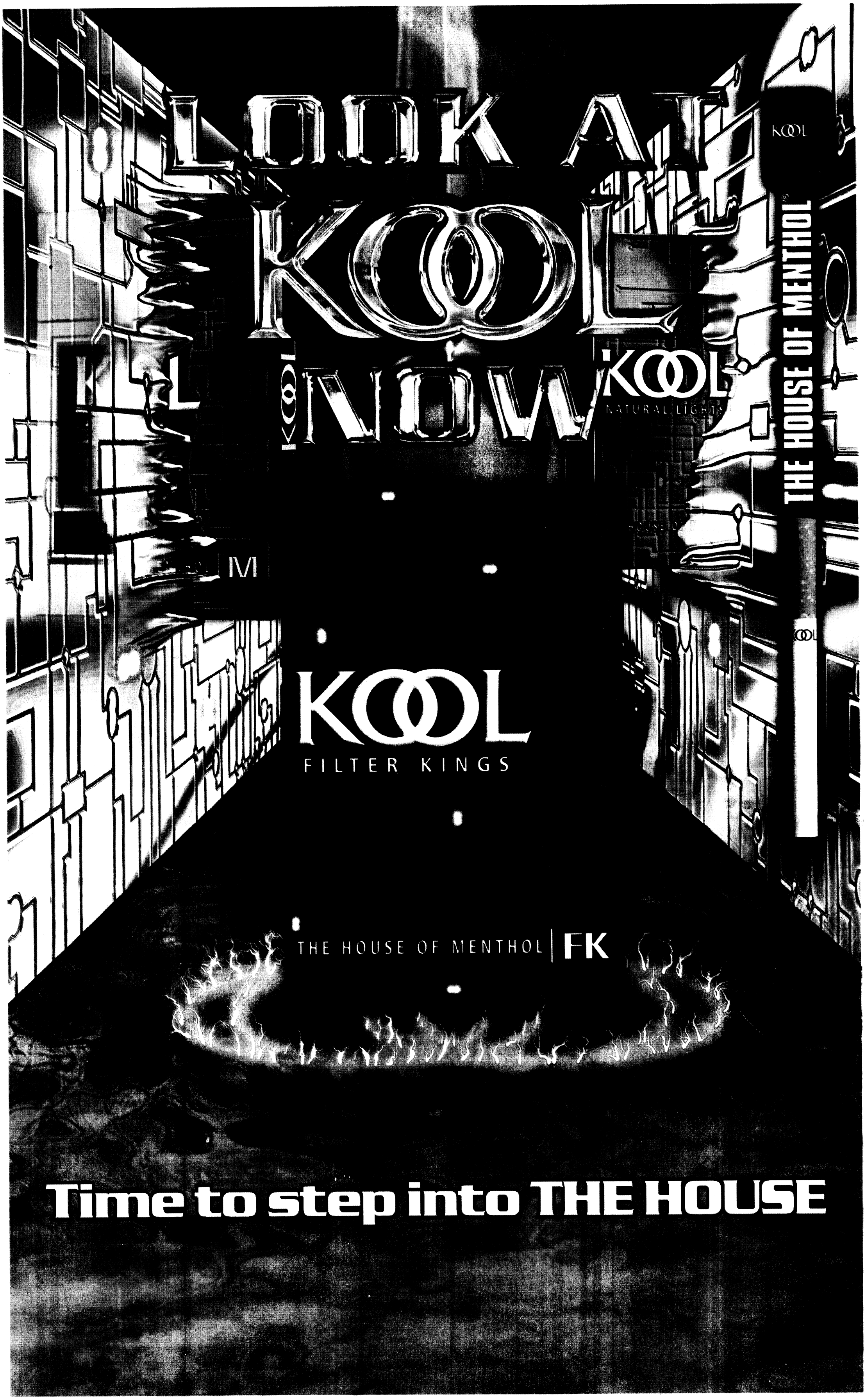
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SPORTS

Steel Soldiers slip past Seahorses

Kryptonite doesn't phase semifinal team

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Steel Soldiers from the Basic Combat Training Brigade advanced to the semifinals of the intramural softball tournament Monday with a 16-12 win over Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 36th Engineer Group Seahorses.

"Our strategy was to play our best," said Steel Soldiers' Barry Randle. "We got a good lead and were able to hold it throughout the game."

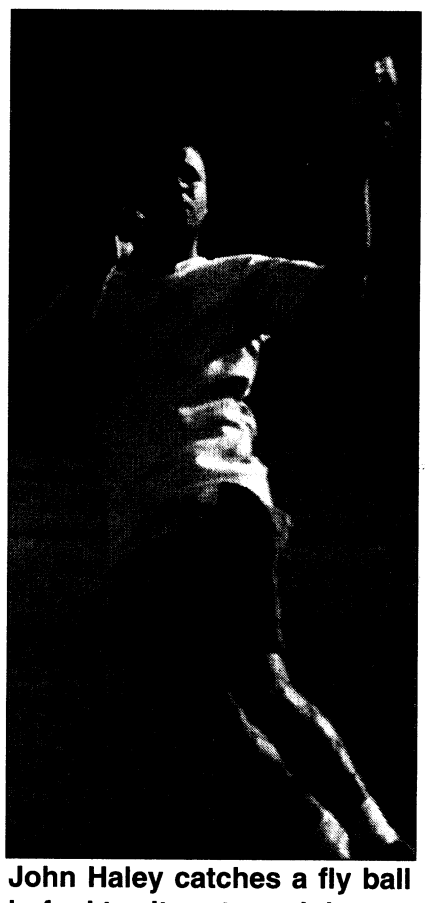
The Steel Soldiers bombarded the Seahorses with blasts from their bats that made the outfield look like a field artillery range.

Down 9-0, the Seahorses reacted to the firepower of the other team with two runs and closed the gap to a mere seven runs.

In the second inning, it seemed as if both teams had run out of ammunition, but when Steel Soldiers' Ramel Dereese and Reberto Ramos each hit an in-side-the-park homerun in the third inning, they changed the minds of doubters in the crowd.

"With the exception of a few mistakes, we played pretty good today," Ramos said.

Leading 15-2, it looked as though the Steel Soldiers were going to fly away with the victory, but the ball turned to kryptonite in the bottom of the third inning when none of the Steel Soldiers could hold onto the ball.



John Haley catches a fly ball in foul territory to end the top of the fifth inning.

The Seahorses used the errors of the Steel Soldiers and answered their six-run inning with a six-run inning of their own.

Even though the Seahorses managed to score a run in the bottom of the fourth inning to cut the lead to six runs, the Steel Soldiers felt lucky backing their lead to seven runs to finish the top of the last inning.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Steel Soldiers Johnny Williams slides in to third base as Seahorses' Luis Rodriguez tries to tag him out. Steel Soldiers beat the Seahorses 16-12 to advance to the semifinals.

In the bottom of the fifth inning, Seahorses' Jeff Bancheau made a valiant effort to cut the lead to four runs, but the team fell short, and the Steel Soldiers advanced to the semifinals with no loses in the double elimination tournament.

"I'm confident we can beat any team on Fort Benning," Randle said.

Marksmenship Unit takes recruiting van for spin



Paula Pagan

Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt gives pistol marksmanship tips to Jameelah Logan of Columbus, who joined the Army Aug. 1.

Ohio trip showcases Army's best

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Although soldiers with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit are best known for their ability to bring home Gold Medals for the Army in shooting competitions, the world-class shooters of the USAMU have been helping the Army with a different mission — recruiting.

Sgt. 1st Class Rand D. Bentson, Sgt. William R. Simmons, Sgt. Justin F. Barberi, Cpl. Robert A. Cesnik Jr. and Spc. Adam J. Bossier supported a recruiting mission during the National Pistol Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, July 13. The soldiers provided marksmanship training to about 40 Delayed Entry Program members and recruiters of the Toledo, Ohio, Recruiting Company with the Army Shooting Adventure Package — called the ASAP Van.

According to Sgt. 1st Class Steven V. Pullins, USAMU Recruiting Command liaison, the ASAP Van is USAMU's premier recruiting tool. The ASAP is a 28-foot-long, fifth-wheel trailer, pulled by a commercial dual rear-wheel-driven pickup truck, both of which are adorned with "eye-catching" Army graphics. Although the ASAP showcases the Army's best shooters, members of the general public can also test their own skills by shooting at targets using specially modified pistols or rifles.

"The effect of the ASAP is to have an interactive, safe arcade, which provides an avenue for USAMU shooters and prospects to interact one-on-one in a fun environment," Pullins said.

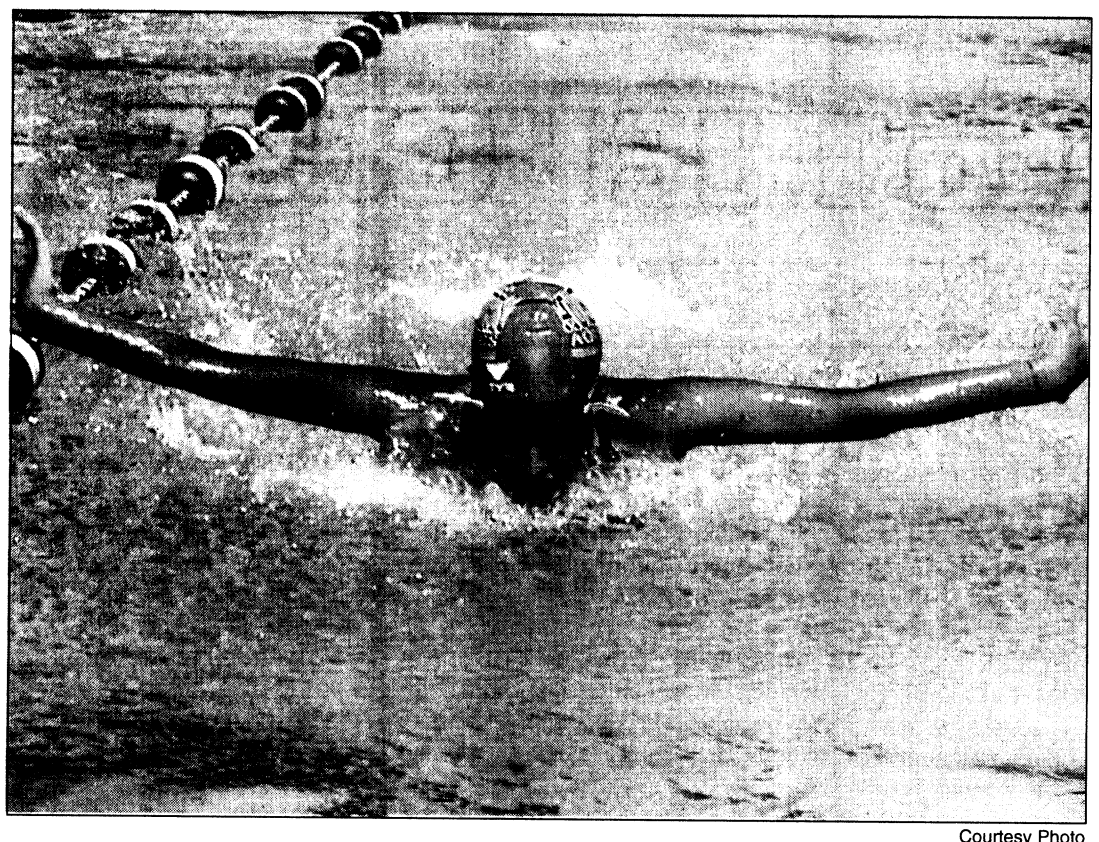
"The DEPs really enjoyed it and a lot of them were very interested in getting more marksmanship training," said Toledo Recruiting Company Commander Capt. Michael C. Wise. "The AMU showed them something new and different that we can't provide. I would definitely recommend using the AMU's ASAP Van to other recruiting stations; it's a great enhancement to the DEP program. The van was a neat way to familiarize them with the Army's weapons in a safe, fun and challenging way."

Bentson, Bossier along with Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt, with the ASAP Van also hosted a similar DEP event during the Service Pistol Interservice Championships at Fort Benning's Phillips Range June 15, to which four Georgia recruiters from Columbus North and South Stations and Dublin and Centerville brought 35 DEPs.

"The DEPs loved it," said Sgt. 1st Class Kelly Price, Columbus North station commander. "They said they couldn't wait to fire real weapons and thought that this training would help them in marksmanship during Basic Training."

"We are here to serve Army recruiters and assist them in making their mission," Pullins said. "Through USAMU recruiting-assistance events, we help recruiters expand their market and reinforce the contacts they have already made."

Swimming



Courtesy Photo

Family member Loren Fuentes swims in the Southeastern Long Course Swim Meet in Memphis, Tenn., July 25-28. Loren placed second in the 100- and 50-meter butterfly events. Fuentes has been swimming competitively for half her life. She is 12-years old.

Riflemen triumph over 86 teams, win trophy

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

CAMP PERRY, Ohio — Service rifle shooters from the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit brought home armloads of trophies, plaques, medals and certificates from the Civilian Marksmanship Program National Rifle Matches, held July 30 to Aug. 3 at the Ohio National Guard post on the banks of Lake Erie. Shooting the USAMU's modified M-16 A2 rifle, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin B. McMahon triumphed over 1,309 other shooters to win the President's Rifle Match with a score of 298 points out of a possible 300 points with 15 Xs out of a possible 30 Xs; an X is a bull's eye used in tie breaking. For the win, McMahon received the President's Rifle Trophy Award, a President's Hundred Metallic Brassard Tab and a President's Hundred Certificate from the president of the United States. Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley, the 1996 President's Hundred Champion, took second place with 298 points and 13 Xs. Sgt. 1st Class Lance D. Dement, Staff Sgts. Norman L. Anderson, Christopher S. Hatcher, Kyle A. Ward, Lance S. Hopper, Sgts. Robby D. Johnson, Robert M. Mango, Emil Praslick III, Spcs. Joseph M. Bartoli and Aaron F. Rebout were also awarded President's Hundred Tabs.

In the National Trophy Individual Match, Singley came in second overall out of 1,269 people, only one point behind the winner, U.S. Marine Staff Sgt. David Karcher of Colorado Springs, Colo. For also being the high Army competitor, Singley received the Association of the U.S. Army Trophy, and for being the high Infantry competitor, he was awarded the 25th Infantry Division Trophy.

USAMU shooters winning Gold Medals in the National Trophy Individual Match, besides Singley, were McMahon, Bartoli, Dement, Hopper, Praslick, Anderson, Johnson, Staff Sgt. Tobie L. Tomlinson and Spc. Elisha M. Hoover. Hatcher, Rebout and Pfc. Liana L. Bombardier received Silver Medals, and Ward and Sgt. 1st Class Scott A. Boyd got Bronze Medals. The USAMU Team of McMahon, Singley, Dement, Anderson, Hopper and Hoover beat 82 other teams to win the National Trophy Rifle Team Match; the team coach was Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Coffey and Ward was the team captain. The USAMU Team of Anderson, Hoover, Hopper, Singley, Mango, Praslick, Boyd and Tomlinson, won the National Trophy Infantry Team Match; Coffey was the coach and the captain was Sgt. 1st Class Steven C. Young.

History Channel to feature USAMU

'The Magnum' to air Wednesday, showcases unit

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

What do the soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have in common with movie star Clint Eastwood? They will both be featured in a History Channel special on the Magnum, which will air Wednesday at 10 p.m. The show is described in the History Channel's listings as follows:

"The Magnum. It's known as the most powerful handgun in the world, made famous by Clint Eastwood in the Dirty Harry movies. But its origins stretch back more than a century to the Indian Wars of the American West and African safaris where hunters stalked big game. Join us for a review of the history of the biggest, baddest gun available today — unlimited firepower at the pull of a trigger!"

The show, titled *The Magnum* originally aired as part of the channel's History Alive series March 26. USAMU soldiers are featured at the very beginning and near the end of the show for approximately eight minutes.

The show is closed captioned and rated G.

A film crew from the Digital Ranch production company of California visited the Marksmanship Unit Nov. 29 and videotaped USAMU personnel for *The Magnum* one-hour documentary. Producer Tom Jennings and his crew spent the day interviewing and filming the soldiers and civilians of the USAMU for the show.

The crew spent the morning at the USAMU ranges filming members of the Service Rifle Team shooting the Magnum. After lunch, Jennings and the crew interviewed some of the USAMU ammunition technicians while they were producing Magnum bullets and talked with USAMU gunsmiths who build the Magnums for the Army shooters.

"I think everything went great," said USAMU Service Rifle Coach Donnie Heuman. "The crew members were highly professional and dedicated to their work. They were very excited about being around the guns and actually being able to film a bullet going down range; they thought that was pretty cool. They made us feel very comfortable and it was a real pleasure working with them. We're hoping to work with them again in the future."

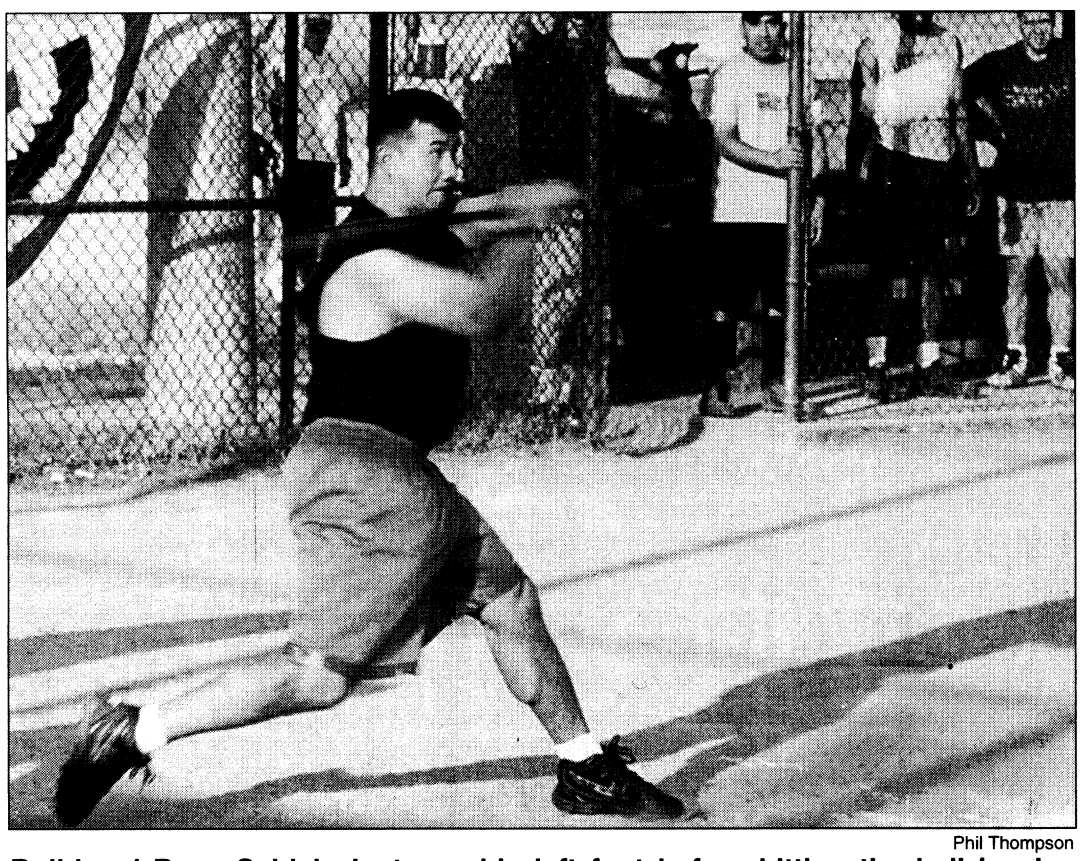
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"The people at the Marksmanship Unit are a great group of people," Jennings said. "You can tell these individuals are top-of-the-line, both in their professionalism and how they treated our film crew. The images were superb and the people made our day at the office a lot of fun. Our visit was just a great experience all the way around and brought a lot more than I expected.

In general, my experience with them was outstanding. I had no idea what to expect and found the guys approachable and easy to work with. You can tell how much they care about what they do, and how willing they are to teach others the nuances of their work.

"By far, the most interesting thing for me was being able to film the bullet in flight," Jennings continued. "The footage is just amazing; you can clearly see the rounds splitting the air as they travel toward the target.

"But I don't want to diminish the other things that we filmed. I found it fascinating, for example, to be standing under the targets while the shooters were punching holes in them from 600 yards. That is not an everyday experience for a civilian."



Phil Thompson

Bulldogs' Ross Seidel plants on his left foot before hitting the ball in play during an intramural softball playoff game Aug. 8.

MEDDAC demolishs Ammo Dawgs, 24-2

Entire team hits well, fields well during playoff game

Phil Thompson
Bayonet correspondent

Members of the 608th Ordnance Company may be demolitions experts, but it was they who were blown up Aug. 8.

U.S. Army Medical Department Activity Bulldogs destroyed the Ammo Dawgs, 24-2, at Knappenburger Field.

The umpires may have called "play ball" to both teams, but it was the Bulldogs who showed the Ammo Dawgs how to play the game and win, said Bulldogs Tony Bevilacqua.

The entire Bulldog team managed to get on base or hit one-, two- or even three-run doubles to contribute to the romping of the Ammo Dawgs.

"I just wanted to hit the ball and help my team," said Bevilacqua, who went four for five.

He missed hitting for the cycle when his last at bat came up feet short of being a home run.

The second, third, fourth and fifth inning were the meat and potatoes of the Bulldogs' run-scoring spree. By extending the lead by more than 21 runs in the fourth inning, the game was called due to the mercy rule.

The Bulldogs dominated both sides of the game, hitting the ball in the right places while keeping a choke chain on the Ammo Dawgs scoring.

"I'm happy about the team's performance, and we really needed the win because it's do or die, and we don't plan on dying anytime soon." said Bulldog Robert Tolbert.

While the regular season was all fun and games, the playoffs instilled a mighty warrior ethos in each of the Bulldogs, he said. The team is all business and out for blood.

Shooters excel at competitions

Marksmen win national events

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning, Ga., have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

Interservice Skeet Championships, Fort Benning, Aug. 2-4 — USAMU shotgun shooter Spc. Mark L. Weeks won the Men's Interservice Skeet Championship and set a new interservice skeet record. Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves took second place and Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Buffa captured third place after winning a sudden death shoot off against Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery. Staff Sgt. Joetta R. Dement won the Women's Interservice Skeet Championship.

The USAMU Team of Weeks, Graves and Dulohery won the Interservice Skeet Three-Man Team Championship and USAMU Team of Weeks and Graves won the Interservice Skeet Two-Man Team Championship and set a new interservice record.

Zone 3 Skeet Championships, Fort Benning, Aug. 2-4 — Graves won the Gold Medal in the Zone 3 Skeet Championship and Weeks received the Bronze Medal. The USAMU Team of Graves and Weeks won the Zone 3 Skeet Two-Man Team Match, followed by the USAMU Team of Dulohery and Buffa in second place.

U.S. Practical Shooting Association Area 7 Championships, Binghamton, N.Y., Aug. 2-4 — Action shooter Staff Sgt. Julie A. Goloski took second place to World Champion Athena Lee in the Women's Division of the USPSA Area 7 Championships. Goloski also won the Military Division.

Civilian Marksmanship Program National Rifle Matches, Camp Perry, Ohio, July 30-Aug. 3 — Sgt. 1st Class Kevin B. McMahon won the President's Rifle Match and Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley took second place. Sgt. 1st Class Lance D. Dement, Staff Sgts. Norman L. Anderson, Christopher S. Hatcher, Kyle A. Ward, Lance S. Hopper, Sgts. Robby D. Johnson, Robert M. Mango, Emil Praslick III, Spcs. Joseph M. Bartoli and Aaron F. Rebout were awarded the President's Hundred Tab. Singley also came in second overall and was the high Army and Infantry competitor in the National Trophy Individual Match. The USAMU Team of McMahon, Singley, Dement, Anderson, Hopper and Spc. Elisha M. Hoover won the National Trophy Rifle Team Match; the team coach was Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Coffey and Ward was the team captain. The USAMU Team of Anderson, Hoover, Hopper, Singley, Praslick, Mango, Sgt. 1st Class Scott A. Boyd and Staff Sgt. Tobie L. Tomlinson won the National Trophy Infantry Team Match; Coffey was the coach and the captain was Sgt. 1st Class Steven C. Young.

SPORTS BRIEFS

YS back-to-school dance — Youth Services back-to-school dance is today. It is open to all Youth Services members.

For more information, call 545-3070.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes starts today.

The classes will be open to youth family members 18-months to 8-years-old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Last Army 10-Miler qualifier — There is one race left to qualify for the 2002 Fort Benning Army 10-Miler team. The race will be at the Santiago Fitness Center Saturday. Registration begins at 6 a.m. Saturday.

The start time is 7 a.m. Selected military personnel will compete in Washington, D.C., in the Army 10-miler race, the largest of its kind, Oct. 20.

For more information, call Lula Mitchenor at 544-9595.

Midnight basketball — Registration for the U.S. Army Infantry Center Midnight tournament ends Wednesday.

The tournament will be Aug. 24-25 at Briant Well Field House.

For more information, call 545-4388.

Labor Day soccer — Registration for the U.S. Army Infantry Center Labor Day soccer tournament has begun. It will end Aug. 27, The tournament will be Aug. 29 through Sept. 2.

For more information, call 545-1940.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1-30 are eligible for free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification.

Hours of operation are from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Flag football — Registration for the flag football season has begun. Teams must be registered by Sept. 5. The season begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 545-4511.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

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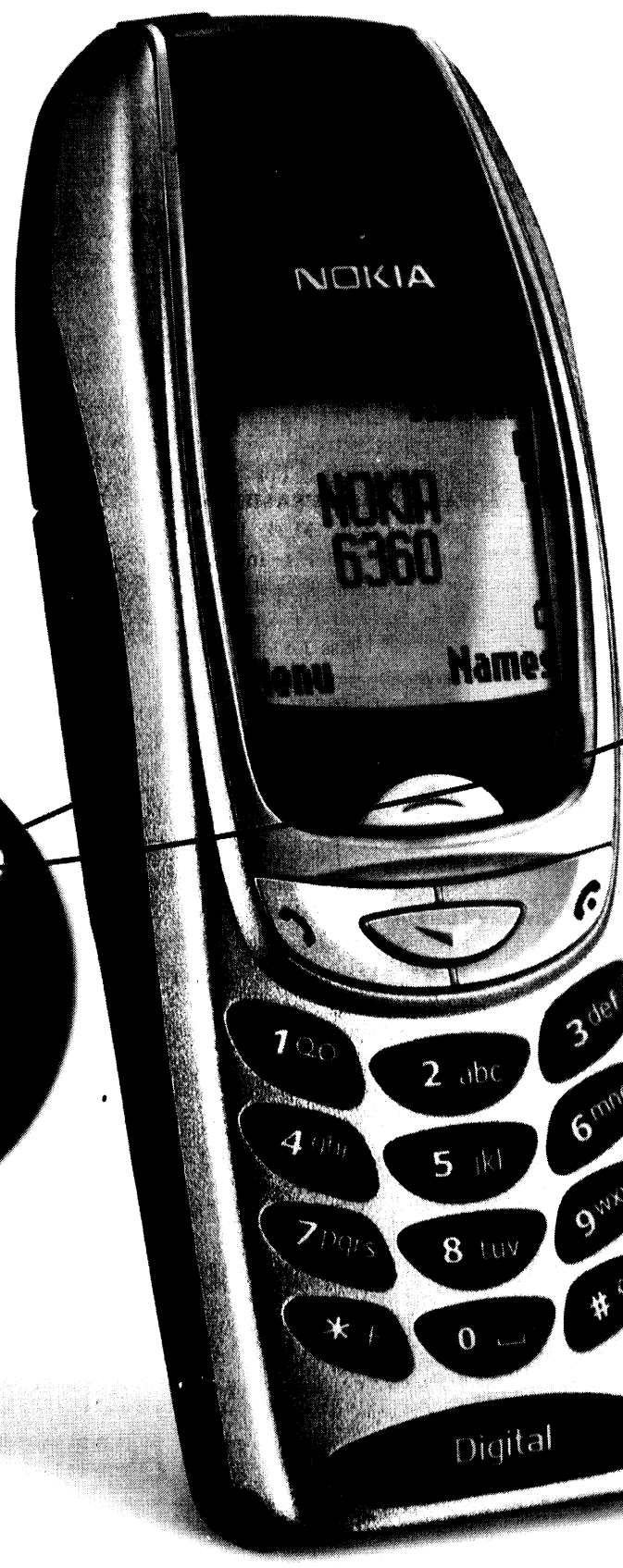
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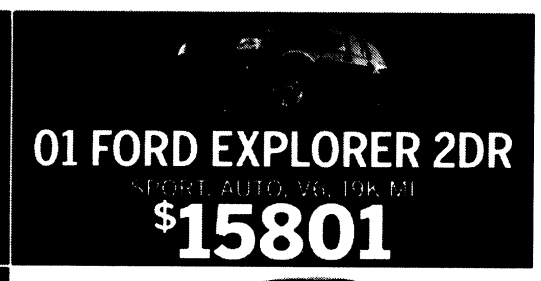
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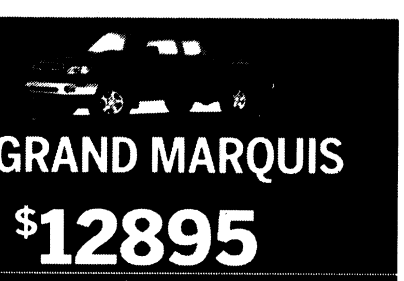
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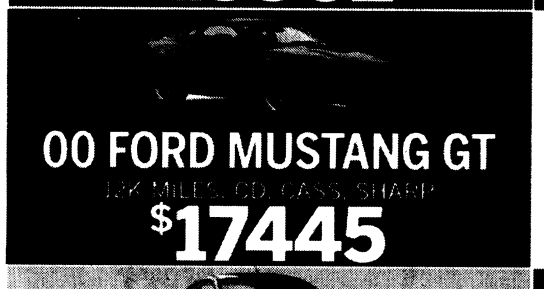
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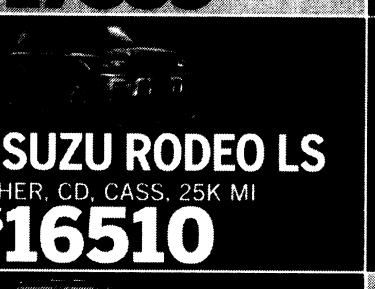

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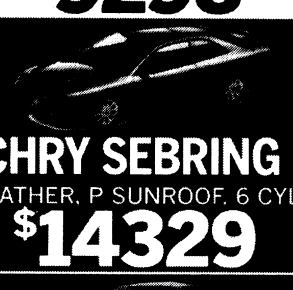

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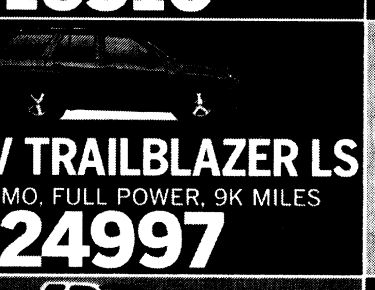

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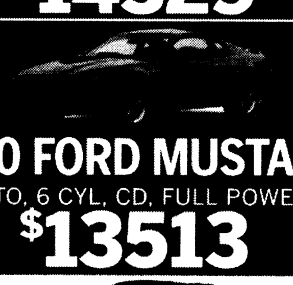

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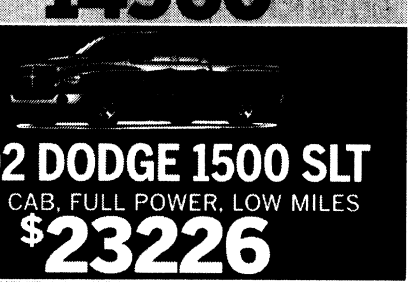

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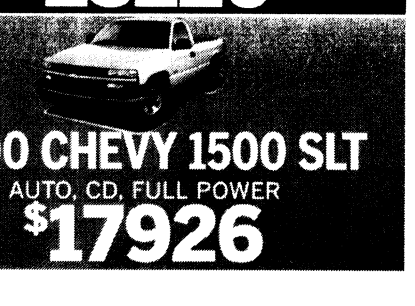

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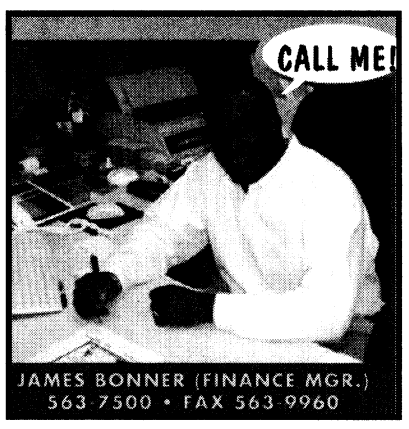
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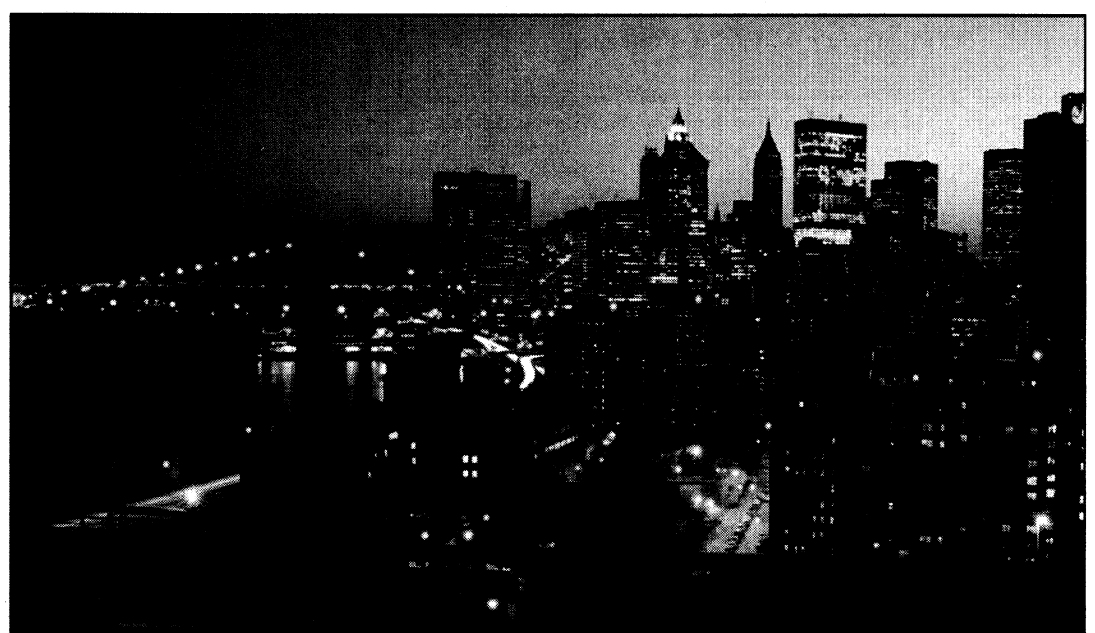
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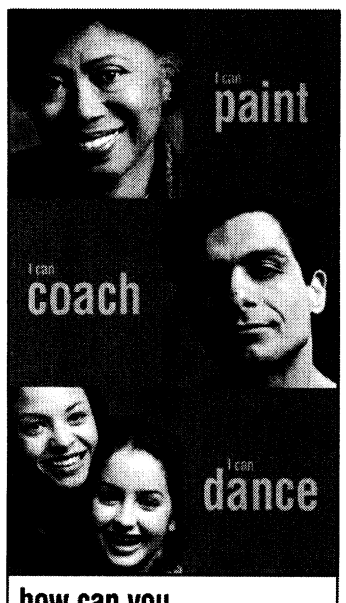
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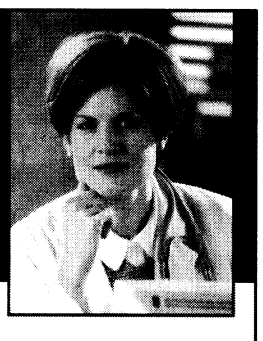
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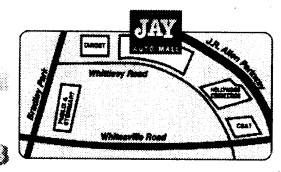
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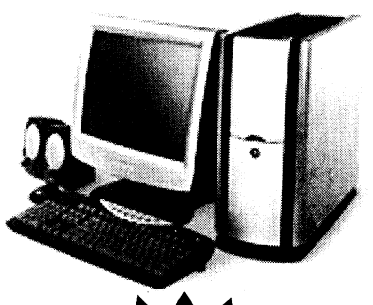
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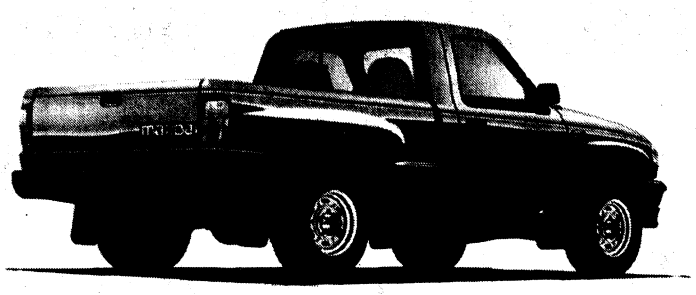
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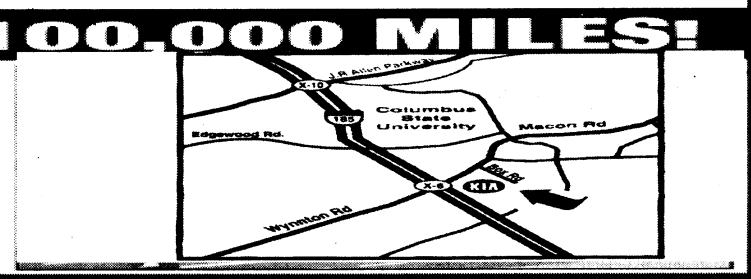
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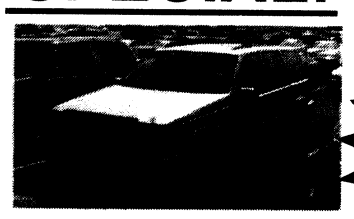
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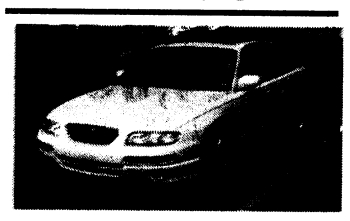
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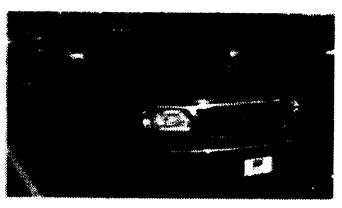


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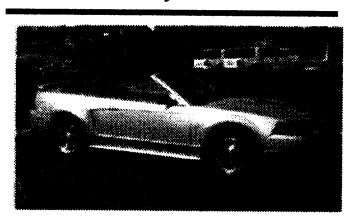
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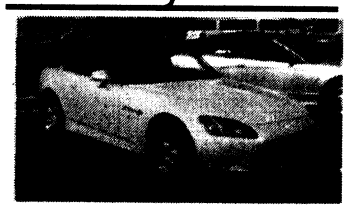
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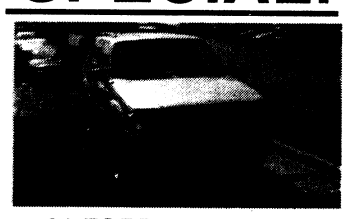


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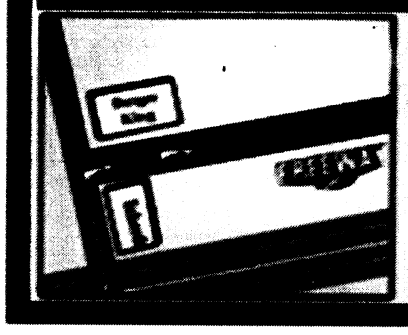
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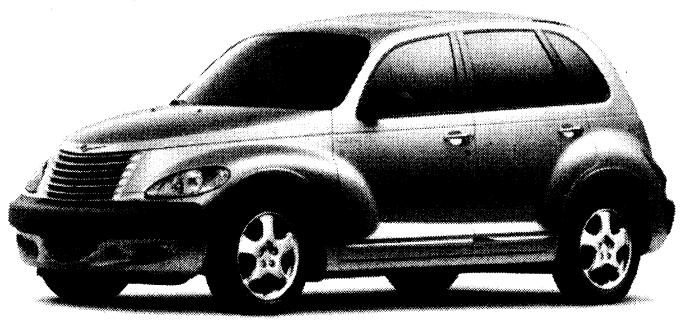
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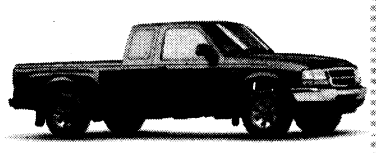


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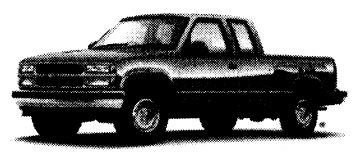
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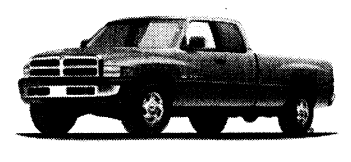
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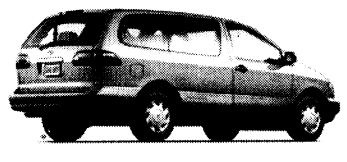


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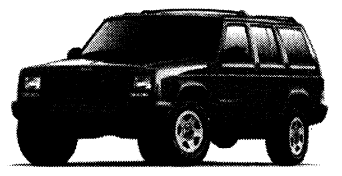
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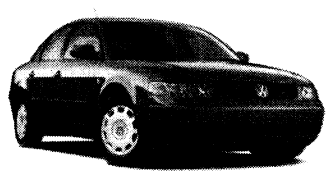


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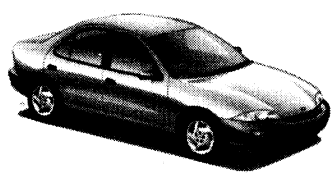
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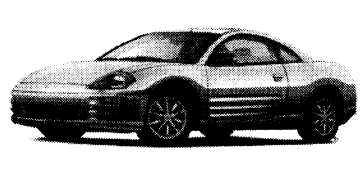
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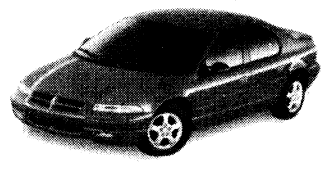
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This unique and exclusive finance plan eliminates the need for the consumer to produce a large down payment. All that's required is $49 to cover the administrative costs involved in setting up financing in your name. The payments that are to be taken over are clearly posted on every vehicle windshield. Prices are also clearly posted so shoppers can see the overall savings on each vehicle.

"Some of the payments on these vehicles are just $99 a month."

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Used car buyers from Rivertown Ford searched across Georgia and surrounding states, buying up hundreds of lease terminations, bank repossessions, trade-ins, failed fleet sales and more in preparation for this one-of-a-kind event. They've now been transported to the premises of Rivertown Ford located at 1680 Whittlesey Road. Since these are vehicles other people have already made payments on, customers will save thousands once financing responsibilities are assigned to them. Some payments on these vehicles are just $99 a month.



Consumers that thought they needed thousands in cash for a down payment in order to get low monthly payments are being pleasantly surprised this weekend at Rivertown Ford. All that's needed is a $49 acquisition fee to drive home a new or used vehicle today.

Selection is a big part of what makes this sale so exciting, according to Rivertown Ford's General Sales Manager, Brad Williams. "Chevys, Fords, Dodges, Toyotas & Hondas... cars, trucks & SUVs... all the hottest selling names are here. No matter what kind of vehicle you're looking for, you could drive it home for a $49 acquisition sale fee, then you simply take over payments!"

New vehicle shoppers can also take delivery with just a $49 acquisition sale fee. "Thanks to the financing we've arranged, through 8PM Saturday, Rivertown Ford can offer brand new cars, trucks and SUV for a $49 acquisition sale fee, then take over payments!"

Why would a car dealer arrange financing to make this $49 Acquisition sale possible? Williams explains, "Our allocation of 2003 models will depend in part on how many new and used vehicles we can deliver in the next two weeks. The more we sell, the more we'll get. We've decided to sacrifice profits in an effort to really push our sales volume to the maximum."

Williams speaks from experience when describing his expectations for this event. "By finding a lender that allows us to deliver new and used vehicles with just a $49 acquisition sale fee, we think we're really going to see a big increase in deliveries between now and 8 PM Saturday night. When we've done this sale in the past, it's always been one of our biggest. It's really a win-win situation for everybody... we'll sell a record number of vehicles, and our customers will get some great bargains."

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Because the special funds that make this offer possible are only valid through 8PM Saturday night, customers are encouraged to get here early for the best selection.
Sale absolutely ends Saturday at 8PM and the exclusive location is Rivertown Ford at 1680 Whittlesey Road, across from Hollywood Connection in Columbus. Call 706-653-7420 for more information.

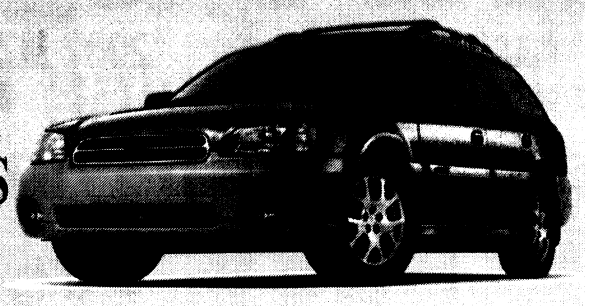
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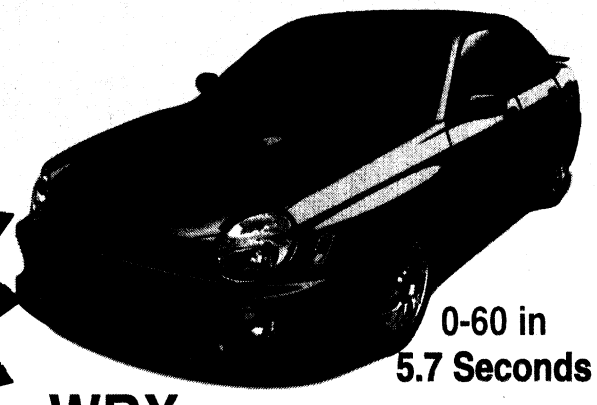


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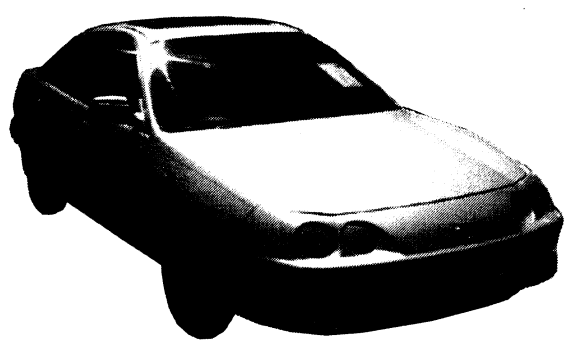


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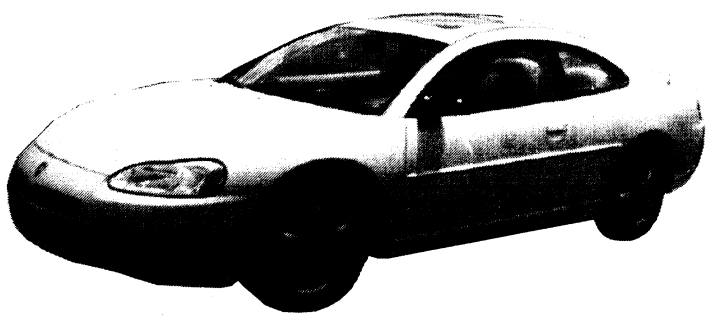
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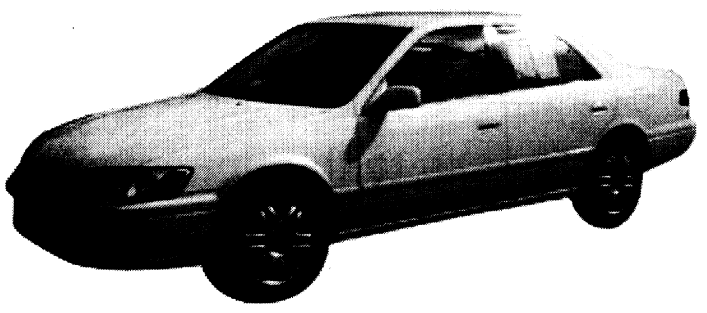
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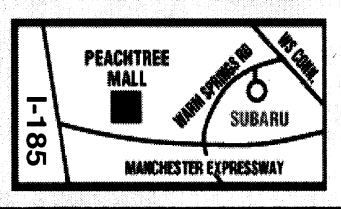


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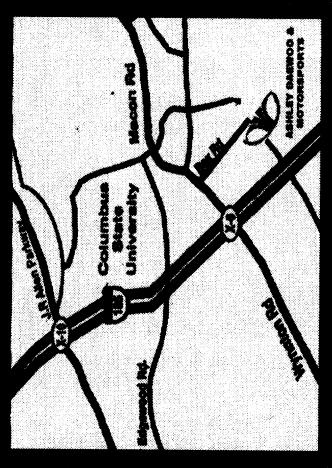
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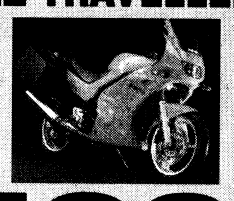
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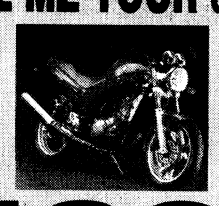
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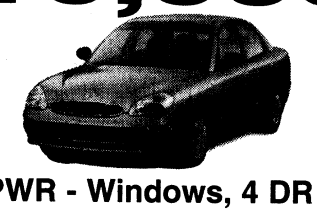
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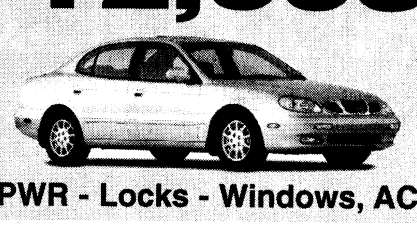
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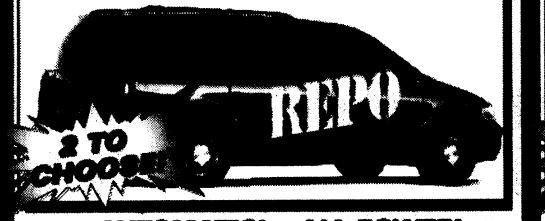


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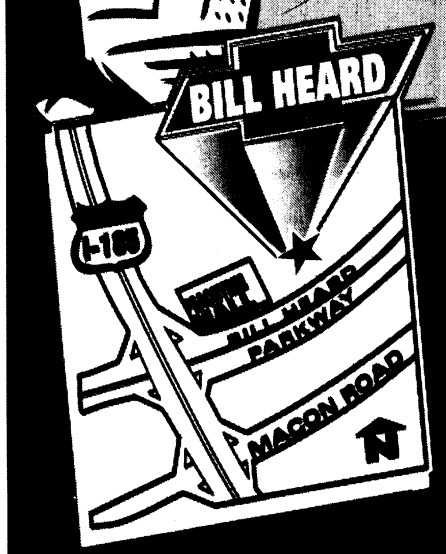
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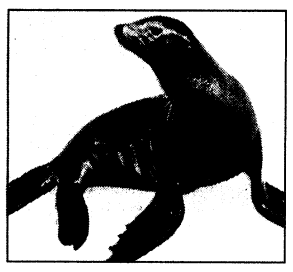
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Post officials call it an "attractive nuisance" — a milelong stretch of land along the Chattahoochee River that's become a popular hangout for Fort Benning youth.

Four children have died in the section of river that runs behind the Indianhead Terrace community — two in 1991 and two in 1987. A fence was erected shortly after the first drownings, and signs were posted to keep residents out.

They didn't work.

"Everybody does it. I do it," said a 14-year-old Fort Benning student who asked not to be identified. "No fence is going to keep them out if they want to go back there."

And they're "going back there" daily.

A ladder is propped against a large tree, whose branches stretch across the water — a natural diving board. A radio sits on a rock nearby, waiting silently for the after school crowd, who'll climb or cut the fence to get to their favorite spot.

The fence has been repaired countless times, according to post maintenance records. A work order is on file at this time for fence repair.

"If they're going back there without a lifeguard or

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Bridgett Siter

Michael Gatien shows just how easy it is to disregard signs and fences near the Chattahoochee River.

A hero's welcome



Bridgett Siter

Isabel and Ralph Engeldinger look forward to meeting the House of Heroes team from Fort Benning that will work on their Oakland Park home. The Engeldingers have been burglarized three times — a deadbolt for their front door is the number one item on their "wish list."

Soldiers repair hero's home

Aging veterans, spouses, get aid for homes

Bridgett Siter
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Ralph and Isabel Engeldinger bought the little red brick house on Walker Street 30 years ago, before Ralph retired from the Army.

Oakland Park was a neat, clean neighborhood then, popular with soldiers for its affordability and proximity to post.

"Ralph thought he'd be sent to Vietnam," Isabel said. "He wanted Larry and me to have a safe place to live if he got sent away. That was right before he had his heart attack ..."

Times have changed. The once tidy neighborhood, home to many military retirees, mostly veterans of the Vietnam and Korean War eras, has fallen into disrepair and local residents say they no longer feel safe outside after dark.

"It's not a real good area anymore. I'd like to have a deadbolt on my front door," said Isabel, who's making a "wish list" of sorts — minor repairs and upgrades she'd like to see done to her home.

The Engeldinger's home is one of several Oakland Park residents to receive a little TLC from House of Heroes in September. The local nonprofit organization, which honors military retirees and their spouses by repairing their homes, will tackle 50 homes this year. Fort Benning teams will sponsor 10 of those, including the Engeldinger's.

"At first I thought it was a hoax. Then I cried," said Isabel, who received word last week. "I tell you, Ralph is 79. He's slowed down a lot. We both have. I hate to admit it, we

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Drop in teen smokers

Numbers show progress for children

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The majority of daily smokers — 82 percent — began smoking before 18 years of age, and more than 3,000 young people begin smoking each day, according to the Center for Disease Control Web site, www.cdc.gov.

A new study from the state of Oregon shows that students in schools that implement the CDC's school tobacco use prevention guidelines were about 20 percent less likely to smoke.

"This study shows that comprehensive school programs really do work to prevent teen smoking and can be an effective part of a state's effort to prevent and reduce tobacco use," said CDC Director Dr. Jeffrey Koplan.

Post schools have a comprehensive science, health and physical education curriculum, said Gail Wilson, director of accountability, Fort Benning Schools. These programs are integrated and students are taught how to make healthful choices for their lives.

Martin Army Community Hospital also teaches "Tar Wars," a program about the dangers of tobacco and nicotine, to all fifth-graders on post.

"While we have made some undeniable progress in reducing the teen smoking rates, now is not the time to rest upon our laurels" said Rosemarie Henson,

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Lightning strikes ITB soldiers

Cadre injured, returned to duty after close call

Melissa House
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Six cadre members from 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry, had a shocking experience July 21 — literally. B Company was in the field conducting the end of cycle field training exercise when lightning struck.

Capt. LeShawn Langford, company commander, and five drill sergeants were injured when the lightning struck their tent. Ironically, the company leadership was conducting a risk assessment regarding the weather at the time.

"We had the privates in the lightning dispersion plan," Langford said. "We have them ground all of their equipment and anything metal like watches, then they squat on the ground with their hands over their ears."

That dispersion plan follows the guidelines published by the National Lightning Safety Institute. Unfortunately for the cadre members, their choice of meeting place did not make the institute's list of safe places to be during a thunderstorm.

> "It sounded like indirect fire. We heard a loud boom and then felt the voltage hit us."
>
> **Capt. LeShawn Langford**
> Company commander

The lightning struck the generator, traveled through the power cable and also entered through the metal center pole.

"The charge was dispersed through the ground and came up through our feet," Langford said. "It sounded like indirect fire. We heard a loud boom and then felt the voltage hit us."

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INTEGRITY

Golf course teaches lesson

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

COMMENTARY

Integrity is perhaps the hardest of Army values to explain because it applies to almost every thing we do.

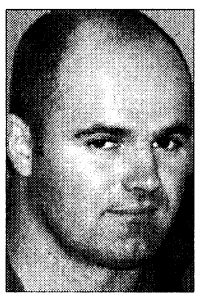
The Army says integrity is doing what's right both legally and morally, which is about as broad and accurate of a definition I can think of.

I believe the nature of integrity is not truly learned until the teen years when kids begin to face situations that challenge their morals, character and integrity.

With this in mind, I believe the sport of golf can help a person learn integrity, and it's a way of measuring integrity.

The game teaches patience and decision making, but most importantly, it allows a person to choose to make a virtuous decision.

How easy would it be to play 18 holes but pay for nine?



I know the thought of who will it hurt or who will notice have simple answers, but think about this.

It's called stealing. Yes, it's a piece of land with nice grass and 18 holes, but having integrity on this matter is a simple choice.

OK, perhaps that wasn't the greatest example of integrity, but try this.

An obstacle is between your shot in the rough and the hole. There are three choices. The choice is to play the shot safe, which is to hit the ball to an area allowing for the next shot to be better, play a risky shot, which could be hitting the ball into a worse position than your original lie, or toss the ball in the fairway, without counting a stroke.

Simply put, the third decision won't hurt anyone, but it puts into perspective how you may act when nobody is looking.

Nobody is looking, 15 mph over the speed limit won't hurt anyone.

Nobody is looking, I'll sham on the last set of pushups.

The cashier didn't notice giving me a $20 bill rather than a $10 bill. His mistake.

All these decisions lack integrity.

Doing what is right may not have any advantages, but the reward is being correct.

Ralph Waldo Emerson said it best when he wrote, "The only reward of virtue is virtue; the only way to have a friend is to be one."

The game of golf is flawless, so when you cheat, you don't beat the game. You only cheat yourself and raise doubt in others.

If you want to measure the integrity and trustworthiness of a person, my advice is to play a round of golf with him.

It can be an invaluable piece of information before you place any trust him.

Would it kill you to say thanks

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

For nearly a year now, Fort Benning's law enforcement personnel have been visibly outstanding ... and out, standing ... 24/7 ... in the rain, in the sun, in the dark ... You don't need to get the picture. You've seen them.

And regardless of the weather, the temperature, the humidity, bugs, exhaust fumes and hours, they never fail to smile and greet the drivers who pass through the access points on their way on post. Of course I can't speak for all drivers, just myself, but I have to believe that everyone driving on post is subjected to the same brand of pleasant greeting and efficient screening that I go through every morning.

The first impression visitors get of Fort Benning is often based on their impression of the men and women staffing the access points. They aren't out there by choice, yet they manage to make goodwill ambassadors look like rank amateurs. They must get a block of instruction on good first impressions at MP school.



Even people who aren't necessarily welcome guests on post consistently comment that our law enforcement staffers are always polite and efficient, the consummate professionals.

It's not law enforcement's fault if there's a line in front of you at the access point, but law enforcement personnel are certainly responsible for getting you on your way as quickly as possible. When was the last time you managed to get a cheery "Good morning" out before they did, or thanked them for doing a great job?

We all know the stereotype about "cops" and doughnuts. Well, Fort Benning can't hire a "doughnut dolly" to cart snacks and hot coffee around to all of the access points; we just spent a lot of money on shelters to keep our law enforcement folks out of the direct sun and rain. It was money well spent, don't you think? If that was me out there, I'd appreciate the shade and shelter 24/7 a lot more than a couple of doughnuts.

On second thought, maybe we could work with the garrison on this one and supply both shelter and some moral support. The post has put up the shelters. That leaves the doughnuts up to you. The next time you swing through the drive through at the D-Dunk, how about picking up an extra sackful to slip to that MP that clears you through your favorite access point?

And if you can't remember to do that, at least remember to say "Thank you" for the great job that they are doing.

For all they do, it's the least you can do.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

What's happened to military discipline?

When I was a military wife living in military quarters, we were required to keep the outside of our quarters 'spic and span." The grass had to be mowed and we had to be able to show a work order number for any maintenance required that we were unable to perform ourselves. We also had to have proper window coverings on the inside of the windows.

I am just so disappointed and disgusted to drive along Custer Road from Sand Hill to Main Post and look at the quarters in McGraw Manor. I've seen others on main post as well that are just as bad.

What is happening and why are these soldiers allowed to let the quarters areas look like slum cities when a little bit of effort and elbow grease could make a huge difference? We would have been reprimanded or even kicked out if we persisted in letting our quarters look like some of them do now.

D. Kearns
DIS

Soldiers make birthday special for 7 year old

My wife and I traveled from Indiana to Fort Benning for our granddaughter's 7th birthday, July 4.

We decided to attend your picnic on York Field July 3, and I told Anna we were celebrating July 4th and her birthday.

After we'd been there a little while, Anna said, 'Grandpa, if this is my birthday celebration, why hasn't anybody said 'happy birthday,' to me?'

I spotted two drill sergeants, one wearing a ranger patch. My son, Anna's dad, is a ranger serving in Afghanistan, so I introduced myself and explained my problem. T

hey immediately came over and wished Anna a happy birthday, and I was very grateful. Problem solved.

But it didn't end there.

A few minutes later, a handful of recruits — sent by these drill sergeants, I'm sure — came over and wished Anna a happy birthday.

Within minutes another group came over, this time larger. And so on and so on and so on.

One group after another stopped by that evening. Then a great big bunch stopped to sing *Happy Birthday* to her. They even gave her their tokens for games and rides.

It was incredible. I'm sure Anna will never forget her 7th birthday. I know I won't.

And it's all thanks to two drill sergeants whose names I do not know.

Thank you.

God Bless the U.S. Army,
Robert Dill,
U.S. Coast Guard (retired)



Courtesy photo

Anna poses for a photo with Basic Combat Training Brigade soldiers during her birthday and Independence Day festivities on York Field.

VARIOUS VOICES

Would an increase in the cost of a pack of cigarettes stop you from smoking?

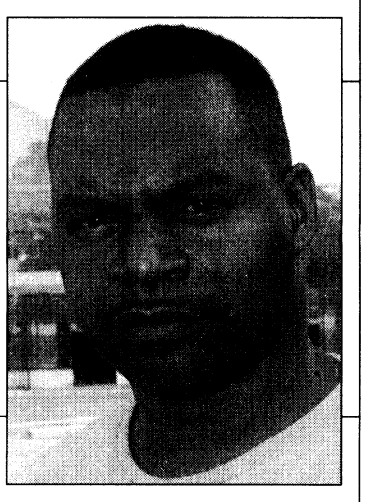
Pvt. Adrian Durazo, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment — "When I was smoking, the price of cigarettes did go up a few times, but it probably wouldn't have stopped me from smoking."



Glenda Nichols, MWR Employee — "It hasn't stopped me yet. When I first started smoking, cigarettes cost 50 cents, and now they're around $3. It's something I do by choice."



Myrl Shiver, family member — "No, I love cigarettes too much. I'm addicted to them"



Sgt. 1st Class David Simmons, NCO Academy — "That is why I'm quitting. With the health risks and increased costs of cigarettes, it is not worth it for me to smoke anymore."



Pvt. Barry Gravely, 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Inf. Regt. — "No, smoking is a choice, and I choose to smoke. I'll pay the extra money to keep smoking."



Leah Clark, family member — "No, I don't think an increase in the price of cigarettes would affect my decision to keep smoking."

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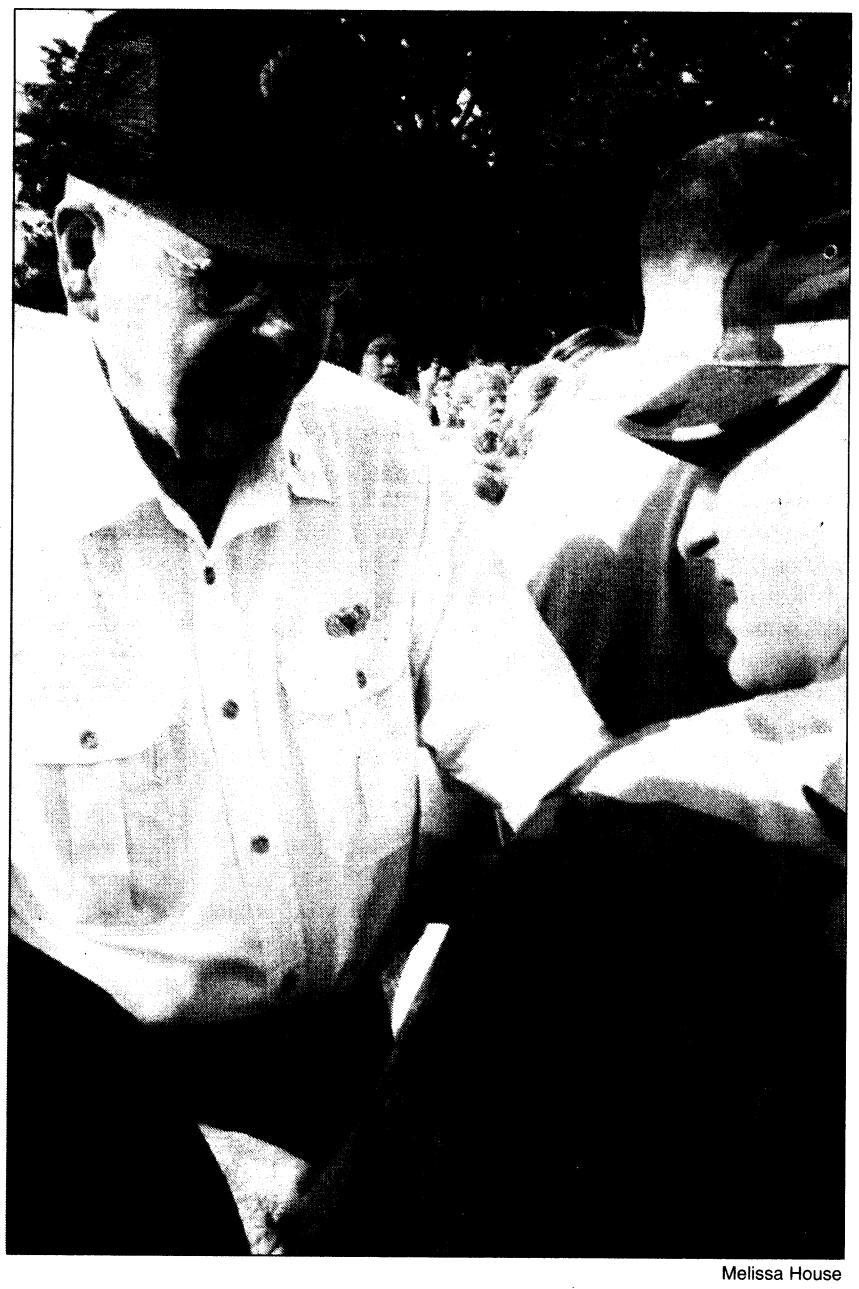
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STAND UP, HOOK UP

Post celebrates National Airborne Day



Louie Davis congratulates Pfc. Alan Archuleta on earning his wings Aug. 16, National Airborne Day. Davis, 81, was a member of the test platoon who joined the platoon on a dare from a friend.

Melissa House

Test platoon member recalls first jump 62 years ago

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

The Airborne Walk was full of spectators celebrating National Airborne Day and the graduation of C Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, Friday marked the 62nd anniversary of the first jump made by the Airborne Test Platoon. President George W. Bush signed the proclamation establishing Aug. 16 as National Airborne Day.

The test platoon, established in 1940 at Lawson Field, was made up of two officers and 48 enlisted soldiers. The soldiers were volunteers from the 29th Infantry Regiment, selected for their physical abilities. One of those volunteers, 81-year-old Louie Davis, was on hand for the ceremony.

Davis, originally from Lawrenceville, Ga., was the youngest of three brothers assigned to the 29th in 1940, and he was looking for something different.

"I wanted to be in the mechanized cavalry," he said, "but I missed that chance."

Acting on a dare by his friend, Johnnie Ellis, the two signed up to jump.

"There were times back then that I wished Ellis would back out, but he never did," Davis said. "Twenty-one dollars pay didn't go very far back then, so there was some extra money involved, too."

Davis remembers that first jump as clearly as if it happened yesterday.

"I was the last one out of the stinking plane," he said. "My stomach was clear up in my mouth. The jumpmaster told me to look around and then he hit me so hard I didn't realize what had happened."

What happened was Louie Davis became a part of airborne history.

After he left the plane and opened his eyes, Davis said the sun was shining.

"I could see the river and it was so peaceful up there I thought, 'What in the world was I afraid of?'"

Guest speaker, retired Brig. Gen. William Leszczynski, thanked Davis and the rest of the platoon for their role in getting the airborne legacy started. He praised their courage and their commitment to setting the standard of excellence for the future of the airborne.

"There is no greater tribute to you than to honor you on National Airborne Day," he said.

Leszczynski told the 400 C Company graduates that he was thankful there are men and women today who will "stand up and hook up."

Davis spent many years during his career training the next generation of American paratroopers. He retired in 1960 after serving several years in the Airborne School as the first sergeant of the tower branch. Although he never jumped in combat, he has more than 150 jumps to his credit, including some with the Office of Strategic Services in Africa during World War II and some free fall jumps.

Jumping with the OSS was quite different, Davis said. He was helping train British soldiers and had to use their equipment. The British jumped with only one parachute and had no reserve attached to the front of the harness.

"It is exciting to see airborne troops," he said. "I get that boiling-up feeling like I could do it again, almost."

Airborne graduate keeps wings in family

Graduate honors family tradition

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Watching a child graduate from Airborne school is an honor for any father or mother.

It's perhaps even more of an honor when parents know firsthand exactly what their child went through to receive those wings.

"I feel incredible today, because the airborne legacy is still in the blood," said Sgt. 1st Class Bruce Johnson, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment. "We all have the wings now. This is a great day for our family."

When Johnson was called to pin the airborne wings on his son, Pvt. Bruce Johnson Jr., Aug. 16, he couldn't help but shed tears as he stood at attention in front of his oldest child — the third generation in the Johnson family to receive airborne wings at Fort Benning.

"I've always looked up to my father," said Pvt. Johnson, "I knew this would make him proud, but I never knew until today how proud I would be of myself."

On the 62nd anniversary of the first paratrooper jump, Johnson knew he was a part of history in the making. After all, he was raised to respect the sacrifices, the courage, and the strength of the U.S. airborne graduate, he said.

"My grandfather was the first in our family to make the jump," Johnson said. "He's too ill to be here today but he is with us in spirit."

The legacy of the Johnson airborne family went on to include two sons and a sister who joined the Air Force.

"These schools build confidence in young boys," Johnson said. "They know they can accomplish anything."

Johnson admits, even with all the airborne experience, his family was still a bit nervous when their 19-year-old son made his first jump.

> "I knew this would make (my dad) proud, but I never knew until today how proud I would be of myself."
>
> **Pvt. Bruce Johnson**
> **Airborne graduate**

In fact, the elder Johnson made sure he was at the airfield the day his son made the first plunge into the open sky.

"It took a lot for him to follow in my footsteps," Johnson said. "At first Bruce Jr. wanted to venture out on his own and he wasn't sure if the Army was for him."

Johnson realized in his last year of high school that the Army could be the opportunity of a lifetime, and an opportunity to find himself, his father said.

"Chances are many of these men standing here today will jump over enemy territory," he said. "It makes all of them all the more heroes in my book."

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West Nile Virus headlines causing panic

Only 1 percent become seriously ill

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — As reports of deaths from the West Nile Virus make headlines, the Training and Doctrine Command surgeon wants soldiers, family members and civilian employees to know that those who become seriously ill from the virus represent less than one percent of all people bitten by virus-carrying mosquitoes.

"According to the Centers for Disease Control, in areas that have shown to be positive for the virus, in terms of birds and mosquitoes, there's less than a 1 percent chance that someone will become seriously ill from any one mosquito bite," said Dr. (Col.) Bernard DeKoning.

Still, as the 12 deaths reported from the West Nile Virus this year indicate, there can be serious complications.

"They tend to occur in people who are older, say in their 50s, and those with disorders of the immune system where you tend to see complications, such as encephalitis, which is an inflammation of the brain and then all the complications that go with that."

Of the people who died from West Nile Virus so far this year, most of them were in their 60s and 70s, he said.

If symptoms do occur they will appear in three to 15 days after a bite from a West Nile Virus-carrying mosquito. Young, healthy people who are infected usually experience "self-limited symptoms."

"That's a little fever, headache, some body aches," DeKoning said. "They'll feel like they have the flu. A virus causes flu; West Nile is a virus.

"The treatment is rest and fluids until you get over it, which can be anywhere from several days to a week, maybe 10 days."

The virus was first reported in the United States in summer 1999. From then through 2001, 149 cases were reported with 18 deaths. As of Wednesday, there are 253 reported cases, including 12 deaths.

The dramatic reporting of deaths from the West Nile Virus and the unsolved mystery of how the virus arrived in the Western Hemisphere may have some people on edge.

West Nile Virus is normally found in Africa, western Asia, the Mediterranean region of Europe and the Middle East. DeKoning said how the virus first came to the Western Hemisphere has not been established.

Mosquitoes get the virus from dead birds as they scavenge for blood. If a human is then bitten, that person receives the virus. However, a young and healthy person's chances of becoming seriously ill from any one mosquito bite are extremely small.

"We don't want to raise the panic level," DeKoning said. "That's always a balance for public health authorities. You want to inform the public and don't want to create a panic.

This year there have been no infected humans, horses or birds on Department of Defense installations. However, there are large populations of virus-carrying birds and mosquitoes around Forts Myer, Va.; McNair, Washington, D.C.; McPherson, Ga.; Andrews AFB, Md.; and the Pentagon.

"There have been no reports from TRADOC installations of infected birds or mosquitoes," said Col. Steve Guthrie, assistant deputy chief of staff for operations at TRADOC. "We've encouraged commanders to have an active command information program to tell people on their installations the actions they can take to reduce the mosquito population in their area, if required, and how to protect themselves if they are exposed to infected mosquitoes.

"We have asked commanders if they find they have infected birds and mosquitoes around their installations to report it to us. The headquarters can assist them in determining the next steps to take to help, as well as assisting any impacts on the rest of TRADOC or the Army."

Guthrie said abatement procedures against mosquitoes that might be infected with the West Nile Virus are the same as those taken to control mosquito populations anywhere.

They include spraying standing water to kill mosquito larva. Aerial and ground-level spraying can be used to kill adult mosquitoes. However, local authorities need to determine if such abatement procedures are required.

People should get rid of standing water in areas around work places and their homes to get rid of possible mosquito breeding sites.

Stronger measures include issuing soldiers tubes of DEET, and insect repellent, and permeating BDUs with permethrin, another repellent.

"We want commanders to develop any abatement and personnel protection programs, based on both their local situation and a risk analysis before expending a great deal of resources," Guthrie said.

"We would like to review their programs that might require significant resources before execution."

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Although the West Nile Virus poses the most risk to the elderly and people with compromised immune systems, most people want to avoid the virus. Killing the virus-carrying mosquitoes helps control the illness.

- Get rid of possible mosquito breeding sites such as standing water.
- Empty children's wading pools immediately after use.
- Destroy or dispose of tin cans, plastic containers, old tires or any other object that can hold water.
- Empty and refill birdbaths weekly.
- Weed. Mosquitoes rest on weeds and other vegetation.
- Use a mosquito repellent with DEET.

TRADOC, FORSCOM ask AAFES to remove ephedra products

Soldier's death at Fort Hood prompts request

TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — Training and Doctrine Command has joined with Forces Command in asking the Army Air Force Exchange Service to remove products containing ephedra, a compound normally found in diet products.

What prompted the requests was the death of a soldier at Fort Hood, Texas, who collapsed and died during a run in late April, according to FORSCOM officials.

"This soldier was likely taking a nutritional supplement containing a combination of the herbs Ma Huang and Guarana," said Dr. (Col.) Bernard DeKoning, TRADOC Surgeon. "Of concern are the supplements containing Ma Huang or ephedra, which is a naturally occurring form of the drug ephedrine. That is why this request for removing ephedra-containing products from AAFES shelves for six months until the findings from the Department of Health and Human Services are released."

> "One side effect of ephedra is that it increases the heart rate and puts more strain on the heart."
>
> **Dr. (Col.) Bernard DeKoning**
> TRADOC Surgeon

According to a National Football League press release, which FORSCOM obtained, the NFL banned ephedra use among the players beginning July 1. They have added it to the list of substances they test athletes for.

A naturally occurring form of the drug ephedrine, ephedra is called a "fat burner." By burning fat and working out, soldiers feel they can raise their muscle mass, DeKoning said.

"One side effect of ephedra is that it increases the heart rate and puts more strain on the heart," he said.

"The sale of ephedra-containing products by facilities on TRADOC installations is seen by our soldiers as an affirmation that their use is safe and acceptable."

"Soldiers participate in physically strenuous activity, often times in harsh environmental conditions such as high heat and humidity.

"If a cardiac stimulant such as ephedra is in the bloodstream, the heart and the rest of the body may not withstand the strain."

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

The U.S. Army Infantry Center Equal Opportunity Office will present a Women's Equality Day Luncheon Monday at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

The theme will be "Living the Legacy of Women's Rights Today" and the guest speaker will be Col. Gale Pollock, Martin Army Community Hospital commander.

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1st Bn., 11th Inf. changes command Tuesday

Former SGI returns as commander

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

In a change of command ceremony Tuesday, a soldier formerly assigned to the 11th Infantry Regiment returned to Fort Benning to take command of the regiment's 1st Battalion.

Lt. Col. Alan Neyland succeeded Lt. Col Daniel Dillon to assume command of the 'Do the Right Thing' battalion.

"It's great to be back at Fort Benning, the Home of the Infantry," Neyland said.

Neyland began his career at Fort Benning in 1985 as a small group instructor within the regiment.

"I'm blessed to be able to come back and serve in one of the battalions," Neyland said.

The battalion supports 27 directorates for the U.S. Army Infantry Center, the Fort Benning Replacement Company, the 283rd Army Band, the Infantry Captains Career Course and the International Student Training Detachment, which oversees more than 600 foreign students.

In an emotional address, Dillon expressed his gratitude for the valued efforts the cadre made to make battalion business run smoothly, and he thanked civilian sponsors for their aid with foreign students.

Working with the battalion's first-class soldiers and staff is what he will miss most, Dillon said.

"It's the people in this organization that made the position great," Dillon said.

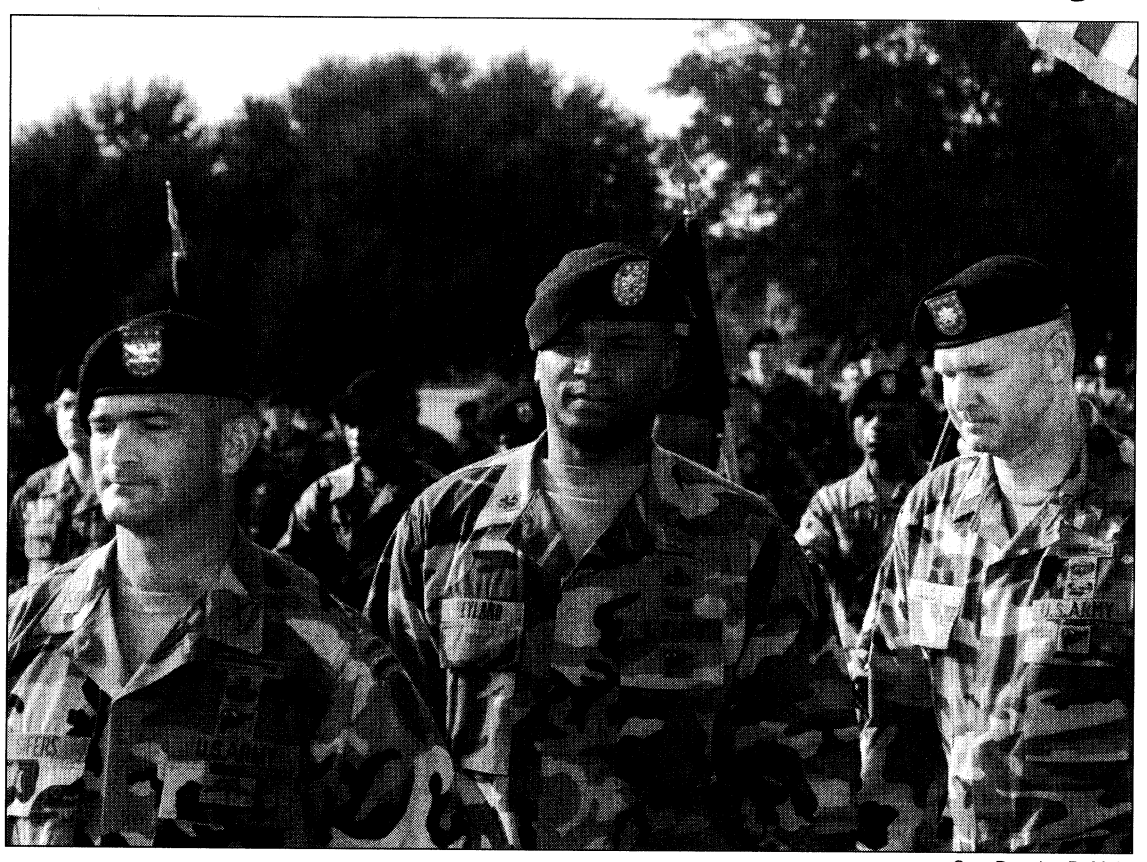
As for Neyland, he said he was excited about the opportunity to work within such a great organization.

"I'm glad to be a part of it," he said.

Neyland earned a bachelor's of science degree in administrative education from the University of Kentucky, where he was commissioned.

Before returning to Fort Benning as a battalion commander, Neyland served as the chief of Live Fire Division at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La., and as an operations officer for both 4th Ranger Training Battalion and Ranger Training Brigade.

He has earned a Ranger Tab, Air Assault Badge, Pathfinder Badge and Expert Infantryman's Badge. His awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the National Defense Service Medal and the NATO Medal.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

11th Infantry Regiment Commander Col. Steve Sifers, left, Lt. Col. Alan Neyland, incoming commander, and Lt. Col. Daniel Dillon, outgoing commander, return to the staging area after passing the guidon.

Info for military jobs available online

Web site describes certification process for civilian jobs

Sgt. 1st Class Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Separating military members can now get help earning professional certification or licenses related to their military jobs for the civilian world before they leave the service.

Where to go? Online.

"There are a lot of people who get out of the military only to find out that they are not prepared, even though they've probably gotten all the training and all the experience that they need to have those credentials," said Sandra Winborne, certification program manager for the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support, or DANTES.

Many military specialties require certification or licensing to perform that job in the civilian world. Some of the more common are information technology and telecommunications jobs, most specialties in the medical and aviation fields, and most types of engineers and mechanics.

Winborne spoke to attendees at the recent DoD Worldwide Transition Assistance Program training conference in New Orleans. She described some information separating service members can find on the DANTES Web site www.voled.doded.mil/dantes/cert/index.htm.

The site describes certifications or licenses required to take a job in a wide variety of civilian career fields. Service members can search based on their occupational specialty or service code. The site describes how well members' training and experience in military jobs prepare them for the tests and what added work members might need to do.

The DANTES site also contains links to information from the Department of Labor and the Bureau of Labor Statistics on what civilian jobs correspond to military specialties.

Winborne also cited an Army site as an excellent information sources for departing members of all the services.

The Army runs Credentialing Opportunities Online at www.army education.army.mil/cool. This is the official site of the GI to Jobs program.

"GI to Jobs" is an Army initiative with the sole purpose of helping military personnel understand the entire process of earning professional certification or licensing before they leave the military, Winborne said.

She said that DANTES maintains memoranda of understanding with more than 50 organizations that provide professional licensing and certification. Many such tests can be taken at the 580 DANTES testing centers on military bases worldwide.

In many cases, financial assistance is available. DoD has signed agreements with some licensing or certification boards to cover the cost of tests given to military people. Many other tests are covered under the Department of Veterans Affairs' Montgomery GI Bill.

Wilborne advised that the Army Reserve and National Guard and the Air Force Reserve will now reimburse members of those services for some tests associated with licensing and certification. Individuals can contact their nearest DANTES testing representative or military education center for more information. Reimbursement procedures are also discussed on the DANTES Web site.

For more information visit www.armyeducation.army.mil/cool, or on using the GI Bill to cover these costs, go to www.gibill.va.gov/education/LCweb.htm.

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Separating service members can visit Web sites to help them translate military jobs to the civilian market.

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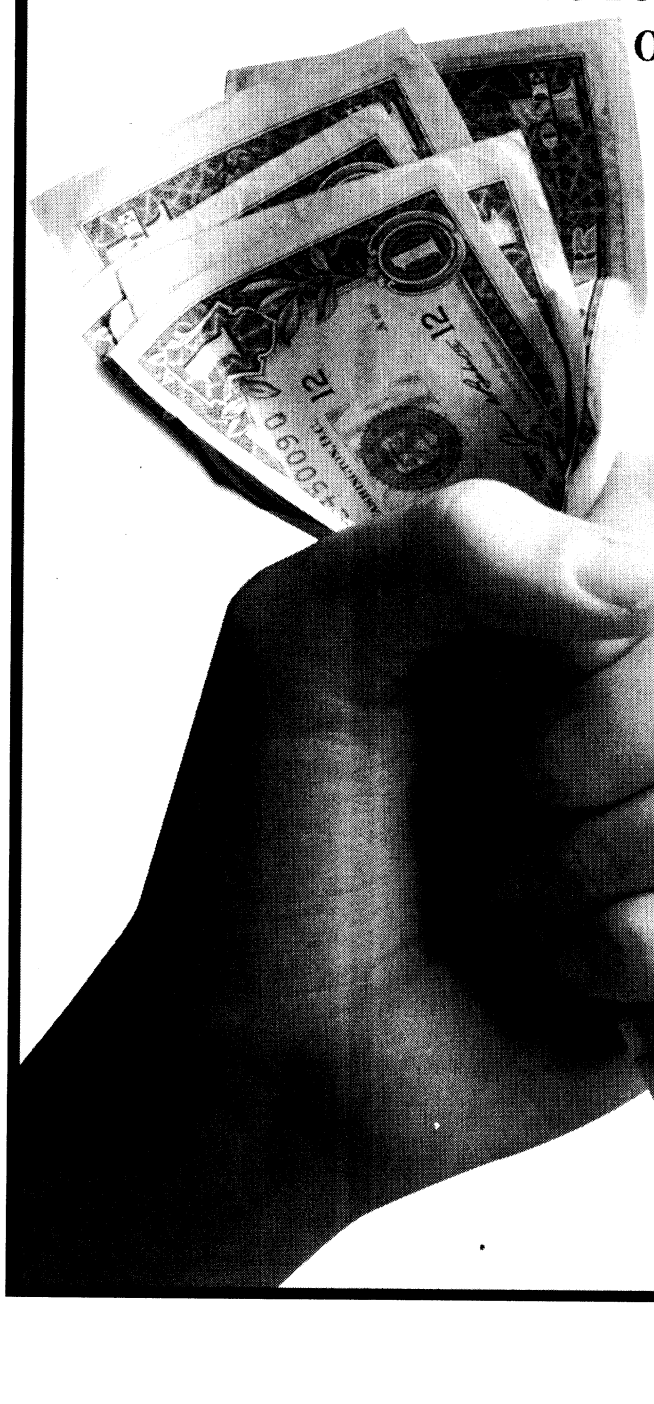
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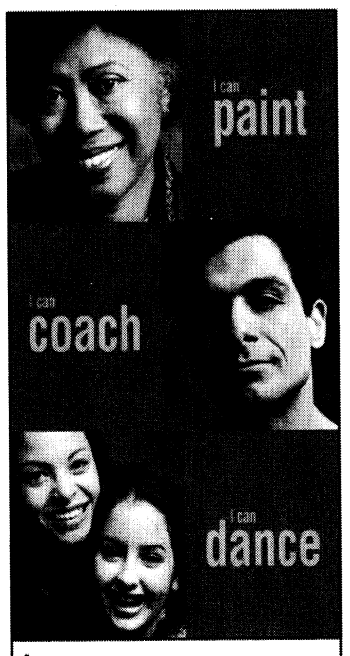
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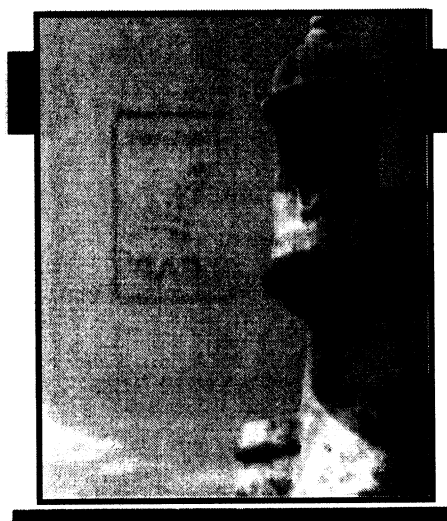
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Water: Safety must be used in Chattahoochee

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life vests, they're just waiting for another drowning," said Regis Beighley, Fort Benning's safety manager.

Beighley said the steep, wooded area is unpredictable and dangerous. A 14-year-old drowned after he lost his footing and fell victim to the river's rapid current.

And the Chattahoochee, which has claimed 25 soldiers in the past 45 years, is fed from a dam in Columbus.

A siren sounds when the dam is released, Beighley said, but post residents can't hear it.

"Downstream you won't notice a very sudden surge of water. It sneaks up on you," he said. "It catches swimmers off guard, and the current becomes deadly before they know it."

The current isn't the only hazard, Beighley said.

"There have been 15 alligators spotted in the area," he said. "And, of course, the Chattahoochee runs from Atlanta, and we get waste water mixed with rain water."

"A lot of potential contamination.

"I wouldn't swim there.

"No matter who you are or how old you are or how skilled you are, you're at risk in the Chattahoochee," he said.

Garrison officials agree, and they're warning parents to keep their children away from the river.

"It's extremely dangerous," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager. "We can't control the flow of the river, and we can't police everyone's children.

"It comes down to parental responsibility and parental supervision.

"If we find them there, we'll certainly hold the parents responsible."

Teen: Smoking rates showing promising numbers

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director of the CDC's smoking and health program. "Since cigarette prices may not continue to increase, a greater emphasis will need to be put on the school-based efforts and media campaigns that have proven effective as part of comprehensive tobacco control programs so that we can help the next generation of children to remain smoke-free."

The dramatic increase in cigarette smoking rates among high school students during the early to mid-1990s is now being reversed, according to a CDC May 2002 press release.

Factors that might have contributed to the decline in cigarette use include a 70 percent increase in the retail price of cigarettes between December 1997 and May 2001, increases in school-based efforts to prevent tobacco use, and increases in youth exposure to both state and national mass media smoking prevention campaigns.

The CDC guidelines recommend that all schools:

• Develop and enforce a school policy on tobacco use,

• Provide instruction about the short- and long-term negative physiologic and social consequences of tobacco use, social influences on tobacco use, peer norms regarding tobacco use, and refusal skills.

Successful programs to prevent tobacco use address multiple psychosocial factors related to tobacco use among children and adolescents, and they:

1. help students understand that tobacco use can result in decreased stamina, stained teeth, foul-smelling breath and clothes, exacerbation of asthma, and ostracism by nonsmoking peers.

2. use a variety of educational techniques to decrease the social acceptability of tobacco use, highlight existing antitobacco norms, and help students understand that most adolescents do not smoke.

3. help students develop skills in recognizing and refuting tobacco-promotion messages from the media, adults and peers.

4. help students develop refusal skills through direct instruction, modeling, rehearsal and reinforcement, and should coach them to help others develop these skills.

For those children who don't follow the program and are caught smoking, the MPs will refer them to their parents.

Soldiers: Help local vets repair homes as thank yous

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can't do what we used to. Things just pile up and get behind."

Things like trimming the bushes, washing windows and painting. The shed needs a good cleaning, Isabel said, and she'd like to have safety bars installed in the bathtub.

"Just little things that we can't handle anymore," said Isabel, whose son, Larry, lives in Texas.

Though heavy lifting and hard labor are beyond the Engeldingers' capability now, they remain very active in their community.

Isabel's been volunteering at Fort Benning's Retirement Services for 13 years. Ralph, a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, volunteers at the Government Center in Columbus. They've both been active in the Catholic Chapel for many years.

It's that kind of selfless service that made House of Heroes officials take a second look at the Engeldinger's application.

"They're great Americans, very giving," said Master Sgt. Earl Smith, assistant operations sergeant for the 36th Engineer Group and captain of the team assigned to work on the Engeldinger's home.

"They're perfect examples of the kinds of heroes we owe a debt of gratitude to — a debt we can never fully repay," Smith said. "But if we can do something, just a little something to help them out, hey, that's great."

Smith is one of 10 team captains recruiting volunteers for the event, which is scheduled for Sept. 16. Each team will consist of 10-15 members — men, women and teens — who will spend a day repairing, cleaning and doing lawn work, said Chuck Walls, Fort Benning's garrison manager.

"It's the kind of chores you and I maintain on a regular basis, like painting, yard work, minor repairs," Walls said. "It takes just a little bit of know-how and good ol' elbow grease to make a big difference for these folks who have spent their whole lives serving their country."

House of Heroes started three years ago with the repair of one veteran's home. Last year 10 were repaired. This year's goal of 50 is a response to the president's challenge of volunteerism following the terrorist attacks last year.

The schedule of events, which includes a dinner honoring the heroes, will follow the Sept. 11 anniversary.

For more information, about House of Heroes, call Chuck Walls at 545-1500 or e-mail wallsc@benning.army.mil.

Lightning: Gives six soldiers 'safety reminder'

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Langford was paralyzed for a short time, but declined to go to the hospital, he said.

"I was more worried about the soldiers," he said.

Sgt. 1st Class Brian Knutson, Staff Sgt. Craig Pijut, Sgt. 1st Class Mark Imler, Staff Sgt. Daniel Sheets and Staff Sgt. Joseph Mejie were also injured. Knutson was kept at the hospital several days for observation.

In April, the Infantry Center issued a lightning safety alert due the number of thunderstorms that occur in the area.

Before the July incident, there were three lightning incidents involving Fort Benning soldiers.

Two ranger students were injured in Dahlonega, Ga., in 2000, and an Infantry Training Brigade soldier was killed by lightning in 1998.

Fort Benning officials have taken steps to protect soldiers during training. There are approximately 20 new lightning protection structures being built on Fort Benning, said Regis Beighley, Infantry Branch Safety manager.

The completed structures at the Malone complex have overhead cover and wires that direct the lightning away from the bleacher area and into the ground for the safety of the soldiers.



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Compensation feasible for service

Separation pay may bridge gap

Directorate of Civilian Personnel

Employees who are involuntarily separated as a result of the reduction in force Jan. 25 may be entitled to severance pay.

Severance pay is often granted to federal employees who are involuntarily separated from federal service. The amount of the pay is usually based on years of creditable service, basic pay at time of separation and age, if older than 40.

"Severance pay will provide the opportunity to keep a flow of income while seeking another job," said Willie Varner, director of Civilian Personnel.

Employees can receive their severance pay in biweekly payments, or if the employee's request is granted from the DoD, they can take a lump sum, but the lump sum has some obstacles too.

If someone takes the lump sum and then returns to work before he would have stopped receiving biweekly payments. he must repay a portion of the lump sum. The amount to be repaid equals the amount of severance pay from the period from the start of the new job to the end of the severance pay calculation period. The lump sum authority will expire Sept. 30, 2003.

Severance pay is available provided the following conditions are met:

•The employee must have been employed in federal service for at least the last 12 calendar months. This requirement can be met whether the employee is permanent or temporary at the time of separation as long as he has been permanent during this period of service, and there has not been a break in service of more than three calendar days.

For example, an employee who was permanent and then accepted a temporary position (without a break in service of more than three days) is entitled to severance pay upon separation due to RIF.

•The employee must be serving on a full-time or part-time work schedule. Employees on intermittent work schedules are not eligible for severance pay.

•The employee may not be receiving or eligible to receive an annuity under any retirement law or system for federal employees or members of the uniformed services.

•The employee cannot have been given a reasonable offer of another position within the commuting area.

Generally, a reasonable offer is one of similar seniority, tenure, and pay, according to a DCP press release. This generally means there must be the same expectation of continued employment, the same work schedule (full-time or part-time), and the offered position must not be lower than the equivalent of two grades below the employee's current grade.

•The employee must not be receiving compensation under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act, unless this compensation is received concurrently with salary or on account of the death of another person.

A few of the important facts to remember about severance pay are:

•If the RIF is caused by a function being contracted out, employees are entitled to severance pay, even if they accept a job offer from the contractor.

•Normally, severance pay is paid through a series of payments aligned with the employee's biweekly pay periods prior to separation.

The length of time the employee receives the biweekly payments is based upon the amount of creditable federal service and age (if 40 years or older at the the time of involuntary separation). The amount of severance pay will be the same as the employee's basic pay immediately before the separation until severance pay is exhausted. The final payment will consist of only that portion remaining to be paid.

•The total severance pay received may not be more than a year's pay at the amount earned by the employee immediately before the involuntary separation.

•The only deductions made from severance pay are federal and state income tax withholdings and FICA tax, if appropriate.

•Any period covered by severance pay won't be regarded as a period of federal service or employment.

AROUND POST

Women's Equality Day

The U.S. Army Infantry Center Equal Opportunity Office will present a Women's Equality Day Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at the Officers' Club.

The theme will be "Living the Legacy of Women's Rights Today" and the guest speaker will be Col. Gale Pollock, Martin Army Community Hospital commander.

Cost is $7.50.

See your EO advisor for tickets or call the EO office at 545-6665.

Changes of command

Lt. Col. Greg Kane will take command of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, at 9 a.m. Tuesday on York Field. **Lt. Col. Michael Winstead** is the outgoing commander.

For more information, call 545-8516.

ID Card closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday to perform Student ID Card processing requirements.

Normal operational hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call 545-1411.

CATD speech — This month's CATD Lunchtime Speaker will be retired Lt. Col. Donald C. Bowman. He will speak at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 10 on the topic entitled "The Seventh Cavalry: Beyond the Little Big Horn." A 1957 graduate of West Point, Bowman was an air cavalry officer in Vietnam.

eArmyU briefing

The next eArmyU briefing is at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday in Classroom 31B, Infantry Hall.

For more information, call 545-1774.

Voter registration — Voters can register from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Sept. 2-6 in front of the arcade in the Main Exchange Mall.

For more information, call Nancy Guyer at 545-3341.

Naturalization workshop — There will be two sessions of the Naturalization Application Workshop. One session will be held at 9 a.m. and the other will be held at 1 p.m Sept 12. Both sessions will be at Infantry Hall in Classroom 30.

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For more information, call Sgt. Junea Oates at 545-4702.

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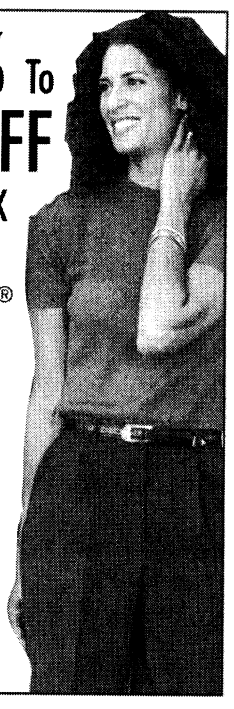
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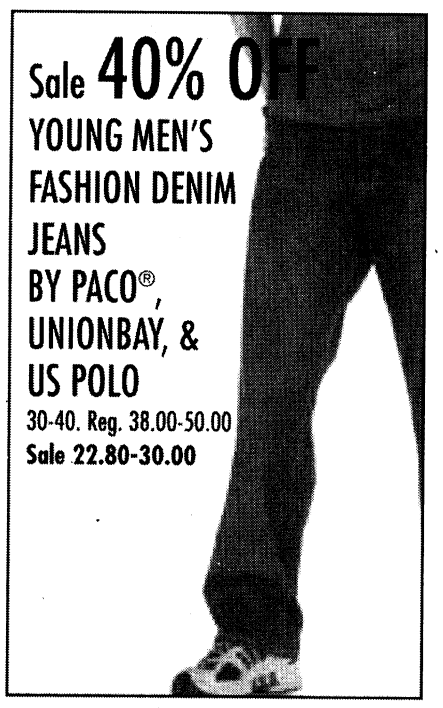
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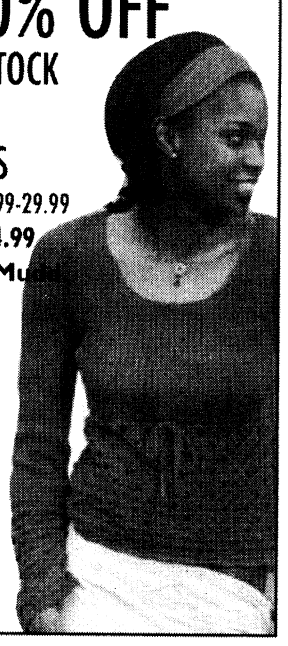
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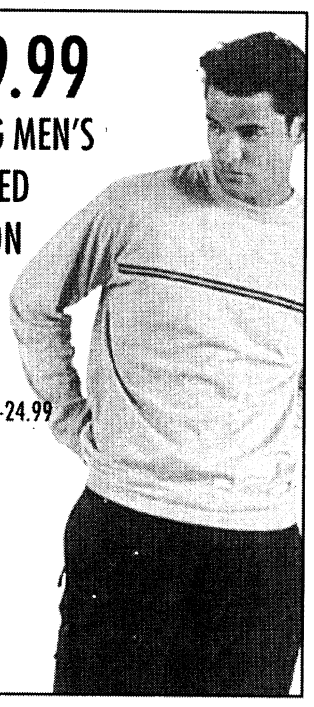
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Engineers ready ground for memorial

Wall replica to visit post in October

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
36th Engineer Group

Earthwork preparations by the 36th Engineer Group paved the way for the arrival of a traveling replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall Oct. 11-13.

The 63rd Engineer Company moved approximately 400 cubic yards of soil this week to establish a firm foundation for visitors to walk and the Wall to be displayed.

Preparations for the arrival of the wall began more than a year ago, when Angela Garnto, special events coordinator for Striffler-Hamby Mortuary Inc. sent a request up to bring the traveling replica wall to Fort Benning. The Columbus funeral home's parent company, Service Corp International, owns a scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall, which is displayed all over the country. The wall is 240 feet long and contains all 58,219 names of those who died or are still missing in action as a result of the Vietnam War.

"This shows that the past is not forgotten, we are helping to keep it alive and in people's minds," said Staff Sgt. Leon Williams, 63rd Engineer Co., noncommissioned officer in charge of the earthmoving project.

Williams also appreciated the training value for the soldiers involved in the project.

"It's great training for the soldiers to get out here and work in just this little small space," Williams said. "We have two new soldiers, and this is their first duty station, so this is great experience for them."

Williams and his earthmovers knew where they were working and how much soil they were moving because of the efforts of the 36th Engineer Group's survey team.

Led by Sgt. Reginald Tatum, the team of surveyors made the design plans fit the given terrain at Sacrifice Field.

"This was great experience for our soldiers," Tatum said. "We probably have at least 40 man hours into this project. We surveyed the ground, came up with the site plan, then went out and put stakes in the ground so 63rd would know where and how much to cut and fill.

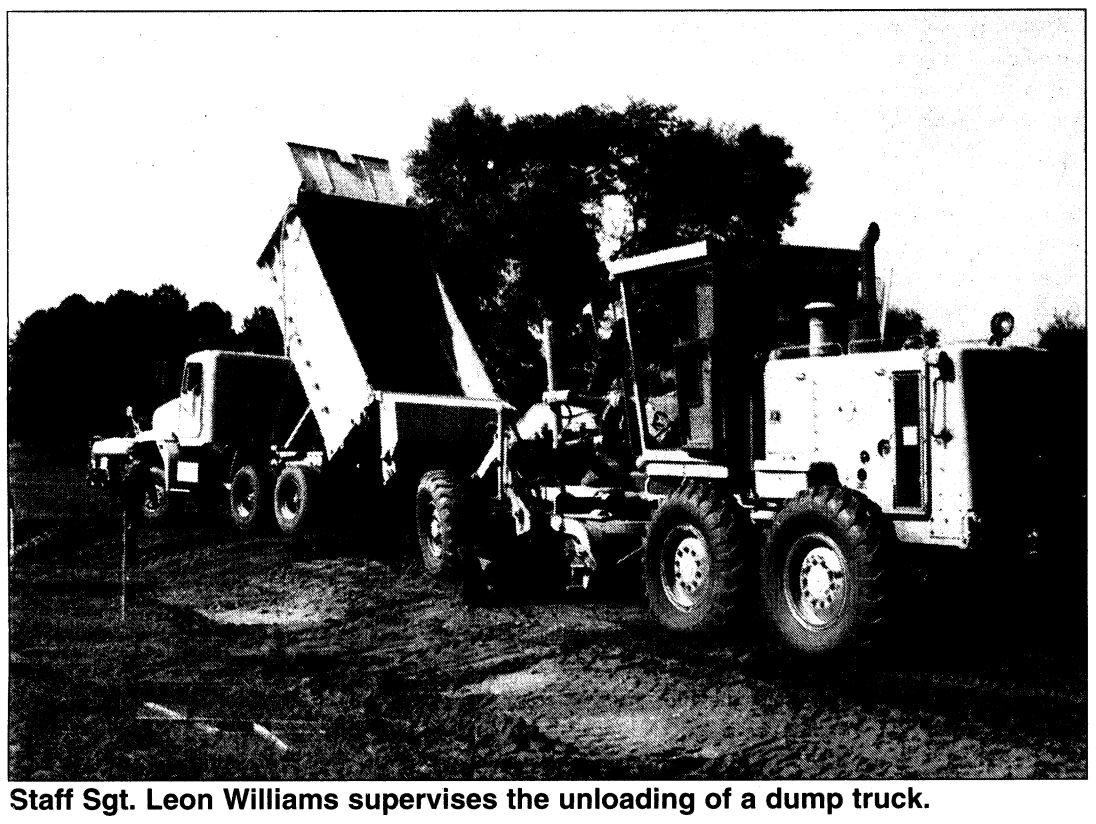
"Not only does this help MOS (military occupational specialty) proficiency, but we get to help the post and do something for the Fort Benning community," Tatum said.

The original Vietnam Memorial Wall, on display in the Constitution Gardens in Washington, D.C., was dedicated in 1982. Designed by then-Yale architectural student, Maya Lin, the Wall is one of the Capital's most visited memorials.

The replica wall will be on display on Sacrifice Field in front of the Infantry Museum, around-the-clock Oct. 11-13. The Infantry Museum will also be open 24 hours a day during this time.

Volunteers are still needed to assist with the wall's visit for committees such as programs and ceremonies, safety, construction and hospitality.

Any interested volunteers can attend an informational meeting 6 p.m. Monday at the Airport Holiday Inn Azalea Room A. Refreshments will be provided.



Staff Sgt. Leon Williams supervises the unloading of a dump truck.



Photos by 2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy

Pvt. Amanda Larson prepares to roll her sheepsfoot roller over freshly graded soil at Sacrifice Field. Three weeks out of Advanced Individual Training, Larson enjoyed the hands-on experience.

Soldiers train in basic moving tactics



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvt. Luis Garcia rushes to his next cover point.

Classes teach soldiers movements

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

"I'm up, he's see's me, I'm down."

These words, spoken by E Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, soldiers during Individual Tactical Training Aug. 16 let themselves know what their time frame is to move from one covered point to another.

The soldiers began their first series of six tactical training classes by learning SALUTE reports, five-point safety checks, the three- to five-second rush, high-crawl and low-crawl.

"During these classes, we teach how to survive on a daily basis out in a war zone," said Sgt. 1st Class Juan Aponte, company first sergeant. "We let them know this class will help save their life in combat."

All of these classes teach the soldiers groups of tasks, he said.

The SALUTE reports require a soldier, when he see's enemy activity, to give the size of the unit, in terms of numbers, activity of and location of the enemy, uniform they are wearing, time the enemy was seen and equipment the enemy is using.

"By having the soldiers record vital information, they can relay it back to headquarters, so something can be done about it," Aponte said.

The drill sergeants went over the five-point safety check many times with the soldiers.

"We want them to remember, when getting ready to move, there are five key things for them to do first," Aponte said.

The five steps of a five-point safety check are: place the weapon of safe, close the dust cover, look left, look right and look for next cover area. The three- to five-second rush is a portion where the soldiers have very little time to move in between points.

"Three to five seconds is short," said Pvt. Nick Woodruff. "You gotta move like the wind to get to your next spot of cover."

"The biggest key for most of these soldiers to do stuff they wouldn't normally do, but in a safe manner," Aponte said.

"In a three to five-second rush, the soldiers hit the butt stock of their weapon on the ground. They fall to the ground and roll to their non-firing side," he said. "It is vital when in a war zone, that a soldier does it in a safe manner, so he can continue on with the mission."

The soldiers also worked on the high crawl and low crawl.

"This kind of stuff is fun," Woodruff said. "If the enemy is firing at you, it is the safest way to move. I just remember to keep my rear out of the air and to keep a low silhouette, and I'll be fine."

To paraphrase Gen. George Patton, you don't win a war by dying for your country.

You win a war by making the other guy die for his country.

"A lot of these soldiers are scared because they know that they could hurt themselves or someone else if they don't do the procedure properly," Aponte said. "We get them to that point where they do it safely without even thinking about it."

"We're all infantry, and we're all going to have to do this when we get to our duty stations," Woodruff said. "So we might as well get used to it and have fun with it.

"It's intense training, but if you keep a good head and pay attention, then it is easy to execute."



Garcia readys himself to begin the three to five-second rush.

Armed forces fields new catamaran

Stryker finishes challenge

Fort Eustis Public Affairs Office

FORT EUSTIS, Va. — The Army's future force met what some believe is the future of Army transportation when elements of a Stryker Brigade Combat Team were transported up the west coast this week on a new high-speed vessel.

The HSV-X1 Joint Venture, a giant wave-piercing catamaran, transported soldiers, Stryker armored vehicles and equipment from California to Tacoma, Wash.

The Stryker task force had just finished its participation in Millennium Challenge 02 and the Army Transformation Experiment at Fort Irwin's National Training Center.

The Strykers were loaded onto the vessel at Port Hueneme, Calif., Aug. 11, and they arrived back at Fort Lewis, Wash., Aug. 13.

The Army leased the Joint Venture last year to assess the capabilities of this type of technology for future procurement, officials said.

The ability to transport units intact will greatly reduce the need for large-scale on-shore reception, staging and integration of soldiers, vehicles and equipment, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Mike Wichterman, operations officer, 7th Transportation Group. Reducing the logistics footprint is paramount as the Army transforms to a faster, stronger, more lethal force, he said.

"For each fighter in the force today, we have a combat service support soldier making sure he's got the beans, bullets, water and fuel needed to carry on the fight," Wichterman said. "The objective theater support vessel will give us a much broader package of dominant maneuver, allowing us to transport the combat unit sets as a complete package.

"We'll be able to insert them without the need for a large combat service support soldier package to assist on the shore executing reception, staging, and onward movement," he said.

The objective vessel will also have a state-of-the-art C4ISR suite (command, control, communications, computers, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance suite) on board, giving commanders the ability to obtain real-time information to plan the mission, he added.

"Commanders will be able to maintain situational awareness with their higher headquarters, receiving the same intelligence updates, changes to the operational plan and supporting information," he said. "They can make major changes to the plans while en route to their destination, and be more effective, more lethal in the process."

In October, the Army leased the Joint Venture, a commercial ferry modified for the military, to assess the capability of high-speed vessels to meet the need for faster, more maneuverable watercraft with shallow draft and large cargo capacity.

The 313-foot aluminum catamaran is capable of traveling at speeds greater than 40 knots, Witchterman said.

"It can carry 850 short tons and accommodate 363 personnel, including crew," he said. "It is approximately four times faster than vessels currently in the Army watercraft fleet.

Since April, the vessel has been used to move equipment and personnel in the Persian Gulf in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

"That was an excellent opportunity for the Army to test the capabilities of high-speed watercraft," said Chief Warrant Officer Billy Davis, the Army skipper of the vessel. "We put the vessel through its paces and were able to gather data in an actual operational environment."

Army combat developers will use the data gathered during the year-long lease period to define the requirements for Theater Support Vessels, the Army's objective high-speed vessels, said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Scott Aimi, Combat Developer assigned to the Combined Arms Support Command, Directorate for Combat Developments for Transportation, Fort Lee, Va.

"Our recommendations can be as simple as adding more personal storage space for the crew or changing the deck covering so it's less slippery," Aimi said.

The future Theater Support Vessels will transport units in hours instead of days, said the Army's chief of transportation, Maj. Gen. Robert T. Dail.

"Shallower draft and greater maneuverability will allow a commander to use austere or degraded ports and bypass predictable choke points, diminishing asymmetrical advantages held by an enemy," Dail said.

"The ability to choose the time and place to quickly initiate action and deliver a complete package of soldiers, equipment, fully fueled and with ammunition will allow a combatant commander to gain operational momentum and positional advantage over an adversary," he said.

789th Ordnance Co. last line of defense

'Bomb squad' supports Secret Service

Pfc. Brian Trapp

Bayonet staff

Many of the members of the 789th Ordnance Company (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) didn't start as ordnance experts.

On everyone's list of reasons for changing to EOD, it eventually gets down to having the chance to "blow stuff up," but there's more to the occupation, than that.

"I switched from maintenance. I couldn't sit behind a desk anymore. Working on computers and doing paperwork all the time didn't hold much interest for me," said Capt. Lawrence Cousins, commander 789th Explosive Ordnance Disposal Company.

"This is the most demanding and challenging part of the ordnance corps. I work and train with my soldiers and get to spend time in the field to use my training."

The company covers Fort Benning and acts as the emergency bomb squad support for 55 counties in Georgia, Florida and Alabama, including Fort Rucker and Maxwell Air Force base. The company is also tasked to support the United States Secret Service to help with VIP visits. They helped with security during the vice president's recent visit to Fort Bragg.

"EOD allows me to solve real-world problems potentially every day and protect property and lives," said Staff Sgt. Brian Curtis, response NCO.

Curtis changed over to EOD from his position as an infantryman four years ago.

EOD allows for more individual work and the units are more close knit, because the EOD community is so small.

Most disposals are pretty easy, especially when the ordnance is where it belongs, like on a range, but when it is in a building or a public place it gets more difficult, and to ensure safety other agencies like the police need to be involved with the disposal, Curtis said.

For instance, there was a piece of ordnance that couldn't be moved and had to be destroyed on site, he said. But, when that spot is only 40 yards from a busy road during peak traffic hours, the police had to come in and close off the road before the ordnance could be destroyed.

"This is the only opportunity to do my wartime mission in garrison," Cousins said. "When we respond — it's not fake and its just as dangerous as if we were in Kosovo. Initial success or total failure, ordnance is unforgiving; if you make a mistake, you don't get a second chance."

The daily training, keeps the detachment prepared for any situation, said Sgt. 1st Class Shawn Thayer, operations NCO. The company does at least 20 hours of EOD training a week while they also take care of the administrative duties of a normal company with a unique mission.

"We are the last line of defense for force protection if a bomb got through the gates, we are the only ones with the training on Fort Benning to render it safe, and destroy it," Thayer said.

The company is looking for soldiers to switch to EOD. E-4s, junior E-5s and officers — captain or below — would be the best, but the opportunity is not limited to those. For more information, call 545-5372 or 545-7117.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

1st Lt. Christopher D. Pike

1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt.

For the soldiers of 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery deployed to Kuwait for Operation Desert Spring, platoon evaluations, better known as Artillery Table 12, was another opportunity to sharpen their artillery skills and demonstrate their ability to live up to their slogan — Unleash Hell!

The training event tests a platoon's ability to execute and accomplish 10 types of artillery fire missions while simultaneously challenging them with various other tactical combat tasks. Three batteries took part in the exercise – A and C batteries from 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., and the battalion's attached battery, Alpha 4-1 FA from Fort Riley, Kansas. The event is designed to provide an assessment of a platoon's war fighting capability while serving as a great confidence builder for the platoon's soldiers who demonstrate their knowledge and ability to perform their wartime mission.

The event covered a three-week span during which time each platoon underwent a grueling 48-hour test that thoroughly tested its resolve and endurance.

Fatigue was a significant factor for each platoon as they faced a nonstop pace of fire missions and military tasks to perform. Adding to the challenge was the unforgiving weather conditions of Kuwait's desert, which routinely exceeded 115 degrees Fahrenheit during the day and rarely cooled below 85 degrees at night. Soldiers had to rely on loads of cool water and a large amount of determination to beat the heat and enemy.

The evaluation was controlled by Capt. Mike Adelberg, the battalion's Assistant Operations Officer and lead Observer Controller (OC) for the exercise. OCs controlled the tempo of the exercise to ensure it flowed smoothly and provided platoons a demanding, yet rewarding experience. The 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., battalion commander, Lt. Col. Doug Harding, served as the senior trainer and kept a close eye on the actions of each platoon. Also keeping the platoon on its toes was the exercise's opposing force, or OPFOR as they are better known. This force of six 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., soldiers and two armored combat vehicles repeatedly attacked the platoon firing blank machine gun ammunition and using pyrotechnics to simulate enemy artillery strikes.

The most demanding task of the evaluation was a simulated chemical attack against the platoon. This training task required the platoon to coordinate and perform an operational decontamination mission in the middle of the night while dressed in protective chemical clothing and masks. Performing the mission in chemical clothing and in Mission Oriented Protective Posture 4. The battalion's chemical officer, 1st Lt. Napoleon Solages and Chemical NCO, Staff Sergeant Walker, assisted the platoon as they cleaned their equipment of the contamination using hot water and several cleaning compounds. Following successful completion of this event the platoon was ready to take to the battlefield once again to provide artillery fires.

At the heart of the Table 12 evaluation is the very essence of a Field Artillery unit — the ability to place timely and accurate fires on the battlefield. Adding realism to this part of the evaluation was the fact that the platoon never knew when or what mission might be requested next. As a result, the platoon had to maintain a constant vigilance, ready to execute any type of fire mission.

The final event of the exercise was an After Action Review (AAR), which brought together the platoon's soldiers and the OCs to discuss the results of the event. Each platoon departed the evaluation thoroughly exhausted, but more highly trained than when they took the battlefield.

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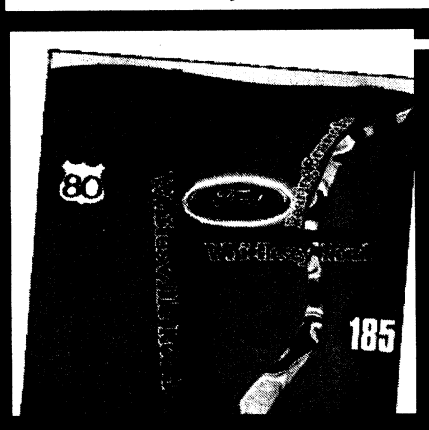
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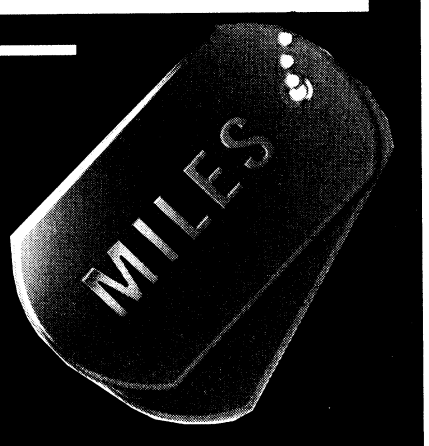
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Police link area crimes to teens

Increase in thefts puts community on alert

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

A recent string of thefts in Fort Benning housing areas have put police and residents on high alert.

In the past six months there have been at least 180 thefts on post, said Wayde Sterling, investigator for Military Police Investigations.

"Most of the cases involve unsecured items left in carports or in the back yard," Sterling said. "Neighbors turn their backs for a minute and their belongings are gone."

There have also been at least a dozen house break-ins, where residents have come home to find their video games, VCR's and other electronics missing, Sterling said.

"We have an idea who is involved," Sterling said. "More likely than not, teen-agers who live in the areas are responsible. We've had neighbors call and identify people and make reports."

> "We've made arrests and there are more to follow. We need residents to keep an eye out for unidentified cars and suspicious people."
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> **Staff Sgt. Michael Snow**
> Directorate for Public Safety

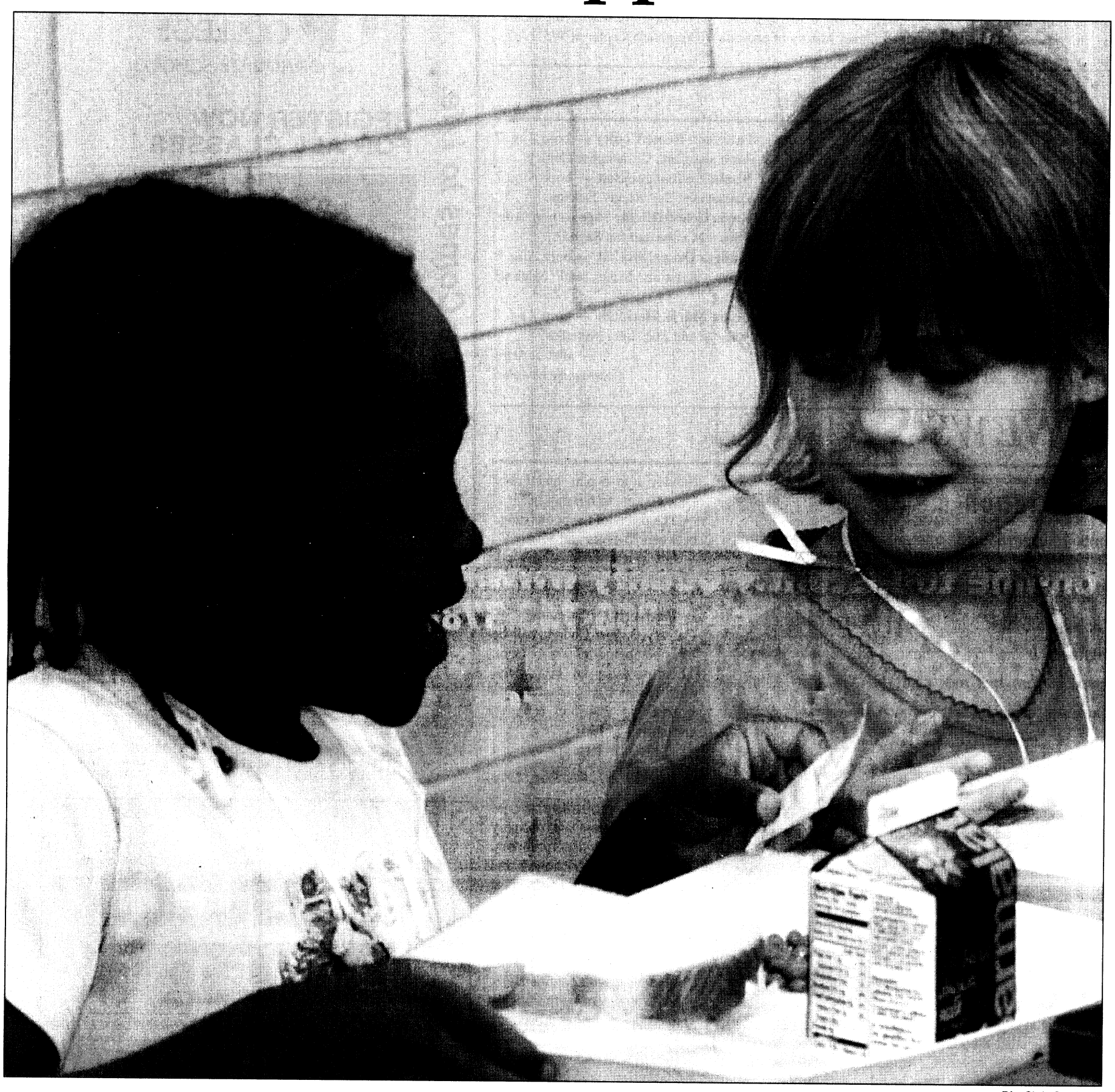
Military police identified five juveniles last month for a string of thefts in the McGraw Manor area, said Staff Sgt. Michael Snow, Operations sergeant for the Directorate of Public Safety. Several teens were also caught vandalizing houses and destroying neighbors' belongings.

"We've made arrests and there are more to follow," Snow said. "We need residents to keep an eye out for unidentified cars and suspicious people."

Master Sgt. Janice Goldsmith of the 36th Engineer Group, is the latest

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Meal appeal



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Deja Jackson, left, and Brittany Adkisson, kindergartners from Wilson Elementary School have a chat over lunch Thursday.

School lunches focus on nutrition

Low fat lunches priority on post

Angela Sachitano
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Close to 5 million kids between the ages of 6 to 17 are seriously overweight, and high fat, nutrient-poor foods are still the norm in schools, according to a recent study released by the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

Although the nutritional content in American school lunches seems to be slipping, Fort Benning school lunches are still focused on nutrition and low fat, said Gwyn Maddox, director of Child Nutrition for Fort Benning Schools.

"We are constantly trying to make improvements on the lunches," Maddox said. "We follow the food pyramid closely and make sure each lunch is filled with nutrition and plenty of choice for the children."

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> Fort Benning Schools director of Child Nutrition

Fort Benning schools participate in the National School Lunch Program, a federal program dedicated to making sure schools meet certain requirements for nutrition. The requirements insist the fat content of a child's lunch does not surpass 30 percent, and salt, sugar, cholesterol, and sodium must be kept to a minimum.

"Lunches are not filled with fried foods the way they used to be," Maddox said. "We must report to the state periodically about what is being served. We are very aware of what the children eat."

Last year, Fort Benning schools like Stowers Elementary and White Elementary began a nutritional program where cafeteria managers would talk with children in classrooms about the nutritional content of the lunches.

Children were then allowed to choose from a variety of healthy foods in the cafeteria.

"The program was a success and children became more aware of what was healthy and what was bad for them," Maddox said.

But some parents like Susan Peters, prefer to take matters into their own hands.

"I am not a fan of processed food of any kind for my children," said Peters, who has an 11-year-old, 9-year-old, and a 6-year-old in the Fort Benning school system. "I check out ahead of time what they are serving and if it's chicken nuggets, pizza or hamburgers, I'll make their lunches instead.

"I feel better knowing exactly what they are eating."

But Peters is in the minority.

Only about 10 percent of Fort

See **LUNCH,** B-4

Infantry Band to play at Riverside

Goal to 'remember, regroup'

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History repeats itself. While perusing old Officer Spouses' Club year books, P.J. Eaton came across photos of band concerts on the lawn of Riverside.

The wife of Fort Benning's commanding general, Eaton decided to resurrect a musical tradition.

"An old-fashioned evening on the lawn, with the band. That's exactly what we have in mind," she said.

"Bring the family, bring a blanket or lawn chairs and a picnic basket. We'll have a great time."

The first of a series of concerts, featuring Fort Benning's Infantry Band, is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. Sept. 9 in the gardens of Riverside, the home of Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Paul Eaton, at 100 Vibbert Ave. The home will not be open.

Eaton said the concert is scheduled to commemorate the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"It's a way to come together, remember and regroup," she said.

"It's a good time to reflect on those events, certainly, but also to embrace the things we've come to appreciate more than ever — family and friends and simple pleasures."

Chief Warrant Officer Paul Clark, the bandmaster, said the Infantry Band, comprised of concert, ceremonial, top 40 and Dixieland bands that tour throughout much of the year, will perform patriotic tunes, such as Sousa's *The Liberty Bell* and various Broadway tunes.

Families are encouraged to dress in red, white and blue.

"A lot of different things happened after 9-11," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "There was a period of remembering those who died. There was a resurgence of patriotism — red, white and blue everywhere.

"And there was a relinking with American values. People began to evaluate their priorities. Family and community became more important," Torres said.

"That's what this concert is about — remembering 9-11 and recommitting ourselves to the values we hold dear."

Hospital offers free prostate screenings

Early detection is key to survival

Maj. France Schanne, M.D.
Martin Army Community Hospital

September is Prostate Awareness Month and Martin Army Community Hospital's Health Promotion Center is joining the American Cancer Society and hospitals nationwide in offering free prostate cancer screenings, counseling and educational literature.

Men, 40 years old and older, can walk in to the Urology Clinic for a free screening, which includes a blood test and brief exam, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11, 16, 18, and 23.

Individuals will need to bring their military ID card and medical records to the free screening.

In 1999, the estimated number of new cases of prostate cancer was 179,300 with 37,000 deaths.

This makes it the most common cancer in men other than skin cancer.

Prostate cancer is two times more common in African Americans than in whites and two times more common in men with a family history of prostate cancer than in men with no family history of prostate cancer.

Prostate cancer is highly treatable when detected early.

However, it is most often silent in its early stages. That is why it is vital to screen for the cancer with PSA and a digital rectal exam.

PSA is prostate specific antigen, a protein secreted into the blood by the prostate. The amount of PSA in blood can be an indication of the risk of having prostate caner.

Men with a high PSA level are more likely to have prostate cancer. Men with an abnormal prostrate on rectal exam are also more likely to have prostate cancer.

African Americans and men with a family history of prostate cancer should begin yearly PSA and rectal exams at age 40. All other men should begin at age 50.

With efforts like Prostate Cancer Awareness, the number of deaths per year is decreasing. This is because surgical and radiation treatment of prostate cancer works best with early detection.

The incidence of prostate cancer is decreasing.

The Health Promotion Center will also provide health educational literature and displays at various gyms, units, the Main Mall Post Exchange and the hospital.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson with the Health Promotion Center at 545-1987.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Fort Benning School Board — The next meeting of the Fort Benning School Board will be held 2 p.m. Monday in the conference room of the Administrative Building located at 7201 Custer Road. An agenda will be posted in the schools after noon today.

For more information call 545-7276.

Beacon College registration — Beacon College and Graduate School will begin its fall semester registration at Fort Benning. Students can earn undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and Biblical studies.

Students can also earn graduate degrees in Biblical studies, pastoral ministry, counseling ministry and the Master of Divinity.

Full financial aid, including veterans' educational assistance, is available.

A representative from Beacon will be on post from 1 to 4 p.m. every Thursday at Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 323-5364.

Still Serving — AAFES is sponsoring a Still Serving Retiree Event from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 20-22 at the Main PX.

For further information please call Ms. Alfreta Gibson 545-1987.

Hospital classes — A series of classes that address such topics as pregnancy, breastfeeding, anesthesia concerns, labor and delivery, breathing and relaxation exercise, postpartum care, newborn characteristics, and parenthood.

Attendance is encouraged at least three months before the delivery date. Classes are the first three Tuesdays of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Baugh Conference Room, second floor of Martin Army Community Hospital.

The first class is about breastfeeding. The second class is a Mother and Baby class and the third class is on labor and delivery anesthesia.

A car seat safety class takes place once a month from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Baugh Conference Room.

To reserve a seat and find out the class date, call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

It is recommended the class be taken during the seventh month of pregnancy. The class is limited to 15 participants.

To schedule a HIV/AIDS class call Community Health Nursing at 545-4041.

Family housing parking — All quarters on post will be assigned one parking space to give easy access to their quarters. All residents must ensure that they park only in their designated area or any unmarked area if they have more than one car.

Visitors must also park in an unmarked space. For more information, call your community life office.

Also, guidelines have been set up for front yard decorations.

No fencing is permitted in the front yard of any quarters; front yard decorative borders are permitted, but should not be constructed of greater than one-inch lumber, railroad ties, metal rods or pipes, contain sharp points nor exceed 18 inches in height; prior to installation, occupants will submit a drawing of the proposed front yard decoration border on a fence request form; borders must be well maintained or removed; and no wooden patio or porches are allowed in the front yard.

For more information, call your family housing inspector, Community Life NCO or the Community Life Office.

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** cheeseburger, tater tots, glazed carrots, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hot dog, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** taco pie with lettuce and tomato, spanish rice, mexicali corn, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** chicken fillet sandwich, oven fries, broccoli with cheese sauce, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** stuffed crust pizza, pasta salad, green beans, fruit, milk, cookie

off post

Hands across the border — Law enforcement officers in bordering states (Alabama, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina and Tennessee) are teaming up to kickoff the multistate awareness and enforcement initiative "Hands Across the Border," from noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the Georgia Visitor's Center. Police officers and other government agencies from Georgia and Alabama will put on an awareness program to help reduce traffic related injuries and deaths during the "Labor Day" weekend.

The officers will provide traffic safety information, check the appropriateness of current safety seat for child, provide a free booster seat to children 40-80 pounds.Booster seats will only be given to parents or caregivers.

The Visitors Center is located at 1751 Williams Road in Columbus.

Used book sale — The annual Altrusa Used Book Sale will be held from Aug. 30 to Sept. 2 in the library of Daniel Middle School.

The book sale hours are Friday evening from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Sunday 1 to 6 p.m. and Labor Day, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The prices of the books range between 25 cents and $2.

For more information, call Marnie Salter at 545-2485.

Memorial Service — Calvary Baptist Church will be having a memorial service Sept. 11 in memory of last year's horrific attack on our nation and liberties to freedom, religion, and our way of life.

For more information, call 322-1491 or 332-7250.

CASA volunteers — CASA volunteers are ordinary people who care about children. They're caring and honest and committed to doing what is best for each child.

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CASA welcomes volunteers from all cultures, professions, ethic and educational backgrounds.

CASA has a particular need for bilingual volunteers, men and people of color.

The next training starts Sept. 14. For more information and an application, call 323-3687.

Registration — Pre-kindergarten registration is now taking place at Childcare Network. This is the free Georgia pre-kindergarten program with eight locations to serve the Fort Benning and Columbus communities.

The three centers closest to Fort Benning are 2123 Avalon Road (563-4109), 137 N. Oakley Drive (687-8454), and 4909 Buena Vista Road (561-0139).

Registration can be done at any of these centers.

For more information, call Michele Grier at 563-5526.

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Time for families to catch up on shots

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National Foundation for Infectious Diseases

Millions of parents are busy getting their kids ready for a brand new school year — buying new clothes, books and supplies and making doctor appointments for annual physicals. But this year the doctor's visit is more important than ever for parents to make sure their children — and the whole family — get caught up on important immunizations. Shortages of a number of vaccines from the last year are now over or ending and the National Foundation for Infectious Diseases and the National Coalition for Adult Immunization want parents to make the back-to-school period a time for a family preventive health check.

"Back-to-school often means vaccinations for children but we also want parents to take this opportunity to assess their own preventive health status," said Susan Rehm, M.D., president, NFID. "Adults often ignore needed immunizations, and this fall is the perfect time for the entire family to catch up on vaccinations."

Due to supply issues, many routine vaccines were deferred causing children and adults to fall behind on their vaccination schedules. While the temporary shortages did not pose a critical health risk, the NFID and NCAI want to make sure that children and adults don't let immunizations lapse as supplies are restored to normal.

Supplies of the tetanus and diphtheria booster for adolescents and adults have completely recovered. Several vaccines that provide protection for younger children are currently returning to normal, including the vaccine for diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis, as well as for measles, mumps and rubella and chickenpox.

"Parents should call their doctors to arrange visits to catch up on any vaccines they or their children missed during the shortages," said Rehm. "Doctors should have these vaccines in their offices now — if they don't, parents should ask for an appointment when they can receive those vaccinations."

Up-to-date DTaP, MMR and chickenpox vaccinations are state mandated for most children upon entering school. Children and infants receive the DTaP vaccine as a three-dose primary series given over a period of seven to 12 months.

At around 11 years old, a Td booster is needed to continue providing protection against both tetanus and diphtheria. Td boosters are recommended every 10 years throughout life, and are often required for adolescents and young adults to attend grade school, high school or college in may states. The chickenpox vaccine can be given to children, adolescents or adults.

A recent study measuring the public's protection against tetanus and diphtheria illustrates why it is important to keep immunizations up-to-date. According to the study, 91 percent of Americans between the ages of 6 to 11 years had protective levels of both the tetanus and diphtheria antibodies, which can be attributed to strong school vaccination requirements for young children. However, the study also showed what happens when people let a Td booster lapse. The proportion of protective levels decreased to 47 percent among persons 20 years of age or older.

Every August the NFID helps sponsor National Immunization Awareness Month to increase understanding about immunization across the lifespan as parents and children prepare to return to school, and the medical community begins preparing for the annual flu season. For more information about immunizations required for children and adults, consumers should consult their physicians or — contact their local public health department. More information about infectious diseases and immunization can also be found by visiting NFID's Web site, www.nfid.org.

Vaccines in shortage earlier now restocked for use

The following vaccines have had shortages or supply problems this year. These problems are now over or are quickly being resolved. Check with your doctor to see when you and your family members can schedule an appointment to catch-up on any missed immunizations.

Chickenpox (Varicella) — Children should get one dose of chickenpox vaccine between 12 and 18 months of age, or at any age after that if they have never had chickenpox. People who do not get the vaccine until 13 years of age or older should get two doses, four to eight weeks apart.

• Chickenpox is a highly contagious virus of the herpes family that can be spread by coughing and sneezing. Out of 1,000 children infected in the U.S. from chickenpox each year, 1.7 are hospitalized and two in every 100,000 infected die.

• Adults are 10 times more likely than children to develop severe complications when infected with chickenpox virus.

Diphtheria, Tetanus and Pertussis — DTaP is a combination of diphtheria toxoid, tetanus toxoid and acellular pertussis vaccine that is administered in a five-dose series to babies and children.

• Diphtheria is a respiratory disease caused by bacteria that can be spread by coughing and sneezing. One in 10 children with diphtheria dies from suffocation, heart failure or paralysis.

• Tetanus is a disease of the nervous system caused by bacteria widely present in much of our environment, which enter the body through a break in the skin. This disease can cause severe and painful muscle spasms and may result in death.

• Pertussis (also known as whooping cough) is a respiratory disease caused by bacteria that can be spread by coughing and sneezing. This disease can cause severe coughing spells and lead to pneumonia, seizures, brain damage and death.

Measles, Mumps and Rubella — Children should get two doses of MMR vaccine, the first at 12 to 15 months of age and the second at 4 to 6 years of age.

• Measles is a respiratory disease caused by a virus that can spread by coughing and sneezing. Five percent of young children develop pneumonia, which in some cases can be fatal.

• Mumps is a disease of the parotid gland and lymph nodes in the neck caused by a virus. Complications include encephalitis (inflammation of the brain), meningitis, deafness and painful swelling of the testes.

• Rubella is a respiratory disease caused by a virus that can be spread by coughing and sneezing. The disease can cause birth defects and mental retardation in infants whose mothers are infected during pregnancy.

Tetanus, Diphtheria booster — For adults and adolescents, a combination vaccine called "Td" protects against both tetanus and diphtheria. After primary immunization against the diseases, a Td booster is recommended beginning at age 11 to 12 years, and continuing every 10 years throughout life.

• Forty to 50 cases of tetanus still occur each year, resulting in approximately five deaths annually in the U.S.

• Although diphtheria is no longer common in the U.S., it remains a problem in other countries and can be spread by exposure to infected persons. One out of every 10 people who get diphtheria will die from it.

Vaccines in short supply —

• Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine, which prevents infection of the bacterium streptococcus pneumoniae, remains in short supply and restricted use.

• The supply of haemophilus influenzae type B (Hib) vaccine, which prevents childhood bacterial meningitis and infection-related mental retardation, is currently limited. Check with your doctor regarding the availability of this vaccine.

Other vaccines that are also routinely recommended for children, adolescents and adults and have not had supply problems include hepatitis A, hepatitis B, meningococcal, polio, pneumococcal polysaccharide and influenza.

Do you have any story ideas for *The Bayonet*?

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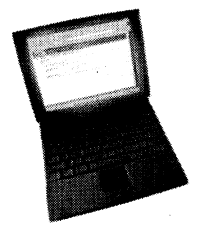
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Lunch: Helps children grow stronger



Angela Sachitano

Susan Peters packs a school lunch for her daughter, Heather, 11.

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Benning kids bring their lunch to school on a regular basis, Maddox said.

"We are doing everything we can to make parents feel comfortable with the food we serve children," Maddox said. "We follow a monthly menu that is available to all parents, and we invite parents to come and eat with their children and check out the lunch when they can."

As part of the National School Lunch Program, Fort Benning must buy less expensive "commodities food" in order to receive cash subsidies and free bonus shipments from the USDA for each meal served, Maddox said.

No matter what is being served, some children are just picky eaters and are accustomed to eating only what their parents provide.

"I like making lunch with my mother in the morning," said Heather Peters, a sixth-grader at Faith Middle School. "We always make sure there is fruit in there, a sandwich and even vegetables."

"I find it convenient and inexpensive to make their lunches," her mother said. "Lunch is about $1.25 when they buy it at school. I can make it for less than that at home."

For more information on your child's lunch or to have a representative from the School Nutritional Program speak at a

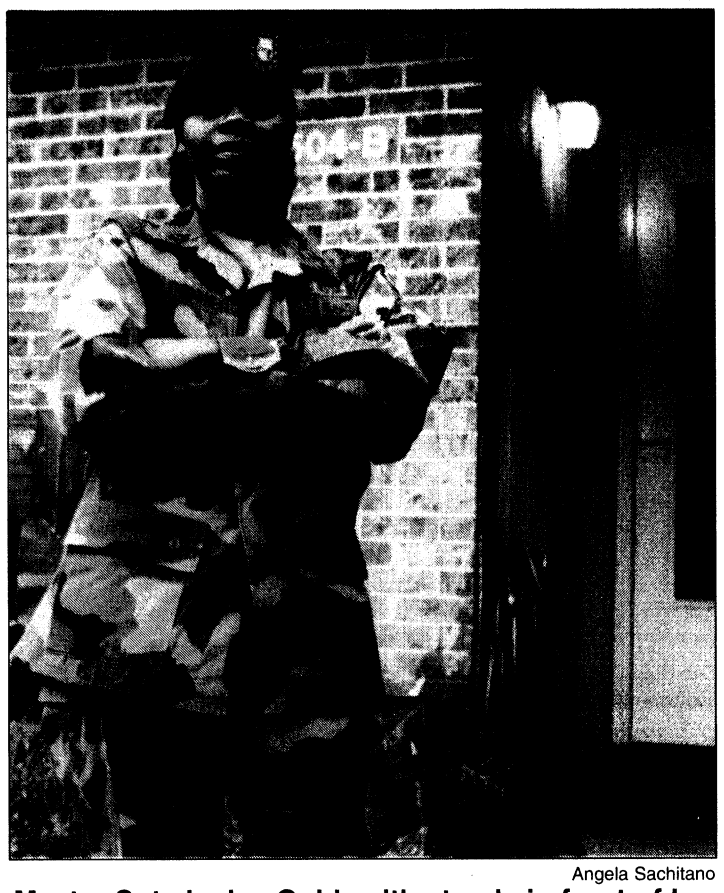
Open House



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Pre-K students Gabriella Ayala, right, and Seth Turnage play with sand box toys in Janie Pride's classroom at White Elementary School.

Arrests: Continue in neighborhoods, residents fight back



Angela Sachitano

Master Sgt. Janice Goldsmith stands in front of her residents in Davis Hill.

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victim in the Upper Davis Hills string of thefts. When she arrived home from work last week, her new $350 lawnmower was missing.

"This is the most unsafe I've ever felt on a post," Goldsmith said. "I see suspicious cars around here all the time and I've reported them to the police. The theft seems to be out of control."

Goldsmith said she tried to put up a fence to protect her carport from trespassers, but the housing office said it was unauthorized. Now she has resorted to tying her belongings up.

"It's not right that I have to secure every item inside of my own carport," Goldsmith said. "This is my personal property and I deserve to be protected."

Police have stepped up security to make sure at least one road patrol and one bike patrol are surveilling the streets at all times of the day, Sterling said.

Police have even began inspecting residents homes, making notes of unsecured items and leaving reminders in mailboxes for soldiers to lock up their belongings.

"Right now all we can say is there are no guarantees," Snow said. "Whoever is behind these crimes is keeping a close watch on residents and knows just when to strike."

Residents need to be aware of any broken locks on their windows or doors and call housing immediately for repairs, Snow said. Burglaries are often centered around easy access to homes.

"It would also be smart for soldiers to record the serial numbers of their belongings," Snow said. "We've been able to successfully track stolen items at local pawn shops when we have the serial numbers."

But some residents simply aren't waiting quietly for the thieves to make their move. The Fort Benning Mayor's Association is actively recruiting volunteers for a Community Watch Program. As part of the program, volunteers would take turns monitoring the streets of their own neighborhoods on the weekends and at night.

"We tried to start a community watch program last year, but there wasn't a lot of interest from residents," said Evelyn Livermore, president of the Fort Benning Mayor's Association. "We're hoping the recent string of crimes around post will motivate people to help out.

"We have to protect ourselves."

Several of the housing areas on post are without a mayor right now, and the vacancies have hindered the startup of the community watch program, Livermore said. But by next month, many of the mayoral positions will be filled and Livermore hopes the program will be on its way.

"Residents have been complaining to the garrison staff for the last several months about the thefts," Livermore said. "We are all worried this will transcend into something even more dangerous.

"The community watch program will be a good way to keep an eye on what is happening around us."

In the meantime, police are advising residents who go on vacation to stop by the MP station and fill out a vacancy card.

Police will make frequent stops and walk around empty homes while soldiers are gone.

"The MP's are working hard to make sure these crimes don't continue," Snow said. "We all know the importance of feeling safe here and are determined to maintain a sense of security for our residents."

For information on the community watch program in your neighborhood call, 682-5414.

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Turn to God during good times

Jesus is the answer in game of life

Chaplain (Maj.) Mark A. Mitera
1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment

The Bible speaks clearly that God is love (1 John 4:16), which means that God is for you; he's not against you.

If this is true, why do so many people ignore God when their lives are relatively free of catastrophe?

The answer is that they avoid him because of fear. They ask, what might happen if I really allow God into my life?

I have observed that those who avoid God do so because of two common fears.

Fear No. 1: If I allow God into my life, I'm afraid that I might have to give up my fun.

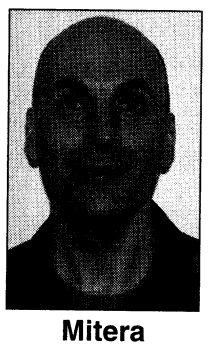
The basic fear is that if I become a Christian by allowing God into my life, the party's over and I'm miserable.

We are very interested in having fun these days, and we don't want to give that up.

Television has given us a particular image of fun, telling us that life is short, so we need to make it count by having all kinds of fun.

Here is what God's word, the Bible, says about this: *Doing wrong is fun for a fool, while wise conduct is pleasure to the wise* (Proverbs 10:23).

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The Bible goes on to say that God richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment (1 Timothy 6:17).

He wants you to enjoy life, and he doesn't want to take away your fun.

As you allow God into your life, you will find that real fun is having a clear conscience, having a happy, unified family, being able to laugh in church and being able to truly enjoy the world that God has made.

Fear No. 2: If I allow God into my life, I'm afraid that I will lose my freedom. The world defines freedom as a life without restraint. It defines freedom as doing what I want to do and going where I want to go without anyone telling me yes or no.

But what has this kind of freedom really given us?

Sexual freedom has given us AIDs, social diseases and abortions.

Chemical freedom has given us grade school addicts and the most chemically dependent society in the world.

Credit card freedom has given us 146 easy payments and a trillion-dollar national debt.

We are not as free as we think. The Bible teaches us that with every choice we make, there are consequences involved.

You are free to live any way you want, but once you make that choice, you are no longer free.

Jesus said, *"If the Son sets you free, you will be really free!"* (John 8:36).

Jesus is talking here about real liberation, not phony freedom. This kind of freedom equates to freedom from guilt, freedom from worry, freedom from bitterness, and freedom from the fear of death.

The antidote to fear is to realize how much God loves you.

John 4:18 says, *"There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear."*

When you realize the love of God, you won't have to fear losing your fun or losing your freedom.

We need to realize how much God loves us, and then respond by making room for Him in our lives.

CHAPEL NOTES

Workers needed — The Fort Benning Chaplain's Office is seeking applications for individuals to serve in a variety of positions in the chapels on post.

These positions include musicians, choir directors, watch care workers, bus drivers and custodians. Anyone interested should call the fund manager at 545-4960 or visit the office in Room 512, Infantry Hall.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Sunday School — Protestant Religious Education classes for children and adults has resumed at White Elementary School on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. Transportation from the housing areas is available and day care is provided. For more information call 545-4715

Catholic Religious Education — Registration for all Catholic Religious Education Programs for the 2002-03 school year is taking place after all Masses.

Programs are offered from age 3 through adult as well as Sacramental programs for Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation; the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults and Children High School Lectionary-based Bible study and youth ministry. Catechists and facilitators are needed.

For more information call the Religious Education Center at 545-5508. All programs will begin Sept. 29.

Parish Welcome — The Fort Benning Catholic Community will hold a Welcome Mass and Picnic at the Uchee Creek Recreation Center Lodge on Sept. 22 at 12:30 p.m.

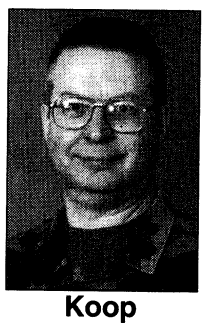
For more information, or to help with this celebration, call 545-1452.

Express constructive criticism

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Everyone in a relationship must be able to do at least two things to survive. A person must be able to listen to the anger and frustration of a partner without getting upset, and he or she must learn to express negative feelings in a constructive way.

Destructive styles of criticism and behavior do not work. Scripture makes this point clear. *"Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech."* (I Peter 3:9-10)


Koop

Mind reading is destructive, for it assumes that you know what your partner intended or is thinking. If you are not sure what your mate is thinking or feeling, ask. Use "I" statements. Say what you are thinking and feeling not what you think your partner thinks or feels.

Griping is unproductive. Saying "You're a slob," assassinates your partner. Say instead: "It bothers me when things are left on the floor instead of being put away."

Catastrophic interpretations escalate arguments. "You always," "You never," and "We'll never" are loaded comments that cast blame. Your partner is not the problem. Work on problems as a team and separate the problem from your mate.

A better way to express concerns is with respect. The Bible says: *"A wife must respect her husband. Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect."* One way to express concerns with respect is by saying, "When this happens (fill in the blank), at this (time, place, or situation), I feel (fill in the blank)."

Would you like to make your marriage communication better? Free counseling and support are available.

Contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza, or call 545-1760.

Fort Benning Religious Services

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
Monday, Tuesday, Friday	

Saturday Mass

3:30 - 4:15 p.m.	Confession, Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

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Sunday Islamic Study

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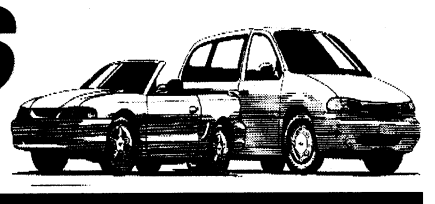
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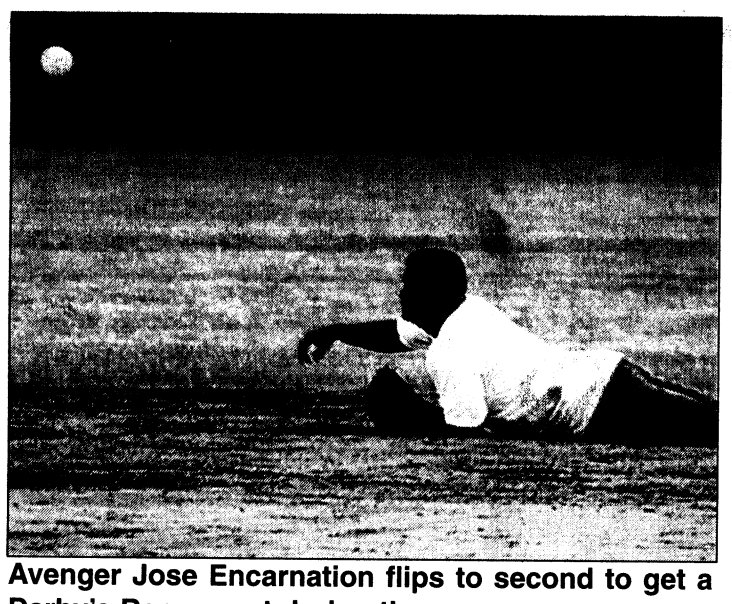
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Avenger Jonathan Sydnor clobbers a ball to left field during their loss to Darby's Rangers Aug. 14 at Knappenburger Field.

Rangers win third-straight championship

Good pitching, clutch hitting lead to victory

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor



Avenger Jose Encarnation flips to second to get a Darby's Ranger out during the game.

Avenger coach and pitcher Jerry Carter walked Darby's Ranger Tom Siter when he stepped to the plate for the first time at the post intramural softball championship game Aug. 14.

"I know about you Siter," Carter said.

Later, down 5-0, in the sixth inning, Carter didn't walk Siter, and the homerun slugger made him pay with a gargantuan two-run blast to left, breaking the Avengers' back and closing the door on any chances they had of stopping the Rangers' championship streak.

4th Ranger Training Battalion's Darby's Rangers went on to win their third-straight post championship at Knappenburger Field with a 7-0 win over the Avengers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.

Confidence in a Ranger victory seemed to run high for the entire season.

"When we lost our last game in the middle of the season, I guaranteed we'd stay undefeated the rest of the season," said Ranger Joseph "Piggie" Hughes, coach and pitcher.

He is not a false prophet. The Rangers swept through the rest of the season and playoffs.

"We have pretty good team cohesion, play well in the field, and get a few big hits when we need them," said Ranger Donald Fox.

The championship game was not different.

"Piggie kept them off balance," Fox said. "He pitched really well for us. He's probably our MVP. He kept us focused and in the game."

Piggie's clutch hitting and Siter's constant round trippers have been a staple for the Rangers for years, and it's not a secret around post they are the team to beat next year, too, he said.

"It comes down to the competition," Fox said. "No one likes to lose."

The Avengers seemed to feel the same way. They kept the Rangers scoreless for the first two innings, as the trash talking flowed from both team's mouths like a gushing septic tank.

The pitchers' dual came to a sudden halt in the third when the Rangers scored five runs.

There seemed to be a glimmer of hope in the fifth inning for the Avengers when they threatened with a two-out rally, but Piggie pitched a ground out and paved the way for Siter's nail in the Avenger coffin.

"Our defense was alright — we only allowed seven runs — but our bats weren't alive," Avenger Bruce Johnson said. "Still, everyone has their head up. We feel pretty good about the season. It was good coming back tonight and beating the (Basic Combat Training Brigade) Steel Soldiers (who earned the third place trophy with a 22-5 loss.) They beat us earlier in the playoffs."

The entire team enjoyed the season, he said.

"(Playing softball) builds great cohesion and esprit de corps. We're to the four winds. We're that diverse. We teach first aid, squad tactics, land navigation and many other things on post, and as result, we don't see much of each other at work. I think we had two practices all year. (The games) brought us all together."

Fort Benning Sports' Office stepped up to the plate to help make a memorable season, Fox said.

"They ran (the softball league) well," Fox said. "The umpires were fair and consistent.

"Deployments happen no matter where you are, and those can lead to canceled games. But, as a whole, the season went well."

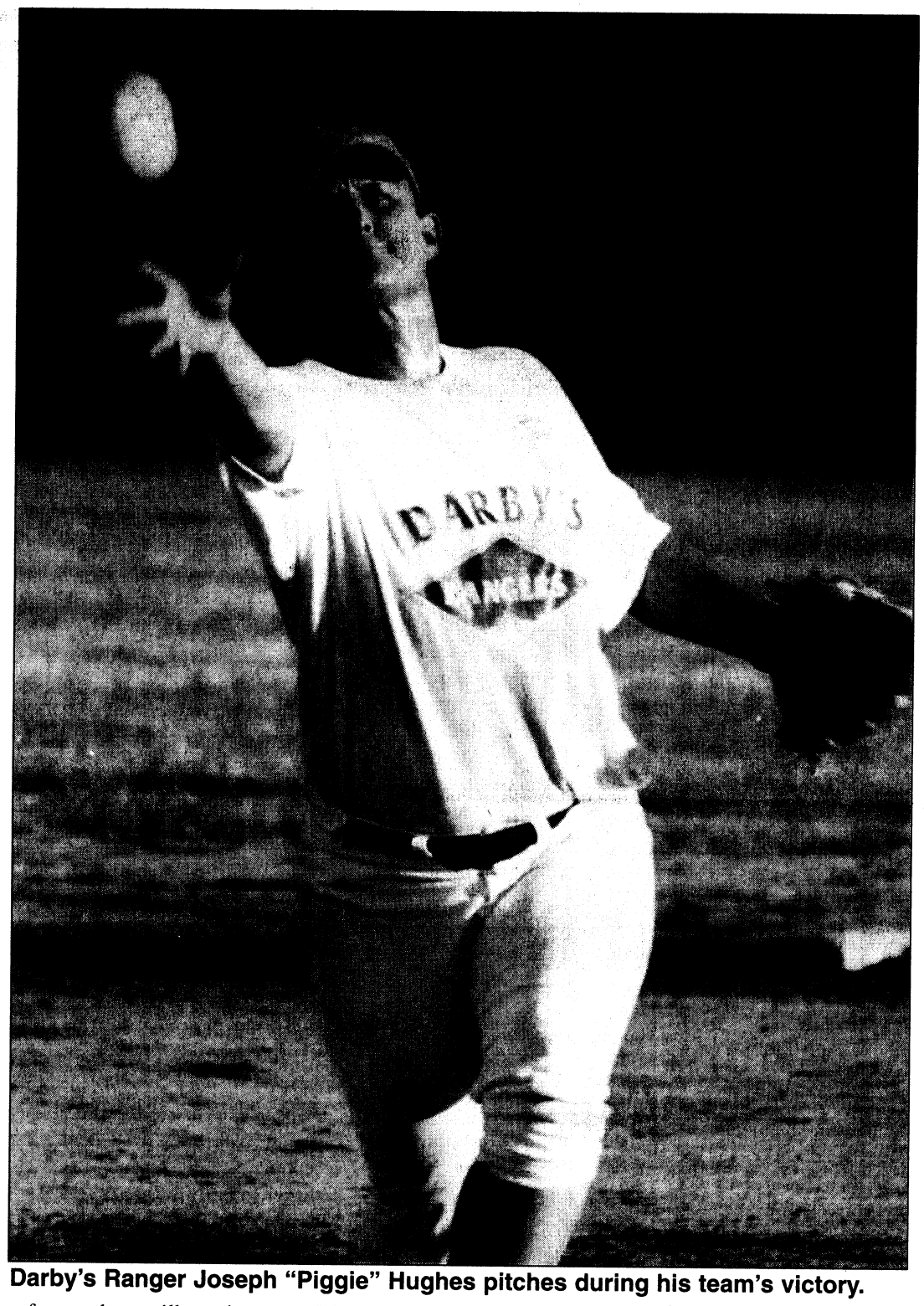
The Sports' Office agreed.

"This has been one of the most enjoyable seasons for the players, family members and other spectators," said Andrew Snoddy, Sports Office director.

Although mission requirements may have kept many teams from joining the league, it allowed for something unique, said Carol Gearheart, sports specialist.

"This year's format gave teams a chance to play one another from all over post throughout this season, something they otherwise would not have been able to do," Gearheart said."

"Based on their feedback, it's a format that we'll continue to use," Snoddy said,



Darby's Ranger Joseph "Piggie" Hughes pitches during his team's victory.

Next up for soldiers is intramural flag football season. The coaches' meeting is at 3 p.m. Sept. 5 at Gowdy Field, behind Briant Wells Field House.

For more information about football season, call Fred Woods at 544-1747 or 544-4511 or visit him at Kefurt Fitness Center on Kelley Hill.



Avenger Durwin Smith prepares to make Darby's Ranger Kevin Brill out at first.

X-type games come to Columbus

Something for everyone at inaugural races

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Softball players move over. There's a new sporting event coming to Columbus Labor Day weekend. The event, called InMotionX, features amateur and professional cycling, skateboarding and inline skate events.

"We are excited about this event," said Janice Davis, executive director of the Greater Columbus Sports and Events Council. "It's something that the whole family can be involved in."

The event kicks off on Saturday with the Poker Ride and corporate challenge bike races. The poker ride is a non competitive cycling event where participants receive playing cards at various stops along the route between downtown and the Riverwalk. The rider with the best poker hand at the end of the race wins $300 toward a new bike from Mike's Bikes.

Also on Saturday are kids races, a hand cycle event, as well as inline skating and skateboarding competitions. Skate ramps will be set up near 11th Street all day for individuals to use whenever there isn't a competition going on, Davis said.

Davis hopes that the skateboarding events will show the popularity of skateboarding in Columbus and possibly highlight the need for a skate park in the area.

All of the races have an entry fee, but spectating is free.

"Bring your own chair, grab a spot and enjoy the racing," Davis said.

Those interested in professional cycling will have plenty to view. Professional cyclists George Hincapie and Marty Nothstein are entered in the Criterium, the first of its kind in Columbus. Hincapie competed in the Tour de France on the U.S Postal Service team and Nothstein was a Gold Medal winner at the 2000 Olympic Games in Sydney. Cycling is one of the top sports in the U.S. that does not get much attention, Davis said.

"Everywhere you look, there are bikes attached to cars," she said. "We wanted to have something besides softball in Columbus."

Fort Benning is the site for a second race on Sunday for all categories of cyclists from amateur to professional, said Jonathan Ham, event director. The races, part of the three-day Georgia Labor Day Omnium are 52 and 78 miles. Spectators interested in seeing some of that race can catch the action starting at the intersection of Wildcat and 2nd Armored Division roads near the Sand Hill Malone Complex.

For more information, call 660-1996, or visit www.InMotionX.net.

Hunter safety course registration available

Course mandatory for hunters

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

186,000 acres of vast array of wildlife will attract hunters from all around the region to Fort Benning this hunting season, and the Fort Benning Hunters Safety Branch wants to make sure all involved are legally registered to hunt beforehand.

1st Sgt. Billy Hogue, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, has already registered both his 11-year-old son and his 12-year-old daughter in the required Georgia Hunter Safety Course. The family spends close to two hours each night reviewing the safety material and when the kids are ready, they will take the test to become certified hunters.

"They've always wanted to go hunting since they were toddlers," Hogue said. "Safety is first and they know that. This course allows them to see up close the responsibility they will have when they hunt."

No matter what the age, hunters born on or after Jan. 1, 1961, must attend a Georgia Hunter Safety Course according to Georgia law, said Harley Chase, safety specialist for the Hunters Safety Branch on Fort Benning. Soldiers and family members who are not already certified to hunt must register for the course as soon as possible. Courses begin in September, just a few days before dove hunting season kicks off.

"Participants will have a choice of one of two classes available," Chase said. "One option is to pick up a CD-ROM at the outdoor recreation building on post and then review the course material on a computer in their own home. The other option is to attend a 10-hour long Hunter Safety Course in Infantry Hall."

Whatever option a hunter decides, participants are required to register ahead of time and then take an exam when they have completed the lesson.

"The most important thing is making sure everyone who hunts is aware of the safety issues and the dangers involved," Chase said. "The certification assures us those who are out there know exactly what they are doing."

"I'm excited for the kids to carry on the tradition in our family," Hogue said. "By hunting they are gaining a respect for the outdoors and the importance of controlling the animal population." Participants must achieve a 75 or higher on the exam to receive a certification card and legally hunt on post. The certification is also good in 38 other states including Alabama, Chase said

"The course covers all aspects of hunter safety including tree safety equipment and hunting in groups," Chase said. "We recommend anyone who is interested in hunting this season sign up as soon as possible for the course." Hogue hasn't wasted any time with making sure his children are on the right track. "I want to learn more about being safe so I don't hurt someone," said 12-year-old Cody Hogue. "Usually my dad lets me aim it over his shoulder, I'm excited to become better."

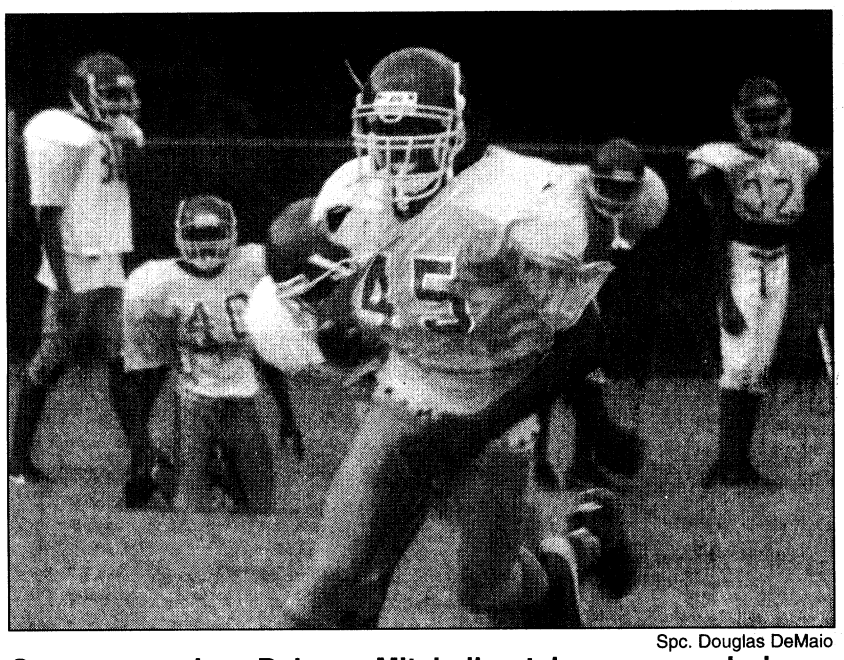
"The Hunter Safety Course is crucial in the development of a hunter," said Hogue, who took the course several years ago. "The state of Georgia needs to also require hunters to give back something to the land, like planting. Taking care of the land is just as important as safety."

Hunters can register for the course and the exam by calling 1-800-864-7275 or log on to www.georgiawildlife.com.

Green, gold ready to battle

Football season begins Aug. 30 for Spencer HS

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Spencer receiver Deloran Mitchell catches a pass during a practice drill Monday afternoon.

Spencer High School's varsity football team is preparing for their opening game against Carver High School 8 p.m. Aug. 30 at Memorial Stadium in South Commons.

With more than half the roster filled by underclassmen, the team is young and inexperienced, but that doesn't cause much concern to Coach Collins Jones, who said the team is dynamic and has the potential to upset teams throughout the season.

"We are in top shape," Jones said. "We're an average size team with big players in certain positions, but we'll use our quickness and physical strength to compete."

The man at the helm of the offense will be junior quarterback Jerome Coverson (5' 10", 180 lbs.).

He's very versatile, Jones said. He can run the football and throw it where it needs to be, but he is still in the process of learning how to read the defense.

Senior fullback Ricky Graves (5' 10", 180 lbs.) will lead the offense charge with his powerful running style and agile foot work.

Perhaps the most influential prospect on the Owls' green and gold team is senior tightend Brad Horton (6' 2", 225 lbs.)

Horton is being recruited by more than three South Eastern Conference teams, Jones said. He's diverse and will be playing on both sides of the ball.

The defense is going to shutout Carver," Horton said.

"We want to send a message to the competitions and show everyone this year we're ready to compete," he said.

The team is excited about the season this year and said they want more than anything to compete with soldiers in attendance.

"There would be nothing better than to look in the stand and see a bunch of support from soldiers in uniform," said junior kicker Doug Sparrow (5' 10", 140 lbs.).

"The team will be entertaining and do much better than last year," Sparrow said. "All of the players are in positions they should be in to dominate a game." There is good communication between players on the field, and with repetition, they will mold into an iron curtain, he said.

Everyone will come together on the field and this team will surprise a lot of people this year, Horton said.

People don't give Spencer much credit, Sparrow and Horton said. So this year the team is going to take the credit from them from those who don't give it.

Spencer High School

Football

2002 Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time
Aug. 30	Carver	Memorial Stadium	8 p.m.
Sept. 6	*Columbus**	Kinnett Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 14	Griffin	Memorial Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 4	Harris County**	Hamilton, Ga.	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 11	*Upson Lee**	Memorial Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 18	*Kendrick**	Memorial Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 25	*Troup**/****	Memorial Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 1	Jordan**	Kinnett Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	*Hardaway***	Memorial Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 14	Shaw**	Kinnett Stadium	7:30 p.m.

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YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun. The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Labor Day soccer — Registration for the U.S. Army Infantry Center Labor Day soccer tournament has begun. It will end Monday. The tournament will be Thursday through Sept. 2.

For more information, call 545-1940.

Rifle and Pistol Club — Returning members of Task Force 1-30 are eligible for free Rifle and Pistol Club membership through the end of August by presenting identification.

Hours of operation are from noon to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. The club is located at English Range on Main Post.

For more information, call 545-3171.

Winter bowling league — Registration for the winter bowling league is Sept. 1.

Leagues will be formed for units, mixed doubles and mixed leagues. Sign up for a league at the mall bowling center.

For more information, call 682-7781.

Flag football — Registration for the flag football season has begun. Teams must be registered by Sept. 5. The season begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 545-4511.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members.

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It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fundraiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 28. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Bike ride — The second annual Ride like the Wind bike ride will be Sept. 28. Registration is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sept. 28. The ride includes options of 62-mile and 31-mile routes. Riders will start at the Thomaston-Upson County Airport and ride through Upson, Lamar and Pike counties. Proceeds from the ride will go to Harbor House, a shelter for children who are victims of abuse and domestic violence.

For more information, call 648-2755.

Loop bike ride — The Lumpkin to Louvale Loop Ride will be Oct. 19. The cost of registration prior to Oct. 1 is $8. After Oct. 1, registration will cost $10. Children under 12 are free. The ride is a 20-mile route that will begin in Lumpkin, Ga. and end in Louvale, Ga.

For more information, call 327-9015.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

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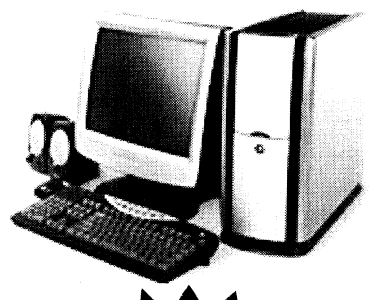
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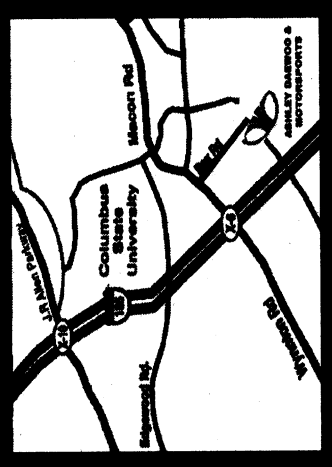
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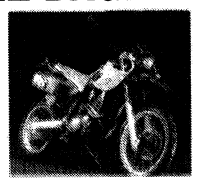
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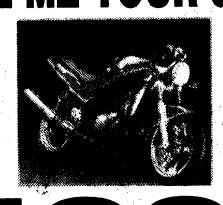
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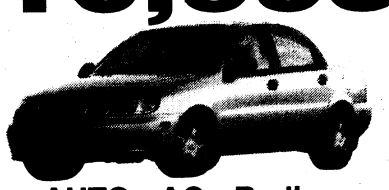
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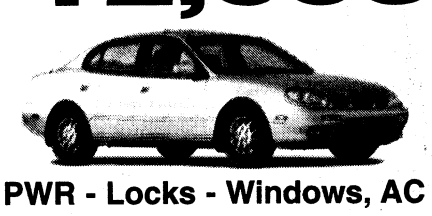
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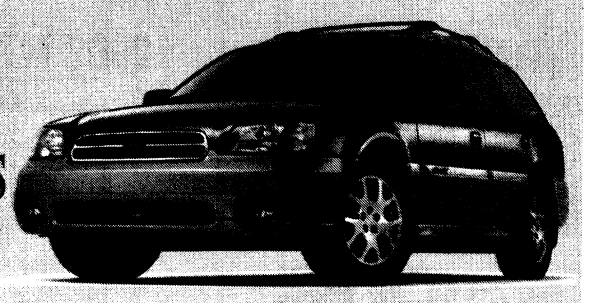
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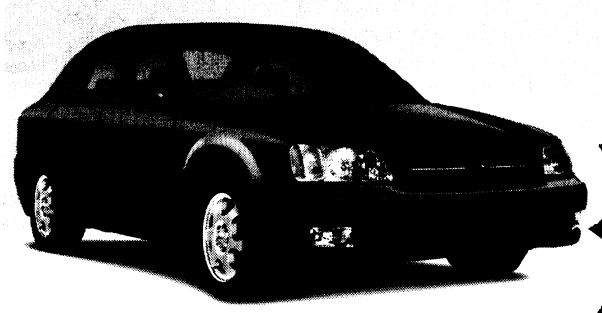


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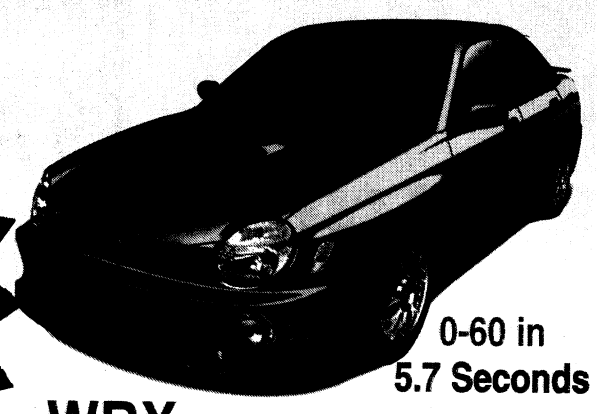


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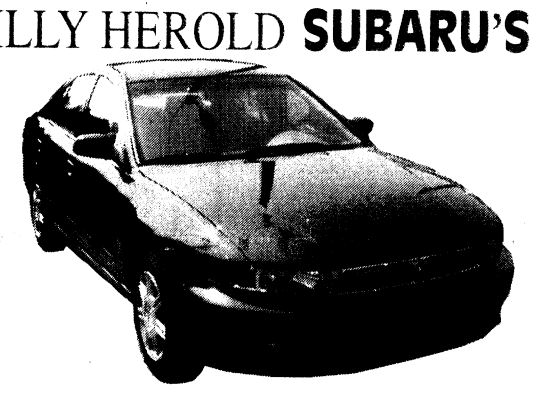


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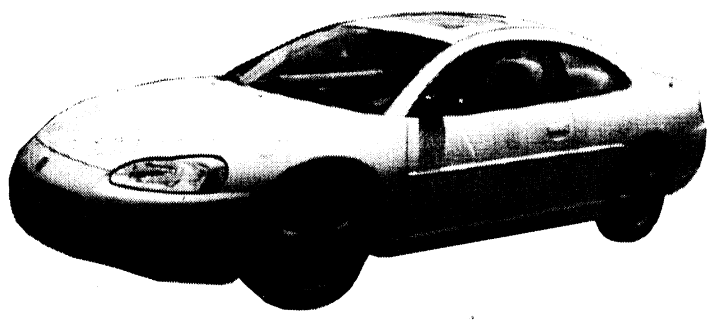
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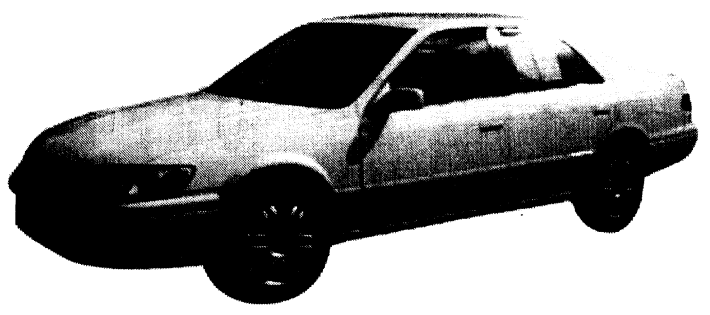
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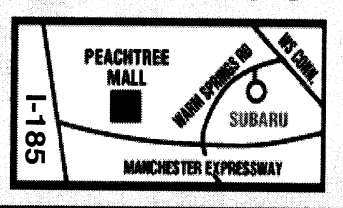
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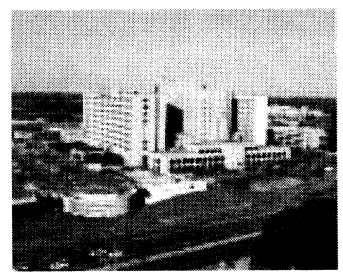
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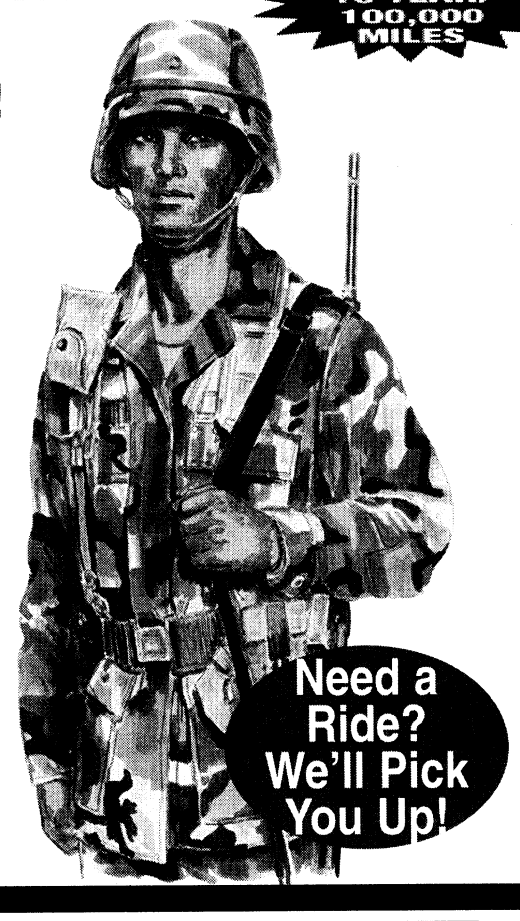
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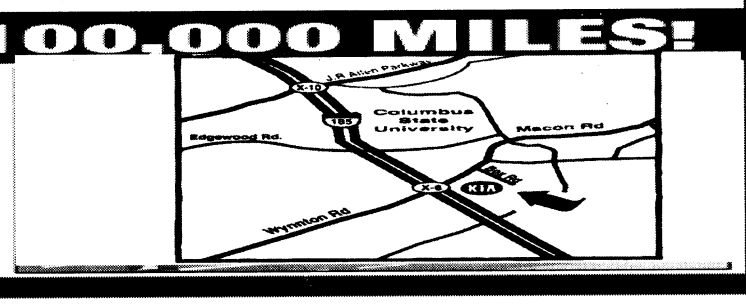
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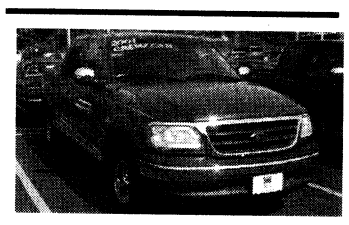


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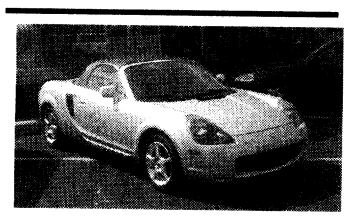
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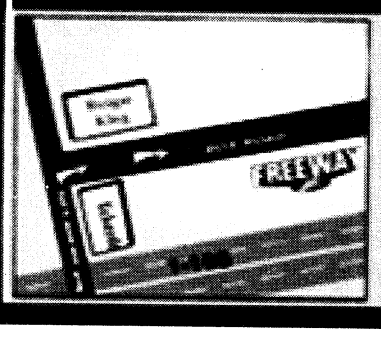
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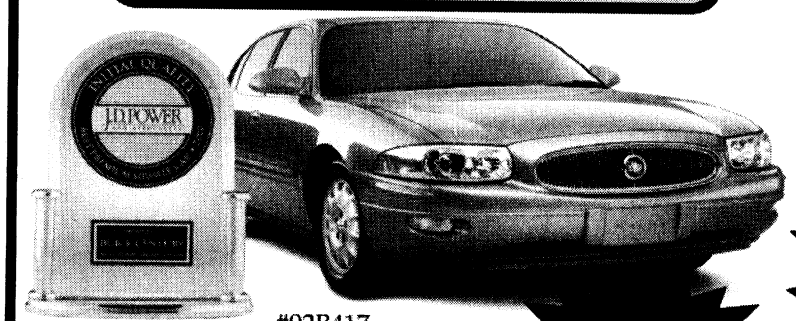
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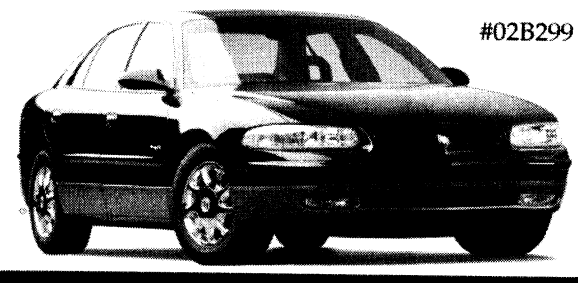
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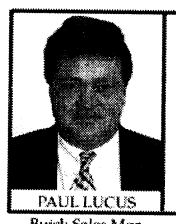
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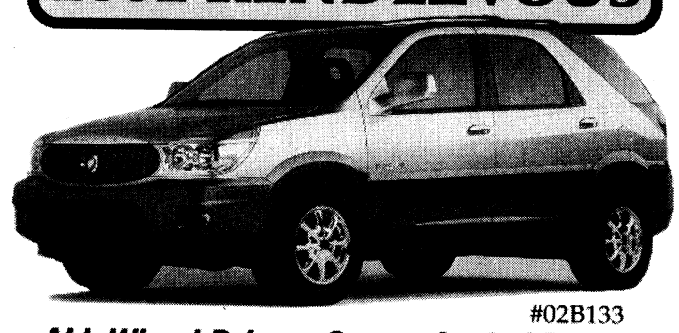


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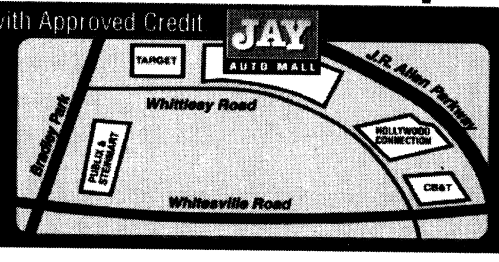
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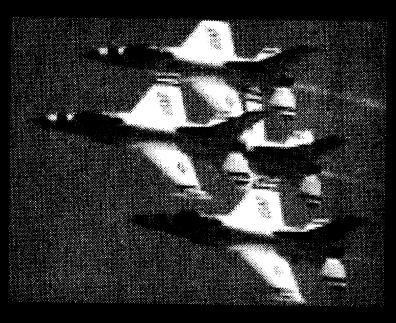


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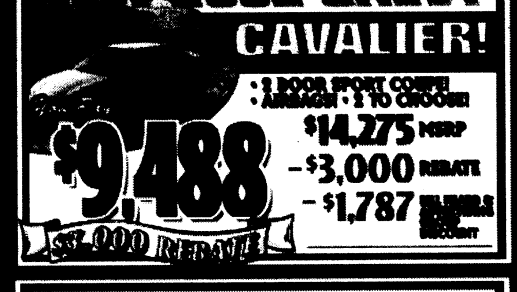
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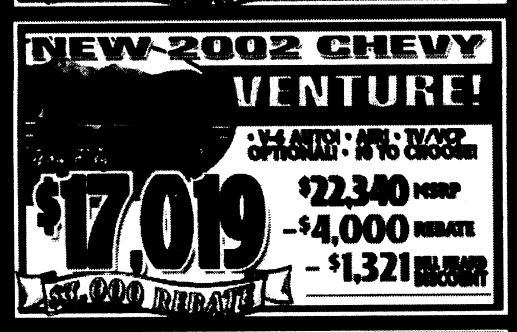


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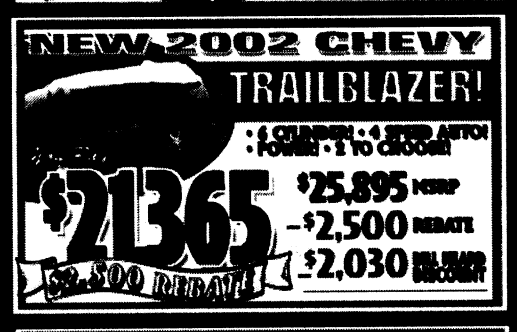


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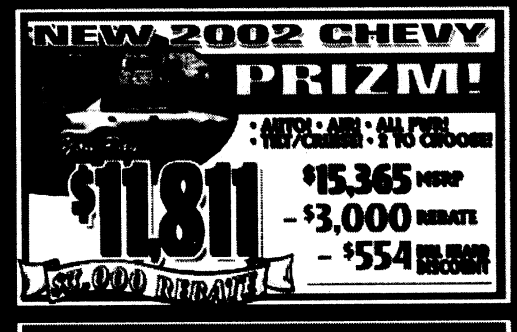


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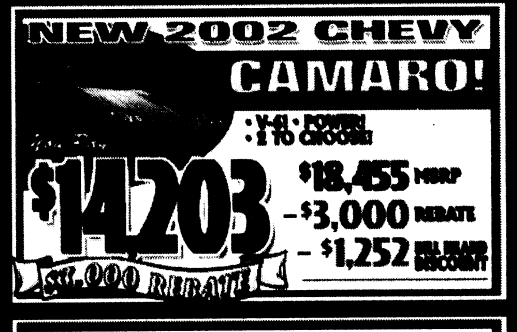


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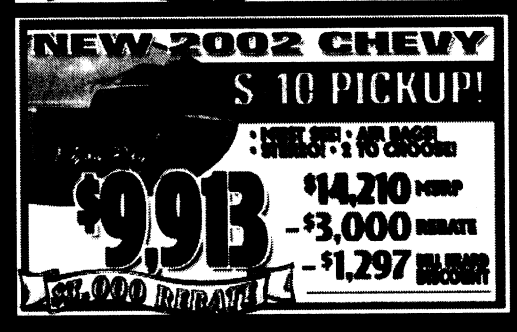


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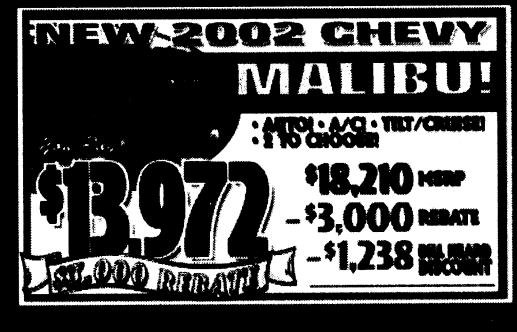


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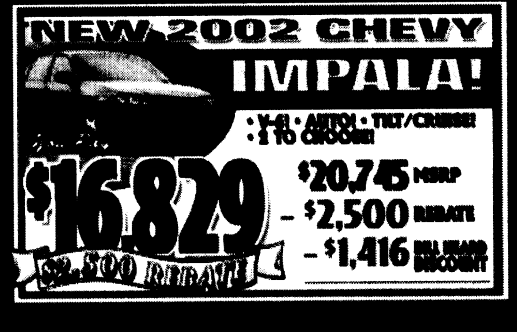


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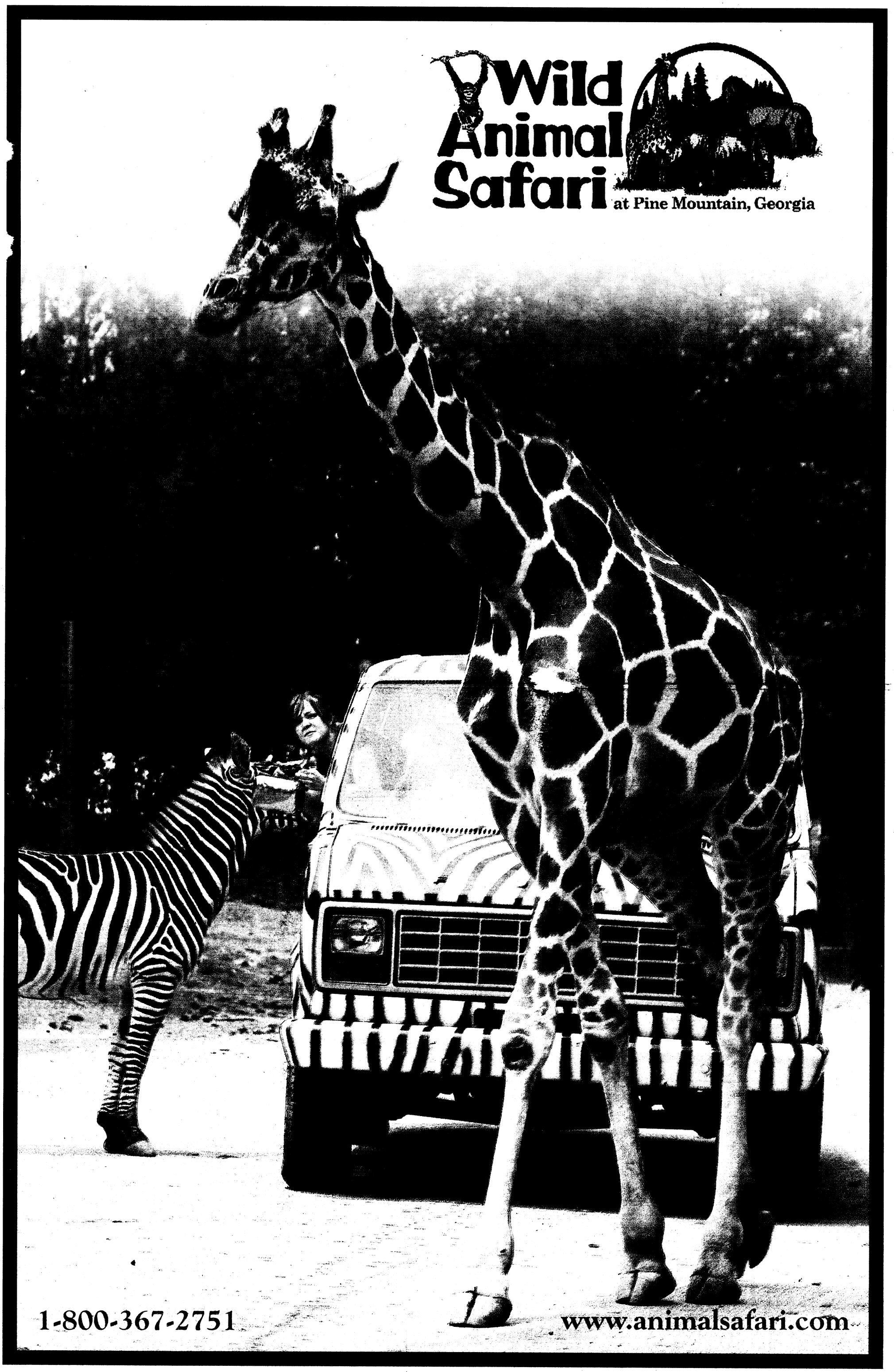
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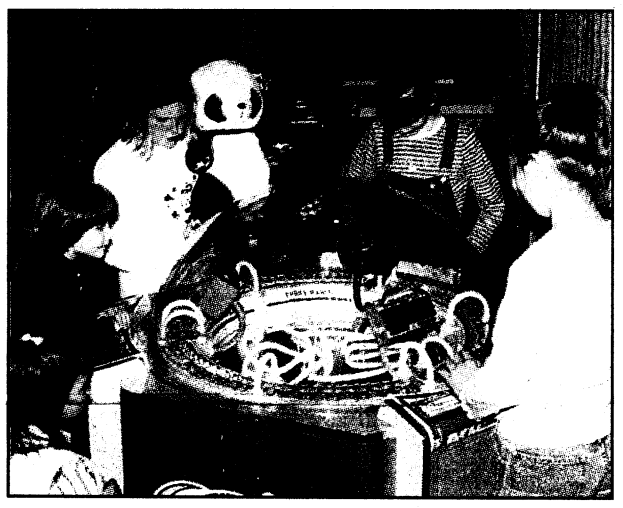
• **Snake Show** where poisonous snakes of the Southeastern U.S. will be discussed and visitors may have the opportunity to have their picture taken with a non-poisonous snake. (Summer Only, Snake Pit)

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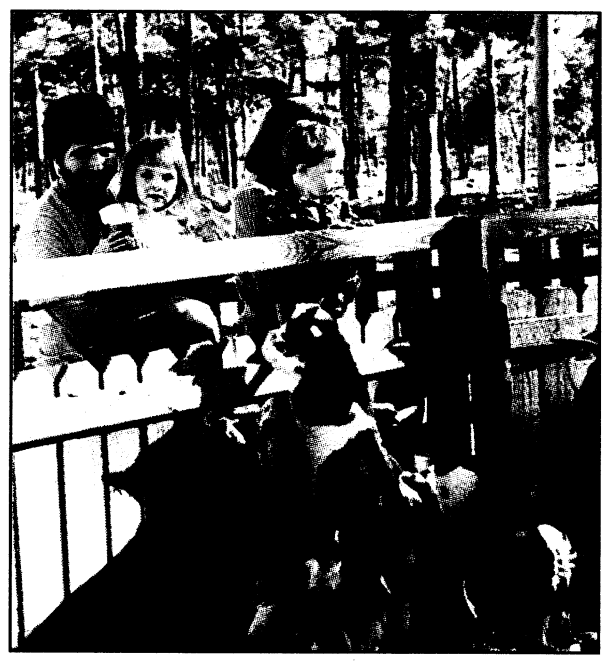


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Since the Stork delivered Shorty the Giraffe our Safari mascot has made numerous appearances at the Safari and throughout the state. He's delighted hundreds of kids and adults as well with his crazy giraffe antics! If you see Shorty be sure you say "Hello". You may wish to have your picture taken with him.

Meet the Babies where a park representative will teach you about the animals while giving you opportunity to pet and take pictures of these baby animals. Animal babies vary with seasons and babies available. (Baby Land U.S.A. or picnic areas.)





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Picnic tables are handy for park visitors who wish to prepare and bring their own meals, but remember - **no grills are allowed for guests to cook outdoors.** (This would pose a possible fire hazard for our animals.)

WELCOME to the Wild Animal Safari,

Your Gateway to Adventure

Welcome to the Wild Animal Safari at Pine Mountain. We mark our 11th birthday in 2002 and look forward to you joining our year-long celebration.

We've seen remarkable growth and continued success since the Safari gates were opened on June 29, 1991. We've come to love and appreciate the creatures, both large and small, that roam this 500-acre preserve.

We've stayed by the side of mama animals, waiting with them and then assisting as they gave birth to a baby or a litter of babies. We've learned the language of the elk's bugle and the bobcat's cry. We've bottle-fed baby bear cubs and rocked little leopards to sleep. We've raised ducks and deer, camels and cougars, bison and boars, and more.

And all the while, we've watched Safari visitors enter our gates to embark on adventures they remember for a lifetime.

Some of our greatest memories are of watching the delight on our visitors' faces as they encounter the animals. Nothing can compare with the sparkle in their eyes as they see a baby zebra feed from its mom for the first time, or a giraffe lower it's long neck to stare at them, or a bunch of baby bear cubs nibbling on each other's ears. It is amazing that, even after 10 years on the job, each day here is still exciting and fulfilling.

The year 2001 was a phenomenal one for us with park attendance at an all-time high. We added a new Big Cat Habitat, our biggest and best exhibit to date. We gained media exposure throughout the state of Georgia with numerous TV and radio show appearances. We added additional vans to our rental fleet. And, we provided more educational programs outside the Safari than ever before, including shows for kids at both public and private schools throughout Atlanta and West Georgia.

Our goal for the future is to continue to strive for a better life for our animals, thereby continuing to provide a quality experience for our visitors. You can help us do this by taking a moment to share your comments or concerns when you sign our Guest Register.

Or come talk with us. We have an open door policy and at least one of us is here almost every day. Come see us anytime you need to and feel free to share suggestions for Safari improvements.

In the past decade, we've watched our animal family grow with births and additions each year. We look forward to more births, more babies and more beaming smiles from you and your family as you become closer to our animal family here.

It is our promise to you that we will continue to enrich the lives of these precious animals, just as they continue to enrich ours.



Keepers of the Gate, Mike & Jason

THE PARK: From Idea to Reality

By Jackie Kennedy

Many visitors to Pine Mountain Wild Animal Park ask owner Ron Snider how the exotic animal wonderland came to be.

Ron Snider, successful owner of Southern Ambulance in LaGrange, Georgia, retired from building ambulances on January 1, 1986. Beginning then, he and wife Vivian spent the next three years traveling all over the world. Their desire was to see the animals of the earth.

In their travels they flew into isolated areas aboard single-engine airplanes or helicopters, landed float planes in rivers, hiked through the wilderness, trekked up mountains, camped out in tents and - through it all - managed to see some of the most magnificent creatures that walk the earth in their natural habitat.

While they would never trade those journeys, the Sniders agree that there was a downside. Vivian doesn't care for flying but had to in order to see those sights. And while most visits were considered safe, there were times when the Sniders grew concerned over unrest in certain locales. The State Department often warned tourists they were taking risks in some countries during troublesome times.

Back home in Pine Mountain after their three-year tour, the Sniders often reminisced of their journeys.

One day they were engaging in such talk when Vivian candidly remarked: "It sure would be wonderful if there was some place around here where you could see all those animals, a wilderness area close to home...We ought to just do that in Pine Mountain."

The couple laughed and changed the conversation.

But a few days later, it came back up. And the next day, it came back up again. And each time they talked about it, the notion became more serious.

The deciding factor came when their son, Curt, dropped by for a heart-to-heart talk with his parents.

For years, Curt had worked for his father's ambulance business and often his sales position required him to travel out-of-state. On this day, he told his parents: "You know, I've been travelling all my married life. I want to be home with my wife and two children."

The Sniders told their son they had been discussing the notion of opening a wild animal park and Curt thought it was a great idea. "At that moment, we decided we'd do it," says Ron Snider. "We came out here the next day and started building."

The Sniders designed and built everything at the park with their own work crews. Ron and Vivian had visited animal parks and game ranches all over the world and knew what it took. And their love for animals often led the way.

The couple's granddaughter came to work in the park office and together she and Curt handled most park operations during the early years, with assistance from Ron and Vivian.

It's a family business in the biggest way, according to Ron who says even the younger grandchildren know most of what there is to know about the park animals - their names, species, eating habits, etc.

A family business that caters to families, **Pine Mountain Wild Animal Park** was conceived in conversation and has blossomed into a reality that provides the unique opportunity to see exotic animals from the world over in one central location.

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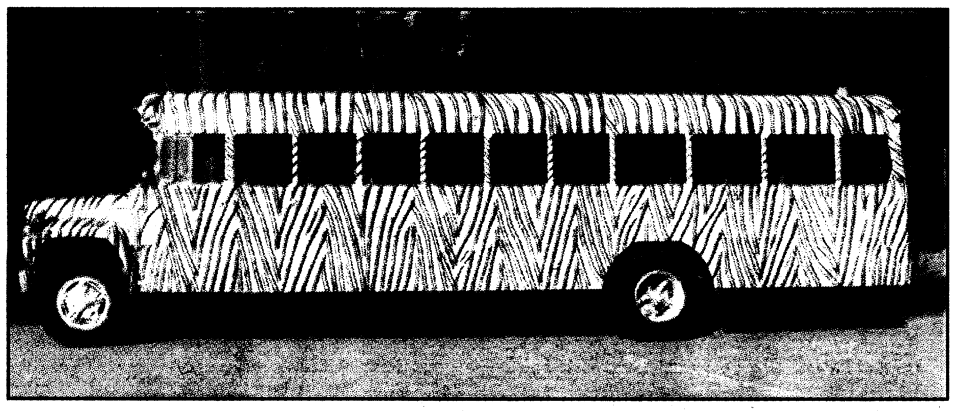
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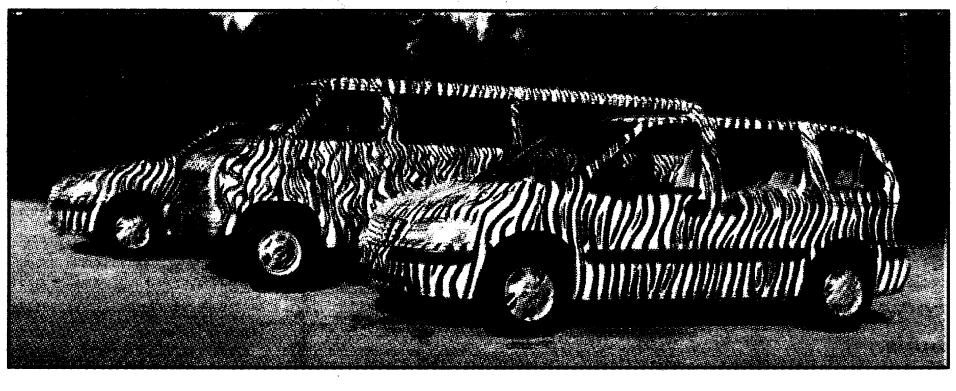
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We also rent wheelchairs for only $3.00 and Safari Jeep Strollers for $4.00, so that you might better enjoy your trip through Old McDonald.

Remember you can always use your own vehicle, wheelchair or stroller. These items are offered for your convenience and enjoyment only.

*Prices do not include Georgia State Sales Tax.





Your Safari Survival Guide

More than one million guests have visited this 500 acre wild animal preserve since it opened in 1991. Hundreds of species are represented and more than 1,000 baby animals have been born here.

This park is unlike a zoo, where animals are confined in small, man-made quarters. Most of the animals here roam freely throughout the countryside, mixing and mingling with one another, grazing and watering as they would in their original environment.

The Park consists of a drive-through section, Old McDonald's Farm, a Petting Zoo, Baby Land USA, the Monkey House, Serengeti Gift Shop, Giraffe Grill, two picnic areas, lakes and concession areas.

The Park Staff works hard to ensure your safety, but you must help by strictly following Park Rules. The animals are wild and failure to follow these rules could result in injury to you or damage to your vehicle. Remember, you enter the Park and feed animals at your own risk. **The Park is not responsible and can not control the animals or your failure to abide by all rules**. Please use "Good Common Sense."

Get ready for the experience of a lifetime! Get ready for a Wild Animal Safari!

Please read Park Rules and watch our Safety Video.

About Our Name

While the park was being built much thought was given in selecting the proper name. Since the Park was located just outside Pine Mountain and Pine Mountain was a vacation destination, it was decided that Pine Mountain should be included in the name. Since the Park would house wild animals, it seemed reasonable to include the words "Wild Animal" in our name. The word Park was added to give visitors an idea of the type of setting. Therefore the name "Pine Mountain Wild Animal Park" was born. We thought we had the perfect name. As the Park became a reality, guests started arriving and our advertising program began, we learned a few lessons.

First, to our surprise, not everyone knew about Pine Mountain or where it was located. In fact Georgia has more than one Pine Mountain.

Second, the word Park to many customers signified a small place with swings, picnic tables and a few goats and sheep, maybe even a monkey. Some how we hadn't told people "we had a 500 acre preserve with hundreds of animals from every continent of the world or that they could drive through a wilderness area and see the animals roaming free in a natural habitat."

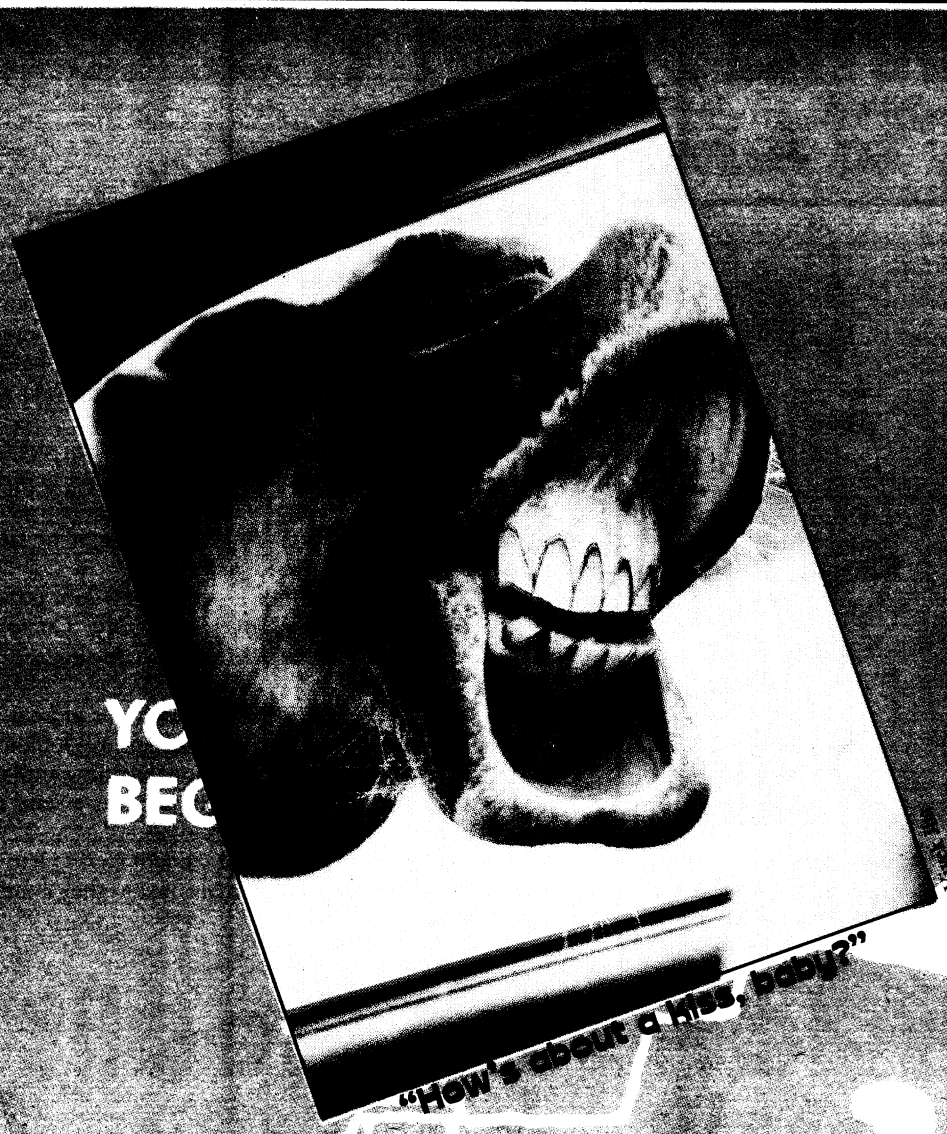
Third, our name was so long it would not fit on billboards and signs. The "Perfect" Name, Ha!

Now we didn't discover this information overnight. It took about 2 1/2 years before we decided that we needed a change. The question was, How do you make a name change when you have spent thousands of dollars on advertising and 100's of thousands of people had been to the Park and many more had seen our advertising and knew our name? NOT EASY! That's an understatement.

We decided our best way out was to use two names for the Park. "Pine Mountain Wild Animal Park" would be our official name and "Wild Animal Safari" would be a trade name.

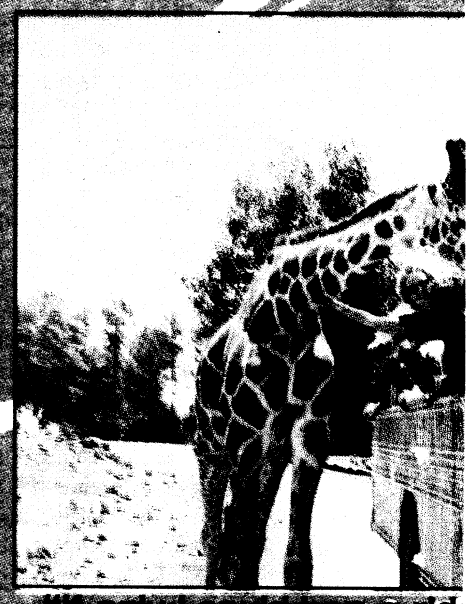
The conclusion of this story is . . . If you see either name, you know we are talking about the same place. Hopefully "Wild Animal Safari" will better tell who we are to our new visitors and will help on our billboards. Just remember, what ever name you use, it means fun and excitement in a family environment in a country setting.

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BEC

"How's about a kiss, baby?"



"If only I could hop a ride
With human frie

"The animals were exciting and the food was great. We had such a good time. It's a fun place and our kids had a good learning experience by being up close with the animals. They still talk about it. We're going to have to make another trip soon. Now we have a 10-month-old and we need to take him to the Safari, too."

Bruce and Tiffany Thompson
Phenix City, Alabama



"Who's the boss here?"

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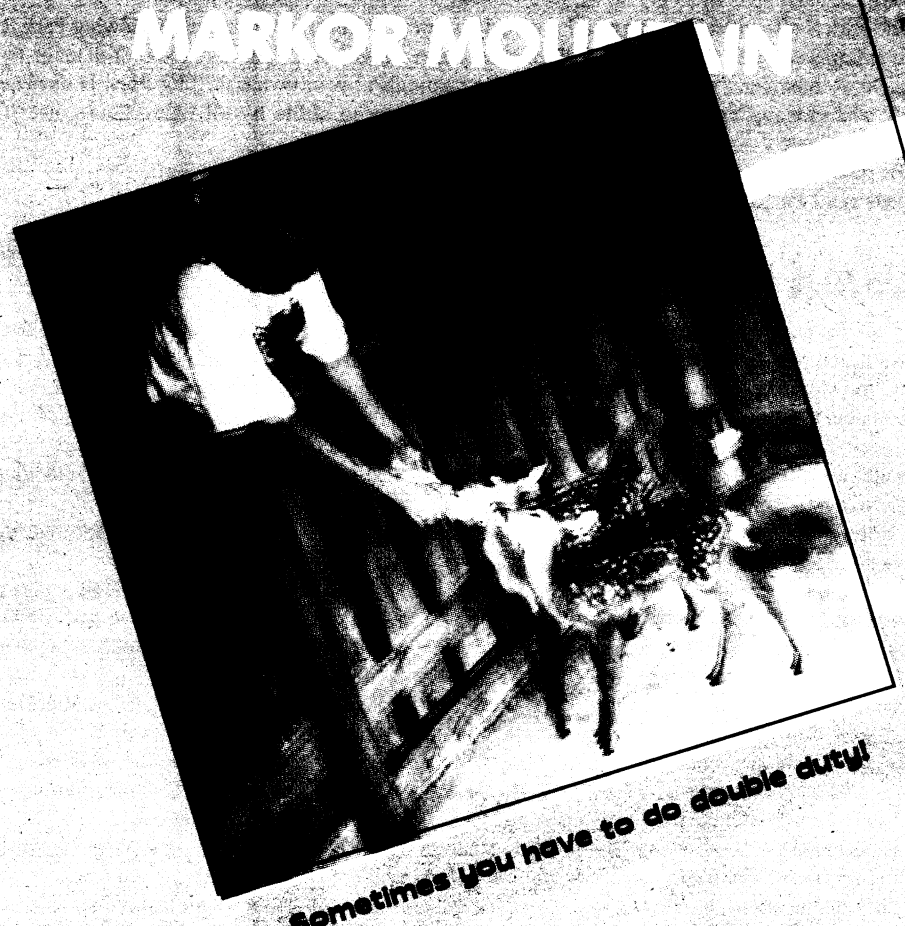
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"One, two, a
Three, four, ba

"It was so fun we had to go through twice! We'd never experienced anything like this before. The kids loved it and we're planning to come back again. Actually having the birds and animals come right up to us was so unique and we saw things we never get to see. Plus we've got wonderful pictures from our visit. It was just awesome."

Al and Paula del Valle
Plant City, Florida



Sometimes you have to do double duty!

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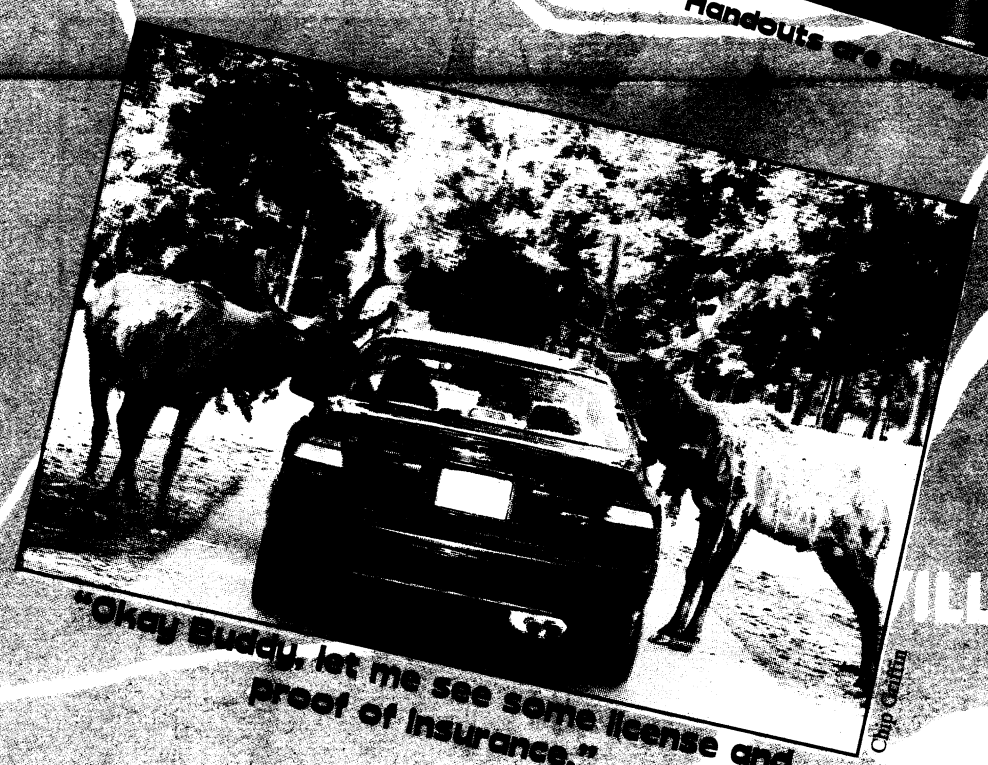
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"We had an amazing time at the Safari. It was a point-and-click tour through several [illegible] in our jeep. The drive-through section was [illegible] of all the [illegible] in our group. The [illegible] were from our 17-month-old baby girl, [illegible]-year-old niece, 5, and 8-year-old nephews and 11-year-old friend all the way up to my 16-year-old nephew and his two 15-year-old friends... The kids were all having a blast! It was incredible to find such an entertaining outing for everyone in our family! I do not know of another place that could provide such fun. The animals were the greatest! Thanks Wild Animal Safari... We will all be back soon.

Kristen Butler
Atlanta



"Okay Buddy, let me see some license and proof of insurance."

Chip Griffin

ILLE USA



Chip Griffin

ren't they cute?
y bears we adore!"

SONAL



"Look Mom...He's so close."

T AT WILD ANIMAL SAFARI!

What is a Liger?

The Liger Story

If you are reading this article or visiting the Park for the first time, the odds are great that you have never heard of , much less seen a Liger. Some of you may not even believe there is such an animal or that a cat could grow this large.

Park founder, Ron Snider, saw his first Liger some 12 years ago when he was building the Park and purchasing the animals.

Snider was visiting an animal dealer in Texas when he saw the largest cat he had ever seen. "That cat was huge and very gentle," says Snider. "I immediately tried to buy him for the Park. But the dealer wouldn't sell him. I first thought this was a ploy to raise the asking price (very common in animal trades) but I soon learned that the Liger was so rare that the dealer wouldn't sell at any price. I left the facility very disappointed because I knew everyone would enjoy seeing such a majestic animal."

Snider never gave up hope that one day he would own a Liger and could display him at the Park for all to see. The search went on for several years with no results.

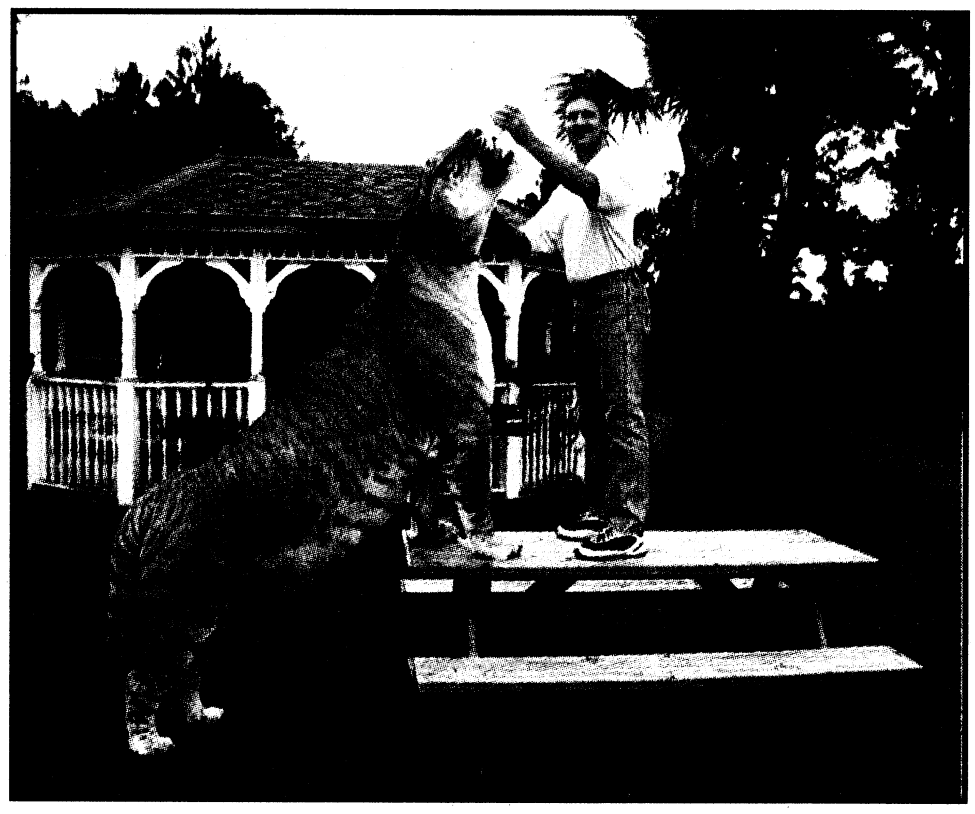
A new plan was conceived! The Park would breed to produce a Liger. A Liger is a cross between a male Lion and female Tiger. The question was, how do you achieve this? After much research and talk with animal professionals, Snider decided to raise a baby African black maned Lion (Barney, born at the Park) with a baby Bengal Tiger (Troupette, donated by a zoo). Since both were babies, they became buddies at once.



One of our New Baby Ligers "Samson"

Then the wait began to see if they would produce a Liger. As the years went by and no baby Liger was born, Auburn University Veterinarian School was called in to assist. It was determined that both Barney and Troupette were fertile. So why didn't we have any baby Ligers? It was nearing Winter and the decision was made to wait until Spring or early Summer before trying artificial insemination or in vitro fertilization.

Our luck finally changed ... Just weeks before the procedures were to begin, Troupette gave birth to our first Liger cubs. Everyone was so excited. She had two very healthy male cubs (born in May, 1999). They can be seen in the drive thru section at "Cat Condo". These cats will continue to grow until age 5 or 6. When they should weigh close to 1,000 pounds. They are already larger than their father or mother.



A Liger is a cross between a male Lion and female Tiger. It is the largest of the cat family and will weigh up to 1,000 pounds. It stands about 11 to 12 feet tall when standing on its hind legs.

The Liger is believed to inherit the best strengths of both species. This is similar to breeding a horse with a donkey where you receive a mule.

There is conflicting information about what percentage of Ligers may be sterile or fertile. In a 10 year Park study we hope to answer this as well as other questions concerning this great cat.

The Liger face looks more like a Lion and the base color (while it varies with individuals) is closest to the Lion. The Tiger stripes are visible and the white markings on the back of their ears is a Tiger trait.

If the father had been a male Tiger and the mother a female Lion, it would have been called a Tigon and would have been smaller than either mom or dad.



African Black mane Lion "Barney" - Father



Bengal Tiger "Troupette" - Mother



Peter Lukken

SERENGETI GIFT SHOP

When you come to our Animal Park, you're going on a world wide Safari. It's a photo shoot you're not going to believe. You'll have memories of a lifetime, so make sure you have your camera and plenty of film. Both are available in our Gift Shop along with gifts and souvenirs for everyone. Prices range from $0.25 to several hundred dollars.

Gifts range from lucky rabbits' feet or back scratchers to hand painted items. Or select animals (not live ones) for your very own Wild Animal Safari. We have most sizes and species.

There are many logo products, from Tee-shirts to mugs to spoons to thimbles --- and the list goes on. Hopefully we have your favorites.

We also have the unusual, such as deer antlers, Indian products, peacock feathers, porcupine quills and authentic African wood carvings.

The variety is endless with too many interesting items to mention by name, so be sure and allow enough time to shop and browse our **Gift Shop**. You'll find our prices very attractive!

To See & Do In The Area

Located just one hour southwest of Atlanta, the town of Pine Mountain lies at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains and captures all the charm of a small Southern town, all the excitement and amenities of a city and all the friendly faces you can imagine just waiting to share their area with visitors just like you.

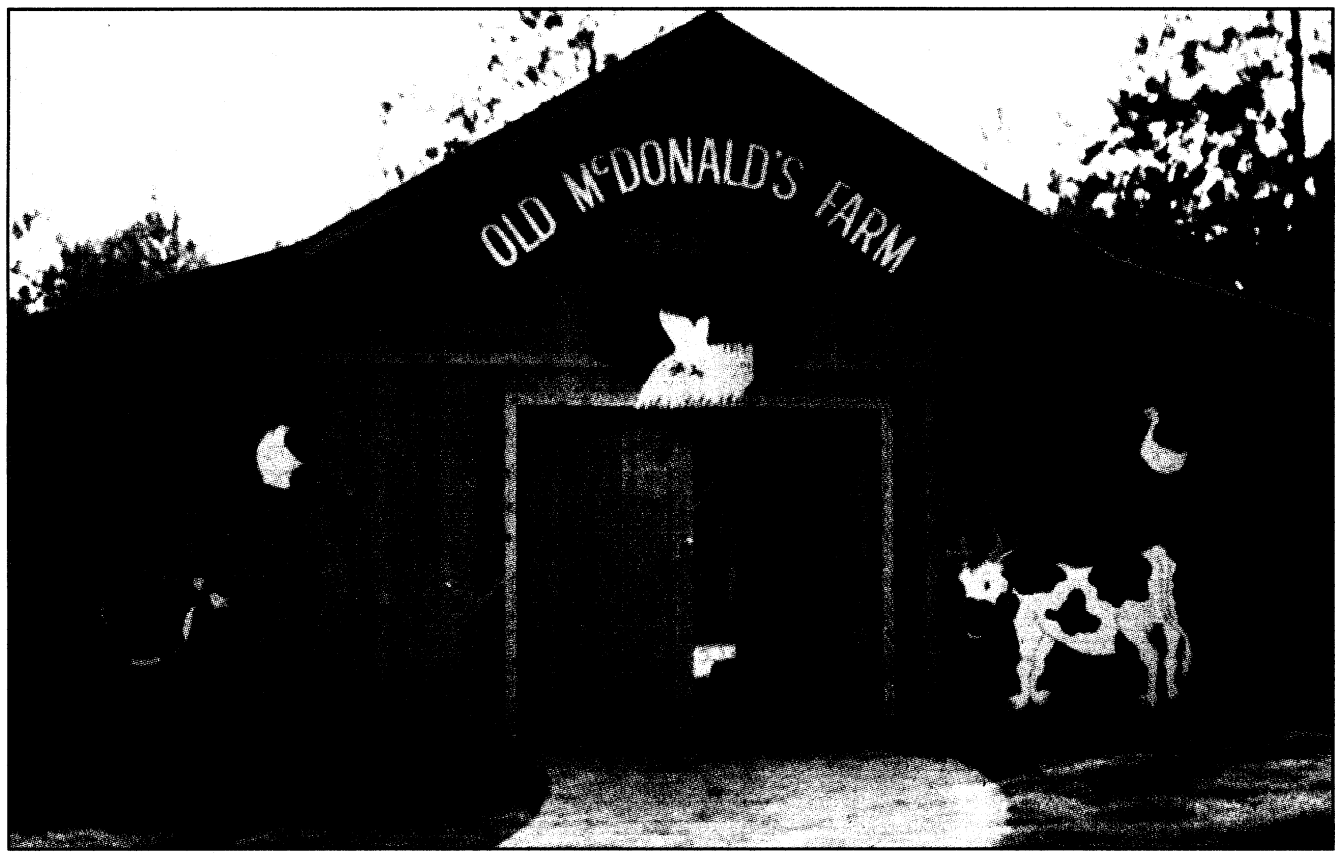
Known for its quaint shops, history and Southern cooking, the area is a vacationer's dream for relaxing and enjoy the past.

The Pine Mountain area has emerged from its days as a farming community into a primary tourism location, greatly due to the efforts of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Callaway's Cason Callaway.

At first glance, Pine Mountain appears to be another small, Southern town. But look closer and you'll find that every building in downtown is occupied and every store is brimming over with merchandise. These shops are locally owned with some of the merchandise made by local craftsmen, artists and artisans.

Besides enjoying the Pine Mountain Wild Animal Park, there is beautiful Callaway Gardens, a 14,000 acre preserve, Roosevelt State Park (Georgia's largest), Roosevelt' Little White House in Warm Springs, Georgia (where the town has been restored and features many shops and restaurants). Pine Mountain also has many other sights and attractions plus Columbus, Georgia is only a few miles away.

OLD McDONALD HAD A FARM



OLD McDONALD IS A MUST SEE!

Welcome to Old McDonald Farm!

- You will delight at the many marvels of nature's finest in our Walk-Thru Section. Enjoy the Petting Zoo, Alligator Alley, Monkey House, Babyland USA, Bear Circle, Wolf's Den, Georgia Wildlife Museum, Snake Pit (Summer Only), Raccoon Resort, and many more wildlife exhibits.
- Daily Shows take place each day during our Summer Season and on Weekends during the Spring and Fall Seasons at Old McDonald. See Daily Show schedule for times.
- For refreshments, film, cameras and special baby food, visit our snack bar located in the Old McDonald Section. (Summer Only)



PETTING ZOO

Our Petting Zoo features a larger area and more animals. It is designed to allow even our smallest visitors to pet and feed the animals and protects the visitor from animals jumping up on them. Visitors circle the outside as animals circle the inside. Special animal food, for the babies, will be available during the summer months. We know you will enjoy this section.



BABY LAND USA

Be sure you visit, **Baby Land**. You'll be able to sit and watch baby animals run and play. What kind of babies? Maybe baby bears that will be running around, climbing trees or taking a dip in their pool. Maybe our wolf pups will be racing around or yelping at each other. Or perhaps, lion cubs will be learning to roar and loving to purr.

Our babies vary according to the season, so there's no telling which we'll have when you come, but be sure and **check us out.**

Photo Sessions will be available at scheduled times throughout the day. (seasonal)



GEORGIA WILDLIFE MUSEUM

The Museum features animals native to the State of Georgia. You may be surprised that Georgia has so many native animals, birds, snakes and fish. It is impossible for us to feature all native species so we have carefully selected about 100 for your study and viewing pleasure. We are proud that none of the animals featured were killed for museum mounting (please note signs at entrance).

There are 44 dioramas featured. We believe you will enjoy each one. A sign is furnished with each to help identify the species. We hope it will be an educational experience for both young and old and for native Georgians as well as our visitors from around the globe.

Be Sure To Visit All The Animals At Old McDonald's Farm Before or After Your Drive-Thru Safari Adventure!

2002 SAFARI EVENT CALENDAR

JANUARY

The Wild Animal Safari begins its Winter Program.

FEBRUARY

Pine Mountain Wild Animal Safari salutes our military as February serves as our Military Appreciation month. All members and their family can purchase tickets for only $7.00 each, ID required.

February 14-17. Valentine's Weekend Special. All couples can purchase tickets for half price.

MARCH

Wild Animal Safari begins its Spring Program.

March 30-31 - The Wild Animal Safari celebrates Easter with their annual Easter Egg Hunt for children ages 3-9. Live animals or Gift Shop Certificates awarded as Grand Prizes in selected age groups.

APRIL

April 1-12- The Wild Animal Safari celebrates Spring Break. All students regardless of age can purchase tickets for only $7.00 each. College and Tech students must show ID.

MAY

The Wild Animal Safari begins its Summer Program.

May 11-12 - Mother's Day Special. All mothers' tickets are 1/2 price.

May 25-27 - Memorial Day Special. All military personnel and their families can purchase tickets for only $7.00 each, ID required. Three full days of Bar-B-Que and Special Events.

JUNE

June 1-7 - Out of School Special. All students regardless of age can purchase tickets for only $7.00 each. College and Tech students must show ID.

June 15-16 - Father's Day Special. All Fathers' tickets are 1/2 price.

June 29-30 - The Wild Animal Safari celebrates its 11th Birthday. A free Safari poster will be given to each car entering the Park, plus a piece of birthday cake per Park ticket.

JULY

July 4-7 - The Wild Animal Safari celebrates Independence Day with special shows throughout the day. Hamburgers and hot dogs are only 99 cents each.

AUGUST

August 1-9 - Back to School Special. All students regardless of age can purchase tickets for only $7.00 each. College and Tech students need ID.

August 31 - September 2 - The Wild Animal Safari celebrates Labor Day with three full days of Bar-B-Que and Special events.

SEPTEMBER

September 3 - The Wild Animal Safari begins its Fall Program.

September 7-8 - Grandparents Day Special. One grandchild free (children or student) with each Grandparent ticket.

OCTOBER

October 26-27 - Halloween Special. Anyone wearing a full Halloween costume can purchase tickets at 1/2 price.

NOVEMBER

November 9-11 - The Wild Animal Safari honors all Veterans with tickets for them and their families for only $7.00 each.

November 28 thru December 1 - Come celebrate the Thanksgiving Holidays at the Wild Animal Safari.

DECEMBER

December 2- January 1 - The Wild Animal Safari would like to Thank You by offering our Carload Rate Special. You may bring up to 7 persons in one car for only $35.00. Each car must have a ticket to enter the Park. Special pricing on groups also available.

December 25 - We are closed on Christmas Day.

Tax is not included in admission prices. If you have any questions or need more information please call us at 1-800-367-2751 or 706-663-8744

Special Prices Can Not Be Used In Conjuction With Any Other Special Offers.

Winter Jan. 1 - Feb. 28, 2002		Spring March 1 - April 30, 2002		Summer May 1 - Sept. 2, 2002		Fall Sept. 3 - Dec. 1, 2002	
Admission	**Price**	**Admission**	**Price**	**Admission**	**Price**	**Admission**	**Price**
Adults	$10.95	Adults	$11.95	Adults	$12.95	Adults	$11.95
Senior Citizens (60 &above)	$ 9.95	Senior Citizens (60 &above)	$10.95	Senior Citizens (60 &above)	$11.95	Senior Citizens (60 &above)	$10.95
Students (age 10-16)	$ 9.95	Students (age 10-16)	$10.95	Students (age 10-16)	$11.95	Students (age 10-16)	$10.95
Children (ages 3-9)	$ 8.95	Children (ages 3-9)	$ 9.95	Children (ages 3-9)	$10.95	Children (ages 3-9)	$ 9.95
Children 2 & under	Free	Children 2 & under	Free	Children 2 & under	Free	Children 2 & under	Free

December 2-January 1, 2003
Special Carload Rate
$35.00 per car for up to 7 persons
December is the only month that Carload Prices are in effect.

Hours of Operation & Tour Bus Information

January 1 - February 28	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Tour Bus Operates by Advance Reservations Only
March 1 - April 30	10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Tour Bus Operates on Weekends, Holidays and Advanced Reservations
May 1 - September 2	10:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.	Tour Bus Operates Daily With Park Ticket
September 3 - December 1	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Tour Bus Operates on Weekends, Holidays and Advanced Reservations
December 2 - 31	10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Tour Bus Operates by Advanced Reservations Only

NOTICE TO PET OWNERS

DUE TO THE HEALTH REQUIREMENTS OF PARK ANIMALS, WE CAN NOT ALLOW NON-PARK ANIMALS INSIDE THE PARK. IF YOU ARE PLANNING A TRIP TO THE PARK, PLEASE MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO LEAVE YOUR PET(S) AT HOME. IF YOU ARE TRAVELING THROUGH GEORGIA WITH YOUR PET, WE CAN PROVIDE A KENNEL DURING YOUR TRIP THROUGH OUR PARK.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP.

NOTICE TO ALL PARK CUSTOMERS

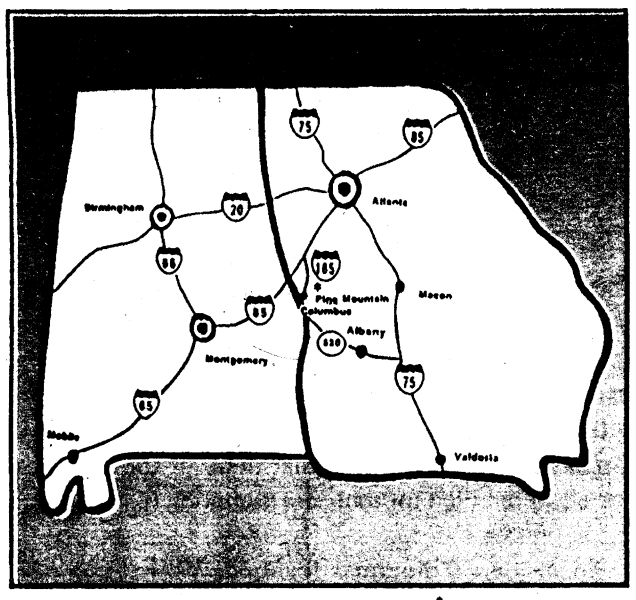
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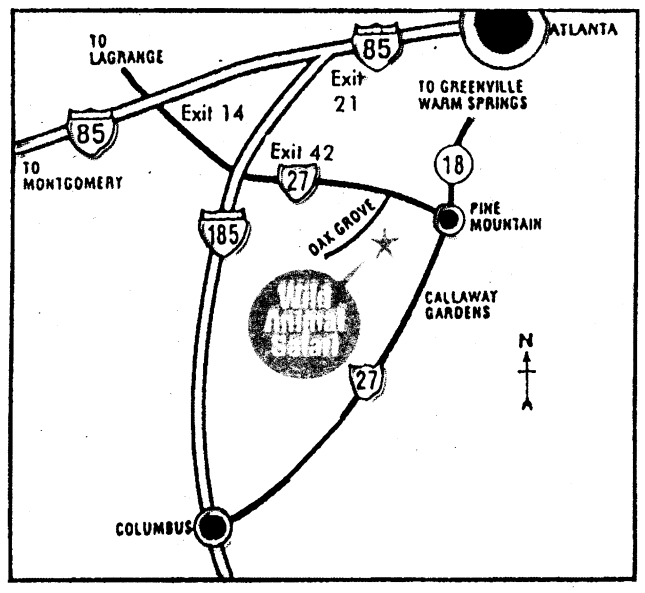
The animals in the Park are WILD. Even though they seem friendly when eating from your car or while walking through Old McDonald Farm, *please remember that they are wild and unpredictable.* If you choose to feed animals, you do so at your own risk! If you follow all park rules and do not place your fingers in the animals' mouths, the chance of injury to you or your vehicle will be greatly reduced. Be careful and always use good judgment. NEVER get out of your vehicle while in the drive-thru section and NEVER climb on, or over, fences or barriers.

If you have any questions about prices, park rules or policies, please ask to talk to a Park Manager *before purchasing your ticket.*

It is our desire that you have a safe and fun-filled adventure while visiting our park. If you have any suggestions how we might improve your visit, please tell one of our Park Managers or complete a suggestion card. THANK YOU!

HOW TO FIND US





Distance to Pine Mountain

Atlanta - 1 hour
Birmingham - 2 hours
Jacksonville - 5 1/2 hours
Macon - 1 hour
Mobile - 4 1/2 hours
Montgomery - 1 1/2 hours
New Orleans - 7 hours
Savannah - 4 hours
Tallahassee - 3 1/2 hours
Warm Springs - 1/4 hour
(Approximate times based on 60 mph conversion.)

PINE MOUNTAIN WILD ANIMAL PARK IS JUST MINUTES FROM ALMOST ANYWHERE!

From Atlanta Area:
Take I-85 South to Exit #21. This will put you on I-185 South. Go to Exit #42. Get off and turn left. Go approximately 6.8 miles and turn right on Oak Grove Road. The Park is two miles on your left.

From Columbus Area:
Take I-185 North to Exit #42. Get off and turn right. Go 6.7 miles. Turn right on Oak Grove Road. The Park is two miles on your left.

From Birmingham Area:
Take US 280 South to Junction of I-85. Turn left on I-85 North. Go to Ga. Exit #14. Turn right on to US 27 and go approximately 11 miles. Turn right on Oak Grove Road. The Park is two miles on your left.

From Montgomery or Auburn Area:
Take I-85 North to Georgia Exit #14. Turn right on US 27 South for 11.3 miles. Turn right on Oak Grove Road. The Park is two miles on your left.

From Albany Area:
Take South Georgia Parkway #520 (corridor Z) North to Columbus. Take I-185 North to Exit #42. Turn right and go 6.7 miles. Turn right on Oak Grove Road. The Park is two miles on the left.

From Macon Area
Take Ga. Hwy. 74 West to Ga.18 (toward Greenville). Ga. 18 will take you to Pine Mountain. Turn right at first stop sign in Pine Mountain. You are on US 27 North. Go 2.6 miles. Turn left on Oak Grove Road. Park is two miles on left.

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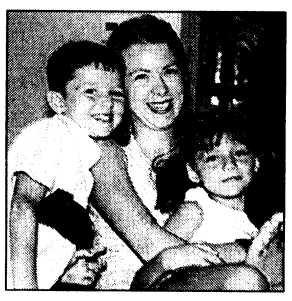
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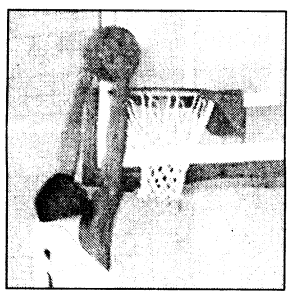
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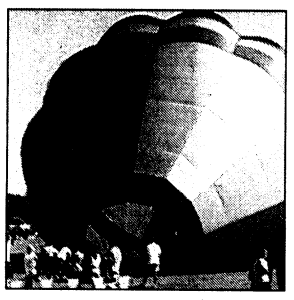
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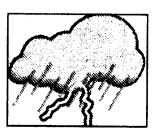
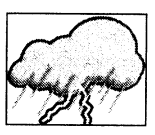
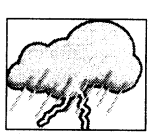
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Slow down, avoid speeding ticket, accident

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

"It's pretty much a given if we pull someone over for speeding they are going to get a ticket."

Staff Sgt. Kevin Sparks
Traffic NCOIC for Fort Benning

People in a rush this Labor Day weekend may want to think twice before speeding on or around Fort Benning.

Police will be in full force on all Fort Benning roads, including Interstate 185 and Highway 27, and they aren't taking any excuses for breaking the law on this holiday weekend, said Staff Sgt. Kevin Sparks, Traffic NCOIC for Fort Benning's Military Police.

"It's pretty much a given if we pull someone over for speeding they are going to get a ticket," Sparks said.

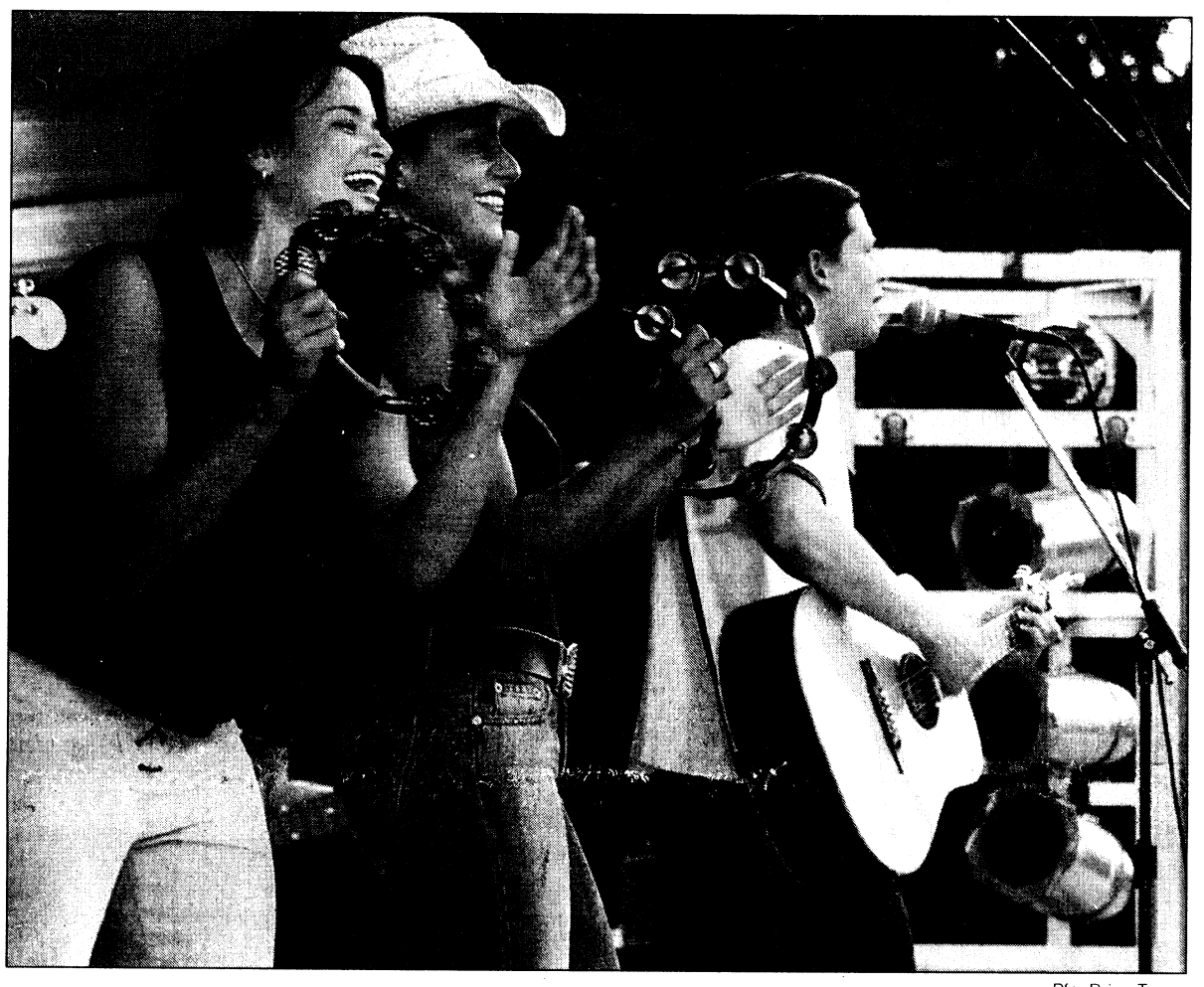
"Holiday travelers like to think they can bend the rules, but that won't be the case with our MPs."

MPs predict Labor Day weekend will be among the highest weekends of the year for traffic infractions and vehicular deaths around Fort Benning.

"Two years ago a pick-up truck hydroplaned and crashed into oncoming traffic, and the year before that a 3-year-old girl was killed because of people being careless on the roads," Sparks said. "Safety is the responsibility of all drivers."

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And the band played on



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Acres' percussionist Jen Lowe and her sister, Stephanie, help fire up thousands of soldiers during a concert Saturday. For more details, see A-12.

Post to honor Sept. 11 victims

Ceremonies to highlight remembrance

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

United by the memories of Sept. 11's heroes and victims, the Fort Benning community will come together on York Field and Sand Hill to pay tribute to those men and women.

"The intent is to recognize the heroes and thank them," said Cliff Davis, ceremonies coordinator in the Directorate of Operations and Training. "We want it to be an uplifting thing."

The York Field ceremony

See **POST**, A-13

Army to help chains of command with TIM

Transformation provides more time for quality of life

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Transformation of Installation Management, designed to manage Army installations to create a more efficient and effective corporate management structure for Army installations worldwide, will open its headquarters Oct. 1 in Arlington, Va.

The transformation will geographically align installation management in seven regions worldwide.

The regions are:

- **Southeast**: Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Ga.
- **Northeast**: Fort Monroe, Hampton, Va.
- **Southwest**: Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas.
- **Northwest**: Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Ill.
- **Europe**: Heidelberg, Germany
- **Pacific**: Fort Shafter, Honolulu, Hawaii
- **Korea**: Yongsan, South Korea

Fort Benning falls under the Southeast region.

After extensive analysis, these locations were selected to minimize turbulence on the civilian work force and take advantage of facilities and skilled personnel available in the major Army command elements stationed at these locations.

"This means we'll be closer to someone who can help us with problems," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

The Transformation of Installation Management is part of the Army transformation; it better supports the mission commander by providing better base operations support and base operations dollars, he said.

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Col. Joe Torres
Garrison commander

Rationalization of these services will establish equitable standards of service at all Army installations worldwide, streamline the flow of resources and improve the delivery of services to commanders, soldiers and their families, according to a press release from the secretary of the Army.

See **TIM**, A-13

House of Heroes to help widow keep home

Volunteers to make home repairs

Bridgett Siter
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Retired Sgt. 1st Class John VonCloedt died May 31, leaving behind his wife of nearly 50 years and a house that's fallen into disrepair.

"But it's all I've got left. I want to hold on to it," said 89-year-old Roena VonCloedt, who suffers from poor circulation and loss of vision.

Old friends drop in to check on Roena at her Oakland Park home, and a neighbor vacuums her floors and takes her to the doctor. But the big chores — the painting and trimming and scrubbing — are beginning to pile up. A botched roof job three years ago resulted in a cracked and leaky ceiling and a carpet that reeks of mildew.

"John couldn't do anything. His heart was bad, and I can't take care of it like I used to," said Roena, who has no children. "But I don't want to give up my home."

She won't have to, if Ben Anderson has anything to say about it.

An engineering technician for the Housing Division, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, Anderson is spearheading a team of nearly 15 volunteers

See **ORGANIZATION**, A-13



Bridgett Siter

"I still miss him. Sometimes I hear footsteps," said Roena VonCloedt, whose husband, retired Sgt. 1st Class John VonCloedt, died in May.

PERSONAL COURAGE

Police display it daily

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

"Face fear, danger or adversity (physical or moral)."

The final Army value in the LDRSHIP system is personal courage. This value teaches soldiers to put their buddies' life ahead of their own.

However, personal courage goes beyond soldiers. I know firefighters and other public safety officials make sacrifices, but I want to write about police officers.

My dad is a police officer and perhaps the most influential person in my life. Hearing stories of things that happened to him on a daily basis made me wonder if that were to happen again, would he come back alive?

I never knew when I told him goodbye every night before he left for work if I would ever see him alive again.

Police officers have a very dangerous job. They are the targets of many people.

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Sometimes even their children are the targets of people.

Last year, 228 officers were killed in the line of duty, including the 70 officers that died at the World Trade Center. The 228 deaths represent the sixth deadliest year in the history of the United States.

Since I was young, I knew of the dangers my dad faced. He knew them too. Still, he went out every night and did his job and took pride in it.

It must have taken all my father's courage to go out onto dangerous streets every night to ensure the safety of the community. But he did it because that is what he loves to do.

There are many officers across the United States who gave their lives for the sake of the community and their country.

One officer is John Perry of the Port Authority Police in New York City.

Perry was putting in his retirement papers at the NYC Police Headquarters when the first plane hit the World Trade Center.

Not thinking about himself, Perry rushed the few blocks to the Trade Center Towers and had the courage to run up the stairs to help out with what he could.

Then the tower collapsed ... Perry did not make it out alive.

My father always told me the hardest thing for a police officer to deal with is the loss of a fellow officer. No matter what state they're from, their background or the color of their skin, it hurts when you lose a comrade.

No matter where I am or what I am doing, when I see an officer, I greet him and shake his hand.

The police ensure safety, both yours and mine, in the community without even thinking about it.

Thank you to all of the police officers just like my dad and Officer John Perry.

Reigning queen preps for sale

Bridgett Siter
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I am the reigning Southeastern United States Yard Sale Queen. Self-appointed.

If you want to wrangle the crown from my head, you'll have to best me in the talent competition. You're chance is coming, but I'm warning you, I've got yard saling down to an art.

Just last weekend I competed in The World's Longest Yard Sale, a 400-mile marathon of wall-to-wall roadside junk, piled beneath plastic awnings and strung from sagging clotheslines.

It was grueling, but I can say I've been there, done that. I didn't get the T-shirt though. No self-respecting scavenger would fork over $10 for a T-shirt that reads, *"I survived The World's Longest Yard Sale."*

You don't have to go quite that far to bag a really great bargain. They can be found in your own back yard — or your neighbor's front yard actually — at the Postwide Yard Sale Sept. 7.

Some of my best scavenging has taken

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place right here on post.

Why just a few weeks ago — Aug. 3 to be exact, I remember it well, cause it was my husband's birthday — I had one of those rare yard sale nirvana experiences. I'd bought Tom a trailer for his new motorcycle and snuck it into the driveway so he'd be surprised when he awoke. He was.

"Oh, honey, thank you, thank you, thank you," he said, or something to that affect. "Now we'll need to get a trailer hitch for the van."

"Yeah, how much are we talking about?" I asked, suddenly regretting my generosity.

"Oh, maybe a couple hundred."

I left — to go to yard sales, of course — seething. I knew I should've given him socks.

By the time I'd stopped at a few sales, I'd begun to calm down. They have that effect on me. I managed to forget the whole matter by the time I arrived at a yard sale in McGraw Manor. The man of the house stopped me as I was rifling through his junk.

"Excuse me, ma'am. I couldn't help but notice you drive a Mercury," he said. "I have a trailer hitch for a Mercury. Used it one time, to tow my car from Fort Lewis."

No way, I thought.

"How much?" I asked.

"$75. Paid about two fifty for it," he replied as he headed for his shed, where he dug out a perfectly pristine top-of-the-line Class 5 genuine Reese trailer hitch.

Hotdoggy!

OK, OK. So it's not exactly a miracle. If that doesn't impress you, I've got a dozen more stories just like it, because I *am* the Queen of Yard Sales.

Wanna see me in action? I'll be blazing a trail around post next Saturday. Catch me if you can.

Better yet, join me. And find out for yourself why yard sale addicts say Fort Benning's Postwide Yard Sale tops the world's longest in the battle of the bargains every time.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resident takes exception to reader's comments

I'd like to take a moment to respond to a letter concerning the appearance of the quarters in McGraw Manor and other quarters around post.

Have you ever noticed how easy it is to bash soldiers? Usually the basher has no clue what it is like to be a soldier or they were soldiers years ago and will usually tell stories that begin with "When I was a soldier..."

Our parents told similar stories when we were kids about the horrors of walking uphill in the snow in bare feet with 60 mph winds blowing in their faces both ways to school.

Don't get me wrong — I certainly appreciate all the soldiers and their families who have come before me.

What I do take exception to is my fellow soldiers being bashed by them or their family members.

Soldiers and their families are much different now.

The economy today requires both parents to work.

This means there isn't somebody to stay home and take care of the house. Single parents have become an important part of the Army.

The Army has recognized the importance of all its families and has even created numerous agencies and policies to make family life better.

If we went back to the days of "if the Army wanted you to have a family, it would have issued you one," how long would soldiers stay in? Where would the Army get replacements? This would be a task, considering the difficulty all the services have had over the past few years making recruiting quotas.

Today's Army asks a lot of its soldiers. It wants recruits to have clean police records. It also wants them to be smarter, stronger and able to deploy with little notice for unknown periods of time.

The phrase the Army doesn't pay you to think has been replaced with the Army expects you to think.

Working late is the norm, not the exception. If they are not working late, soldiers are busy taking college classes to try to get ahead and improve themselves. After this, comes time for the family.

While the soldiers have changed, the housing hasn't.

The writer used the term "slum cities." Strangely enough, some soldiers who live there describe it the same way, but it has nothing to do with the way people keep their yards.

These quarters are old and small. At the time they were built, soldiers had only one car, if any. Soldiers are now paid a little better than they used to be, so they have a little money for that necessary second car and furniture to make their home comfortable.

By old standards, toys and patio furniture in the yard were probably not acceptable, but today it is a reality.

The Army has even admitted it needs to get out of the family housing business because it is not good at it. Contracted on-post housing is the wave of the future. One project at Fort Meade, Md., will include brand new larger quarters with garages and storage, as well as wall-to-wall carpeting. And oh by the way, the contractor there will take care of all the landscaping and yard work.

Things aren't like they used to be. If the Army wants to keep the high quality soldiers it seeks, things will probably continue to change.

Meanwhile the post's community life NCOs who do a fine job of making sure soldiers are maintaining their yards (I know, they busted me once) will continue to seek out violators of post policies.

However, the war on terrorism, a war different than any other war this country has ever fought, will go on successfully despite a few weeds, tall grass or toys left in the yard.

Master Sgt. Paul D. Ebner
Fort Benning

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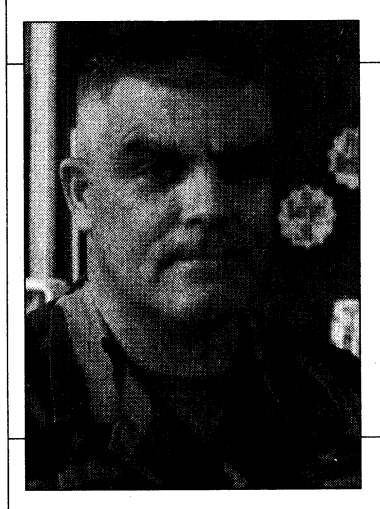
What is the best deal you've every gotten at a yard sale?



Sgt. Martha Morton, U.S. Army Dental Activity — "I bought some name brand toddler clothes for 25 cents apiece."



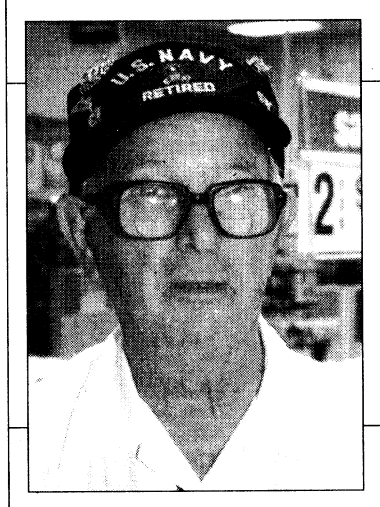
Justine McNutt, family member — "I got a brand new crib and changing table for $50. Both together usually run for over $200."



Col. Paul Melody, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I have never bought anything at a yard sale, but I have sold some stuff. I sold children's clothing that wasn't going to be used anymore.



Casaundra Young, family member — "I got a brand new pair of shoes for $5 with the price tag still on them. The shoes were originally $25."



Retired Chief Petty Officer R.A. Stephens, Largo, Fla. — "I picked up a queen-sized bed for $1 in Seminole, Florida."



Sylvia Smith, family member — "I bought a waterfall sculpture for $2. It was was originally selling for $25."

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Freedom House offers Christian atmosphere

Organization provides respite

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

For many soldiers, being away from home is hard. They are not around the same people they are used to, which means they are around some people with different beliefs than them.

However, now there is a free place where soldiers can go to be with people who share their same beliefs and have some good old-fashioned fun, said Bob Ingram, center director for the Freedom House

The Freedom House is a Christian organization that provides a place where soldiers can have fun and learn about God.

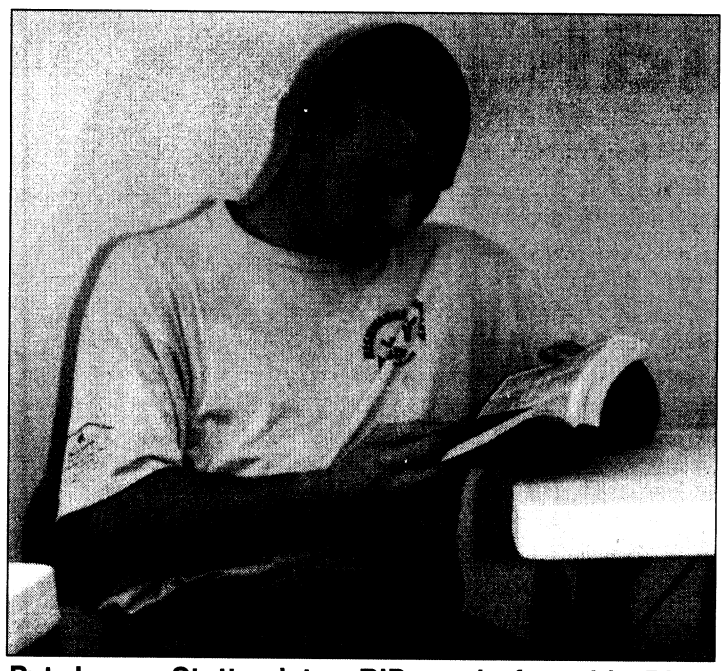
"This is a neutral place for soldiers to meet," Ingram said. "We feel it is an outstanding place for us to minister to the military."

The Freedom House offers a living-room atmosphere with a library, game room, kitchen and prayer room.

On Friday and Saturday nights, the center makes homemade meals for soldiers. Soldiers are able to assist in meal preparation if they so choose. The meals range from pizza to spaghetti.

"We offer soldiers a safe and wholesome atmosphere where they can have a little recreation, relaxation and refreshment at no cost to them," Ingram said. "We want them to feel comfortable while they are here.

The center also distinguishes itself as having soldiers from all over the world attend the gatherings.



Pvt. Lanny Stottmeister, RIP, reads from his Bible during a devotional at the Freedom House.

"We've had soldiers from Chile, Colombia and Germany attend our meetings," Ingram said.

Each night at the center begins with greetings. After the greetings and some social time, dinner is served.

After dinner, a devotional is taught to all of the soldiers.

"The devotional is there to let the soldiers know what the real truth is," Ingram said. "We want to do our best to ensure that everyone who walks through our doors can hear the word of God.

"Many nights we have Spanish speaking soldiers in here from the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, so we do the devotionals in both Spanish and English."

Once the devotional is over, the games are brought out and the competitions start.

"This is a great atmosphere to be in," said Pvt. John Grounds, Ranger Indoctrination Program student. "It keeps me out of trouble and gives me a place to hang out with other soldiers. I don't have to worry about problems in the world."

At the end of the night, as the soldiers leave, Ingram reflects on the night's activities.

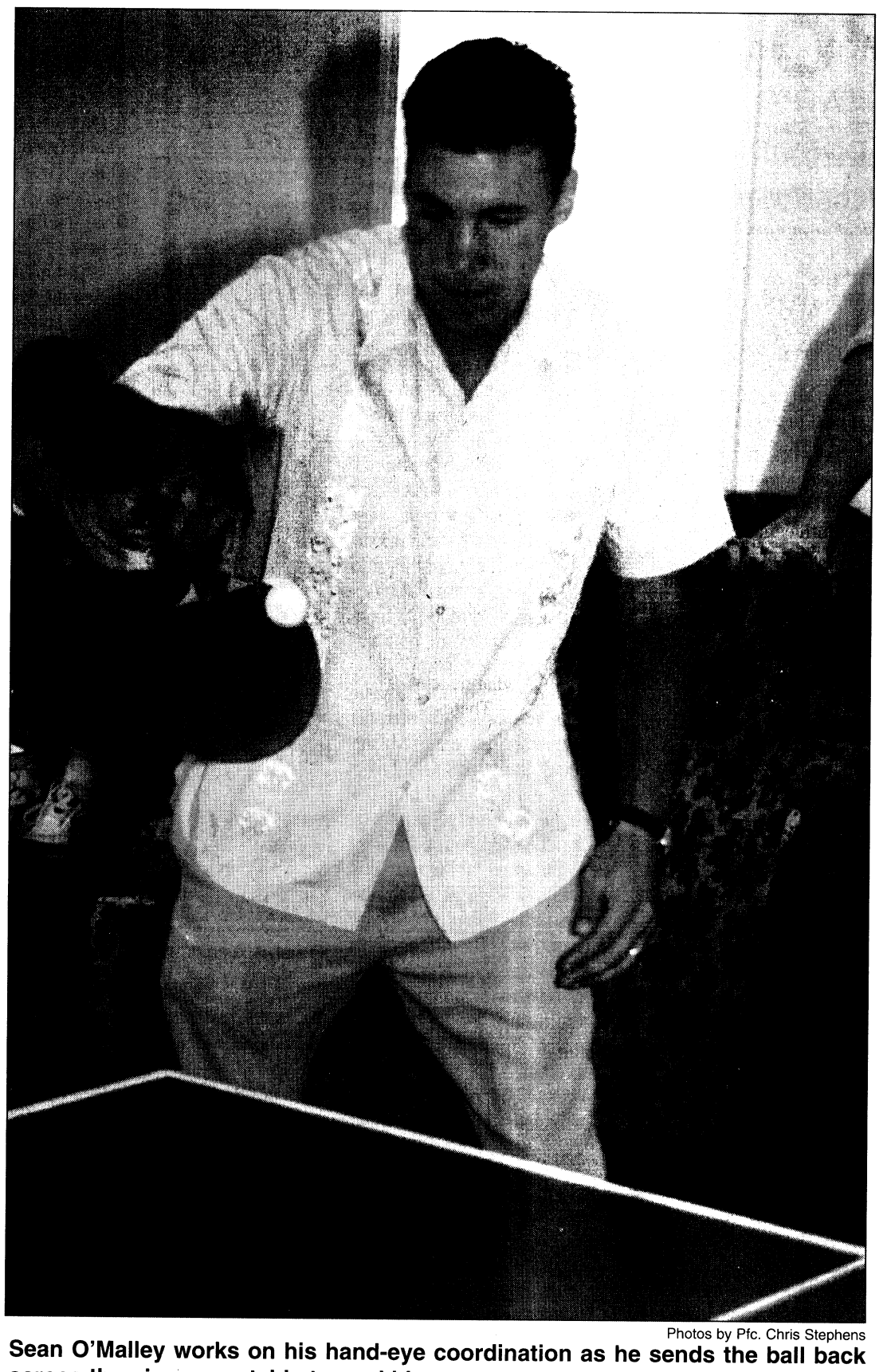
"When I get home every night, I get that feeling that I touched someone's life at the center," Ingram said.

The Freedom House is a nonprofit Christian organization whose mission is to help people learn about Christ, disciple new believers, to edify believers and strengthen the local church.

The hours of the center are from 3 to 10 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursday; 2 to 11 p.m. Fridays with free pizza at 6:30 p.m., and from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturdays with free food at 6:30 p.m.

Transportation is offered to and from units and can return the soldiers in time to make any formation.

For more information on the center, call 221-5730.



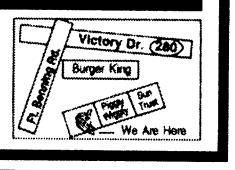
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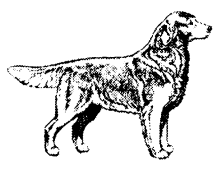
Sean O'Malley works on his hand-eye coordination as he sends the ball back across the ping-pong table toward his opponent.

Y'all come buy now!

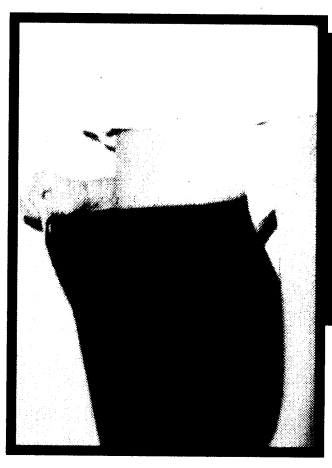
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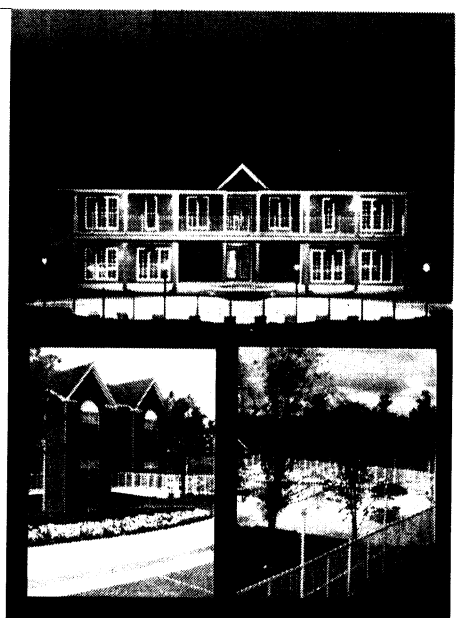
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Army offers unconventional jobs

Many people unaware of possibilities

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Ninety-one romeo — veterinary food inspection specialist, 56M — chaplains assistant and 91E — dental assistant.

What do all of these military occupational specialties have in common? They are not well known.

"There are many MOSs that people don't know about when they are thinking about joining the Army," said Staff Sgt. Anthony Jenkins, recruiter for the Kennesaw, Ga., Recruiting Station. "Sometimes it just happens when they are at the Military Entrance Processing Station. They hear about it from one of the career counselors and decide that it sounds interesting and take the job."

Fort Benning currently has six Veterinarian Food Inspection specialists. However, there is more to the MOS than what most people think.

"We not only look at the food the pets eat and make sure it is up to standard," said Spc. Tanae Brewington, Gulf coast District Veterinary Unit. "We also check the food that is sold in the commissaries, shoppettes and other places food is sold."

So what do the 91 Romeo's look for?

"We make sure the commissaries and shoppettes are getting what they paid for," Brewington said. "We also make sure the food is edible, that sanitary conditions are staying at a high standard, that meals-ready-to-eat come in good condition and that the overall safety of the consumer is not put at risk."

Also, being a veterinary food inspection specialist for the Army doesn't guarantee you'll be stationed on an Army post.

"It was my job before I became a recruiter," Jenkins said. "Never in the 15 years that I was a 91R, was I stationed on an Army post. Most of the time I was stationed at a naval base, because the Navy doesn't have the job in their ranks, so the Army does it for them."

From the goods that fill your stomach to the goods that fill your spirit comes the 56M, the chaplain's assistant.

Their main job is to help the chaplain with any programs or services he might be doing.

"We help set up the religious services, and we research the various faiths," said Pfc. Wayne Weisser, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment. "Our job is also to help maintain the morale of soldiers by providing programs for them to get involved in."

Another job not mentioned often is the 91E. The dental assistants assist the dentists with various procedures, which include filling cavities, pulling teeth or cleaning them.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Dental Assistant Pvt. Christopher Moffett, right, helps Capt. Jennifer Kirwan clean Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Colon's teeth Wednesday at Bernheim Dental Clinic.

"It's a real cool job," said Pvt. Christopher Moffett, U.S. Army Dental Activity. "When someone comes in and says that they don't smoke or dip, you look into their mouth or look at their X-rays and can tell that they do."

There are more unconventional MOSs like 92M — Mortuary Affairs Specialist, 81L — Lithographer and 91T — Animal Care Specialist.

For more information on any MOS, go to the Army Web site at www.goarmy.com.

Army meets recruiting, retention goals early

Pentagon ceremony acknowledges accomplishments

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Dedicated teamwork, commitment of Army leadership and an effective Web-based ad campaign were among top reasons why droves of people are joining and staying in the Army, said Lt. Gen. Dennis Cavin, commanding general of the U.S. Army Recruiting Command.

The Army announced that it has met all its recruiting and retention goals for fiscal 2002 about six weeks early in a Pentagon ceremony Aug. 22.

The enlistment goals were 79,500 new recruits for the active Army and 28,825 for the Reserve. The retention goal was 49,000 re-enlistments for the active Army.

This was the third year of meeting all recruiting and retention goals after missing some of those goals from 1995 through 1999.

USAREC had a new goal this year — accessing 400 recruits for Special Forces. Normally, "Green Beret" recruiters call soldiers in the ranks of specialists and above directly from the active Army for additional training and eventual assignment to Special Forces units.

The recruiting command exceeded the Special Forces requirement with 445 recruits signed up as of Aug. 8.

"As we gather here this morning, our nation is at war," said Gen. John M. Keane, Army vice chief of staff. "We, as a nation, can never take for granted the young men and women who step forward to take an oath to defend this great nation of ours."

Four soldiers took the oath at the ceremony — one for commissioning as an officer, two for initial enlistments and one re-enlisting for a second tour of duty. They were: Cadet Walter D. Pridgen, who recently graduated the ROTC program at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va., and was commissioned as an infantry second lieutenant; Pfc. Allen K. Hawkins Jr. from Spartanburg, N.C., Regular Army; Pfc. Mayra A. Arisas from San Antonio, Texas, Army Reserve; and Sgt. Celena M. Marsh, a personnel specialist with the Military District of Washington, Washington, D.C., respectively.

While the four soldiers were announced to represent all recruits who had enlisted or soldiers who had re-enlisted this year, Hawkins story of how he finally ended up as a private first class was unusual.

Following high school in 1996, Hawkins was ready to sign the dotted line on his Army enlistment contract. Like his father, who had served eight years in the Army, and a grandfather, who had served in the Navy during World War II, Hawkins said he wanted to serve his country in uniform.

However, a car accident left him with serious injuries and impaired judgement.

"I was in a coma for about two months and then stayed in the hospital for another three," Hawkins said. "As I slowly improved, the doctors told my parents that I would never recover beyond a second-grade or third-grade reading level at the time."

Time and hard work have paid off for Hawkins. Close to a bachelor's degree in political science, Hawkins enlisted at 26 to meet his personal goal of serving in the Army and at the same time get some help to pay off some college debts under the Student Loan Repayment Program.

> "We, as a nation, can never take for granted the young men and women who step forward to take an oath to defend this great nation of ours."
>
> **Gen. John M. Keane**
> Army vice chief of staff

Following basic and advanced training, Hawkins will serve in field artillery as a fire support specialist.

With about 65 percent of high school graduates going on to some form of higher education these days, compared to 49 percent in 1980, Cavin said, many people perceive the Army as the last choice for young people to consider.

Cavin said he has been making progress in changing that perception. Programs like SLRP, Tuition Assistance, the Montgomery GI Bill and eArmyU allow soldiers to serve their country while getting resourcing to continue their education, either while on active duty or after they leave to pursue other goals, he said.

"The Army is not the last choice. It is the first choice for many Americans," Cavin said.

Smarter soldiers joining Army

Recruits have higher scores on tests

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Not only did the Army meet its recruiting goals early this year, but the quality of recruits improved over the previous year.

The Army announced it had met its 2002 recruiting goals of 79,500 new soldiers for the active Army and 28,825 for the Army Reserve in a Pentagon ceremony Aug. 22.

This year's recruiting goal for high school graduates was 90 percent. About 91.3 percent of this year's recruits have a high school diploma, compared to 90.2 percent last year.

Against a goal of having at least 62.5 percent scoring in the top half on the Armed Service Vocational Aptitude Battery for the active Army, 68.2 percent hit or surpassed the mark this year, compared to 63.2 percent in 2001.

Conversely, against a goal of having no more than 2 percent with the lowest acceptable ASVAB score, also known as CAT IV, only 1.37 percent of active-Army recruits made it into the Army's ranks this year. In 2001, the active-Army recruit pool included 1.90 percent of CAT IV soldiers. For the Army Reserve, 95.7 percent had high school diplomas, 69.2 percent scored in the top half of the ASVAB and .6 percent was CAT IV. No 2001 Reserve statistics for these categories were immediately available.

The average age for the active-Army recruit this year was 21. In the Army Reserve, it was 23.1 years.

In the 2002 active-Army recruit pool, 79.4 percent were male, 20.6 female; 65.1 percent were white, 17.5 percent black, 12.8 percent Hispanic and 4.6 other.

In this year's Reserve recruit pool, 69.5 percent were male, 30.5 female; 60.8 percent were white, 20.7 black, 13.1 Hispanic and 5.4 other.

Army to tighten re-enlistment window for all

Move to help Army program replacements

Personnel Command Public Affairs Office

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Active-duty soldiers will need to re-enlist or extend 12 to three months prior to their separation date, beginning Oct. 1.

The Army announced Aug. 23 that it was reinstating this re-enlistment policy, which had been relaxed since October 2000. The purpose of the tighter re-enlistment window, personnel officials said, is to identify soldiers who desire unbroken service, and for the Army to program replacements for those who plan on returning to civilian status.

"During the past two years about 8 percent or approximately 5,000 soldiers delayed their re-enlistment decision until within three months of ETS," said Ron Canada, chief of the U.S. Army Personnel Command retention office. "The largest categories of these are careerists; that's too many."

Canada expressed his concern that many soldiers may be denied retention after Oct. 1, if they decide to wait it out. A tremendous amount of work processing exceptions to policy will be placed on leaders and counselors if they don't enforce the 12 to three-month re-enlistment window, Canada added.

Leaders are an integral part of the retention business, Canada said.

He said leaders up and down the ranks must ensure that all soldiers are counseled on the re-enlistment window and that they may be denied further retention when within three months of ETS.

"I need everyone to help out in this effort," Canada said. "It's that important."

Processing procedures for exceptions to the three-month cutoff will require a copy of the soldier's re-enlistment interviews from Department of the Army form 4591-R to validate that the soldier was counseled.

Additionally, the exception will require a statement from the affected soldier with a reason he did not re-enlist within the 12 to three-month window and complete justification as to why exception should be approved.

This information is also being provided to Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley to disseminate to command sergeants major Armywide, personnel officials said.

Army Regulation 601-280 outlines in paragraphs 3-6 and 4-1e the re-enlistment window of three to 12 months.

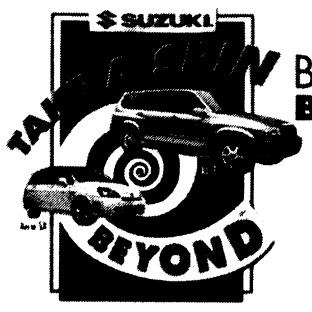
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The Army's success in recruiting and retention has postured the Army to once again reinforce that re-enlistment is a privilege, personnel officials said, and therefore requires soldiers to make their retention decisions earlier. Therefore, they are rescinding policy messages 01-02 and 01-03, dated Oct. 5, 2000, and Oct. 13, 2000.

Exceptions to the three-month window will be considered for meritorious cases only, officials said. It must be endorsed by the first general officer in the soldier's chain of command. Requests should be submitted to PERSCOM.

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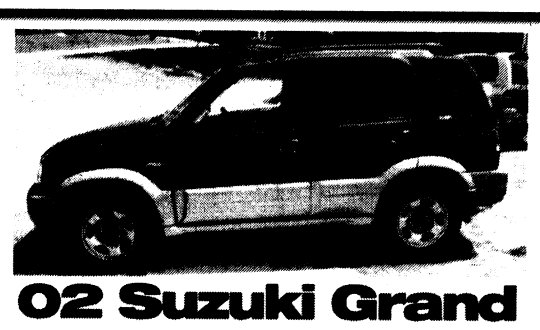
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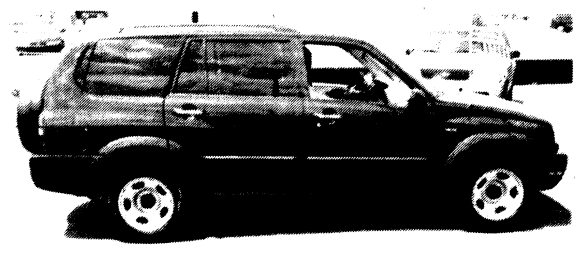
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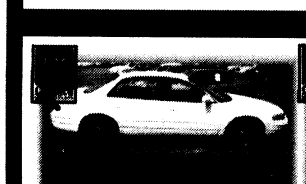


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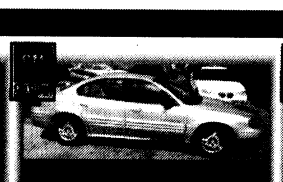
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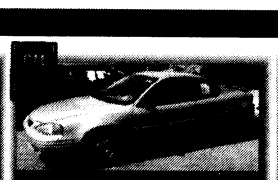
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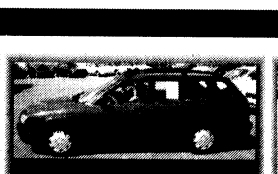
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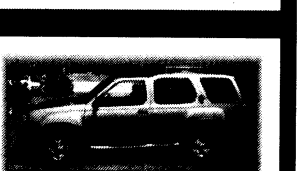
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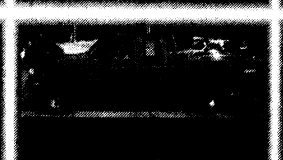
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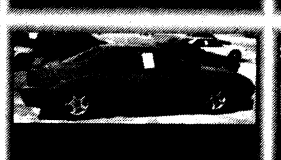
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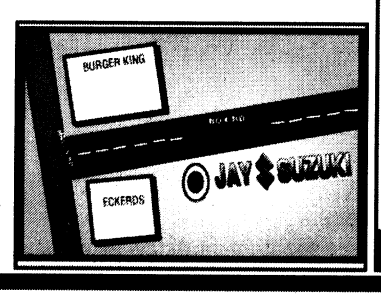


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Pioneer Battalion receives new CO

Colonel glad to be back at Fort Benning

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

An airborne and ranger school graduate made his return to Fort Benning during 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment's change of command ceremony Tuesday at York Field.

Lt. Col. Gregory C. Kane succeeds Lt. Col. Michael D. Winstead, whose next assignment will be as the joint experimentation officer at Joint Forces Command, Norfolk, Va.

"What a great day to be a soldier at the Home of the Infantry," Kane said.

Approximately 25,000 soldiers come through Fort Benning each year, and members of Kane's battalion do everything from running live-fire ranges to teaching sniper skills. The opportunity to lead soldiers at such an integral battalion excites him, he said.

"What they learn here today will keep them alive on the battlefield," Kane said.

Col. Gordon H. Mereness, 29th Inf. Regt. commander, presided over the ceremony and said the battalion was in good hands.

"This exceptional talented officer has done all of the tough assignments, and he has done them to the highest of standards," Mereness said. "Obviously, he strives for a challenge and has the patience of a saint."

He said he was confident Kane will continue to maintain the battalion's high standards that Winstead helped maintain.

"You (Winstead) have established a sense of teamwork in all that you do — from the great relationships with the commanders and units that support you to your peers and subordinates.

"I'm eternally grateful for your creativity in figuring out how to support one more commander in the field and maintain the quality training here with your already over-tasked resources. You have always done it safely and without fanfare."

Winstead thanked his family and fellow soldiers for everything they did for him and his soldiers. He told Kane he was glad he was there and pointed out an important part of Kane's new mission.

"The range control radio is right over there behind the tent," he said and drew laughter from the ceremony attendees.

"My sadness at leaving is your happiness and great good fortune. Those across the field are extremely fortunate to have you as their new commander."

During some of Kane's previous assignments, he was:

• Rifle platoon leader, company executive officer, and assistant training officer for 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment,

• Current operations officer and chief of the Emergency Operations Center for 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized),

• Battalion executive officer for 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment,

• Senior shift director in the Joint Operations Center at the Allied Forces Southern Europe in Naples, Italy.



Sgt. William A. Graves

Lt. Col. Gregory C. Kane, left, Maj. Scott P. Lopez, and Lt. Col. Michael D. Winstead inspect the troops during the 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, change of command ceremony Tuesday.

Congress commissioned Kane in 1984 when he graduated from the U.S. Military Academy. He went on to earn a master's in political science from Auburn University at Montgomery, Ala.

Kane has also graduated from Air Assault and Jump Master School, the Infantry Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Staff Service School, and Air Command and Staff College.

Some of the awards the colonel has earned include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

Kane is married to the former Jane Anne Coury of Fayetteville, N.C.

Millennium Challenge displays new capabilities

Advanced technology impresses many

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Fort Benning soldiers participating in Millennium Challenge '02 were relatively removed from the battle making big news in recent issues of the *Army Times* over an alleged "scripted" win.

Their primary mission: to carefully plan and closely follow the movements of VIPs who flowed in and out of the Joint Visitors Bureau.

The JVB coordinated schedules for over 400 VIPs who spent anywhere from one to four days at Fort Irwin, Calif., the site of Millennium Challenge '02 and the Army Transformation Experiment.

More than 200 flag officers from all services and from foreign countries attended, including the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Chief of Staff of the Army.

While Fort Benning soldiers in the JVB did not have time to track the events of the war game, they did have the opportunity to learn a great deal about the new technology, much of it overshadowed by the press surrounding the Stryker Interim Armored Vehicle.

"The Fort Benning soldiers worked very hard," said Lt. Col. Arthur Tulak, who served as the deputy commander of the JVB. The trade-off was the exposure to equipment they might not have ever seen otherwise.

Maj. Eric Heberling, safety officer at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, saw all of the new equipment in the JVB display area, including the Stryker and the XM-142, a high mobility artillery rocket system.

"The XM-142 is smaller than the current MLRS and operates with only a three-man crew," Heberling said. "The vehicle and the launcher are all one unit, which will make it much more deployable and a real advantage."

Maj. Gavin Guidry, operations officer for 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, praised the Common Remote Operating Weapons System on an armored security vehicle that can be used with a wide variety of weapons. The platform has thermal capabilities, is stabilized and can be fired remotely.

"This piece of equipment represents increased survivability for crews with weapons like the MK-19 and the .50 caliber machine gun," Guidry said. "The crew can operate a weapon at night, on the move, with the hatch closed."

Of the technology Tulak saw, he was most impressed with the new, high-speed vessel called the HSV-X1 Joint Venture, commercially made in Australia to ferry cars and passengers.

It represents a joint venture between services assessing its military value. The boat has a large cargo capacity and can operate in fairly shallow water.

"That technology would have been useful at Inchon, where the landings could only take place at high tide," Tulak said.

"It has amazing speed. It's not too exciting because it doesn't shoot anything, but with just a few of these, a commander could move forces and change the dynamics of the battle so rapidly that the enemy could not respond."

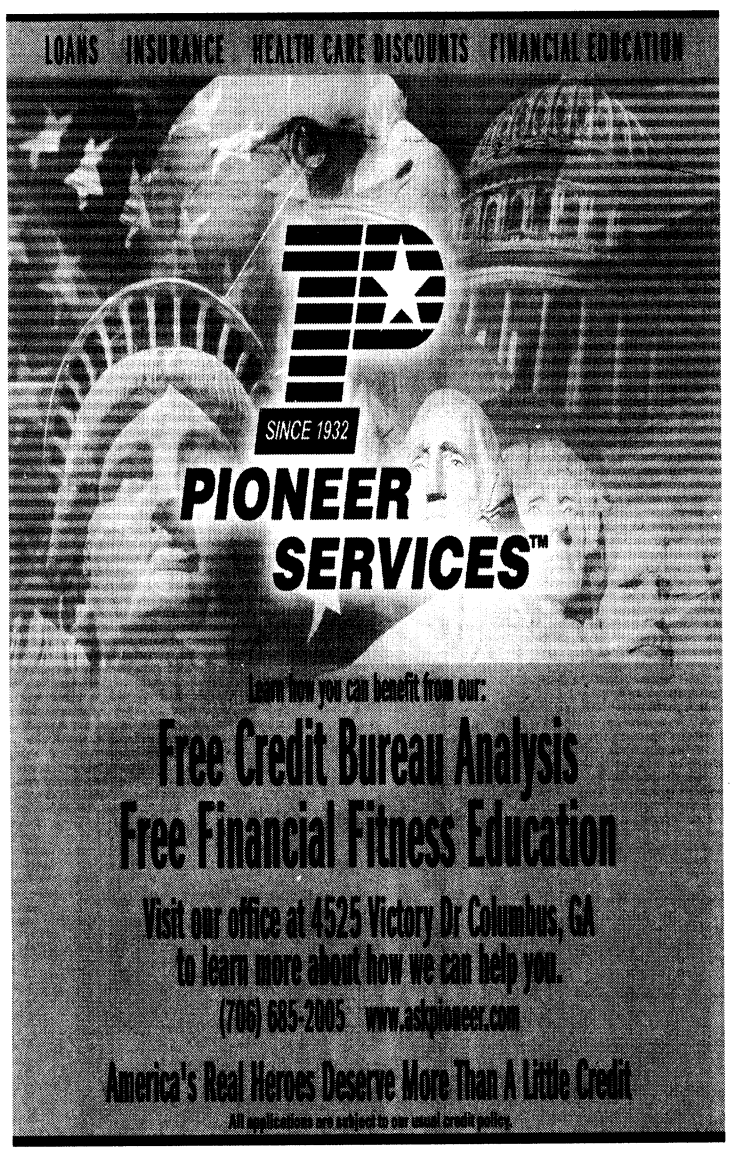
The Joint Venture is capable of speeds in excess of 46 mph, which represents a significant leap in speed for a boat that large, Tulak said.

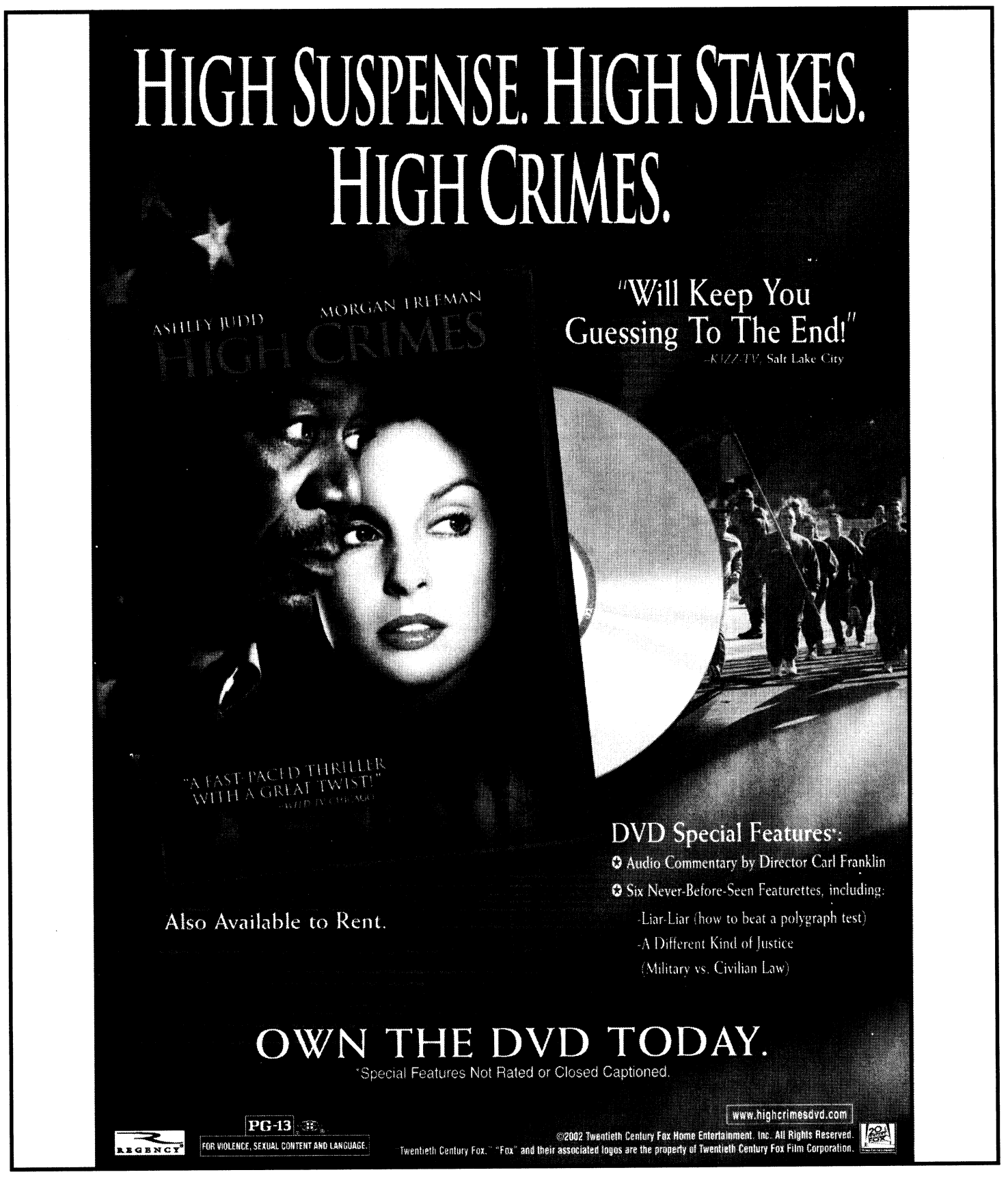
The subject matter experts were available to talk with and answer questions about the technology on display a short distance from the JVB area.

Most individuals came away from the experience knowing as much as they wanted about the technical component of the Army and joint services transformation, Tulak said.

"This was a big officer and noncommissioned officer professional development opportunity," Tulak said.

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Equality day luncheon celebrates women

Strong women fought for change to constitution

Melissa House
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The fight for women's equality began long before Congress ratified the 19th Amendment to the Constitution Aug. 26, 1920. Women like Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Lucretia Mott championed the cause in the 1800s, even though they knew that change would not likely come about during their lifetime.

These women and the radical changes they proposed were remembered Monday at the Women's Equality Day luncheon at the Fort Benning Officers' Club by Col. Gale Pollock, the first female commander of Martin Army Community Hospital.

After the invocation and welcoming remarks, the crowd was treated to a modern dance performed by the "Centurionettes," a trio made up of 1st Sgt. Cheryl Woodhouse, 1st Lt. Temarkus Caldwell and Sgt. 1st Class Georgia Perry. Woodhouse choreographed the performance to music by Janet Jackson.

Winnie Torain, the installation's Special Emphasis Program manager, presented the first Women's Equality Day Award to Elva Shoemaker, an equal opportunity specialist who demonstrated a "commitment to the cause of voting rights" through her volunteer work with the League of Women Voters and as a voter registrar. The SEP committee oversees various minority employment program and the Federal Women's Program.

Sgt. 1st Class Edward Amaker, the EO advisor who organized the event, was quick to note the contribution of Pfc. Bianca Clayborne, who came forward and volunteered a poem for the event. Clayborne originally wrote the poem, titled "Worth Unknown," for her mother on Mother's Day, but made a few changes to adapt it for Women's Equality Day.

"I'm glad to see the younger soldiers getting involved in these events," he said.

Clayborne was followed by Col. Steve Layfield, assistant commandant of the Infantry School, who introduced Pollock.

"It's a great day to be at Fort Benning and a great day to be talking about women's equality, to applaud it and to recognize what it is." Layfield said. "Colonel Pollock is a scholar, a professional and a true soldier at heart," he said, and referring to her biography and her background as an anesthesiologist, "she's the number one person to put you to sleep."

Far from putting the audience to sleep, Pollock gave an informative speech of the trials and tribulations faced by women like Anthony and Stanton and their relevance to women today.

Stanton and Mott organized a convention of more than 300 men and women and composed a Declaration of Sentiments that said "all men and women are created equal."

The radical changes proposed at that convention were for reform to allow educational opportunities for women, equality under the law and the right to vote. The convention provided an effective means to publicize issues.

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>
> **Col. Gale Pollock**
> Martin Army Community Hospital commander

"We are celebrating today the conclusion of America's first Civil Rights movement," Pollock said.

Thirty-six states were needed to ratify the amendment, and after Tennessee ratified the Amendment on Aug. 18, 1920, Congress signed it with no fanfare, Pollock said.

Pollock noted Wyoming as an excellent and unprecedented example for women's rights, in spite of an all-male legislature. Congress would go so far as to deny statehood as long as it continued to let women vote in the territory. Wyoming had the first woman governor and the first female justice of the peace, Esther Morris, who educated many on the issues of women's suffrage.

"Some of the greatest symbols of America are women," Pollock said. "Lady Justice and Lady Liberty — one promising fairness, one freedom."

"As women, we get up each day balancing our hopes and fears for ourselves and our families," she said, and the women of the past helped to try and find that balance.

"We have a great obligation to imagine a future where the work of the past and the present creates change for our country and our world that our children can inherit," Pollock said.

Staff Judge Advocate office receives award

Free advice available to soldiers

Angela Sachitano
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> "What makes this office unique is that there is a mix of attorneys and assistants from all walks of life."
>
> **Michael Lane**
> Legal Assistance attorney, OSJA

The Fort Benning Office of the Staff Judge Advocate received the Army Chief of Staff Award for Excellence in Legal Assistance Aug. 21.

"What makes this office unique is that there is a mix of attorneys and assistants from all walks of life," said Michael Lane, a Legal Assistance attorney for OSJA since 1988.

The OSJA office is made up of 20 lawyers. 10 attorneys are military, and 10 are civilian. There are four legal divisions including criminal law, claims, a command advice office to help commanders with contracting and other legal advice, and the legal assistance branch to help soldiers with personal issues.

"Many of our attorneys were infantry soldiers themselves before becoming lawyers," Lane said. "This helps them relate with the men and women who walk in here."

The office offers free legal assistance to soldiers and families on everything from car accidents to adoptions.

"We can talk with soldiers about any kind of personal problem, whether it be civil or even criminal," Lane said. "We are here for soldiers and are committed to helping them through difficult times."

One Fort Benning officer who wishes to remain anonymous has contacted legal services on several occasions for advice in consolidating debts and paying off creditors.

"I wanted to find out from a legal perspective how I could save my credit," he said. "The attorneys at legal assistance were able to make some calls for me and help me get things worked out."

Approximately 65,000 retirees are also part of the clientele of the OSJA office, Lane said. They seek legal assistance for anything from wills, temporary guardianships and powers of attorney.

"The retirees in the local community face many challenges as they get older," Lane said. "They are often concerned with their family's financial needs if they die, and we help them sort through it."

One thing is for sure, legal assistance is only a phone call away, and attorneys say there is no need for soldiers to feel embarrassed about asking for help.

"The military poses great challenges and a lot is asked out of our soldiers," Lane said. "This office is here for the men and women — whatever their legal issue may be."

A legal assistance counselor is available from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 1 to 5 p.m. Thursdays and 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Fridays.

For more information about the free services OSJA provides or for an appointment, call 545-3282.

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Voter registration — Voters can register from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Monday through Sept. 6 in front of the arcade in the Main Mall Post Exchange.

For more information, call Nancy Guyer at 545-3341.

AUSA meeting

The Chattahoochee Valley-Fort Benning Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will have its first general membership meeting of the new chapter year Sept. 6.

The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, Commanding General. The meeting will be held in the Regimental Room of the Officers' Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Tickets are $5 for military and $10 for nonmilitary. Tickets are available through chain of command or call Chapter President Chuck Hunsaker at 327-7228.

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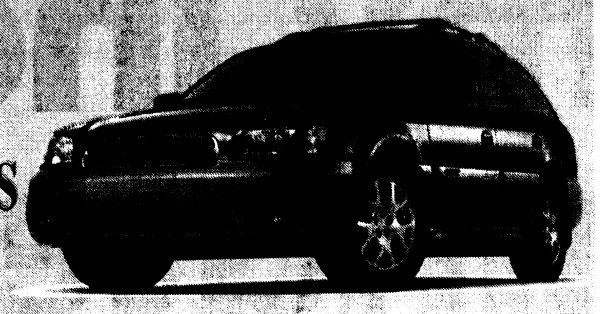
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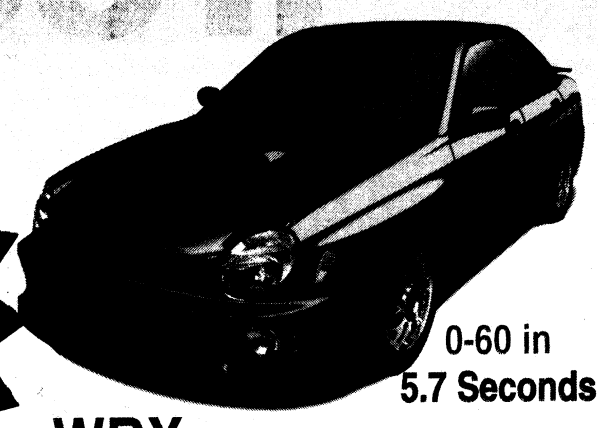


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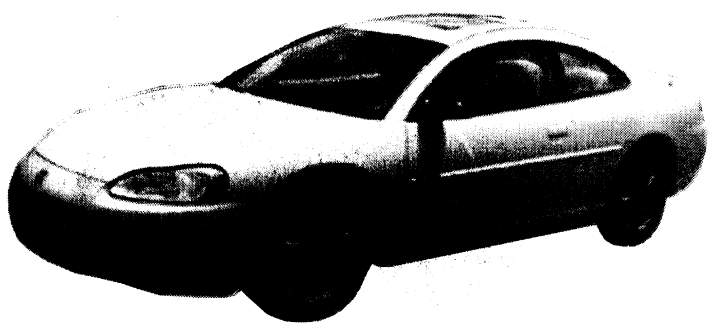
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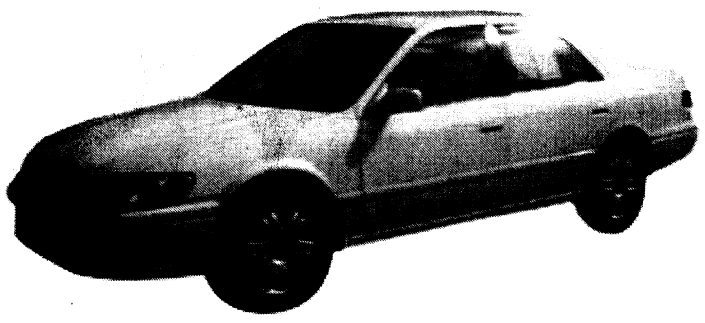
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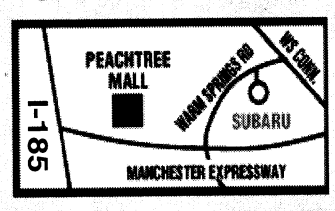


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In addition to drastic discounts, participating dealers are offering many other incentives to insure these vehicles are disposed of before 7 PM Labor Day Monday, September 2nd. Buyers can secure financing on any Disposal vehicle **without** making a down payment. Plus, the first payment will not be due until January 2003.

Freeway Ford General Manager Will Johnston says Columbus residents should take advantage of this unique opportunity. " We feel real fortunate to have been selected as a disposal point for several truckloads of these vehicles." explained Johnston. "There were no other dealers in the state selected. This is the **only** place to be if you're buying a car this week."

Johnston added his store has secured incredibly low 0% financing for this event. Johnston explained "Interest rates are going up. This could be your last chance to lock in financing this low. Plus, we've loosened all credit restrictions so everyone can get in on this event - no matter their credit history."

"The selection is excellent" according to Johnston. "I've been in the car business many years and I've never seen this many cars priced this low. You can buy one with zero down and your monthly payment is still just $79 a month. Imagine how low it would be if you put money down!"

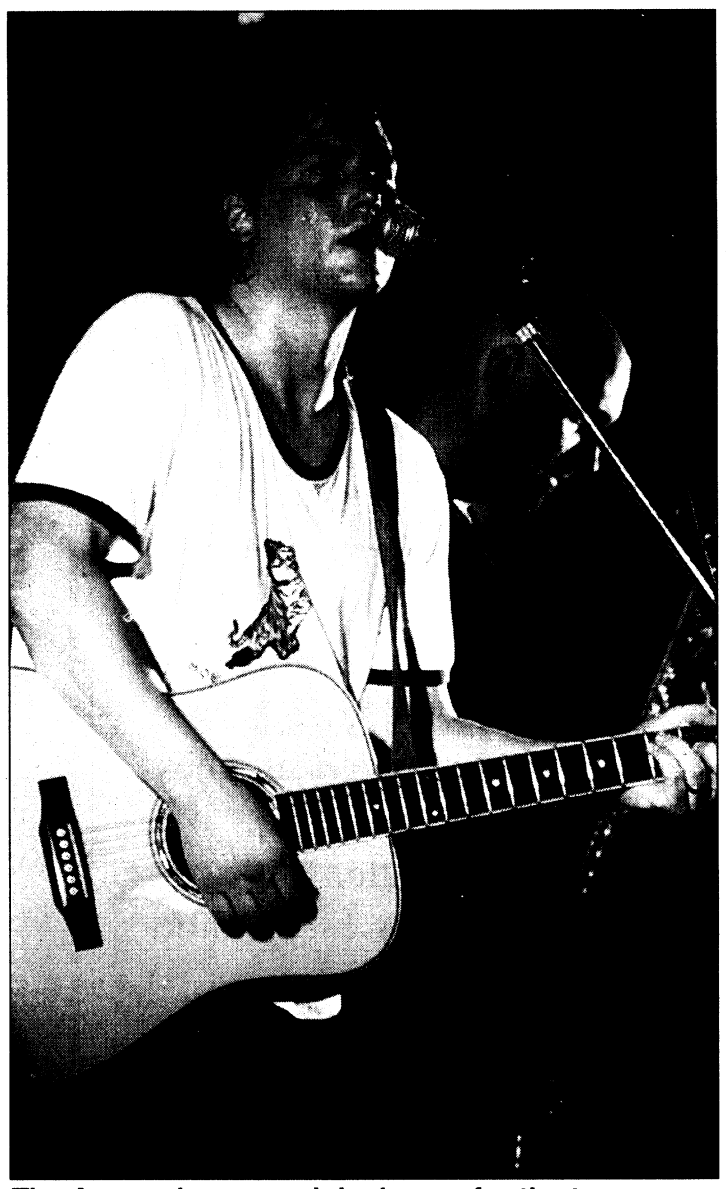
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While selection is good, the sooner you get there the better. Johnston explained "We're told this event must conclude 7 PM Labor Day Monday, September 2nd and it will not be held over".

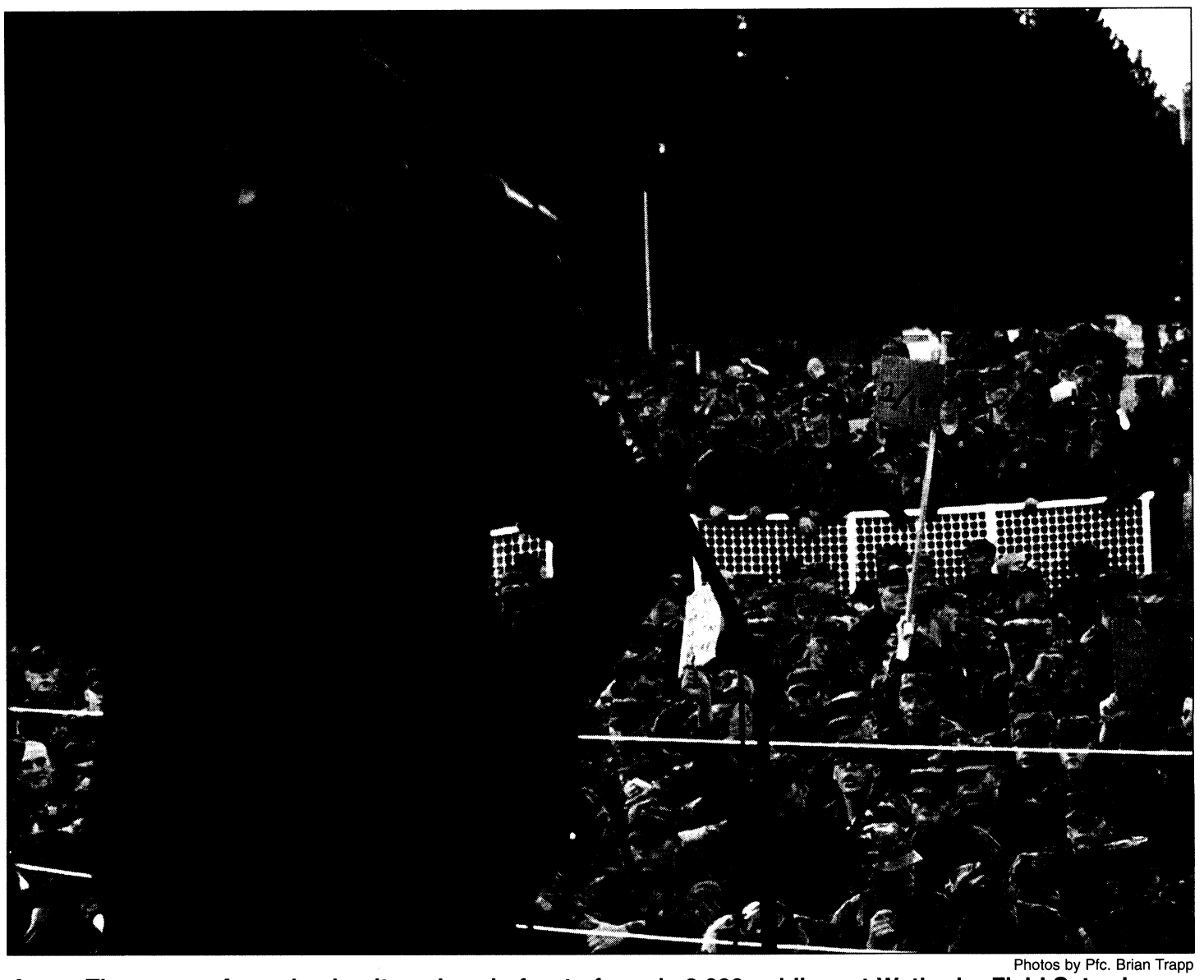
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Tim Acres plays an original song for the troops.



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Aaron Thompson, Acres lead guitar, plays in front of nearly 3,000 soldiers at Wetherby Field Saturday.

Sand Hill takes break from training



Soldiers cheer for Acres during the concert.

Soldiers sit back, relax enjoy music

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The radio-friendly, pop-rock stylings of Acres returned to Wetherby Field for their second appearance in the MWR concert series, playing for nearly 3,000 soldiers from Basic Combat Training and Infantry Training Brigade Saturday.

There have been three concerts for Sand Hill soldiers played at the field since its opening in June.

"The first time we were out here was great," said Tim Acres, lead vocalist. "We're honored to be invited back."

"I love to come here and support the soldiers for what they are doing for their country," said Jen Lowe, percussionist.

The soldiers had some time away from training and their battalion areas to enjoy pizza, soda and the show.

"This is a good opportunity for the soldiers to break away from training and interact with other companies and have a good time, said 1st Lt. Ron Vargas, executive officer, E Company, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment.

For many of the soldiers, this was the not first time they had the chance to come to a concert, but not everyone supports the event.

"Events like these show a paradigm shift in the Army," said Command Sgt. Maj. George R. Monk, ITB command sergeant major.

"A lot of older soldiers say this is bad for training, but it's not," Monk said. "With what we expect these soldiers to do in the future, it's good to show that the military is more than just hard training.

It helps show the quality of life the Army has to offer. These concerts are a big shot in the arm for Fort Benning.

"I'm happy we're doing this for our soldiers," Monk said.

The soldiers seemed to have a good time, even though it was hot.

"The band was great," said Pvt. Aaron Emery, 2nd Bn., 58th Inf., Regt. "This was a real morale boost for me."

The concert went well, and all the soldiers were very appreciative of the opportunity to play on post, Acres said.

General fires future integrated weapon

Directorate proves weapon to be reliable

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Small-arms weapons used by soldiers during battle are invaluable for their survival.

With that in mind, Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab, Directorate of Combat Development and Assistant Project Manager Soldier Weapons are moving forward with a program that is testing a new integrated weapons system with technological sophistication that provides more fire power. The XM29, an objective individual combat weapon, is an early prototype and will be integrated with the Land Warrior system. It's expected to be fielded by fiscal 2008.

Commanding General Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton fired the weapon Aug. 23 during a training exercise at Red Cloud Range that demonstrated to the U.S. Army Infantry Center the revolutionary capabilities of the new weapon.

It takes away the enemy's opportunity to hide, Eaton said. It will deliver killing or incapacitating fires above foxholes, trenches or into buildings, rooms or bunkers.

"I thought it was a flawless demonstration," said Maj. Stuart Meyer, chief, Small Arms Division, DCD.

XM29 fires 5.56 mm rounds, but most of its lethality comes from the 20 mm high-explosive airburst ammunition it fires.

"The whole point is to add lethality to the infantry squad," Eaton said.

Compared to the M-203 grenade launcher, the fragment-airburst ammunition will provide more lethality and precision on targets, said Maj. Roy Manauis, APM-Soldier Weapons. During the late '80s, there was an advanced combat rifle study that determined the main cause of a missed target is due to aiming error exacerbated by combat stress.

"We had 100 percent reliability with experimental rounds (Aug. 22-23)," Manauis said. "Burst ammunitions will offset some of the aiming error, when the laze is correct."

The XM29 has a laser range finder, used to "laze" a target, a day and thermal optics and digital compass. Technological features on the weapon are integrated with a laser range finder that programs a ballistic solution into the ammunition fuse. Enemy movement during battle is from a covered and concealed position to covered and concealed position, and it's very hard to hit a moving target, Meyer said. The 20 mm rounds are programmed to reach a target distance and explode, which shoots fragments down on the target in a covered and concealed position.

"It's revolutionary," he said. "With this weapon, we are essentially telling our enemy there is no place to hide."

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>
> **Maj. Stuart Meyer**
> Chief, Small-Arms Division, DCD

The laser inputs a distance to target solution for the ammunition. Then, the soldier re-aims a meter above the target and fires.

The process takes four to five seconds, Manauis said. The rounds are shot at a flat trajectory and are expected to have a maximum range of 500 meters.

"Our soldier will be a more lethal weapon system," Manauis said. "He will have an overmatched capability that no one can compete with.

There is a cost to be paid for increased lethality, Meyer said. In its first of a three block phase, XM29 weighs 17.5 pounds.

"Weight is always an issue," Meyer said. "We want to maximize lethality and optimize weight."

The first block is the evolutionary phase, which is what was demonstrated Aug. 23, he said. Each block will progress and add more lethality to the weapon and lessen the weight of the weapon. By the third block, the weapon should weigh 14 pounds and be more destructive than the current model.

"With this weapon, we are giving our soldiers what they need to make combat an unfair fight, so our soldiers can come home," Meyer said.

USAMU trains MEDDAC at rifle range

Medics learn way of gun from AMU

Paula J. Randall Pagán
U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

Three service rifle shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit provided primary marksmanship instruction to 47 medical personnel from Martin Army Community Hospital Aug. 22 at Roosevelt Range.

The doctors, nurses, dentists, lab technicians and medics — from the rank of private to colonel — received basic instruction and familiarization on the course of fire of the M-16 A2 rifle from Sgt. 1st Class Charles W. Herlth Jr., Sgt. 1st Class Rand D. Bentson and Staff Sgt. Michael E. Moore.

The USAMU shooters provided the training and assisted MEDDAC in zeroing their weapons and qualifying on the alternate M-16 course, which consisted of 40 shots prone at 50-meters.

"We asked AMU for the training so we could improve our scores and readiness," said Sgt. 1st Class Toni Lewis, MACH health care specialist. "We all work as one team — officer and enlisted — to accomplish our mission."

"We wanted the expertise of the Army Marksmanship Unit," said Master Sgt. Roberto Hernandez, the hospital's NCOIC of operations and training. "The AMU gave us a good class, providing a lot of good information and details and professional instruction we couldn't have gotten elsewhere."

Herlth, of the USAMU Operations and Training Section, explained the USAMU mission to the participants, stressing that Army Marksmanship Unit shooters do a lot more than compete and win in national and international competitions, but they also bring that experience to the rest of the Army through training classes and research and development.

"Shooting is nothing but sight alignment and trigger control," said Bentson, the NCOIC of the Army Adventure Shooting Package. He instructed the group and explained how to set the rifle's sights and windage knob. Before heading to their firing points, Moore, a service rifle shooter and armorer, demonstrated the correct shooting positions and how to use the sling for support when not using a sandbag. Then it was off to zero their weapons and try for the Expert Rifle Badges.

Shooting in high heat and humidity, all members of the medical activity were able to pass the familiarization and qualification course.

"I know the AMU instruction helped a lot; we were glad to have their help," said Sgt. 1st Class Guy Rex, a medic and officer in charge of the range. "Everyone did well, and everybody had nothing but good things to say about the AMU guys, who gave an excellent class."



Paula J. Randall Pagán

Staff Sgt. Michael Moore gives shooting tips to Maj. Iluminada Calicdan of MEDDAC at Roosevel Range.

MPs: Encourage motorists to slow down, stay alive

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Weekend travelers heading to Florida will see an influx of police aligining the medians of Highways 280 and 431. MPs will be seen every few blocks off Dixie Road, Edwards Road, and 10th Mountain Division Road, Sparks said.

Some families have gone out of their way to prepare for the safety of their trip.

"We invested in a TV and VCR to put in the back of the van for the kids," said Fort Benning resident Wendi Delaney, who is driving to the Florida panhandle this weekend. "It gives us time to focus on the road while they watch quietly."

The National Highway Traffic Safety and Administration and UPS has released the Five Seeing Habits to help the driver be safe:

1. Aim high in steering: Look as far down the road as possible to uncover important traffic information to make appropriate decisions.

2. Get the big picture: Maintain the proper following distance so you can comfortably determine the true hazards around your vehicle. Don't tailgate others.

3. Scan — don't stare. Constantly shift eyes while driving. Active eyes keep up with changing traffic conditions.

4. Leave yourself an out: Be prepared. Surround your vehicle with space in front and at least on one side to escape conflict.

5. Communicate in traffic with horn, lights and signals to establish eye contact with motorists and pedestrians. Be reasonably sure of people's intentions.

"Our advice to soldiers is to leave early and prevent the temptation to speed," Sparks said. "You won't enjoy your holiday weekend if you're laid up in a hospital somewhere."

The idea of an empty wallet may also prevent drivers from taking the risk. Speeding fines on and around Fort Benning are as follows:

- Less than 10 miles over — $50 ticket,
- 10-20 miles over — $100 ticket,
- over 20 miles — $200 ticket.

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- Aim high in steering: Look as far down the road as possible to uncover important traffic information.
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- Keep your eyes moving: Scan — don't stare.
- Leave yourself an out: Be prepared.
- Make sure they see you: Communicate in traffic with horn, lights and signals to establish eye contact with motorists and pedestrians.

Post: To honor victims of terrorist attacks Sept. 11

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will begin at 8:45 a.m. Sept. 11, with remarks by Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton. Students from Faith Middle School will attend.

A display of police and fire department vehicles will flank each side of the stage on York Field.

Following the ceremony is a memorial 5K run and 3K walk beginning near the Ranger Memorial.

The Sand Hill ceremony will take place at the same time with Col. Steve Layfield as the guest speaker. All Basic Combat Training Brigade and Infantry Training Brigade soldiers will attend the ceremony.

Other scheduled events that week include a memorial service with Chaplain (Col.) Mike Hartsell in Marshall Auditorium at 4 p.m. Sept. 10 and the Infantry Band concert at Riverside, 100 Vibbert Ave., at 7 p.m. Sept. 9.

Concert-goers are invited to dress in red, white and blue and bring blankets or chairs for an evening of patriotic and Broadway tunes.

TIM: To help Army posts beginning Oct. 1

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As an example of consistent base operations throughout the Army, officials have talked about gym improvements. Plans are currently being written to have all gyms in operation for 90 hours a week. The square footage of the gym will be based on the installation's population and all programs run by the gym, such as intramural teams, will also be under the same guidelines.

TIM will cut back the day-to-day management responsibilities, giving more functional oversight of supporting missions of the post, like quality of life, than before, Torres said.

"Our intent is to streamline headquarters, create more agile and responsive staffs, reduce layers of review and approval and allow commanders to focus on their missions," said Thomas E. White, secretary of the Army.

Editor's note: *Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs, Army News Service, contributed to this story.*

Organization: To thank veterans with home repair

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who'll tackle the repairs Reona's home needs to make it livable — minor electrical and plumbing repairs, a little work on the front porch and a lot of work in the yard.

"It's sad, the situation around her house," Anderson said. "She's as sweet as she can be. She reminds me of my mother-in-law, who died last year. We're going to get in there and help her out. We want her to feel comfortable."

Anderson's team will participate in the third annual House of Heroes Sept. 16-20 in Columbus.

The local nonprofit organization that honors veterans and their widows by repairing their homes, will work on 50 homes this year. Fort Benning teams will sponsor 10 of those, including Roena VonCloedt's.

"They fixed up my neighbor's house last year. She put my name in," Roena said. "I never thought they'd pick me. I didn't believe it till (Anderson) came out to see me. I was so surprised I started to cry."

Roena's home is one of several Oakland Park residents on the House of Heroes' list.

Forty years ago the neighborhood was popular with soldiers for its affordability and proximity to post. The once tidy neighborhood, home to hundreds of retirees — like VonCloedt, mostly veterans of Korea and Vietnam — began to decline several years ago, said Greg Camp, a former Fort Benning chief of staff.

"There are a lot of veterans in that community who gave their lives for this country. Now they're older, and they can't keep up with the demands of their aging homes," Camp said. "This is how we say thank you to these heroes."

Each team will consist of 10-15 members, men, women and teen-agers, willing to spend a day or two doing house work, lawn work and minor repairs.

"The kinds of chores a homeowner typically has to do. For these folks they become a major problem," Camp said.

"For the rest of us, it's just a little bit of elbow grease and a little bit of time. And the rewards are great. You get a huge sense of personal gratification. It's hard to tell who benefits the most."

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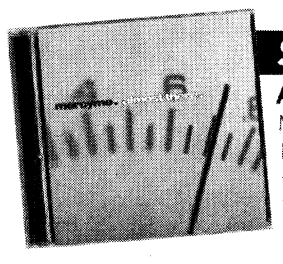
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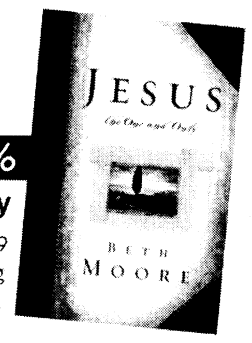
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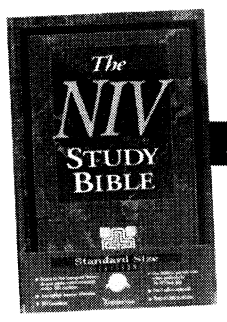
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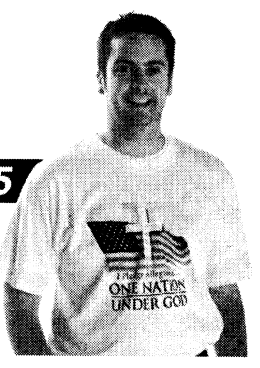
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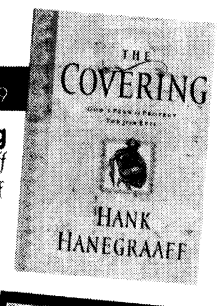
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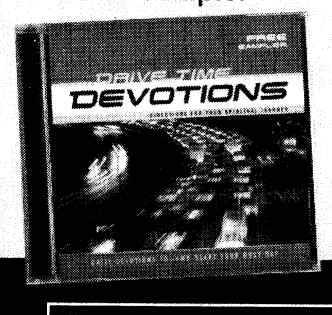


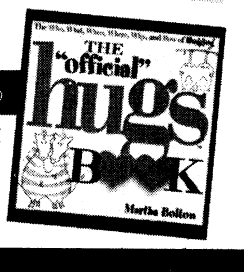
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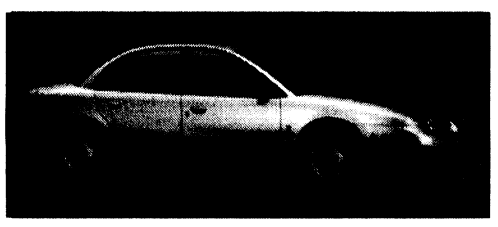
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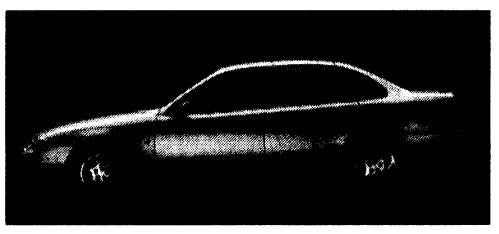
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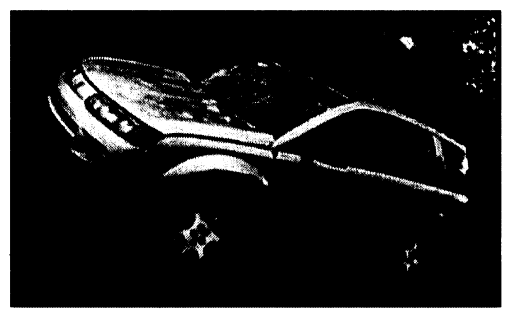
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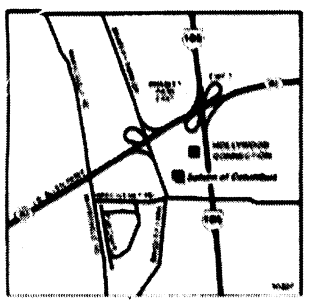
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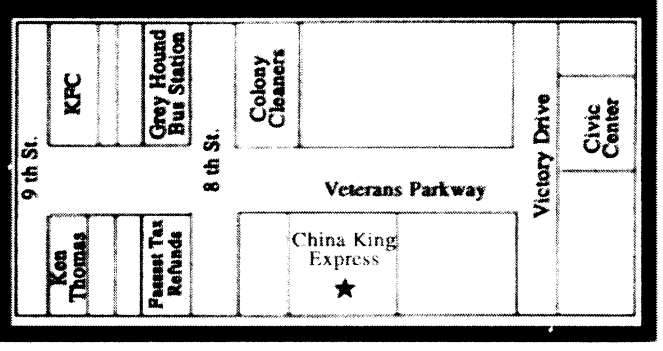
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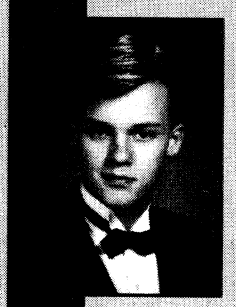
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SECTION B

Military kids get chance to finish year

"Moving affects more than learning ... what is a student supposed to do?"

Gail Wilson,
Fort Benning Schools

Stabilization program helps Army families

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Soldiers with high school seniors who graduate in 2004 should start talking to their assignment branch now if they wish to be stabilized at their present duty station for their child's graduation, said personnel officials.

More than 1,300 soldiers, NCOs and officers have signed on to this program since its inception in April 2001.

"Moving affects more than learning," said Gail Wilson, director of accountability, Fort Benning schools. "There are other things, like graduation requirements that vary from state to state, like class rankings and recommendations for scholarships. If you live in a state where there is a requirement for only one year of physical education and move, senior year, to a state where there is a requirement for three years, what is the student supposed to do?"

This program will make a huge impact for all military high school students, and high school years are the most important, especially the senior year, she said.

"My family has made great sacrifices for me and my military career," said Sgt. 1st Class Raymond Almendarez, medical operation sergeant in Camp Casey, Korea. "So, it is only fitting that the military and I should reward my son allowing him to finish his senior year."

Almendarez was one of

See **ARMY,** B-4

New mayors to tackle issues

Evelyn Livermore
Bouton Heights, Davis Hill mayor, president of Mayors' Association



Tiffany Wetherington
Bouton Heights, Davis Hill vice mayor



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Amy Corsetto lived on Magrath Street 10 years ago. Back then McGraw Manor was a pleasant place to live, she said.

"Yards were always trimmed neat. Dogs were never a problem. I didn't have to worry about the kids," Corsetto said. "Things sure have changed."

The Corsetto family is back at Fort Benning, living just two doors down from their former home, in a neighborhood Amy said "hardly resembles the place we used to live."

Corsetto and four of her neighbors have decided to do something about what they call their community's "ghetto image." They've volunteered to participate in Fort Benning's newly revamped Community Life Mayors' Association.

"I'm tired of people asking 'Where do you stay?' And when you tell them, they say, 'That's the ghetto,'" said Amy Riley, who'll assume the position of mayor in McGraw Manor in September. "I'm tired of it. We've got to change that. It's only the ghetto if we let it be the ghetto."

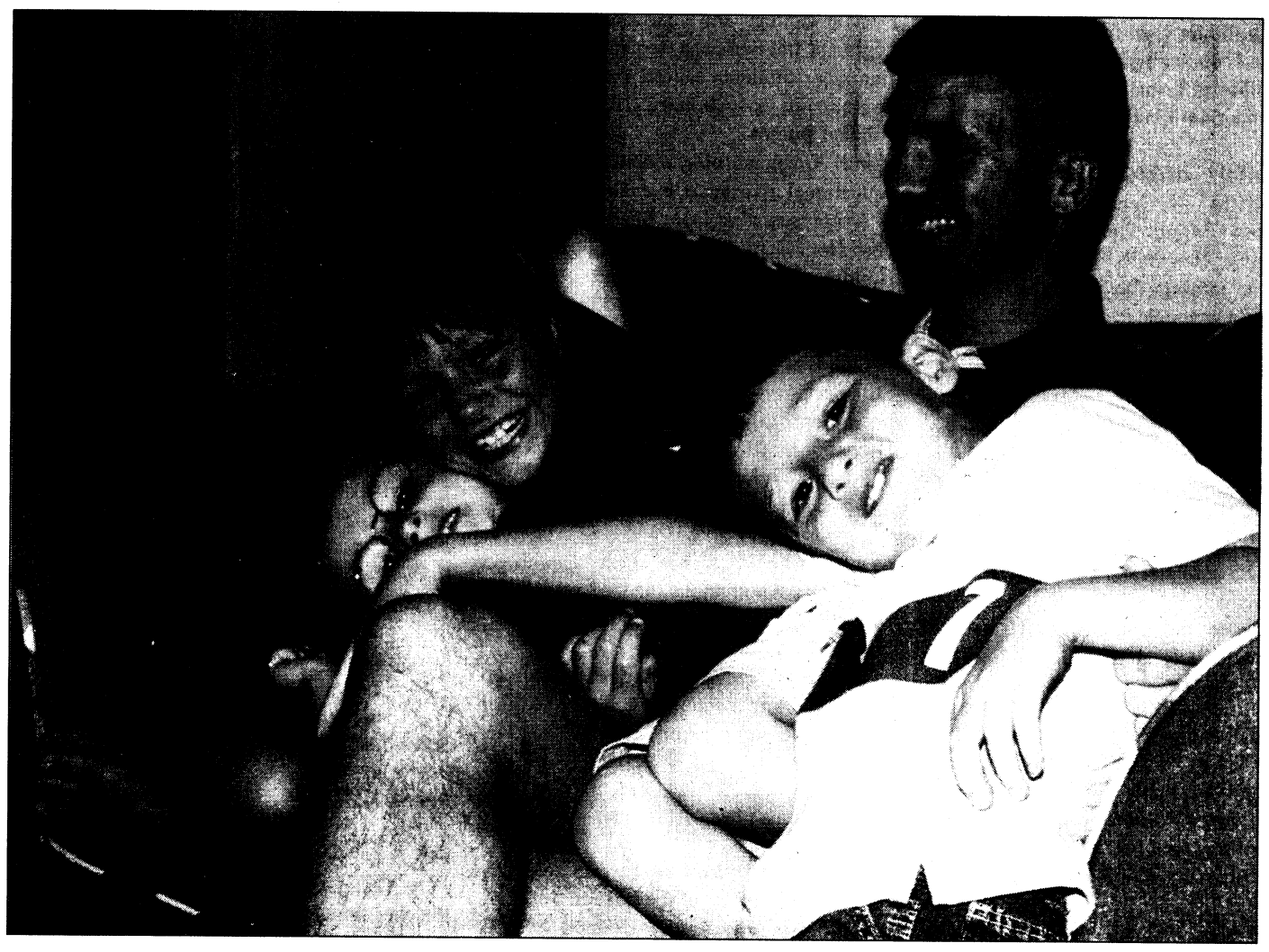
With a nod to McGraw Manor's immense population — 952 families — Fort Benning's garrison officials have increased the number of vice mayor positions to lighten the load for the historically overtaxed mayor.

"We've never been able to keep a volunteer mayor in this position because it's just too much for one person to handle," said Evelyn Livermore, the association's president. "With a mayor and four vice mayors working together toward a common goal, we believe great things can be accomplished."

The mayors' association will induct eight new mayors and vice mayors Sept. 13 after a two-day training program designed to "empower the

See **MAYORS,** B-4

Ready-made family



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Kyle, Destiny and Justin, left to right, have adjusted well to their new home, said Capt. Eric Massey, above. The Massey children attend White Elementary School.

'Almost nobody' adopts three

Post couple adopts three siblings

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Neglected and abandoned by their parents, shuffled from one foster home after another — as many as nine — Destiny, Justin and Kyle were considered damaged goods.

Nobody actually called them that, but in the eyes of state welfare workers and potential parents, they were considered a bad bet — too much history, too much trauma and too many years between them.

At 9, 8, and 4, their chances of being adopted were practically nil.

"Everybody wants newborns. After the age of 3, chances of being adopted are cut in half. And nobody wants three kids. Two, maybe, but not three," Lisa Massey said.

Well, almost nobody.

"We couldn't pass them up," said Lisa, as 8-year-old Justin climbed up on her lap. "We just jumped in headfirst."

After years of sifting through red tape and legal loopholes, Capt. Eric and Lisa Massey have finally become the parents they always wanted to be. And Destiny, Justin and Kyle have the parents they never thought they'd find.

"How long will you be my son?" Eric asks 4-year-old Kyle, in a game they're both familiar with.

"60 seconds," Kyle giggles, his eyes dancing behind tiny round glasses.

"What? 60 seconds!" his dad says, feigning shock. Then the tickling begins.

"OK. OK. Forever and ever," Kyle shrieks.

"We told them from day one this is their permanent home," Lisa said. "They had separation and trust issues, of course. They've been through so much. But I think they finally feel that this is it."

High-school sweethearts, Eric and Lisa always assumed they'd have children of their own.

"When he came home from Desert Storm, he threw away my birth control pills," Lisa laughed. "We never thought we'd have problems conceiving."

After years of fertility treatments and deliberation, the couple decided to adopt. That was nearly three years ago.

From the beginning they suffered one setback after another. The certification process was lengthy and complicated and had to be repeated every time the Masseys moved, which was frequently, given Eric's profession as a ranger platoon trainer.

Even the move from Columbus to Fort Benning set the adoption process back several months.

"It was two steps forward, three steps back," said Lisa. "But when we finally got it all straightened out, we found out these three were available for adoption. We were lucky."

They met the children in May at a foster home nearby.

"When we left the house, we didn't speak to each other the whole way home. We knew this was it. They had to be ours. And it was like 'Oh my God. Three of them. They're amazing,'" Lisa said.

But the biggest battle of all was just beginning.

Though the state was ready to release the siblings into the Masseys' custody until the adoption becomes final, the process got mired in post regulations that are fuzzy on the issue of fostering and

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Postwide yard sale: Don't throw it away, sell it

Bikes, chairs some items to sell Sept. 7

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Columbus residents may be hootin' and hollerin' over the recent arrival of store giants Bed Bath and Beyond, Marshall's, and Ross, but here on Fort Benning, shop-a-holics don't need to go very far.

The postwide yard sale is on the horizon, and Sept. 7 organizers expect at least a third of the yards on post to be overflowing with bargains.

"This is a time of year when new arrivals from the summer are getting settled in their homes," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager. "Residents will get the chance to meet their neighbors. It's a social event."

For some maybe, but there are loads of yard sale "professionals" who take this sort of thing very seriously.

"Most military families have a habit of accumulating too many things over the years. This is the time to streamline those items."

Chuck Walls,
Garrison manager

They'll be arriving at the crack of dawn and will make out like bandits, Walls said.

"A bunch of us get together every year and have a blast going up and down the streets hunting for bargains," said Evelyn Livermore, a Bouton Heights resident and president of the Fort Benning Mayors' Association. "I find the best deals are usually on furniture and clothing. You'll find a lot of antiques, also."

The tradition of the postwide yard sale was started seven years ago on Fort Benning to build morale and help families who are constantly moving every few years.

"We all move so often and there are always items we have to get rid of because of space," Walls said. "Most military families have a habit of accumulating too many things over the years. This is the time to streamline those items."

The postwide yard sale is usually held twice a year, once in May, and then again in September. However, last September, the post canceled the yard sale because of the terrorists' attacks.

"I know we are all going to be feeling a little down because of the anniversary of the attacks," Livermore said. "I am looking forward to this event to help us all take our minds off of it."

The yard sale has been

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BIRTHS

Boys

Timothy Joe Plough — born Aug. 7 to Yvonne and Cpl. Anthony Plough.

Cody Arthur Hoscheid — born Aug. 9 to Nelly Ann and Pfc. Jeremy Hoscheid.

John Christian Anderson — born Aug. 10 to Tonya and Sgt. John Anderson.

Cyle Nicholas Gay — born Aug. 11 to Concetta and Staff Sgt. Christopher Gay.

Brandon Michael Reis — born Aug. 11 to April and Spc. John Reis Jr.

Javon Brown Daniels — born Aug. 11 to Spc. Ieatha Freeman and Sgt. Kenya Daniels.

Devin Michael Denny — born Aug. 12 to Kimberly and 1st Lt. Derek Denny.

Jaden Dye Floyd — born Aug. 13 to Pfc. Candice Martin and Spc. Jamarr Floyd.

Myles Irving Fields — born Aug. 13 to Geri and Staff Sgt. Keevin Fields.

Mikal Bashir Morrow — born Aug. 13 to Pfc. Likishia Ford.

Romeo Jalil Simmons — born Aug. 13 to Pfc. Porche Simmons.

Girls

Jasmine Chanelle Braddock — born Aug. 9 to Isis and Staff Sgt. Val Braddock Jr.

Nia Alexandria Everett-Sims — born Aug. 10 to Pfc. Monica Sims and Spc. Paul Everett.

Alia La-Ren Jones — born Aug. 13 to Felicia and Spc. Arvey Jones Jr.

Makayla Sherell Richardson — born Aug. 14 to Shatikka and Sgt. Michael Richardson.

Emily Celina Auliveld — born Aug. 14 to Julia and Cpl. Willem Auliveld.

Tylasia Maria English — born Aug. 14 to Cpl. Rhonda and Sgt. Tyrone English.

Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Hospital blood drive — Martin Army Community Hospital will conduct a blood drive Sept. 6. The blood drive will take place at Building 9224 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to donate.

For more information, call Sgt. Wendy Adamian at 544-3354 or 544-3359.

Hospital offers free prostate screenings — September is Prostate Awareness Month and Martin Army Community Hospital's Health Promotion Center is joining the American Cancer Society and hospitals nationwide in offering free prostate cancer screenings, counseling and educational literature.

Men, 40 years old and older, can walk in to the Urology Clinic for a free screening, which includes a blood test and brief exam, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 11, 16, 18, and 23.

Individuals will need to bring their military ID card and medical records to the free screening.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson with the Health Promotion Center at 545-1987.

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AFTB classes are free, open to everyone, and "jam-packed" with Army knowledge you will need to thrive in the military environment. The next AFTB **Level I** class is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sept. 11 in Family Unit Network (FUN) Center, Building 359, on the corner of Ingersoll and Vibbert Avenues.

Army Family Team Building **Level II** course is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 30 through Oct. 3 in the FUN Center.

This course is targeted towards emerging leaders within the community and those wishing to update their knowledge about the Army.

Level I is not a prerequisite to attend this course.

For more information or to register, call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil.

AFTB offers FRG training — Are you a new family readiness group volunteer or company commander? Are you an experienced FRG volunteer or company commander that would like to learn more about Fort Benning FRGs?

If so, this class is for you! Join the IVC and AFTB in exploring all the basics of Family Readiness Groups. Topics covered include:

An FRG Overview,

Rosters & the Chain of Concern,

Volunteer Management & Recognition, Newsletters, and

Fundraising & Money Management.

Class will be 9:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 17 in the Family Unit Network Center.

This class is limited to the first 25 participants and registration is required. Call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil to register.

Free EDIS screenings — The Fort Benning Educational and Developmental Intervention Services is conducting free dental, hearing, vision, speech and learning screenings for children ages birth to 3 years from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive in the Custer Terrace Housing Area.

For more information, call 545-5060.

Vincennes University — Beginning with the fall term Oct. 2, the Army will begin to pay 100 percent of tuition assistance for qualified active-duty soldiers.

Because Vincennes University is not charging fees under the new TA rate and will loan the textbooks, this means that courses will be free to soldiers.

The sole exception is that when a student qualifies for graduation, a $25 fee must be forwarded with the petition to graduate.

For more information, call 689-0098 or stop by Building 2613 (upstairs), Soldiers' Plaza, co-located with CSU.

Beacon College registration — Beacon College and Graduate School will begin its fall semester registration at Fort Benning. Students can earn undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and Biblical studies.

Full financial aid, including veterans' educational assistance, is available.

A representative from Beacon will be on post from 1 to 4 p.m. every Thursday at Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 323-5364.

Still Serving — AAFES is sponsoring a Still Serving Retiree Event from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 20-22 at the Main Mall Post Exchange.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson 545-1987.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

Free CPR online — To commemorate the first anniversary of the tragedies of Sept. 11, the National Safety Council and its Atlanta Chapter will offer everyone an opportunity to better prepare themselves for emergencies. NSC will offer its online Basic First Aid and CPR training program free of charge from Sept. 11-18.

The interactive Basic First Aid and CPR course uses clearly presented learning points, advanced graphics, interactive animations, realistic sound effects, video clips and a variety of exercises. Participants obtain comprehensive knowledge, while experiencing the sights and sounds of real emergency situations. The course usually takes about two hours to complete, but the course can be taken at one's own pace. To take the course, log on to www.nsc.org.

Women's Health Expo — Free health screens and activities for the community highlight the second annual Women's Health and Fitness Expo Sept. 28 at the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center, 801 Front Avenue.

The Expo is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include health screens for stroke, osteoporosis, breast and gynecologic cancer, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure checks. Other screens include body fat analysis and checks for oral health, bone density and hearing. Information also will be available on nutrition, sleep disorders and depression. Pharmacists will be on site to discuss medications, proper dosages and drug interactions. There also will be live entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits and much more.

For more information, call 322-7128.

Used book sale — The annual Altrusa Used Book Sale is today through Sunday in the library of Daniel Middle School.

The book sale hours are 6 to 9 p.m. today, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 1 to 6 p.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Labor Day.

The prices of the books range between 25 cents and $2.

For more information, call Marnie Salter at 545-2485.

Memorial Service — Calvary Baptist Church will be having a memorial service Sept. 11 in memory of last year's horrific attack on our nation and liberties to freedom, religion, and our way of life.

For more information, call 322-1491 or 332-7250.

CASA volunteers — CASA volunteers are ordinary people who care about children. They're caring and honest and committed to doing what is best for each child.

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CASA has a particular need for bilingual volunteers, men and people of color.

The next training starts Sept. 14. For more information and an application, call 323-3687.

Want to be a teacher? — There will be an informational brief for all people aspiring to become public educators from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2 and 10 to 11:30 a.m. Oct. 10 at Infantry Hall in Classroom 32A.

Begin a new career in public education as a teacher!

Am I eligible?

• Have a bachelor's degree from an accredited college

• Qualify for admission to Columbus State University

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• Yes! Contact the Department of Teacher Education at CSU.

What are the Alternative Education Programs?

The Department of Teacher Education offers four programs for qualified career-change applicants:

• Teacher Certification, Accelerated M.Ed.

• Intern Teaching Team Program (ITTP)

• Content Oriented Preparation for Educators

For more information, call Columbus State University at 568-2255.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people who are experiencing infertility. The Columbus Resolve Chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road, Columbus.

For more information, call 323-6659.

School lunch menu

■ **Monday:** Labor Day holiday

■ **Tuesday:** steak nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, cheese toast, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** patty melt, potato rounds, carrot and celery sticks, fruit, milk, fruit cobbler

■ **Thursday:** cheesy ham and potatoes, early peas, garlic toast, fruit, milk

■ **Friday:** sweet and sour chicken, steamed rice, oriental vegetables, orange wedge, fruit, milk

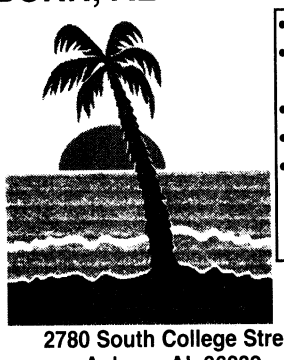
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TIC Chapel to perform dramatic interpretation

Artist to present *Revelation*

USAIC Chaplains Office

Marquis Laughlin will present a dramatic presentation of the book of *Revelation* at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 at The Infantry Center Chapel. All of Fort Benning is invited. Attendance is free.

The presentation will take place during the morning worship service.

Laughlin has performed all over the world. Recent works include Mark's Gospel at the Forum of Trajan in Rome, Italy, and John's Gospel at the Mahpton Court Mid-Summer Festival in Hereford, England.

Laughlin maintains an active touring schedule of theaters, conferences, colleges and houses of worship.

His voice can be heard as the narrator for Tyndale Publishing's "Illumina," the first interactive fully animated Bible, being introduced this fall on DVD.

He also contributed to the Good News Publishers new "English Standard Version Bible," an audio-book due out this year.

He is the program coordinator for Sola Scriptura, a ministry devoted to the accuracy, authenticity and authority of Scripture, located at the Holy Land Experience. The Holy Land Experience is a living biblical museum in Orlando, Fla.

His television roles include the PBS series *Life and Times,* United Artists *Coming Attractions*, and Paramount Studios/ *Prime Reality* programs. In 1987, he dedicated himself to presenting the scriptures exclusively.

The presentation on post will cover the last book of the New Testament.

"It promises to be both inspirational and memorable," said Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Yates.

For more information, call the Infantry Center Chapel at 545-2050.

AER scholarship applications available online Nov. 1

Eligible students can apply for help for 2003-2004 school year

Army Emergency Relief

Active duty soldiers and Army retirees with college or university bound children often wonder how to afford the education cost.

Many people don't realize that part of the answer may be found with the Army Emergency Relief Scholarship.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund administered by AER is a secondary mission to help Army families with the cost of undergraduate level education, post secondary vocational training and preparation for acceptance by service academies for their dependent children.

Scholarship Program Eligibility

Applicant must be:

• Children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of soldiers on active duty, retired or deceased while on active duty or after retirement.

• Must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS).

• Unmarried for entire academic year.

• U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident.

• Under the age of 22 on June 1, 2003 based on 2003-2004 academic year.

All eligible persons are encouraged to apply.

AER Scholarships

• Applicant must be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as a full-time student for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions approved by the U.S. Department of Education for Title IV funds.

• Scholarship applicants must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed.

Scholarship Applications

• Order form (AER 9R) for applications will be available for pickup at the installation AER Office, Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, 8 ..m to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Nov. 1. Forms will be available until supplies have been exhausted.

• The actual application is also available by mail from HQ AER from Nov. 1 through March 3, 2003 for the 2003–2004 academic year.

• Applications may also be printed from the Web site www.aerhq.org.

• Completed applications with supporting documents must be mailed to HQ AER and postmarked not later than March 3, 2003.

• To be considered, the scholarship application must be complete, accurate and contain all required documents.

• New applications must be submitted for each academic year.

Scholarship Fund Uses

• The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books and supplies, and school room and board either on or off campus.

Scholarship Awards

• Scholarship awards range from $700 to $1,800 per academic year.

• Primarily based on relative financial need, as evidenced by income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances.

• Academic achievements and individual accomplishment are considered.

• Scholarship funds awarded will not be disbursed if cumulative GPA falls below 2.0.

• Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis for up to a maximum of four years of undergraduate study.

• The student must attend as a full-time student for the entire academic year.

• Students must apply each year.

For more information, call the installation AER Office at 545-2536, 545-4043or 545-7517, or access the Web site at www.aerhq.org.

Faith Middle School
50th Anniversary Celebration

Tuesday
6 p.m. — Open House

Wednesday
50s Day with an afternoon dance, ice cream social, and Happy Days episodes
1:30 - 3:15 p.m. — Dress in 50's style. Prizes for "best dressed."

Thursday
5-7 p.m. — Reception for special visitors at the O' Club
6 p.m. — Program which includes the Faith cheerleaders, introduction of all veterans, Faith entertainers and presentation of pins to veterans

September 6
8:30 a.m. — Veterans share experiences in different classrooms
10:15 a.m. — Battle of Chosin Reservoir briefing
11:30 a.m. — Veterans eat lunch in cafeteria
1:30 p.m. — 50th anniversary assembly

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Army: Gives class solution

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1,380 soldiers who have applied for the stabilization program. So far, 1,155 enlisted personnel have applied for stabilization, of which, 1,153 were approved.

Soldiers must submit requests no later than 12 months prior to the beginning of the senior year of school.

For example, if the student's senior year starts in September 2003, the request must be submitted to Personnel Command no later than September 2002.

Soldiers may initiate a request for stabilization by submitting a DA Form 4187 listing the family members name and social security number.

The family member must be enrolled in the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System.

A letter from the high school stating when the family member is projected to graduate must be attached to the 4187.

Soldiers stationed overseas must state on the form that they will extend their foreign-service tour to meet the stabilization requirement.

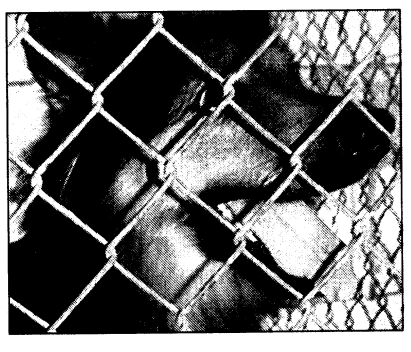
Enlisted soldiers must also list any scheduled training, such as schooling or temporary duty en route, on the 4187.

Officers with scheduled training should contact their branch assignment officer to reschedule that training.

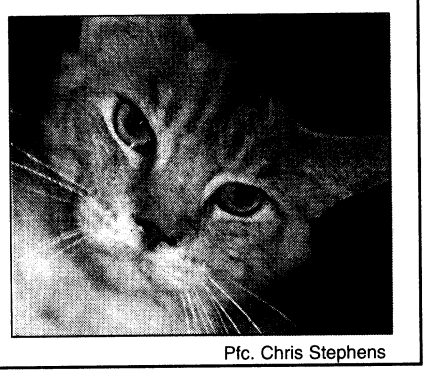
PERSCOM remains the approval authority for all stabilization requests.

Editor's note: *This article was based on an article released to ARNEWS by PERSCOM.*

Pets of the Week



This shepherd and domestic short-haired cat are just two to the animals available for adoption at the Vet Clinic.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Residents: Sell old for new

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advertised on post as well as off post.

"My children look forward to this as much as I do," Livermore said.

"They are planning on setting up lemonade stands to make a little extra cash.

"Last year I spent well over $200," Livermore said. "It's tough to resist once you see all that's out there."

The postwide yard sale runs from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 7.

All items not sold can be donated to the Thrift Shop on Ingersoll Avenue after the yard sale.

For more information, call 545-6041.

Mayors: Bring ideas, action

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mayors to empower their communities," said Livermore, the post's "senior" mayor with one year of experience under her belt.

"The mayors' association has always had a high turnover rate, because mayors and vice mayors get discouraged at lack of progress or lack of community participation," she said. "With proper training and continuous training, I think this group will succeed where others have given up because they have realistic expectations and the resources to accomplish what it is they want."

And what is it they want?

"I want to see it the way it used to be," Corsetto said. "I want to see neighbors helping neighbors, residents taking pride in the way their yards look, families coming out to do things together. Just a good old-fashioned neighborhood."

"We want the same things our residents tell us they want," said Ed Dechine, mayor of Custer Terrace. At 47, Dechine said he remembers when "neighbors were neighborly."

"I'm a little older. I know how it used to be, and I want to bring it back," he said. "I think that's what everyone wants. The question is how do we go about it."

According to the association's guidelines, the mayor's job is to be a "conduit of information," said Deborah Holton, Fort Benning's Installation Volunteer Coordinator. They're not a policing agency, but "an information and referral resource to let community members know what's available for them. It's about communication," she said.

Though the mayors work closely with MPs and Community Life NCOs, their job is to act as liaisons between the post and the residents, Holton said.

"They're here to let the residents know someone cares, and to point them in the right direction to get the help they need," she said.

"A social worker" is how Autumn Cyler defines her position as mayor of Indianhead Terrace.

"I'm a social worker by profession. It's always been my job to empower people with the knowledge they need to be successful at whatever they're doing," said Cyler, who served as community mayor and vice mayor at Fort Lewis, Wash., for four years. "That's what I'll be doing — getting the answers people need to live successfully on post, whether it's housing regulations or Army Community Services or whatever. It's my job to educate them."

Tiffany Wetherington figures to get a bit of an education herself. The 19-year-old Army wife said being vice mayor of Bouton Heights and Davis Hill will be "a growing thing."

"This is a big opportunity for me. I'm going to learn a lot about this whole Army way of life and get to know people around me," she said. "I figured the best way to do that was to get involved and volunteer."

The majority of the mayors and vice mayors are experienced volunteers, involved in their children's schools, the Red Cross, Army Family Team Building and



Autumn Cyler
Indianhead Terrace mayor

family readiness groups. All but one are females married to soldiers. Dechine is the exception.

The former soldier calls himself "a house husband." He takes care of their 2-year-old son while his wife is deployed to Kuwait.

"I've got to meet people. It's not like I can go have a cup of coffee with my neighbor while her husband is at work. Imagine the rumors," Dechine said. "I figured being a mayor will get me out of the house and involved in the community."

Though all the mayors and vice mayors have their own ideas about how to bring their communities together, they'll all follow specific guidelines and meet certain requirements, such as distributing newsletters and conducting townhall meetings quarterly.

"We've established a program that each community can tweak to meet their own needs," Holton said. "If we follow some basic common sense practices and focus on attainable goals, we can accomplish just what we're setting out to do. We can create the kinds of communities we all want to live in."

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Children: Find home, family

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adoption. With no liaison between the state and the installation, and no documented precedent, the Massey's tried time and time again to get approval from the post housing office, but they met with repeated resistance.

It was Lisa's persistence that finally paid off. She pored over 193 pages of regulations and unearthed an obscure policy that makes provision for "any child placed for the purpose of adoption."

"We weren't about to give up. These kids were ours from the minute we saw them," Eric said.

With the final hurdle behind them, the Massey's prepared to bring their family home.

With 10 days to prepare, the couple began "nesting," Eric said.

"All of a sudden we were running around like crazy trying to get everything ready. Lisa painted Destiny's room purple, because that's her favorite color. We wanted everything to be perfect, like most people do when they're preparing for a new baby, I guess."

"The house was ready for them," Lisa said. "We weren't."

"I'll never know how it feels to be a birth father, but that first night I laid there til 2 a.m. saying, 'What have we done?'" Eric laughed.

"We thought we understood the reality of it, but we didn't," Lisa said. "I'm sure it's difficult to birth a child of your own, but you grow together. Here we had three walking, talking children with established personalities and attitudes. It was chaos in motion."

The first few weeks were very difficult, Lisa said. The family focused on establishing boundaries and learning to live together. Justin suffers from attention deficit disorder, and Kyle was prone to bouts of anger.

"We made mistakes here and there," Lisa said. "But I told them they've always had parents. We've never had children. They've been very patient with us."

"We wanted them to want us as much as we want them," Eric said. "You can't make them love you. It just has to happen."

And it did happen, Eric realized, at a basic training graduation, where as guests of honor, the children were given reserved seats.

"Afterward I saw Destiny peeling the name tag off her seat," he said. "It said Destiny Massey. I guess that's the first time she'd seen it in print. She brought it home and put it on her bedroom door. That's when I knew."

Things have calmed down around the Massey home these days, as the family has adjusted to their new lives. A good day is a boring day, Lisa said, something she and Eric once scoffed at.

"We used to see these parents sitting outside watching their kids play on the playground, and we'd say, 'That has to be so boring.'

"Now we're doing it, sitting out back watching them jump on the trampoline, and loving every minute of it," she said.

The family sees a social worker periodically, though Lisa believes they'll soon end their sessions. A state social worker will continue to visit once a month until the adoption is final, probably by Christmas.

But the Massey's aren't waiting. They're a full-fledged family, Eric said, up to their ears in homework and soccer and cartoons.

"They're our own children, just as surely as we'd gave birth to them," he said. "There's no difference in the way we feel."

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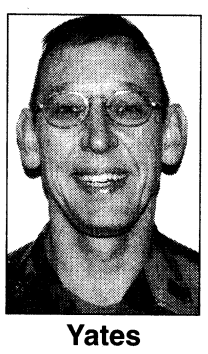
Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Yates
Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate

We are all familiar with the 23rd Psalm. David, who was the king of Israel as well as a mighty warrior, starts off this beautiful psalm by saying. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want."

David acknowledges that since God is his shepherd, all that he needs is supplied to him. This opening statement summarizes the whole psalm. In the verses that follow, David explains how all his needs are met. He says the Lord makes him to lie down in green pastures and leads him besides the still waters. A sheep will only lie down when all his needs are met. The still waters picture not only thirst being quenched, but also the peace one experiences when he knows God is his shepherd.

David describes how God directs his steps. In God's word, David is told how to live his life. The Lord directs David in paths of righteousness. These paths lead to the blessings of God and the joy and peace that accompany these blessings.

REFLECTIONS


Yates

In addition, David says the Lord is always with him. Even in the valley of the shadow of death, David knows his shepherd is there. He protects him with his rod and his staff. As a result, David proclaims that he will fear no evil.

It is little wonder David says that since God is his shepherd he has everything he needs. God is the one who meets these needs, shows him how to live his life, and protects him from all harm. It is also easy to see why this psalm has become a favorite of many people and why it is usually read at funerals.

Even though it is not as well known, the New Testament has its own version of the 23rd Psalm. It is found in John 10:11. In this verse, Jesus says, I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. Clearly, the Lord has the 23rd Psalm in mind.

As we saw in that psalm, God is the shepherd. Here, however, Jesus claims to be the shepherd. What a beautiful picture this is. In Jesus Christ, God the shepherd has become a man. He has entered into the experiences of the sheep. As Jesus says, he did it so he could lay down his life for the sheep.

Christ's death paid for the sins of his sheep. All who believe in Him receive eternal life and the forgiveness of sins. Here is man's greatest need. Christ, as the good shepherd, meets this need through faith in him.

In light of this verse in John 10, we can join David in his opening verse of Psalm 23 in a new and exciting way. The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want!

CHAPEL NOTES

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For more information, call 545-4960.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

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Mass is celebrated along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

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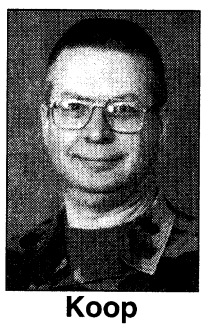
Are marriage expectations realistic?

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

All of us have expectations. We innately know who is to do what in marriage, how money is to be managed, how decisions are to be made and how to be intimate in marriage. We get these expectations from our family of origin, culture and moral training. We also assume that our partner has the same expectations that we do.

When expectations are not met, disappointment results.

Happiness in marriage is based partly on our expectations being met. Dissatisfaction in marriage may result when our expectations are not met. A proverb says, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a longing fulfilled is a tree of life" (Proverbs 13:12).


Koop

Unfortunately many partners do not directly express their expectations. They assume their partner already knows. If we are willing to tell God our innermost desires, shouldn't we also be willing to tell our mate (Psalm 38:9)?

In addition, many expectations are not realistic. It is unrealistic to expect that your partner will meet all your needs in life.

Hidden expectations cannot be resolved. Many people are unaware of their own expectations or the expectations of others.

Spouses should clearly state their expectations. For example: in my family my dad maintained the car. I do not feel comfortable maintaining a car. Would you be willing to take care of the car, or should I take it in to be serviced by a mechanic? Don't keep your expectations hidden from your partner.

Would you like to make your marriage communication better? Free counseling and support are available. Contact the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers' Plaza at 545-1760.

"The Lord is my shepherd. I shall not want."
Psalm 23:1

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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Weekday Mass

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Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

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6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

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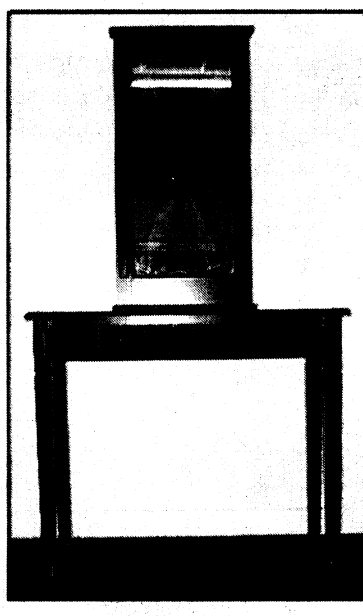
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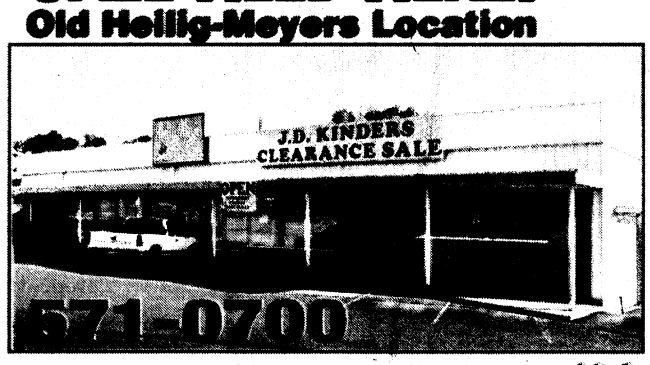
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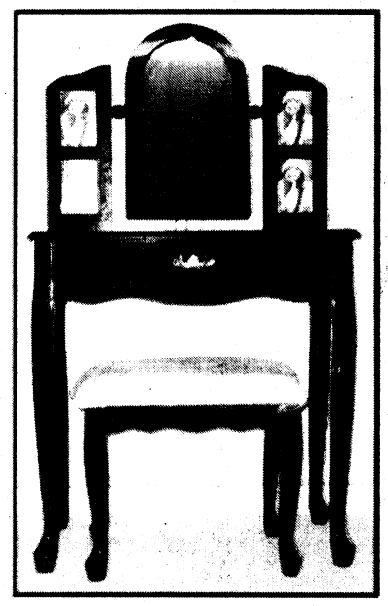


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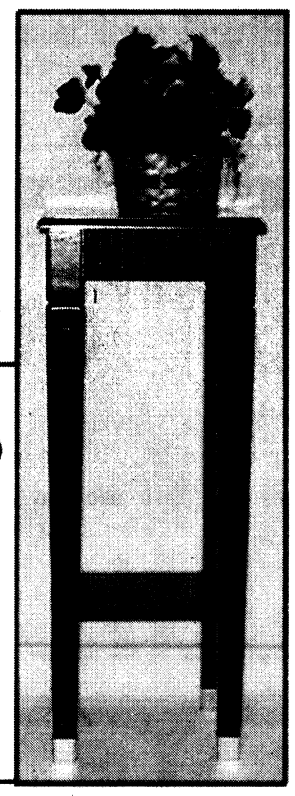
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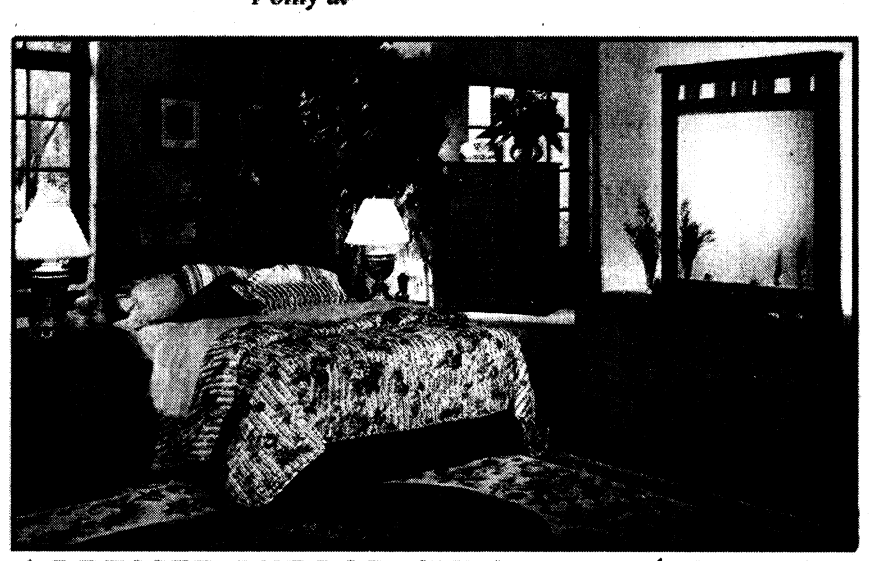
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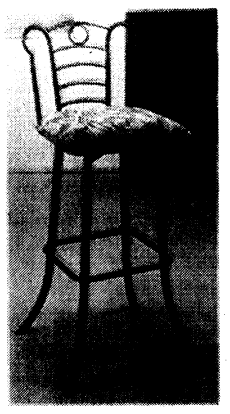
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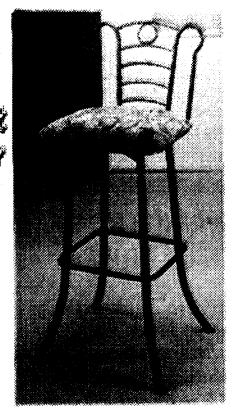
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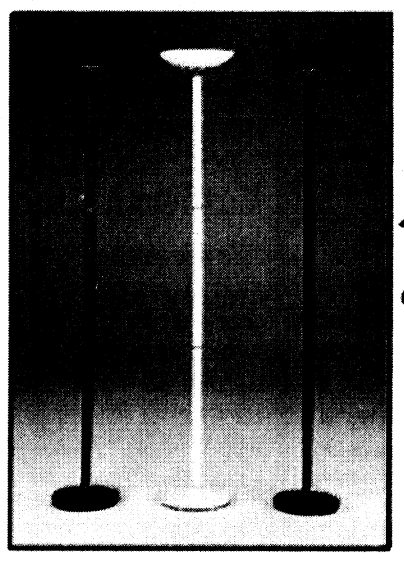


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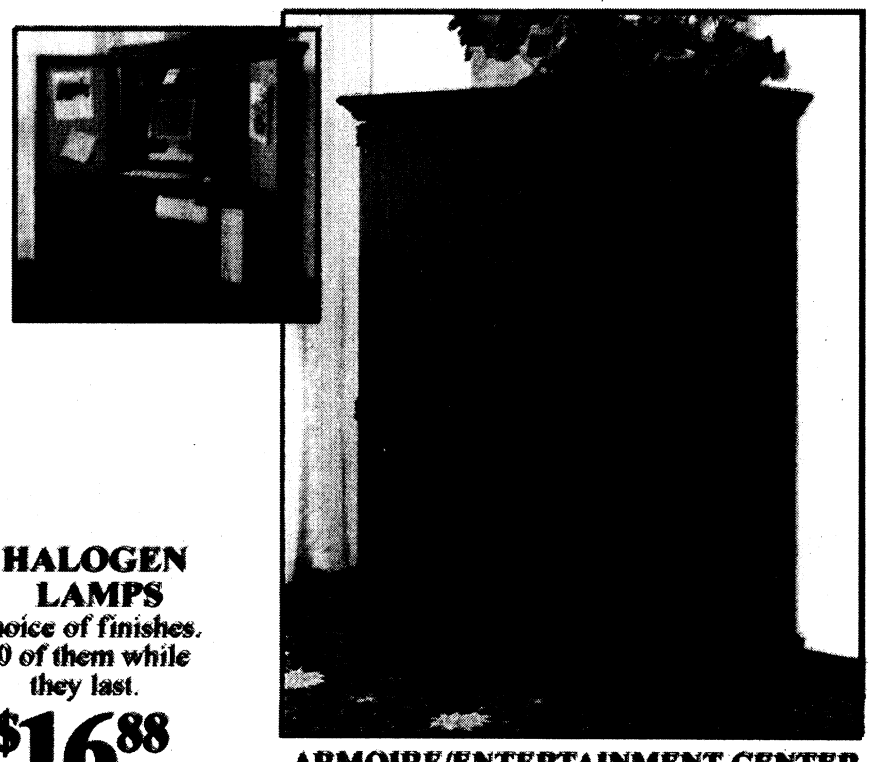




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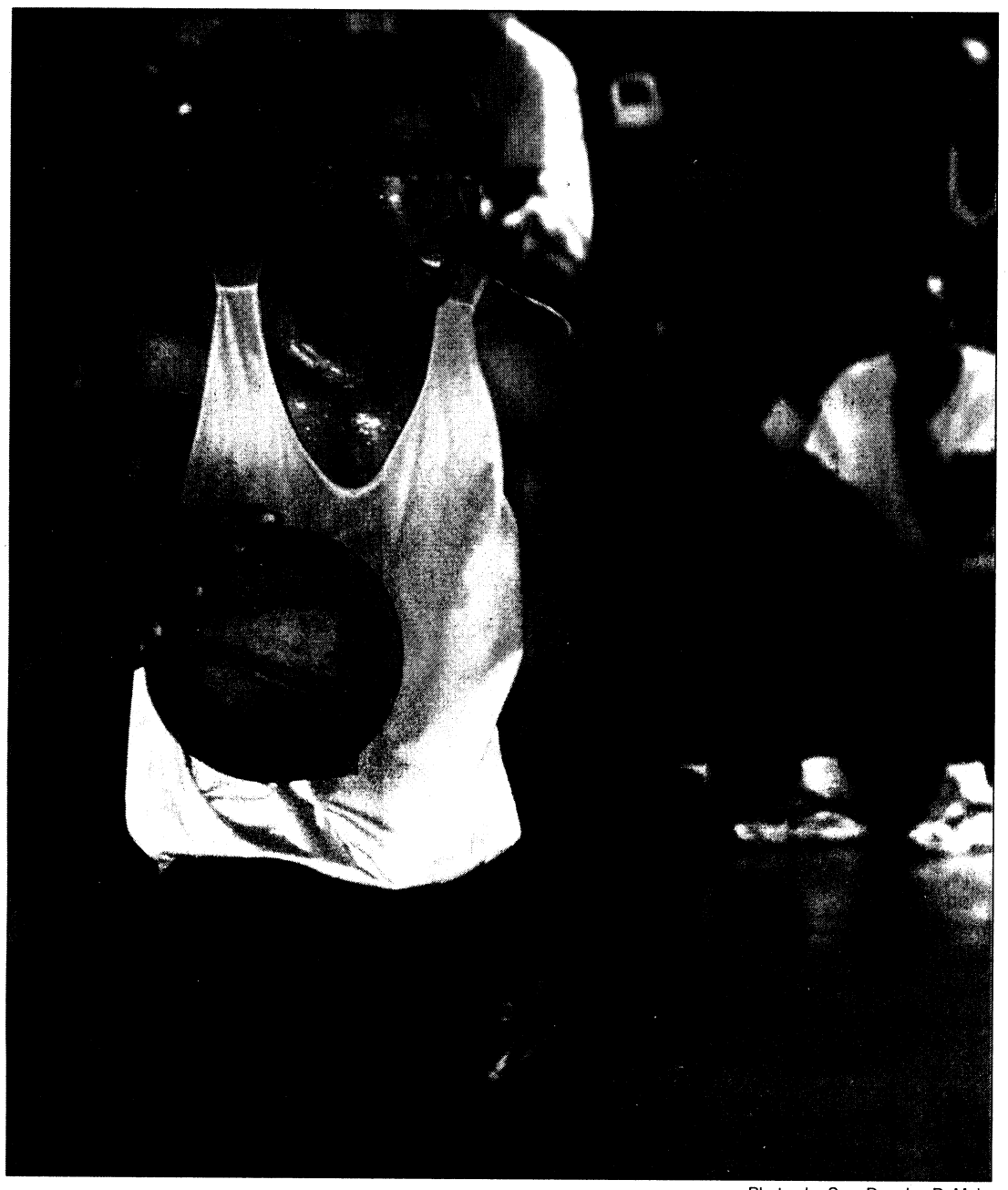


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SPORTS

Outlaws remain elite team on post



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Christopher Robinson looks at the offense before making a move to the basket.

Team gives champs loss in midnight hoops tournament

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

After their first loss during a tournament during a three-year period, the Outlaws showed their championship spirit in the second game of the double-elimination Midnight Basketball Tournament Sunday and defeated the Raging Bulls, 65-37.

The Outlaws of 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, lost the first of two final games against the Raging Bulls of 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regt., but beat them two out of three games they played.

"We don't accept anything less than being in the finals," said Outlaws' Adrian Lewis. "Knowing we don't want to lose and that everyone's against us drives us to compete even harder."

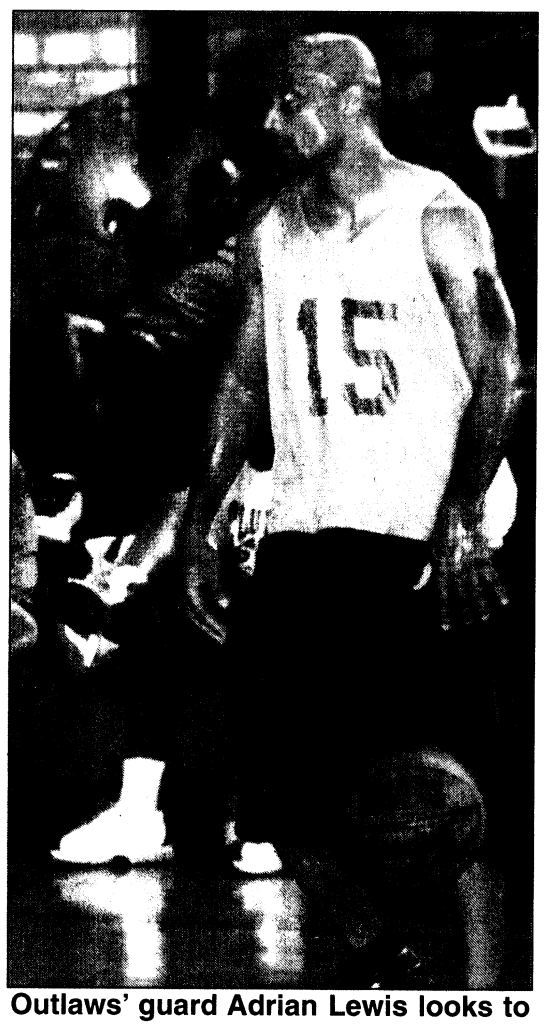
The Outlaws jumped out to an early 12-6 lead; doubling the score of the Raging Bulls seemed to be a common theme during the second final game.

Lewis, who lead all scorers with 16 points, and the rest of the Outlaws lit up the net with fast breaks buckets and shots from the perimeter.

"We felt pretty confident," said Outlaws' Christopher Robinson. "Once the team got focused, we were all good."

By halftime, the Outlaws held a commanding 18-point lead. The Outlaws broke out in the second half with a 6-0 run and doubled the Raging Bulls score once again at 48-24.

With five minutes left in the second, the Outlaws came a bucket away from doubling the score again at 60-31, and by that point, the Raging Bulls knew the game was pretty much finished.



Outlaws' guard Adrian Lewis looks to pass to a teammate.

The tournament served a purpose for the Outlaws, Robinson said. It gave the team a chance to get familiar with some new players on the team.

"(The tournament) gave the new guys a chance to get into the mix and to see how we play as a team," Lewis said. "Now they have a few games under their belt with us."

The victory gave the Outlaws their second Midnight-tournament title in three years.

Crossbow now legal for Georgia hunters

Sportsmen to use unique weapons

Angela Sachitano
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Hunters looking to try something new this season may be happy to learn the crossbow is now a legal weapon in the state of Georgia.

Once only designated for handicapped hunters, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources has handed down a regulation legalizing the crossbow for all hunters.

"This is an exciting time for many hunters," said Pete Swiderek, Conservation Branch chief for Fort Benning Directorate of Facilities Engineering Logistics. "The crossbow will bring a new realm of competition to the sport."

The Georgia crossbows, longbows, recurve bows, and compound bows are allowed for hunting in any area designated for hunting. Crossbows will be legal during the archery season, which runs Sept. 14 through Oct. 11 and during primitive weapon and gun seasons.

"The crossbow is a convenient weapon for many people," said 1st Sgt. Billy Hogue, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment. "Women like the crossbow because it is easy to hold and aim."

Fort Benning hunters will also be allowed to use crossbows on post as soon as the seasons kicks off. A draft of the new Fort Benning regulation is in the works and should be completed within the next few weeks.

"It's going to be interesting to see how the new regulation effects the season," Swiderek said. "Crossbows have their fans and their foes."

In the past, only the traditional long bows were allowed, and now some archery fans fear throngs of crossbow hunters will disrupt the tranquility of the archery season. There are many misconceptions about the weapon, said Harley Chase, Hunter Safety coordinator for Fort Benning.

"People think these things can shoot 100 yards, and they can't," Chase said. "Crossbow accuracy and penetration are fine out to 35 yards. Beyond that, the hunter is taking chances on missing or losing game."

The complications of crossbows are addressed briefly in the Fort Benning Hunters Safety Course, which is being held over the next several months.

"We hope to add more information on crossbows as it becomes available," Chase said. "With the new law comes great responsibilities for everyone."

The average price for a crossbow runs between $300 and $600, but the ease and accuracy is worth it to many hunters, Hogue said.

"All you do is put the crosshairs on it, squeeze the trigger, and there you go," Hogue said. "The arrows are like bolts."

For more information on crossbows, call the Infantry Branch Safety Office at 545-4812 and ask about the Hunters Safety Course CD-Rom.

Youth sports requires conduct class for parents

Class teaches parents good behavior

Angela Sachitano
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Fort Benning resident Cheri Meyer has enrolled her children in youth sports on Fort Benning for the past five years. She admits her 11-year-old and 6-year-old sons are quite competitive.

They are not nearly as competitive as some of the parents they've seen.

"We've witnessed adults get in each other's faces, screaming, cussing, and spitting," Meyer said. "It's a horrible example for my kids. It's pathetic behavior."

That pathetic behavior is exactly what the National Alliance for Youth Sports is trying to prevent by making it mandatory for all parents in the youth sports program to participate in a conduct class to review what is appropriate behavior during events.

"We are hoping to simmer down some of the conduct that we are seeing out there lately," said Dorrie Wagner, sports director for Fort Benning Youth Sports. "It has become uncontrollable."

When the Fort Benning Youth Sports Program became a member of the National Alliance for Youth Sports this year, the post was required to initiate a PAYS program, or Parents Association for Youth Sports. For starters, the program will make it mandatory for parents to view a video on sportsmanlike conduct.

"At first I didn't think the video would help," Meyer said. "But this summer parents involved in youth sports were required to watch it, and I did see an immediate difference."

Fort Benning parents with children enrolled in sports this past summer were the first required to watch the video.

Mom's and Dad's were also asked to sign a Parental Code of Ethics promising to be a positive role model for their children during games.

"These past few months parents kept their comments to themselves and were polite to the other teams," said Meyer, whose sons play on the Fort Benning basketball team. "The lack of distractions allowed the coach to focus."

More than 1200 children enroll in youth sports each year on Fort Benning, and the coaches are often overwhelmed when parents try and take over, Wagner said.

"Many parents admitted they didn't realize what they were doing and how it affected their children," Wagner said. "We're hoping the video will continue to change their actions."

The National Association for Youth Sports became concerned about the future of youth sports when it noticed a significant number of children were dropping out of sports when they reached middle school. Youth advocates blame the kids' exhaustion and lack of interest on pushy parents who often intimidate and embarrass their children.

"A child could be the best athlete on the field but will run away in tears because a parent is fighting with a coach or worse, hassling another child from the opposite team," Wagner said. "Kids are more aware of what their parents are doing then parents realize."

The Fort Benning Youth Sports program is determined to keep parents in line this season, Wagner said. MPs will be on alert and are ready to escort parents off the fields for even a minor incident.

"My husband and I often nudge each other in the bleachers to remind ourselves when we begin to cross the line," Meyer said. "After watching the video and talking with other parents, we realized how important it is to be a positive example."

The next parental conduct class will be at 11 a.m Saturday in Building 1055. For more information call 545-3070.

Unit seeking weapons experts

Competitive marksmanship position available

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USAMU Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good shooters.

The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions in the summer of 2003.

"We do this every year," said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Gibbs, NCOIC of the USAMU Service Pistol Team. "Soldiers who wish to represent the U.S. Army in pistol competition, marksmanship instruction and recruiting assistance are welcome to apply. This is a highly visible, fast-paced mission."

The Army Marksmanship Unit has been a part of the U. S. Army Recruiting Command since October 1999.

It was formed in 1956 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower to raise the standards of marksmanship throughout the U.S. Army.

The Marksmanship Unit trains its soldiers to win competitions and enhances combat readiness through train-the-trainer clinics, research and development. The world-class soldier-athletes of the USAMU also promote the Army and assist recruiters in attracting young Americans to enlist in the Army.

The Army Pistol Team is always looking for active Army soldiers who are highly motivated, disciplined and competitive by nature, Gibbs said, adding that no previous competitive shooting experience is required.

Soldiers in the rank of sergeant first class and below with less than 15 years of service who obtain approval from their commanders travel to Fort Benning in April at the expense of the Marksmanship Unit to participate in the initial training. The soldiers are trained in advanced marksmanship skills. Once that is complete, pistol team officials will select shooters to participate in the Interservice Championships in June and the National Matches in July.

After the three-month tour, soldiers return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training that can be harvested by unit trainers to improve the marksmanship skills of their soldiers.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@usarec.army.mil.

Violators ground Boyz, 49-43, in tourney

Infantrymen showcase skills during game

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

There was some high-flying dunking action in the first game of the double-elimination Midnight Basketball Tournament Saturday night at Briant Wells Field House.

The tournament began 9 p.m. Saturday with eight teams.

"I think we have a real good chance of winning it all," said 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment Violators' player Erick Stallworth, who scored 19 points.

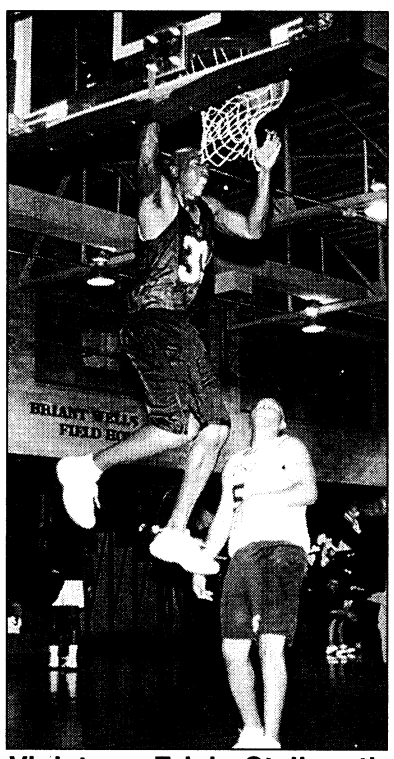
Both teams looked fearless in the beginning of the game as they exchanged baskets during the first seven minutes of the half.

Tied at 8-8, the Violators went to their inside game and took the lead by two. They never looked back.

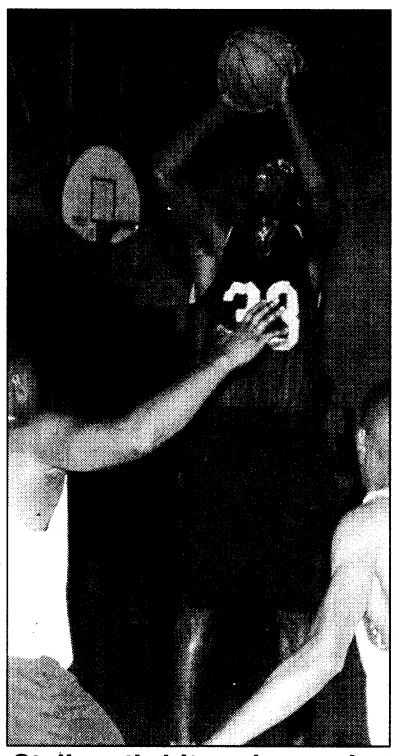
"Our game plan was to play the inside-out game," said Violators' big man Henry Lewis. "It opened up the lanes for our guards to attack the basket."

The Violators put together a couple of four-point scoring runs to stifle any chance the 1st Bn. (Airborne), 507th Inf. Regt. Boyz had of climbing back into the game by halftime.

Leading 27-18 at the half, the Boyz rallied behind Tyrone Herman and Troy McBride to pull within two points, but the Violators went on a rampage, and Stallworth capped a 7-0 run with a monster jam.



Violators Erick Stallworth elevates above the rim.



Stallworth hits a jump shot in the key.

The Boyz relied on their quickness, speed and outside shooting ability, while the slower Violators dumped the ball into the low post and crashed the offensive boards.

Stallworth scored most of his points on medium range jumpers and powerful moves to the hole.

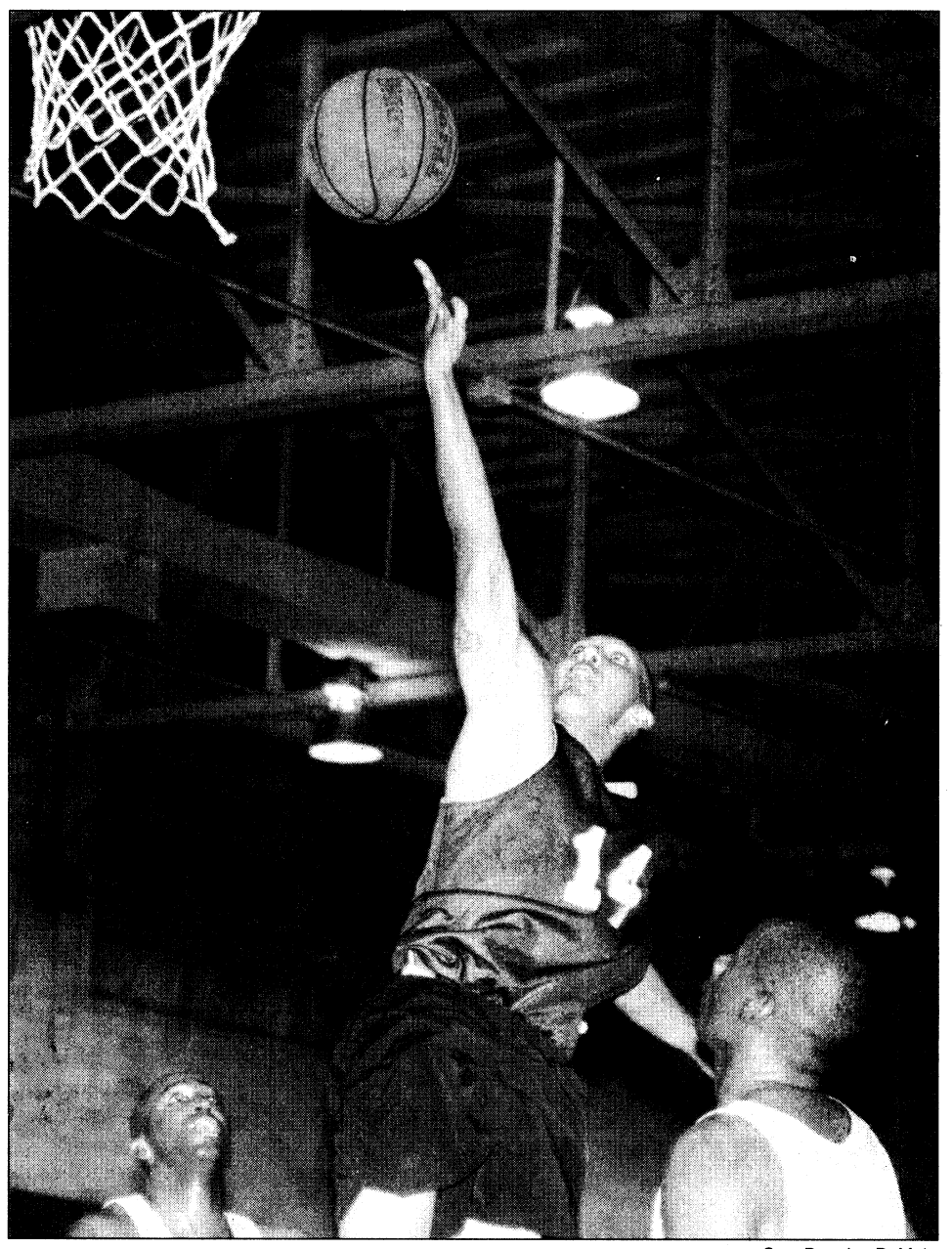
Dunks from Stallworth, reminiscent of Toronto Rapids' Vince Carter, discouraged the Boyz, yet no matter how hard they tried, the Boyz couldn't close the gap to within six points.

The two teams were on opposite ends of the spectrum when it came to style of play.

"I think we played pretty good," Lewis said. "We haven't gotten our game together yet, but we'll get it back."

The Violators missed last season because of a deployment to Kosovo.

Sgt. 1st Class Greg Ellerbee supervised and directed the 15-hour tournament, which all eight teams said they appreciated.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Jason Rivera of the 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, Violators finger rolls the ball over two defensive players.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Winter bowling league — Registration for the winter bowling league is Sunday.

Leagues will be formed for units, mixed doubles and mixed leagues. Sign up for a league at the mall bowling center.

For more information, call 682-7781.

Flag football — Registration for the flag football season has begun. Teams must be registered by Thursday. The season begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 545-4511.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

off post

Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fund-raiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 28. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Bike ride — The second annual Ride like the Wind bike ride will be Sept. 28. Registration is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sept. 28. The ride includes options of 62-mile and 31-mile routes. It will start at the Thomaston-Upson County Airport and ride through Upson, Lamar and Pike counties. Proceeds from the ride will go to Harbor House, a shelter for children who are victims of abuse and domestic violence.

For more information, call 648-2755.

Loop bike ride — The Lumpkin to Louvale Loop Ride will be Oct. 19. The cost of registration prior to Oct. 1 is $8. After Oct. 1, registration will cost $10. Children 12 and younger are free. The ride is 20 miles, beginning in Lumpkin, Ga., riding to Louvale, Ga., and ending in Lumpkin.

For more information, call 327-9015.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free. For more information, call 649-0713.

Shooters travel to west coast

NCOs win medals in Los Angeles

Paula J. Randall Pagan
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

National Rifle Association National High Power Rifle Championships, Camp Perry, Ohio, Aug. 4-12 — USAMU service rifle shooter and gunsmith Sgt. 1st Class Kevin B. McMahon won the NRA National Service Rifle Championship and was the winner in the Service Division of the NRA National High Power Rifle Championship. McMahon was also the winner in the High Service Rifle Division of the NRA National High Power Rifle Long Range Championship. The USAMU Service Rifle Team won the Enlisted Men's Trophy Team Match; Sgt. 1st Class Charles E. Coffey was the coach, Staff Sgt. Tobie L. Tomlinson was the captain and the shooters were McMahon, Sgt. 1st Class Grant L. Singley and Staff Sgts. Norman L. Anderson and Lance S. Hopper.

USA Shooting Champion of Champions Rifle Matches, Fort Benning Aug. 9-11 — International rifle shooter Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker won Gold Medals in the Men's Air Rifle and Men's Three Position Rifle Championships. Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas took the Gold Medal in the Men's Prone Rifle Match, in which Maj. Michael E. Anti got the Silver Medal. Anti got another Silver Medal in the Men's Three Position Match and Spc. Trevor D. Gathman took the Bronze. Gathman also got a Silver Medal in the Men's Air Rifle Match with Spc. Shane M. Barnhart taking the Bronze. Spc. Mary K. Elsass got Silver Medals in the Women's Air and Three Position Rifle Matches. Spc. Karyn E. Manges received the Silver Medal in the Women's Prone Rifle Match and a Bronze Medal in the Women's Air Rifle Match.

International Rifle Interservice Championships, Fort Benning, Aug. 9-11 — Parker won the Men's Air Rifle and Men's Three Position Rifle Interservice Championships, followed by Gathman in second place and Barnhart in third. Barnhart also won the Men's Prone Rifle Interservice Championship, in which Gathman was second. Elsass won the Women's Air and Three Position Interservice Championships. Manges won the Women's Prone Rifle Interservice Championship, as well as taking second place in Air Rifle and third place in Three Position. Spc. Hatti J. Ponti finished in second place in Three Position Rifle and third in Air and Prone Rifle.

Shotgun World Cup, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, Aug. 15-25 — USAMU shotgun shooter Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves won the Gold Medal in the Skeet World Cup, set a new record and won an Olympic Country Quota slot for the United States for the 2004 Olympics. Graves and Spc. Mark L. Weeks also won the Team Gold Medal in Skeet. Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson won the Team Gold Medal in the Trap competition and Sgt. William H. Keever received the Team Bronze Medal in the Double Trap Match.

Monthly Open Pistol Tournament, Fort Benning, Aug. 17 — Service pistol shooter Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson won the Overall Grand Aggregate as well as winning the .45-Caliber and Center Fire Pistol Matches and finishing third in the .22-Caliber Match. Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Wilson took second place in the Overall Grand Aggregate and the .22- and .45-Caliber Matches. Sgt. Adam E. Sokolowski was third in the Overall Grand Aggregate and won the .22-Caliber Match; he also finished third in the Center Fire and .45-Caliber Matches. Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose placed second in the Center Fire Pistol Match.

World Speed Shooting Championships, Valencia, Calif., Aug. 17 — Action pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Julie A. Goloski took third place in the Women's Division and Spc. Maxient J. Michel finished seventh overall out of 220 of the world's best shooters.

Liberty Cup Challenge, Albany, N.Y., Aug. 9-11 — Shotgun shooter Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Buffa won the 100 Target Preliminary Skeet Match and set a new club record with his perfect score of 100 out of 100. Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery took second place with a score of 96. Buffa also won the Liberty Cup Challenge Skeet Championship and Dulohery took third place.

September Pool Schedule

Briant Wells Indoor Pool opens Sep. 3

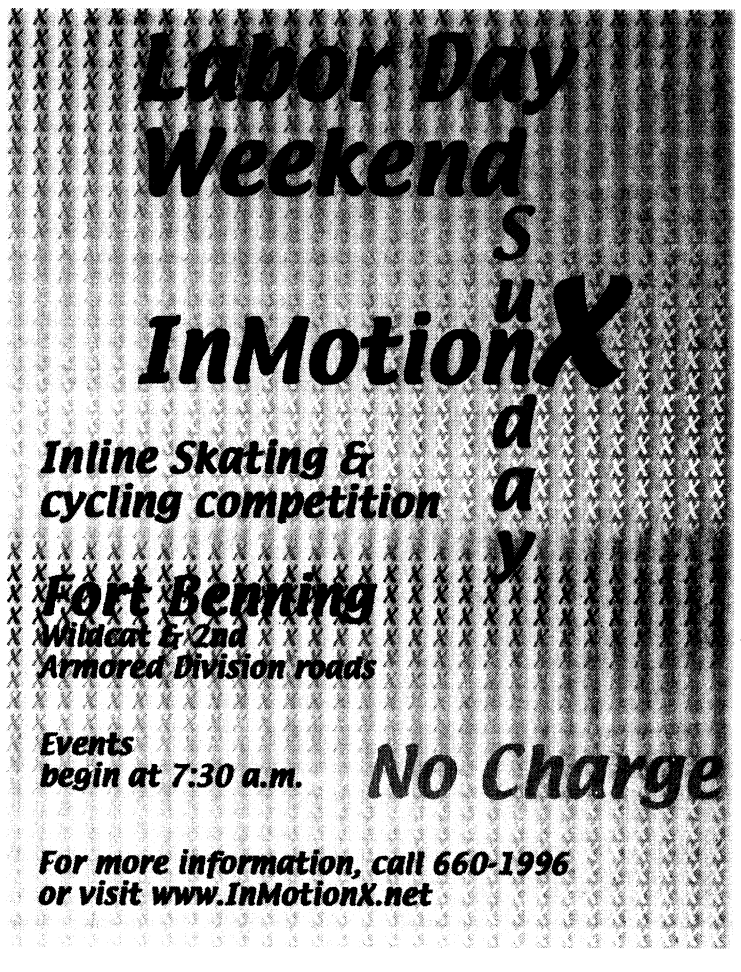
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8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Rehab swim
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1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Military training
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1 p.m. - 8 p.m.	Open recreation swim
Saturday, Sunday & Post Training Holidays	
9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Open Recreation

For more information, call 545-9987 or 545-5709.

Aquatic Center Pool closes Sept. 30

Monday and Tuesday	Closed
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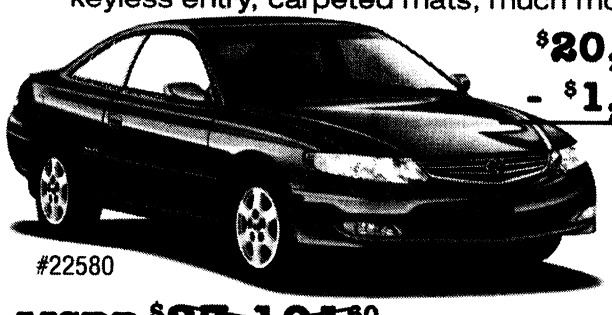
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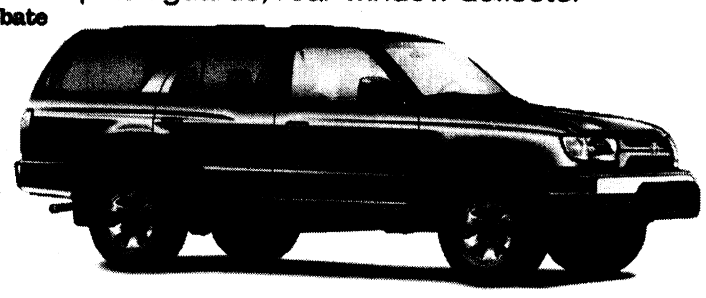
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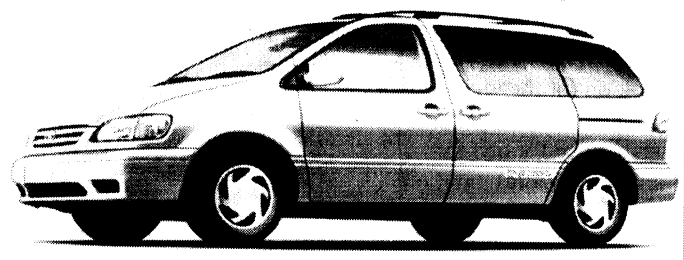
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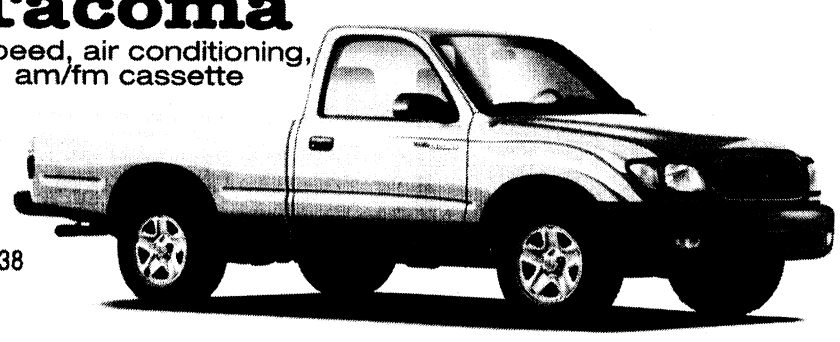
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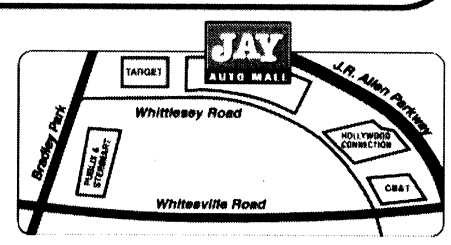
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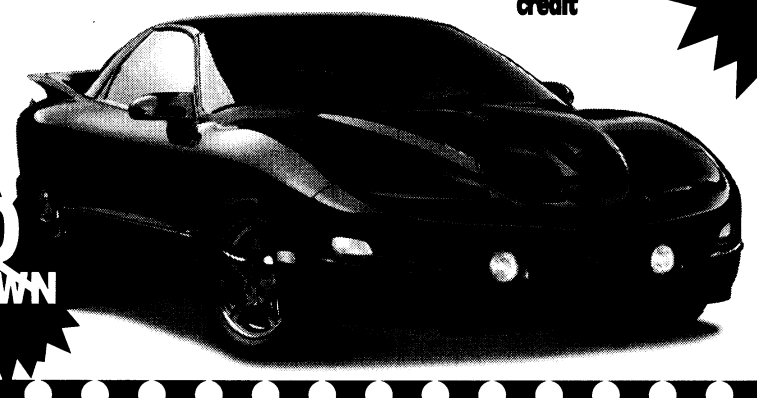
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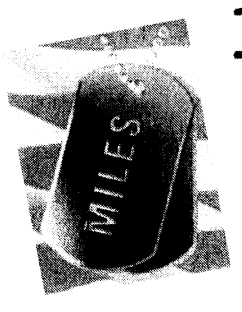
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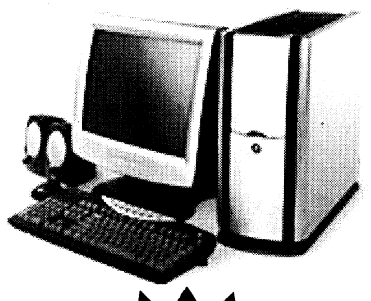
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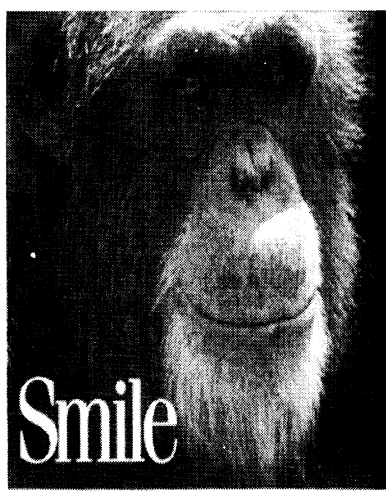
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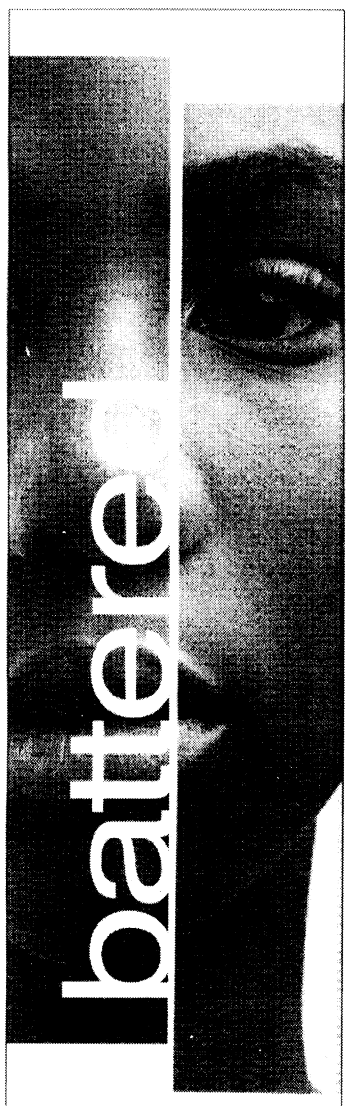
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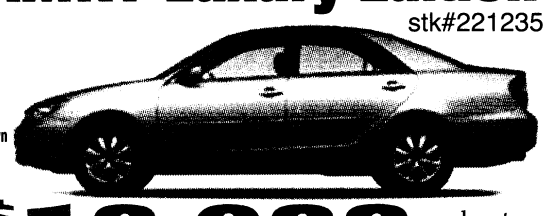
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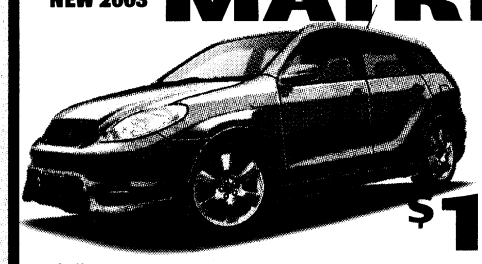
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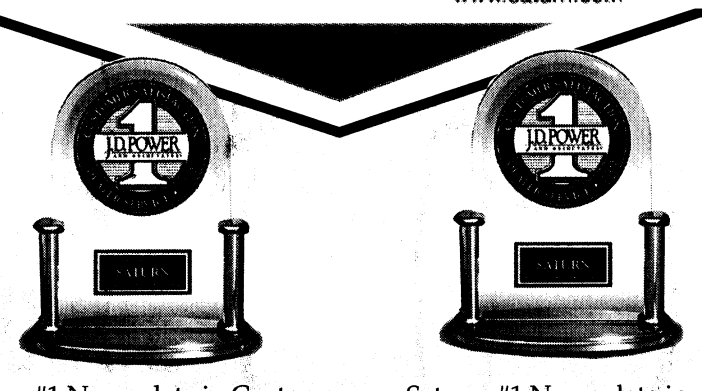
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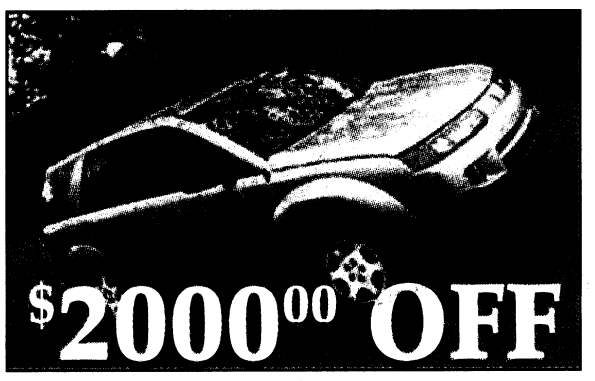
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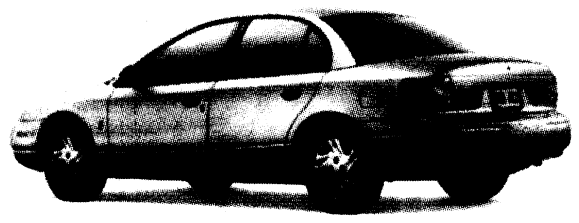
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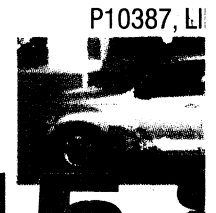
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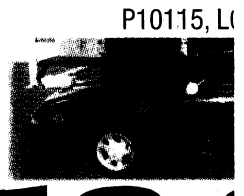
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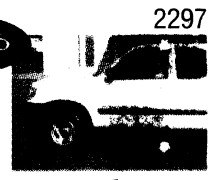
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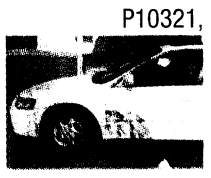
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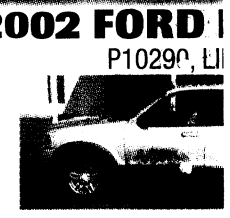
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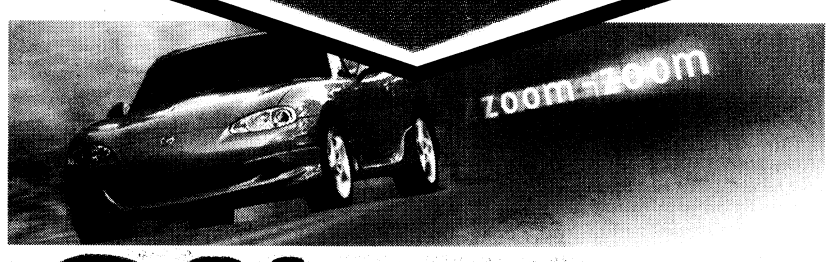
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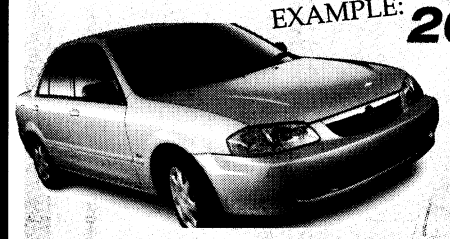
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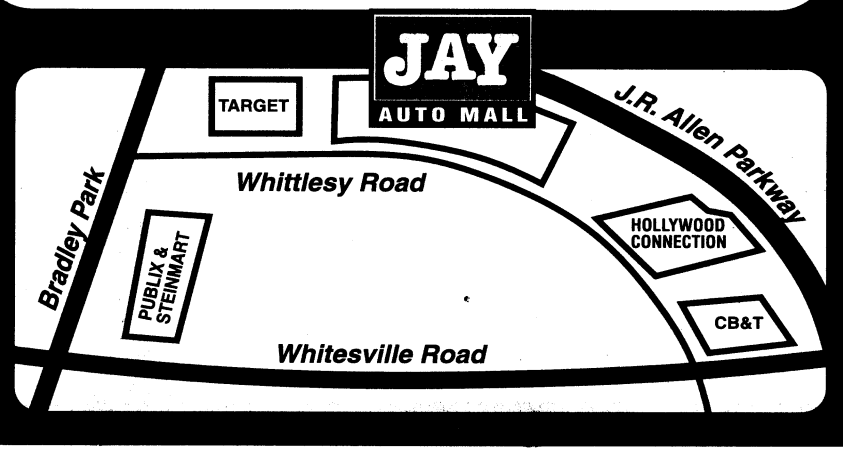


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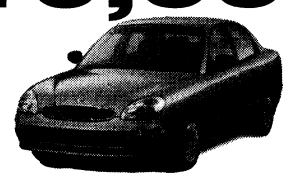
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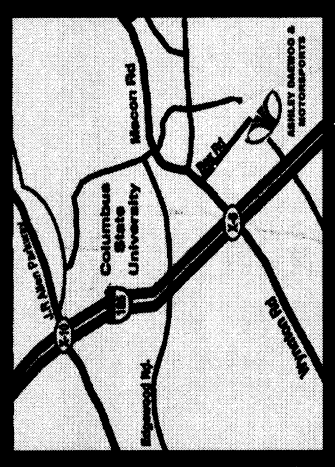
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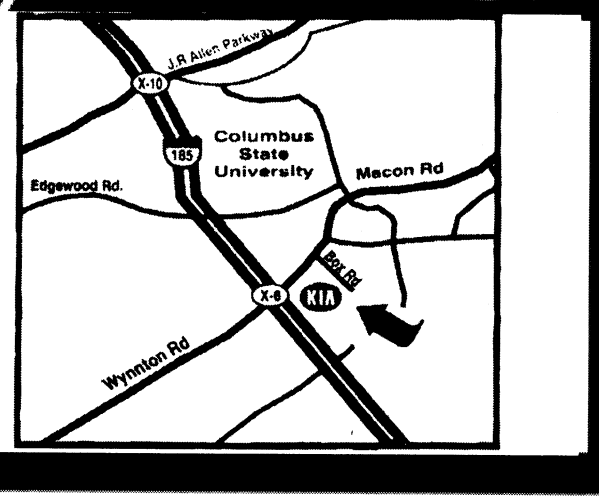
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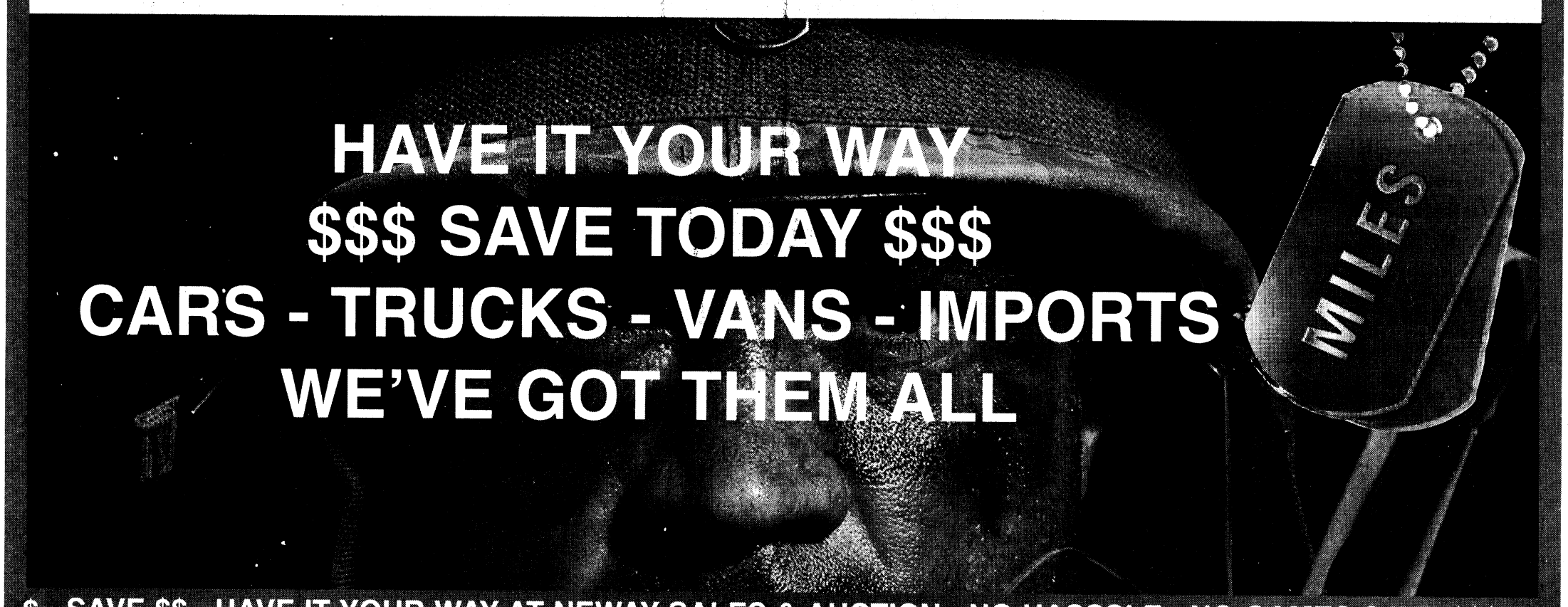


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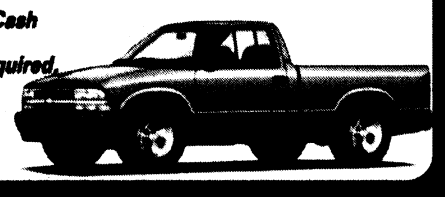


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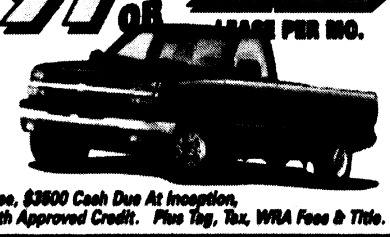
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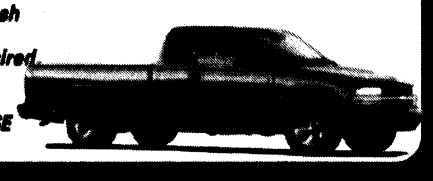
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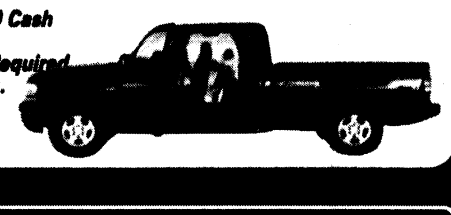
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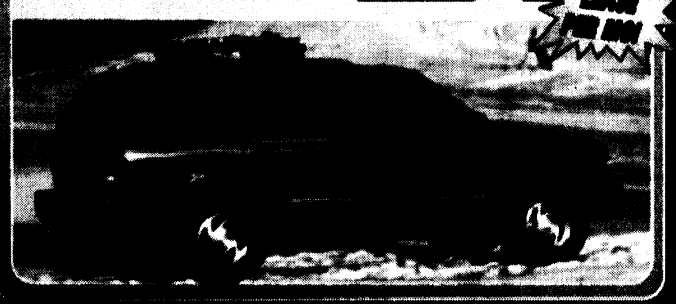
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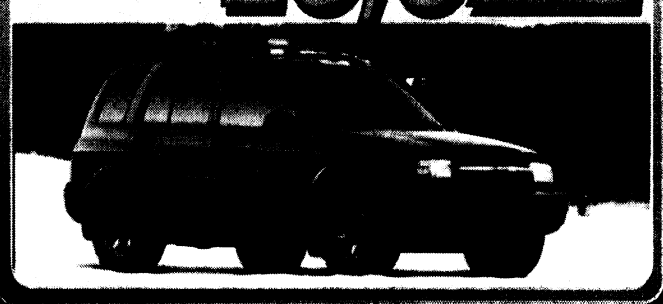
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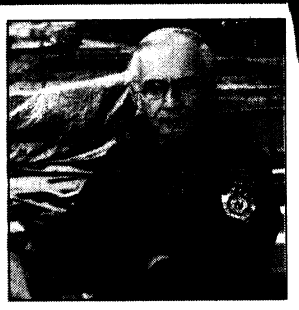
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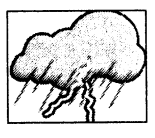
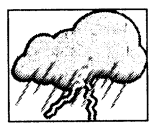
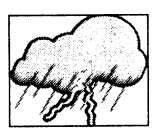
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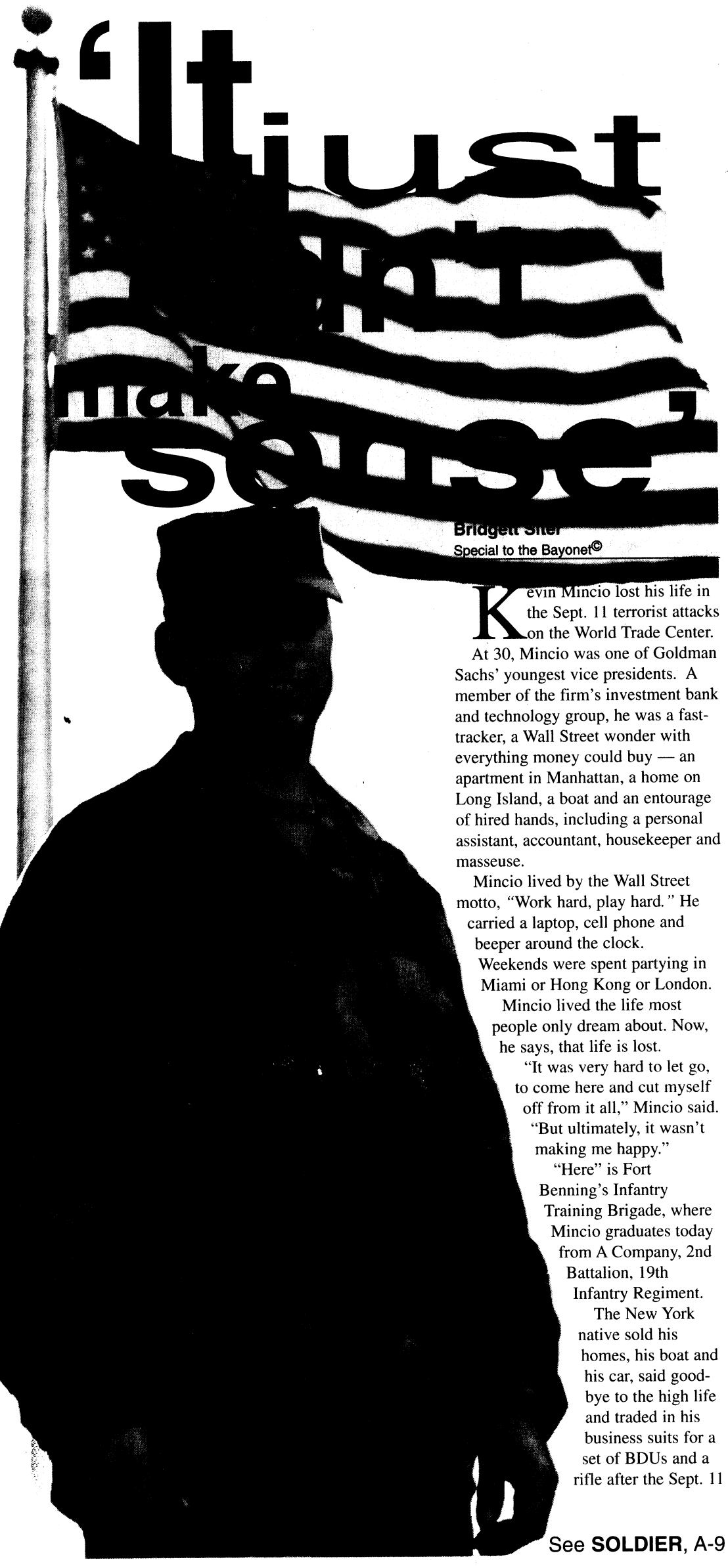
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'It just make sense!'

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Special to the Bayonet©

Kevin Mincio lost his life in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

At 30, Mincio was one of Goldman Sachs' youngest vice presidents. A member of the firm's investment bank and technology group, he was a fast-tracker, a Wall Street wonder with everything money could buy — an apartment in Manhattan, a home on Long Island, a boat and an entourage of hired hands, including a personal assistant, accountant, housekeeper and masseuse.

Mincio lived by the Wall Street motto, "Work hard, play hard." He carried a laptop, cell phone and beeper around the clock. Weekends were spent partying in Miami or Hong Kong or London.

Mincio lived the life most people only dream about. Now, he says, that life is lost.

"It was very hard to let go, to come here and cut myself off from it all," Mincio said. "But ultimately, it wasn't making me happy."

"Here" is Fort Benning's Infantry Training Brigade, where Mincio graduates today from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment.

The New York native sold his homes, his boat and his car, said good-bye to the high life and traded in his business suits for a set of BDUs and a rifle after the Sept. 11

See **SOLDIER**, A-9

Post to observe anniversary

Fort Benning community to remember 9-11

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

Sept. 11 was a day that changed the world and for that reason the community should come together to remember friends and reflect on those changes, said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

Fort Benning will remember the anniversary next week with a military band concert, a remembrance service and two ceremonies.

A concert by the Infantry Band is 7 to 8 p.m. Monday at Riverside, the home of the commanding general.

The community is encouraged to wear red, white and blue and bring lawn chairs or blankets to sit on. The lawn will be separated into two separate viewing areas, one side for blankets and one for chairs.

There will be a remembrance service at 4 p.m. Tuesday in Infantry Hall's Marshall Auditorium.

The service is to help the community make sense of all that has happened and to reconnect with faith, said Chaplain (Col.) Mike Hartsell, U.S. Army Infantry Center chaplain.

"God's will doesn't fly planes into buildings, man's free will does," he said. "This wasn't God's will, and people are still trying to make sense of what happened."

Nearly 7,000 Sand Hill soldiers will gather at 6 a.m. on Kanell Field Wednesday, for an invocation and to sing the national anthem. There will be a short presentation and then Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commander, will speak.

The last official event begins at 8:45 on York Field in front of Infantry Hall. Eaton is scheduled to speak there also.

Following the ceremony, there will be a 3K walk and a 5K run beginning near the Ranger Memorial.

Torres said the reason for the differing events is because people grieve and remember in different ways.

"Remembering that tragic day ... we all will remember in different ways how that tragic day affected us," Torres said. "Some of us knew the victims; we lost friends and family at the Pentagon and at the World Trade Center.

"All of us were affected in one way or another, and we gathered as a community after the attacks, and we need to gather again as a community to remember."

Undersecretary visits Rangers

Former ranger reminisces with soldiers

Melissa House
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The Honorable Les Brownlee, undersecretary of the Army, visited Camp Darby Aug. 28. As he walked from the landing zone to Murray Hall, he asked Lt. Col. Greg Hager, commander of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion, about a rock that Ranger students used to do push-ups on.

Brownlee, who retired from the Army in 1985, attended Ranger School in 1965 and was selected as the Distinguished Honor Graduate for his class.

"That was the biggest surprise to me," he said. "A lot of it was a great deal of luck."

Inside Murray Hall, the Camp Darby operations center, Hager gave Brownlee an overview of current ranger training and presented him with a picture of Brownlee's 1965 ranger class.

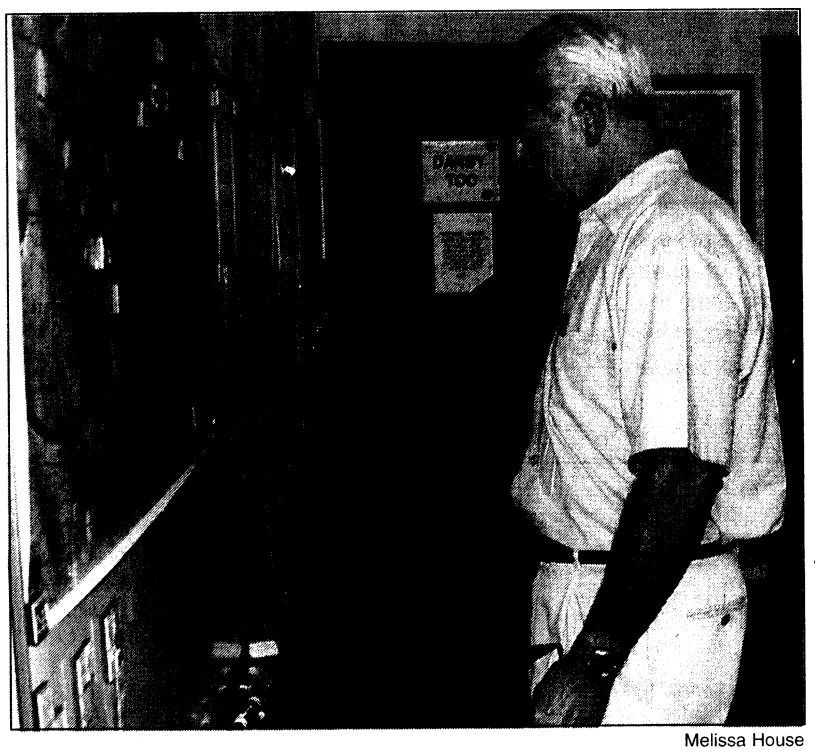
Ranger students Anthony Courtney and Brian Henderson were on duty when Brownlee came in. Brownlee offered words of encouragement to both students on land navigation.

"Study it. Learn it," he said. "I remember being the guy with the map and flashlight under the poncho in the rubber boat trying to navigate."

Ranger Training Brigade Commander, Col. Bill Kidd, gave Brownlee a command brief on the current ranger training program.

"These students are three-time volunteers," Kidd said. "They volunteer to serve in the Army, and then volunteer for airborne and ranger schools."

Ranger school continues to focus on training, leadership, teamwork and character, Kidd said, and he assured Brownlee that nothing about the course has changed to make it less valuable.



Melissa House

The Honorable Les Brownlee, undersecretary of the Army, looks at the map depicting ranger training locations.

Brownlee asked about the ranger cadre, their schedules, and the impact on their families.

"One of the keys to ranger school

See **SECRETARY**, A-4

POSTWIDE YARD SALE

Bargains at Benning

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

Is there anything better than the thrill of the chase? The adrenaline rush of the hunt? And what better time and place to track down that prize than at the postwide yard sale.

Yes, the postwide yard sale, that twice-a-year opportunity for one family's junk to become another family's junk. And it's happening Saturday, right here, all over post.

I love yard sales. Much to the relief of my family, I don't hit enough of them. At one yard sale recently, I passed up a Starter jacket priced at $2. It was way too small for me and way too big for my daughter. Besides, the Orlando Magic isn't our team. I did drop 50 cents on another jacket, quilted from Guatemalan fabric, and then found 20 cents in the pocket.

That's not anywhere near as good as our resident yard sale queen who once paid 50 cents for a pair of pants and then found a 20 dollar bill in one of the pockets. But I'm just an amateur next to her.

But I digress. I was talking yard sales, and the postwide yard sale is The Best. I've been to two postwide yard sales now,



and there's nothing like them. I did pretty well at the last one. Of course I had help, especially from the yard sale queen.

Thanks to her, I now sport a really kicky denim jacket that set me back a quarter. I also brought home an Eddie Bauer briefcase that set me back a buck, three pairs of jeans that my 9-year-old would live in if I didn't watch her closely (all three for $5, her very favorite pair was a dollar), a Polartec vest for 50 cents and a stack of Goosebumps books (five for $1). I also scored on an unused, still in the box Singer "Tiny Tailor" for $10, a never-opened science set for $3 instead of the $19.99 it was marked and a still-new saddle pack for my bicycle, that holds way more than the old one did, for another dollar. And if that saddle pack can't hold everything I might need on the Riverwalk, I can stuff the excess in the brand-new fanny pack that I paid 50 cents for.

My shopping companions? One of them scored on a 20-gallon aquarium for 50 cents, an armload of Barbie stuff for $6, and that's just a fraction of what was loaded in the back of her minivan.

The other scored on a great hat (which I should have bought) for $2, an armload of shorts and shirts for her daughter for $10 and a mirror that looks great in her apartment for $15. The third's big bargain? A like-new, full-sized bed for $30.

It's too bad we didn't know anyone with a baby to dress up, because there were new and barely worn baby clothes everywhere for a song.

And that was just part of our haul. In between bargains, we visited with sellers and other buyers alike as we worked our way from one housing area to the next, one yard sale at a time.

My daughter, who detests shopping, can't wait for the postwide. It's the only time and place she will shop, probably because it's the only place her $5 allotment will stretch a mile. Or maybe she recognizes the postwide yard sale for the social and sporting event that it is.

And it is. See you tomorrow. Bring money in small unmarked bills ... (you won't need much).

Change is good for you?

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
36th Engineer Group

COMMENTARY

Change is pain. Anytime change is involved, it's a given that in some way, shape, or form, it will be painful. I learned change is pain, firsthand during a three-day train-the-trainer session given by the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School.

The schoolhouse has developed a new "physical readiness training" program, (PRT as opposed to PT, for short) that is making it's way through the Army approval channels. The guiding theory behind PRT is the ability to meet the physical demands of any combat or duty situation, accomplish the mission, and still have a reserve of strength. It focuses on three areas of fitness: strength, endurance, mobility.

In theory, it sounds simple enough. You do some warm-up calisthenics, an activity, then a recovery drill to cool down. When our instructors told us that an entire PRT session could be conducted in 50 minutes, I was a little skeptical. How am I supposed to get a good work out in only 50 minutes?

The Army's very own sado-masochists ... I mean, those great guys from the Fitness School, soon educated me on the endless possibilities.

Half-way through our "warm-ups" the entire class was breathing heavily.

"Hey, we haven't even gotten to the activity yet!" Staff Sgt. Matthew Billet cheerfully reminded us. Billet and his fellow instructors ensured that our class learned the proper, if painful, way to do all the exercises correctly.

Precision is the name of the game for



PRT. Slow, slow, *slow* deliberate movements and exact positions reduce injury and increase the benefit of the exercises.

We learned calisthenic drills, climbing drills, dumbbell drills, recovery drills and activities to develop our bodies, increase our physical readiness and discover new muscles to be born in pain.

Physical training currently done by most units seems to be based on Army Physical Fitness Test scores. But this doesn't prepare soldiers for the needs of combat or for improving the performance of critical soldier tasks.

All of the exercises focus mainly on the front of the body and on moving in a linear motion; running in a straight line, and doing push-ups and sit-ups straight up and down.

However, the tasks soldiers do involve sprinting short distances, zigging and zagging, lifting and bending, twisting and turning. Essential tasks that require the whole body to work together, but that aren't adequately trained.

My muscles need to be familiar with how to jump in and out of the back of a Humvee, twist and bend to load and unload cargo, all safely, to prevent injury to myself or anyone else.

Muscles used for doing a push-up may help me when I need to elevate from the prone position. However, it is more useful to strengthen the muscles in my lower back so that I can maintain a proper prone position for a longer period of time.

There's no reason for me to be ineffective for my unit because I've hurt my back improperly lifting a load of pickets.

I've talked to a couple "old-school" soldiers about PRT. I usually hear the same question.

"Well, what about runnin'? How much you run in that new PT program?"

So, I usually respond the same way.

"You can still do ability-group runs and unit runs to build esprit de corps, but going out and running eight miles in less than an hour is not the goal.

"Intervals are the focus, to build speed and cardiovascular fitness."

Never fails, they don't even try to hide the skeptical look that begins with raised eyebrows and ends with a grunted "Hmmph!"

Just because this program is not out running soldiers five miles a day, doesn't mean it isn't a great work out.

It *is*. It is a great work out.

It's training harder and smarter, without hurting people. PRT is performance-oriented, train-as-you-fight, worth-your-time training that can actually make a difference when you do it right.

I would strongly encourage every commander, sergeant major, first sergeant, to call up the Physical Fitness School and ask them to come out and give you and your unit the low-down on PRT. Go out there and do the exercises for a couple days.

I guarantee that you will get a work out, and you'll feel better doing it.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Resident thinks homes reflect on those living there

I read with interest a letter to the editor Aug. 23 on housing.

I wholeheartedly agree with the writer's "disgust and disappointment" over the appearance of quarters on post, and I have come to one conclusion about why the quarters look like this — pure laziness.

Sure, everyone's grass might get a little taller than it should every now and then, but thigh-high grass is inexcusable.

My husband and I have lived in the same post quarters for almost six years.

We have been called compulsive about our grass, but we realize that living on post is a privilege, and not something we take for granted.

There is no excuse for grass a foot high, newspapers piled up outside the front door, trash cans left outside more than a day or cars that don't work sitting in the driveway.

Why does this happen? Because of laziness.

It's really not that tough and there is no excuse not to pick up your newspaper, even if you're not going to read it. Toss it in your recycling box.

There's no reason not to cut your grass when it needs it. I have cut my grass nine months pregnant.

Why? Because it needed it.

I didn't complain, I just did it.

Sure, it would be a lot easier to be lazy and let things go. From what I've seen, I wouldn't get in trouble.

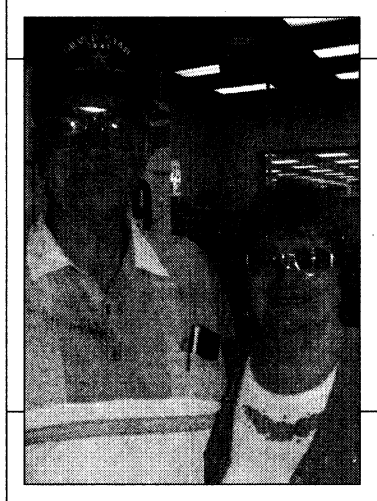
But, I am a mature and responsible adult who realizes that the outside appearance of my house reflects on me and my husband and the kind of people we are.

We appreciate our housing, quirks and all, and do what we can to take care of it.

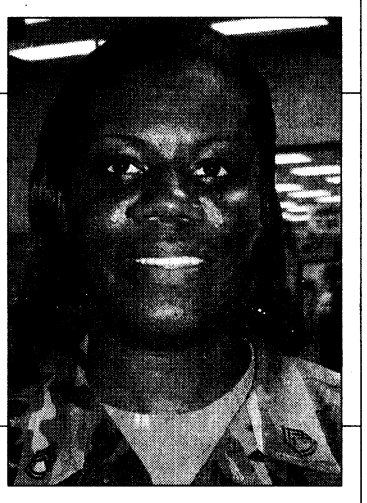
— Erin Nash
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VARIOUS VOICES

How did Sept. 11 change your travel plans?



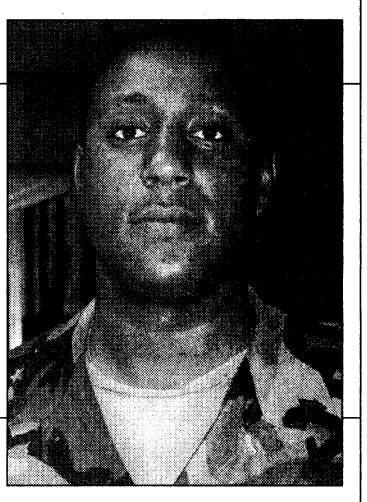
Joan and retired 1st Lt. William Dawson, Montgomery, Ala. — "Our job requires us to travel. Because of 9/11, conferences we had were canceled, so we haven't traveled as much as we would've before 9/11."



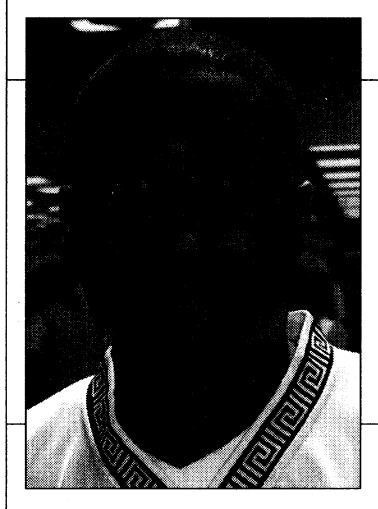
Sgt. 1st Class Michelle Collins-Wesley, Defense Logistics Agency Fort Belvoir, Va. — "I travel more because my job takes me TDY a lot."



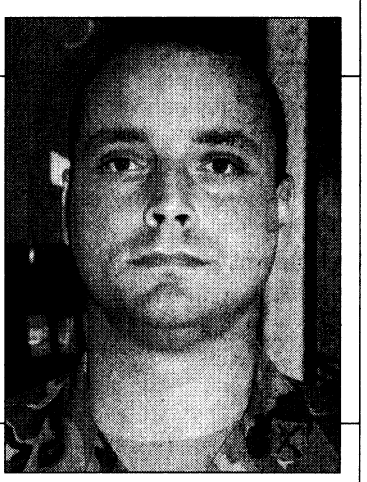
Shirley Lane, family member — "I travel mostly by car. I'm not as comfortable with flying as I was before 9/11."



Sgt. Chador Richardson, 317th Engineer Battalion — "Nothing has changed for me. The terrorists aren't going to stop me from doing the everyday things that I do."



Capt. Ed Harbison, 447th Tactical Airlift Group — "They haven't changed at all. Though I do pack lighter and don't carry the stuff I don't need."



Capt. Jeffery Jackson, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "My plans haven't changed for travel. All I do is get to the airport earlier."

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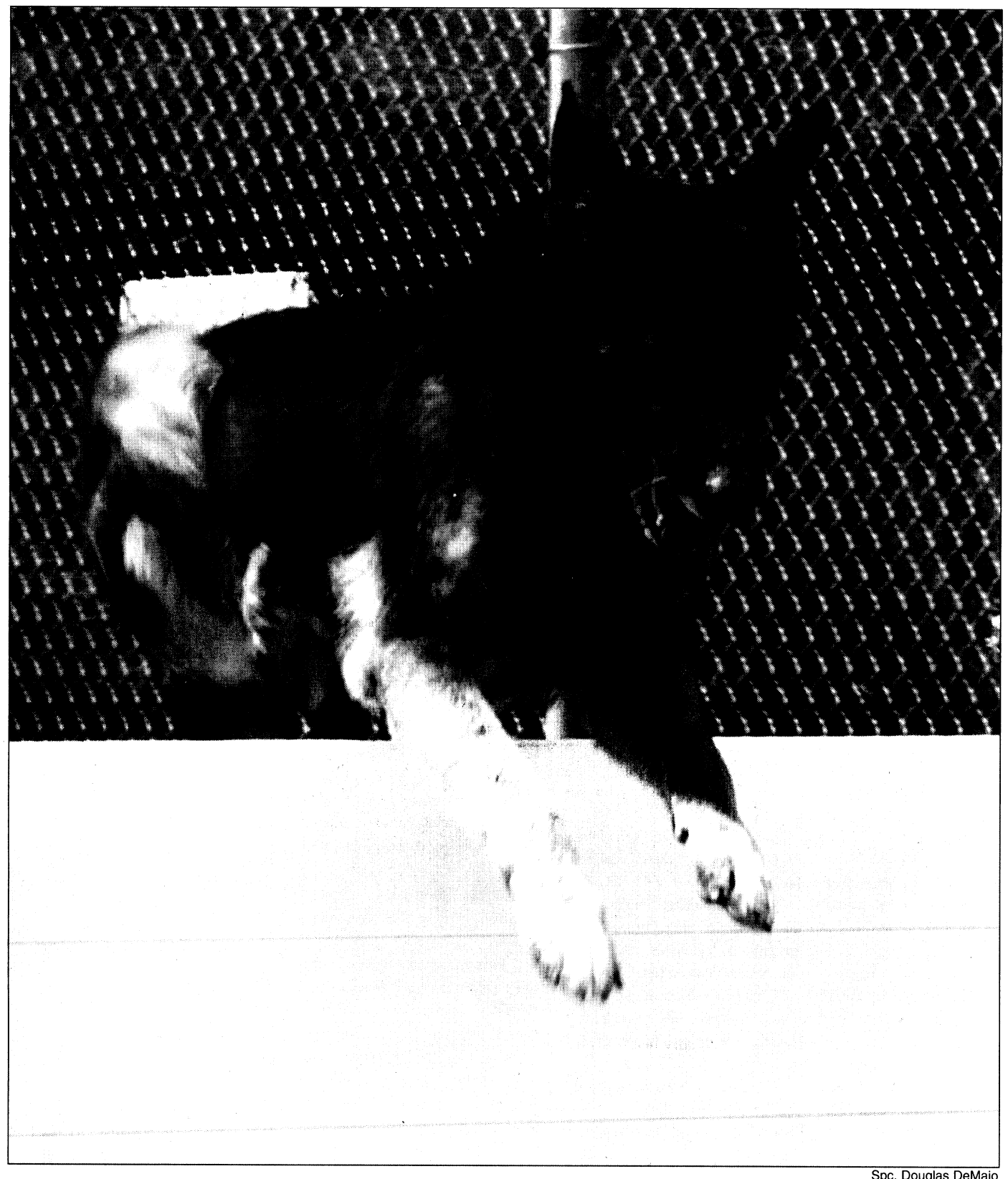
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Military working dog hits the streets



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Military working dog, Robin, leaps over an obstacle during training Wednesday. Military working dogs receive training everyday to maintain understanding of handler's commands.

New dog, handler certify critical skills

Melissa House
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Staff Sgt. Brian Stammeyer's new partner is just out of the working dog equivalent of advanced individual training, and he's already qualified to hit the streets.

Rocky, a 3-year-old German shepherd, arrived this summer from Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and was certified in patrol work and his specialty, explosives detection, on the first attempt last week.

Certification for new working dogs doesn't always happen on the first try.

"Dogs have personalities just like handlers," Stammeyer said.

Both dog and handler have to adjust to each other and try to make the partnership work, he said, but sometimes it may take some extra training. A handler learns what reward the dog works for, and then uses that reward during training. Rocky works for a Kong, a hard rubber ball that bounces erratically, instead of a food reward.

After certification, dogs and handlers continue to train regularly.

The minimum requirements are four hours of patrol work and four hours of detection work every week, Stammeyer said. The pair will go on a variety of real-world missions in addition to their local training. Next summer, Stammeyer and Rocky will undergo annual certification.

"The dogs and handlers do not do anything special to get ready for these tests," said Staff Sgt. William Lucas, Fort Benning kennel master.

Regular training throughout the year helps to keep the teams ready for the two-day annual certification, he said. Lucas monitors training for all of his teams.

"We won't try to do real intensive training prior, or we'll fail," Stammeyer said. "But the annual certification will be easier for us next year."

Certification is done locally, whenever possible, by an unbiased certifying authority with experience as a handler and as a kennel master.

Narcotics dogs must score 90 percent on the testing, explosives dogs must score 95 percent.

"If a dog misses some drugs, it's not too bad," Stammeyer said. "The guy who had them will get high again and eventually get busted. But if a dog misses some explosives, that's a biggie."

Spc. Howard Horn has been working with his new German shepherd, Lucky, for about two weeks.

"It's going to be a little while before we are ready for certification," Horn said.

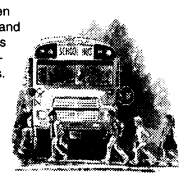
Lucky replaces Horn's old dog, Solo, who was sent back to Lackland after his hips deteriorated. Solo, who had gone on Secret Service missions with Horn, was only 5 years old.

Most military working dogs come from Europe and have to have certain skills before the Army will purchase them. The dogs then go to Lackland for initial training that can last anywhere from two months to a year, depending on the dog. The process of assigning dogs within the Army is just like assignments for soldiers, Stammeyer said.

"Green" narcotics dogs right out of training at Lackland are worth about $10,000, explosives dogs $15,000, Horn said, and their value goes up each year as they gain experience and learn additional skills.

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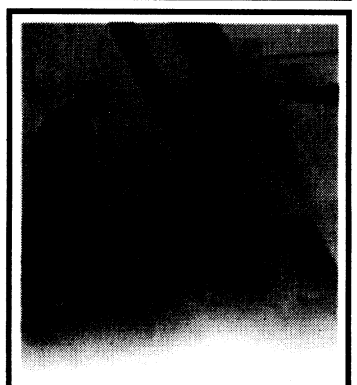
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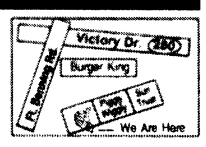
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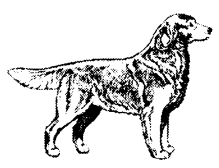
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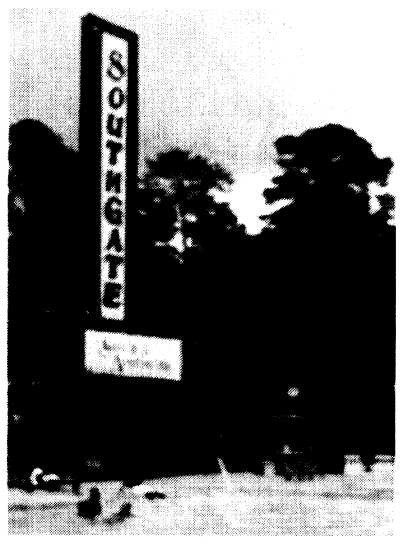
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Improper disposal of MREs federal offense

MRE heaters cause dumpsters to burst in flames

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But it's the explosive bursts the meals may potentially cause after they're disposed of that has the Environmental Protection Agency fuming.

"MREs are extremely flammable when the heaters are not used," said Ted Williams, Hazardous Waste specialist for Fort Benning. "We need to make sure soldiers aren't just tossing them to the side, or the entire post will be in danger."

The flameless ration heaters inside the MREs contain powdered magnesium, iron and sodium, which produce heat when combined with water, Williams said. The chemical reaction also produces hydrogen, a flammable gas. If an unused heater makes its way to a dumpster or landfill, it becomes a fire hazard.

"We've had incidents of trash vehicles on post catching on fire because of MRE heaters left behind," Williams said. "The EPA is coming down hard on us, and we need to make sure soldiers are following the rules."

Fort Benning isn't the only post with explosive incidents. Last month, a Fort Lewis, Wash., building caught on fire because of a nearby dumpster filled with unused MRE heaters, Williams said.

Even with word of these incidents, soldiers continue to throw the flammable packages into the trash.

"It's my responsibility to educate the soldiers and make sure they are aware of the risks," said Staff Sgt. Erica Brinker, hazardous waste manager for 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment. "Soldiers come back from the field and dump their unused MREs without thinking about it."

Dumping the unused heaters is not only hazardous, it's illegal.

The Environmental Protection Agency requires soldiers who open their MREs to ignite the heaters even if they don't use them. Any unopened MREs should be turned in for proper storage.

"We walked through motor pool areas in July and found 40-50 instances of MREs disposed of improperly," Williams said. "Obviously the drill sergeants can't keep an eye on soldiers at all times. Soldiers need to be responsible enough to do it on their own."

If that isn't enough, state officials toured the post in May and found dozens of cases of MREs improperly disposed. Fort Benning was given an official Notice of Violation, and if the problem is still apparent when the EPA returns, each unit not in compliance can be fined $28,000, Williams said.

"It can be a lot to ask of soldiers," said Brinker, who often sifts through dumpsters for MREs to make sure her battalion is not in danger. "MREs are usually the last thing to think about when they are out in the field. I wish they would just pack the heater separate from the meal. If soldiers don't need them, they wouldn't take one."

The Pentagon is looking at several options to make complying with the federal regulations easier, including replacing heaters with more effective and easier to use units. The results of that effort are at least a year off, Williams said.

Until then, soldiers are going to have to comply with the federal regulations.

"It only takes a second for a soldier to mix the heaters with water and make sure it has been activated, " Williams said.

Reserves prepare to leave post

MPs use courses to help career

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

For more than 11 months, an Army reserve unit has served the Fort Benning community, and the time has come for them to leave.

Because of Sept. 11, the 2145th Garrison Support Unit was activated Oct. 1 to protect and patrol post.

"They have done an outstanding job," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager. "I enter post through most of the gates, and every time I've dealt with 2145th soldiers, I've seen them performing their mission with absolute professionalism."

For the first four months, the unit guarded four of the seven access control points to enter post.

"The people really took care of us," said Staff Sgt. Ralph Casselli, squad leader. "They were always catering to our needs."

Being deployed with active duty soldiers was a pleasurable learning experience, Casselli said.

"This has been a great experience for everyone in the detachment," said Capt. Matt Millar, unit commander. "Every day we are performing our mission as compared to doing it month to month."

Still, some soldiers' jobs, as civilians, are as police officers, Millar said. This provides an opportunity for soldiers to collaborate on law enforcement techniques, policies, procedures and activity that transfers across the spectrum.

"We've learned from training we've received at Fort Benning and brought our influence of the civilian sector to law enforcement at Fort Benning," Millar said.

"It's a win-win situation for everyone."

The post was very impressed with the company's experience and ability to improve performance enhancement, Walls said.

More than 75 percent of the company's NCOs and specialists promotable were able to attend career development courses while deployed to Fort Benning, Millar said.

"Our unit was able to take advantage of the opportunities the post provides," he said. "Fort Benning has a wealth of resources.

"As a result, we were able to promote soldiers faster than reserve components normally do."

Soldiers from the company were able to attend airborne school, Basic Noncommisioned Officers Course and the Primary Leadership Development Course.

"I went to BNCOC and was able to complete both phases of the course," Casselli said.

With the opportunity to advance in professional development courses, soldiers became more confident when leading soldiers and accomplishing missions, Millar said.

Also, the younger soldiers in the company have learned what it's like to be a soldier on the clock 24 hours a day.

The soldiers accomplished every task they were asked to do, Millar said.

"They meshed right in," Walls said. "We were very impressed by their ability to perform their mission.

"I hate to see them go."

Since April, the company's taskings included patrolling the post by vehicle and bike.

"We had a variety of jobs since we've been here," Casselli said. "We do more than just write tickets."

The Army reserve unit arrived with 56 men and women Oct. 3, 2001.

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is the quality of the guys walking the lanes and the way they instruct," he said. "Hopefully, we can continue to keep the high quality of NCO."

Kidd said the ranger instructors are highly motivated to train aspiring rangers and go out and do good things in other units.

Ranger school also has a role in the Army's transformation vision.

"This is an example of man over technology," Kidd said. "We have to build someone who is ready to play."

Even with all of the technology, lessons learned from Operation Enduring Freedom highlight the necessity for leaders who can adapt to change in the operational environment.

"That adaptability is taught in ranger school," Brownlee said, "and that training carries through with soldiers for the rest of their lives.

"I graduated from ranger school in March and by July, I was assigned to the 173rd Airborne in Vietnam," Brownlee said.

He felt that his ranger training was "the best insurance policy for me and the men I was with.

"What you learned becomes indelibly ingrained in your mind," he said.

Although the push-up rock of Brownlee's day is no longer a part of the ranger experience, Brownlee was pleased to hear that the students still fight with sleep and food deprivation and the stress of trying to be prepared for random leadership position selection.

"Don't let it get easy," he said.

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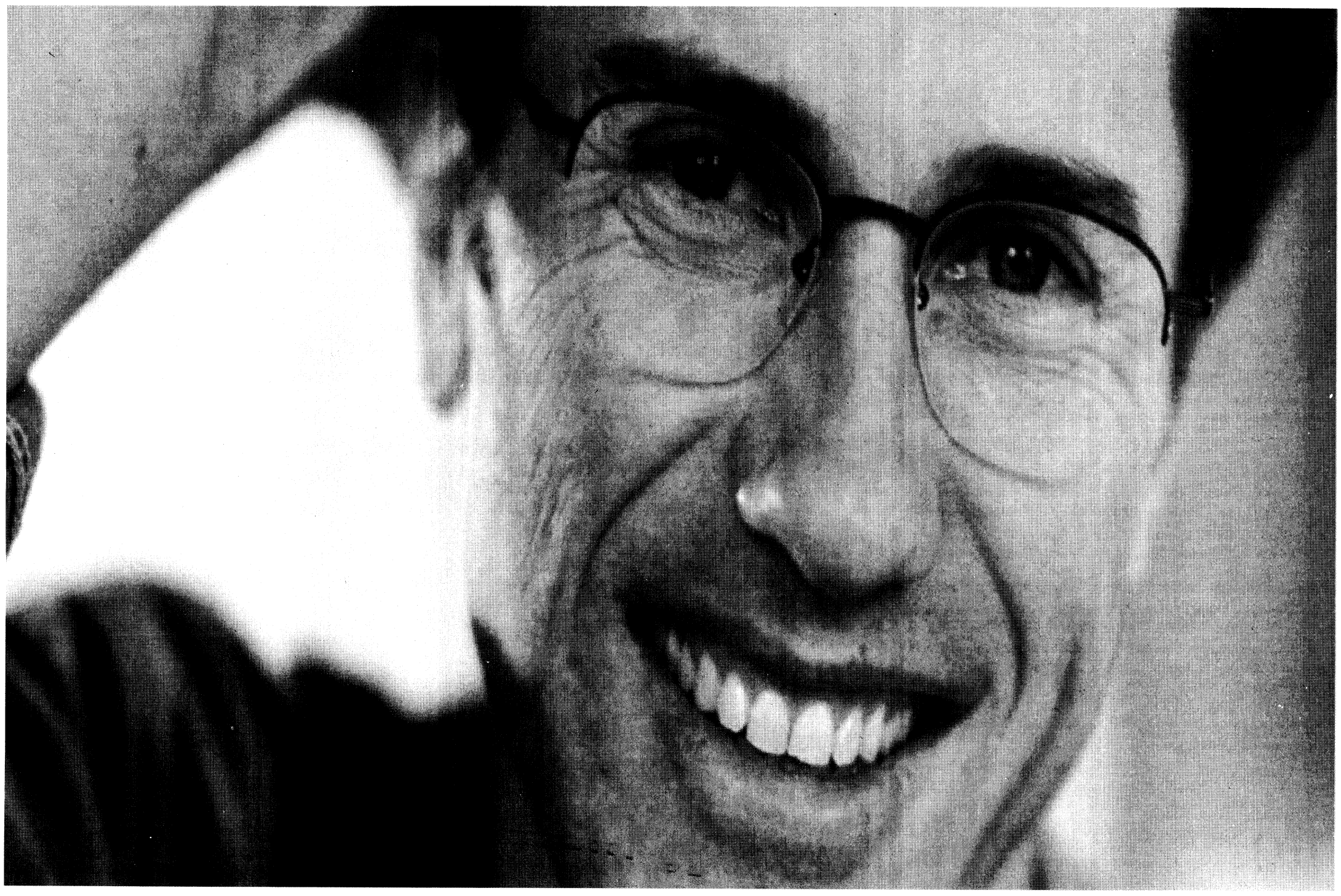
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Fort Benning protocol chief retires

Bout with cancer inspires decision to call it quits

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When presidents, heads of state, foreign dignitaries or military officials — more than 2,000 a year — visit post, Langston and her staff are the ones they turn to for accommodations — billeting, transportation, meals, briefings, news conferences and entertainment.

"We handle it all, as long as its legal, from start to finish," Langston said. "It's a full-time job and then some. At least 10 hours a day."

Now, after a bout with breast cancer last fall, Langston's re-evaluated her priorities, and the really important people in her life are the little ones.

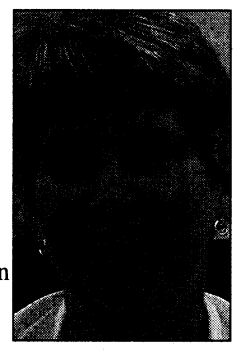
"My grandchildren. I want to spend time with my grandchildren. There have been times where I haven't seen them for a three-week stretch. No more. They have so many plans for me," Langston said, explaining her decision to retire early from the position she's held for eight years.

Sept. 4 was her last day at work. "That's Wednesday. Thursday morning I'll be sitting on my front porch sipping cappuccino," she said. "Then I'll clean my closet."

In fact, Langston has a "retirement to do" list hanging on her refrigerator. Her grandchildren, Drew, Emily, Lindsey and Bailey, are at the top of the list.

"Lindsey said, 'Nana, when you quit work, I'm going to ride the bus to your house so we can talk.' So that's what we're going to do," she said.

Not one to "sit for very long," Langston said she'll take a couple of months off before looking for a position where she can "really make a difference in people's lives."


Langston

Those close to her say she's done just that for more than 30 years. After a brief stint with the FBI, Langston came to work at the School Brigade, now the 11th Infantry Regiment, in 1971.

"I've never known a finer person or a harder worker than Becky," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Basil Plumley, the brigade's sergeant major at that time. "She always had a smile and a kind word for everybody. I know a lot of people have modeled themselves after her."

After three years with the School Brigade, Langston served as the chief of staff's secretary before transferring to the Ranger Department, a position she called "one of the best." She started working in the Protocol office in 1986, and was promoted to chief in 1994.

"It's been a heck of a ride. I've been all over this post. I guess you could look at it one of two ways, either I know a lot about Fort Benning or I just can't keep a job," she laughed.

> "(I'm here) because it was caught early. That's why I tell people it's so important to get your exams. The statistics are shocking. It affects so many women."
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> **Becky Langston**
> Chief of Protocol

Though she'll miss the people she's worked with, Langston said she leaves without reservation. The Harris County resident, who's on the Ronald McDonald House board of directors and the Rotary Club's Literacy Committee, said it's time to "give something back to the community."

"I don't know just what I'll be doing. I'll leave that up to the Lord. Whether it's talking about the cancer, or whatever."

Though Langston's been given a clean bill of health, she's not forgotten the shock of discovering breast cancer during a routine exam last fall. Immediate and radical treatment was successful, and Langston said she was fortunate not to have to undergo chemotherapy or radiation.

"Because it was caught early. That's why I tell people it's so important to get your exams," she said. "The statistics are shocking. It affects so many women."

The cancer changed her life, Langston said, and made her "want to spend time on things that really matter."

"I've been really blessed. I've met a lot of interesting, important people," said the woman who's entertained presidents and movie stars. "But the most interesting person I know is right there at home," she said of her husband of nearly 34 years, Dwight.

The couple, who have two daughters, Beth and Alison, look forward to spending time on their boat and "scavenging for antiques," she said.

International journalist visits Fort Benning

Serbian visitor learns about U.S. military

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The editor of the biweekly newsletter, *Defense and Security*, in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, visited Fort Benning as part of the International Visitor Program, to see various activities and units around post.

Aleksandar Radic, a Serbian journalist, visited post Tuesday to see Basic Combat Training, Noncommissioned Officers Academy, Officer Candidate School and the Ranger Training Course.

"I'm having fun here," Radic said. "I'm learning many things about the new technologies in today's modern warfare."

As part of the program, Radic has focused on:

- U.S. military structure and organization,
- U.S. security policy-making process,
- Mechanisms of civilian control and oversight of the U.S. military,
- Relationships of the U.S. military with other federal government departments and security agencies,
- U.S. military commands that deal with southeastern Europe issues and American military journalism,
- How the media reports on U.S. military news and developments.

"Both Serbia and the U.S. have common interests, especially on the military side," Radic said. "The main goal of both is to stop terrorist activities around the world."

Radic said that it is time for things to change between Serbia and the U.S.

"The reason for the '99 conflict (in Kosovo) was because of bad politics," he said. "We just need to put all of that behind us and get to the task at hand, which is to stop the war on terrorism."

Radic is the first Serbian to come to the U.S. as part of the International Visitor Program. His three week visit included the Pentagon and now he's at Fort Bliss, Texas.

"I was ecstatic when I found out I would be coming to the U.S.," Radic said. "I knew of the high quality system of training and organization, and seeing it for myself is very interesting."

At the Pentagon, Radic attended briefings and discussions with various government departments and agencies, and private sector organizations and institutions.

Radic is the author of six books on military air power, the Kosovo armed forces and the Russian air force.

"The cooperation of both Serbian and U.S. troops in Kosovo is what is making this possible for me," Radic said. "Both countries know that we are united against terrorism, and uniting together will go a long way in stopping it."

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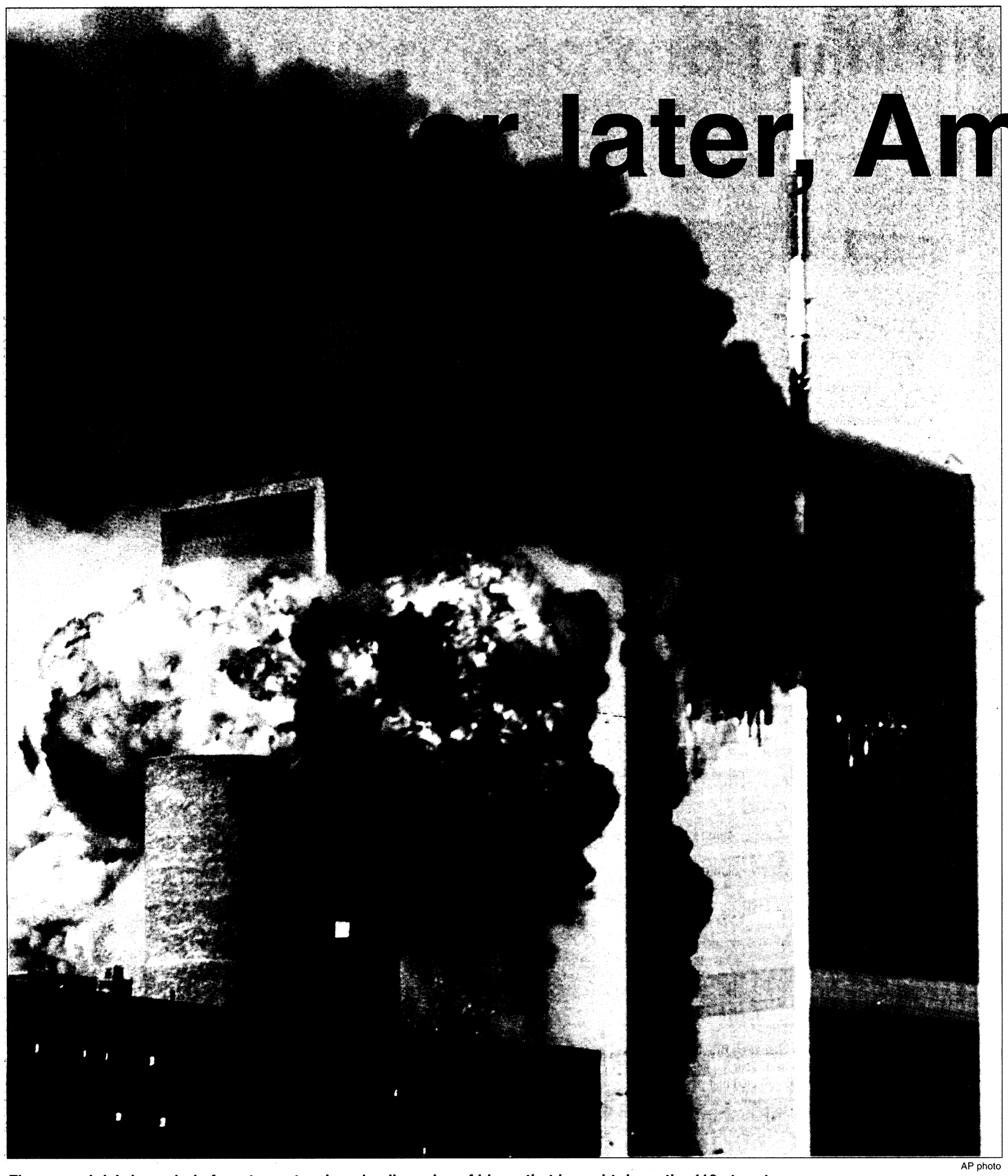
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Flames and debris explode from tower two in a deadly series of blows that brought down the 110 story towers.

Soldier: Changes life after Sept. 11 attacks

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attacks left him searching for something meaningful to do with his life.

"That kind of thing makes you re-evaluate your life," said Mincio, recalling that morning last fall when his orderly, success-driven life began to unravel.

Mincio's office was on the 11th floor of One Liberty Plaza, adjacent to the Twin Towers. He was in the middle of a meeting when a jarring boom shook the building. From the window, Mincio could see smoke pouring out of the north tower, but he couldn't tell what caused the damage.

"I grabbed my camera and ran outside. That almost cost me my life," said Mincio, shaking his head. "The second plane went right over my head. Debris was hitting all around. It was total chaos. I watched people jump. I saw people get trampled. They say nobody died after they got out of the building, but I saw it. Some of the older people just couldn't move fast enough."

Mincio insists the attack itself had little effect on his emotions. He went into immediate "training mode," he said, and went straight back to work.

"I wasn't traumatized. I just did what I was trained to do. That's how I dealt with it. I wasn't afraid to work. I had to," said Mincio, who bypassed security officers in One Liberty Plaza, now a makeshift morgue, to retrieve laptop computers so his company could continue working.

"I worked more from September 11 till the end of September than I ever did in my life. Obviously we weren't digging trenches, but we were trying to save the economy. I think most people don't realize how bad it was there for a while," he said. "While everybody else was home licking their wounds, here I was working night and day to keep our business afloat. It was crazy. Everything in this country is defined by money. It just didn't make sense anymore."

In the weeks that followed, Mincio said he realized the attacks had changed him subconsciously. He was angry.

"I was mad that the subways weren't working. I was mad that people were scared to get on with their lives. I was mad about the delays and all the attention downtown was getting," he said. "I was fed up. I started thinking, 'What the hell am I doing with my life?' I wanted to do something different, something that makes a difference."

Mincio had once toyed with the idea of attending West Point, and after graduating from the University of Connecticut, he'd planned to join the Air Force until Goldman Sachs offered him a position. Yet the decision to join the Army was a difficult one.

"I was on track to retire in a couple of years. It was really very hard to give all that up. It was scary. But I've always been competitive, always trying to better myself. I knew this would make me a better person," said Mincio, who sports a 9-11-01 tattoo on his left leg.

Basic training was "very humbling" to the man who once traveled the world scouting "team members" for Goldman Sachs. Though he calls himself "just an average soldier," the company's distinguished honor graduate proved as dedicated to his new career as his former, a work ethic he said his parents instilled at an early age.

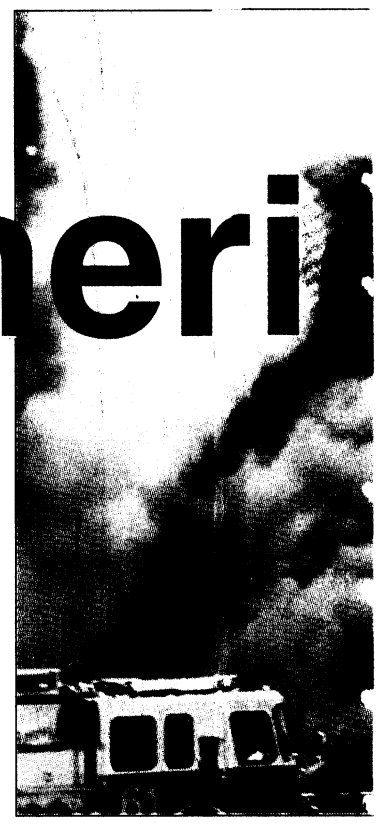
"They're teachers. They taught me the value of a dollar," said Mincio, who started working in the fifth grade. "My parents packed my lunch, and I wanted to buy it at school, because that's what all the rich kids did. So I got a paper route to pay for my lunch."

Though Mincio refused to speak to the press — this was his first interview since arriving on Fort Benning — the company's cadre learned about his former career when representatives of *Good Morning America* requested an interview. Sgt. 1st Class Chris Smith, the company's acting first sergeant, said many of the drill instructors thought Mincio "must be crazy to give all that up."

"But he stood out from the minute he got here. He proved he was serious about what he's doing, and the more we watched him excel, the more we realized this is all about pride in his country and wanting to do something significant. You've got to respect him for that," Smith said.

And though Mincio "has nothing but praise for the cadre," their praise is secondary to the self-satisfaction he feels.

"Life was pretty complicated. September 11 put it all in perspective," said Mincio, who hopes to attend Ranger School, Airborne School and, perhaps, Officer Candidate School. "I wanted to do something meaningful with my life. This is it. This is meaningful. I know I'll probably have to go to war. I'm ready for it. I'm scared for the people I love, but I'm not afraid to die for my country."



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Soldier credits ranger training during rescue

Master Sgt. Jon Connor
Army News Service

After the attacks on Am one Pentagon hero's li been changed in more than one — some good and some good. But, Staff Sgt. Christopher Braman would do it all over agai

Braman did what he had to d now he's doing what the Army w like him to do — telling his extraordinary personal experien during some of this nation's dark hours.

Immediately following the cr Flight 757 into the west wedge o Pentagon at 9:38 a.m., Braman o to help in any way he could. As i out, he stayed at the crash site fo days straight.

As he prepared to enter Ameri damaged defense fortress, Brama he told himself, "Dear Lord, give strength for what I'm about to do Follow me through here."

He then experienced the unimaginable.

With a fire burning around 2 degrees, Braman, an airborne ran who was working as a purchasing at the Army's General Officer M to breathe jet fuel, asbestos and c dioxide in his search for survivor

He recalled the day's horror:

"It had every bit of the smells combat ... the screams, the fire, t

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New section's safety upped to prevent fires

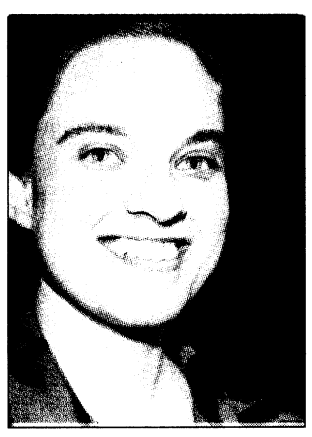
Staff Sgt. Nate Orme
Army News Service

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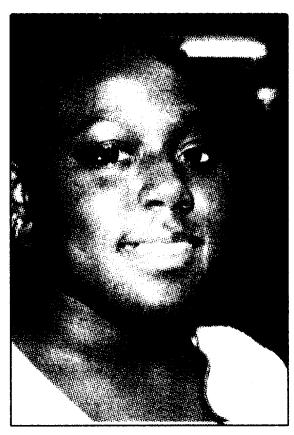
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What others are saying



"It totally changed my life at first. I went from being a regular MP to doing things I never dreamed of. I went to the Pentagon and my husband went to Cuba.
Now things are getting back to normal.
It's OK to relax a little bit, but we can't let our guard down."
Sgt. Tracey Arana
71st Military Police Detachment



"I used to be afraid, even when I was at school. Like a plane might hit the school or something. I'm a lot more careful now. I don't trust strangers, but I worry more about someone trying to kidnap me than about terrorists,"
Kandyc Bush, 11
sixth-grader

"When I first heard, I was in (Special Forces) training. Everyone was in isolation and we didn't find out until three or four days after it happened. The commander gathered everyone together and when he told us, no one believed it was true until we saw a video."
Capt. Rob Taylor,
1st Battalion, 11 Infantry Regiment, Infantry Officers Advanced Course



Sgt. Carmen L Burgess

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Sgt. Carmen L Burgess

Minutes after the dust settles, rescue personnel return to the scene.

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burns and the victims' faces. I'll always remember the victims' faces," Braman recalled.

"I saw what death looks like. I touched it, smelled it and tasted it.

During the search, Braman heard a clapping sound. As he followed the sound, he discovered a woman who couldn't speak because of intense smoke inhalation. She was clapping for help.

That woman was Sheila Moody, a civilian accountant and the only survivor of 40 people from her office. Later, Moody called Braman her "guardian angel." That title, Braman said, is all the reward he'll ever need.

"She told me she couldn't thank me enough. I tell her that seeing that smile on her face is thanks enough," he said.

Braman stayed at the Pentagon crash site despite orders from high-ranking Army personnel acting on information about another hijacked jet heading toward the Pentagon. Braman then volunteered to be the noncommissioned officer-in-charge of the morgue recovery team. He attributed his ranger training for thinking on his feet.

"I just reacted that day. The military trained me, and God kept me safe," Braman said, labeling the crash scene as the "most organized chaos" he had ever seen.

Rangers never leave a fallen comrade at any cost, Braman said. As far as he was concerned, his Army family lay in the Pentagon rubble.

After three days, Braman went home to begin his own recovery.

In the months that followed, the media picked up on his story.

In October, Braman was awarded a Purple Heart and Soldier's Medal for his wounds and bravery.

> "It had every bit of the smells of combat ... the screams, the fire, the burns and the victims' faces. I'll always remember the victims' faces. I saw what death looks like. I touched it, I smelled it and tasted it."
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> **Staff Sgt. Christopher Braman**
> Pentagon recovery volunteer

Army leadership, through the Recruiting Command, thought Braman should tell his story to Americans, young and old alike, across the country.

Braman agreed and has been on a nonstop speaking circuit ever since, making appearances in schools and on television.

"The story never changes," Braman said, "They want to hear what happened because they were all affected that day."

Braman said many questions will always remain unanswered. But, he has reaffirmed his relationship with God in search of inner peace and strength and his wife and two young daughters give him comfort.

"I look at life differently now. I was humbled that day and those three days I was there. "When you look at death, it changes you," Braman said.

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management could get to fighting the war on terrorism."

Less than a month after the attacks, Hensel Phelps Construction Co. of Chantilly, Va. was awarded the contract to renovate, to rebuild what its workers had barely finished renovating.

The new project has many improvements over the first renovation, said Brett Eaton, a renovation project manager. There's now a redundant water supply system to ensure water in an emergency. Interviewed survivors said that exit signs were not visible because of thick smoke. Now, photoluminescent exit signs are located along the base of doorways so that in an emergency, personnel can see them if they are crawling under the smoke. Also, intermediate corridors have been added for more pathways of escape.

The new design concepts will also be incorporated into the rest of the original 10-year Pentagon Renovation Project, said Jean Barnak, Wedge 1 deputy project manager.

At the time of the attacks, the Pentagon was already three years into a multi-billion dollar renovation. Much of the section of the building attacked was empty at the time, as it was the first part to be renovated. Still, 183 Americans died there.

The outer walls of the new wedge are made of limestone One of the slabs is etched with the words of President Bush: *"Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America."*

Another stone, etched with the date Sept. 11, 2001, was set in a ceremony June 11, and a commemorative time capsule was placed behind it. The stone is one of the original, left charred on its exterior.

More than 1,000 workers worked 24-hours-a-day to get the Pentagon back on track.

Editor's note: *Staff Sgt. Nate Orme is a reservists assigned to the 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment.*

Sept. 11 commemoration message



On Sept. 11, without warning or reason, the forces of hatred and fear attacked America. We all remember the pain and anger we felt in the aftermath of those attacks as we honored fallen comrades, colleagues, dear friends and loved ones who had been lost. Some who survived will live in agony for the rest of their lives. We embraced all of their families during the pain of their bereavement. In remembrance of the sacrifices made that day, we will pause on Sept. 11 for a moment of silence and quiet reflection at each installation and garrison throughout the Army. The times for this observance will be coordinated by each major command.

Our nation has provided, and continues to provide, the world leadership needed to bring to justice those responsible for these terrible attacks. In the year since, the Army, in concert with other services and our allies, has devoted itself to winning the global war on terrorism, providing stability in those regions of the world important to us, and training to defend the United States and its interests. These commitments have not been without further sacrifice by soldiers who have gone into harm's way on our behalf. The Army remains on point for the nation, as it has for more than 227 years. By protecting and preserving our way of life, soldiers are keeping faith with all Americans. The Army is strong; it is ready.

Secretary of the Army Thomas White and I, as well as the rest of the Army leadership, are privileged by your service and inspired by your examples of loyalty, duty, honor and integrity. Your courage, selfless service and respect for one another, and for others, make us the great Army that we are and enable us to fulfill our contract with the American people — to fight and win our nation's wars decisively.

So as we pause this Sept. 11 to remember the sacrifices of so many during those attacks — in Washington, in New York City and in Pennsylvania — it is appropriate that we reflect on what it means to be an American. God bless each and every one of you, God bless this magnificent Army of ours and God bless America.

Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Chief of Staff of the Army

America: Bring out flags, show colors with pride

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



When passenger planes were flown in to the World Trade Center towers and the Pentagon nearly a year ago, our lives were forever changed.

Or were they?

It takes a little longer to drive on post now than it did last year. We have to stop at the new guard shacks and flash a photo ID. Security at airports is tighter, or so we're told; I can't remember ever not having to stand in some kind of airport line. The media assaults us with warnings and continued reports on terrorism, unless there's something better to report.

Will 9/11 turn into another memory byte like the Millennium Bug, Pokemon and Beanie Babies? I hope not.

On Sept. 11, the anniversary of the attacks, we should stop and reflect on an event branded on our consciousness. We should remember those who lost their lives and those who lost the loves of their lives. We should plead for protection for the soldiers now guarding yet another line in the sand while we curse evil deeds and the villains who commit them.

And let's not forget the civilian heroes posted on another front line, right here at home. You'll find them in police cars, fire stations, hospitals, post offices, reserve armories and laboratories ... basically right next door and all around us.



The president asked that we citizens fight terrorism by going about our lives, business as usual, and I would submit to you that maybe we've taken his directive just a little too far.

Other than having to stop to flash some ID before driving on post, how different is your day-to-day routine now than it was the day before the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon?

Sept. 10, 2002, shouldn't look just like Sept. 10, 2001 did. The traffic control points at the gates shouldn't be our only reminder that "things" changed last Sept. 11.

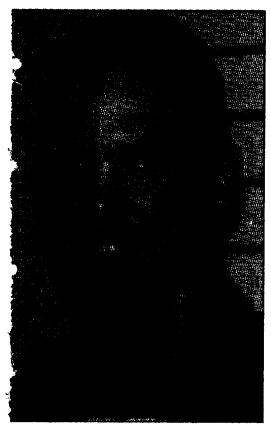
After the attacks last year, amid the confusion and fear, turmoil and sorrow, one thing was very clear. Patriotism was not dead. Americans defiantly raised every American flag we could get our hands on, openly flaunting our nationality. Red, white and blue were the colors of the day.

Where are they now?

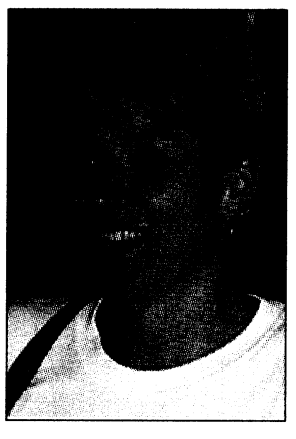
I'm as guilty as the next person. My flag lapel pins languish at the bottom of a jewelry box. The flag that once fluttered proudly over my car faded and was removed but not replaced, though the window decals remain, mostly because they don't require any effort to be displayed.

Wednesday is Sept. 11. Pull those flags, lapel pins, ribbons and bunting back out. Start flying those colors again.

And after Sept. 11 this year, let's keep them flying.



"It didn't make any big changes in my life. It changed waiting to come on post. People are more cautious to invest now. It was the worst for people who were directly affected. We want to not remember, but we can't forget. I'm sad, but life must go on."
Giulieta McClelland,
family member



"It's hard to believe it's been a year. I've learned to expect the unexpected, but I don't think about it much. My husband's going over there to re-enlist soldiers. After it happened, everyone wanted to enlist.
It proves we live in a good country."
Lisa Walker,
family member



"I'm ready to go get him. I'd like to do it myself. I was in high school during World War II and joined the Army Air Corps.
It's a terrible thing what happened on September 11th. The pilots should have known what was going on, we need better security in-flight."
Sam Pelchar,
Columbus



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Voter registration

Voters can register from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. today in front of the arcade in the Main Exchange Mall.

For more information, call Nancy Guyer at 545-3341.

AUSA Meeting

The Chattahoochee Valley-Fort Benning Chapter of the Association of the United States Army will have its first General Membership Meeting of the new chapter year today. The guest speaker will be Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general.

The meeting will be held in the Regimental Room of the Officers' Club from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

Tickets are $5 for military and $10 for non-military. Tickets are available through chain of command or call Chapter President Chuck Hunsaker at 327-7228.

Naturalization application workshop

There will be a naturalization application workshop at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Thursday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 30.

For more information, call 545-4702.

Long-term care open season

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or even lifelong assistance with daily living due to an illness, injury or severe cognitive impairment. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has launched the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, under which approximately 20 million federal employees and members of the uniformed services, as well as retirees of both groups and certain family members, can apply for coverage.

The program is a new valuable benefit designed to protect insured individuals from the high cost of long term care. The insurance is offered by John Hancock and MetLife and is administered by Long Term Care Partners, LLC, a joint venture company between the two companies.

Open Season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program started July 1 and continues through Dec. 31.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board to consider soldiers for the promotion to sergeant major will be Oct. 1.

Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000 and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977 and Oct. 1, 1992. Date of birth is no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951.

Due to the implementation of stop, loss, soldiers normally ineligible due to retention control point — BASD is earlier than Oct. 1, 1977 — in a primary military occupational specialty affected by stop loss will be considered eligible.

Soldiers must have a DA photo. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

For more information, call 545-8861 or 545-5640.

Traffic Regulations Enforcement Office hours

The Traffic Regulation Enforcement Office hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

The office is closed on training and federal holidays, and at noon the first Friday of each month.

For more information, call 545-1195.

100 percent tuition paid

Effective Oct. 1, tuition assistance will cover 100 percent of college tuition and most fees up to the semester hour cap of $250 and new ceiling of $4,500 per fiscal year. This rate applies to instruction delivered traditionally or through distance education.

For more information, call 545-1436.

Reclamation sale hours

The new reclamation sale hours conducted at Building 224 will be 8 a.m. to noon the first Friday of every month.

For more information, call 545-1104.

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The HOPE Grant Program will pay all Tuition and Fees for all covered diploma and certificate programs, and up to $100 per quarter for textbooks, for all active duty military and their dependents, 16 years of age or older, who are stationed at Fort Benning and living in Georgia.

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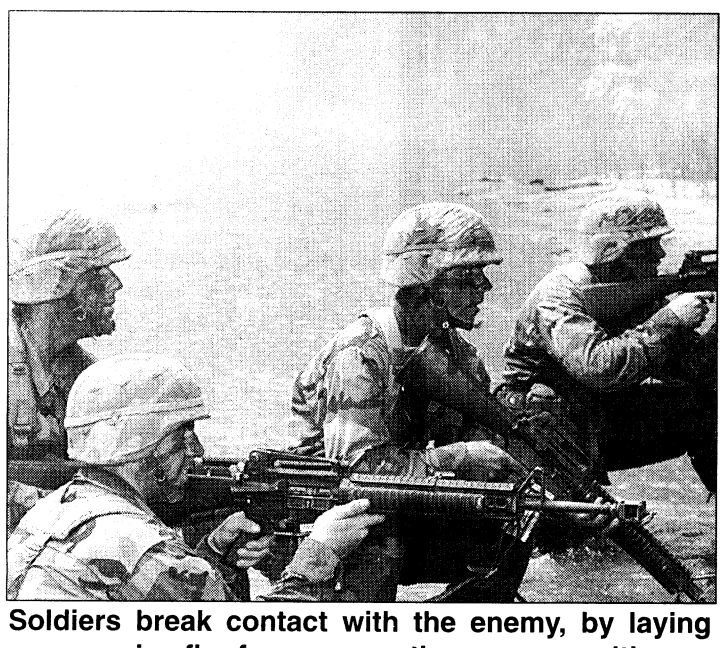
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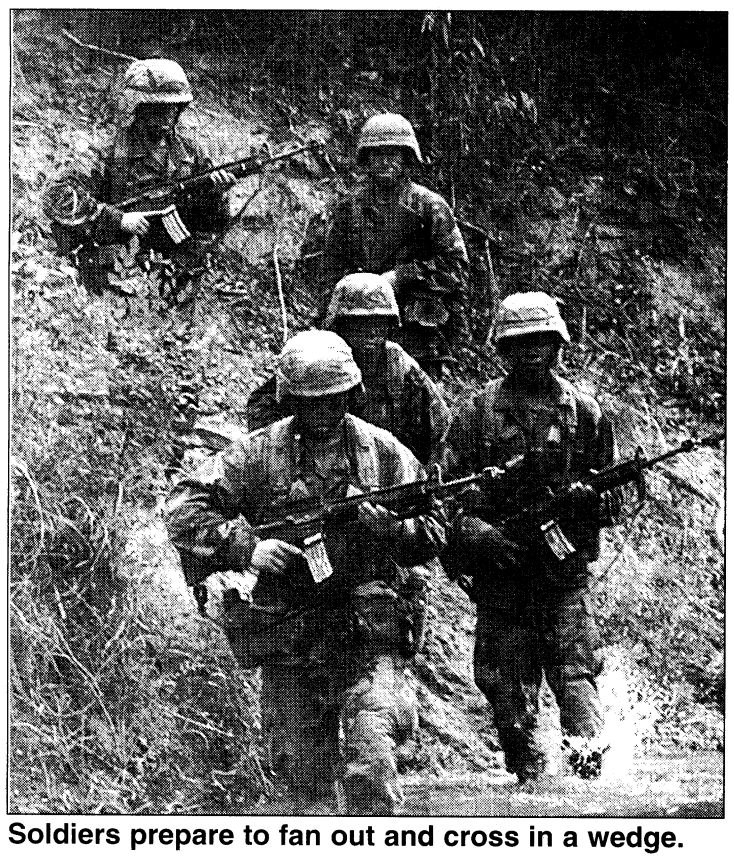
Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Soldiers of 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, road march back to the area of operation to prepare for their next mission during the Bayonet.

Water flows infantry blue, not blood red



Soldiers break contact with the enemy, by laying suppressive fire for cover as they move positions.



Soldiers prepare to fan out and cross in a wedge.

Mission brings realism to training

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The water didn't flow red, but crossing the Upatoi Creek, soldiers quickly learned the dangers involved with negotiating an obstacle during battle.

They were 12 hours into their last field training exercise of basic training, The Bayonet, when soldiers from A Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, were given a mission to retrieve ammunition supplies across a creek more than two "clicks" away from their position.

"There's an obstacle and enemy to overcome," said Staff Sgt. Pablo Barrientos, drill sergeant. "They have to work as a team to accomplish the mission."

Two infantrymen established near-side security while while the rest of their squad moved into position to seize the munitions.

"It involves a little realism," Barrientos said. "This is a scenario they may encounter with their units in combat."

Being in the open without any cover or concealment is disturbing, but the mission needs to be accomplished, said Pvt. Mark Siapco, a member of the opposition force. In a situation like this, being aware of the environment, moving tactically and working as a team will save soldiers lives.

Soldiers train for missions like these because they apply to the realities of war, Siapco said. Casualties happen, and soldiers need to be prepared to react efficiently and effectively during times of adversity.

"One thing I've learned is that combat isn't easy," said Battalion Command Sgt Maj. Jay Brimstin, wearing his combat infantry badge. "There will be lots of times where they're physically and mentally challenged."

The missions soldiers perform during The Bayonet are gut checks, Brimstin said. There will be more to come.

After the soldiers accounted for all personnel and retrieved the ammo, they conducted an after-action review.

During the AAR, Staff Sgt. Billy Tharpe, drill sergeant, read aloud about Cpl. Mitchell Red Cloud, a Medal of Honor recipient.

"He made the ultimate sacrifice," Tharpe said. "Through his courage and honorable actions, he saved at least 70 to 80 men."

Soldiers sacrifice themselves for the greater good of their comrades to defeat the enemy, Brimstin said. It's not about God and country, the flag or orders.

"It's about fighting for your buddy," Brimstin said. "It's about fighting for the man next to you in battle."

This training is the culmination of all the exercises these soldiers have done, Barrientos said.

"It brings together everything the soldiers have learned through their fourteen weeks together," Barrientos said. "They have matured and become soldiers in fourteen weeks."



Pvt. Micah Goulet, left, and Pfc. Greg Highstrom pull security for troops crossing the danger area.

Other Army branches looking at Infantry's Buddy Team Assignment Program for initial entry soldiers

Program helps men transition to duty station

Tesia Williams
PERSCOM public affairs team

WASHINGTON — A number of Army branches are showing an interest in the Infantry's Buddy Team Assignment Program, which has now paired more than 7,000 soldiers, officials said.

BTAP was developed two years ago, under the direction of Maj. Gen. John Le Moyne — then chief of infantry at Fort Benning — to reduce first-term attrition and provide new soldiers with a more positive experience during their first few months in the Army.

In week 10 of a 14-week training period at Fort Benning, soldiers are assigned as buddy teams to get used to each other before proceeding to their first unit, said Master Sgt. Russell Stokes, infantry senior sergeant professional development noncommissioned officer and Fort Benning liaison officer to the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command.

"By that tenth week, the soldiers that are still there are probably going to stay," Stokes said. "Most of the hard stuff that normally sends them packing, like road marches and PT tests, are done."

Drill sergeants and the chain of command solicit help of psychologists to profile the soldiers before pairing them into buddy-teams, which makes the program and match more effective, he said.

"I've personally heard from soldiers in Germany and Korea coming from small towns with nothing in common with other soldiers except being the new guy; however, when they get to their new unit, they have something in common with their buddy because they've spent 14 weeks with him," Stokes said.

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The Army Research Institute released a report in July 2001 indicating that buddy-teams enhance many aspects of the soldier's initial experience in the Army.

The majority of the soldiers agreed that assigning buddies to the same unit is a good Army practice, officials said.

The program is undergoing upgrades and modifications to further assist in making the soldier's experience at his first duty station more desirable.

"We're hoping to add a BTAP field to (the Enlisted Distribution and Assignment System), so that it will stay with him the entire time he is in the Army," Stokes said.

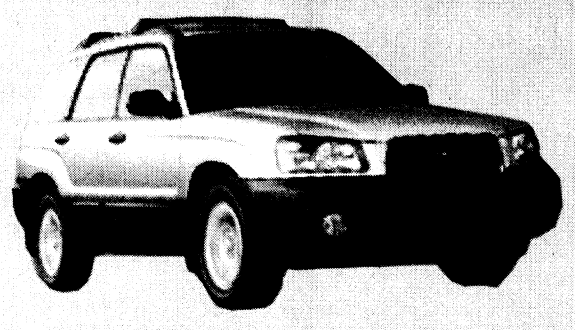
Currently, BTAP soldiers are tracked in a separate database using their social security numbers, he said.

"We want to make sure we have more efficient tracking methods before we start passing this on to other MOSs," Stokes said.

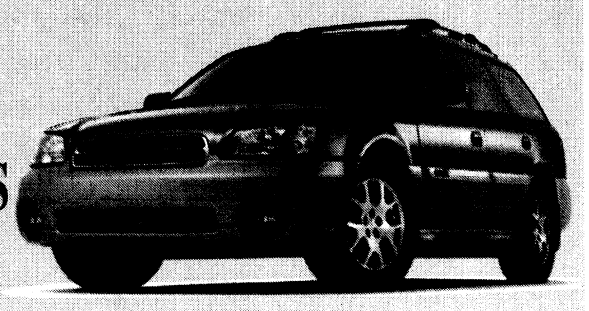
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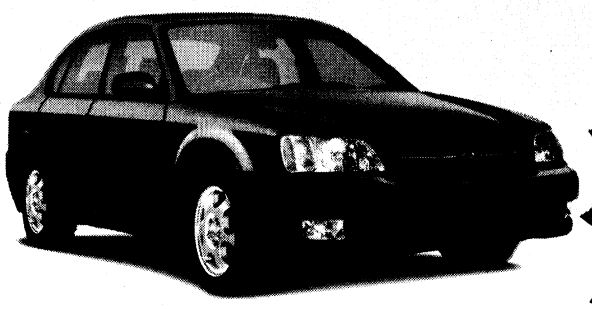


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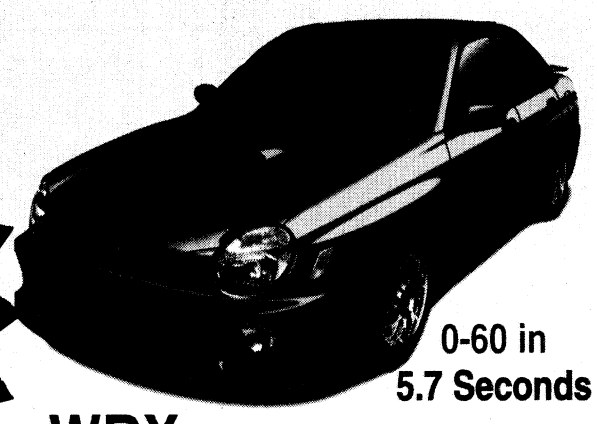


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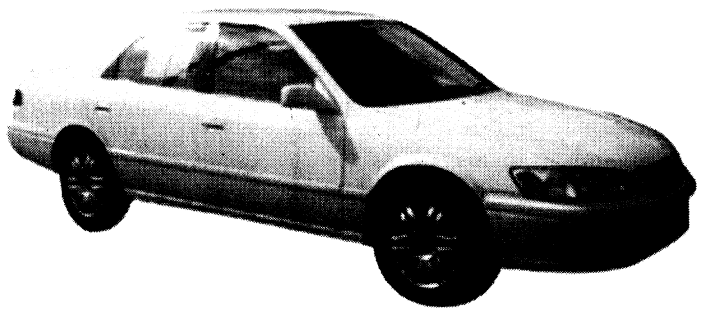


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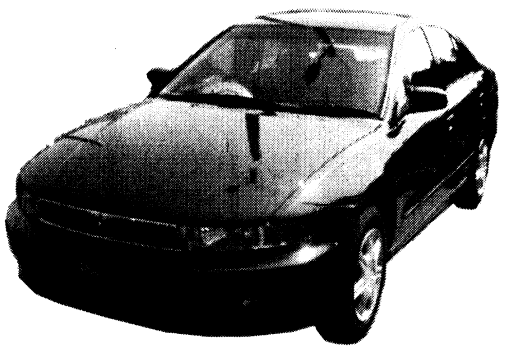
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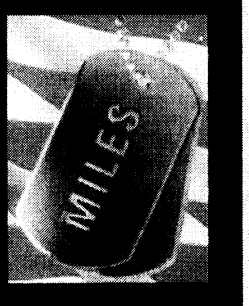
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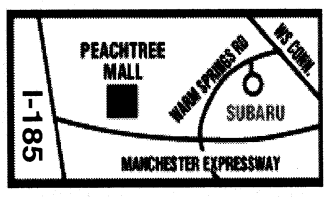


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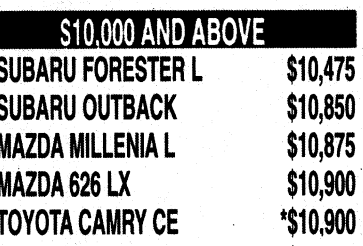
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Soldiers from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, walk approximately two miles to the company area from the Land Mine Warfare Range during their third week of training Aug. 29.

"The conditioning walk helped acclimate the soldiers to the Georgia heat and humidity," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Clements, drill sergeant. "It served as a reminder that they need to watch out for their battle buddy and make sure he's drinking plenty of water — even during short maneuvers."

ITB soldiers earn German Efficiency Badge

Men compete in many tasks for honor

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Armies around the world train to meet and exceed physical standards. Most do not have the same style and structure of U.S. Army fitness training.

However, the German Armed Forces Efficiency Badge offers soldiers a chance to earn an award that the German army uses to asses their own physical fitness standards."

"It gives soldiers an understanding of what another allied army does for training physically," said Sgt. 1st Class Lance Burdette, intelligence sergeant at the Infantry Training Brigade.

Forty soldiers from ITB recently earned their efficiency badges, which are broken into three categories: gold, silver and bronze.

Thirty-one soldiers earned gold, one soldier earned a silver and eight soldiers earned bronze.

"This is the highest number of soldiers we have had to complete the efficiency badge," said German Sgt. Maj. Manfred Jerabek. "It is also the highest number of soldiers we have had to reach the gold level, since I can remember."

The soldiers earned the badges through many events. Events include a 100-, 400- or 1,000-meter run; a 5,000-meter run or 1,000-meter swim; 200-meter swim; long or high jump; shot put; basic first aid; rifle marksmanship and an 18.5 mile road march, which had to be completed in less than five hours.

Before the events, soldiers worked on events they knew they would have trouble with during the testing.

"The 200-meter swim was the toughest for me, both mentally and physically," said Capt. Cedric Burden, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment. "I'm not a strong swimmer, but the training I did before helped me go above and beyond the standard during the test."

Burdette said he was happy with the way all of the soldiers performed, and the way they carried themselves before, during and after the test.

"All of the soldiers are considered winners. They all set the goal of earning one of the three badges, and worked hard to achieve that goal."

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Not only are all of the soldiers winners, but they also have gained another experience in life to look back on in the future.

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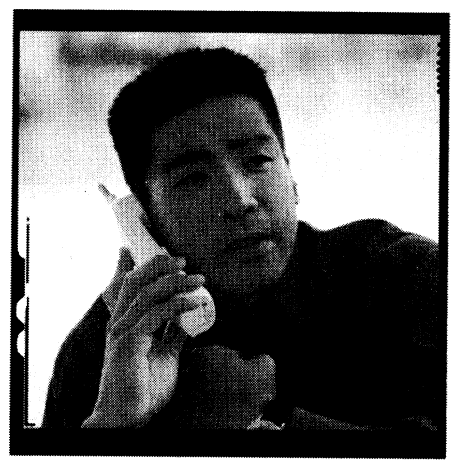
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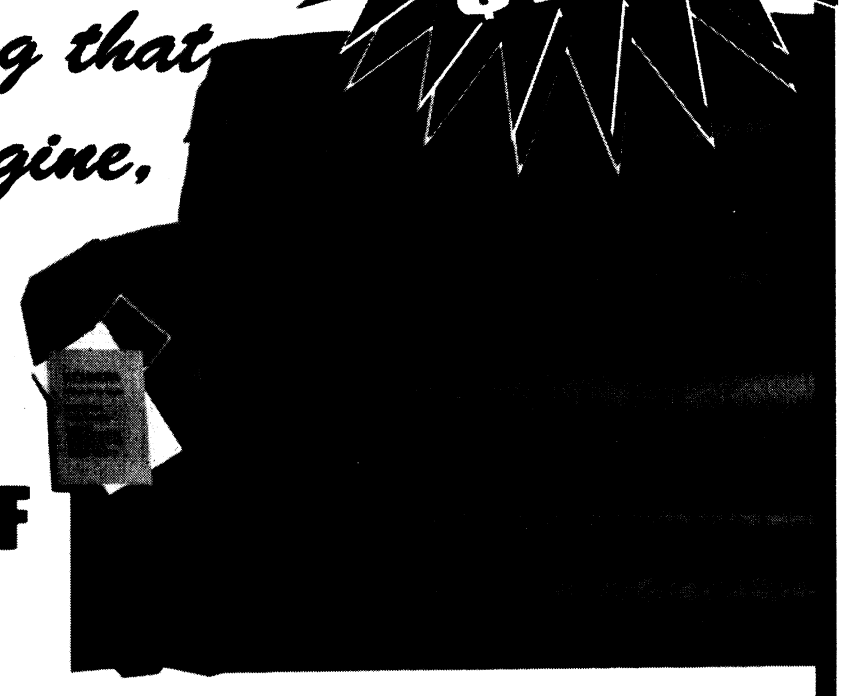
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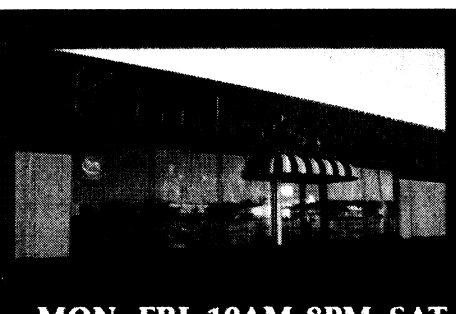
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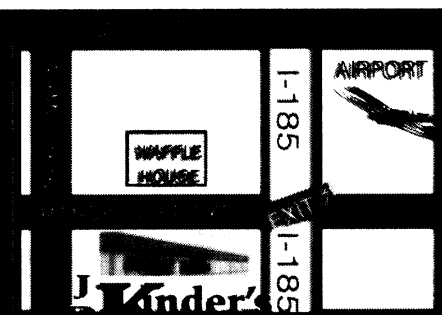
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Children cope with Sept. 11 anniversary

Initial stress may reappear with anniversary

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Many adults will have a tough time coping with the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. But children and adolescents were also affected.

What should parents do to help their kids get through this period?

While the initial signs of stress in children will grow smaller or disappear as time goes by, this first anniversary may cause them to reappear.

Daniel Dodgen, an official with the American Psychological Association, said parents need to understand this is normal and they should not overreact.

Speaking at the Pentagon Aug. 28 at a seminar sponsored by the Pentagon Employee Referral Service, Dodgen said it is important that children feel safe. He said parents should make plans and communicate them to their children.

"They need to know what to do in the event of an emergency," he said. Parents need to help their children develop coping skills and encourage them to share their feelings about the event.

Parents should not be surprised if children regress during times of stress. This means they might act younger than they are. This, too, is normal and will pass.

Children, just like adults, may dream of the experience or have reawakened memories. They may go through anger, anxiety and sadness all over again.

As the anniversary of the attacks nears, parents should:

• Listen to your children. Find out how they are reacting and help them come to grips with it,

• Attend a memorial service or other community activities,

• Create your own family ritual to observe the anniversary,

• Monitor what your children are watching on television and set limits on the time spent in front of the tube,

• Maintain a schedule and take care that the children receive adequate rest and nutrition,

• Take care of themselves. Children learn by example.

CFC helps families

Campaign kicks off Sept. 25

Angela Sachitano
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Families who think they might be able to get along without that extra box of cereal each week might want to consider donating those few extra dollars to charity.

Fort Benning is set to take part in one of the largest national contribution campaigns, making it easy for soldiers and federal employees to make a difference in their community.

"If soldiers could see firsthand the looks on the kids faces when they are able to get new playground equipment, I think every family could find the spare change," said Pat Finley, director of the Patch Pre-School on Fort Benning, a school that receives donations from families each year. "Our kids deserve it."

The Combined Federal Campaign is an annual campaign that allows soldiers to jump on board and begin making contributions from their paycheck to their favorite charity.

Patch Pre-School, Santa's Castle, and other needy agencies like Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Goodwill are just some of the charities soldiers and government employees can choose from if they decide to take part in the campaign.

"It's a simple process," said Brian Smith, chief of marketing, Directorate of Community Activities. "There are so many different ways to take part in this campaign. A few bucks a paycheck makes a world of a difference."

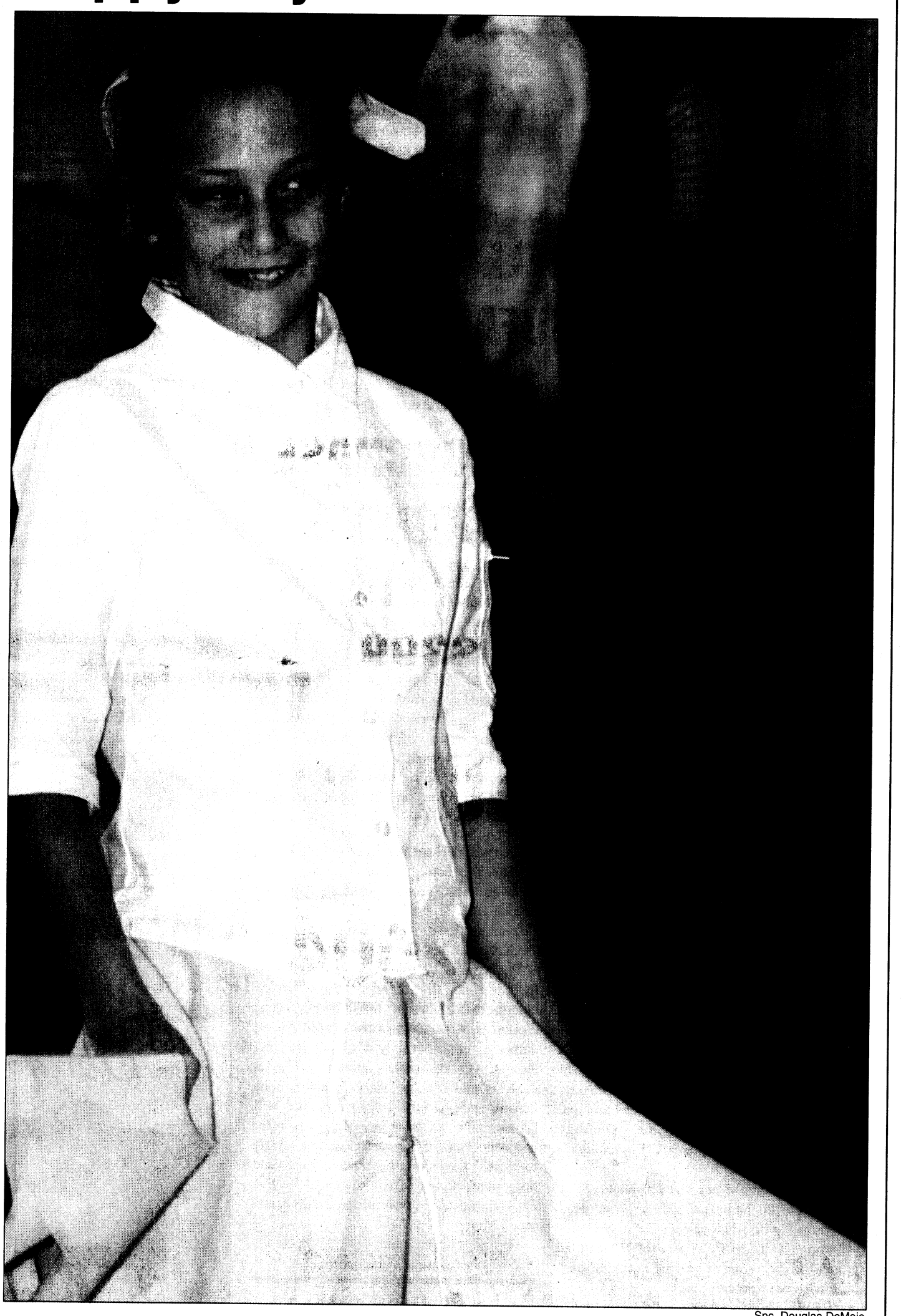
Children attending pre-school on Fort Benning are examples of children who have benefited from past contributions. The school received new playground equipment last year, and this year the school will receive classroom security cameras.

"The cameras allow parents to watch what is going on in the classroom from a television in another room," Finley said. "It makes all of us more comfortable. We couldn't have done it without the contributions from the families here on post."

Families will receive brochures on the different organizations taking part in the campaign over the next few weeks. A point of contact for each unit will be designated to make sure each soldier and government employee is given

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Happy Days



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Katiee Britt shakes her poodle skirt at the 50s dance Faith Middle School had to celebrate the school's 50th anniversary. For more on the school's anniversary, read next week's paper.

Program looking for mentors

Big Brothers, Sisters make difference

Angela Sachitano
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If you could make a difference in a kid's life just by spending an hour with them a week, would you?

Faith Middle School is hoping soldiers, spouses, government employees and anyone else interested in helping children will take the initiative and be a mentor to a needy child this school year.

"We have children here who are excited to have a friend they can turn to for advice," said Fred McCraw, sixth-grade guidance counselor at Faith. "Most of all, they just want someone they can have fun with."

The Big Brothers, Big Sisters mentor program is set to kick off at the school and there are plenty of children hoping for a match.

The problem is there aren't any adults who have shown interest in being matched with them.

"I'm shocked that we haven't even had one application turned in from Fort Benning," said Marian Slapikas, Big Brothers, Big Sisters director. "Military children need role models just as much as the rest of the children in this community. It's sad we haven't been able to help them."

Big Brothers, Big Sisters advocates have been targeting Fort Benning all year, talking with battalion commanders and other soldiers who can get the word out about the need for volunteers. But in the past nine months, the program has fizzled.

There are still at least 50 children on a waiting list, Slapikas said.

"I had a big sister mentor last year but then she had a change of orders and moved," said seventh-grader Megan Tabar. "I really miss having someone like her around. She helped me with my algebra, and we talked on the phone a lot."

There are scores of children who need a friend to turn to and this program helps, Slapikas said.

"The process to become a mentor is easy," Slapikas said. "Volunteers who are interested fill out an application. We then match them with a child who shares their interests or has a similar background."

The years between sixth and eighth grade are extremely critical in forming a child's confidence and getting them on the right track, McCraw said.

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Is there a hero in the house?

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I know you meant to, really you did. You promised yourself — gosh, was it really a year ago? — to turn over a new leaf.

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And where are we now? Did you keep your promise, or did you let life's trivialities encroach upon your resolution, as I did?

Now's our chance to make up for lost time.

House of Heroes, the nonprofit organization dedicated to honoring our community's aging veterans, is rising to the president's challenge to volunteer. They're repairing 50 homes this year. And Fort Benning folks will tackle 10 of those.

This is where we come in. You and I can make a difference in the lives of these veterans — or in many cases, their widows — by sacrificing just a few hours of our time to help make their homes more livable.

I've met several of these true-blue heroes. They're humble people, but if you can keep them talking long enough, they'll tell you stories that will break your heart — stories about World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

These kind of heroes are few and far between these days. Better thank them while we can. So join me and the cast of hundreds who'll fix up homes for heroes Sept. 16-20. Call 545-1500 for more information.

Or better yet, just grab your tool belt and meet me at 8:30 a.m. at Asbury Methodist Church on Broadmoor Street Sept. 16, 17 and 19.

BIRTHS

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Nathan Michael Scott — born Aug. 18 to Linda and Spc. Walter Scott.

Zion Keyon Williams — born Aug. 20 to Kristol and Sgt. Abra Williams.

William Alexander McKellips — born Aug. 21 to Spc. Heather and Sgt. Daniel McKellips.

Tavien Marquise Javier Toles-Hernandez — born Aug. 21 to Pvt. Lintashia and Pfc. Xavier Hernandez.

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Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Hospital blood drive — Martin Army Community Hospital will conduct a blood drive 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at Building 9224. Everyone is encouraged to donate.

For more information, call Sgt. Wendy Adamian at 544-3354 or 544-3359.

Hospital offers free prostate screenings — September is Prostate Awareness Month and Martin Army Community Hospital's Health Promotion Center is joining the American Cancer Society and hospitals nationwide in offering free prostate cancer screenings, counseling and educational literature.

Men, 40 years old and older, can walk in to the Urology Clinic for a free screening, which includes a blood test and brief exam, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Sept. 18 and 23.

Individuals will need to bring their military ID card and medical records to the free screening.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson with the Health Promotion Center at 545-1987.

AFTB teaches about the Army — LES, ACS, FRG, RD, PLDC, NTC?!?!

If this looks like a foreign language to you, you are not alone. Let Army Family Team Building start you on the right track to understanding this world called "the Army."

AFTB classes are free, open to everyone, and "jam-packed" with Army knowledge you will need to thrive in the military environment. The next AFTB **Level I** class is 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday in Family Unit Network (FUN) Center, Building 359, on the corner of Ingersoll and Vibbert Avenues.

Army Family Team Building **Level II** course is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 30 through Oct. 3 in the FUN Center.

This course is targeted towards emerging leaders within the community and those wishing to update their knowledge about the Army. Level I is not a prerequisite to attend this course.

For more information or to register, call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil.

AFTB offers FRG training — Are you a new family readiness group volunteer or company commander? Are you an experienced FRG volunteer or company commander that would like to learn more about Fort Benning FRGs?

If so, this class is for you! Join the IVC and AFTB in exploring all the basics of Family Readiness Groups. Topics covered include:

An FRG Overview,

Rosters and the Chain of Concern,

Volunteer Management & Recognition, Newsletters, and

Fundraising and Money Management.

Class will be 9:30 a.m. to noon Sept. 17 in the Family Unit Network Center.

This class is limited to the first 25 participants and registration is required. Call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil to register.

Still Serving — AAFES is sponsoring a Still Serving Retiree Event from 9 a.m. to noon Sept. 20-22 at the Main Mall Post Exchange.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson 545-1987.

Free EDIS screenings — The Fort Benning Educational and Developmental Intervention Services is conducting free dental, hearing, vision, speech and learning screenings for children ages birth to 3 years from 10 a.m. 3 p.m. Sept. 25 at the Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive in the Custer Terrace Housing Area.

For more information, call 545-5060.

Volunteers needed for Vietnam Wall replica — Volunteers are needed for the Vietnam Wall replica that will be displayed on Sacrifice Field Oct. 11-13. The display will be open 24 hours a day for the three days it is here.

For more information, call Angela Garnto at 563-2372 or e-mail angelagarnto@aol.com.

Vincennes University — Beginning with the fall term Oct. 2, the Army will begin to pay 100 percent of tuition assistance for qualified active-duty soldiers.

Because Vincennes University is not charging fees under the new TA rate and will loan the textbooks, this means that courses will be free to soldiers.

The sole exception is that when a student qualifies for graduation, a $25 fee must be forwarded with the petition to graduate.

For more information, call 689-0098 or stop by Building 2613 (upstairs), Soldiers' Plaza, co-located with CSU.

Beacon College registration — Beacon College and Graduate School will begin its fall semester registration at Fort Benning. Students can earn undergraduate degrees in psychology, business and Biblical studies.

Full financial aid, including veterans' educational assistance, is available.

A representative from Beacon will be on post from 1 to 4 p.m. every Thursday at Building 2602, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information, call 323-5364.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

Lowe's to install smoke detectors, fire extinguishers — Lowe's of Columbus has partnered with Fort Benning to provide and install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers into the homes of families of deployed enlisted men and women living off post.

Lowe's employees have volunteered to assist in the homeland safety of soldiers' families with this project each Saturday through Oct. 26. Because of the limited availability, requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call Megan Sperry or Linda Williams at 320-9292.

Hyundai Sweepstakes contest — The Army MWR and Hyundai have teamed up to offer a sweepstakes in honor of military personnel. The Army MWR and Hyundai Santa Fe Drive-Away Sweepstakes is a Web-based contest through Sept. 30. Go online to www.armymwr.com/portal/events/ and click on the Hyundai icon to register.

The grand prize is a 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS4 SUV.

Free CPR online — To commemorate the first anniversary of the tragedies of Sept. 11, the National Safety Council and its Atlanta Chapter will offer everyone an opportunity to better prepare themselves for emergencies. NSC will offer its online Basic First Aid and CPR training program free of charge from Wednesday to Sept. 18.

The interactive Basic First Aid and CPR course uses clearly presented learning points, advanced graphics, interactive animations, realistic sound effects, video clips and a variety of exercises. Participants obtain comprehensive knowledge, while experiencing the sights and sounds of real emergency situations. The course usually takes about two hours to complete, but the course can be taken at one's own pace. To take the course, log on to www.nsc.org.

Memorial Service — Calvary Baptist Church will be having a memorial service Sept. 11 in memory of last year's horrific attack on our nation and liberties to freedom, religion, and our way of life.

For more information, call 322-1491 or 332-7250.

Rememberance Service — There will be a rememberance service Wednesday evening at Northside Baptist Church to remember the tragedies of 9/11. It is an evening to remember those who died and hear a message of hope for those who live. Northside is located at 959 54th Street in Columbus.

CASA volunteers — CASA volunteers are ordinary people who care about children. They're caring and honest and committed to doing what is best for each child. No special experience or knowledge is required. As a CASA volunteer, you will be able to work with confidence. All volunteers are thoroughly trained in courtroom procedure, social services, the juvenile justice system and special needs of children who have been abused or neglected.

The next training starts Sept. 14. For more information and an application, call 323-3687.

Women's Health Expo — Free health screens and activities for the community highlight the second annual Women's Health and Fitness Expo Sept. 28 at the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center, 801 Front Avenue.

The expo is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include health screens for stroke, osteoporosis, breast and gynecologic cancer, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure checks. Other screens include body fat analysis and checks for oral health, bone density and hearing. Information also will be available on nutrition, sleep disorders and depression. Pharmacists will be on site to discuss medications, proper dosages and drug interactions. There also will be live entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits and much more.

For more information, call 322-7128.

School lunch menu

- **Monday:** corn dog, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** pizza, tossed salad, green beans, fruit, milk, peanut butter cookie
- **Wednesday:** chicken and cheese enchilada casserole, spanish rice, sweet peas, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** hamburger, potato wedges, glazed carrots, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** ham and cheese sandwich, pasta salad, carrot and celery sticks with dip, fruit, milk

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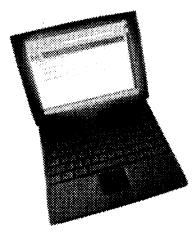
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Before spending that tax refund ...

Soldier pays for mistake months later

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

A recent legal assistance case illustrates the danger of spending money that might not belong to you.

In this case, a soldier received a direct deposit of an IRS refund that differed from the amount he expected to receive — several thousand dollars more than what he had claimed on his income tax return.

He contacted personnel at his bank to inquire about the deposit, and was told that the deposit was properly placed into his account.

He waited 30 days before he used the money, then spent it.

Unfortunately, 18 months later, the IRS submitted a "reverse deposit" to the bank, which withdrew the entire amount of the erroneous refund from the soldier's bank account.

Because the soldier no longer had the refund in the account, his account ended up with a negative $5,000 balance. The bank has restricted his account and is threatening legal proceedings unless he repays the $5,000.

While the Legal Assistance Division is working with the bank in an attempt to assist the soldier, others can take two important lessons from what happened here.

First, an income tax refund should match the exact refund amount claimed on the taxpayer's income tax form.

If the refund received differs at all, even by one dollar, the taxpayer should contact the IRS and question the refund.

In this case the soldier contacted the bank, which could only verify that the IRS had deposited an amount into his account, but the bank had no way of knowing whether or not the IRS had made a mistake.

Second, taxpayers should be aware of the fact that the IRS takes an average of 18 months to conduct an audit.

Many taxpayers think that once a refund is received, the review process is complete. In the majority of cases however, the IRS issues refunds first and audits later, so taxpayers may receive inquiries about their income tax return many months after a refund was received.

This is why keeping income tax records is so important. Without proper records, a taxpayer may not be able to support a challenged entry.

It is also important that taxpayers claim only the credits to which they are entitled, as receiving a larger refund than permitted does not mean that the money will not be requested back later.

For more information, contact the Fort Benning Tax Center at 545-4267.

Campaign: Raises money for activities

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the appropriate information on how to take part in the campaign.

By taking part in the campaign, soldiers can contribute to:

- A national fund that helps out agencies like the Muscular Dystrophy Association and others in need,
- The Soldiers and Family Support Association that distributes funds to Fort Benning organizations such as Santa's Castle, the Patch Pre-School, camps for disabled kids and the food locker,
- A local fund that helps community organizations like Big Brothers, Big Sisters, homeless and abuse shelters, and Goodwill among others,
- A specific organization of their choice.

"We suggest soldiers carefully look over the material they receive on the organizations and then make a decision," Smith said. "Families can also call the agencies directly or use the Internet for more information on where their contributions go."

Fort Benning soldiers and employees contributed a total of $687,000 last year, but the most important aspect of the campaign is making sure all soldiers and government employees are aware of how to get involved, Smith said.

"For anyone who has ever wanted to help out, this is the time to make the commitment," Smith said. "It doesn't get much easier than this."

Soldiers and employees will soon see paperwork that allows them to sign up and make contributions deducted from their paychecks. Anywhere from $10 to $15 a pay period makes a world of a difference, Smith said.

Just ask kids and teachers at the Patch Pre-School.

"The money soldiers contribute comes to us in quarterly payments throughout the year," Finley said. "Families who contribute can feel good knowing the money they contribute is going to those it is intended for. Our school is living proof."

The Combined Federal Campaign kicks off at 8 a.m. Sept. 25 with an informational forum at the Officer' Club. Families can also contact their company commanders and Family Readiness Group presidents for more information.

Mentors: Spend time with children, listen

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Many of the children at Faith Middle School who are seeking mentors have only one parent at home and have moved around so often it's tough for them to make friends, he said.

"We are looking for soldiers and families who want to spend an hour or so a week with a child, help them with their homework, take them for a bike ride, anything really," McCraw said. "The mentor will get just as much out of this as the child."

Some children who have been involved in the program in the past brag to their friends about it.

"Most of my friends are like me and just looking for someone to play basketball with or joke around," said eighth-grader Michael Eberhart. "We want to be their friend and show them what it's like to be our age."

"I'm hoping I can meet a mentor who likes to give advice," said seventh-grader Chloe Favire.

That advice and assistance has made a significant difference in the academics of children in the past.

When the Big Brothers, Big Sisters program was thriving several years ago, counselors say they saw an increase in attendance rates and grade point averages among the children involved, McCraw said.

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>
> Fred McCraw,
> Faith sixth-grade guidance counselor

"It's amazing what kids will do when they have someone they can relate with, showing them they are cared for and are special," McCraw said. "We've had older students tell us they have chosen certain career paths because of the advice and influence their mentor gave them."

But it's the children that fall through the cracks of the program that counselors are most worried about.

"Right now we need volunteers more than anything," McCraw said. "We don't want to look at these kids and tell them they can't be a part of the program. It's not fair."

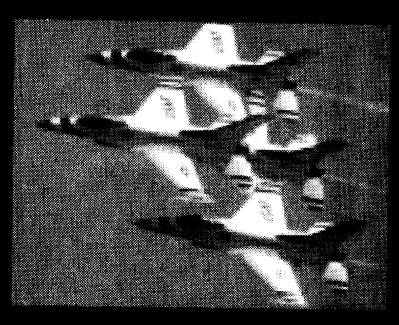
Big Brothers, Big Sisters is looking for volunteers on post who will be here for at least eight months and can spend an hour a week with a child. For more information on how to get involved, call Slapikas at 327-3760.

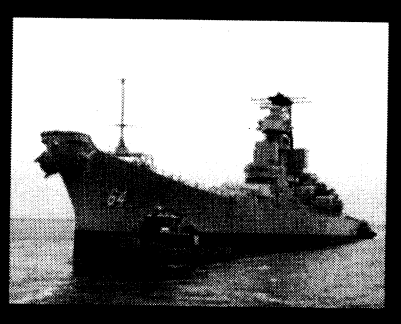
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Dexter students, parents feelin' good about fitness

Club gets members moving

Dexter Elementary School

More than 125 Dexter students and 20 parents begin Tuesday and Wednesday mornings with a little extra zip in their steps — they are part of the Feelin' Good Mileage Club, an early morning running program. The number of participants grows each day.

Students and their parents meet the physical education teacher Pam Koon at the track at 8:10 a.m. twice a week. They run around the track until 8:25.

Participants earn toe tokens for every five miles and get a shoe charm to put on their shoelaces. When they reach the milestones of 25, 50, 75 and 100 miles, they get a mile marker token to add to their collection, Koon said.

"We are really feeling good about our running program at Dexter," she said.

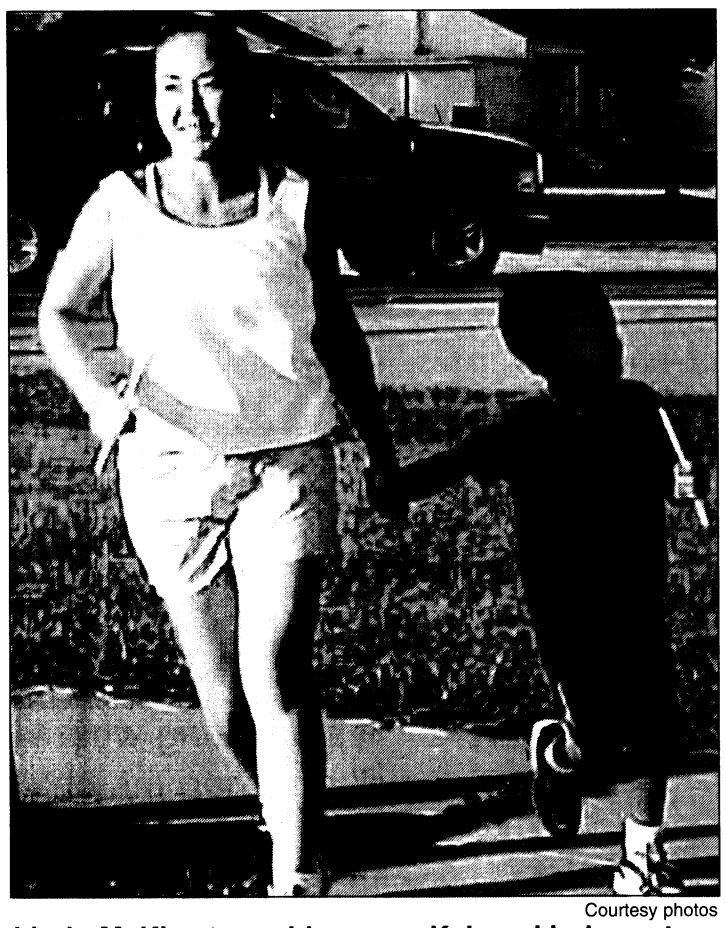
The miles are cumulative from one year to the next in order to encourage students to continue to participate.

"I like to go to the Mileage Club before school because it is fun, and I get to exercise. Mrs. Koon gives us shoe charms when we get to 20 laps. That equals five miles! So far, I have earned five shoe charms. I had to run 100 laps to get them," said fourth-grader Joshua Peters.

Students who attend the Feelin' Good Mileage Club begin their day with a sense of accomplishment and are ready to focus on the tasks ahead, Koon said.

"My students who participate in the Mileage Club have an extra positive experience to look forward to each week at school. We have so many wonderful things going on for students at Dexter. This one helps focus their minds by waking up the body," said teacher Terri Bond.

Mileage Club participants agree that it is a great way to start the day.



Courtesy photos

Linda McKinney and her son, Kyle, a kindergartner at Dexter Elementary School, participate in the Feelin' Good Mileage Club Tuesday.



Mark Thacker gets a ride from his dad, Capt. Tony Thacker. The Feelin' Good Mileage Club participants get a little extra work out Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Parents who want to exercise with their children are invited to do so.

Students prepare welcome

Children decorate goodie bags

Terri Bond

Dexter Elementary School

Student mentors, along with their younger protégés, worked on a very special project this week at Dexter Elementary School.

In a few weeks, Dexter's Partners-in-Education unit, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, will return from a deployment in Kuwait.

To welcome the nearly 500 soldiers back, Dexter students decorated goodie bags to be given to each returning soldier.

"We are glad that we got the chance to decorate the bags for the soldiers because we know they missed their families while they were gone," said fourth-grader Riley Graham.

Dexter students kept in touch with their partners through cards, letters and care packages.

"I hope the bags will cheer the soldiers up and let them know they were not forgotten while they were in Kuwait," said fourth-grader Kyle Gray.

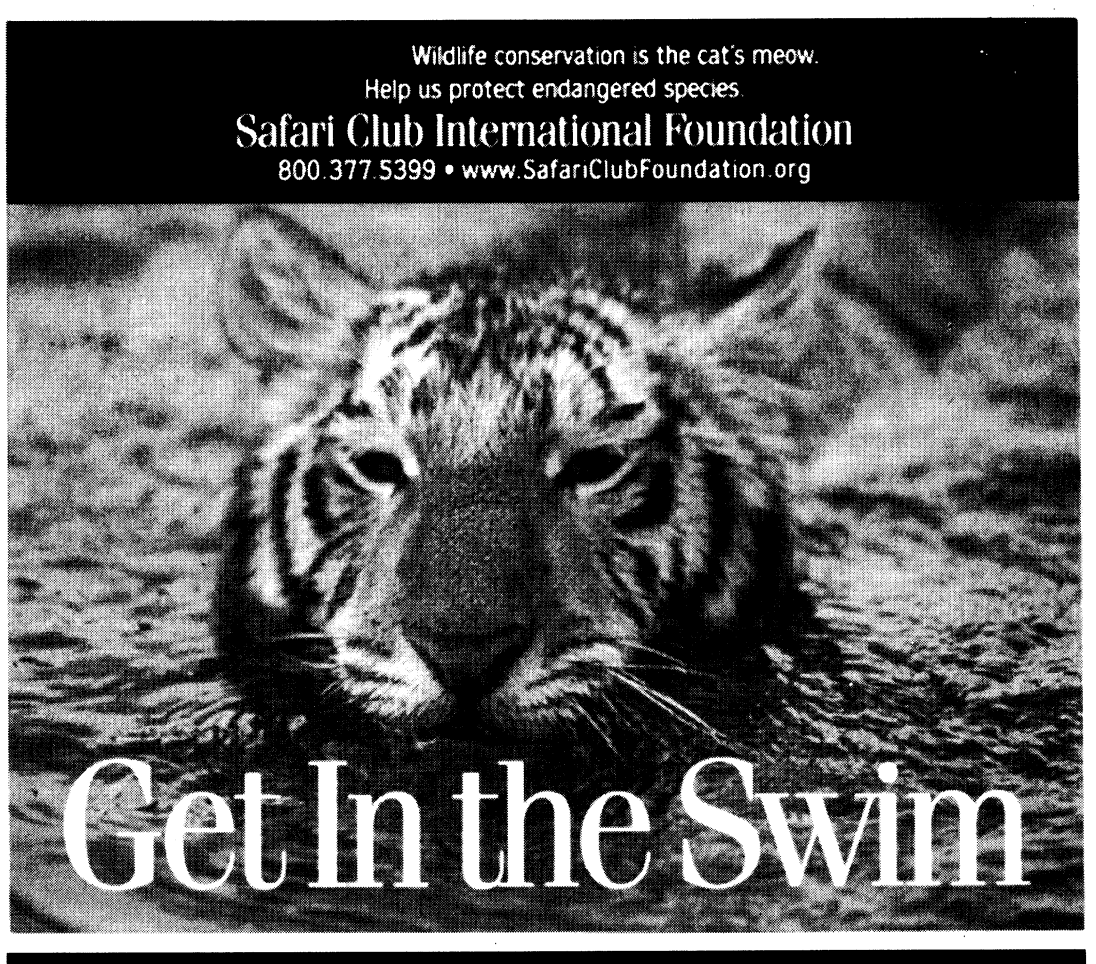
Last year soldiers read to the students and brought vehicles to the school as part of field day.

"The students had the unforgettable experience of riding around the campus in the back of a 'real Army truck'," said Brenda Harding, one of the school's teachers.



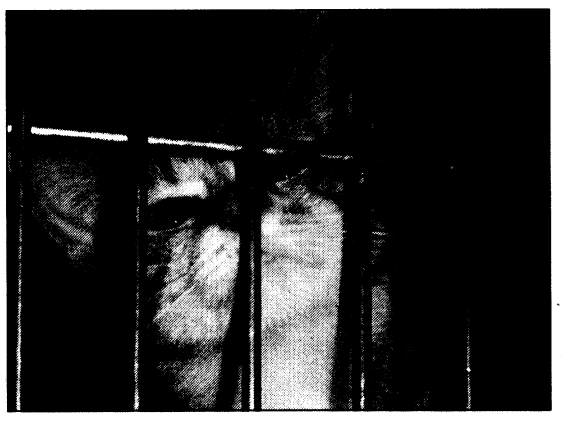
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Students decorate bags for the returning soldiers of 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment.



PETS OF THE WEEK





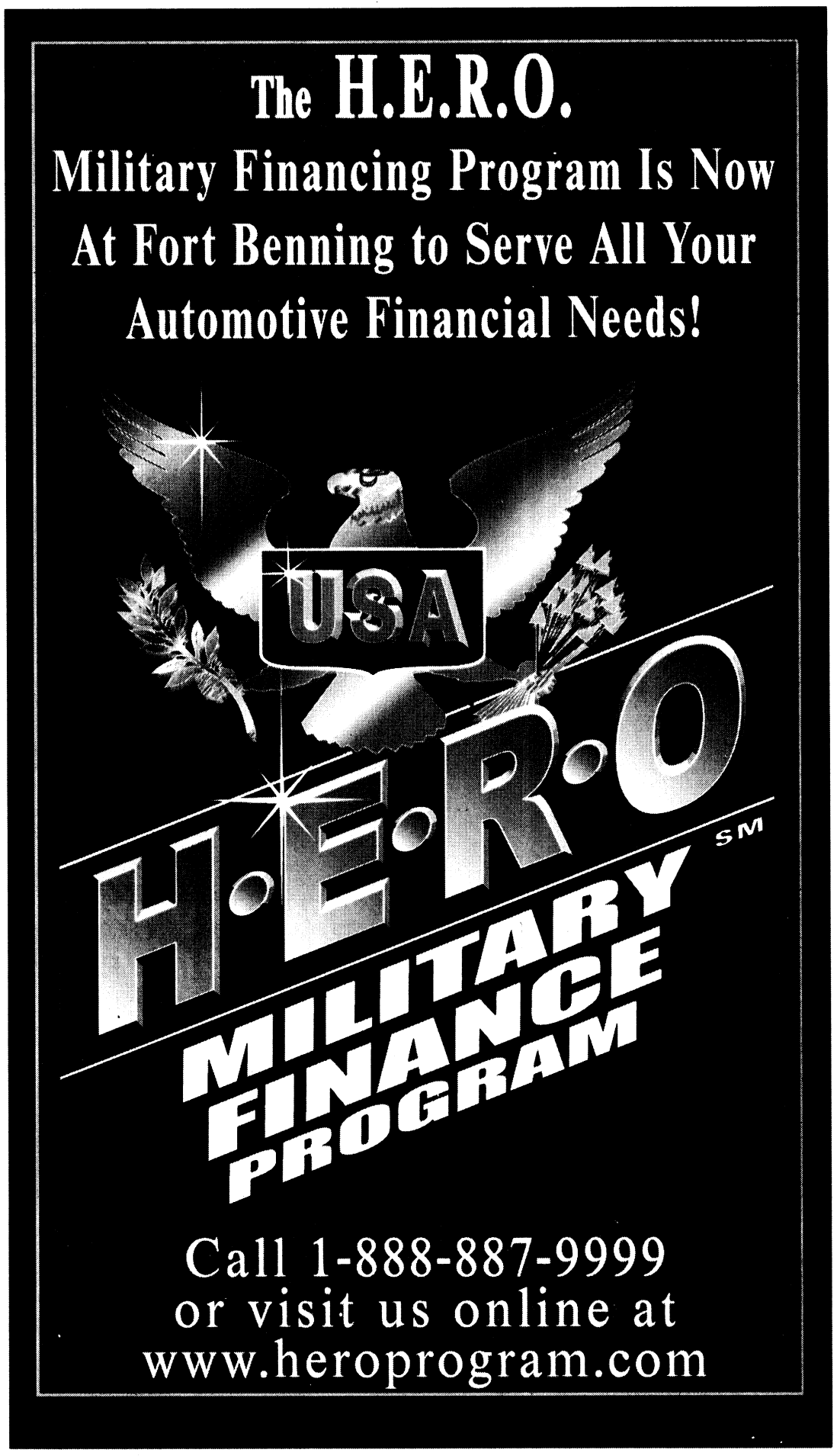
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This dog and cat are just two to the animals available for adoption at the Vet Clinic. For more information, call the clinic at 545-4444.

POSTWIDE YARD SALE

Saturday 8 a.m.

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Believers look to God every day of year

Seeking to do God's will smartest choice

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor
Infantry Center Chapel

On Jan. 1, most of us broke out the party gear and celebrated the beginning of a new year. We made resolutions, most of which have long gone by the wayside, and looked forward in great anticipation to what God would bring our way.

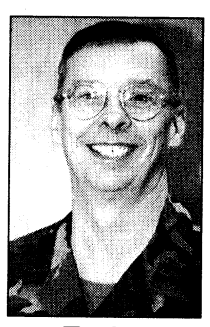
The excitement of a new beginning gave us new enthusiasm and hope, and in many cases, a new dedication to do the right things even better.

Tomorrow is another new year: the Jewish New Year, known as Rosh Hashanah. While it may be short on the partying and celebrations, it is long on significance. Rabbi Menachem Schneerson sent the following greeting through our local rabbi to the Jewish soldiers on Fort Benning:

"These days at the end of the outgoing year, and on the eve of the new year, may it bring blessings to everyone."

Call for self evaluation in respect of

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Taylor

the year about to end, and — in the light of this self-appraisal — for making the necessary resolutions for happiness for the coming year.

Such a "balance sheet" can be valid only if the evaluation of the full extent of one's powers and opportunities was a correct one. Only then can one truly regret, in a commensurable degree, the missed opportunities, and resolve to use one's capacities to the fullest extent from now on.

The period of time before and during Rosh Hashanah is not only the occasion that demands spiritual stock-taking in general, but it also begs for a profound inner appreciation of the tremendous capacities which one possesses, as a man — the crown of creation, and as a Jew whom the creator has given his divine law of life (Toras Chayyim). For Rosh Hashanah is the day when man was created by the hands of God.

In these days of introspection, we are duty-bound to reflect that each and every one of us — through carrying out the instructions of the Creator of the world, which are contained in His Torah — has the capacity of conquering worlds.

Everyone must therefore ask himself, how much has he accomplished in this direction, and to what extent has he failed, so that he can make the proper resolutions for the coming year.

Those of us who are not Jewish can certainly take the admonition for introspection to heart.

For whether at the beginning of the year or the beginning of the day, seeking the will and wisdom of God is certainly about the smartest thing we can do.

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. The theme for the new year is "Filled with the light of His glory."

This year the focus will be on how God places treasures in jars of clay and uses them for his glory. The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship, and study, as well as the all-important refreshments. Child care is provided. For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Book of Revelation — There will be a special service at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 at TIC Chapel. Marquis Laughlin of Zion's Hope Ministry in Orlando will present the *Book of The Revelation* in its entirety from memory.

This unusual presentation by a trained and gifted actor will open up this mysterious book in a way never experienced by most people. The program is free and open to the public and a short reception will follow.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel.

Mass is held along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

Catholic Religious Programs — Registration for Catholic Religious Education Programs will continue following all Masses. Religious Education Programs will begin 29 September.

Religious Education classes for pre-K (age 3) through eighth grade, RCIC and Adult Faith Formation will be Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at White School. RCIA will meet on Wednesday evenings at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed in all areas of Religious Education. Catechists, aides, bilingual teachers, RCIA and RCIC team members and sponsors, and Sacramental

Potluck dinner — The Fort Benning Catholic Community will welcome all new members of the Congregation at a Bilingual Mass and Potluck dinner Sept. 22. The Celebration will include fellowship, games, and an opportunity to learn about and register for parish programs. Mass will begin at 12:30 p.m.. at Uchee Creek Recreation Center Lodge.

Each family is asked to bring a salad or desert to share.

For more information, call the Chapel at 545-1452.

No marriage is without problems

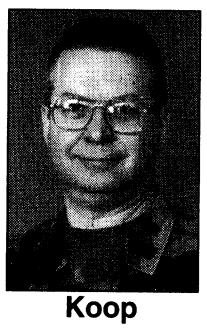
Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

All couples have problems. The most common marital problems are money, jealousy, communication, in-laws, sex and child rearing.

Problems are best handled as a team. The Bible says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their work: If one falls down, his friend can help him up."

Don't blame your partner for being the problem or creating the problem. Separate the problem from the person.

Quick fixes are not good solutions. Solving problems prematurely leads to inadequate solutions and poor implementation. Quick solutions trample people's feelings.


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Learn to separate the discussion of the problem from problem solving. Use the three-phase model of problem solving.

Phase One: Problem Discussion. Thorough discussion reveals the deep and often hidden underlying issues that are not remedied with a quick solution. "If one gives answer before hearing, it is folly and shame," (Proverbs 18:13).

Phase Two: Break. Take a break after problem discussion to pray, reflect, meditate and stretch your muscles.

Phase Three: Problem Solution. Set the agenda for problem solving by focusing on one issue. Brainstorm to reveal possibilities and options. Find agreement through collaboration or compromise, then follow-up to ensure the implementation of the solution is working and still agreeable to both.

Remember, some problems do not have easy solutions, and a few problems can't be solved. Many problems can be solved by thorough discussion.

Would you like to make your marriage better? Free counseling and support are available. Visit the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 2606 Dixie Road, Soldiers Plaza, call 545-1760, or e-mail koopr@benning. army.mil.

It always protects, always trusts, always perseveres. Love never fails. — *1 Corinthians 13:7-8*

Fort Benning Religious Services

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon Monday- Thursday	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

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SPORTS



Greenwaves' cheerleader Melissa Griffin, center, helps pump up thousands of spectators during the 56-12 loss to the Tigers.



Photos by Sgt. William Graves

The Spencer Greenwaves storm Memorial Stadium field Friday to face the Carver High School Tigers.

Carver defeats Spencer to keep trophy

Quarterback kills team with big plays

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

There was good news and bad news for the Spencer High School Greenwaves during their game with the Carver Tigers Aug. 30 at Memorial Stadium in Columbus.

The bad news was Tigers' quarterback Jason Boykin averaged 27 yards a carry on seven attempts, ran for four touchdowns, and passed for 68 yards and one touchdown.

The good news was it was the last time Spencer will have to face him again this year.

Boykin helped his team rout the Greenwaves, 56-12, and win the Works-Sanders Trophy for the fourth consecutive year.

"He's a great athlete," said Collins Jones, Spencer coach. "I knew we weren't going to stop him so we just hoped to contain him."

There seemed to be a Star Trek-like force field around Boykin as he bobbed and weaved through the Greenwaves' defense like a pinball that can't be hit because of a tilt. Still, he deflected the accolades.

"I had mighty good blocking. Plus, I have so many great receivers that they have to play me evenly," Boykin said. "They can't just focus on me, and tonight, that opened things up."



Greenwaves' Shamon Smith breaks out of the pocket for some of his team-high 223 rushing yards.

Spencer's quarterback, Jerome Coverson, said the team beat themselves.

"Big plays killed us. Jason made good plays out of messed up plays," Coverson said. "If we kept him in the pocket, we would have done better."

They didn't, and Boykin was able to slither out of the pocket into the open field. Once he reached daylight, the Greenwaves seemed indecisive about how to bring down the star.

"We have to become more consistent and execute on defense," Jones said. "We have to play more fundamental football. We got away from that tonight."

A fireworks display may have lit up the night's sky during the third quarter, but the Tigers provided explosions on the field early in the first. Tiger Elbert Ash scampered 59 yards on a sweep to the left with 6:38 remaining.



Greenwaves' Jerome Coverson prepares to hand the ball off to teammate Ricky Graves.

Spencer responded and drove the ball to the Carver four-yard line. However, the Greenwaves fumbled, and the enthusiasm seemed to deflate on the spot.

Boykins proceeded to capitalize on poor tackling and busted coverage to score his first touchdown early in the second quarter to push the score to 14-0.

On a Carver fourth down at the Greenwaves' six-yard line, the Greenwaves' defense held, and excitement seemed to return to the sideline.

The offense countered, but after a Coverson 19-yard keeper, a Spencer fumble killed the drive and deflated their balloon that seemed to be filling with confidence.

Boykin then scrambled for a 33-yard touchdown at the 3:04 mark, and the Greenwaves' next drive stalled with a turnover on downs.

Not content to sit on the ball at the 1:19 mark, Boykin threw for a long gain and dazzled the crowd with a 42-yard touchdown jaunt.

The second half was not much different.

Carver scored two quick touchdowns to extend the lead to 42-0.

In spite of this, Spencer didn't pack it in. Shamon Smith broken through the Tigers' defense on a sweep for a 60-yard touchdown. The extra point was no good.

The Tigers answered with a Jamal Gardner 71-yard touchdown run and an amazing 54-yard Boykin touchdown to stretch the lead to 50.

Nonetheless, Coverson wouldn't let his team quit. He turned a botched play and fumble into a 30-yard touchdown scramble with 1:11 remaining. The extra point sailed left.

"This was my first game at QB," the junior said. "I'm confident I'm going to get better. There are always butterflies during the first game. Next game, we'll react better to situations, and we'll know what to look for."

Moreover, there were positives during the game upon which to build, Jones said.

"We threw the ball well (tonight), and, at times, we ran the ball well," Jones said.

In fact, Smith rushed for 223 yards, and the Greenwaves racked up 349 yards of total offense.

The annual match up provided a spark to the thousands of community members who attended, Coverson said.

"The game's a classic," he said. "Everyone is always excited to come out and witness our rivalry. I'm sure they had fun. It was an excellent football environment."

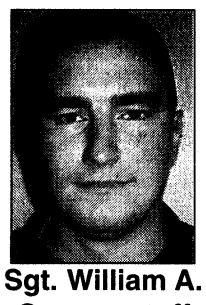
And regardless of the opening night score, Jones said the Greenwaves will perform better than last season's 1-9 team.

"I feel real positive about the rest of the season. We're not going to have to face too many Jason Boykins this season. He's in a class of his own."

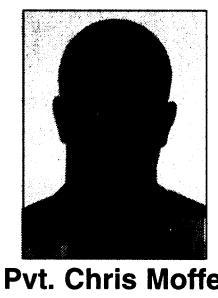
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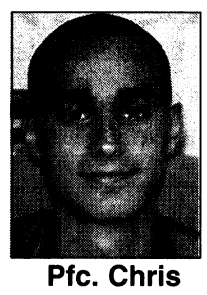
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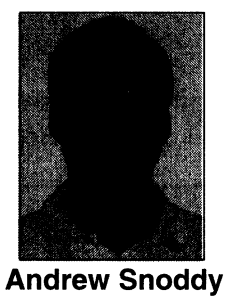
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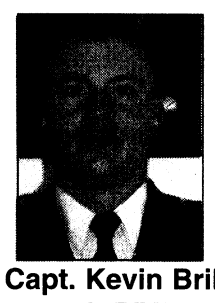
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Shooter finds stardom at Junior Olympics

19-year-old earns respect in competition

Scott Engen
USA Shooting

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit soldier took the top spot and brought home the Gold Medal in the 2002 USA Shooting Junior Olympic Shooting Championships at U.S. Olympic Training Center Aug. 28.

Pvt. Matthew T. Wallace, who battled both a steady, bone-chilling rain and a strong field of competitors, emerged as the best young male international trapshooter in the nation today.

Wallace, 19, a native of Stanton, Tenn., came out of the rain-soaked qualifying round standing third with a score of 113 of a possible 125 targets, two targets behind Drew Denison, 18, of Hereford, Texas, and just one behind Joshua Richmond, 16, of Hillsgrove, Pa.

A score of 20 from Dennison and a 19 from Richmond in the medals final round could not match the powerful 24 of a possible 25 targets from Wallace, and the USAMU shooter won the Gold Medal with a total of 137.

Denison finished with the Silver, putting a credible 135 on the scoreboard in his first Junior Olympics competition, while Bryan Marshall, 20, of Troutdale, Ore., went 25 for 25 in the final and then won a tie-breaking shoot-off against Matt Scamardo, 16, of Bryan, Texas, receiving the Bronze Medal with a score of 134.

Nearly 100 of the nation's best young shotgun athletes participated in the 2002 Junior Olympic Shooting Championships.

The athletes for this invitation-only championship were selected based on their results in Junior Olympic qualifying events in their home states, by winning their state's American Trap Association junior 16-yard singles title or by competing at the USA Shooting National Championships.

All the athletes are 20 or younger, with this year's youngest entrant being just 11 years old. Winners of the National Junior Olympic titles in each event will be named to USA Shooting's National Development Team, where they will be eligible for additional competition and training opportunities.

Wallace joined the Army Dec. 19 after graduating from Covington High School of Covington, Tenn. After completing Basic Training and Infantry Training at Fort Benning, he was assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit April 19.

The shotgun shooter has numerous marksmanship accomplishments.

After winning the Silver Medal in the Junior Trap Match at the World Championship Team Trials, he won a spot on the 2002 World Championship Team. Wallace was the 2001 Junior National Trap Champion and 2001 Junior Olympics International Trap Bronze Medalist. He also won a Silver Medal in the 2000 Junior International Trap National Championship and is a three-time Junior American Trap Association All-American. Wallace is single and lives on Fort Benning.

Competent coaches decrease overuse injuries

Fitness expert explains benefits of qualification

Lt. Col. Bill Rieger
U.S. Army Physical Fitness School

This is the first story of a three-part series that addresses the importance of a competent coach in youth sports.

Participation in organized sports has become a common rite of childhood in the U.S. In the early part of the 20th century, agencies began sponsoring sports and recreational activities to provide wholesome leisure-time pursuits, initially designed to keep boys out of trouble.

Schools sponsored intramural sports programs to provide instruction in sports skills, plus an opportunity to engage in controlled, competitive activities. Prior to 1954, most of the organized sports experiences for youth occurred within the social agencies such as the YMCA, YWCAs, Boys and Girls Clubs and Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Since 1954, the opportunities for youth to participate in sports have moved from social agencies and activities organized by the youth themselves to adult-organized programs. This movement toward adult-organized sports activities was associated with the advent of Little League Baseball by Carl Statz in 1954.

In the past 50 years, we have transitioned from "wholesome leisure time pursuits" designed to develop character into a "competitive combine" that reflects our nation's zealousness to win. Educators, parents and leaders of agency-sponsored sports programs do not always agree about the benefits and the objectives of youth sports programs, the notion of providing wholesome, character-building activities to occupy the leisure time of children and youth, or the role of sports to assist them in the transition from childhood to adulthood.

The term "youth sports" in American culture has been applied to any of the various athletic programs that provide a systematic sequence of practices and contests for youth. In reality, these sports experiences differ greatly in comparative level, length of season, cost to competitors, qualifications of coaches and officials and skill levels of athletes. The true magnitude of youth sport participation in the U.S. is difficult to measure. Approximately 35 million youth between the ages of 6 and 21 participate in sports, including 6 to 8 million in school programs. As parents, approximately 2.5 million adults annually volunteer their time as coaches of youth sports teams. Impressive as this work force is in its dedication to the needs of youth, it is insufficient in magnitude and competence to provide the knowledge, skills and supervision required by the youth in the level of competition so often demanded.

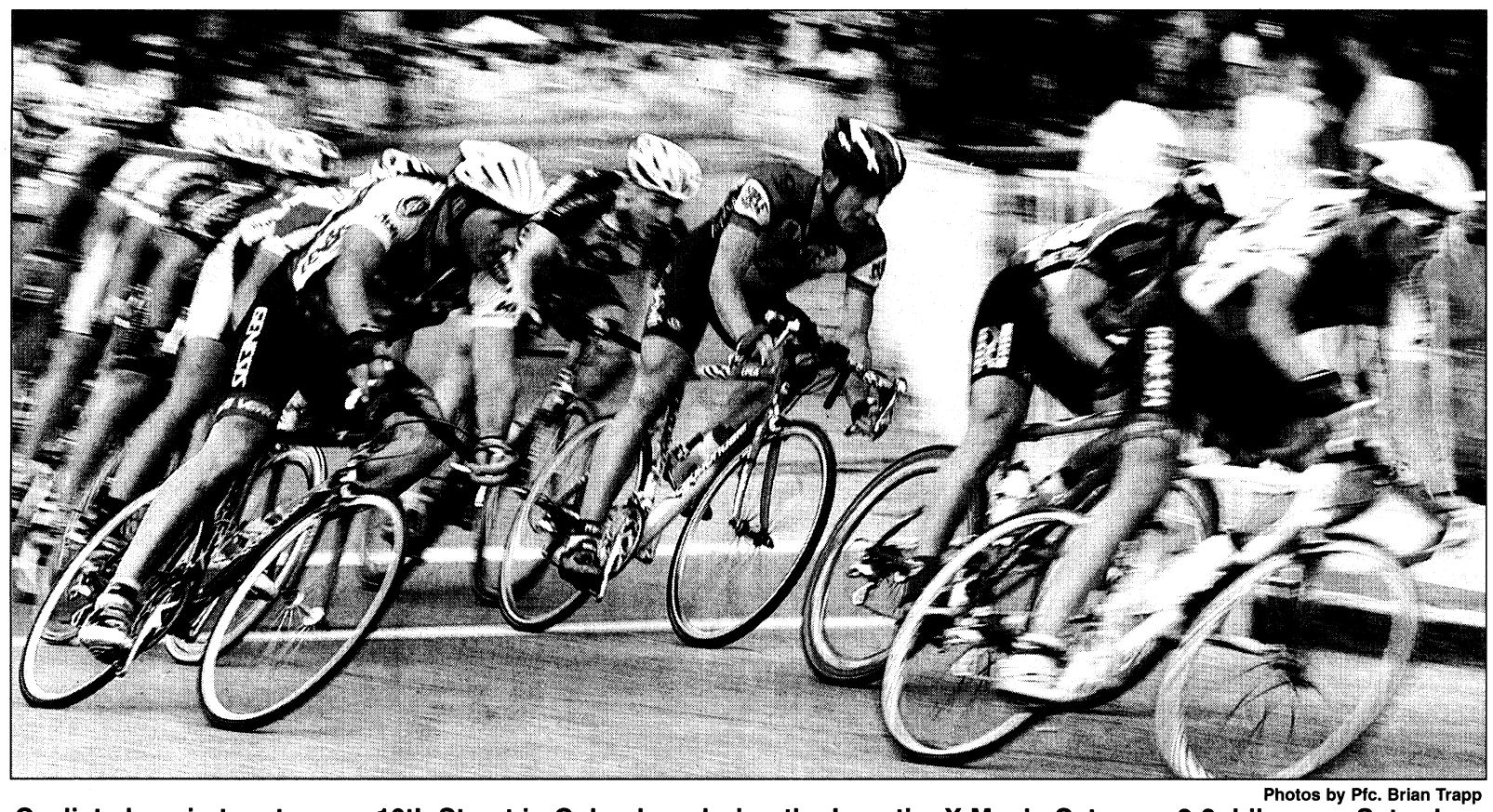
There is common agreement that the quality of the youth sports experience depends on the competence of the adult leaders; most specifically the coach. Thus educational programs for coaches, especially volunteer coaches, would seem to be in demand. But such is not the case. Generic programs for coaches exist at the national level and numerous sports-specific programs are in existence with national-affiliations (Cambell, 1993; Feigley, 1988).

Yet, the vast majority of youth sports coaches, estimated to be as high as 90 percent, have no formal education in coaching techniques, first aid, injury prevention or emergency care (Kimiecki, 1988; Milne, 1990; Partlow, 1995; Seefeldt, 1992; Sieget and Newhof, 1992). Clearly, the mandatory education of coaches to meet at least the first level of competency as stated in the National Standards for Athletic Coaches (National Association for Sports and Physical Education, 1995) should be required.

So what does this have to do with overuse injuries? The American College of Sports Medicine estimates that 50 percent of overuse injuries in youth are preventable (DiFiori, 1999). In summary of the research concerning athletic overuse injuries, the following recommendations are provided to assist parents of youth who participate in sports today and tomorrow.

Pre-participation physical examinations, required by most schools, should be encouraged for all youths involved in organized athletics. This is an excellent opportunity to identify sport-specific injury risk factors and to access youth maturity and motivation for the sport. Sports medicine physicians should take control of this vital role in the prevention of injury. This exam should not be regarded solely as a legal, bureaucratic or governmental issue. It is, in fact, a medical issue.

InmotionX sports



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Cyclists lean in to a turn on 10th Street in Columbus during the InmotionX Men's Category 2-3 bike race Saturday. Amateur and professional cyclists circled uptown Columbus at speeds up to 45 mph.



In addition to biking, inline skating and running, InmotionX had competitions for beginning, intermediate and advanced skilled skaters.

SPORTS BRIEFS

on post

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Winter bowling league — Registration for the winter bowling league is Sunday.

Leagues will be formed for units, mixed doubles and mixed leagues. Sign up for a league at the mall bowling center.

For more information, call 682-7781.

Flag football — Registration for the flag football season has begun. Teams must be registered by Thursday. The season begins Sept. 16.

For more information, call 545-4300.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

off post

Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fund-raiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 28. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Bike ride — The second annual Ride like the Wind bike ride will be Sept. 28. Registration is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sept. 28. The ride includes options of 62-mile and 31-mile routes.

It will start at the Thomaston-Upson County Airport and ride through Upson, Lamar and Pike counties. Proceeds from the ride will go to Harbor House, a shelter for children who are victims of abuse and domestic violence.

For more information, call 648-2755.

Loop bike ride — The Lumpkin to Louvale Loop Ride will be Oct. 19. The cost of registration prior to Oct. 1 is $8. After Oct. 1, registration will cost $10.

Children 12 and younger are free. The ride is 20 miles, beginning in Lumpkin, Ga., riding to Louvale, Ga., and ending in Lumpkin.

For more information, call 327-9015.

Buick Challenge — Fort Benning will be manning the Tee Box, Landing Area, Crossing Area and Green on the 11th hole Oct. 21-27 at the Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens.

A $52 fee is required for the purchase of a uniform. Admission will be free to all volunteers. Marshal positions are not limited to Fort Benning personnel and family members.

For more information, call the Public Affairs Office at 545-2211.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

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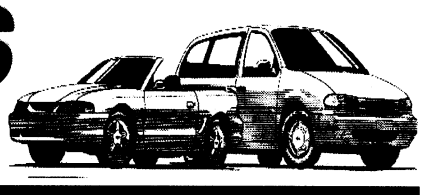
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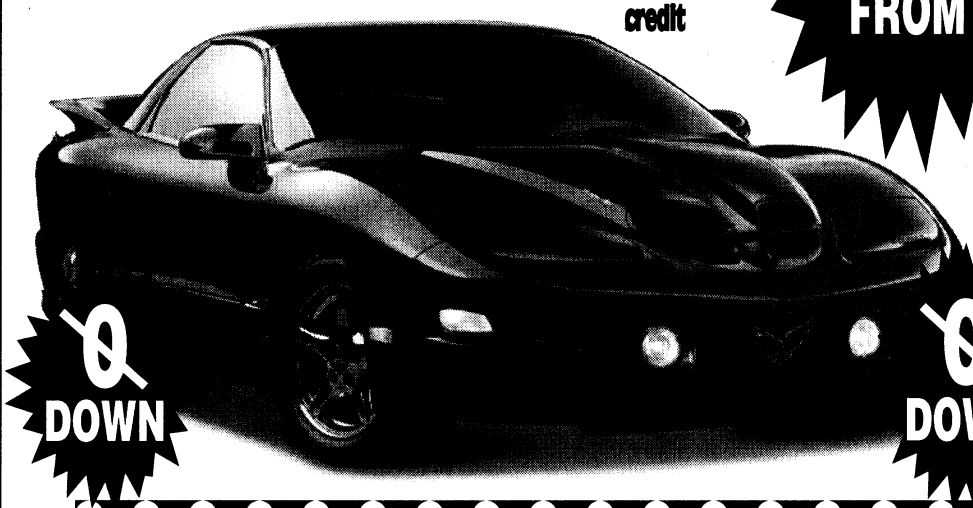
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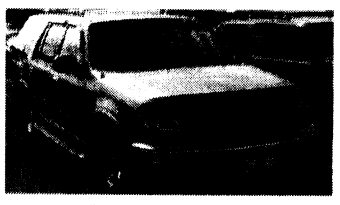
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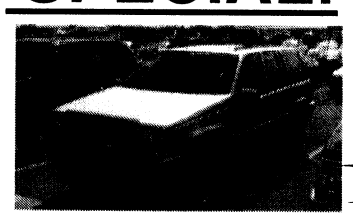
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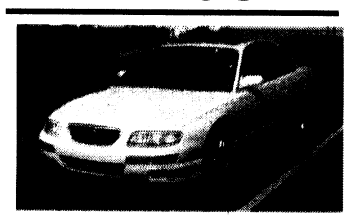
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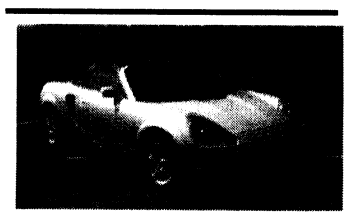
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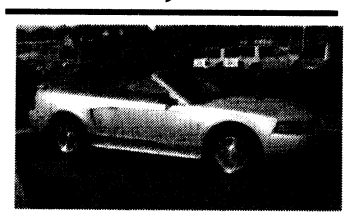
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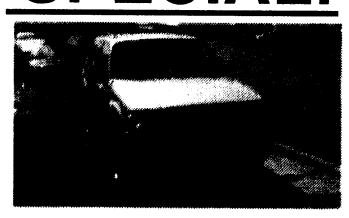
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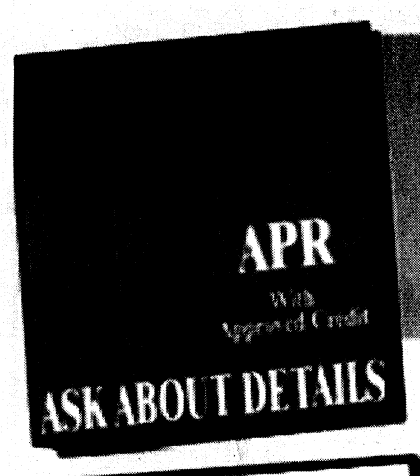
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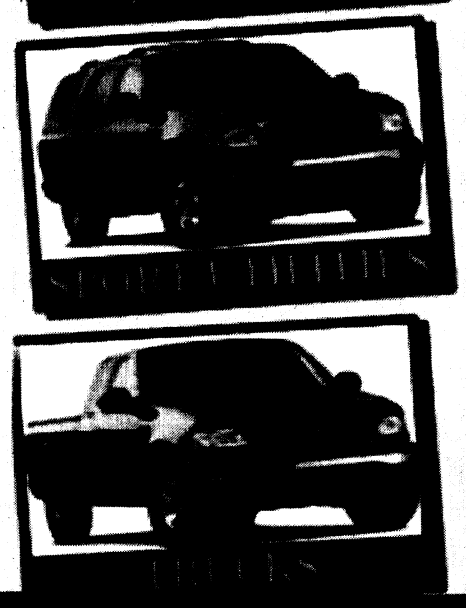
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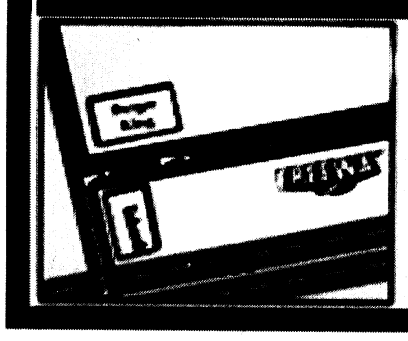
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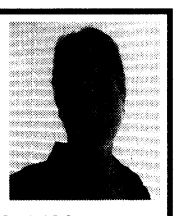
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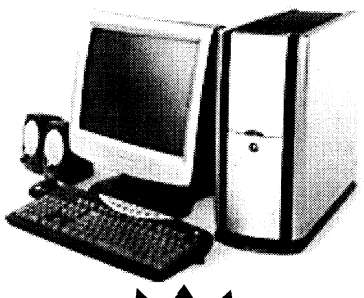
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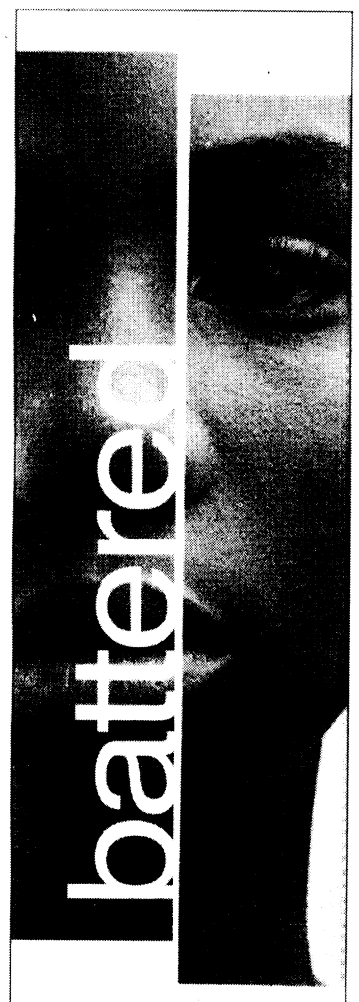
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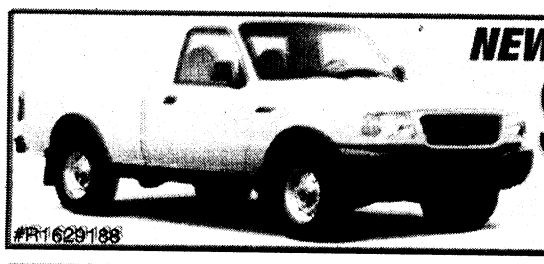
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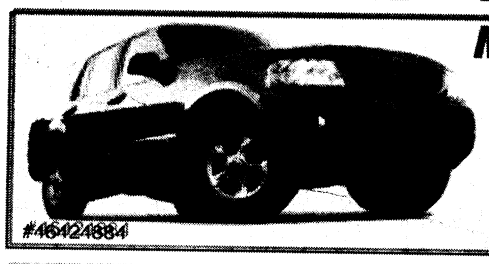
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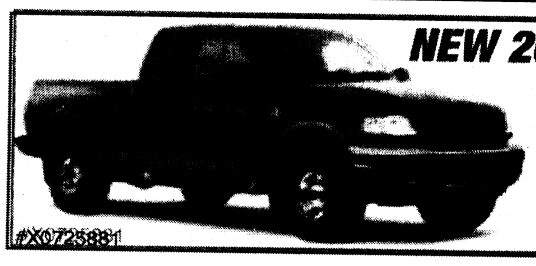
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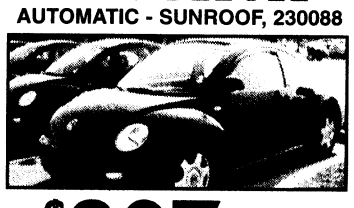
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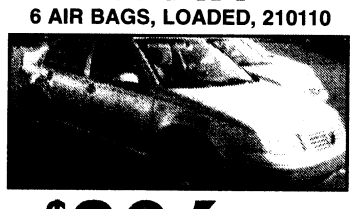
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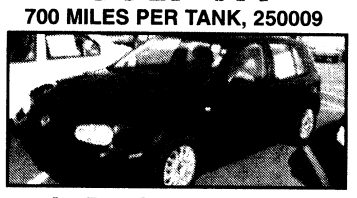
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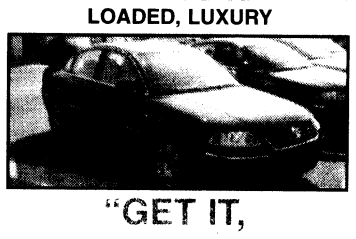
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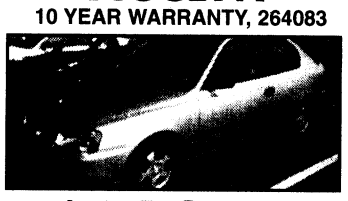
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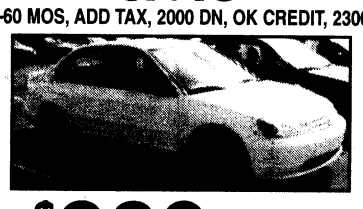
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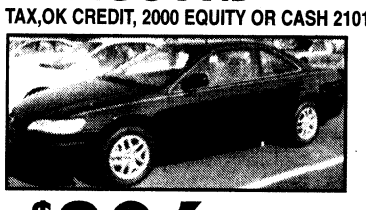
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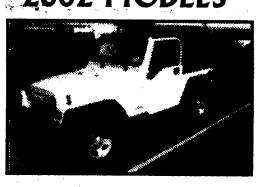
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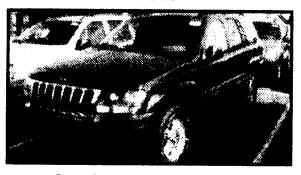
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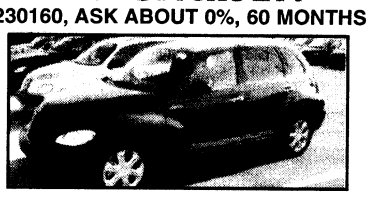
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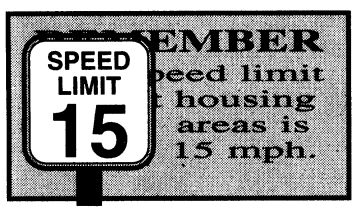
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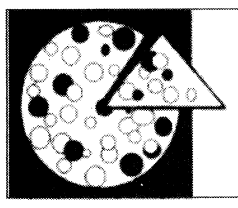
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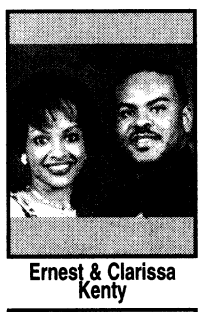
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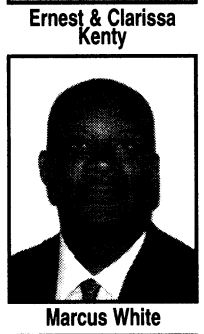
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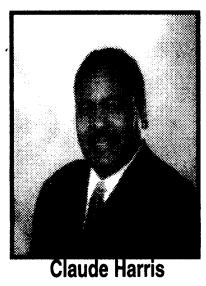
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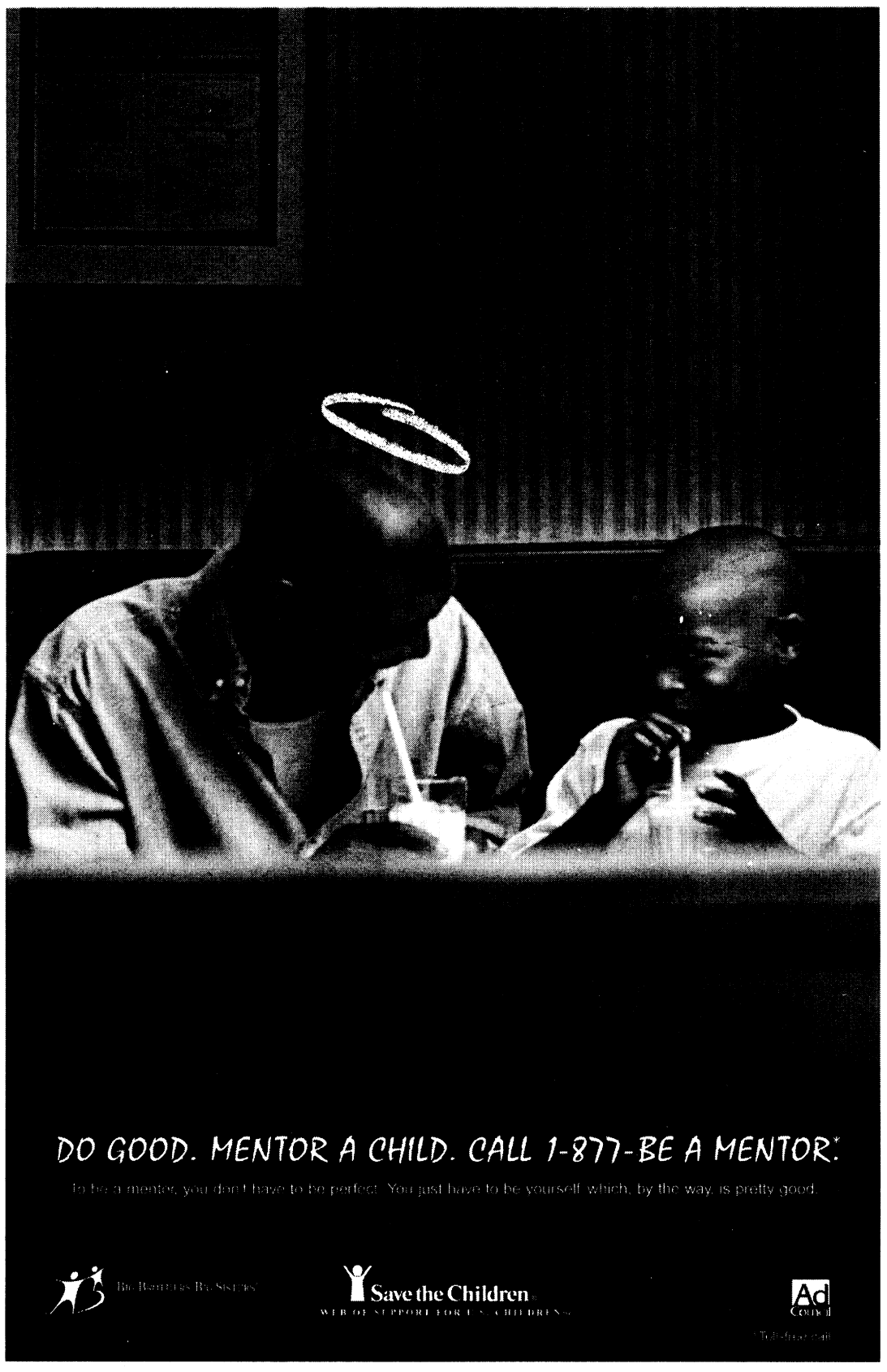

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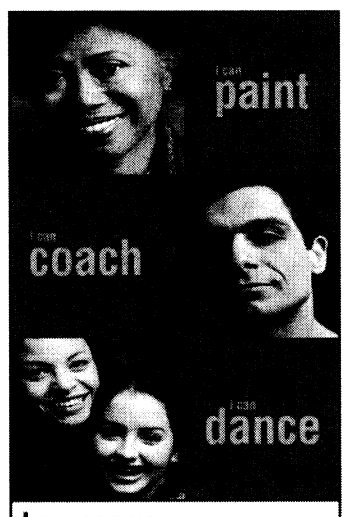

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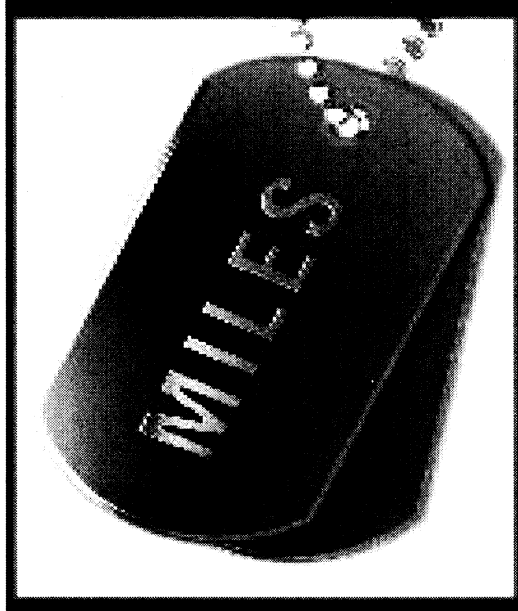
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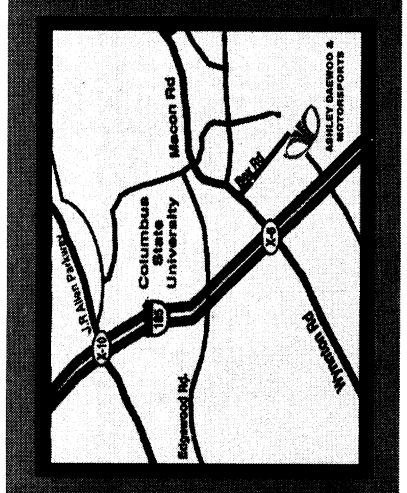
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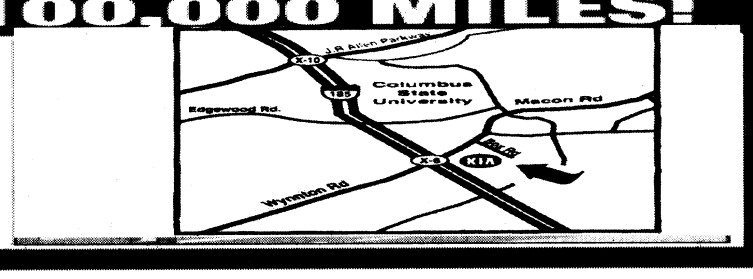
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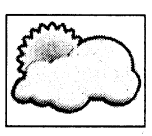
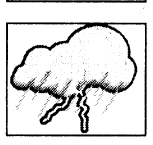
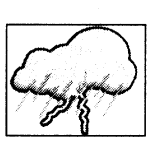
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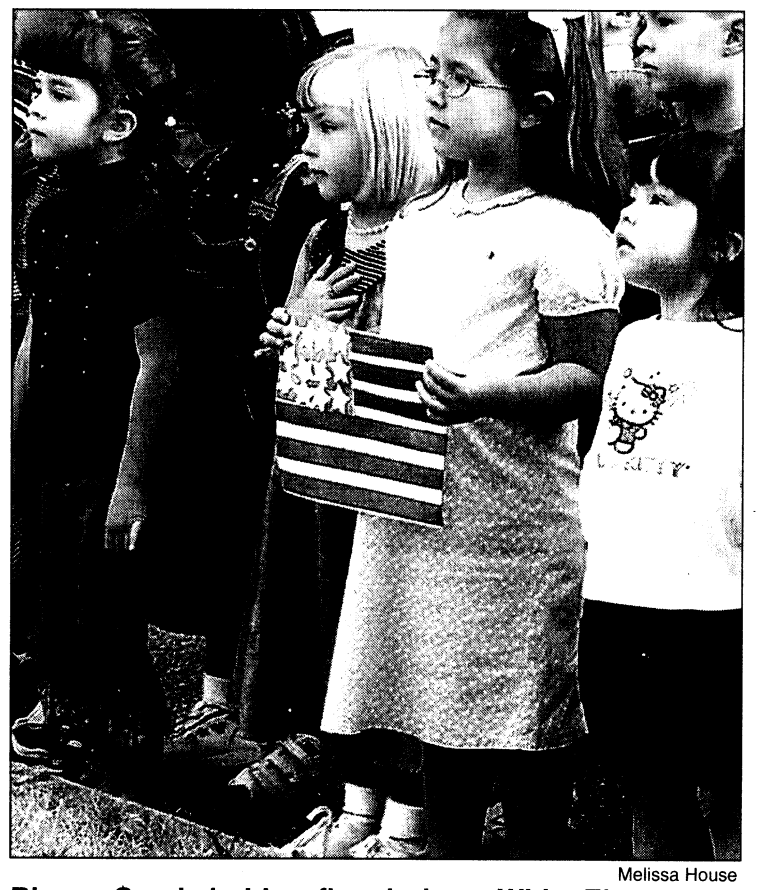
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Douglas DeMaio

The post colors stand at half staff Wednesday.



Melissa House

Bianca Garcia holds a flag during a White Elementary School rally Wednesday. Student wore red, white and blue to remember Sept. 11, 2001.

Benning observes anniversary

Commander calls all 'combatants'

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

"We are all combatants," the post commanding general said a year after Osama bin Laden and the al Qaeda network of terrorist hijackers attacked the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and Flight 93 crashed into the Pennsylvania countryside.

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton spoke to more than 7,000 of the country's newest soldiers on Sand Hill Wednesday morning and later to Fort Benning units and community members assembled to take part in a 5K remembrance run and 3K walk.

"A year ago, men and women were killed who didn't even know they were in the fight,"

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Infantry Band leads celebration

Red, white, blue teaches youth pride

Bridgett Siter
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The Infantry Band played *The Royal Garden Blues,* but no one was feeling the blues at Riverside.

"The time for mourning is over," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, Fort Benning's commanding general and the host of Monday night's concert at his Riverside residence.

"I want to share a couple of thoughts with you," Eaton said, as he welcomed the crowd of nearly 400 people. "It's not a universally accepted opinion, but I say the time for mourning is past. We took a shot, but it's over. This display (of

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Long-term care season open

Plan pays for nursing home, at-home care

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Joe Smith sits in his $100,000 house in Orlando, Fla., smoking a cigarette and feeling confident in a $50,000 fixed-income mutual fund he just bought.

"I'm glad you're happy about the fund, Mr. Smith," his financial advisor says. "While I'm here, I want to talk to you about our long-term care plan, too. With your net worth at $250,000, you might want to consider purchasing a policy that would protect your estate from the $50,000-per-year cost of care."

"Long-term care?!" Smith says. "I'm never going to need that. I'm healthy as a horse. Thanks for your concern, but don't bring it up again, sonny."

Three years pass. Smith, who has tripped on his oxygen machine and broken his hip while going down the stairs, is stuck in his bed with emphysema. A nurse comes into the room to check on him, as the 67-year-old ponders how he'll pay for her services.

People can avoid the ramifications of this true story

"I think people need to research and compare before they commit. I think they need to seriously consider a long-term care plan as part of their total financial plan."

Ann Pratcher
Manager, Financial Readiness Program

thanks to the help of the U.S. Office of Personnel Management that has launched the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, which will pay for ongoing care of people who need lengthy or even lifelong assistance with daily living due to illness, injury or severe cognitive impairment.

Federal employees and members of the uniformed services, as well as retirees from both groups and certain family members, can apply for coverage through Dec. 31.

The insurance is offered by John Hancock and MetLife and is administered by Long Term Care Partners, a joint venture

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YOUTH SPORTS

PAYS class pays off

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COMMENTARY

Remember when, 'It's not whether you win or lose, but how you play the game,' meant just that? When 'hotdogging' was synonymous with 'poor sport,' and it was better to be a gracious loser than a poor winner?

Or maybe that was before your time.

My daughter played soccer two years ago when she was 4. She still remembers it fondly, though her memories are slightly skewed. To hear her tell it, they won every game, she scored countless goals and everybody went home happy.

That's not the reality of it.

Mckenzie only made contact with the ball when it hit her. She never scored a goal. Come to think of it, neither did anyone else on the team.

My daughter's a nurturer, not an athlete. She preferred to sit on the bench and serve drinks. She worried about the little guy on the team who couldn't speak a word of English and the one who cried nonstop. When she actually participated in the game, she ran down the field holding hands with her "new best friend" Brittany.

That drove Brittany's dad crazy.

"Quit holding hands. You're not here to play," he yelled time and time again.



Hello?

Then there was the mom (a teacher in one of our post schools) whose son refused to play. The whole concept of running and kicking and screaming didn't appeal to her preschooler. So she drug him off the field — kicking and screaming, of course — calling him names, like "dummy," and "big baby" and "brat."

That was my daughter's last season in soccer. Soccer parents are the worst.

Or maybe baseball parents are.

There was the time 6-year-old Jacob made a perfect throw from second to the catcher to get the runner out at home. Unfortunately, that's not the way it's done in T-ball.

"What's the matter with you, kid? What do you think you're playing here?" the dad right in front of me yelled.

I did a little yelling of my own.

Now I hear Fort Benning's Youth Services is requiring parents to attend a workshop to learn the fundamentals of good sportsmanship before their children can play ball. Three cheers for YS. It's time someone took a stand.

Statistics show that youth sports programs lose middle-school age kids faster than you can say, "Play ball!" Fort Benning's YS baseball program can't even muster up enough teens to fill a couple of dugouts.

Little wonder.

These kids are old enough to decide for themselves if they want to play. They've had it up to here with overzealous parents vicariously living their own unfulfilled athletic fantasies. Parents who have taken all the fun out of sports.

Those who make it to high school still participating in team sports are prone to stress over their performance. They've been conditioned to focus on the big goal — a college athletic scholarship and the big leagues. It's the stuff parents dream of from the moment their baby learns to lace his Nikes.

Maybe YS' PAYS class will teach parents to chill out, to let their babies *play* ball. Maybe it'll teach them to be cheerleaders for their children, instead of drill instructors. Maybe it'll teach them to play nice.

Draft dodger talks openly

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

I am a draft dodger. That's right. A draft dodger. For now anyway. Don't get me wrong. I know the mechanics of the technique. I even survived, unscathed, a one-on-one drafting lesson from a bicycling acquaintance last year. It wasn't exertion that made me sweat bullets while I pedaled closely behind her.

And I do mean close. Any closer and we could have passed for a tandem bike. When I hit a bump and threw a water bottle from its rack, I took it as a sign that the lesson needed to end.

She's not available for lesson two right now. She does have my best wishes as she recovers from a broken collarbone, with a couple of cracked ribs for good measure. Probably a good case of road rash, too. I just hope she wasn't wearing her favorite jersey when she wrecked. They're never the same after sliding across asphalt.



I haven't heard firsthand what happened, but it was a cycling accident. You know what technique I'm blaming it on.

Oh, sure. I'd like to go faster while working 40 percent less. I just don't want to have to put my front wheel two inches behind somebody's back wheel to get it. I will admit to slipping behind Mr. Mileage from time to time, especially if there's a headwind. But he always catches me and pulls over to end the free ride.

No, you don't really have to get that close. Your wheels could be up to six inches apart and you'd still be close enough to the sweet spot. Although for me, it's more of a sweat spot than a sweet spot. Just the thought of riding cheek-to-cheek with lots of other bicyclists can make me break out in a cold sweat.

I made the jump to clipless pedals last year. That means to ride my bike I lock my shoes to the pedals just like the big boys. But until my handling skills (reasonable in dry conditions with no distractions), equipment (safe, but nothing spectacular) and support team (non-existent) rival the Posties, you'll have to look hard to catch me riding wheel to wheel.

Then again, working 40 percent less does add up to working 40 percent less. And practice does make perfect.

Coming up are a 31- or 62-mile benefit ride in Thomaston Sept. 28, and a 20-mile fundraiser Oct. 19 between Lumpkin and Louvale not to mention the "training" rides in between.

Perhaps you'd care to join "Team Bayonet" on one or the other.

If you do support one of the rides, don't overdress. There won't be much of a draft.

At least, not near me.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

DFEL needs volunteers to help clean up 'Hooch

The fourth annual Fort Benning Help The Hooch will be from 8 a.m. to noon Oct. 11, followed by lunch.

We need volunteers this year to help clean up. The last three years volunteers collected 14 tons of garbage.

Help The Hooch is part of the Keep Columbus Beautiful Commission system and Keep America Beautiful, a national nonprofit public service organization dedicated to litter prevention, recycling and beautification efforts.

This year we plan to use our committed volunteers and clean up seven sites to maximize our efforts and achieve greater results.

These sites include Upper and Lower Pet Cemetery, Upatoi, Z-3 Engineer's Landing, Engineer's Landing at Lawson Army, Eddy Bridge and Uchee Creek Marina.

The Chattahoochee River runs through Fort Benning for approximately 17 miles. This beautiful river that runs through our neighborhood will benefit from a cleanup event.

Our waterways provide us with fresh drinking water, great recreational opportunities like canoeing and fishing and they serve as a pleasant respite from our busy day to day lives.

Everyone contributes to pollution in our streams. This is your opportunity to help by giving something back to the environment. Help us clean the Chattahoochee River by joining in support of Help The Hooch.

I would like to invite soldiers and civilians to volunteer at our cleanup on the Chattahoochee River. This is a wonderful opportunity to get out and get involved in a local community cleanup event.

Volunteers will be given a free T-shirt.

E-mail thorntonr@benning.army.mil or call 544-7019 for more information.

Mark Thornton
Conservation Branch,
Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

Benning helps make cycling event successful

On behalf of the Chattahoochee Cycling Club and the Columbus Sports Council, I would like to thank Fort Benning's military police, EMS and fine staff.

We had a wonderful event, and the people involved on Benning that made it happen were a pleasure to work with. Foy Walker and Keith Metcalf were very helpful to us on the EMS crew. Thankfully, we had no injuries, but we sure felt better having them there with us. They were a pleasure to work with.

Also, I can't say enough about Spc. Brunelle, who helped us out with setting up the ride course and monitoring the area for the safety of our professional and amateur riders.

We put on 12 road races and couldn't have done it without his expertise on closing down the course.

We had comments from many of the professional riders who loved the course for its challenges and its relative safety. To have a closed road course is certainly a rarity and much appreciated.

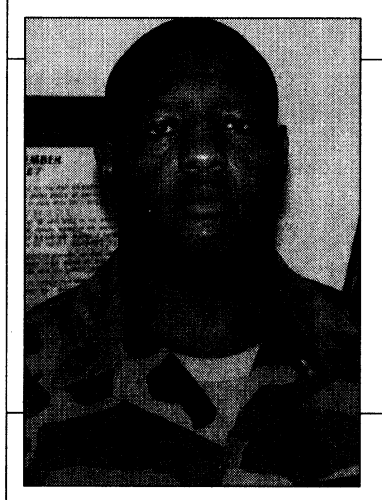
The Fort Benning folks were professional and courteous all the way around. We look forward to working with you again.

Thanks for all you did to make this happen.

Gabe Denes, PhD
Chattahoochee Cycling Club president

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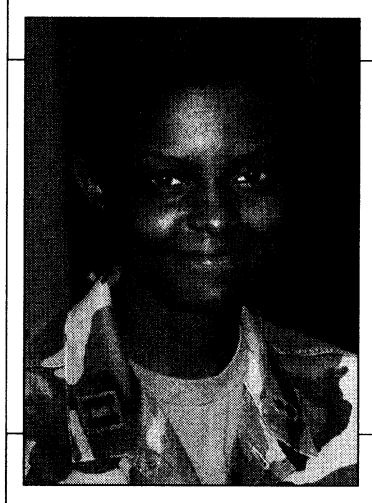
What does youth sports teach children?



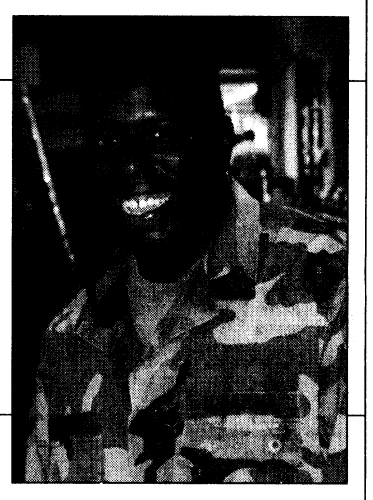
Sgt. 1st Class Joseph Knight, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment — "It teaches you how to be a team player, how to follow the rules, by showing cohesion and what a team can accomplish by working together."



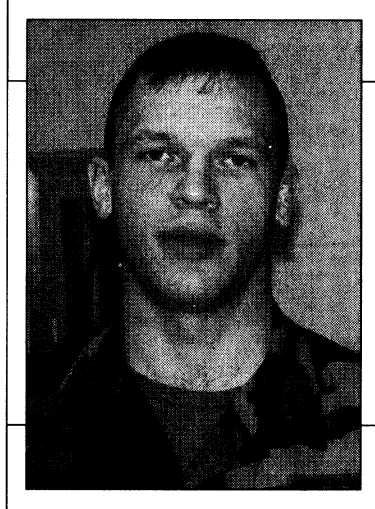
Lisa Corbett, family member — "It teaches discipline and coordination through the structure of practices and events."



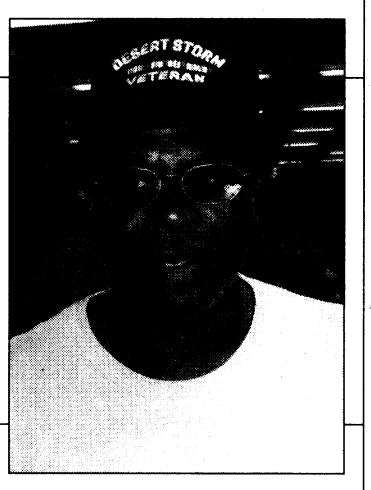
Capt. ZaBrina Maynard, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "It teaches cooperation, socialization and organization. It also helps kids to develop physically and mentally to succeed in life."



Sgt. Derrick Porcher, 104th Transportation Company — "It taught me teamwork by having to depend and trust someone other than myself."



Capt. Michael Reardon, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "It teaches teamwork, discipline and working toward one common goal. It also gives the kids the drive and desire to excel and rise above the norm."



Retired Sgt. 1st Class Elkin Strozier, Columbus — "It teaches teamwork, cooperation and instills a sense of unity."

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House of Heroes clean up



Courtesy photos

2nd Lt. Brian Harber makes a clean sweep of retired 1st Sgt. Joe Norman's driveway.



2nd Lt. David Nelson and his wife, Desiree, join soldiers from the 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, Saturday. Nearly 80 soldiers from the Infantry Officers' Basic Course participated in the third annual House of Heroes, repairing and cleaning the homes of two retired veterans in the Oakland Park community.

"He was very grateful," said Capt. Steve Gribschaw, of retired 1st Sgt. Joe Norman. Teams from Fort Benning will work on 10 homes next week during the House of Heroes Presidential Challenge.

Airborne son jumps into father's footsteps

Father, son continue tradition

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Following in the footsteps of airborne graduates who deployed to Vietnam 36 years ago, today's graduates deploy to Afghanistan and other areas of war.

As history repeats itself, Michael Willey, a former Army sergeant, watched his son, James, graduate Sept. 6 exactly 36 years to the week of his own graduation.

"I think God was looking out for us," said James, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment. "He had a plan."

Although James, the guidon bearer, received his wings from the battalion commander, Lt. Col. Aidis Zunde, he was proud to have his father in attendance at his graduation, he said.

"It feels good to follow in his footsteps," James said. The guidance and wisdom he received from his father gave him focus and determination.

"He told me to never quit," he said. "Whenever it gets hard, always do your best."

Hard work is what James is all about, Michael said.

"He's a hard worker and such a blessing to me," Michael said. "When he graduated airborne, I was very proud. I'm not one for crying, but there were tears that came along with his graduation."

James picks up on things quickly, Michael said. His drill sergeants said he's very knowledgeable of military tactics and applications.

A combat veteran with 1st Brigade (Separate), 101st (Air Assault) Airborne Infantry Regiment, Michael relayed those skills and tactics used during war to his son, he said.

James, a combat medic, will use his skills to save lives while working to become an elite soldier.

"I can't wait to go," said James, who will be heading for the Ranger Indoctrination Program next. "I look forward to the adventure of doing something hard and challenging."

His next assignment after RIP will likely take him to war, James said.

A pattern of heading to war after training is history in the making for the Willeys, just like history repeating itself with the airborne tradition.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Michael Willey stands in front of his son, James, during an airborne graduation.

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American treasure to visit Atlanta

Emancipation Proclamation on its way

Angela Sachitano
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It's been nearly a century and a half since President Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, formally proclaiming the freedom of all slaves.

Fort Benning soldiers, along with other residents in the Southeast, will soon have the opportunity to see the original document in its entirety.

As part of a traveling exhibition called *American Originals: Treasures from the National Archives*, the original signed Emancipation Proclamation will be on display Oct. 17-20 at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library Museum in Atlanta.

"This original document is the raw stuff of history," said exhibition curator Stacey Bredhoff of the National Archives.

"This is a physical link to the past. They are pieces of history in the most unprocessed form, holding messages beyond their words."

For all the history buffs on post, the Emancipation Proclamation is just a highlight of the larger exhibition that will be displayed from Sept. 27 to Jan. 5.

> "This is a special opportunity for soldiers stationed down here and their families to see a part of history — a history they are a part of."
>
> **Jay Hakes**
> Carter Library director

The exhibit will feature 25 of the most important and compelling original documents that chronicle the development of the United States, said Jay Hakes, Carter Library director.

"This is probably the finest collection of major documents to leave Washington since the Freedom Train of 1948," Hakes said. "With subjects ranging from George Washington and Thomas Jefferson to John Wayne and Elvis, I think people will be stunned by the variety of the exhibition."

Some of the documents featured during the run of the exhibition include:

- Louisiana Purchase Treaty, 1803,
- Telegram regarding the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor,
- George Washington's statement accepting commission as commander in chief of American Forces, 1775,
- Instrument of Surrender (German High Command), signed at Berlin, 1945,
- Thomas Edison's patent application for the electric lamp, 1880,
- John F. Kennedy's handwritten notes for his inaugural address, 1961.

"Some of the documents will announce their importance with flourished signatures and wax seals, others are deceptively routine in appearance," said Caroline Clifford, spokesperson for the library. "All of these documents have passed through the most notable figures in our nation's history."

The archives exhibit is in the midst of a three year, eight-city national tour, and the Carter Library is the only venue in the Southeast where the exhibit will be on display.

"This is a special opportunity for soldiers stationed down here and their families to see a part of history — a history they are a part of," Hakes said.

Admission to the Carter Library is $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens, and free for children 16 and under.

For hours, directions and more information on the National Archives Exhibit, call 404-331-0296 or log on to www.jimmycarter.org.

Military police focus on combat support

Detachment receives recognition

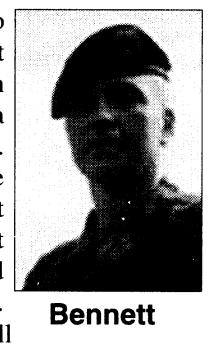
Angela Sachitano
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He doesn't complain or mention it to many, but Sgt. 1st Class Ken Bennett, 71st Military Police Detachment has been deployed 14 times in the past 16 years as an MP.

He has seen his share of destruction, from Operation Just Cause in Panama, to Hurricane Hugo in the Virgin Islands.

After the Rangers and Special Forces, MP units are the most deployable in the military, and Bennett bears the responsibilities of those missions firsthand.

"The men mean everything to me. This job means everything to me," Bennett said. "As an MP, I take a lot of heat. Some soldiers just don't understand what I do. They think all I do is write tickets. They're wrong."


Bennett

Bennett is one of 350 active duty MPs on Fort Benning. His day begins at 5 a.m., like many other soldiers. But what some don't know is that his weekends are also often spent on the job.

"MPs rarely get to enjoy the holiday weekends, like the rest of post," Bennett said. "Some of us work seven to nine days before we'll get a day off. You can't shut down law enforcement."

The hard work and excellence of the detachment has not gone unnoticed by Fort Benning, or the nation for that matter.

In only its first year as a separate unit, the detachment was selected as the top Training and Doctrine Command military police force in the Army this year. Soldiers were given the Brig. Gen. David H. Stem Memorial Award for their excellence Sept. 6.

"The Fort Benning police force undergoes more pressure and responsibility than any other Army police force in the country," said Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, commander of MP activity.

"They are controlling protests, providing security for world leaders, assisting troops and busting criminals. They deserve our respect."

Respect may not come easy, but the responsibilities of MPs continue to grow by leaps and bounds.

The DoD has ordered all three active duty MP units on post to convert to a deployable status this year.

Many MPs must be ready to deploy with troops within 48 hours.

"Our primary mission is to deploy in two- and three-man teams," Bennett said. "We've already sent teams to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. We'll be sending more."

The responsibility of world missions is nothing new for Bennett. He has been a part of a deployable MP unit for most of his career.

"The units will deploy in their specialized tasks, riot control, accident investigations, criminal investigations, and any other combat support role deemed necessary," Bennett said. "Our soldiers are ready for the challenge."

> "I realize now, more than ever, the importance of my specialized training."
>
> **Sgt. Anthony Foxworth**
> Military Police

One of those soldiers is 23-year-old Sgt. Anthony Foxworth. In his four years as an MP, he has specialized in vehicle and traffic investigations. One of his many accomplishments includes investigating and arresting a wanted felon and cocaine trafficker on Highway 280 this summer.

"I realize now more than ever the importance of my specialized training," Foxworth said. "I could very well be using it in combat support."

MP units have already been assigned humvees, radios, global positioning systems and all of the standard deployable equipment, Bennett said.

"Within a few years, the law enforcement responsibilities of MPs will be phased out all together," Bennett said. "Soldiers will begin to see more civilian police on post as MPs focus on combat support and force protecton."

And by the looks of things, the force is ready.

"We have the skills and the dedication, as well as the experience, Bennett said. "That is where we need to be."

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Mark Lupo, owner of Thomas Kinkade Gallery, presents the painting.

'Light of Freedom' at Infantry Hall

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"The Light of Freedom" now shines in Infantry Hall for all to see.

Mark and Elaine Lupo, owners of the Thomas Kinkade gallery in Columbus, presented a copy of Kinkade's limited edition canvas lithograph, "The Light of Freedom," to Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton Monday. The painting depicts an American flag against the New York City skyline.

Mark Lupo said, artist Thomas Kinkade was so moved by the events of Sept. 11, 2001, that he secluded himself the next day and painted for three straight days. The resulting painting was originally made into 2 million paper copies that were sold to raise money for the Salvation Army. When the 2,950 copies of the lithograph were released in February, they sold out quickly, Lupo said. The original of 'The Light of Freedom' will be flown to Columbus Sept. 27 and will be displayed in the gallery over the weekend.

"This painting is filled with Kinkade's passion and love of his country," Lupo said. "I believe that this canvas belongs out here."

Eaton accepted the gift on behalf of Fort Benning and The Infantry Center.

"We are truly grateful for this completely unexpected gift," he said. "It is a touching contribution to this installation."

Eaton spoke about the impact of the events of Sept. 11, 2001, and the fact that many people will remember different things about the tragedy.

He pointed to a spot on the painting where a Mariott Hotel at the base of the World Trade Towers would have stood. Eaton and his wife stayed at that hotel several times when they visited the city.

"It will take a while for all of us to get past this," he said. "The military is working aggressively to do our part."

New provost marshal comes home to Benning

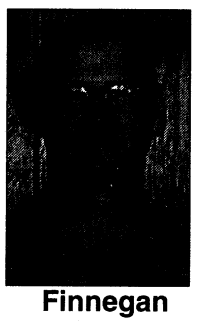
Improvements to continue on ACPs

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

There's a new marshal in town, and he has been on the job since Aug. 1.

Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, Fort Benning's new provost marshal, brings his years of experience in the Army as a military police officer and much more.

"He's a great asset to Fort Benning. He comes with a lot of experience and is working and continuing to better the community at every opportunity," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.



Finnegan

Finnegan has worn many hats in the Army. Enlisting at the age of 17 in 1969, too young to be an MP, he started out his career as an infantryman. Then he switched to MP, and served as an investigator, drill sergeant and recruiter. He was inducted into the Sergeant Morales Club and made sergeant first class in his 10 years as enlisted.

After that, he went through Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Field Artillery second lieutenant in 1980. He served as a fire direction officer and battery executive officer.

Two years later he branch transferred to the Military Police Corps, where he has stayed, serving in many different capacities including chief of Special Operation Branch and Defense Nuclear Agency.

"Doing all the different positions gives me a different perspective on the Army," Finnegan said.

"I've enjoyed all those times, but it always made me want to go back to being an MP. The MP corps is the best branch in the Army. I always come back to it because it has the best soldiers, and they are a cut above the rest because of their sense of responsibility and duty."

The standard that Finnegan sets for the MP corps holds true with Fort Benning's own MPs.

"We have a great group of very professional soldiers and subordinate leaders, which make sure our law enforcement and force protection missions are done."

Finnegan is continuing the strong partnership with the surrounding communities and exchange of information between civilian and military departments to help reduce crime and terrorism threats.

"He's already noted as a key player in the tricommunity by its own members," Torres said.

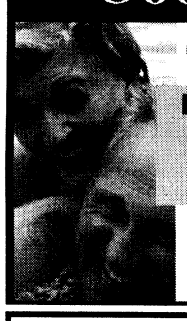
The surrounding areas may be important, but it's the post that sits among the highest priorities.

"The largest long-term challenge we face is the build up of force protection," Finnegan said. "We will continue to do post improvement in force protection and access control points during next 18 months to two years with more permanent structures to better handle the flow of traffic, and continue to upgrade and secure critical and vulnerable areas."

Finnegan will protect the post and the surrounding areas because it truly is a homecoming for him.

"I lived on Main Post as a child, when my dad was a battalion commander here," he said. "It's fitting that I've come back to finish my career here.

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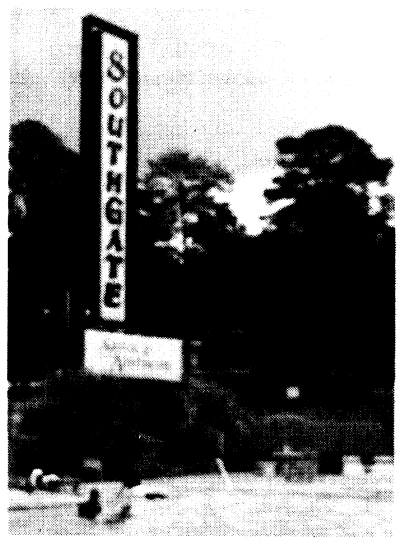
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Soldiers run past Infantry Hall during the 5K remembrance run Wednesday.

Post: Remembers victims of Sept. 11, 2001

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Eaton said.

"There was an attack on the nation unlike any other attack," Eaton said, calling it a low-tech, high-concept attack by a faceless organization. "And now the nation is in what promises to be a long fight."

Eaton said his message to Americans is this is the time to be prepared, to lose weight if necessary, to know how to fire a weapon accurately and to know first aid in order to save your neighbor's life.

"It is time for America to get on a war footing," Eaton said, telling the 7,000 troops on Sand Hill they represented the point of the spear.

Fort Benning officials planned three days of remembrance activities designed to ease the horror of the aftermath of the attacks and to honor a nation at war and soldiers dying in defense of freedom.

Those events included an Infantry Band concert on the lawn of Riverside Monday and a remembrance service in Marshall Auditorium Tuesday.

"We will always remember those who died," Eaton said Tuesday, "but the time for national mourning is over, and it is time to dedicate some action downstream."

"It is important to remember," Chaplain (Col.) Mike Hartsell, U.S. Army Infantry Center chaplain, said Tuesday.

"There are images we can't forget, but we need to focus our remembrance on the good things that have happened since 9-11.



Lori Egan

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton speaks to the crowd during the Wednesday morning observance on York Field.

"In some sense, 9-11 was the worst of times, but it also brought out the best in many people," Hartsell said. "People ask me and other clergymen 'where was God when our world exploded?'

"He was in the people who were caring and serving and loving ... the firemen running up the staircases when everyone else was running down.

"God was in all four aircraft. He was in the Pentagon.

"He was with the victims.

"He was present in the tragedy."

"Last year we were all in too much shock to appreciate the enormity of what happened," said Lt. Col. E.J. Herold who was the post deputy chief of staff at the time of the attacks.

"Now there is a sense of firm resolve.

"These anniversary events allow us the opportunity to reflect on what these losses mean to all of us, and to steel our resolve not to be broken," Herold said.

Sept. 11 was designated Patriot Day by President George W. Bush and Congress and the nation observed a moment of silence in honor of those who died in the terrorist attack.

According to a proclamation signed by Eaton, Columbus Mayor Bobby Peters and Phenix City Mayor Sonny Coulter, observance of Patriot Day stands as a warning to those who intended to harm the nation that they should never again underestimate the strength, and resolve of the nation and the country will not be weakened by intimidation, fear or deadly acts of terror.

Residents of McGraw Manor gathered on Patriot Day to remember the tragedy a year ago.

Susan McGovern and Monica Portia organized the event because it was the right thing to do, they said.

"This was the biggest tragedy we've seen," said Monica Portia.

"We wanted to encourage those who might have to go and fight," said Susan McGovern.

"We won't forget."



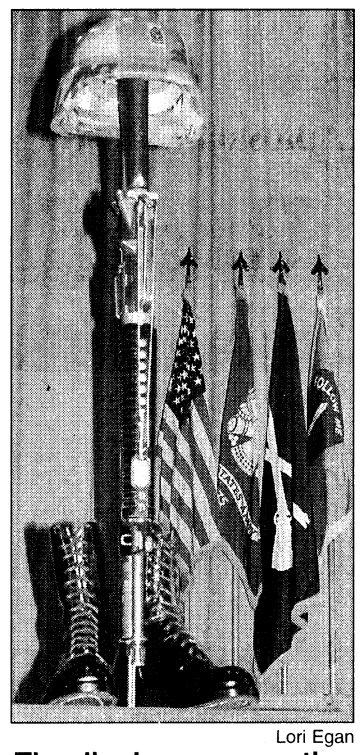
Lori Egan

Residents of McGraw Manor gather Wednesday night for a candlelight ceremony.



Tom Drake

Dexter Elementary School students make a human flag to show their patriotism for Patriot Day.



Lori Egan

The display representing a fallen comrade.

Band: Plays at Riverside, memorialize lives of victims

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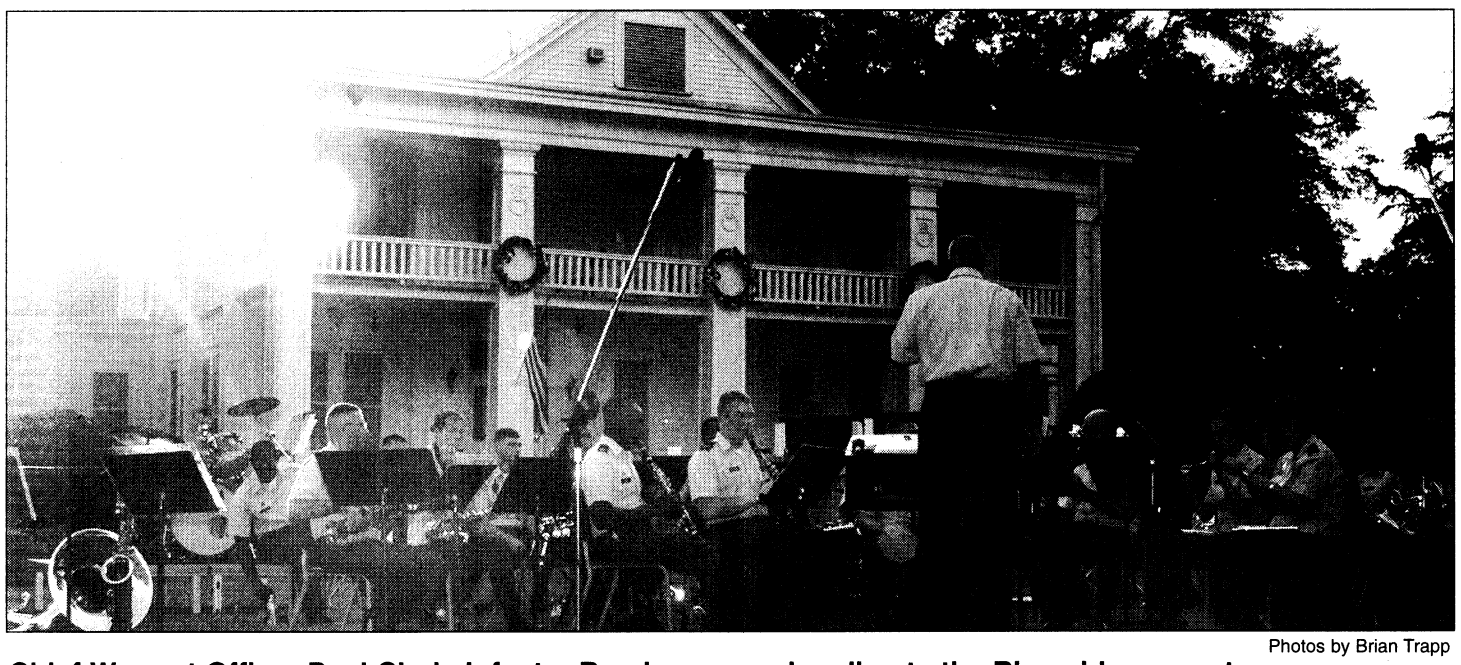
patriotism) tonight is a testimony to the greatness and the resilience of this nation. We've proven we can take a shot, get angry and move on," Eaton said.

While the Infantry Band played traditional patriotic marches and classic show tunes, Fort Benning residents, decked in red, white and blue, picnicked on the ground or munched pizza by the slice, sold by Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers. Children lined up to get their faces painted and play putt-putt or hula hoop.

"It's fun," said Daniel McIntyre, 11, as the crowd finished singing *God Bless America* with a standing ovation to the band. "It's a celebration."

Daniel's mother, Kathy, said the concert was a positive experience for her children, who still worry about the possibility of another terrorist attack.

"I tell them, 'I can't say it'll never happen again, but I can assure you we'll do everything we can to keep you safe,'" she said. "They needed to see this, that people come together in bad times and good times. I want them to see that people are not staying at home and hiding in their houses. They're coming together as a memorial to the lives lost, sure. But also to say that we're strong and we're moving on."



Photos by Brian Trapp

Chief Warrant Officer Paul Clark, Infantry Band commander, directs the Riverside concert.



Sgt. Jefferson Siple warms up before the concert Monday evening at Riverside.

Post dedicates OCS barracks

Post honors war hero with building

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning honored a soldier who personified "leave no man behind" during a barracks dedication at Officer Candidate School Sept. 6.

Maj. Kern Dunagan was the commanding officer of A Company, 1st Battalion, 46th Infantry Regiment, during a battle near Quang Tin province May 13-14, 1969. Dunagan earned the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty, according to the citation.

Dunagan would not leave his men, behind during the battle. who saw him get wounded three times.

"It's a great honor to dedicate the barracks to a man who was a leader of character and had no equal," said Lt. Col. Daniel Kessler, battalion commander. "He served 28 years in the Army with two tours in Vietnam. He fought our nation's wars fearlessly."

During the battle near the Quang Tin province, Dunagan was leading an attack to relieve pressure on the battalion's forward support base when his company suddenly came under intense fire from a well-entrenched enemy battalion.

Despite continuous hostile fire from a superior force, Dunagan repeatedly and fearlessly moved around in order to locate the enemy positions.

During the evening, he was seriously wounded in a mortar attack but refused to leave and continued to supervise the evacuation of the dead and wounded.

Later on, Dunagan was seriously wounded for a second time while looking for critically wounded men. Dunagan rescued many men who were wounded despite his injuries.

Before being evacuated, Dunagan made sure all of his wounded men had received treatment and were removed from the area.

Dunagan's actions were a great inspiration to his men and were directly responsible for saving the lives of many of his soldiers.

"We're honoring a great soldier here," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commander.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Col. Steve Sifers, left, retired Col. Robert Nett and Lt. Col. Daniel Kessler unveil the new sign out in front of D Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment (OCS) barracks, renamed the Dunagan Barracks, during the dedication ceremony Sept. 6.

Plan: Pays for long-term care

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between the two companies.

"I think it may be a very good deal," said Ann Pratcher, manager, Financial Readiness Program.

"I think people need to research and compare before they commit. I think they need to seriously consider a long-term care plan as part of their total financial plan for their life."

She said everyone needs to remember Medicare and Tricare only cover limited amounts of long-term care costs.

Some people may look at their net worth and figure it is large enough that they can pay for the care themselves.

"I'm not convinced that that is a good bet because long-term care can be very costly, and most people over 65 will probably require some type of long-term care for one to five years," Pratcher said.

Elwin E. Gilchrist, Office of Infantry Proponency, agrees and plans to buy a policy.

"Most people are going to need long-term care in the future, and with my long-term medical problems, it is definitely a fact I will need it," Gilchrist said. The policy made the other policies he investigated pale in comparison, he said. "I think the plan provides a lot of services for the dollar," Gilchrist said.

In-home care availability, inflation protection, care coordination services for qualified relatives of employees, and waiver of premium while receiving benefits are some of the plan's features that attracted him, he said.

The program features group premiums, coverage for informal health care provided by friends or family members, international benefits and is guaranteed renewable, too.

Regardless of the bells and whistles, people should understand the long-term care issue is serious, Gilchrist said.

"People need to realize that someone has to pay these costs," he said. "If you don't have insurance to cover the costs, you are going to wind up destitute, living in a facility paid for by the state — more of my tax dollars at work." It is because of taxes, he said, the government will not socialize long-term care.

"The average taxpayer is not going to want to see additional money taken out of their paychecks to cover the costs," Gilchrist said. "We all know that if that is done, the government will shortly start looking at the money as a source of paying bills just like they are now doing with Social Security."

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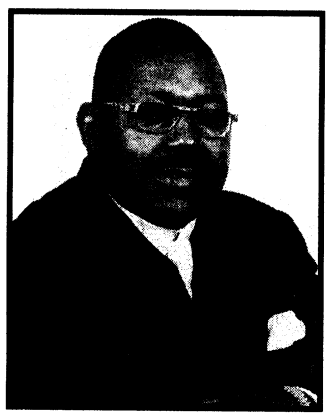
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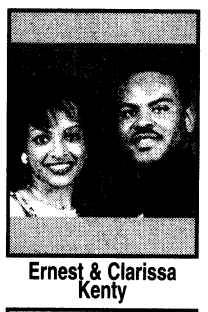
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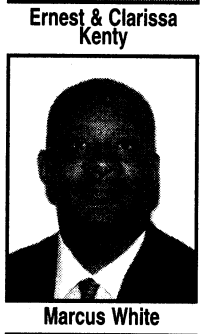
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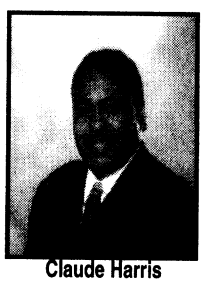
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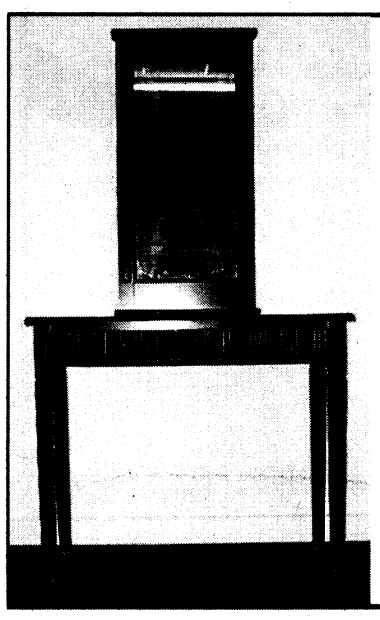
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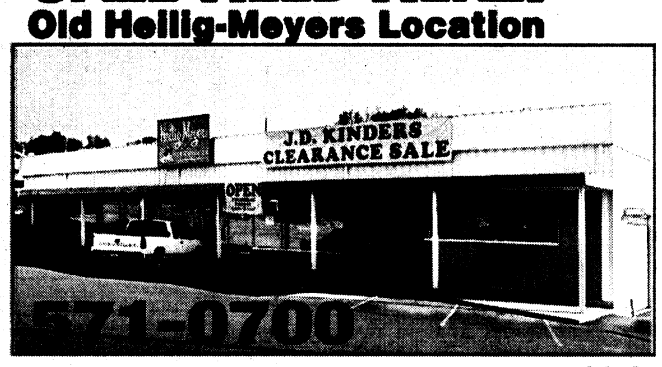
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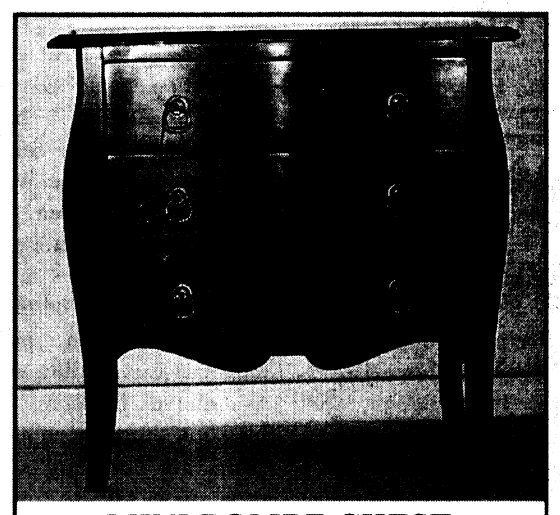
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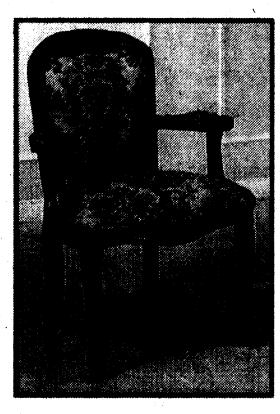


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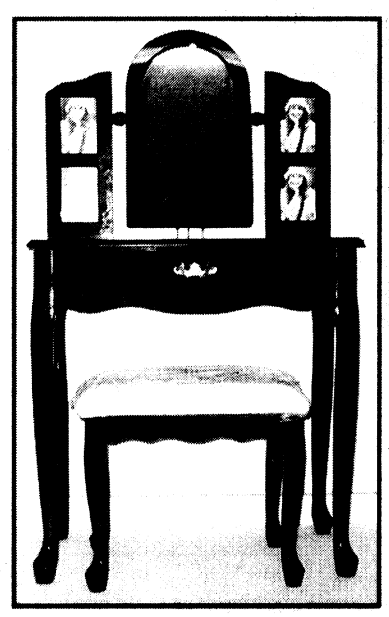


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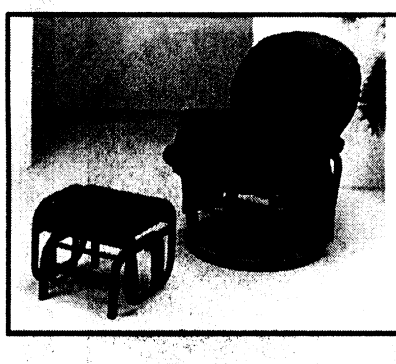




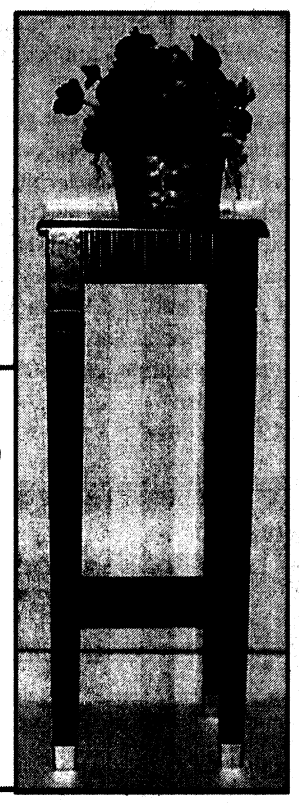
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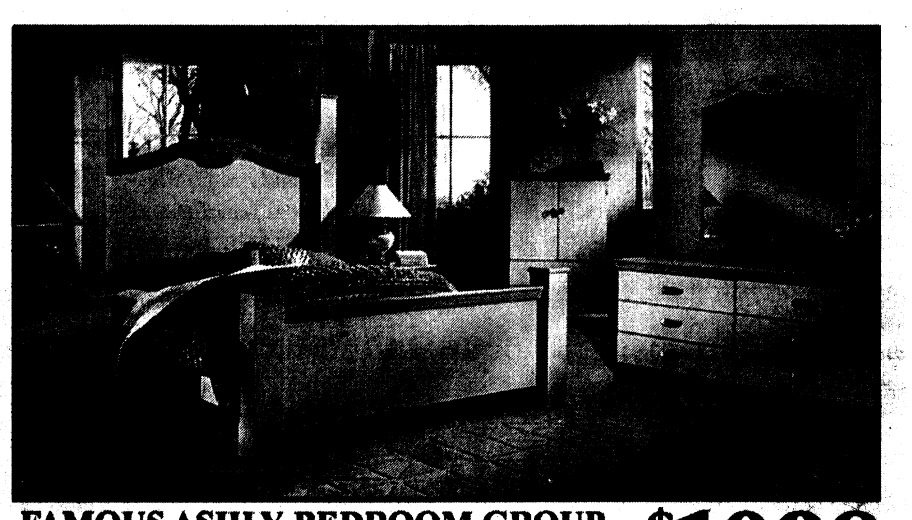


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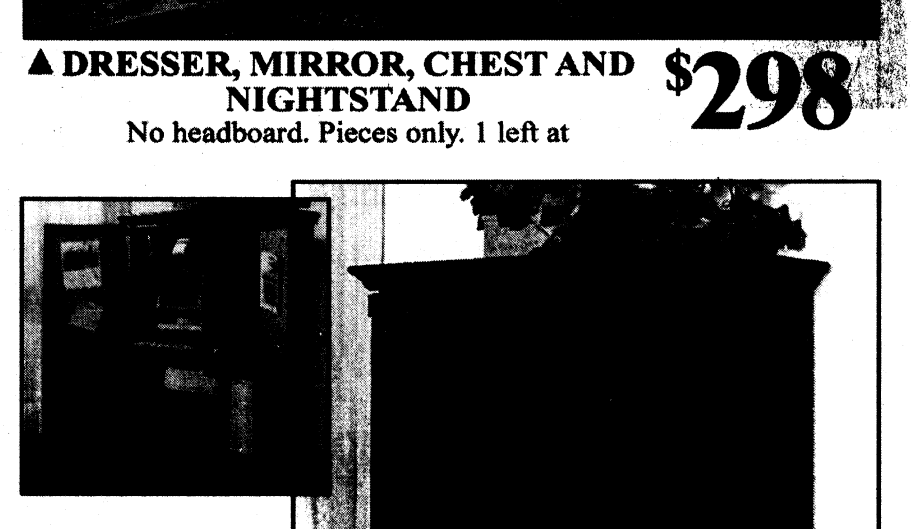
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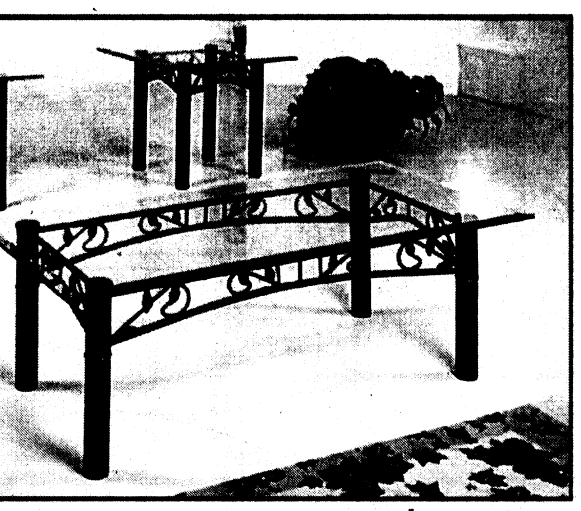
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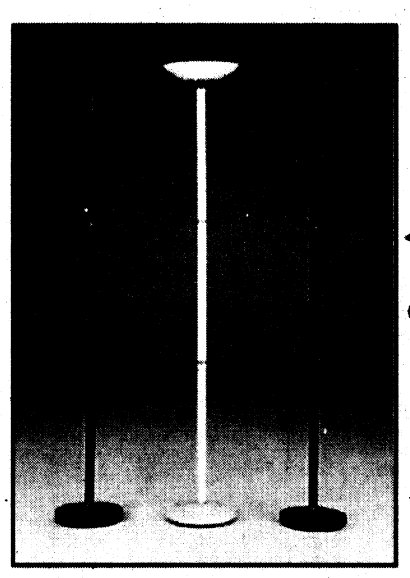
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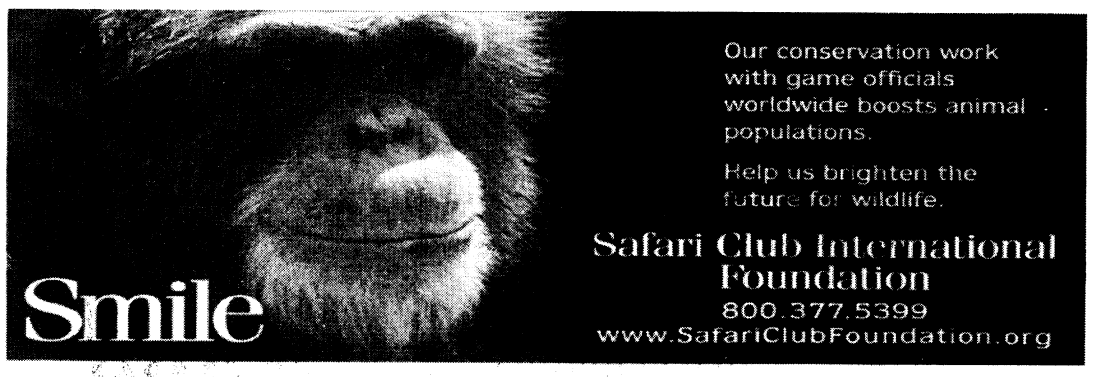
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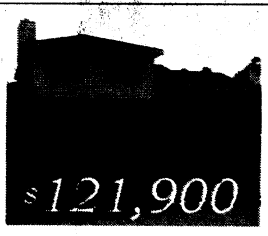
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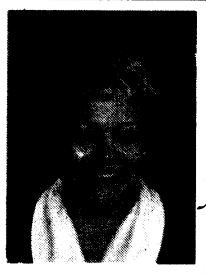
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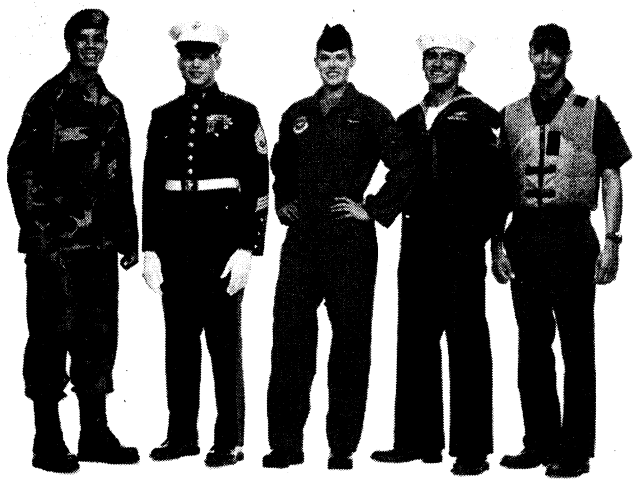
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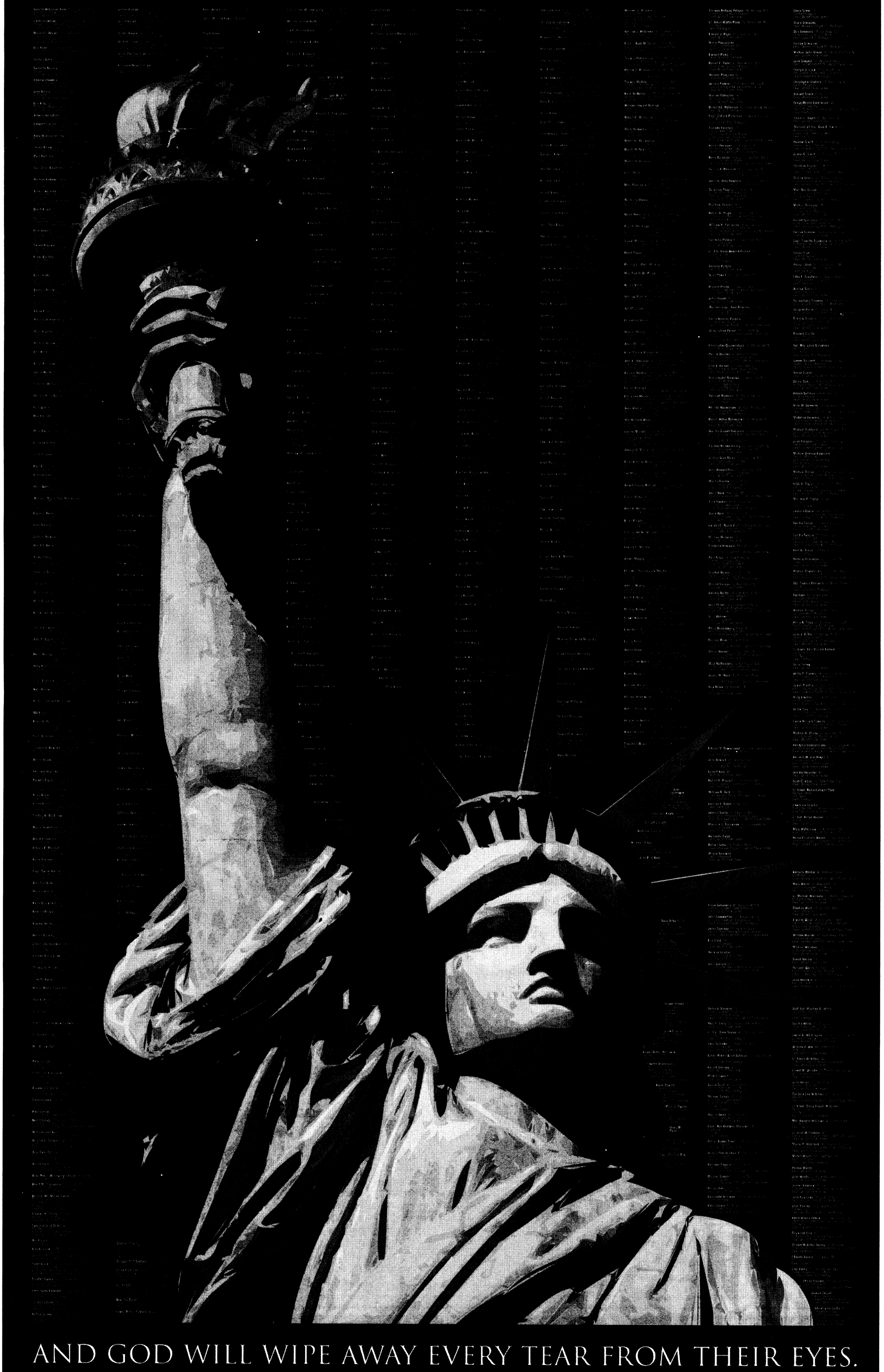
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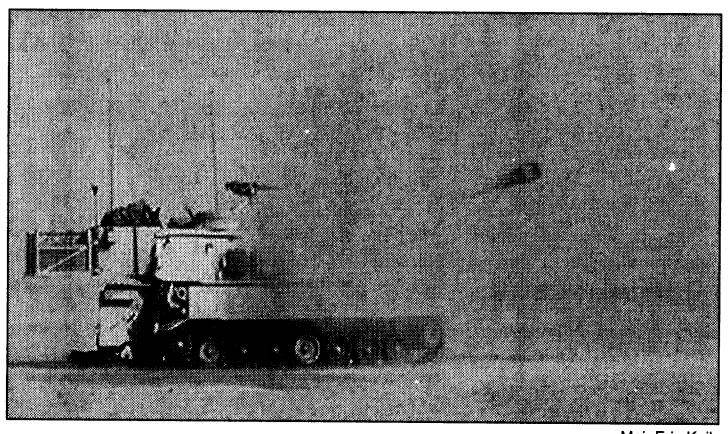
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1st Lt. Christopher D. Pike
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1st Battalion 10th Field Artillery goes to work.

The 3rd Brigade completed its most challenging training event in recent memory with the entire brigade conducting an offensive live fire exercise.

At the heart of this event was Lt. Col. John Harding's 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Battalion, which was tasked to provide responsive and accurate fire support for forces on the move. This may seem easy to do, but it takes a well-trained and combat ready artillery unit to make it happen. Fortunately for Col. Daniel Allyn, his 3rd Brigade has the best artillerymen in the Army at their disposal who were more than ready for the test.

The 1st Bn., 10th FA was required to execute several types of artillery missions to facilitate reaching the brigade's objectives during the LFX that included an artillery raid, high explosive suppression, smoke, illumination and a simulated artillery emplaced minefield. For artillery soldiers, there is nothing better than putting rounds down range and this LFX gave them plenty of opportunities to do just that with over 900 rounds of 155 mm ammunition.

Because of the complexity and scale of the LFX, it required a significant amount of preparation and organization. It took combined effort from everyone to ensure that a mission like this was executed to the highest standards. The battalion staff was charged with producing a Field Artillery Support Plan of the utmost quality detailing the LFX's execution plan and batteries requirements. In turn, the batteries took this FASP and developed its training focus to prepare its men for battle. Once these tasks were completed, the next step was to rehearse the plan's implementation in the form of rock drills. These drills are simulations in a controlled environment that represent a unit actions on the battlefield to ensure that key personnel can solve potential problems before they manifest for real.

Although a unit can prepare endlessly for missions, it can't plan for the weather, and as always seems to happen during field problems, Mother Nature had her own plans for our training. She whipped up the worst sand storm that we had seen in five months. The winds reached 50 mph during the day and could only be described as standing in front of a hair dryer turned on high while someone threw sand in your face as hard as they could. The 120 plus degree temperatures ensured that we would not soon forget desert life. However, no matter what conditions our soldiers were faced with, they still maintained their mission focus and executed everything to perfection.

Just like the size of the operation, everything else involved with this event was done to a larger degree. The movement of our batteries to the initial tactical assembly area was more than 75 kilometers, and for Headquarters and Headquarters Battery it was done at night using night vision devices. After all the batteries occupied their assembly areas, the battalion put on its game face and prepared to show just how good it is at shooting artillery rounds. The day prior to the LFX our battalion conducted a limited live fire rehearsal to ensure that there wouldn't be any problems for us or the maneuver units. However, when the time came to execute the brigade's LFX, the batteries of our battalion were more than ready to do what they do best, "Unleash Hell."

The morning twilight was shedding its first light when the ground began to rumble with the movement of hundreds of vehicles crossing the desert as units moved into their positions. When the time came to initiate the LFX, the sounds of cannons echoed across the battlefield as the 1st Bn., 10th FA, sprung into action, and in an instant the ground erupted with explosion that could be felt for miles. For the next few hours, the battalion's batteries moved with the their maneuver brethren providing every fire support need they had with timely and accurate fires.

Two classes team up for MOUT exercise

Simmunitions give training dose of reality

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Training is a given at the Home of the Infantry. But now there is a twist.

NCOs acted as second lieutenants' squad leaders, and the training involved used "simmunitions" instead of the traditional MILES equipment. When the Basic NCO Course students joined with Infantry Officers Basic Course class 4-02 for an exercise at the McKenna Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain site Friday.

The exercise was integrated to give the BNCOC students an opportunity to do what they had been taught and find out what it is like to lead a group of relatively new soldiers, and the lieutenants gained experience with squad leaders, said Capt. Jody Miller, B Company commander, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

"I think putting (the two classes together) was great," said Capt. Taylor Jordan, platoon trainer.

The "simmunitions," also known as simulated rounds, enhanced the training's realism, Miller said.

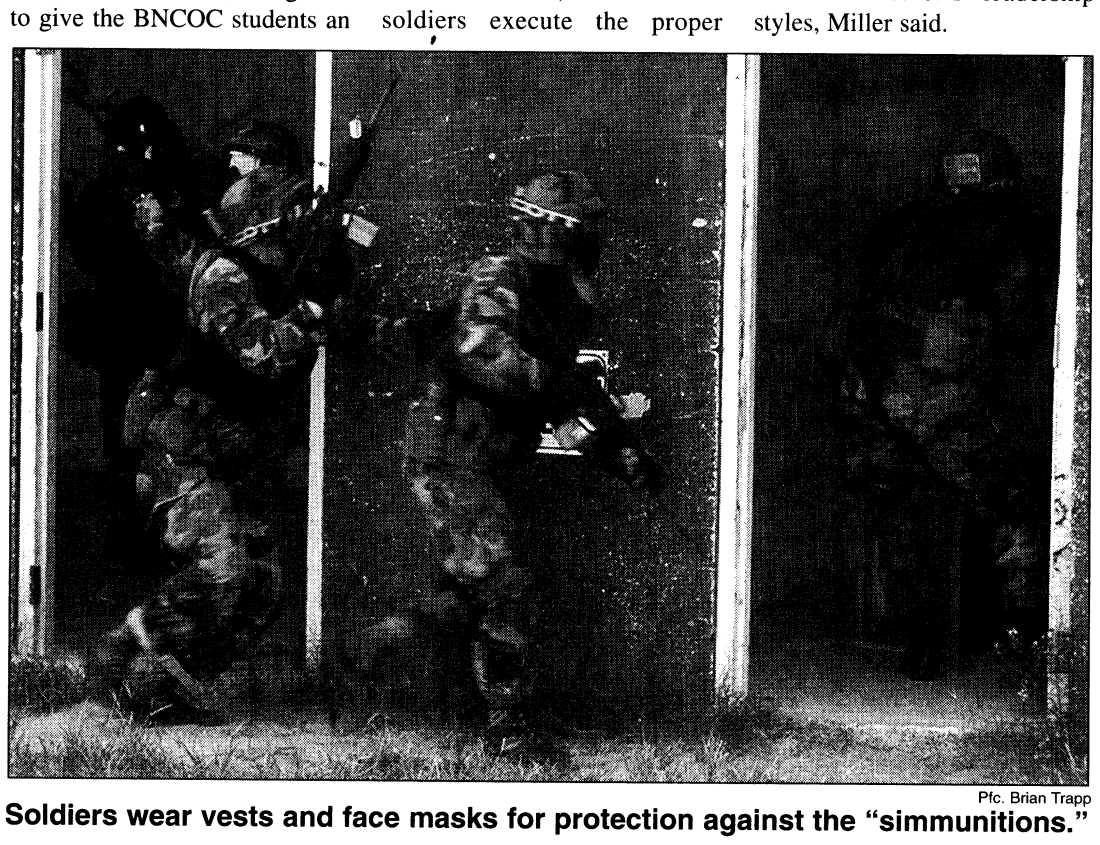
"Simmunitions sting when you get hit, so soldiers aren't willing to clear rooms 'John Wayne' style," Miller said. "Soldiers tend to take more risks with MILES because it is only a laser. However, with simms soldiers execute the proper techniques of room clearing so they don't get hit with a bullet."

"Simmunitions" are soap bullets that disintegrate on impact, similiar to paint balls, and are visible when fired, said 2nd Lt. Kristian Leibfarth who participated in the training.

"When the round is fired you can see something real coming at you," he said.

"This was much better than using MILES," Leibfarth said. "The gear is lighter and less cumbersome and actually works.

Miller said working with "simmunitions" allowed the trainers to reinforce MOUT doctrine and to effectively maneuver squads. Another advantage putting the two classes together for training is both classes gained knowledge about the other's leadership styles, Miller said.



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Soldiers wear vests and face masks for protection against the "simmunitions."

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Cpl. Miguel Espinoza, Chilean soldier, cuts away Pvt. Tenaisha Cook's pants to treat an open fracture during the qualification test Monday at W2.

South American medics practice skills



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Espinoza gives fluids to amputees, other soldiers.

WHINSEC students treat mock wounds

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Languages of comrades in battle may be different, but one trait is always the same — blood. With that in mind, government employees from South America used skills they learned from the medical operations course at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation during a training exercise Monday.

Seventeen Chilean soldiers and seven Colombian policemen were given 20 minutes to evaluate, prioritize and treat victims during a mass casualty exercise while under simulated enemy fire.

"We try to make this as realistic as possible for them," said Staff Sgt. Jorge Borboa, course NCOIC.

Each student had a lane with four casualties to evaluate. Injuries of the victims ranged anywhere from an open fracture to a sucking chest wound.

"Someone in pain is speaking a universal language," said Staff Sgt. Jovanni Reyes, instructor at the institute.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Dummy arms were used for the IVs.

All the casualties' wounds were visible, so the language barrier between the students speaking Spanish and the victims speaking English was pretty much nonexistent, Borboa said.

"The situation and scenarios were a surprise," said Cpl. Miguel Espinoza, Chilean soldier. "My instructor told me to relax and complete all the requirements to standard.

"I thought the training was excellent."

The students were taught to treat and stabilize the casualties according to triage, providing the most medical treatment to casualties with the highest possibility for survival.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Espinoza dives to cover the patient from a blast.

"It's doing the most good for those with the best survivability rate," Borboa said.

Expectations to pass the course are for the students to apply the concepts learned in a battlefield environment, said Capt. Daniel Fuentes, Chilean general surgeon. They need to know how to treat amputations, fractures, insert intravenous fluids and protect the sick and wounded from enemy fire.

The training, however, doesn't stop when the students fly back to their homeland Saturday.

Students will provide their fellow countrymen with knowledge they learned at WHINSEC to train other government agencies within their country, Reyes said.

"I'll be able to provide instructions to my soldiers the way I've been instructed here," Espinoza said.

Fuentes said the training went well.

"I don't see any problems of them remembering the things they have learned here," Fuentes said.

Exercise refines medical procedures

Field hospital works to build upon readiness

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The 14th Field Hospital began a field training exercise in front of Martin Army Community Hospital Tuesday.

The purpose of the exercise is to prepare soldiers for an annual requirement for deployment readiness.

"We have to ensure soldiers are trained and have the knowledge necessary to operate a field hospital," said Sgt. 1st Class Yvonne Hicks, chief ward master for 14th Field Hospital. "It helps for a war-time situation."

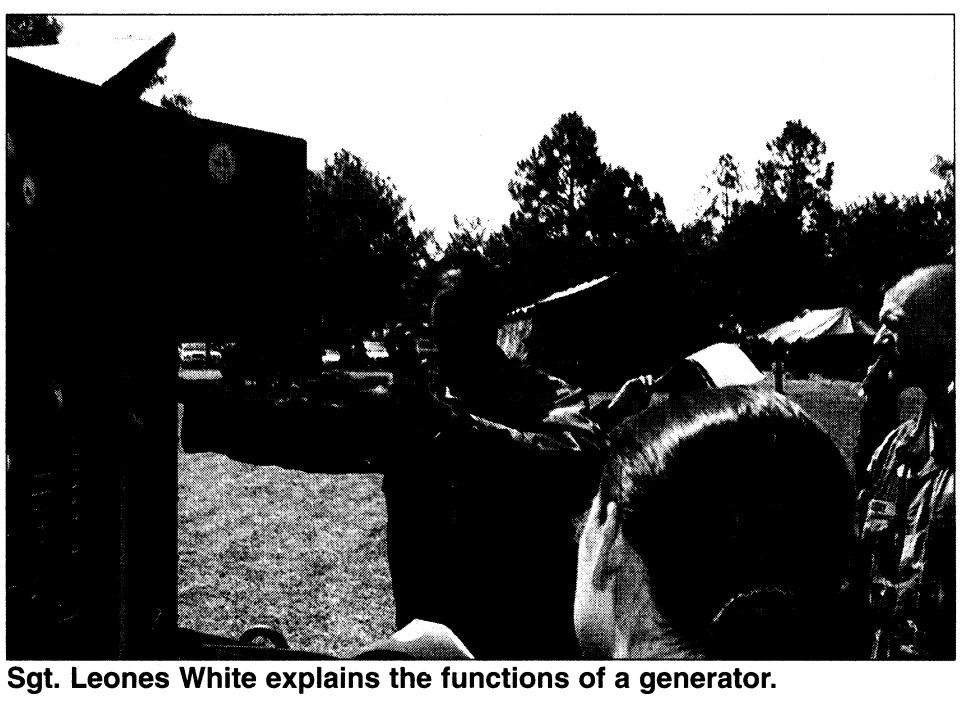
It's the beginning of the crawl, walk, run phase of training, said Lt. Col. Glenn Iacovetta. 14th Field Hospital commander. This exercise is in the crawl phase of readiness.

"The more we do this at a basic level, the better prepared our soldiers will be if and when they are called upon to execute," Iacovetta said.

Iacovetta took command of the unit June 7, which had tactical Standard Operational Procedures more than two-years old, he said.

"We need to validate our SOP," Iacovetta said. "The goal is to have a new tactical SOP by the end of October."

The better the soldiers follow the SOP, the better they are going to be able to provide the medical support to the war fighters, said Capt. Jeff Hogue, commander of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 14th Field Hospital.



Sgt. Leones White explains the functions of a generator.

The exercise is to refine and define plans of operation to increase survivability rates, Hicks said.

"It maintains individual and collective skills," Iacovetta said.

After setting up the tents, soldiers receive classes on nuclear, biological and chemical weapons, individual readiness training and battlefield situations.

"We need to know that the soldiers can take care of patients and secure the perimeter," Hicks said.

For right now, the 14th Field Hospital exercise is supported by MACH soldiers, but during deployment the Professional Officers Filler System, PROFIS, assigns 420 soldiers to the 14th Field Hospital, Hogue said. Soldiers from the MACH and other units in the Southeast region Medical Command join together to make up the unit when it deploys.

"We couldn't have done this exercise by ourselves," Iacovetta said. "This training is a joint effort."

Everybody is working together, said Spc. Colin Farrell, 14th Field Hospital.

"We do this stuff all the time," Farrell said. "Going to the field is a morale booster for us."

The planning, preparation and training the MACH provided to 14th Field Hospital was tantamount to the performance and outcome of the mission, Iacovetta said.



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Sgt. Rosalind Matthews familiarizes herself with the wiring of a generator used to provide electricity to a field hospital.

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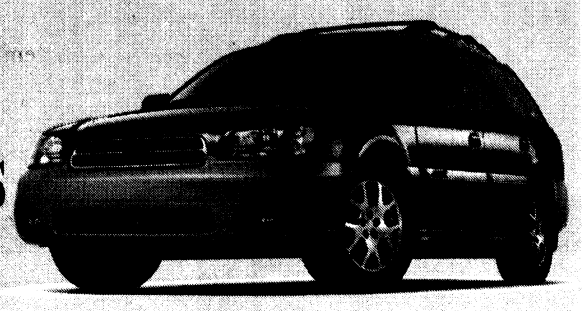
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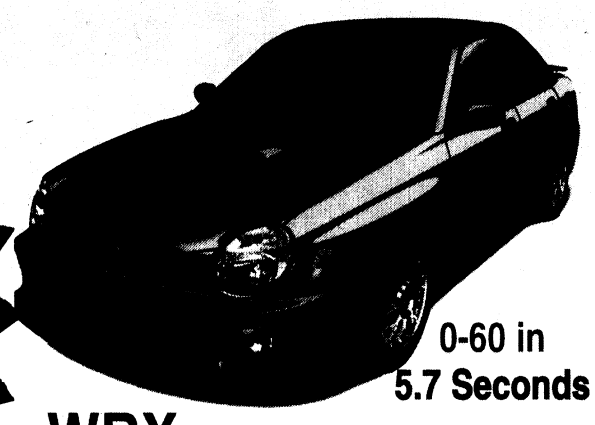
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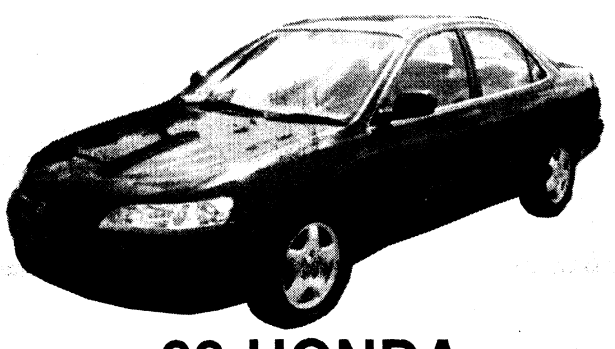
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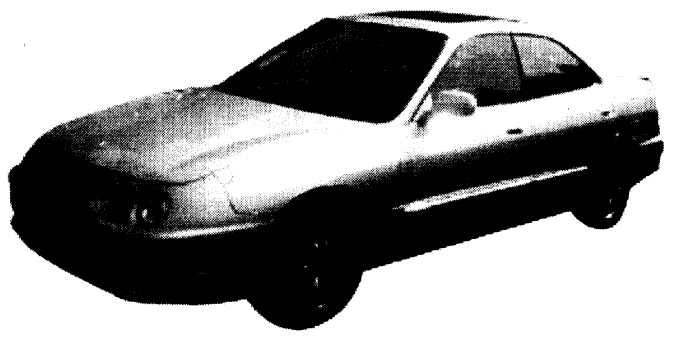
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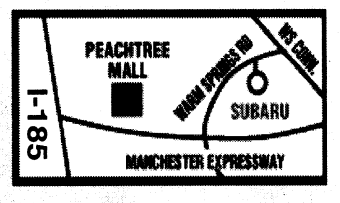
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SECTION B

Advocates aid abused, neglected

CASA program volunteers help children in need

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Sometimes it takes a village to raise a child.

Each year, thousands of children in Georgia, and even more nation-wide, become victims of abuse or neglect. A large number of them are taken from their homes and placed in the juvenile justice and foster care systems. Sometimes, these children get "lost."

Court Appointed Special Advocates serve as the eyes and ears of the juvenile justice system. CASAs are volunteers who are trained to provide individualized advocacy for children. CASA is a national program with more than 60,000 volunteers.

"The Chattahoochee CASA program was partially brought about by the efforts of a military spouse," said Ken Washington, CASA program director. "The first ten volunteers were trained and sworn in November 1997 and served a total of 18 children."

CASA, a program of the Urban League of Greater Columbus, has grown to 45 active volunteers serving in the best interests of more than 200 children in the area. Volunteers undergo criminal background checks and 40 hours of training before they are sworn in by a family court judge.

Washington, who retired from the Army 10 years ago after serving as first sergeant in 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, draws from his personal experiences in administering the program.

"I was a product of the system, the informal system," he said. "My mother died when I was young."

Washington and his nine siblings were raised by various aunts and uncles. He credits that "village" for getting him where he is today.

"It can hurt when you split siblings up," he said.

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look CLOSER look

CASA: Court Appointed Special Advocates:

- Program of the Urban League of Greater Columbus, started in 1997
- CASAs receive 40 hours of training
- CASA volunteers help more than 200 area children
- CASAs reduce the time children spend in foster care, saving taxpayer's thousands of dollars

Women pledge sorority

Group reflects military background

Melissa House
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Staff Sgt. Kathy Johnson was surfing the Internet when someone sent her a message asking if she had seen the Sigma Phi Psi Web site.

"I didn't even know who the person was," Johnson said.

Johnson, a licensed practical nurse and wardmaster of the recovery room at Martin Army Community Hospital, is a dedicated women's advocate, especially military women.

"I never gave much thought to joining a sorority," Johnson said. "I was never in one place long enough to join one, and I had heard horror stories about them."

The Sigma Phi Psi sorority was the brainchild of a group of military women in Texas. The sorority, founded in February 2000 is open to all women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Johnson sent in her application to become part of the first group of pledges on Fort Benning. Her essay, and the questions she posed, got the attention of the group's leadership. Johnson became one of the "Enlightened Eight," as the sorority founders are called, at the first induction ceremony in Houston in 2001.

"Our motto, *sui generis*, reflects what we are as military women," Johnson said. "We're 'one of a kind,' unique."

The sorority sisters rely heavily on their Web site to spread the news about the group.

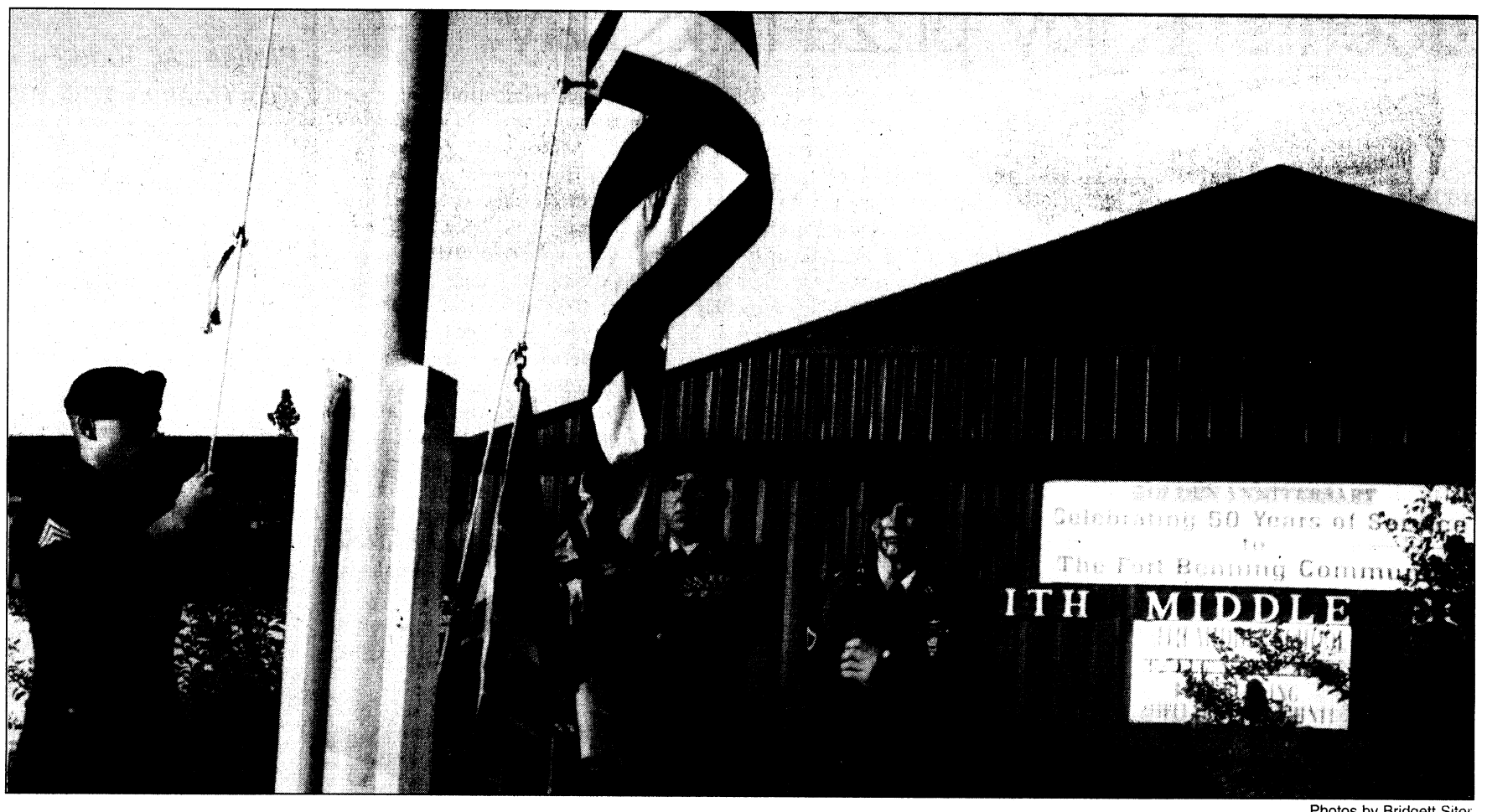
"I was on the Internet looking for information for Women's History Month and clicked on the link," said Capt. Rimani Kelsey, a family practice physician at MACH.

Kelsey thought that the sorority offered an experience she could grow from and that the organization could grow from her as well.

"This has opened doors to opportunities that I wouldn't

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Faith turns 50



Photos by Bridgett Siter

Soldiers with the 32nd Infantry Regiment, Fort Drum, N.Y., raise the flag during Faith Middle School's 50th anniversay celebration

Faith honors veterans at 50th anniversary

Mascot changes to Warrior Bear

Bridgett Siter
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The Falcon has flown. In its place stands the Warrior Bear.

Faith Middle School, formerly known as the Home of the Falcons, changed its mascot in a 50th anniversary dedication ceremony Sept. 6.

The new mascot is a derivative of the units Lt. Col. Don C. Faith was commanding at the time of his death in Korea, Nov. 30, 1950: the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment's "Warriors," and elements of the 31st Infantry Regiment's "Polar Bears." The school is named in Faith's honor.

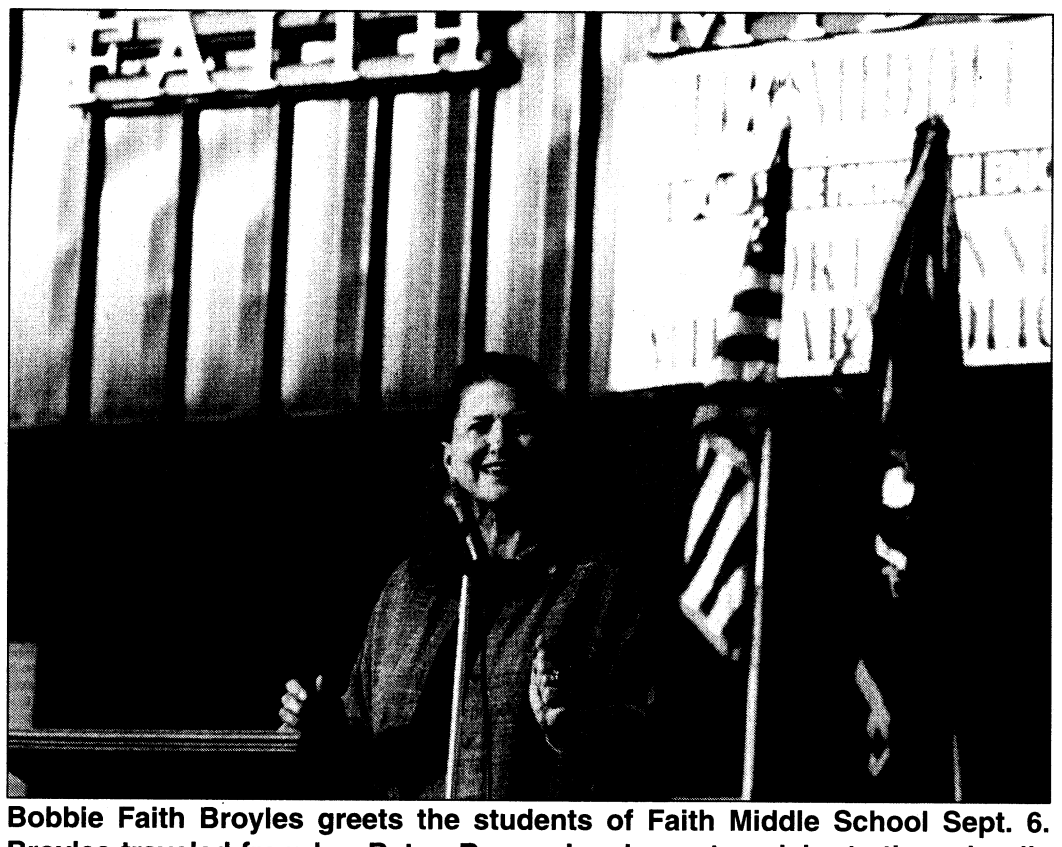
"It's a fitting and timely tribute to Colonel Faith and the men who fought and died for our freedom," said Dr. Gregg Mowen, Faith's principal. "This is something the students wanted because they understand and appreciate the sacrifices our veterans have made, and they're very aware that their own parents may one day have to make that kind of sacrifice. It's their way of saying thank you."

The students and faculty had the opportunity to say thank you in person Sept. 5, when they honored Korean War veterans at a reception at the Officers' Club.

Twenty veterans of the 32nd and 31st were presented lapel pins from the Korean War Commemoration Committee and medals of appreciation from the government of Korea, presented by Eugene Chin Yu.

"Young American men and women fought and died on Korean soil for people they didn't even know. It's time we Koreans who became American citizens to express our love for the people who made it possible for us to be here in America," Chin Yu said. "They call the Korean War 'The Forgotten War,' but

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Bobbie Faith Broyles greets the students of Faith Middle School Sept. 6. Broyles traveled from her Baton Rouge, La., home to celebrate the school's anniversary.

Daughter celebrates Faith's legacy

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Bobbie Broyles visited Faith Middle School for the first time 50 years ago.

Then she was 6-year-old Barbara Ann Faith and Fort Benning's new middle school was being dedicated to honor her father, Lt. Col. Don Carlos Faith Jr., who died a hero in the bloodly massacre at Korea's Chosin Reservoir. Gen. Omar Bradley was on hand to celebrate the occasion. He gave Barbara her dad's Medal of Honor.

Bobbie Faith Broyles returned to Fort Benning Sept. 5 to celebrate her father's legacy once again at Faith Middle School's 50th anniversary.

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Courtesy photo

First-graders make pizzas during a field trip to Little Ceasar's.

Students to visit businesses

Children learn value of hard work

Angela Sachitano
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Talk to adults from generations past and they will likely say children these days just don't know the meaning of hard work.

The youth of today may very well be obsessed with instant gratification, but Dexter Elementary School is hoping its new social studies curriculum will teach kids the value of a hard days work.

"Children only see the end result of work," said Angie O'Bryan, Dexter Elementary School first-grade teacher. "They learn valuable lessons when they see the skills it takes to produce their favorite things in life, like toys or delicious foods."

Learning the skills of various employees around the community is the aim of the Fort Benning school system's new social studies curriculum this school year.

The standards include:

- Visiting businesses in the community and relating what has

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CASA: Needs more volunteers

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Barbara Shehane, the CASA volunteer coordinator, tries to match cases with CASAs. The CASAs get involved with children within the first few days and provide support during the time the child is in the system up until adoption.

"Sometimes the best thing for the child is to remain in foster care," Shehane said. "But there are always lots of emotional tears in the courtroom when kids are placed back in a family that has worked through its problems."

"Folks will reveal things to us as CASA volunteers that they won't tell the police or even the social workers," he said.

CASAs use that information to make recommendations to the judge about what placement is in the best interest of the child. Their goal is to reduce the time a child spends in foster care.

Shehane and assistant volunteer coordinator Regina Armstrong recently conducted a home assessment for a woman living on Fort Benning. The grandmother is trying to obtain custody of her grandchild. The parental rights of the mother are being terminated by a family court in Indiana.

"It was a favorable visit," Shehane said. "We expect that the process will be finished within four to six weeks." The process is easier when dealing with family adoptions.

"We do see a lot of cases involving children at Fort Benning," said Armstrong, wife of Staff Sgt. Louis Armstrong. She has spent a number of years volunteering with the Red Cross and Army Emergency Relief helping military families.

"Unfortunately, a lot of the military cases could be prevented with just a little education," Armstrong said.

The Chattahoochee CASA program is expanding and expects to add five counties to the area it serves. To keep up with that expansion, CASA continually recruits new volunteers.

"We have our largest number of volunteers for the training that begins Saturday," Shehane said. "These 18 will increase our numbers by one-third." Fort Benning residents Ronald Vinson and Autumn Cyler have submitted their applications for the CASA volunteer training.

Cyler, a social worker learned about the program years ago in Pennsylvania while working with the family courts there.

"I'm excited about being involved, and I'm glad to know that the program also helps children on post," Cyler said. "I love working with children."

Ronald Vinson is new in the area and looking for opportunities where he could make a difference and devote his time to children.

"I'm impressed at the level of involvement of the volunteers and the extent of their duties," Vinson said.

Vinson, a trained certified electronics technician and former family child care provider, is anxious to start training.

"I hope that I can help change the system for the better to provide the total assistance that these children need," he said. The CASA program is greatly in need of a volunteer who signs.

For more information, call 323-3687.

Students: Enjoy 'pizza-riffic' day

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been seen,

• Describing how the public depends on workers with specialized skills and how this results in an exchange of goods and services,

• Studying how people organize for the production, distribution and consumption of goods and services.

"These standards are designed to get kids thinking about their futures and what they may want to contribute to society," said Janie Nesmith, curriculum director for Fort Benning schools. "It's wonderful to see them so interested in the outside world beyond the classroom."

The first step in taking kids beyond the classroom started with a field trip into the hot kitchen of the Fort Benning Little Caesar's Sept. 5.

Children seemed to have a blast as they learned firsthand how to prep the dough, choose the toppings, and create their very own pizza, one step at a time.

"Students learned that the food they see on their plates is not instant," said Kelli Accord, mother of a first-grader. "They learned the skills that go with each pizza. I think they appreciate it more now."

Both first grade classes, accompanied by O'Bryan and another first-grade teacher, Jeanie Anderson, as well as a handful of parents, shadowed employees for the entire production process.

"I liked flouring the dough and putting the cheese on," J.T. Accord said. "I especially liked seeing the cheese melt in the oven."

"I didn't realize it took so long to make one pizza," Toby Brummett said.

"I think it is the best pizza I've ever had because I know how to cook it."

The field trip to Little Caesar's is just one out of several activities that will get Dexter children thinking about the working world around them this school year. A career day was also planned that allowed children to dress up in the career of their choice. Students were then asked to write a book depicting their chosen professions.

"This is the first time we've centered the social studies program on careers and the benefits of working in the community," O'Bryan said. "The children are really starting to see that hard work can bring them what they want."

For more information on the new social studies standards, call 545-8254.

Sorority: Receives 12 pledges

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have sought out otherwise because of my busy job," Kelsey said.

Kelsey, who will depart Fort Benning next summer, plans to start a Sigma chapter wherever she goes next.

"The word will get out," she said. "Eventually, we will have sisters at every post."

The sorority platform emphasizes leadership, scholastic achievement, philanthropy, community service and social awareness. The Alpha Nu chapter, founded by Johnson, supports veterans in the area through their community service projects.

Master Sgt. Pat Liddell, a hospital administrator at Martin Army Community Hospital, will retire at the end of the year after 26 years in the Army.

"I always wanted to join a sorority," she said. "I kept telling Kathy (Johnson) to remind me to sign up."

Liddell pledged this year with 12 other women.

"Pledging takes a lot of teamwork and trust," Liddell said. "With our sorority, you know that you can trust the leadership."

Johnson also volunteers her time as a field representative for Women in Military Service to America.

The WIMSA memorial was dedicated in 1997 to honor the more than 1.8 million women who have served in the defense of America throughout history.

"This memorial was funded entirely by donations," Johnson said. "It provides a way for women to stand up and be counted.

Johnson attended the dedication ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia as the Fort Polk, La., representative, an experience she said was eye-opening. Women who are registered with WIMSA have unique opportunity to record their story.

"This memorial is a way to make sure that our legacy lives on," Johnson said. "We can be put into the database while we are still alive and tell our stories in our own words."

For more information, visit www. sigmaphipsi.org and www.womensmemorial.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

AFTB offers FRG training — Are you a new family readiness group volunteer or company commander? Are you an experienced FRG volunteer or company commander that would like to learn more about Fort Benning FRGs?

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An FRG Overview, Rosters and the Chain of Concern, Volunteer Management and Recognition, Newsletters, and Fundraising and Money Management. Class will be 9:30 a.m. to noon Tuesday in the Family Unit Network Center.

This class is limited to the first 25 participants and registration is required. Call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil to register.

Hispanic heritage events at White Elementary School — This year during the Hispanic Heritage Month at White Elementary School there will be craft and food displays from 9 a.m. until noon Sept. 18 in the multipurpose room.

There will be a dance and parade of countries with more than 90 children participating from 9 to 10 a.m. Sept. 25.

For more information, call the school at 545-4623.

Hospital offers free prostate screenings — September is Prostate Awareness Month and Martin Army Community Hospital's Health Promotion Center is joining the American Cancer Society and hospitals nationwide in offering free prostate cancer screenings, counseling and educational literature.

Men, 40 years old and older, can walk in to the Urology Clinic for a free screening, which includes a blood test and brief exam, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. today, Sunday and Sept. 23.

Individuals will need to bring their military ID card and medical records to the free screening.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson with the Health Promotion Center at 545-1987.

off post

Lowe's to install smoke detectors, fire extinguishers — Lowe's of Columbus has partnered with Fort Benning to provide and install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers into the homes of families of deployed enlisted men and women living off post.

Lowe's employees have volunteered to assist in the homeland safety for soldiers' families with this project that is each Saturday through Oct. 26.

Because of the limited availability, requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call Megan Sperry or Linda Williams at 320-9292.

Women's Health Expo — Free health screens and activities for the community highlight the second annual Women's Health and Fitness Expo Sept. 28 at the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center, 801 Front Avenue.

The Expo is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include health screens for stroke, osteoporosis, breast and gynecologic cancer, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure checks. Other screens include body fat analysis and checks for oral health, bone density and hearing. Information also will be available on nutrition, sleep disorders and depression.

Pharmacists will be on site to discuss medications, proper dosages and drug interactions. There also will be live entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits and much more.

For more information, call 322-7128.

Hyundai Sweepstakes contest — The Army MWR and Hyundai Santa Fe Drive-Away Sweepstakes is a Web-based contest through Sept. 30. Go online to www.armymwr.com/portal/events/ and click on the Hyundai icon to register.

The grand prize is a 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS4 SUV.

School lunch menu

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■ **Tuesday:** barbecue sandwich, oven fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk, apple pudding

■ **Wednesday:** chicken fajitas, pasta salad, glazed carrots, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** salisbury steak with gravy, steamed rice, green beans, roll, fruit, milk

■ **Friday:** spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad with dressing, peas and carrots, hot roll, fruit, milk


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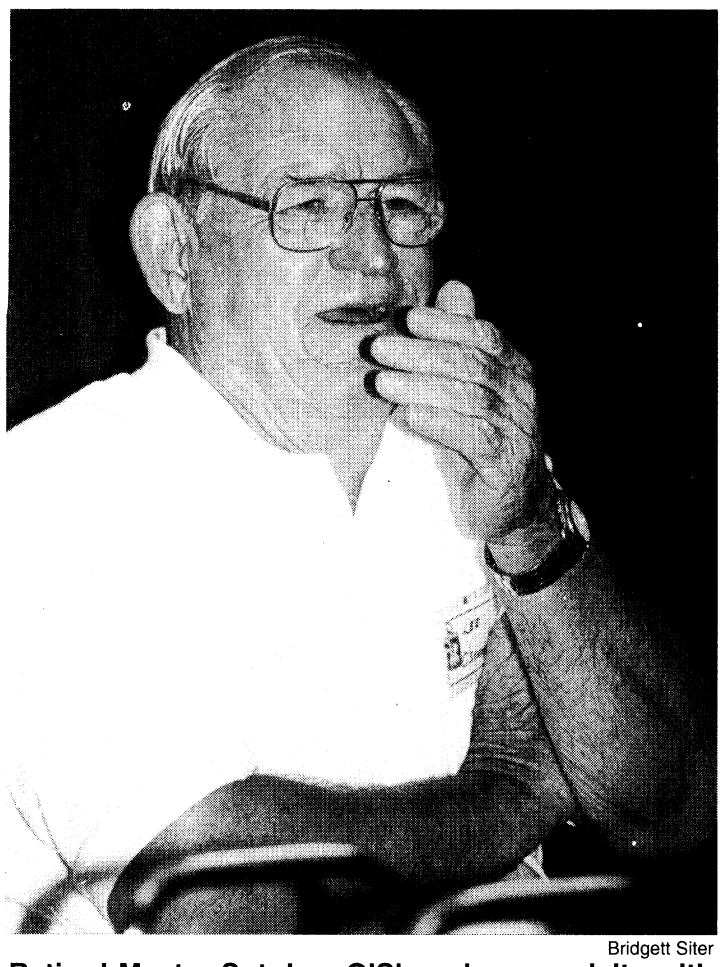
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Retired Master Sgt. Lee O'Shaughnessy visits with students at Faith Middle School Sept. 6.

'Frozen Chosin' member recounts Korean battle

Veterans visit school named for leader

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A poor memory can be a merciful thing. Retired Master Sgt. Lee O'Shaughnessy remembers the temperature — 35 degrees below zero; the uniform — regular old fatigues, nothing for cold weather; and the man who led from the front — Lt. Col. Don C. Faith.

He shared these stories with the students and faculty of Faith Middle School Sept. 6, during the school's 50th anniversary celebration.

But much of what happened during the five-day Battle at the Chosin Reservoir remains a blur, O'Shaughnessy said. Thankfully.

"The first few weeks afterward I was in the hospital, with about 40 guys in my ward," he recalled. "It was bad. Everybody had nightmares every night. There were a lot of battles fought in that ward after dark.

"But that was 50 years ago. I don't dream about it anymore. I couldn't even think up a good story for you."

O'Shaughnessy was one of only 14 survivors of nearly 200 soldiers from A Company, 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment.

A "buck private" from Michigan, he "didn't know enough to be scared" when his battalion and elements of the 31st Infantry Regiment were ambushed by Communist Chinese forces.

The battle that ensued was violent, O'Shaughnessy said, but surprisingly not bloody.

"When it's that cold out, you don't bleed," said O'Shaughnessy, who was awarded a Purple Heart for cold-weather injuries and a gunshot wound in his leg.

During the occasional lull in combat, weapons were fired every few minutes to keep them from freezing.

It's not known for sure how many soldiers lost their lives due to the cold — a "merciful death" compared to a brutal death at the hands of enemy forces, O'Shaughnessy said.

Surrounded and overrun 10 to one, the battalion lost more than 80 percent of its soldiers. Those who escaped the massacre walked across the icy reservoir to safety and have since been known as "The Frozen Chosin."

Survivors of the battle of the Chosin Reservoir and other Korean War veterans of the 32nd reunite periodically to honor their comrades and keep their stories alive for future generations. Friday's trek to Fort Benning was an opportunity to do just that.

"We all think the world of young people today. We admire them," O'Shaughnessy said. "Visiting with them made this whole trip worthwhile."

Faith: Honors veterans

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I will never forget what you American veterans did for my family.

"General Douglas MaCarthur said, 'Old soldiers never die, they just fade away.' In the hearts and minds of the Korean people, those young men and women who fought for our cause will never fade away. They will remain forever young, vibrant and brave."

The 32nd Inf. Regt.'s 1st Battalion Honor Guard traveled from Fort Drum, N.Y., to take part in what Lt. Col. Robert Nye called a very special day.

"Here we have the past, present and future of our Army — heroes of the Korean War, soldiers representing the 32nd Infantry Regiment today and the students, the heroes of tomorrow," said Nye, the battalion commander. "We're honored to be a part of this event. Not a day goes by when we don't think of Colonel Faith and the legacy we represent as members of the 32nd."

Staff Sgt. Robert Hall, the guard's platoon sergeant, said the chance to honor the 32nd veterans was one "he just couldn't pass up."

"Meeting them and hearing their stories gives you a whole new appreciation for the battalion's history. Nothing I've done in nearly twenty years in the Army, and that includes Desert Storm, Kosovo and Haiti, compares to what they did over there," Hall said.

Veteran members of the 32nd had their turn at the podium Thursday night. They remembered their fallen comrades and Faith, the man they "would've followed anywhere."

Retired Col. Robert Jones removed his Korean War medal and presented it to Faith's daughter, Bobbie Faith Broyles.

"I'm not a veteran," Broyles said. "I don't feel I'm here to be honored. I just feel honored to be here. I want to say thank you, for your sacrifice. I believe if we fail to honor those of the past, we run the risk of devaluing human beings. We can't expect much of the soldiers of the future, unless we're willing to recognize the sacrifices of the soldiers of the past."

Legacy: Continues

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"This is such a wonderful living testimony of peace and grace and gentle people," Broyles said of the school.

Broyles traveled from her home in Baton Rouge, La., to attend the anniversary, and along with it, the reunion of soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment and the 31st Infantry Regiment, both of which her father was commanding at the time of his death.

Broyles came with a message to the students of Faith.

"Dad loved life. They tell me he played poker and polo and loved to have fun. But his greatest love was the infantry. He was a warrior. It's what he loved and what he wanted to do," she said. "He died doing what he loved to do, following his dream. Because of men like him, we live in a country where we have the opportunity to follow our dreams, too."

Her father loved the strategical and tactical challenges of his career, Broyles said. He trained for years for the relatively short periods of time on the battlefield.

"Much like students do," she said. "They have to study and work for many years to achieve what it is they want most out of life — to follow their dreams. It takes years of preparation."

Patrick Herold, a Faith eight-grader, studied long and hard to prepare for the anniversary celebration. Herold provided an overview of the history of the 32nd Inf. Reg. and Lt. Col. Faith.

"A lot of people don't know that Colonel Faith was a hero who was killed when he destroyed a roadblock with a pistol and a hand grenade while trying to evacuate the wounded," Herold said. He told the students about Faith's determination to join the Army despite early medical rejections.

Broyles said her father would be proud of "the caliber of students and staff" at the school named in his honor.

"I'm just blown away by it. I feel privileged to be associated with it in any way," she said.

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Loyd teacher travels to Japan for workshop



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Katherine Walker, right, presents a seminar on the importance of environmental education at the kindergarten level during a workshop in Shiozawa, Japan.

Students stay connected via Internet

Angie McPherson
Loyd Elementary School

Katherine Walker, a kindergarten teacher at Loyd Elementary School, attended the World School Network's Summer Environmental Workshop in Shiozawa, Japan, Aug. 1-8.

The workshop focused on developing projects to connect children worldwide on the Internet. The World School Network began in Japan in 1992 and has spread to a worldwide organization devoted to deepening learning and connecting the real experiences of children.

The theme for this year's workshop was "Connect with Nature, Connect with the World."

During the workshop, Walker presented a seminar on the importance of environmental education at the kindergarten level and was invited to visit a Japanese school where third-graders presented a production they had written about protecting their environment.

"The children in Japan have done a lot of research about the effects of pollution and pesticides on their food and the land around them," Walker said. "It was encouraging to learn that people on the other side of the world share the same concerns as we do and are doing so much to educate the children about these environmental issues."

As a result of this workshop, Loyd School will be conducting a World School Club this school year. Children will be linked via the Internet with children in Japan, France, Micronesia, the United Kingdom, Israel, South Africa, Vietnam and the rest of the United States. The projects for this year will focus on wetlands, food, culture and community.

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>
> **Katherine Walker,**
> Loyd kindergarten teacher

Loyd students will be emphasizing literacy as they respond to reports from all over the world and create and report on their own projects from the Fort Benning area.

One highlight of the World School Network will be a World Symposium of children in February in Tokyo, Japan. The Loyd School children will share their environmental concerns and discoveries on a global scale with the symposium via a live teleconference.

Students ready for school

Loyd Elementary School

The new school year is well underway at Loyd Elementary School and the students seem happy to be back. They have settled into their new routines and are enjoying learning.

"It has been one of the smoothest openings of a new school year that I have ever experienced," said Loyd School Principal Angie McPherson.

Just to see what students are looking forward to learning and what they enjoy most about school, Laurie Nesbitt, educational technologist at Loyd, spoke to several students in various grade levels about their goals for the year and their favorite activities.

Here is what students had to say:



Katie Kinard, first-grader: I want to learn to read really, really big books.

I like math because it teaches me how to learn things.



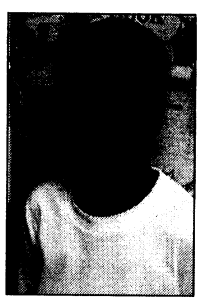
Kaitlyn Adair, first-grader: I want to learn how to get good ideas.

I like having fun because I like to play games.



Keytonya Franklin, kindergartner: I want to learn to read.

I like playing because it is fun.



Shakur Peynado, third-grader: I want to learn how to write in cursive and multiplication facts.

I like friends and nice teachers because they treat me right and make coming to school fun.



Cierra Bethune, third-grader: I want to learn math.

I like PE because it gives you a lot of exercise.



Arielle Larry, fifth-grader: I want to learn math and harder stuff like long division and fractions.

I like art because you get to do fun stuff like make gingerbread houses.



Abbie Rickard, fourth-grader: I want to learn how to do Origami.

I like art because I like to draw.



Rebecca Tamas, fifth-grader: I want to learn how to do math better.

I like art because it is so fun. I love it.



Kayla Rose, second-grader: I want to learn how to add 1000 + 1000.

I like being able to play with my friends.



Joseph Kelly, second-grader: I want to learn how to multiply.

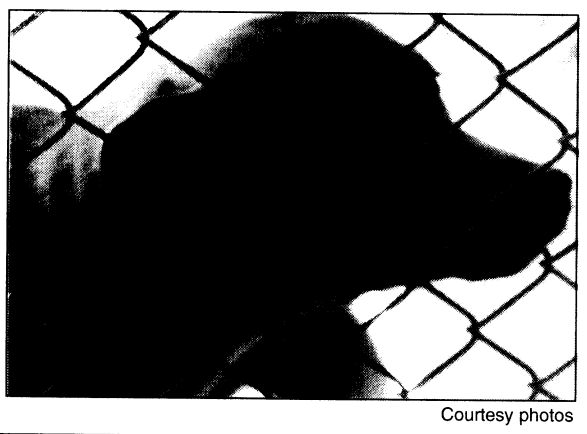
I like math because you learn more things you can use like how to tell time.

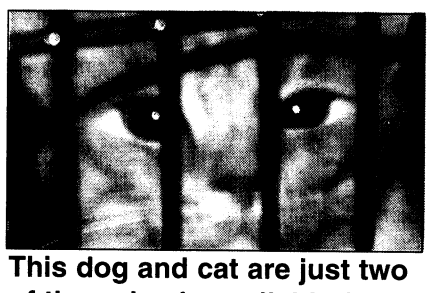


Trinity Best, fourth-grader: I want to learn how to make Origami swans and how to draw.

I like science because I like to learn about scientists. I want to be a scientist.

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Education reaffirms support of church

Church challenges leadership to enrich minds

Cathie Wampler
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For many years, the month of September has been observed as Religious Education month throughout the United States Armed Forces.

Likewise, each year since 1935, the U.S. Catholic bishops have designated one Sunday in September as "Catechetical Sunday."

The bishops instituted this annual celebration to reaffirm their support for catechists and to challenge church leadership to continually improve and refine religious education efforts around the country.

The greatest challenges to religious educators today are the many secular distractions that compete for the time and attention of the people.

Not too many years ago, sports activities, social events and work schedules seldom interfered with Sunday school and religious education programs planned by the church.

Today the opposite is true for most everyone.

All too often, these distractions are excuses for people to avoid church services or religious education programs.

Religious education is the lifelong process by which a person develops a mature, faithful relationship with God the Father.

This process and the evolving relationship influence the choices one makes, the way one lives, the goals one sets and the values one embraces

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throughout their lifetime.

One's mind, energies and emotions are focused on the three elements of religious education: the message (in Christian faith, the gospel message that proclaims and teaches the word of Christ), worship, and service all within the context of community.

Religious education enriches the lives of individuals and families, thereby enriching and enhancing the community — building the kingdom of God.

Too many people think of Sunday school as being for children, or that Catholic catechesis ends with the Confirmation of a young teen-ager.

In almost all denominations, religious education programs continue through high school and adulthood. In the Catholic faith, Vatican II re-emphasized the importance of adult catechesis:

"Catechesis for adults, since it deals with persons who are capable of an adherence that is fully responsible, must be considered the chief form of catechesis," (General Catechetical Directory, Par. 20).

The Jewish, Protestant and Catholic religions place the responsibility of religious education for the child on the parent.

The 24 to 36 hours per year that children spend in Sunday school or religious education only serve to supplement and reinforce that which must be taught at home within the family.

Can parents be comfortable teaching children the intricacies of faith and church doctrine when they have little more than a third grade level of religious education themselves?

Can we as adults develop a mature relationship with a God we only know on a child's level?

Can we effectively profess and pass on a faith we have only understood as taught to us when an adolescent?

This year's theme, "Living for the Lord," is especially appropriate now. In light of world events we are forced to focus carefully upon our values and beliefs to get us through each day of our lives.

In the face of violence, we are challenged to trust in the creative love of God who has the power to "make all things new."

Teachers, parents, and faith communities "live for the Lord" in the ways they awaken, strengthen and encourage faith in others, and by giving living witness to their faith each and every day.

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. on Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. The theme for the new year is "Filled with the light of His glory." This year the ladies will focus on how God places treasures in jars of clay and uses them for his glory. The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship and study, as well as the all-important refreshments. Childcare is provided.

For further information, please call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

TIC special service — TIC Chapel will have a special service at 10 a.m. Sept. 22 instead of the normal service times. Marquis Laughlin of Zion's Hope Ministry in Orlando will present the Book of The Revelation in its entirety from memory.

This unusual presentation by a trained and gifted actor will open up this mysterious book in a way never experienced by most people. The program is free and open to the public and a short reception will follow.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program.

They also meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex.

Potluck Dinner — The Fort Benning Catholic Community will welcome all new members of the Congregation at a Bilingual Mass and Potluck dinner Sept. 22. The celebration will include fellowship, games and an opportunity to learn about and register for parish programs. Mass will begin at 12:30 p.m. at Uchee Creek Recreation Center Lodge. Each family is asked to bring a salad or desert to share.

For more information, call the Chapel at 545-1452.

Rules help couples avoid conflicts

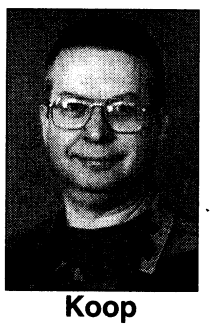
Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

You can protect your marriage through simple strategies that minimize potential marital conflict. Here are some strategies.

Anticipate problems. Conflict occurs during times of stress, when we are not at our best, and when we are tired. No one is perfect, except God.

Take responsibility for your behavior. Be polite and respectful even when your spouse isn't. Don't take accusations and criticisms personally.

Reinforce your mate's attempts to communicate. Positive reinforcement wins over negativity.


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Use the six ground rules for conflict resolution. First, take a time out when you sense the problem is escalating. Stay in control as a couple.

Second, use the speaker-listener technique. "Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to anger," (James 1:19).

Third, thoroughly discuss the problem before attempting to solve the problem. "It one gives answer before hearing, it is folly and shame," (Proverbs 18:13).

Fourth, talk when you have the time. Ask, "Is this a good time to talk?" or "Can I have forty minutes of your time?"

Fifth, meet regularly as a couple to discuss issues. Don't let problems pile up.

Sixth, take time to have fun, to deepen your friendship, to pamper each other and to develop your spirituality.

These strategies and ground rules work. Research has proven them to be effective ways for couples to handle conflicts and to "fight" fair. Will you agree to use them in your marriage?

Would you like to make your marriage better? Free counseling and support are available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760, or e-mail koopr@benning.army.mil.

Fort Benning Religious Services

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

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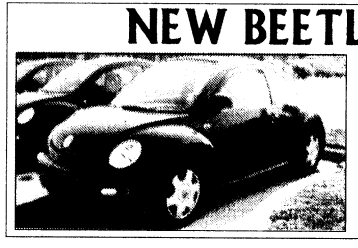
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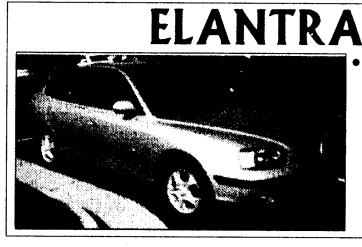
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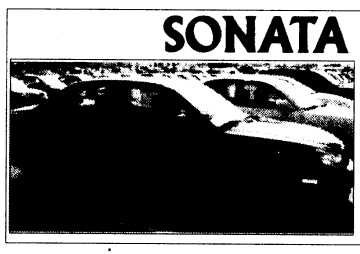
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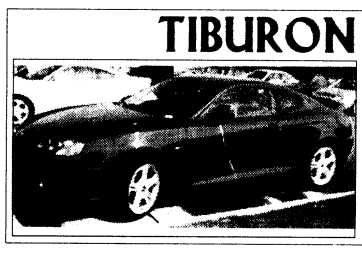
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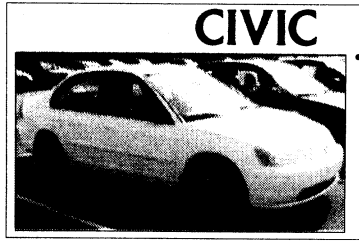
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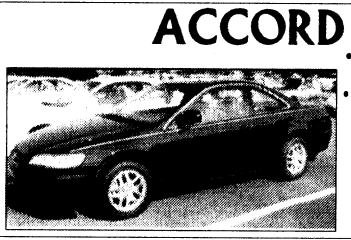
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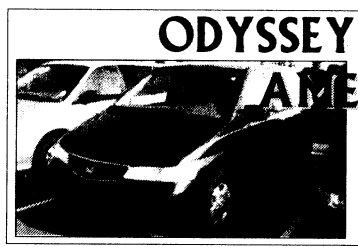
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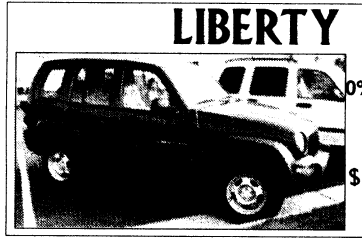
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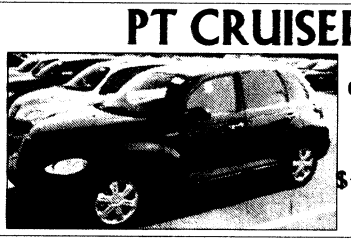
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Deadly disease poses risk to wildlife

Chronic Wasting Disease spotted in Midwest

Angela Sachitano
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Georgia hunters need to be aware of a disease that is killing hundreds of deer in the Midwest.

The disease, known as chronic wasting disease, was first detected in deer in the 1960s but is causing growing concern since it began spreading rapidly among deer in Colorado, South Dakota, Nebraska and Wisconsin this past year.

"The disease is similar to mad cow disease because it is spread by the same infectious agent," said Pete Swiderek, Conservation Branch chief for the Directorate of Facilities Engineering Logistics. "There is still a lot we don't know about the disease, but we do know that it can be fatal if transmitted to humans."

While there haven't been any known cases of deer transmitting the disease to humans, dangers are lurking right around the corner as hunting season is set to begin Sept. 15.

"We haven't detected any cases of chronic wasting disease in the Southeast yet," Swiderek said. "Right now, we just want to warn hunters of the signs of the disease so they know what to look for should a local deer become infected."

The signs to watch for in a deer that may be infected with chronic wasting disease are:

- Salivating at the mouth
- Walking a repetitive course
- Head tremors
- Animal stays near water
- Shows a wide stance

"This is not cause for alarm, just caution," Swiderek said. "The danger surrounding mad cow disease has put us on alert because of the similarities between the two illnesses."

Both mad cow and chronic wasting disease are spread by prion, a protein that works as an infectious agent in the body. Hunters who touch contaminated animals or eat the contaminated meat are at serious risk.

Local hunters aren't taking any chances.

"I've been following the reports of cases in the Midwest," said John Stewart, a Columbus resident who plans to hunt on Fort Benning. "I know what to look for and I will take all precautions necessary to protect myself."

All 50 states have banned interstate transportation of live deer, elk and other deer-like animals, and Colorado and Wisconsin are already raiding forests and killing deer found in the areas of known outbreaks.

"Hunters should wear gloves at all times when handling deer," Swiderek said. "They also need to minimize contact with the brain and spinal chord regions because that is where the disease is predominantly spread."

For more information on chronic wasting disease, call the Infantry Branch Safety Office at 545-4812.

Columbus stops Greenwaves' drive to end zone

Thirteen seconds not enough to pull out win

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

With 13 seconds left in the game, Spencer High School had the ball on offense for two shots at the end zone to win the game against Columbus High School Sept. 6.

Both plays were incomplete passes by senior quarterback Jerome Coverson, giving the Blue Devils a victory over the Spencer Greenwaves, 27-24.

The game had great significance for Columbus.

"It's the first time in 11 years we have won our opening game," said senior linebacker Nate Schrader. "We're going to make some noise this year if we practice hard and eliminate our mistakes."

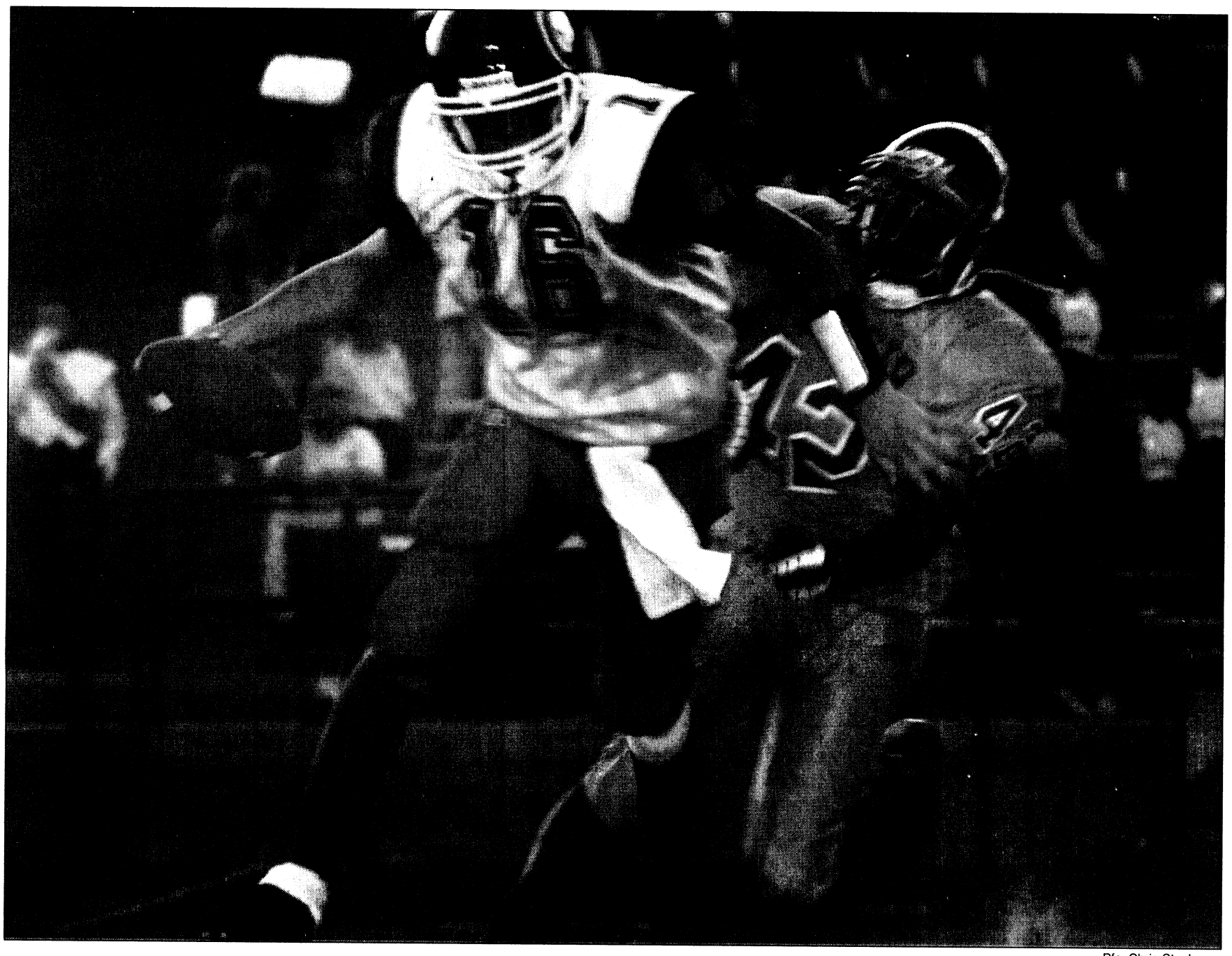
From the opening coin toss, both teams seemed to give it all they had.

During Columbus' first drive of the night, junior quarterback Ric Bishop was not able to do anything with the ball.

The Greenwaves defense were like magnets attracted to him. The Greenwaves forced the Devils to punt after sophomore linebacker Brandon Horton drug Bishop down for a seven-yard loss.

Immediately after the Greenwaves got the ball, they started their running game with great success. Alternating between senior tailback Shamon Smith and junior tailback Ricky Graves, the Greenwaves scampered down field, picking up big chunks of yards at a time.

The razzle-dazzle footwork of Smith confused the Devils' defense the whole night as the Devils needed two, three and even four guys to drag the senior sensation to the turf.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Greenwaves sophomore linebacker Brandon Horton drags down Columbus' junior quarterback Ric Bishop for a 7-yard loss during the first quarter of the Columbus-Spencer football game Sept. 6. Columbus beat Spencer 27-24.

"I tried to create something for my team," Smith said. "My team depends on my abilities running the ball, so I do my best to keep going."

With eight minutes to go in the first quarter, Smith broke off runs of 40 and 35 yards to get the Greenwaves into the end zone, giving them a 6-0 lead.

At the 18-yard mark, junior tailback Trey McCants bobbed and weaved his way through the Greenwave defense before going off to the races for an 82 yard touchdown run. Senior kicker

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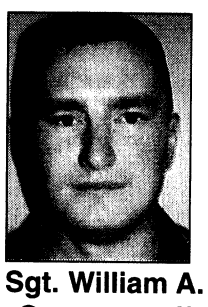
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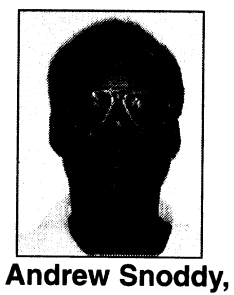
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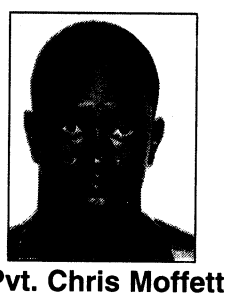
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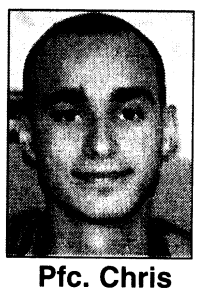
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Coaches knowledge reduces injuries

Fundamentals increase athleticism

Lt. Col. Bill Rieger
U.S. Army Physical Fitness School

This is the second story of a three-part series that addresses the importance of a competent coach in youth sports.

Parents of youth participating in sports, should be assured that organizations governing athletics require the gathering, knowledge of, and accessibility of medical information essential to the safety and well being of our youth. Parents should also require that only medical personnel who have appropriate training perform the PPE. It should not be an issue, but only a question of what is best for the evaluation and administration of critical health information, and of whom can best help our athletes to compete safely and optimally.

Parents should ensure that their youth receive proper supervision and coaching. They should lobby local organizations and schools to sponsor coaches' attendance at coaching and safety seminars. It was not long ago that water restriction and administration of salt tablets to athletes during training was commonplace. Parents should be wary of athletic programs that focus on early sport-specialization. Two generations of athletes have grown up specializing early, acquiring sport-specific skills with little regard for pre-requisite movement skills.

The impact of this approach, and the lack of proper preparation in general conditioning and fundamental movement skills, have caused our youth to play games they are not prepared to play.

Success is built on fundamentals and coaches must incorporate fundamental movement skills as routine. Only then will athletes have a firm foundation for sport-specific skills and the body management competencies to control injury. How can this problem be addressed? The ideal would be to re-institute mandatory physical education from Kindergarten through 12th grade. This is probably not realistic given the climate in education today.

If youth are to continue at the competitive pace of athletics today, coaches must possess the knowledge to develop motor skills in athletes. Once the athlete has a repertoire of motor skills to draw from, it is easier to acquire sport-specific skills and our athletes will be less prone to injury because their body is better prepared for the functional performance requirements of their sport.

Experimentation with different sports allows youth to develop fitness and motor skills, enjoy the social aspects of sport and choose the sports they prefer (not those of the parents).

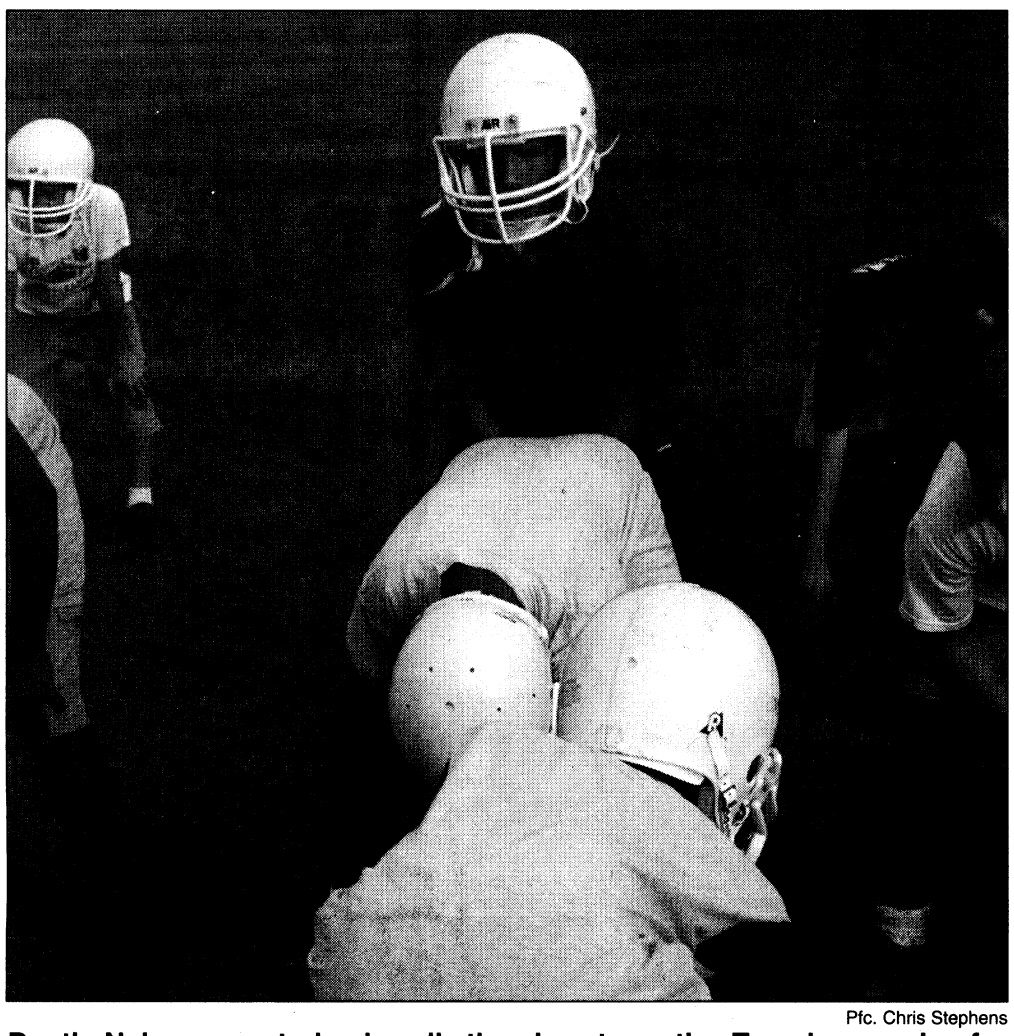
Parents can be reassured that there are many examples of outstanding athletes who did not become involved in their sports until a relatively late age.

Bill Rodgers, four-time winner of the Boston Marathon, starting running cross-country at the age of 15.

Michael Jordan did not make his high school's varsity basketball team until he was in the 11th grade.

Youth rarely suffer overuse injuries when they control the intensity level. The rationale for the increased intensity of training and the extended duration of seasons in youth sports stems from the assumption that optimal performance can only be achieved after prolonged periods of practice. However, the data on burnout (Coakley, 1992; Rowland, 1986; Ward, 1982) and attrition (Burton, 1988; Gould, 1987) support the contention that for almost all of the athletes sampled, these periods of intensive training have no justifiable physiological, psychological or educational basis and served more to discourage rather than encourage continued participation. Coaches and other adults should avoid setting rigid expectations about training intensity. Gradual progression should always be foremost.

Football!



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Dustin Nelson, quarterback, calls the play at practice Tuesday evening for Youth Services football. The first game of the season for YS football is at 9 a.m. Sept. 21 on Blue Field. For more information, call 545-3070.

Post to hold USA shooting selections

Marksmanship matches begin Sept. 25

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs Office

Hundreds of athletes from around the country will test their shooting skills at the USA Shooting Fall Selection Match, which is the first selection match for the U.S. Pan-American Games Team.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will host the matches Sept. 25 to Oct. 13 for all Olympic shooting events except Running Target, which will be conducted at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 2-5.

The selection matches are being sponsored by USA Shooting, the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports in the United States.

The second and final selection match for the U.S. Pan-American Games Team is currently scheduled to be conducted in April at Fort Benning.

The Pan-Am Games will be in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in August.

The Pan-American Games is an Olympic-style shooting championship for the Western Hemisphere, which is conducted every four years.

Not only can shooters win medals and set world records at the Pan-American Games, but the Pan-Am Games is the last chance for shooters from the Western Hemisphere to win quota slots for their countries to compete in the Olympic Games.

The selection match competition starts Sept. 25 with the Shotgun events.

Sept. 25 is the official training day for men's and women's Skeet. The Skeet matches will be Sept. 26 — 28.

Men's and women's Double Trap official training is Sept. 29, and the matches are scheduled for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

Men's and Women's Trap starts Oct. 2, the official training day, with the matches conducted Oct. 3-5.

Oct. 3 is the official training day for men's Air Rifle and women's Three Position and Prone Sport Rifle; the matches will be Oct. 4-5.

Men's Free Rifle Prone and women's Air Rifle training is Oct. 6 and the competitions will be Oct. 7-8.

The men's Free Rifle Three Position training days are Oct. 7-8 and the matches will be Oct. 9-10.

The official training day for Rapid Fire Pistol and women's Air Pistol is Oct. 6; the competition is set for Oct. 7-8. Oct. 9 will be the official training day for men's Air Pistol and women's Sport Pistol and those competitions will be Oct. 10-11.

Men's Free Pistol is the last event at Fort Benning with official training Oct. 11 and competition set for Oct. 12-13.

Media are invited to all events but must coordinate with Public Affairs Office before coming to post.

Greenwaves: Show promise in running game, defense

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Brad Kinney added the extra point to give Columbus a 7-6 lead.

On the Greenwaves' first offensive possession of the second quarter, they made more noise.

Smith slithered through traffic, sprinting his way to a 60-yard gain, before being brought down at the Devils' 10-yard line.

Three plays later, Coverson threw a strike to senior wingback Brad Horton for the touchdown, giving Spencer the lead 12-7.

Neither Columbus nor Spencer could get anything done on their next possessions.

However, when Columbus punted, an errant bounce off a Spencer returner gave Columbus the ball on the Spencer 24-yard line.

The very next play McCants took the ball 24-yards untouched into the end zone.

The two-point conversion failed and the score stood in Columbus' favor, 13-12.

Another turnover in their own territory at the beginning of the third quarter hurt Columbus.

A vicious hit from Schrader on Graves caused a fumble, and Columbus pounced on the ball to gain possession.

"I play downhill and never give up on a play," Schrader said after the game in which he recorded 19 tackles and four assists.

Once Columbus got on offense, McCants took the ball untouched for a 45-yard touchdown run.

Spencer's next drive resulted in an emotional touchdown, a seemingly close call.

Brad Horton tried to stretch into the end zone, but fumbled the ball.

However his momentum took him into the end zone where he fell onto the ball for the touchdown, closing the Columbus lead to 20-18.

Horton finished the game with seven receptions for 79 yards and two touchdowns.

"When I fumbled I saw where the ball was going and immediately fell on it for the touchdown," he said.

The close gap would not last. Bishop connected with junior wide receiver Andreas Wright for a 40-yard touchdown score to give Columbus a 27-18 lead.

Yet, Spencer would not give up in the fourth quarter, scoring a hard-fought touchdown to close the gap to 27-24.

Spencer had opportunities to take the lead but failed to convert on third downs.

"We had a great team effort," Smith said. "We just came up a little short. We just need to practice harder and work as a cohesive unit, and we'll do great this season."

McCants finished the game with 166 yards rushing on nine carries and three rushing touchdowns.

Smith ended the game 227 rushing yards on 21 carries and two touchdowns.

"Our team loves this game as a whole and we always will give it our very best," Smith said. "That's what it is really about — the team."

SPORTS BRIEFS

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YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Winter bowling league — Registration for the winter bowling league is Sunday.

Leagues will be formed for units, mixed doubles and mixed leagues. Sign up for a league at the Mall bowling center.

For more information, call 682-7781.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail Charles.Gibbs@usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members.

It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fund-raiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 28. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Bike ride — The second annual Ride like the Wind bike ride will be Sept. 28. Registration is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sept. 28. The ride includes options of 62-mile and 31-mile routes.

It will start at the Thomaston-Upson County Airport and ride through Upson, Lamar and Pike counties. Proceeds from the ride will go to Harbor House, a shelter for children who are victims of abuse and domestic violence.

For more information, call 648-2755.

Loop bike ride — The Lumpkin to Louvale Loop Ride will be Oct. 19. The cost of registration prior to Oct. 1 is $8. After Oct. 1, registration will cost $10.

Children 12 and younger are free. The ride is 20 miles, beginning in Lumpkin, Ga., riding to Louvale, Ga., and ending in Lumpkin.

For more information, call 327-9015.

Buick Challenge — Fort Benning will be manning the Tee Box, Landing Area, Crossing Area and Green on the 11th hole Oct. 21-27 at the Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens.

A $52 fee is required for the purchase of a uniform. Admission will be free to all volunteers.

Marshal positions are not limited to Fort Benning personnel and family members.

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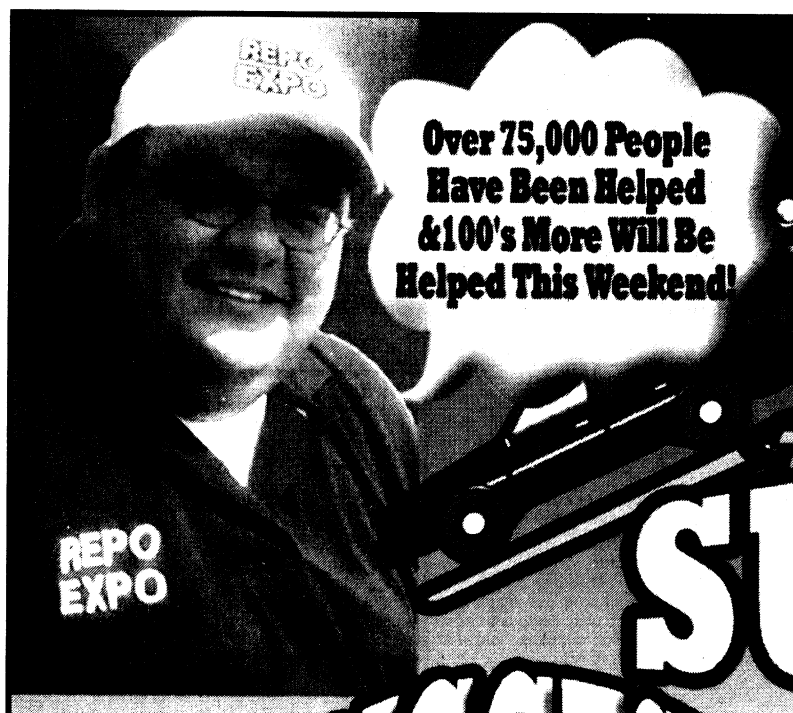
Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament is Thursday with rounds beginning at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

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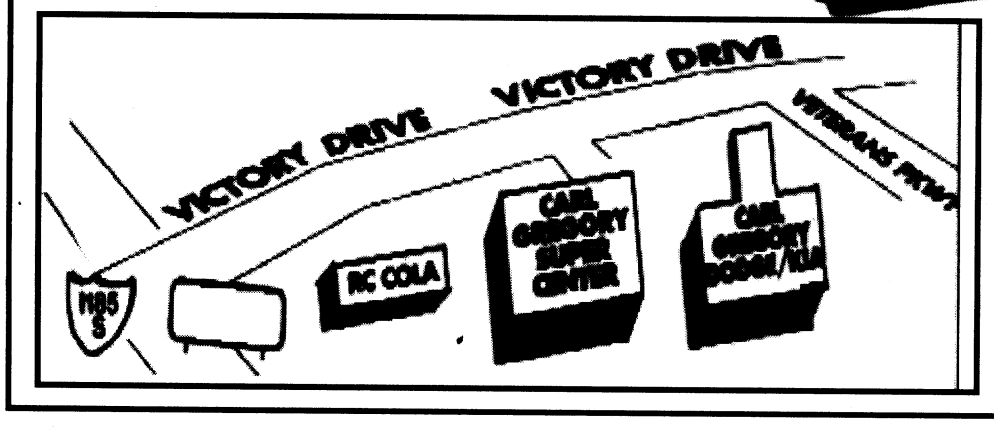
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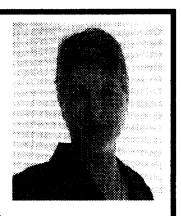
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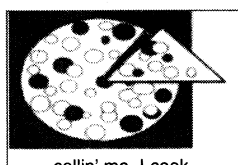
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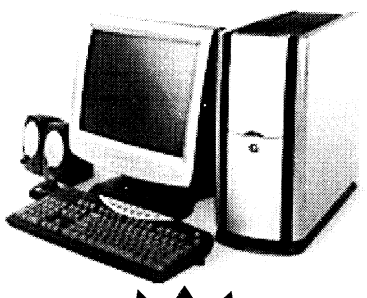
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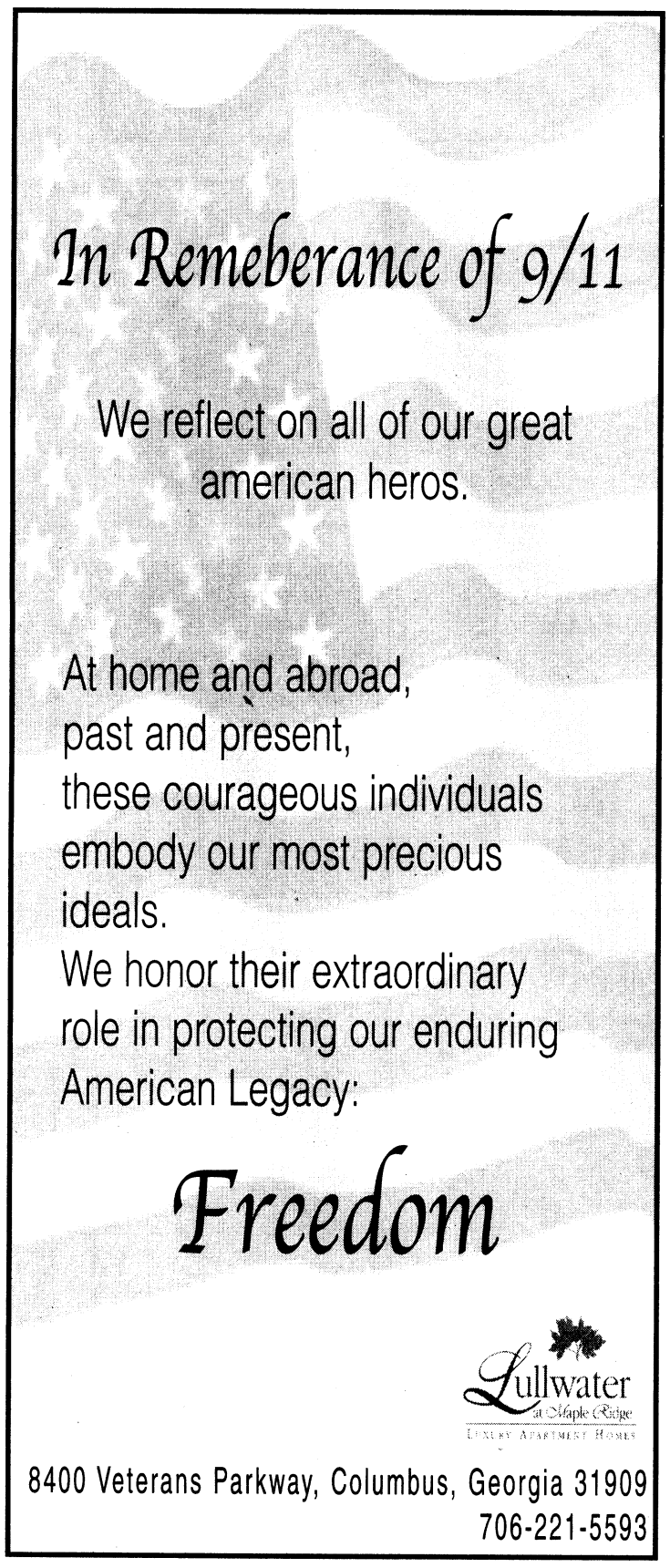
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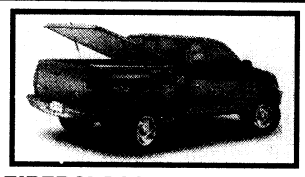
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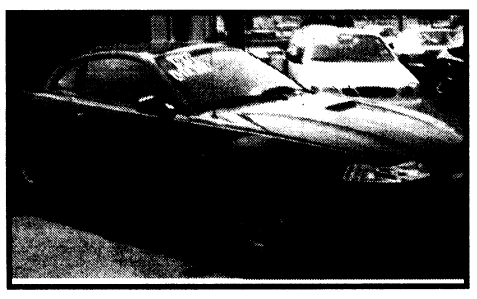
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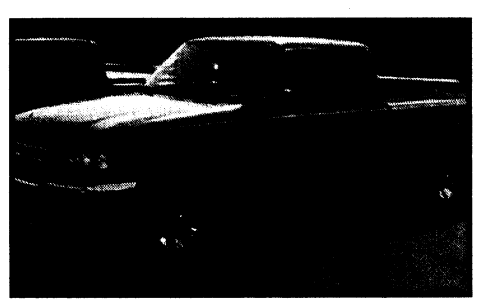
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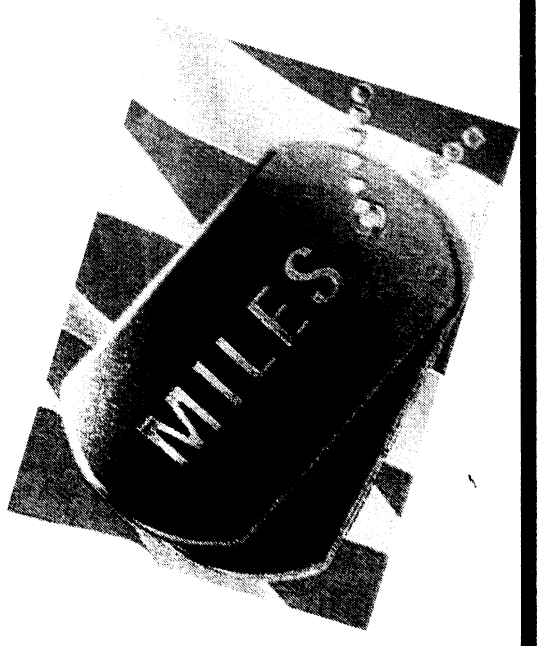
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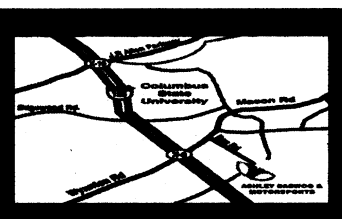


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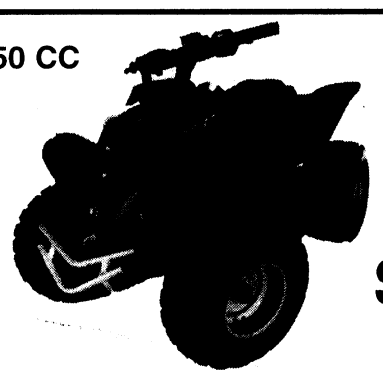
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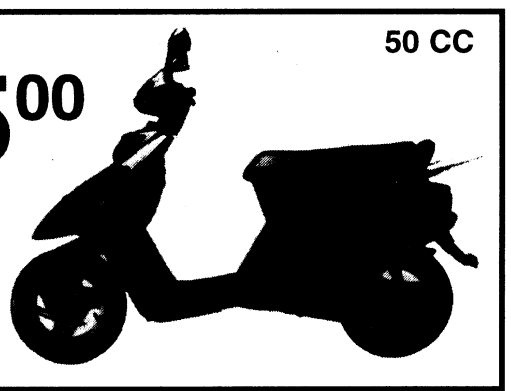
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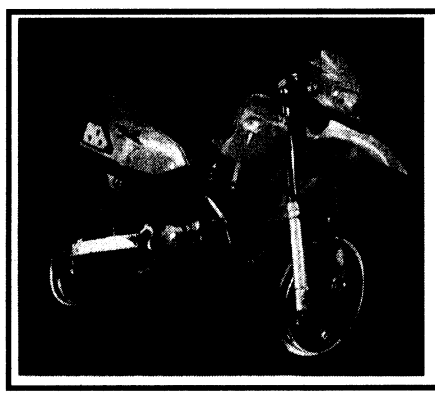
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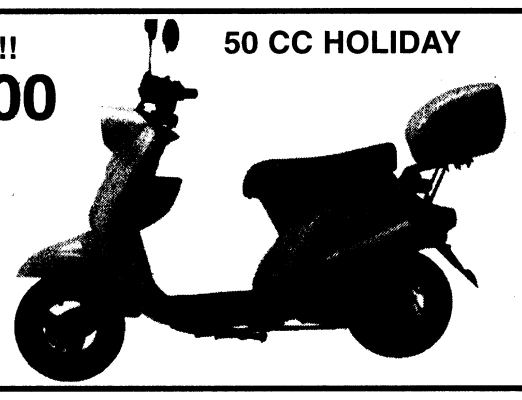
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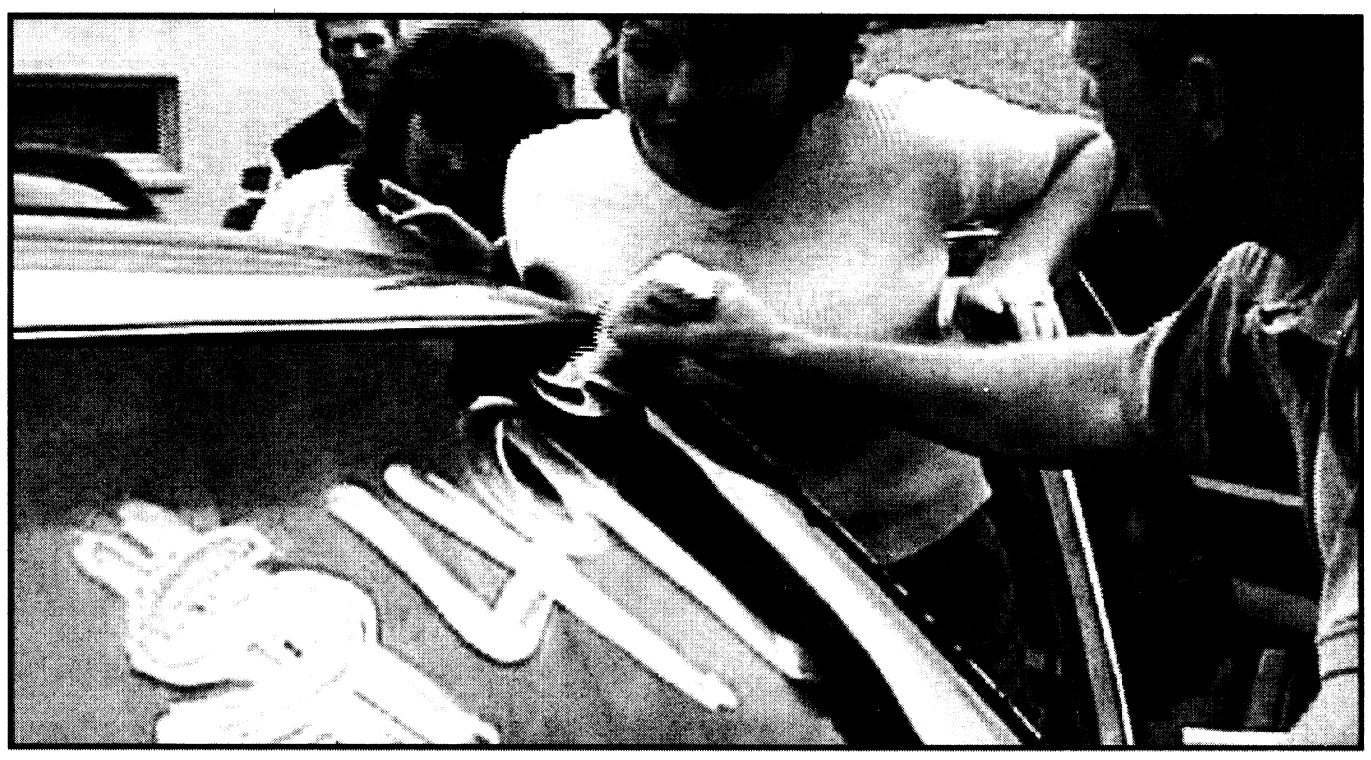
Columbus, GA- If you have been thinking about buying a new or used vehicle but thought you'd need thousands in cash or a trade-in for a down payment, there's good news coming to your area this weekend. Now through Saturday at 8PM., special financing arrangements have been made at Rivertown Ford that allow customers to simply pay a $49 acquisition sale fee, then take over payments.

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Selection is a big part of what makes this sale so exciting, according to Rivertown Ford's General Sales Manager, Brad Williams. "Chevys, Fords, Dodges, Toyotas & Hondas... cars, trucks & SUVs... all the hottest selling names are here. No matter what kind of vehicle you're looking for, you could drive it home for a $49 acquisition sale fee, then you simply take over payments!"

New vehicle shoppers can also take delivery with just a $49 acquisition sale fee. "Thanks to the financing we've arranged, through 8PM Saturday, Rivertown Ford can offer brand new cars, trucks and SUV for a $49 acquisition sale fee, then take over payments!"

Why would a car dealer arrange financing to make this $49 Acquisition sale possible? Williams explains, "Our allocation of 2003 models will depend in part on how many new and used vehicles we can deliver in the next two weeks. The more we sell, the more we'll get. We've decided to sacrifice profits in an effort to really push our sales volume to the maximum."

Williams speaks from experience when describing his expectations for this event. "By finding a lender that allows us to deliver new and used vehicles with just a $49 acquisition sale fee, we think we're really going to see a big increase in deliveries between now and 8 PM Saturday night. When we've done this sale in the past, it's always been one of our biggest. It's really a win-win situation for everybody... we'll sell a record number of vehicles, and our customers will get some great bargains."

"We've decided to sacrifice profit to really push our sales volume to the maximum."

Because the special funds that make this offer possible are only valid through 8PM Saturday night, customers are encouraged to get here early for the best selection.
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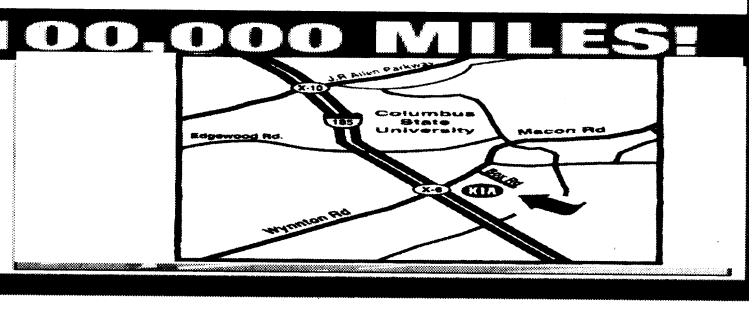
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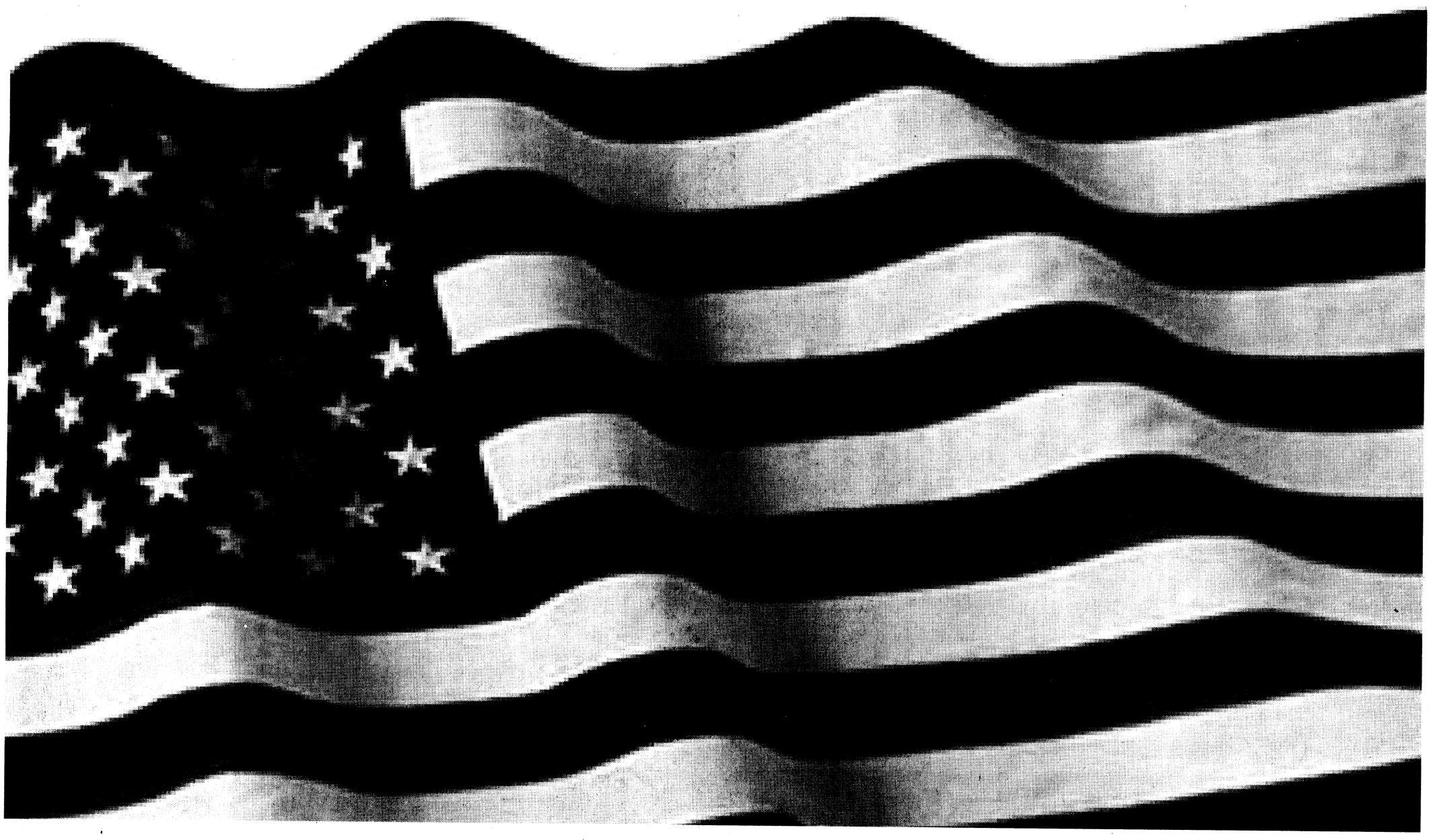
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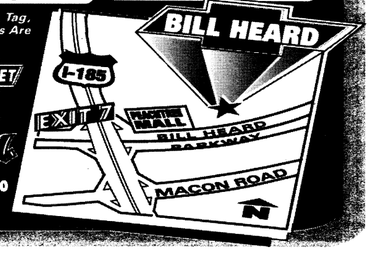
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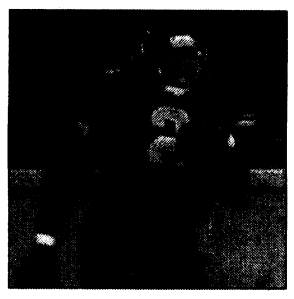
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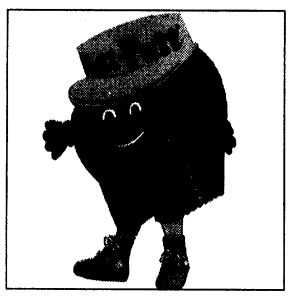
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ACS helps improve lives

Spouses turn to program for support

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

For anyone who's ever been a victim of domestic abuse, the idea of confiding in friends or even attempting to get help can feel somewhat shameful.

For 27-year-old Tina, a Fort Benning wife who wishes her full name to remain unidentified, the pain of an unhappy marriage with mental and near physical abuse was almost too much to handle.

"My husband had a way of making me feel inferior," she said. "He would often tell me I was no good. I started to believe it."

Tina, her husband and her three small children moved from Ft. Bragg, N.C. to Fort Benning last year. Tina thought the move would bring the family closer, but she was wrong. The abuse from her husband continued.

"He wouldn't want me to leave the house," she said. "He didn't trust me. I felt so trapped. I knew we needed help. I was afraid for myself and my children."

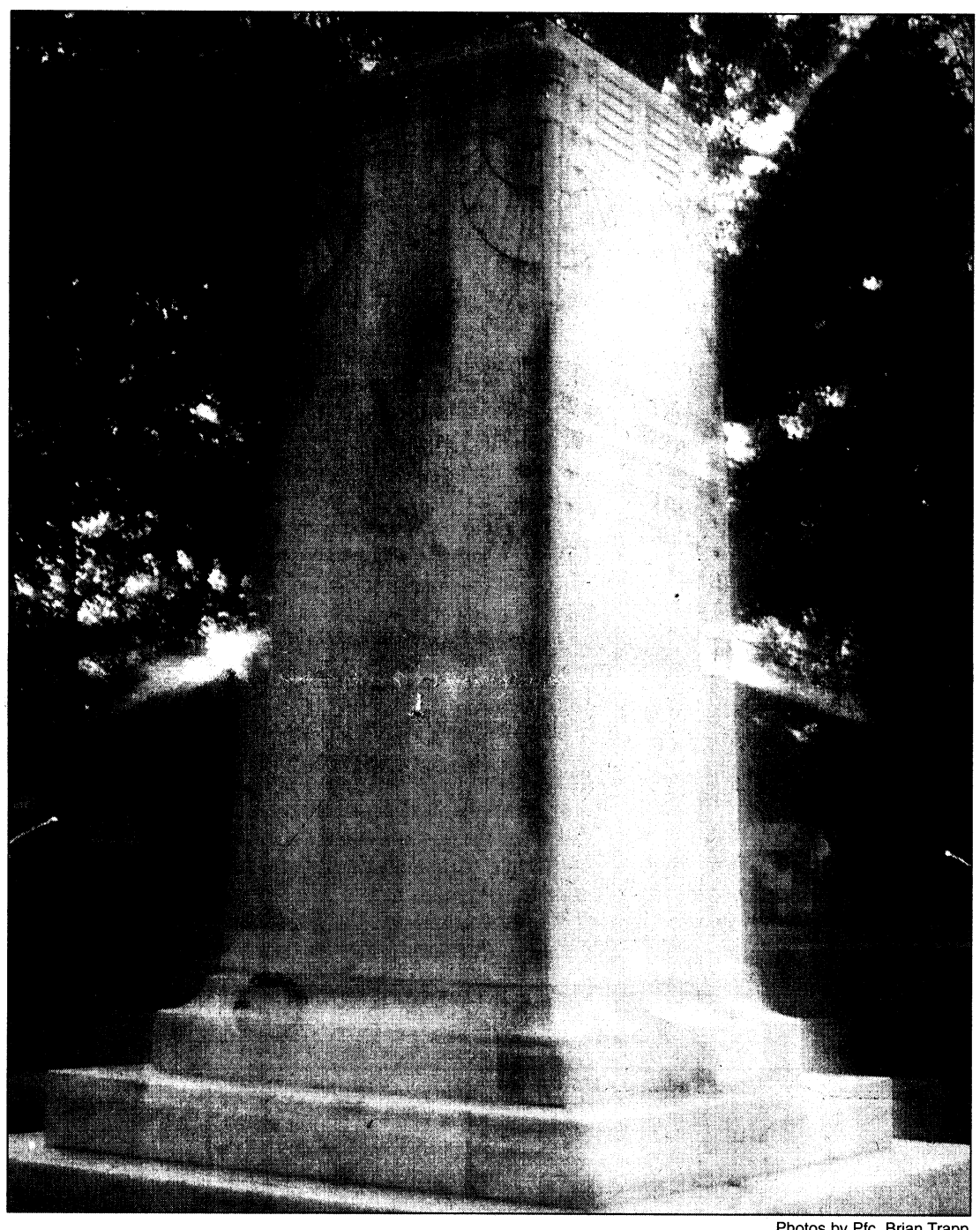
After hearing about the Army Family Advocacy Program through her family readiness group, Tina made the decision that would change her life. She walked into the Army Community Service building and asked for help.

"When Tina came to me, I knew immediately our services could help her," said Theresa Sanchez, Family Advocacy Program victim advocate. "I immediately started working on her individual case, and I knew from talking to her that her marriage was still important to her, so that was also important to us. Our first step was to make her a stronger, more confident person."

The path to rebuilding Tina's self esteem started with respite childcare, a free childcare service offered to relieve stress on a parent.

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POW-MIA Day



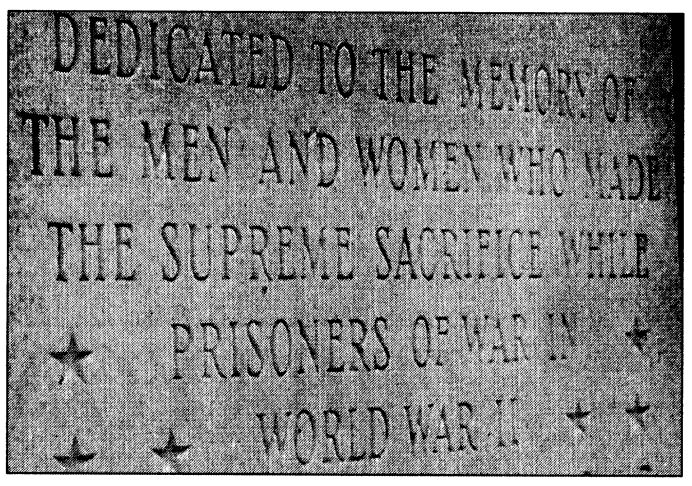
Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

The post POW-MIA memorial statue stands on Honor Field by Lumpkin Road.

Remember

Gov. Roy E. Barnes declared today as POW-MIA Day in the state of Georgia, to recognize Georgians who became prisoners of war and those who remain missing in action. Barnes also encourages people to fly the POW-MIA flag as a tribute.

The day is to remember former American prisoners of war who suffered the hardships of enemy captivity and those missing in action whose fate is still undetermined now.



RIF letters to arrive in month

Garrison warns personnel to prepare

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

More than 1,000 letters are projected to go out on or about Oct. 18, that are associated with the Jan. 25 reduction in force.

"I want to prepare people for the inevitable," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "We as human beings sometimes want to deny something that's on the horizon, and we say maybe it won't happen. Well it's going to happen; nothing is sacred."

The results of the Directorate of Facilities, Engineering and Logistics and the Adjutant General commercial activities studies, known as A-76, will abolish as many as 683 job positions to meet the target manpower level by Jan. 25.

"If people are in a job series identified as one of the functional areas of the RIF, they are all at stake because of the bumping and retreating," Torres said.

The study concluded contractors can perform a major portion of functions provided by DFEL and other activities more efficiently.

"This will affect every TRADOC activity on post," Torres said. "Fort Benning's work force will look different on January 26 compared to today's. On January 26, some individuals will be going to work as they normally have, others will find themselves in new positions and some of today's workforce will not be on Fort Benning's rolls."

We've implemented programs to minimize the upheaval," he said. "We are providing counseling and advice to employees being affected. Regulations are emplaced so everyone gets the same opportunity," he said.

People being affected will have the opportunity to apply for a position with the Shaw Group and have first right of refusal.

If someone losing his position and

See **PERSONNEL**, A-9

CFC begins soon, helps soldiers

Combined Federal Campaign money benefits others, too

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

The Combined Federal Campaign 2002 gets underway with a kickoff breakfast at the Officers' Club for Fort Benning leaders on Sept. 25.

The goal of this year's campaign is $550,000. Last year, Fort Benning soldiers and civilians contributed more than $680,000 through payroll deduction and cash contributions.

"This is the only authorized Department of Defense solicitation for charitable donations in the federal workplace," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager.

Fort Benning CFC officials work with members of the local United Way during the campaign, which runs through Nov. 6.

"This is the first time I have worked on the CFC," said Donna Fink, whose husband is deployed with 3rd Brigade. Fink works in the United Way marketing department and is lending a much needed hand this year during the six-week campaign.

Local agencies are included in the more than 1,600 represented in the CFC catalog.

"Individuals can designate the Fort Benning Soldier and Family Support Association as a recipient," Walls said. "The Army Community Services Food locker, Family Unit Network, youth programs and Santa's Castle are all funded by the association."

Walls said that people should consider giving to local agencies because the contributions stay in the area and can be of direct benefit to soldiers and their families.

CFC contributions helped with Sept. 11, 2001, recovery efforts.

As this year's CFC video explains, it is impossible to predict the future, but important to be prepared, and CFC is a great way to invest in the future of the community, the nation and the world.

For more information, call 545-1005 or 327-3255.

BULLIES

Learn tactics early

Bridgett Siter
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COMMENTARY

Penny was my neighbor and my classmate. She was overweight and dressed in frumpy hand-me downs. She was taunted at school and abused at home, and I felt sorry for her.

But Penny was also the neighborhood bully, not an uncommon dichotomy if you look at the statistics. Most bullies have been bullied or abused. The abused often become abusers.

I tried to stay in Penny's good graces at school to avoid her wrath at home. It was a delicate balancing act, and I was never much of an acrobat. It was only a matter of time before she took her misplaced anger out on me.

It happened when we were in the sixth-grade, and it started on the school bus. She hurled at me all the ugly words she'd been called at school, and when that wore thin, she hurled threats. I knew she'd make good on them.

I stepped off the school bus, slid across the icy sidewalk and onto the snow-covered lawn for better footing, and headed home as fast as I could. Penny caught up to me quickly and shoved me down into the snow.

I laid there in the snow for just a moment, shivering, as cowardice battled with indignation. Indignation won. I



stood up, shook myself off and shoved back with all my might.

Nothing happened.

There I stood in knee-deep snow, struggling to stay upright, while Penny stood stock still on the slippery sidewalk, the Abominable Snowman in a skirt. She didn't budge a bit.

I had a revelation just then. I couldn't win in this war of the weights. Pound for pound she could pound me into a snowflake. So I did the sensible thing. I ran.

Sorry, folks, some stories just don't have happy endings. Such is life. Only on Nick at Nite does the bully get what's coming to him and everybody else goes home happy, self-esteem intact. Real life isn't always just or fair.

I gave up trying to befriend Penny, and though she occasionally spewed her venom in my direction, I never tried to retaliate again. I had more brain than brawn.

But I learned a few lessons from my encounter with Penny the Terrible. I learned that:

• Victims and bullies sometimes wear the same face,

• Bullies suffer from lack of self-esteem,

• You can't save everybody single-handedly,

• Fighting back can be dangerous,

• Being bullied doesn't justify being a bully,

• Life's lessons don't always have a happy outcome. Learn from them.

You'd think in this age of rampant Columbine-style crimes, we'd all teach our children the lost art of kindness. Just last week the *Ledger-Enquirer* ran the headline, "Taunted 12-year-old stabs teen with kitchen knife." Once again, evil begets evil. Where does it end?

According to those who know bull, it starts in preschool and peaks in middle school. Let's face it, teachers can monitor classrooms, but they can't be all-knowing or all-seeing. They can't supervise every child on the playground or in the restroom. They're overtaxed as it is.

Fort Benning schools have taken it upon themselves to address the problem of bullying in house. They've begun educating our students on the realities and dangers of such behavior. Bully for them.

But unless parents are willing to step up to the plate, to drop the every-man-for-himself attitude and teach their children self-respect and self-restraint, it'll all be for naught. It has to start at home.

For more on the problem of bullying at school and in the workplace, turn to page B-1.

Hammers help heroes' homes

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

Honestly. You borrow a man's hammer, bring it back to him in pieces, just once, and you never get to live it down.

How do I know this? I sat down at the dinner table one Friday evening and announced that I was taking the following Monday off to volunteer my services with the House of Heroes program.

"What," inquired my spouse of 20-something years, "is House of Heroes?"

I explained that volunteers would be descending on a number of homes belonging to veterans to take care of repairs that the elderly homeowners could not attend to themselves.

That's when his eyes narrowed and I was asked, ever so subtly, "Are you going to have to use a hammer?"

In my defense, let me say three things.



It was a long time ago. It wasn't my fault. And I brought all of the pieces back. There weren't a lot of pieces, just two. Or three, depending on how, exactly, you want to define "piece."

Besides, it's not like I really broke that hammer. It just happened to break while I was using it. There's a difference. A big difference. And it wasn't even the good hammer, it was an old hammer that had pounded more than a few nails in its time.

As it turned out, there was plenty to do that didn't require any hammering. (Not that there were any hammers in evidence. I suspect my team captain was tipped. The closest I got to a real tool was a screwdriver and a spackle knife).

But there were sheets of wallpaper to take down, nail holes to fill, walls to paint, windows to wash, leaves to rake and bag, bushes to trim and yards of stuff that needed to be carted to the curb. And that's just what the unskilled help like myself got to do.

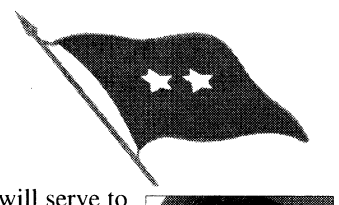
I did get to use the steamer to get the wallpaper down. I only burned myself twice, and only one of the burns was a third-degree.

In return, the volunteers got a cool T-shirt, a sack lunch, all the soda, water and Powerade we could drink and the gratitude of some very thankful veterans and their spouses.

"House of Heroes" is now a year-round program, and volunteers are always welcome. Taking on a home would be a very fitting community service project for any class or group.

For more information on volunteering with House of Heroes, call 494-1111.

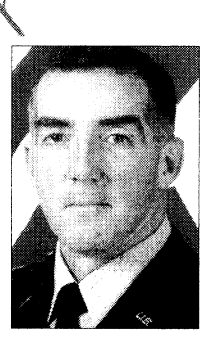
Remembrance strikes chord



My compliments to all who worked so hard to make our three-day 9-11 remembrance so special.

From the band concert to the remembrance service to the events at Sand Hill and York Field, I think we touched the right chord in that we paid deference to our fallen comrades, in uniform and in civilian life — lost in ground combat in Afghanistan and in the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, while resolving to carry this war to our enemies.

Just like we remembered the Alamo, the Maine and Pearl Harbor, we must remember 9-11. It too is a date that shall live in infamy. On that day we were plunged into war. Recounting this anniversary



will serve to remind us why we are at war and that we must be forever vigilant.

Sept. 11, 2001, many things changed — remember what happened, remember the emotions then, and keep the anger hot and focused against those who would try to change our culture, our lifestyle.

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton
Commanding general

LETTER

Reader likes new flag

After a long day of running errands, our family was making our way back to Fort Benning via the Main Gate. Nearing the gate we were struck with awe. There just outside the entrance to the installation was a big, beautiful, brand-new American flag.

Pride, honor and reverence are just a few of the emotions that entering a military installation should invoke, and what better to portray those feelings than with our precious symbol of freedom.

Fort Benning has made its finest purchase yet. Hooah!

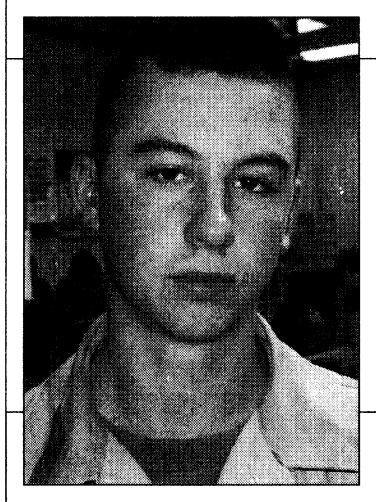
— Sgt. John and Melissa Givvines, and family
Fort Benning

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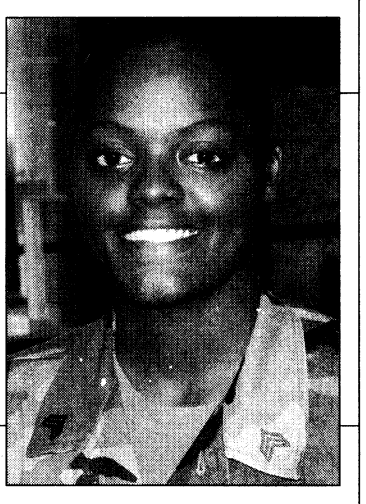
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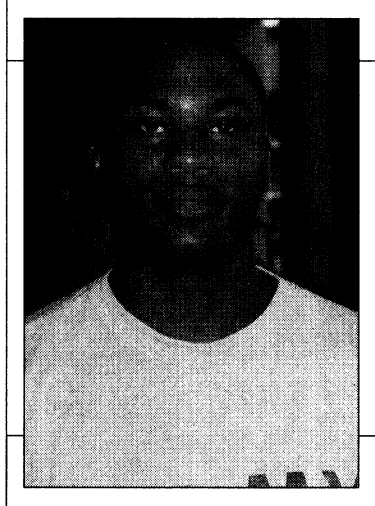
What is your bully experience?



Pvt. Tristan Terry, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "I bullied and I got bullied. People need to understand that it works both ways."



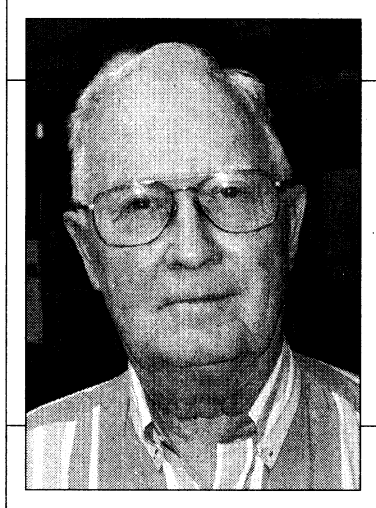
Sgt. LaTonya Allen, 608th Ordnance Company — "I was bullied ... but once I retaliated, it all stopped. Sometimes you have to stand up for yourself."



Spc. Nicholas Duckett, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I got bullied because I was a nice person and I kept to myself. But, since I was a comedian, I talked and laughed my way out of the situations."



Cassandra Johnson, family member — "I never bullied anyone. It's wrong!"



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Volunteers honor heroes, widows



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Pfc. Joshua Dimitri, 36th Engineer Group, digs a hole for for a fence during House of Heroes week.

Workers repair homes for elderly

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It's hard to tell who the real heroes are around here. It's a matter of perspective.

More than 350 volunteers from the Fort Benning community might say they were honoring America's heroes when they went to work scrubbing, painting, trimming, mowing and repairing the homes of aging veterans and widows of veterans this week.

But the homeowners said their benefactors were the real heroes.

"They're just wonderful. I don't know how to say how grateful we are," said Isabel Engeldinger, as she watched more than 30 soldiers from the 13th Combat Support Battalion paint her living room and trim overgrown shrubs.

The Engeldingers home was one of 12 sponsored by Fort Benning teams and one of 50 refurbished citywide. Most needed minor carpentry and plumbing work, painting inside and out, and lawn work. Some had special requests for safety features, like shower rails or deadbolt locks.

The Engeldingers' home has been burgled twice, so when they requested a safety lock for their front door, volunteers showed up immediately to install one. Accommodating those "who sacrificed so much for this country," is what House of Heroes is all about, said Greg Camp, spokesman for the organization, which has been helping veterans for three years.

"These are men who gave years of their lives to serve this country. Most of them served in Korea or Vietnam," Camp said. "It's just a small way we can show our appreciation to these veterans while they're still with us or honor those who have died by helping their widows live more comfortably."

Though Monday through today was officially designated House of Heroes week, volunteers began visiting the veterans and scheduling repair last month. Nearly 200 soldiers from the Infantry Officers' Basic Course began working two weeks ago, and more than 100 Fort Benning employees and family members took leave from their regular jobs this week to join the effort.

Sheila McGill spent Saturday repairing screens for a World War II veteran's widow.

"See that flag over there?" McGill asked, pointing to the American flag hanging from the front porch. "That's what brings me here. This lady's husband and others like him paid a real high price so we can live under that flag. There's a verse in the Bible that says, 'To whom much is given, much is required.'

"If we did this kind of work every weekend of the year, we wouldn't make a dent in what we owe them. It's not much, but it's a start."

McGill called it a "privilege and a blessing" to be a part of House of Heroes.

"You always get more than you give out of this kind of thing," she said. "If just 10 percent of this nation would recognize the need to give something back to these heroes, we could turn this nation around."

LaVoy Powell, "captain" for a team of volunteers from Professional Enterprises, a Fort Benning lawn care contractor, said his crew would trim shrubs throughout the week in an effort to reduce the potential West Nile threat around the veterans' homes.

"My wife retired from the military, so I know what it's like to be an Army wife," Powell laughed, as workers removed overgrowth from a widow's yard in the Oakland Park community. "I understand what a military spouse has to go through, so I wanted to pay my respects to her. She can call on me anytime."

Staff Sgt. Steve Holder, U.S. Army Medical Activity, spent Monday pressure washing the outside of Irene Shafer's home in Oakland Park. The widow of a World War II veteran is blind, and regular chores have become nearly impossible.

"We've gotta take care of our own," Holder said, explaining his decision to participate in House of Heroes. "We owe them that much."



Staff Sgt. Steve Holder, U.S. Army Medical Activity, washes the outside of a home for an elderly widow Monday.

Woman, 80-years-young, queen for a day

Volunteers make widow feel like royalty

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"When I am an old woman, I shall wear purple ...
and make up for the sobriety of my youth."
— from Jenny Joseph's *Warning*

Miss Wanda looked askance when asked about her age.

"Never, never ask a lady how old she is," she admonished in a thick Polish accent. "Ask how young she is. Me, I am 80 years young."

Miss Wanda insists on being called just that. It's the name she chose when she became an American citizen in 1953. But her last name is Polish, and the Polish still have enemies, she fears. Better to keep it to herself.

Miss Wanda has seen a lot of trouble in her 80 years, from the German concentration camp where she was forced into "slave labor" during World War II, to early widowhood and poor health.

"And now the stupid dog, he has stole my teeth," she shrugged, shaking her head. "I have troubles."

Some would say Miss Wanda has earned the right to be leery of reporters, the right to speak her mind, and the right to wear purple from head to toe. She wears a purple ring and a purple watch and by the end of the day Saturday, her bedroom would be purple, too.

Purple is the color of royalty, Miss Wanda said, and she felt like a queen.

Nearly 30 students from Columbus' Brookstone Academy and their parents spent the day with Miss Wanda, repairing, painting and cleaning her home inside and out.

The team of volunteers, including Fort Benning family members, represented House of Heroes, the local nonprofit organization that honors veterans and their widows by repairing their homes.

"I tell you, I feel like a very rich woman. It makes me feel good," Miss Wanda said, as she watched workers come and go from her kitchen, where a recent fall left her confined to a chair. "I used to do this. I used to do everything here. Then I got down and the house started looking bad.

"You know, when your home's not nice, you sometimes feel like not coming home. Now it's like new. It's clean and pretty. It makes me feel better, you know."

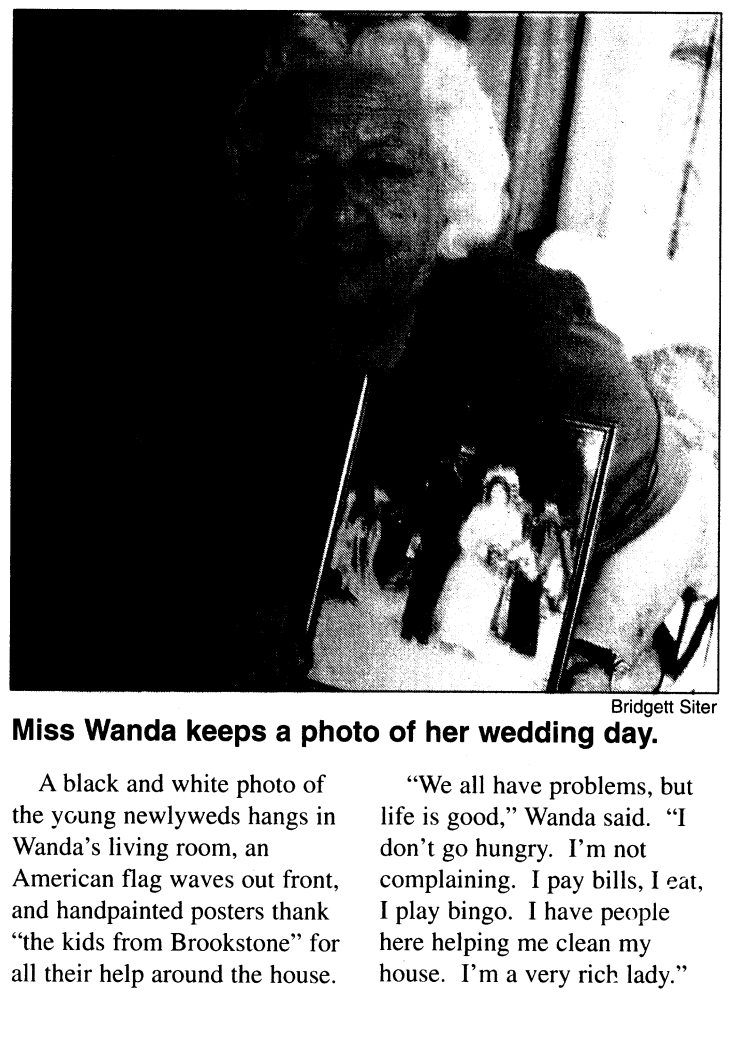
Miss Wanda's daughter, Lillian Serna, a Fort Benning employee, read about House of Heroes in *The Bayonet* and contacted organization officials to find out if her mother qualified for the program, a weeklong initiative that included 54 homes, 10 sponsored by Fort Benning.

"And we couldn't say no," said Greg Camp, former Fort Benning chief of staff and House of Heroes spokesman. "Her story is so compelling. Here's a lady who's come through so much and whose husband gave his life for this country. This is how we show our appreciation."

Miss Wanda was living in a women's compound, forced to work in a German aircraft factory, when she met her husband, Edward, a U.S. soldier and the the son of Polish immigrants. Edward helped liberate Wanda, and the two were married eight weeks later.

Edward retired in 1962 and died shortly after from cancer, leaving Wanda with three young children to raise.

"For a long time, I still set him a plate," Wanda said. "You think I'm silly, but sometimes I still look for him. I know he's not coming back."



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Miss Wanda keeps a photo of her wedding day.

A black and white photo of the young newlyweds hangs in Wanda's living room, an American flag waves out front, and handpainted posters thank "the kids from Brookstone" for all their help around the house.

"We all have problems, but life is good," Wanda said. "I don't go hungry. I'm not complaining. I pay bills, I eat, I play bingo. I have people here helping me clean my house. I'm a very rich lady."

Readjustment, reconnecting after return

How families are affected in deployment

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A deployment's strain on a relationship doesn't end when the soldiers come home. Stresses of readjustment to family life can be tough on a family, too.

"While on a real-world deployment, soldiers deal with stresses of the unknown, being away from their family, and there is a "no-kidding" life and death struggle," said Lt. Col. John C. Chin, Ph.D., command psychologist, who has worked with special operations the majority of his career. "When soldiers get a sense of mortality, it wakes them up, and they realize it's their family and children who matter the most. If they maintain a solid foundation in those areas, it makes for a better life."

There are more concerns for younger marriages, Chin said. Spouses are faced with new challenges, like financial and child care concerns and become more independent and may feel contempt for the returning soldier for taking some of their independence.

During redeployment, family members typically deal with conflicting emotions. There is the excitement that the soldier is coming home. On the other hand, there is some apprehension, according to the Department of the Army study *The Emotional Cycle of Deployment, a Military Family Perspective*. Some concerns include "Will I give up my independence? Will we get along?" Ironically, even though the separation is almost over, there can be renewed difficulty in making decisions.

"Soldiers reconnecting with family are coming from profound emotional experiences, and the spouses also had these experiences, dealing with day-to-day issues by themselves, financial issues, taking care of the children and gaining independence, Chin said.

"Sometimes partners can't understand what the other was dealing with while they were apart," he said. "It's better to ease into the relationship maintaining a degree of independence and not to push spontaneous reconnection. It's a new relationship. Both partners have changed from their experience."

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> command psychologist

Many spouses also have a burst of energy during this stage, according to the study. There is often a rush to complete "to-do" lists before their mate returns — especially around the home. It is almost inevitable that expectations will be high.

Homecoming for the soldiers can be a joyous occasion, but also a frustrating one.

The date of return may change repeatedly. Despite best intentions, the spouse at home may not be able to meet the returning soldier — short notice, sitters can't be found in the middle of the night, unable to get off work. Soldiers may expect to be received as "heroes" and "heroines" only to find that they have to make their way home.

The reunion with the children can also be a challenge. Their feelings tend to depend on their age and understanding of why the soldier was gone.

Babies younger than 1 year old may not know the soldier and cry when held, according to the study. Toddlers may be slow to warm up. Pre-schoolers may feel guilty and scared of the separation. School age children may want a lot of attention. Teen-agers may be moody and may not appear to care.

In addition, children are often loyal to the parent who remains behind and do not respond to discipline from the returning soldier, according to the study. They may also fear the soldiers return if a parent says, "Wait till daddy gets home."

Eventually, soldiers will want to reassert their role as members of the family, which can lead to tension, according to the study. This is an essential task and requires considerable patience to accomplish successfully.

It is not realistic to return home and expect everything to be the same as before the deployment.

Reconnecting and understanding both have changed sometimes during the deployment is critical, Chin said. The soldier may become a control freak but must realize the spouse gained independence during their time apart, and that's a good thing. It helps take some of the day-to-day responsibilities off of the soldier.

Soldiers may not approve of privileges granted to children by the non-deployed parent, according to the study. However, it is probably best for the soldier not to try to make changes right away and to take time to renegotiate family rules and norms. Not heeding this advice, the soldier risks invalidating the efforts of their mate and alienating the children.

Soldiers may feel hurt in response to such a lukewarm reception, according to the study. Clearly going slow and letting the children set the pace goes a long way toward a successful reunion.

Post-deployment is probably the most important stage for both soldiers and spouse. Patient communication, going slow, lowering expectations and taking time to get to know each other again is critical to successful reintegration of the soldier back into the family.

The separation of deployment — unlike civilian couples — provides soldier and spouse a chance to evaluate changes within themselves and what direction they want their marriage to take. Although a difficult as well as joyful stage, many military couples have reported that their relationship is much stronger as a result.

"NCO and officer leadership need to know their people intimately," Chin said. "Family support groups need to reach out to the young folks, particularly the ones who don't participate, to prepare them for the stresses of deployment."

Fort Benning offers a wide range of service and support for soldiers and their families, Chin said.

People can receive counseling from Martin Army Community Hospital, Chaplains, Army Community Service and they can also be referred to local psychologists.

Reserve MPs to depart from Fort Benning soon

Soldiers enjoy support of Noble Eagle

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Since the attacks Sept. 11, 2001, reserve units from all over the country activated to support the war efforts of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Two military police units were activated Oct. 1 to support and guard the gates of Fort Benning.

In today's world where the Army professes a one team, one fight motto, the 157th West Virginia National Guard MP Company and the 2145th Garrison Support Unit, MP Detachment from Jacksonville, Fla., supported America in the job they were trained to do.

"These soldiers gave up time with their families and their civilian jobs to support Operation Noble Eagle," said Lt. Col. Sean Finnegan, post provost marshal. "They did an outstanding job for the community and America."

While on Fort Benning, the units assisted with the access control points and the garrison law enforcement missions.

"I'm proud of the job we did here," said 1st Lt. Leonard Nida, platoon leader of the 157th. "We performed an important mission vital to the success of Operation Noble Eagle."

For one soldier, leaving Fort Benning had mixed emotions.

Staff Sgt. Kyle Jenkins was stationed on Fort Benning before he came off active duty Sept. 29, 2001.

"Two days after I ETSed from here, my unit activated and was placed here," Jenkins said. "So basically I had one day of leave before I came back here."

To the soldiers, Fort Benning was a great place to be.

"I had fun while I was here," said Sgt. Barbara McWilliams. "If I had to stay, I would accept it with open arms. But, now I will just have to get back on with my normal life."



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Post recognizes Hispanic contributions

Celebration starts with run, ends with food

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
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Hispanic Heritage Month began Sunday. To celebrate the Latin culture, the post's Equal Opportunity Office has organized two events Oct. 3.

A run will begin in front of Infantry Hall at 6:30 a.m., with prizes for first-, second- and third-place finishers in different age categories. There will be a luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. at the Officers' Club, featuring retired Maj. Gen. Felix A. Santoni as the guest speaker.

As a general officer in the U.S. Army, he shows the Hispanic communities in and around the area the possibilities available to them in the military, said Master Sgt. Kevin Elliott, installation Equal Opportunity Office NCOIC.

Cultural backgrounds have nothing to do with soldiers ascending in the ranks, said Spc. Jean Lopez, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

The luncheon is just one way to communicate to soldiers the important role the Hispanic community has played on the nation, Elliott said.

Hispanics have contributed a lot to the U.S. military, Lopez said.

"We're hoping to educate people on the different aspects and the heritage of the Hispanic culture," he said.

The month gives Hispanics a sense of pride, Lopez said.

"I'm proud of being Hispanic and in the Army," Lopez said.

In September of 1968, the Senate and House of Representatives named the week including Sept. 15 and 16 to be Hispanic Heritage Week. On the first day of 1989, the week was changed to a month long celebration.

"It creates more time for the community to hold events," said Sgt. 1st Class Pablo R. Padin, 11th Infantry Regiment's equal opportunity advisor. "It allows Hispanics to receive the recognition they deserve."

For more information about the run, luncheon or Hispanic Heritage Month, see your unit equal opportunity advisor or call 545-6665.

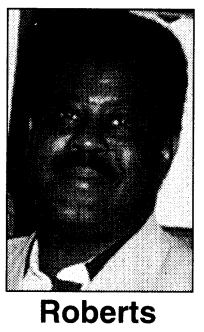
Retired CSM to receive AUSA award for his work

Man praised for years of contribution

Melissa House
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Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Eddie L. Roberts will receive the Sergeant Major of the Army William O. Bainbridge Noncommissioned Officer Distinguished Service Award. The Bainbridge medal is awarded annually to the NCO contributing the most to the Army NCO corps.

"Whenever our chapter needs something, Eddie Roberts is the man who will do it if it involves helping soldiers," said Chuck Hunsaker, president of the Chattahoochee Valley-Fort Benning chapter of the Association of the United States Army. The chapter nominated Roberts to the regional office for the award. "Then the regional office added information to our award submission that we didn't even know about."


Roberts

Roberts received many awards for his outstanding service to Fort Benning and the civilian community, including the Muscogee County Rotary Club Community Volunteer of the Year Award for 1997.

"Eddie Roberts is the epitome of a noncommissioned officer," said retired Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmie Spencer, director of NCO and soldier programs, AUSA. "What sets him apart from his fellow NCOs is his extensive involvement in the civilian community."

Roberts said that it was an honor to be selected to receive the award.

"This was totally a surprise to me," he said.

The award will be presented at the association's annual meeting Oct. 21 in Washington,

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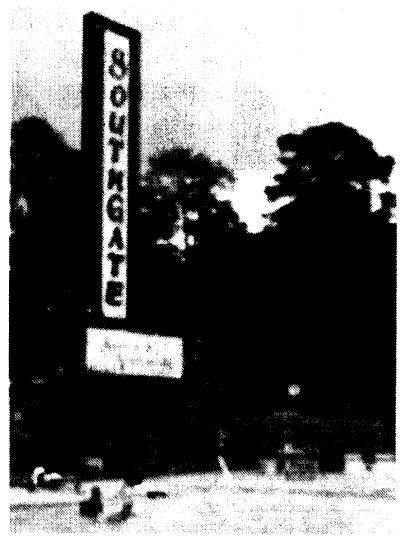
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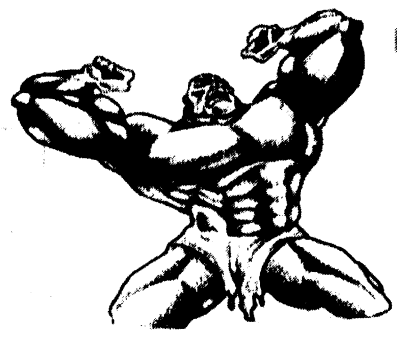
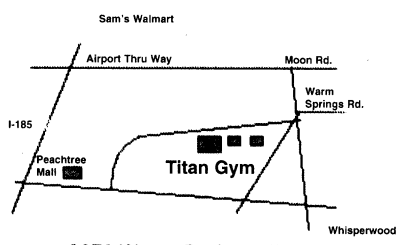
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Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

"We want to be a nation that serves goals larger than self. We have been offered a unique opportunity, and we must not let this moment pass." — **President George W. Bush,** State of the Union

Many people have said that it is not a matter of "if" terrorists will strike again; it's a matter of "when and where."

In fact, Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general, recently said, "We are all combatants."

Given that, residents of Fort Benning and the rest of the country can benefit by learning what to do to help prevent and prepare for terrorist attacks, according to the citizencorps.gov Web site.

Alice W. Bass, Directorate of Intelligence and Security, offered this advice on prevention:

• Be alert to strangers on government property for no apparent reason,

• Write down license numbers of suspicious vehicles, noting the description of the occupants,

• Report anything unusual to your chain of command, report unusual or suspicious behavior,

• Avoid using your name and rank on answering machines,

• Don't open your door to strangers, use peephole viewer,

• Ask for ID for contractors assigned to work on your home and quarters,

• Brief family members on residential security and safety procedures,

• Instruct family not to provide strangers with information about you or your family.

According to the weprevent.org Web site, people should do the following to help do their part in the prevention of terrorist attacks:

• Know the routines. Be alert as you go about your daily business. This will help you learn the normal routines of your neighborhood, community and workplace. Understanding these routines will help you to spot anything out of place.

• Be aware. Get to know your neighbors at home and while traveling. Be on the lookout for activities such as unusual conduct in your neighborhood, in your workplace, or while traveling. Learn to spot suspicious packages, luggage or mail abandoned in a crowded place like an office building, an airport, a school or a shopping center.

• Take what you hear seriously. If you hear or know of someone who has bragged or talked about plans to harm citizens in violent attacks or who claims membership in a terrorist organization, take it seriously and report it to law enforcement immediately.

People can do much more to help with the war on terrorism, Eaton said. Some of his advice to people is to lose weight if necessary, to know how to fire a weapon accurately and to know first aid in order to save your neighbor's life.

According to the citizencorps.gov Web site, the Citizen Corps has many opportunities for people who want to volunteer their time or be proactive in the fight against terrorism. These include:

• Citizen Corps Councils, which help drive local citizen participation by coordinating Citizen Corps programs, developing community action plans, assessing possible threats and identifying local resources.

• The Community Emergency Response Team — A training program that prepares people in neighborhoods, the workplace, and schools to take a more active role in emergency management planning, and to prepare themselves and others for disasters.

• An expanded Neighborhood Watch Program, which incorporates terrorism prevention and education into its existing crime prevention mission.

• Volunteers in Police Service, who provide support for resource-constrained police departments by using civilian volunteers to free up more law enforcement professionals for frontline duty.

• The Medical Reserve Corps, which coordinates volunteer health professionals during large-scale emergencies to assist emergency response teams, provide care to victims with less serious injuries, and remove other burdens that inhibit the effectiveness of physicians and nurses in a major crisis.

• Operation TIPS, Terrorism Information and Prevention System — A nationwide program providing millions of workers who, by the nature of their jobs, are well-positioned to recognize unusual events with a formalized way to report suspicious activity to the nearest FBI field office.

What can people do to prepare for a possible attack?

According to the redcross.org Web site, they should:

• Create an emergency communications plan.

Choose an out-of-town contact your family or household will call or e-mail to check on each other should a disaster occur.

• Establish a meeting place.

Having a predetermined meeting place away from your home will save time and minimize confusion should your home be affected or the area evacuated. Be sure to include any pets in these plans, since pets are not permitted in shelters, and some hotels will not accept them.

• Assemble a disaster supplies kit. If you need to evacuate your home or are asked to "shelter in place," having some essential supplies on hand will make you and your family more comfortable.

• Check on the school emergency plan of any school-age children they have.

Dr. Dell McMullen, superintendent of Fort Benning schools, confers with the garrison commander to make a decision as to how post schools react. Administrators may keep children at school until a parent or designated adult can pick them up or send them home on their own. The schools should have updated information about how to reach parents and responsible caregivers to arrange for pickup. If people are unable to pick up their child, schools require proper identification to release a child to someone you designate.

Each Muscogee County high school has its own terrorist-attack-response plan. The systemwide plan is to hold students at the schools and wait until the Columbus Emergency Management Office, the superintendent of schools and the mayor confer with each other. The superintendent will then inform the schools of the decision to release students to their parents or maintain them at the schools.

To report suspicious activity, call 911.

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Westpoint admissions

Want to be one of 150 soldiers admitted to West Point next year?

There will be an admissions briefing at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Oct. 30 in Infantry Hall's Classroom 9.

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For more information, call Capt. Cliff Hodges at DSN 688-5780 or (845) 938-5780 or e-mail tc2324@usma.edu

CATD luncheon

The Combined Arms Tactics Directorate will have a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 6.

The guest speaker will be David Stieghan, military history instructor.

He'll speak about John Bell Hood's failed Tennessee Campaign of 1864.

For more information, call 545-4290.

EMT-B refresher course

U.S.A. MEDDAC's 91W Training Section will offer an EMT-B refresher course Monday through Sept. 27. Soldiers currently certified and whose license will expire within the following six months can take the course.

Classes will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day in Building 880, classroom G-122. To enroll or for more information, call 544-1274 or e-mail Aldo.Richards@se.amedd.army.mil.

Seats for this course are limited to 24.

VA Office closed

The Veteran Affairs Office at Soldiers' Plaza will be closed Wednesday to Sept. 27.

If VA assistance is needed please call (800) 827-1000.

Long-term care open season

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or even lifelong assistance with daily living due to an illness, injury or severe cognitive impairment. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has launched the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, under which approximately 20 million federal employees and members of the uniformed services, as well as retirees of both groups and certain family members, can apply for coverage.

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This program features group premiums, coverage for informal health care, access to care coordination services for qualified relatives of enrollees, and international benefits, among other benefits.

For more information, call (800) LTC-FEDS or see Sgt. William A. Graves' article in the Sept. 13 edition of *The Bayonet*.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board to consider soldiers for the promotion to sergeant major will be Oct. 1.

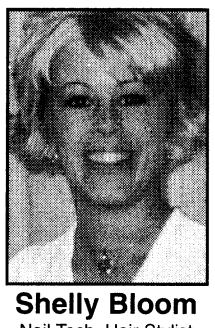
Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000 and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977 and Oct. 1, 1992. Date of birth is no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951.

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Survivors, families remember tragedy

Gathering honors men lost to the sea

Melissa House
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More than 100 family members, friends and survivors of a disaster involving American infantrymen gathered Friday to remember the 763 men who lost their lives Christmas Eve, 1944.

The troop transport S.S. Leopoldville was headed across the English Channel to deliver reinforcements to fight at the Battle of the Bulge when it was sunk by a German U-boat only five miles from Cherbourg, France.

The sinking of the Leopoldville is one of the most controversial events in military history, according to a History Channel documentary. A series of miscues by both the British and U.S. governments prevented timely aid to the victims. Because of wartime censorship, detailed information was not available until the British government declassified documents pertaining to the disaster in 1996. Many families did not know what had happened until then.

"They sent a Purple Heart to my wife," said survivor Gerald Howard, "but she never knew exactly what had happened. The families of those killed were never told what happened."

Howard was hospitalized for almost nine months after being rescued.

"It seems as if I can remember it like it was yesterday," Howard said.

"The significance of this event will be etched in our minds and our hearts," said Jack Randles, who served in I Company, 262nd Regiment.

Randles, drafted after high school, later went to college and seminary and served as an Army chaplain in both Korea and Vietnam.

The grief of the survivors and families is now commingled with the events of Sept. 11, 2001, Randles said as he delivered a commemorative prayer during the ceremony. Last year's commemoration was canceled after the terrorist attacks and this year, tropical storm Hanna's rain forced the wreath-laying ceremony indoors.

Pfc. William Costa's daughter was 19 months old when he headed for France aboard the Leopoldville and died in the cold waters of the English Channel.

"He loved his family," said his widow Dorothy. "Deeply and forever — those were the last words he said before he left."

Dorothy Costa Sroga and daughter Elaine Costa Picard presented the wreath along with Rachael Ann Gallman, grandniece of Sgt. James Loftis.

For Mary Chesser of Tennessee, the trip to Fort Benning for the ceremony represented a healing step on behalf of her family. Her uncle, Robert Stills, was killed that Christmas Eve. He had turned 19 earlier that month, the average age of the men who died.

"Our family didn't really talk about it a lot," Chesser said. "We never really knew what happened to him."

By the end of the ceremony, the weather had cleared enough for Gerald Howard to help place the wreath in front of the monument on Sacrifice Field. Howard, along with survivors Antonio Martinez and John Carney paused to reminisce about friends whose names were etched on the memorial.

FAP: Helps soldiers, spouses fix marriages, offers services

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The childcare offered Tina a few extra hours of time away from her children each week. The time allowed Tina to focus and take a deep breath.

"I remember feeling a sense of empowerment and that I was not alone after talking with the FAP program," Tina said. "It was the first time I began to see the light at the end of the tunnel."

As Tina began working with counselors at the FAP program, she began to rebuild her life and her marriage. She enrolled herself and her husband in parenting and marriage classes.

But one of the biggest changes was perhaps the way the family learned to handle anger.

"The classes showed my husband and I how to stay calm and think before we talk," Tina said. "We are learning to confront each other without being nasty toward one another."

Tina's family is just one of hundreds of Fort Benning families who have sought help from the Family Advocacy center and have seen their lives and their marriages turn around, said Becky Welch, FAP program manager.

"We are all trained professionals here with the resources to lend support to families in almost any situation," said Welch, who has a degree in social service and has worked with Fort Benning for 10 years. "Spouses can come to us in secret or with their husband or wife with them. We will be their support network and their friends until the problems are resolved and the family is where it needs to be."

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the FAP program wants soldiers and spouses to be aware of the support and services available when they need them.

Services include:

• Victim Advocacy — a program designed to provide victims of domestic violence with the support and information necessary to make positive choices for themselves and their children,

• Violence Intervention — a FAP manager may provide crisis intervention in emergency situations,

• Parent Education — a program that assists parents in getting off to a good start to interact more effectively with their children,

• Respite Child Care — temporary child care for the purpose of relieving parental stress,

• Safety Education for Children — guidance on personal safety and child sexual abuse prevention, how to protect children from predators,

• Foster Care — providing 24 hour care and supportive services for children who cannot be cared for by their own families,

• Abuse Shelters — FAP contracts with Russell County shelters and the Columbus Alliance for Battered Women to provide a 24-hour residential facility in a safe, secure atmosphere,

• Debt Management – classes designed to help families work their way out of debt.

"As soon as I knocked on their doors, we moved very quickly," Tina said. "We didn't waste any time. I feel blessed to have been getting this information."

Because of the FAP program, Tina no longer considers herself a victim and has learned to stand up for herself in all aspects of her life, she said. Her husband, who witnessed physical abuse between his own father and mother as a child, is also changing for the better, she said.

"It took awhile for him to see the pain he was causing me, but the FAP program worked through it with us. We now go on date nights. I can't imagine where we'd be without the help of this post."

For more information on the Family Advocacy Program services, call 545-7517 or stop by Building 2624 in Soldiers' Plaza.

Personnel: Prepare for RIF letters to arrive in mail soon

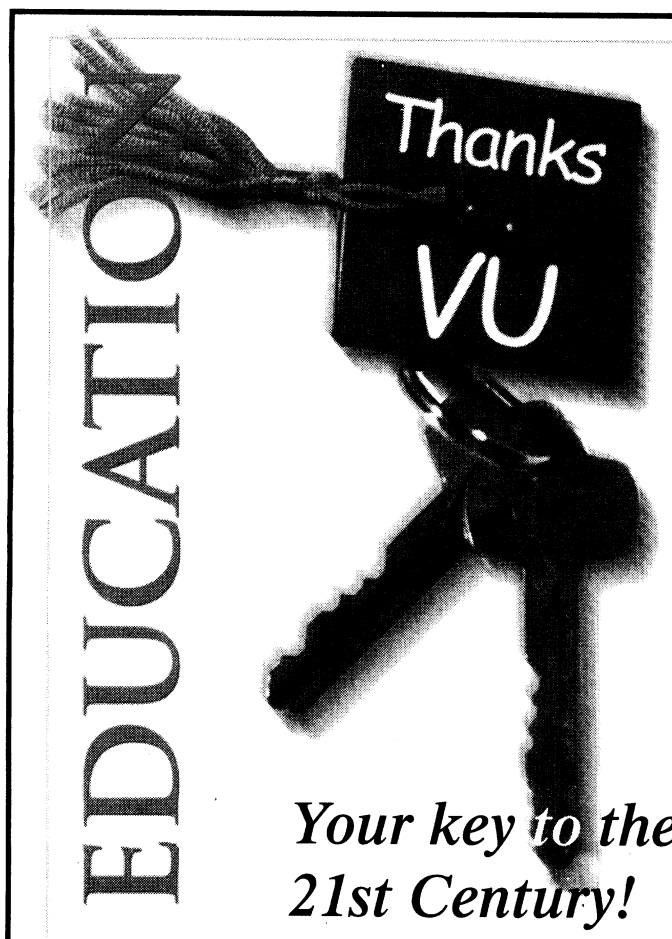
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someone from Columbus or outside the government apply for the same position, it would be offered to the government employee affected by the RIF if that person qualifies for the job.

"The post has recently started a relationship and dialogue with the Shaw Group for the transition," Torres said.

The Directorate of Information Management and Training and Support Center studies are presently under appeal. We are awaiting TRADOC's official ruling on the appeals. For this reason Fort Benning could not include the positions affected by the A-76 studies in the Jan. 25 RIF.

"These are difficult times," said Willie Varner, director of Civilian Personnel. "We have an outstanding work force. They've consistently met the requirements, and now it's sad to see it's to the point of a RIF."



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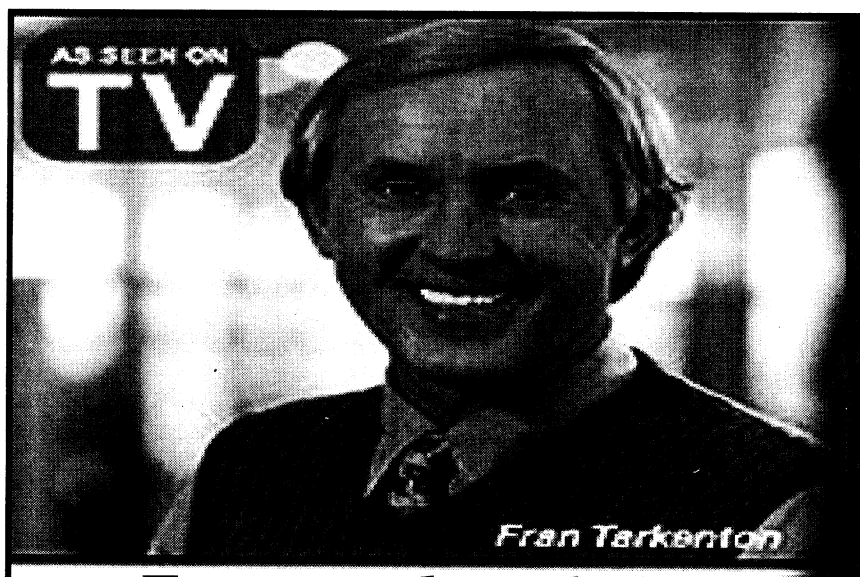
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"My message to the American people is this ... We are all combatants now. If you don't know how to save your fellow American by first aid, that's a skill you need to pick up."
Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton
commanding general

Soldiers and civilians from the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School rose to the challenge Wednesday on the anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Fifteen instructors and employees were certified in emergency response and CPR, a move the school's commandant said was a direct result of "9-11 lessons learned."

"Unfortunately, sometimes it takes a tragedy to wake us up," said Lt. Col. Bill Rieger. "You can have all the know-how in the world, but if you don't practice and train, you don't know how you'll react in a real situation."

Sgt. 1st Class Willie Rias, a Red Cross CPR instructor, taught the six-hour certification course on information he said should be "given out on a need-to-know basis — everybody needs to know it." He led the participants through various mock emergency scenarios, including a tornado evacuation.

Rieger said the students made several minor mistakes during the first scenario.

"Little things, but mistakes nonetheless. We carried the casualty down the stairs head first, without giving it a thought. That's not necessarily a bad thing, but in hindsight, we decided it would have been safer and certainly easier to go down feet first," Rieger said. "That's exactly why we do this kind of training. It's a systems check."

Steve VanCamp, the school's chief of doctrine, said there's nothing incongruous about fitness school soldiers taking a basic first aid and CPR course.

"To be physically *ready* to respond to any situation is one step above being physically fit for any situation," VanCamp said. "We assume when we see soldiers, that they're trained and qualified to be first responders. That's not always the case."

Training in emergency response is now a mandatory part of Red Cross CPR training, a result of last year's tragedy, Rieger said.

"If anything came out of all that chaos, it's the knowledge that there exists a need for first responders, people willing to take action and capable of keeping their cool and acting, rather than reacting," he said. "And the only way we can gain that kind of confidence is to train, train, train and practice."

Rieger called the training course "professional development in the area of homeland defense."

"God puts you in the place you're supposed to be for a reason. It's up to you to be prepared," he said. "You cannot stop a terrorist attack. You can't stop someone from having a heart attack or choking. You can't stop an emergency, but you can make sure you're prepared to respond."

Lou Tomasi has been acute-care certified for 30 years. The fitness school athletic trainer said last week's training was different than any he'd done before.

"Things have changed drastically. Techniques are different — everything from the way you position your hands to the way you move the injured person," he said. "Don't assume because you've had CPR training you're up on what's going on. If you haven't had training in the last year, it's time to do it again."

In fact, fitness school cadre said they've, collectively, performed CPR on more than 15 occasions, sometimes successfully, sometimes not. The message is about willingness, said Sgt. 1st Class Ivory Bourage, who was working at the Pentagon a year ago.

"It was a mass evacuation — complete chaos. They were yelling for anyone who could help — medics, nurses, soldiers ... anybody trained to help, even if it was just basic first aid. Everyone wanted to do something, but nobody knew what to do," said Bourage, a former Marine.

"I don't think you can ever be prepared for an emergency of that scale, but it comes down to this: Are you prepared to help? Do you know what to do?" Bourage said.

"You need the skills and you need to practice for the confidence, so you know you won't spaz in an emergency. You want to be able to act and not *react* to the situation. That's what training is all about."



Photos by Bridgett Siter

Lt. Col. Bill Rieger, top, and Staff Sgt. Matt Billet carry Staff Sgt. Jimmy Ryan from the building during a mock evacuation.



Sgt. 1st Class Willie Rias helps Terrhonda Mills check for signs of life in Lou Tomasi.



Staff Sgt. Steve Saenz practices CPR.

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Sand Hill soldiers move under direct fire



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvt. James Grady conceals himself behind a tree.

Men train for hostile situations

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Sand Hill soldiers spent some time in the field to learn one the infantry's most critical tasks, shoot, move and communicate, Sept. 13.



Grady moves under fire.

"Movement under live fire will be very important to an infantry soldier," Staff Sgt. Erasmo Evans, drill sergeant with E Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment. "Part of movement under fire includes seeking cover after moving positions."

The soldiers in four-man teams moved forward one at a time. While one soldier moved, his buddies covered him by shooting suppressive fire at the enemy.

"You have to depend on your buddies when moving in teams," said Pvt. Evan Carpenter. "If you lose one member of the team, then the rest could be in a world of hurt.

"We know what is coming up for our country, so we need to concentrate on what we're doing and know what to do in a real-world situation."

While going through the exercise, drill sergeants corrected the soldiers on their movements.



Pvt. Mike Kerr prepares to take out the enemy.

"We let the soldiers know whether or not they are on line with each other," Evans said. "We also critique each of their moves so they know what they did wrong and how to improve on it."

"It's almost absolute that as infantry soldiers we will deploy to a hostile area," Carpenter said. "But in that situation, we need to know what we're doing because we're not going to be on a field with drill sergeants ... the enemy will be out there trying to kill us.

"This is our job," Carpenter said. "We all enlisted to protect our family, friends and most importantly — our freedom."



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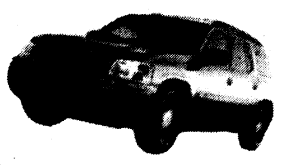
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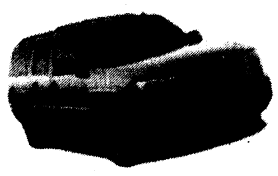
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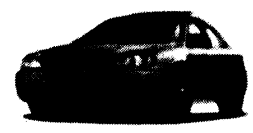
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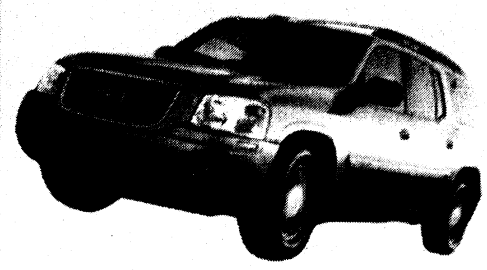
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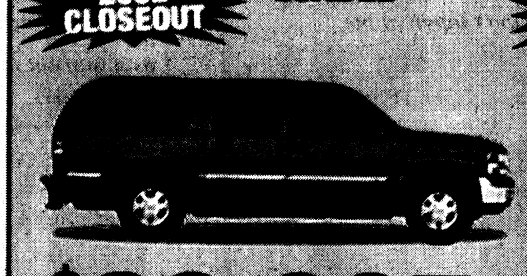
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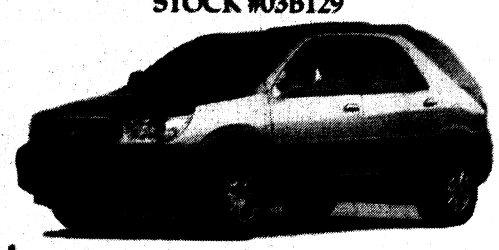


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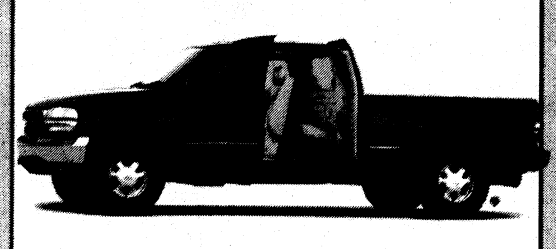
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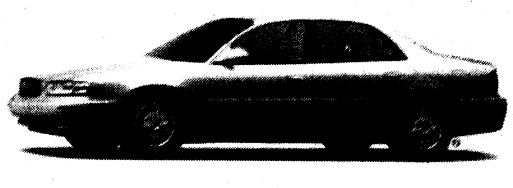
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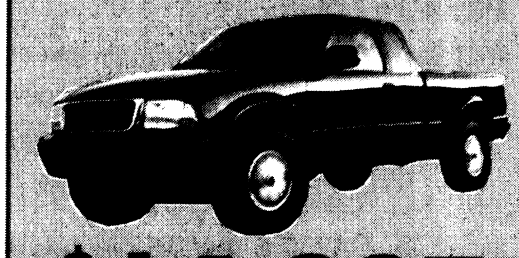
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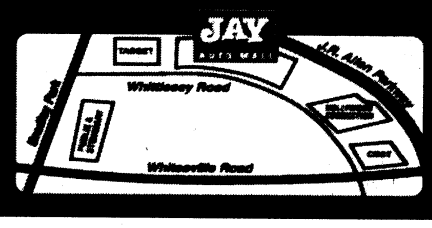
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Benning turns trash to cash

Recycling helps fund improvements to post facilities

Angela Sachitano
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Recycling may not be the first thing on everyone's mind when it comes to cleaning the kitchen after dinner, but making sure paper, cans, bottles and glass get into the designated brown bin can make Fort Benning a better place to live.

"Fitness center renovations, child care improvements, and upgrades to the libraries have all been funded from recycling money," said Debbie Addison, plans officer for Directorate of Community Activities. "I don't think people realize how much the post benefits from recycling."

Fort Benning hauls in about 200,000 pounds of recyclables a month from residents. The post sorts it, breaks it down, and eventually sells it to outside companies. The cash from the trash funds facility improvements as well as saves the post millions of dollars by not dumping the recyclable trash in a landfill.

"We've done everything we can to make recycling an easy process for residents," said Olin Lott, supervisor, Fort Benning Materials Recovery Facility. "We'll do all the dirty work. All families have to do is dump their recyclables into one bin."

Fort Benning's aggressive recycling is attracting the attention of other counties in the Southeast looking to begin their own programs. The county manager from Harris County, the area north of Columbus's Muscogee County, visited Fort Benning just last week to get a close look at the program.

"We have several projects in the works that counties are looking at," said John Brent, chief of Environmental Division. "One of our goals is to create a system to utilize more of our waste on post."

Some of those projects include crushing recyclable glass into dirt for road improvements as well as turning waste into potting soil for residents to use when they need it.

"I think the post has made recycling easy for all of us," said Wendi Delaney, a Norton Court resident. "I recycle just about everything I can, and I'll probably be picking up an extra bin from Self-Help this week because the one I have isn't holding everything."

Items that families should be throwing in their brown bin are:

- Any type of paper, old books, phonebooks, newspaper and magazines,
- Plastic items with a number of 1-7 on the bottom,
- Glass bottles,
- Aluminum,
- Cardboard.

"People have misconceptions that it's tough to recycle and they will have to use their personal time to do it," Lott said. "Keeping the bin in a convenient place in the kitchen or near the back door makes it easy."

Soldiers in the barracks and at work can also recycle, Lott said. Containers and recycle dumpsters are placed throughout the barracks and behind buildings.

"We have 65 percent of families involved in some way or the other," Lott said. "We won't be satisfied until we have all the houses filling their bins with recyclables."

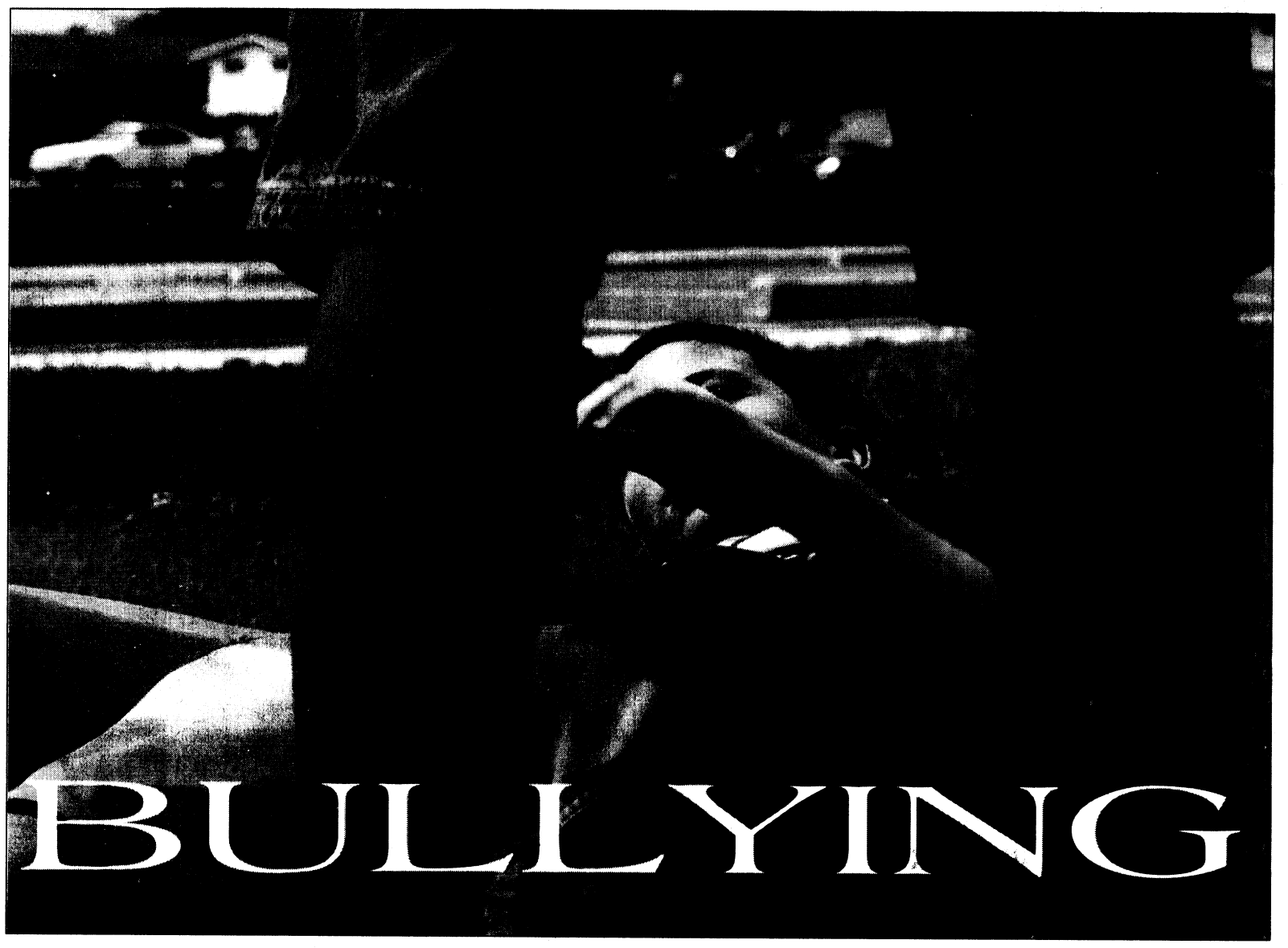
A recent mandatory recycling policy may be exactly what it takes to get residents to pay more attention to what they are throwing out.

Fort Benning is cracking down on uncooperative families, and will refuse to empty their trash cans if the designated brown bins aren't also left out.

"We've supplied the brown bins, and if residents want their trash cans picked up, they are going to have to attempt to fill the recycle bins as well," Lott said. "We can't make it any easier than that."

If post improvements and easy pick-ups don't persuade people to take part, maybe the possibility of living near a dump will.

"By recycling we are doing our part to prevent a landfill from being built around here," Lott said. "No one wants that."



Stories by Bridgett Siter
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I'm fat,
I'm thin,
I'm short,
I'm tall,
I'm deaf,
I'm blind — hey aren't we all?
Don't laugh at me,
don't call me names,
don't get your pleasure from my pain.
In God's eyes, we're all the same.
Don't laugh at me.

— Don't Laugh At Me

Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me.

Yeah, right.

Ask any child who's endured teases and taunts from his classmates. Words hurt, and there's no getting around the facts — most bullying occurs at or near school, where children spend the greatest amount of time with the greatest number of their peers.

It peaks in the middle school years, when students are typically experiencing in-school freedoms for the first time. No more single-file lines to and from class, no more eating lunch with the teacher at the table.

Sixteen percent of all students report having been bullied, though experts say the majority of bullying goes unreported. One in 12 students are regularly harassed, and one in seven admit to being bullies themselves.

Some would have us believe it's a normal, natural part of childhood. If that's so, why does it leave lasting emotional scars? Why do more and more children retaliate by striking back, often with horrific results? Remember Columbine?

I spoke with five Fort Benning middle-schoolers who talked candidly about their experiences with bullying.

13-year-olds Michael, Tony, Sakeisha and Kamilah and 12-year-old Ryan had this to say about bullying:

How do you define "bullying?"

Tony: *"It's any means of harm, verbally or mentally or physically, not wanted by another child or adult by someone else."*

Mike: *"Some people call it teasing, but it's not really funny."*

How do you feel when you see or hear someone bullying?

Sakeisha: *"I used to think it was funny, and I'd just laugh. I used to do it myself, because everybody else was doing it. But I saw this boy look really sad, and he started to cry, and I started feeling pretty bad about it."*

Kamilah: *"I don't think it's funny. I don't like to watch it, but I usually don't say anything, cause I figure it'll start something worse. I just walk away."*

Have you ever been bullied?

Kamilah: *"All the time. Everyday. There's this group of girls who started saying stuff about me when I moved here. They spread rumors, they call me names. They never even gave me a chance to get to know them. I don't know why they hate me."*

See **TEENS**, B-2

Workplace bullies cause costly problem

Though bullying typically peaks during the early teen years, statistics show it's becoming more and more of a problem in the workplace.

And like pubescent bullies, the number of female "professional" aggressors is increasing, even as male bullying, or harassment, is on the decline.

According to the *Campaign Against Workplace Bullying*, a nonprofit organization that conducts workshops on the subject, bullying affects one in five employees, it's more common than racial discrimination or sexual harassment, and 81 percent of bullies are bosses — half are women.

That comes as no surprise to Michelle, a Fort Benning resident who experienced workplace bullying firsthand.

"I wouldn't wish this on anyone," Michelle said, recalling her female bosses erratic, volatile behavior. "She had temper tantrums — 12-year-old behavior. Every morning I'd go in there wondering if the mood of the day was hot or cold."

See **EMPLOYEES**, B-2

Teen Advisors tackle teen issues

Group helps teens cope with peer pressure, stress

Melissa House
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Let's face it. Being a teen-ager is tough. You're starting your first year of high school, and you're plagued with all sorts of problems. Your parents aren't getting along, your face is breaking out, you want to fit in, and you want to be cool. Your best friend is running with a bunch of kids who smoke and drink. The peer pressure is overwhelming. You don't know what to do, but you can't talk to your parents about.

Enter Teen Advisors, groups of high school students in 10th through 12th grades, who are ready to talk to you about all of those hard subjects.

"Kids listen to each other," said Susan Barnes, the Teen Advisors national director at the Columbus office. "Through our program, we're trying to get positive peer pressure snowballing."

The Teen Advisor program started in 1987 at Pacelli High School in Columbus, and has expanded into 12 states, Canada, and the Cayman Islands. Students in the TA program sign a one-year contract stating they will not smoke, drink, take drugs or have pre-marital sex.

In November, 1992, the program received a boost after it was featured in *Focus on the Family* magazine. The following month, President George Bush recognized it as the 987th Point of Light. More than 1,500 requests for information reached the TA main office.

The mission of the peer counseling program is two-fold. Give students who are willing to take a stand on teen issues a peer support group to back them up and give those students an opportunity to reach out to other teen-agers. Seven teen-agers from Fort Benning are participating in the program this year.

Stephanie Koop, a senior at Calvary Christian, is starting her third year as a TA. As a freshman, a group of TAs came to her English class and presented a panel discussion on issues concerning teens. They talked about stress, friends, dating, and smoking, among other topics, Koop said. She found the TAs to be encouraging and helpful.

"Lots of teens think that TAs is just a

See **ADVISORS**, B-3

Upatoi Terrace road becomes two-way

Travel patterns to change in housing area

Bridgett Siter
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Fort Benning's Upatoi Terrace residents will wake up to new road rules Sept. 29, when Terry Street opens for two-way traffic, a move garrison officials say residents have been clamoring for.

"It's come up time and time again in townhall meetings," said Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Porter, community life officer.

"No one knows for sure why they made it one-way to start with. It's been that way as long as anyone can remember, but it's been a major inconvenience for residents."

Community life officers are distributing flyers to educate residents about the change, and MPs will be on hand next Sunday morning to remind drivers to stay in the right-hand lane, Porter said.

Post safety officials took a close look at the change to make sure it would pose no threat to drivers or pedestrians.

Parents are encouraged to walk children to their bus stops until they're comfortable with the new flow of traffic.

Otherwise the reroute is a "quick fix," said Bill Bunt, Fort Benning's chief of range, roads and grounds. Bus drivers have been notified and streets are being restriped to prepare for the change.

"No big deal, just a little something we can do to make life more convenient for residents," Porter said.

Teens: Talk issues of taunting

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Who are your friends?

Kamilah: *"I don't have any. I had this one friend, my best friend, who lived in Columbus. I was so glad when she moved here, because she was my only friend. That group pulled her into their clique. She picked them over me. She's been cussin' and fussin' at me ever since.*

"She hurt me more than they did, because she was my friend. It really hurt."

Anyone else bullied?

Tony: *"I've been bullied since the fourth-grade. At first they picked on me because I used to sit by a girl who was my friend. They called me a girl. Then they started picking on me about stupid little things, like what I'm wearing. I used to like to swing instead of play ball, so everyone called me 'girl,' and said I was gay.*

"It just keeps getting worse. No one ever has anything good to say about me."

How do you handle it?

Tony: *"At first I just tried to ignore it. This year I started dressing different. I used to wear nice pants and stuff, kinda preppy. This year I changed to baggy jeans and T-shirts, because I figured they'd leave me alone if I looked like them. It didn't help. They still do it.*

"I've gotten in trouble a couple of times for fighting. Once I threatened to shoot them to get them off my back. You know, it's like a soda bottle in a hot car. It can only take so much before it explodes."

Mike: *"I've been suspended and got detention and stuff because I fight back. I used to get bullied, then I got tired of it, so I started bullying. I always pick on him (pointing at Ryan) and he doesn't do anything about it."*

Ryan, do you get picked on?

Ryan: *"Yeah, every day. They call me names and say nasty rumors. I'm waiting for someone to punch me. If I don't start a fight, I won't get in trouble."*

Rumors?

Kamilah: *"Yeah, rumors are bad, cause everybody hears them. I've had a lot of rumors about me, and none of them are true. But people want to believe them. It makes you really mad, but mostly it really hurts your feelings.*

"I can usually handle it till I get home, but then I just lay my head on my mom's lap and cry. I don't understand why they hate me."

Mike: *"A rumor is like a dollar bill — it's going everywhere."*

Tell me why people bully?

Ryan: *"I think they're just trying to make themselves feel better."*

Kamilah: *"Because they feel inadequate. They're missing something inside them."*

Sakeisha: *"I think people bully to defend themselves, I think. You bully to keep from being bullied, cause it's everywhere. If you don't, they're going to pick on you."*

Peer pressure?

Kamilah: *"I bullied someone once, because I wanted to fit in with the cool girls. This was at the school I used to go to. I put this girl down bad.*

"It made me feel so bad, I had to go back to apologize. It's like, 'This just isn't me. Why did I do that?'

"I heard once that you reap what you sew. Maybe that's why I'm being bullied."

How does being picked on make you feel?

Sakeisha: *"I just get mad."*

Tony: *"It feels terrible. I cry a lot."*

Kamilah: *"It's not right. It makes you feel ashamed, but there's no reason to be ashamed. It's the bullies that should be ashamed."*

Have you tried to get help?

Kamilah: *"I told my parents and the counselor. When (the bullies) found out, it just got worse. But I know I did the right thing."*

Mike: *"I just started fighting back. That's the only thing that works."*

Kamilah: "You can't fight, because that's probably what they want. You have to be better than that. Besides, if you fight, you get the reputation as a bully yourself."

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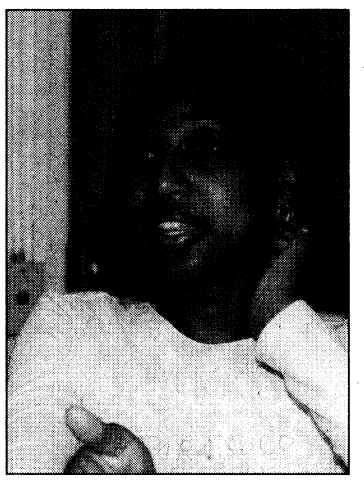
Fort Benning Schools will institute a bully prevention program called ***Kindness — Pass It On***, said Gail Wilson, director of accountability.

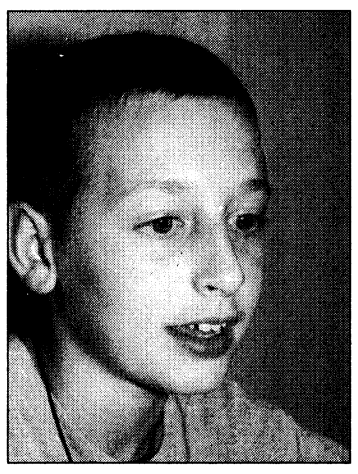
The program is designed to increase awareness and provide strategies for students and teachers to deal with the problem of bullying.

"It's a problem everywhere. We can be the tool to educate our children, to put a stop to bullying in school, at home, on the playground and even in the workplace," Wilson said.

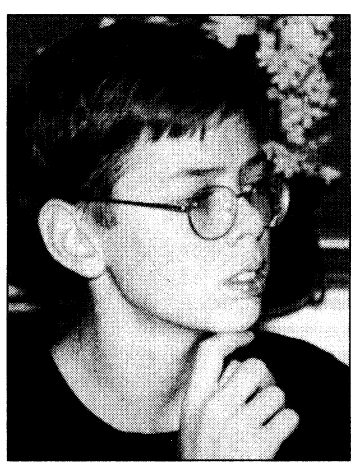
The Fort Benning community is invited to the program kick-off at 7 p.m. Thursday at Faith Middle School. Illusionist Eric Reamer will present *Too Cool to BULLY*.

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— Kamilah

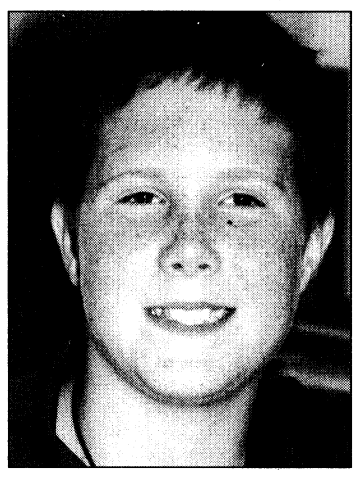




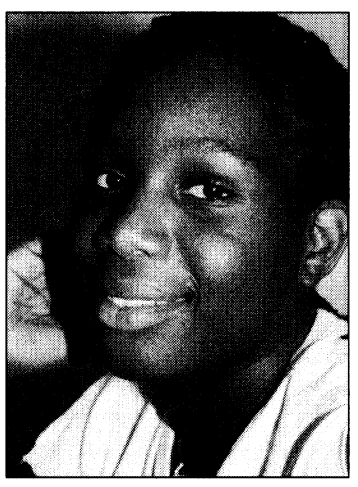
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Employees: Confront bullies at work

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Michelle's boss ridiculed employees in front of one another, intercepted e-mails and yelled at customers. She criticized employees about their job performance, appearance and personal lives.

"I became real isolated, because I felt singled out. I just stayed in my (office)," Michelle said. "It got to the point where I was coming home crying. It affected my whole life."

After two years of abuse, Michelle sought guidance from union representatives and transferred to another office, this time with a male boss.

"I'm not saying it's a woman thing, but the difference is amazing," she said. "Things are so much better now. I wouldn't put up with that kind of behavior again."

A study by Dr. Gary Namie, author of *The Bully at Work*, showed women are more likely to be targeted by bullies at work and the vast majority of bullies hold a higher position than their targets.

Namie defines bullying as "the deliberate, repeated, hurtful verbal mistreatment of a person by a cruel perpetrator."

The clear message, Namie said, is that women are more likely to be harassed, more likely to be the harassed by a woman, and increasingly more likely to be the aggressor.

"As a man, I'm surprised by those figures," he said. "But I'm surrounded by women who say, 'What's the big surprise?'"

Namie said workplace bullying results in loss of employee morale, reduced productivity, high turnover, law suits and potential violence — costing American businesses up to $5 billion each year.

Four of Michelle's coworkers asked to be transferred within a year, she said, but the perpetrator has not been removed.

That's because workplace bullies are typically perceived as high-achievers and aggressive performers in today's success-driven society, Namie said, when in fact, they're detrimental to the efficiency of their colleagues and subordinates.

"It's the aura of high level bullies that make them seen as performers. Truth be told, they don't do any of the work, they squeeze it out of everybody under them," Namie said.

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Michelle
a victim of workplace bullying

According to the *Campaign Against Workplace Bullying*, Michelle handled her boss in an appropriate, safe manner. She confronted the bully when her personal correspondence was invaded and documented grievances as they occurred. When the problem escalated, she turned to her union for assistance and reported the problem to her bosses boss.

Workplace bullies, like schoolyard bullies, prey on those they perceive as weak. The *Campaign Against Workplace Bullying* recommends the target:

- Speak up for herself calmly
- Refuse to be interrupted
- Be firm. Don't soften the message with "I'm sorry," or "This might not be a good time, but ..."
- Document everything
- If co-workers are also victims, solicit their help. Encourage them to document and pay a visit to the bosses boss together.

Unfortunately, there's no law against being mean. Harassment is only illegal when it's based on age, gender, race, disability and other classes protected by law. It's difficult to prosecute on the grounds of emotional distress.

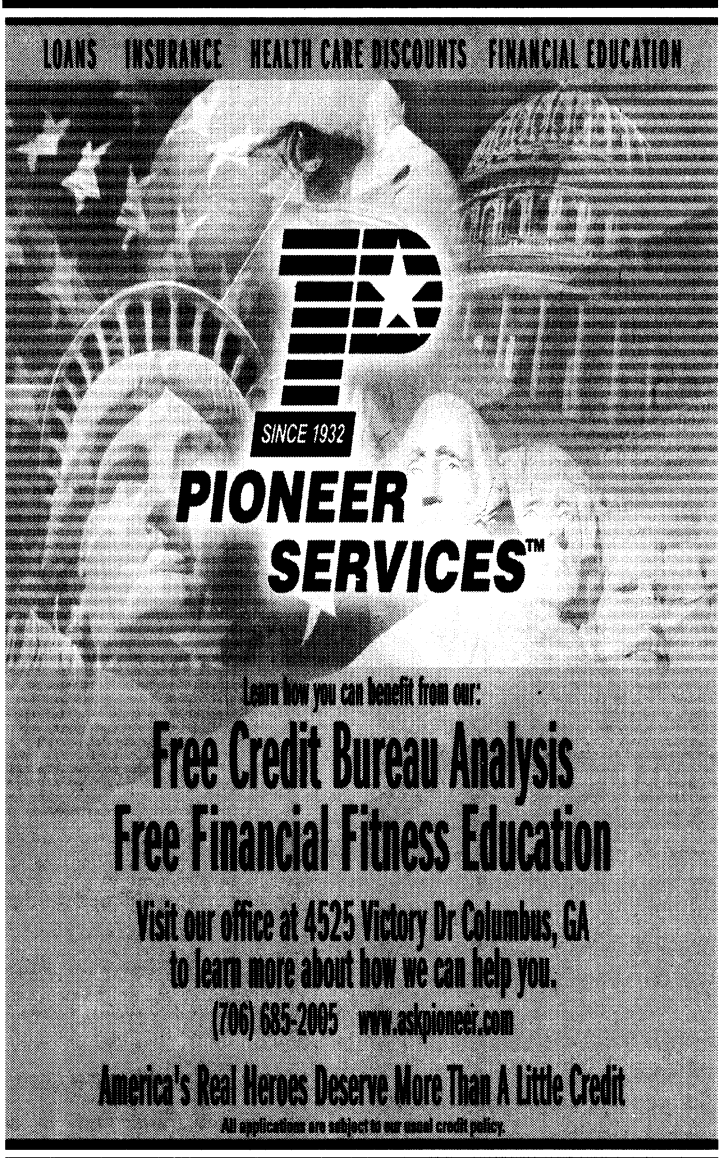
That's why Michelle chose to transfer, she said. The problem has been acknowledged by upper management. It's up to them to make a change for the good of the company.

"For my sanity and the good of my family, I had to leave. It's not right or fair, but that's the way it is," she said.

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Actor to bring Bible to life

Orlando man to perform Revelation

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The Bible's book of Revelation is filled with enlightening passages, and throughout time there have been many opinions to what the meaning is behind those passages.

For soldiers and families interested in learning about the book of Revelation, a word for word performance of the book will be presented in its entirety this Sunday at the Infantry Chapel.

"People need to see the emotions behind the words, not just the paper," said Marquis Laughlin, program coordinator and sole performer in the production.

"These are some of the most powerful words we can ever hear. I hope this production speaks to everyone who sees it."

Laughlin is a former Los Angeles actor, who in 1992 decided to use his talents to bring the words of the Bible to life.

In the past five years he has traveled the country performing John's Gospel and the books of Genesis, Daniel and Ecclesiastes.

"I couldn't believe he was doing an entire presentation, word for word from the Bible, purely by his memory," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Daniel Taylor, deputy post chaplain who first saw the production while visiting a church in South Carolina. "I knew we had to bring the performance to Fort Benning. Soldiers are moved by his presentation."

Laughlin first performed John's Gospel last year to a crowded chapel on Fort Benning, and he looks forward to inspiring even more soldiers with the book of Revelation performance this year.

"The book of Revelation is a complicated, but true piece of the Christian religion that is important for all of us to understand," said Laughlin, who lives in Orlando and often performs at the Holy Land Experience Biblical Theme Park. "Many people who have seen my show are surprised on how near the book of Revelation is to coming true."

The presentation will be performed in two 45-minute acts, with a short remission in between. All families are invited to attend the free production, which begins at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 545-2288 or log on to www.solagroup.org.

Women's health expo to offer free health screens, infomation Sept. 28

Tests available for HIV, STDs, cholesterol

Muscogee County Physicians Foundation

Free health screens and activities for the community highlight the second annual Women's Health and Fitness Expo Sept. 28 at the Columbus Iron Works Convention and Trade Center, 801 Front Ave.

The Expo is 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include health screens for stroke, osteoporosis, breast and gynecologic cancer, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes, cholesterol and blood pressure checks.

Other screens include body fat analysis and checks for oral health, bone density and hearing.

Information also will be available on nutrition, sleep disorders and depression.

Pharmacists will be on site to discuss medications, proper dosages and drug interactions.

There also will be live entertainment, demonstrations, exhibits and more.

"Women's health is a rapidly evolving field, especially so in the last 10 years as scientists have recognized the unique aspects of women's health extend beyond reproduction," said Dr. David McIntosh, Columbus gynecologic oncologist and chairman of the event planning committee.

Support for this event comes from the business community, local health-care organizations and pharmaceutical companies. The Muscogee County Physicians Foundation and Muscogee County Medical Society are joint sponsors and CB&T is the presenting sponsor. Other sponsors and screening partners are the Georgia Department of Community Health, the West Central Health District, Three Rivers Area Health Education Center, WTVM-The News Leader, Pfizer U.S. Pharmaceuticals, Pharmacia, GlaxoSmithKline, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia, Columbus Diagnostic Center, the Columbus Health Department, Columbus Regional Healthcare System, Doctors Hospital, Hughston Sports Medicine Hospital, St. Francis Hospital Inc., TAP Pharmaceuticals and the W.C. Bradley Co.

For more information, call 322-7128.

Schools to participate in Tar Wars

Hospital helps teach children smoking dangers

Maj. Dana K. Renta
Martin Army Community Hospital

It's that time of year again — the time when children go back to school and family physicians from Martin Army Community Hospital go to both on-post and local community schools to teach the fifth-graders about healthy choices.

Tobacco use continues to hold the center of attention for many of our youth.

Currently in the United States, more than 4 million children younger than 18 years are regular smokers. Nearly 90 percent begin smoking by the age of 18. Each day more than 60,000 children smoke for the first time, and another 3,000 become daily smokers.

Annually these statistics add up to more than 1 million new, underage smokers; approximately one-third will die prematurely from smoking-related illnesses. An additional 15.5 million children are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes.

Tar Wars is a national, pro-health tobacco education program developed by physicians for fifth- graders. It was developed in response to this growing, yet preventable, health crisis.

Since its inception in 1988, this program has reached over 2.5 million children worldwide with physicians at Martin Army Community Hospital having taught more than 5,000 local students since 1995.

The Tar Wars program focuses on why children begin using tobacco products, the health risks involved in using tobacco, and understanding marketing strategies used by the tobacco industry to attract young smokers as well as discovering other options for healthier lifestyles.

The program culminates in a national poster contest.

The hospital invites fifth-graders to join our Tar Wars effort in the fight against tobacco and help our children make the pro-health choice!

For more information about Tar Wars, check out the Web site at www.tarwars.org.

ADVISORS: Tackle issues

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nonsmoking club," Koop said. "But we're a group of people with the same beliefs who are involved in freshman class outreach and trying to help them make the transition into high school.

"We have the opportunity to reach out to the community, and also spend some time looking inward at ourselves and our peers."

Koop knows she has had an impact on someone when they come forward to talk with the TAs after their presentations.

Although the principles of the program; integrity, character, and leadership, are based on Judeo-Christian beliefs, the program does equally well in secular settings. The TAs, whether Christian or not, are all bound by the same contract and are held accountable for their actions.

"We have a TA honor council," Barnes said.

Students who fail to abide by their contract are held accountable by their peers and the younger students they interact with.

Ross Boston is a sophomore from Columbus High getting ready to join the TA program. He was introduced to the program last year at the TA weekly Bible study group.

Boston said he is looking forward to this weekend's Teen Advisor retreat in Alabama. During the retreat, new TAs learn more about the program as well as some of the nuts and bolts of preparing for and conducting classroom sessions with the freshmen. At the end of the retreat, TAs sign abstinence contracts.

"I have heard that you can gain a lot personally from the retreat," Boston said. "I'm also looking forward to making some new friends and being part of the TA support group."

TAs in Columbus get together for monthly social activities to relax and have some good old fun.

Meghan Doyle, a sophomore at Christian Heritage Academy is ready to be a good role model for the community.

Doyle's school does not have a formal program of its own, but that isn't stopping her from getting involved in TA. She and two others from CHA will attend the retreat and will have the opportunity to go to other high schools to participate in freshmen sessions.

"The program gives freshmen people to look up to and provide good influences for them," Doyle said. "The upperclassmen can have a way to help younger people."

The TA program is expanding this year to include the newly opened Northside High and an outreach to the middle schools.

A TA team presents assemblies for eighth graders on what to expect in high school. A grant from Chattahoochee Valley will enable a pilot middle school TA program where seventh- and eighth-graders advise sixth-graders in classroom sessions.

"It is awesome and inspiring to watch these kids stand before their peers and say they are drug and alcohol free and to watch the ripple effect of the positive peer pressure from year to year," Barnes said.

For more information, visit www.teenadvisors.org or call 322-6186

Stowers soldiers' breakfast

for active-duty parents of children attending Stowers Elementary School
7 a.m. Thursday

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Still Serving — AAFES is sponsoring a Still Serving Retiree Event from 9 a.m. to noon today through Sunday at the Main Mall Post Exchange.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson 545-1987.

Hospital offers free prostate screenings — September is Prostate Awareness Month and men, 40 years old and older, can walk in to the Urology Clinic at Martin Army Community Hospital for a free screening, which includes a blood test and brief exam, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday. Individuals will need to bring their military ID card and medical records to the free screening.

For more information, call Alfreta Gibson with the Health Promotion Center at 545-1987.

OSC luncheon — Don't miss Polish Pottery Bingo 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Fort Benning Officers' Club. The scheduled speaker is a Financial Aid representative from Columbus State University and the donation item for the month is school supplies for area schools. The featured menu is Potato Bar and the cost is $10. Polish Pottery is also now available at the OSC Gift Shop, "A Bit of Benning," located adjacent to the Thrift Shop.

RSVP to Heather Conkle at 689-5717 by 4 p.m. today.

Hispanic Heritage events at White Elementary School — This year during Hispanic Heritage Month there will be a dance and parade of countries with more than 90 children participating from 9 to 10 a.m. Wednesday at White Elementary School.

For more information, call the school at 545-4623.

Free EDIS screenings — The Fort Benning Educational and Developmental Intervention Services is conducting free dental, hearing, vision, speech and learning screenings for children ages birth to 3 years from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive in the Custer Terrace Housing Area.

For more information, call 545-5060.

AFTB teaches about the Army — LES, ACS, FRG, RD, PLDC, NTC?!?!

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AFTB classes are free, open to everyone, and "jam-packed" with Army knowledge you will need to thrive in the military environment. Army Family Team Building **Level II** course is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sept. 30 through Oct. 3 in the in Family Unit Network Center, Building 359, on the corner of Ingersoll and Vibbert Avenues.

This course is targeted towards emerging leaders. Level I is not a prerequisite to attend this course.

For more information or to register, call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil.

Advanced Medical Directive, Living Will class — Martin Army Community Hospital offers the Advanced Medical Directive and Living Will class 3 p.m. Sept. 30 at the Family Practice Conference Room. The class is open to active duty, military retirees and family members at no charge. The class is taught by physicians with legal assistance available to prepare documents on the spot.

For more information call 544-2273.

Education Open House — Fort Benning will conduct its annual Education Open House and Free Cookout from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 3. The open house will be located in Soldiers' Plaza, outside area facing Dixie Road (next to Building 2602).

College representatives and education center staff will be available to provide educational information to personnel at Fort Benning.

EWC Blue, Gold Social — The Enlisted Wives Club Blue and Gold Social is 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the NCO Club. EWC is a group of enlisted and NCO spouses who get together to promote community involvement, learn a new skill, share ideas and meet other spouses.

For more information, call Inga Flores at 682-2591 or Sarah Hertig at 687-9902.

Volunteers needed for Vietnam Wall replica — Volunteers are needed for the Vietnam Wall replica that will be displayed on Sacrifice Field Oct. 11-13.

The display will be open 24 hours a day for the three days it is here.

For more information, call Angela Garnto at 563-2372 or e-mail angelagarnto@aol.com.

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Free DNA Lifeprints — Rob Doll Nissan is sponsoring the DNA Lifeprint Event from 10 a.m to 4 p.m. Sept. 28 at 1600 Box Road in Columbus.

The DNA sample is easy, but might tickle for just a second. The child would be instructed to open his or her mouth, then the inside of their cheek is swabbed. The swab is dropped into a test tube filled with clear liquid, and the liquid will prevent growth of bacteria, which kills the DNA. The tube is then returned to the parents, who will then put it in a safe place. The sample will last for 80 years.

For more information, call 568-6971.

Register by calling Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

Sickle Cell Walk — September is national Sickle Cell Month and there will be a Sickle Cell Walk at 9 a.m. Sept. 28 starting at the Howard Johnson on Veterans Parkway. Donations will be accepted.

For more information, call the Association of Sickle Cell Lower Chattahoochee Region's 24-hour hotline at 571-6852.

Hyundai Sweepstakes contest — The Army MWR and Hyundai have teamed up to offer a sweepstakes in honor of military personnel.

The Army MWR and Hyundai Santa Fe Drive-Away Sweepstakes is a Web-based contest through Sept. 30.

Go online to www.armymwr.com/portal/events/ and click on the Hyundai icon to register.

The grand prize is a 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS4 SUV.

School Lunch Menu

- **Monday:** stuffed crust pizza, garden salad with dressing, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hot dog, potato rounds, mixed veggies, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** nachos with cheese, Mexicali corn, early peas, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** cheeseburger, potato wedges, glazed carrots, milk, banana pudding
- **Friday:** chicken drummettes with dip, scalloped potatoes glazed carrots, fresh roll, fruit, milk

McBride third-graders share thoughts on school

McBride Elementary School

The third grade students were given an assignment to write a short description of their opinions of how they feel about this year at McBride School. The following is a sample of some of those writings:

Third grade at McBride is the best place to be in the whole world. This is my first year here, and I have the nicest teacher. She lets us eat sesame noodles with chopsticks when we read a story about a girl from China. We get to go to the computer lab everyday! I am glad we moved here.

— Tyler Ferreira

Third grade at McBride is so wonderful! We get to do a lot of extra things because we are the oldest kids in the school. I have been at McBride for a while and I really love it. Third grade RULES!

— Alexandria Dixon

Third grade at McBride is fun because we always get to use the computer lab. We learn all kinds of things like math, reading, and other stuff that is making my brain grow so big. We are studying so many things. I know that when I leave McBride I will be so much smarter and a much better reader.

— Ashleigh Smothers

Third grade at McBride School is wonderful. We have great teachers. They teach us amazing things. I am so lucky to be here.

— Rasheen West

Third grade at McBride is fun. I like going to PE and exercising. This school is such a fun place to learn. I like reading books and taking Reading Counts tests.

— Harry Cleveland

I like third grade at McBride. It is such a great place to be because there are so many great things to do. Everyone keeps you safe. The teachers are just so marvelous!

— Marisa Rinear

Third grade at McBride is special because it is such a good school. We have so much fun and do a lot of things. We have the greatest teachers.

— Sarah Cirinese

This year in third grade is very exciting because we get to learn cursive handwriting. Third grade has the most wonderful teachers. I really think I am going to like this year.

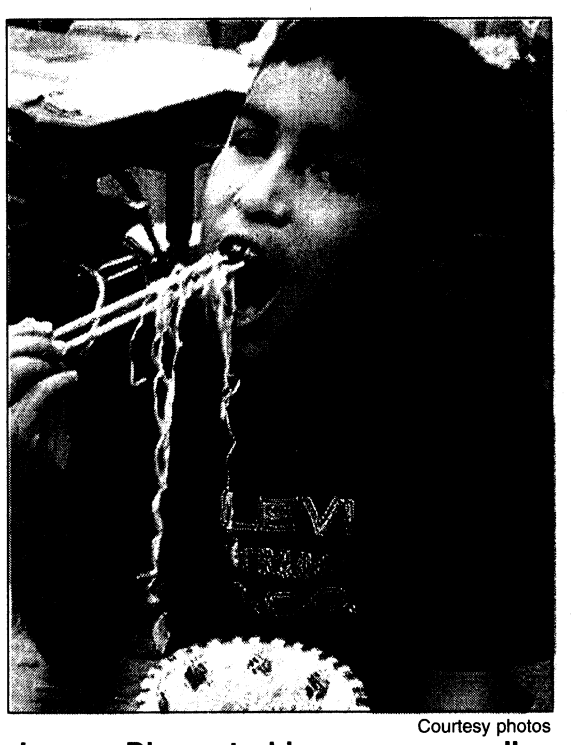
— Amber Boss



Skyler Baldwin and Joey Justiniano work side by side taking Reading Counts tests. Reading Counts is a program that tests students' reading comprehension. The children earn points with the tests.

Third grade is so cool. I really like doing Reading Counts.

— Nate McBean



Courtesy photos

Jeremy Diaz eats his sesame noodles with chopsticks.

BIRTHS

Boys

Kenneth LaJuan Barnes II — born Aug. 28 to Deborah and Sgt. Kenneth Barnes.

Braden Patrick Zolman — born Aug. 30 to Cortney and Capt. Ryan Zolman.

Matthew Koby Landes — born Aug. 31 to Sandy and Spc. Douglas Landes.

Nicholas Connor Gotch — born Sept. 2 to Tamika and Spc. Dominic Gotch.

Girls

Anastasia Kramarenko Garcia — born Aug. 29 to Elena Kramarenko and Capt. Randy Garcia.

Hailey Angelique Best — born Sept. 1 to Shauna and Spc. Troy Best.

Tyler Katherine Cates — born Sept. 3 to Christine and Capt. Brandon Cates.

Aniyah Ne'Shai Stevenson — born Sept. 3 to Sgt. Shirley and Sgt. Charles Stevenson Jr.

Kayla Cheyanne Thompson — born Sept. 4 to Laura and Spc. Lawrence Thompson III.

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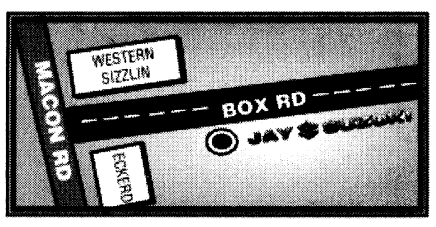
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Chaplain (Capt.) Jose Resto
29th Infantry Regiment

Come to me all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. My yoke is easy and My burden is light. (Matthew11: 28-30)

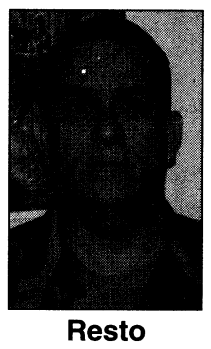
Stress is a fact of life. God has made us as complex spiritual, physical, intellectual and emotional beings.

And today's reality is that stress affects every area of our being. No matter how well prepared we are intellectually, physically, emotionally and spiritually, stressful situations will occur at any place, any time.

What is stress? Stress is the response of the body to any demand made upon it.

We live with serious stress because of unexpected changes. When unexpected changes are devastating, we often feel that God is nowhere to be found. Events happen that change our lives drastically: a death, an accident or a sickness There is no way we can control these things. But it helps to remember that God is in control and aware of every detail.

REFLECTIONS


Resto

Technology provides a convenient lifestyle. We have televisions, microwaves, washers, dryers, computers and cars. But life seems to move at a much faster pace these days. We don't have time to rest, eat, and to enjoy life, to worship God or to spend time with our family any more.

Are you experiencing a great deal of stress? God's powerful presence may always be counted on and especially at those points in life where people feel most pressure and anguish. Jesus will give you rest from fear, rest from depression, rest from worry. He will give you the necessary rest no matter the problem.

His presence and help is available at any time. The only requirement is to ask in prayer. In the midst of our busy lives, we can find rest in him.

A lot of people cope with stress by trying to forget about their troubles by drinking alcohol or by taking sleeping pills at night to have some rest. Many are heavy laden — some with the cares of life, some with pain and sickness and some with the consciousness of sin. Jesus invites all who are carrying heavy burden of life and sinners to come to him to have the desire rest and peace that every person looking for.

The invitation itself is, "Come unto me." Jesus alone can give you peace and rest. Jesus can gave you the freedom from stress.

He can refresh your soul and give you peace to the mind distracted by doubts. None can give you rest, but only Jesus. But in order to find the true peace and rest, we must come and take the yoke of Jesus Christ.

Remember his yoke is easy and his burden is light. Amen.

CHAPEL NOTES

Potluck Dinner — The Fort Benning Catholic Community will welcome all new members of the congregation at a Bilingual Mass and Potluck dinner at 12:30 p.m. Sunday. at Uchee Creek Recreation Center Lodge.

The Celebration will include fellowship, games, and an opportunity to learn about and register for Parish Programs. For more information call the Chapel at 545-1452.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. The theme for the new year is "Filled with the light of His glory."

This year the women will focus on how God places treasures in jars of clay and uses them for his glory. The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship, study and refreshments.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Infantry Center Chapel — The TIC Chapel will have a special service at 10 a.m. Sunday. instead of the normal service times. Marquis Laughlin of Zion's Hope Ministry in Orlando will present the Book of The Revelation in its entirety from memory. This unusual presentation by a trained and gifted actor will open up this mysterious book in a way never experienced by most people.

The program is free and open to the public and a short reception will follow.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is held along with a special program.

They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information call 687-0925 or 544-1382.

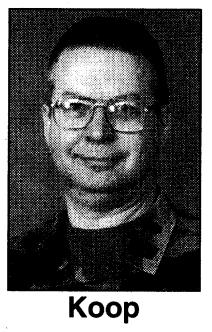
Expectations affect marital bliss

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

We all have expectations. Expectations affect every aspect of a marriage.

According to Dr. Savanna McCain, "Expectations are beliefs about the way things will be or should be — including behaviors, roles, and relationships." Unmet expectations lead to sadness, disappointment, frustration and anger.

Our culture, ethnic background, and moral upbringing influence the answers to these questions. Who will do what work inside and outside the home? How will decisions be made? How will closeness, intimacy, and distance be maintained? How will spiritual beliefs be put into practice? Who will pay the bills, and how will financial decisions be made?


Koop

Some expectations are unreasonable. It is simplistic to think that a relationship will never experience strong disagreements. It is naive to think that couples are able to sustain intense passionate feelings for each other throughout their marriage. The honeymoon stage of marriage does not last forever.

Unfortunately many spouses are either not aware of their expectations or do not voice their expectations to their mates. If you want to have your expectations met, then you must voice them to your partner. Bring your expectations out into the open. Talk to your mate. Discussing your expectations allows you to manage them more effectively.

Unmet expectations produce irritation and disappointment. Proverbs 13:12 reads, "Hope deferred makes the heart sick, but a desire fulfilled is a tree of life."

Would you like to make your marriage better? Free counseling and support are available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries at 545-1760.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own — *Matthew 6:34*

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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THE BAYONET
Friday, Sept. 20, 2002

SPORTS

Sergeant competes in tournament final

Soldier among best in world in martial arts

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

A soldier from 3rd Brigade placed second in two events and third place in another event at the Battle of Atlanta world martial arts competition in Atlanta Sept. 6-7.

After his green belt wins in weapons, form and sparring in the 30-39 age category, 1st Sgt. Michael Tyree, 203rd Support Battalion is now ranked among the world's best with a ranking of second in the world in weapons and form and third in sparring.

"He's definitely dedicated to his training," said Cathy Bouzo, instructor at Fiama's Martial Arts Academy, Columbus. "He trains five to six nights a week."

Tyree attributes his success to training he received in Yoshukai, a Japanese style of martial arts, from David Bouzo, Cathy's husband.

"He's the reason I've been able to do so well," Tyree said. "I've learned a lot from the school."

Placing in the events was a great accomplishment for Tyree, but obviously he wanted to place first, he said.

Tyree has been involved in martial arts for eight years.

He's received training in tae kwon do, Korean karate, and aikido, Japanese self-defense, which uses an opponent's momentum against them to gain an advantage. The instruction in Yoshukai from David, a five-time world champion, has helped give Tyree the ability and confidence to progress in martial arts.

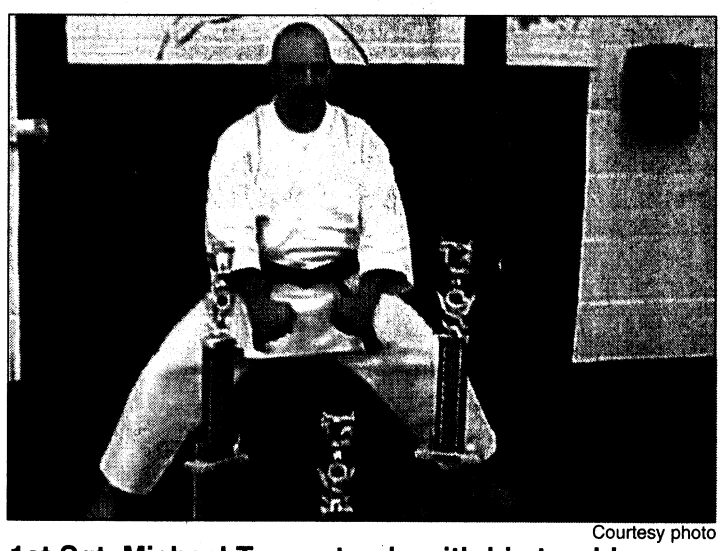
Tyree returns the favor by helping kids gain confidence.

"It (Yoshukai) tests your character," Tyree said. "I've seen very insecure children come into the academy and after a few weeks they are confident and secure with themselves."

He works great with children, Cathy said.

Next up for Tyree is the national championship in Phenix City, Ala. Sept. 29.

"If I'm not in the desert next year fighting for this country, I'm going to be back there and win the title," Tyree said.



Courtesy photo
1st Sgt. Michael Tyree stands with his trophies.

Bears' running storms past Greenwaves, 27-0

Special teams controls tempo of game

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

As a storm rolled into Columbus from the southwest Saturday night, the Bears of Griffin High School rolled in from the northeast to devastate the Greenwaves of Spencer High School, 27-0, at Memorial Stadium at South Commons.

Spencer, 0-3, searched to find an answer to their array of mistakes as fumble after fumble and flag after flag fell to the marshlike turf.

"It's upsetting," said senior Ricky Graves. "Especially getting shut out."

Things went bad from the beginning when Bears' Sherrod Martin intercepted a Jerome Coverson pass and took it to the house for six in the first minute of the game.

"They did a really good job scouting us," Graves said, who hasn't fumbled a ball all season. "Our offense didn't play the way they're used to playing."

The Greenwaves were expected to dominate the ground game, especially since the rain would limit the amount of passing both teams would do, said Greenwave's tailback Shamon Smith, who gained 227 yards Sept. 6. However, the weather seemed to frustrate the Greenwaves and take them out of their game.

"I would see the holes open, but they closed up really quick," Smith said, who ran for 120 yards Saturday night.

After having good field position for most of the first quarter, Griffin's Martin established himself as the leader of the Bears' special teams.

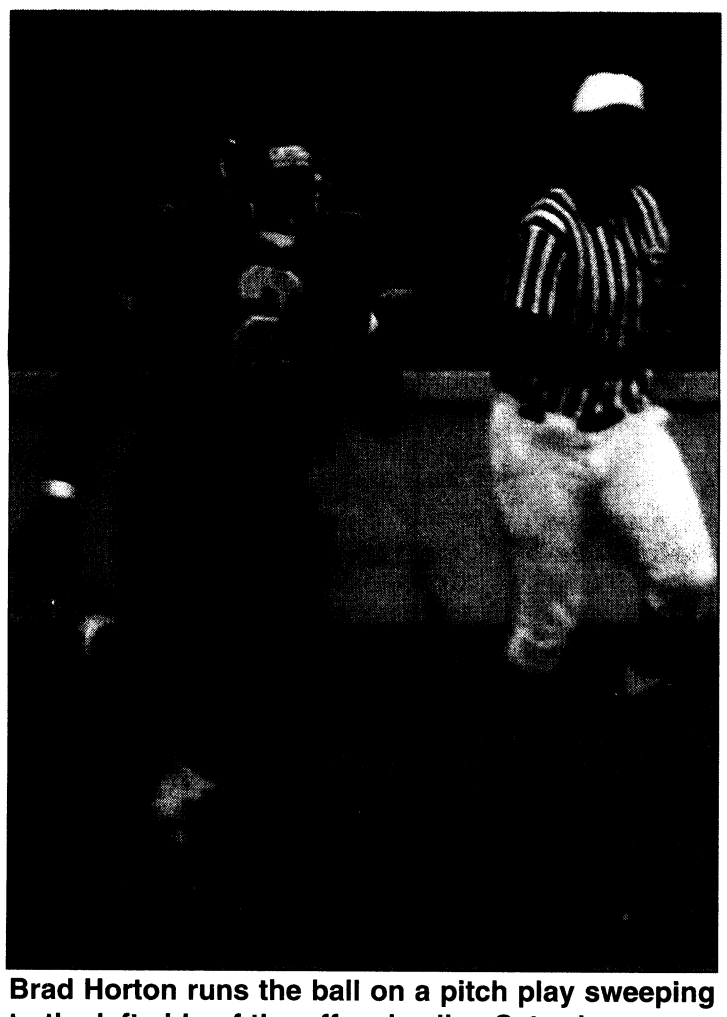
Returning punts, Martin maneuvered his way through the Greenwaves like a surfer paddling to the break, and even when he was hit by a wave, he plowed right through it.

Changing the field positioning in the Bears favor, the Greenwaves defense couldn't hold the offensive juggernaut.

"Their defense looked good," Smith said. "They kept us on our toes."

Both teams slid all over the field because of the rain, yet for second straight week, the Greenwaves have had 27 points scored on them.

"We have three weeks to think about this and prepare for our next game," Graves said. "We'll workout out the kinks and be ready to win our next game."

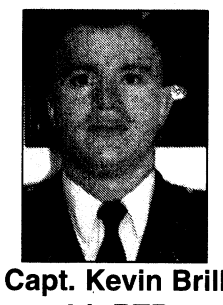
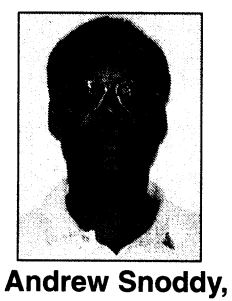
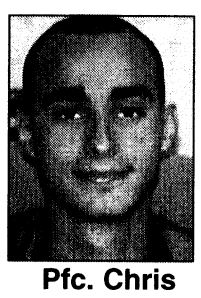
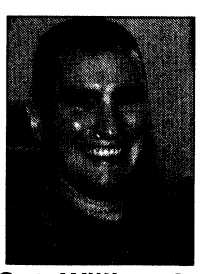
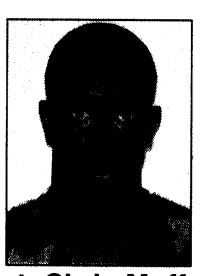


Brad Horton runs the ball on a pitch play sweeping to the left side of the offensive line Saturday.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Spencer High School's Shamon Smith runs for eight of his 120 yards during Saturdays' loss to Griffin High School 27-0.

Fort Benning Pick 12

	 Capt. Kevin Brill 4th RTB 16-08	 Erin Nash Bayonet staff 15-09	 Andrew Snoddy, Sports Director 12-12	 Pfc. Chris Stephens, staff 10-14	 Sgt. William A. Graves, staff 09-15	 Pvt. Chris Moffett, U.S. DENTAC 09-15
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Florida at Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Tennessee	Florida	Tennessee
Arizona at Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Arizona	Wisconsin
Southern Cal. at Kansas St.	Kansas St.	Southern Cal.	Kansas St.	Southern Cal.	Southern Cal	Southern Cal.
Notre Dame at Michigan St.	Notre Dame	Michigan St.	Notre Dame	Notre Dame	Michigan St.	Notre Dame
St. Louis at Tampa Bay	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	St. Louis	Tampa Bay	St. Louis
N.Y. Jets at Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	Miami	N.Y. Jets
San Diego at Arizona	San Diego	Arizona	Arizona	San Diego	Arizona	San Diego
Washington at San Fran.	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	San Francisco	Washington
New Orleans at Chicago	Chicago	New Orleans	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago	Chicago
Buffalo at Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Denver	Buffalo

note: Picks are made by Thursday morning.

Overload, rest keys to PT performance

Overuse, intensity may lead to injury

Lt. Col. Bill Rieger
U.S. Army Physical Fitness School

This is the final story of a three-part series that addresses the importance of a competent coach in youth sports.

Thorough understanding about intensity, duration and frequency in the preparation and execution of conditioning programs can "make or break" an athlete as well as determine success or failure of a season, but periodization can also help to reduce overuse injuries and prevent over-training. This principle involves the systematic cycling of training loads over set periods of time with well-defined rest periods.

These concepts are fundamental to successful coaching and supervision of youth.

Employing then will allow our youth to enjoy the many benefits of "organized play." Seriously addressing them is a must.

The problems of overzealous coaches and parents are so prevalent in youth sports that dozens of books and countless articles have been written to counteract this undue influence. The list of books ranges from teaching parents and coaches how to assess talent (Arnot and Gaines, 1986), to teaching pediatricians about youth sports injuries (Micheli, 1984), to information about the epidemiology of sports injuries (Caine, Caine and Lindner, 1996).

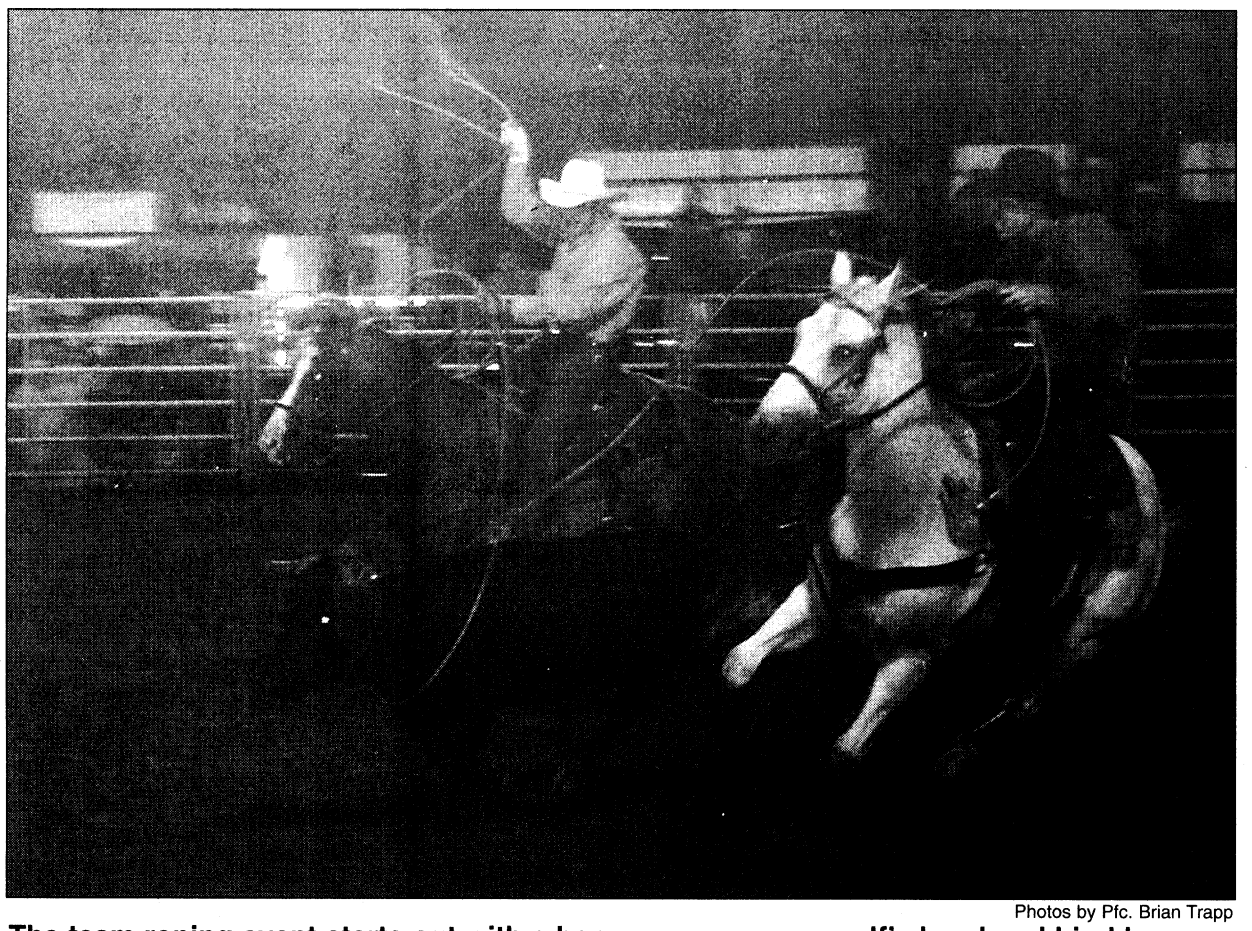
In addition, no fewer than 20 position statements have been issued by professional organizations (American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Sports Medicine, American Heart Association, American Medical Association and the National Strength and Conditioning Association) addressing precautions that should apply to the sports participation of youth.

It has always been recognized that participation in youth sports by children resulted in tremendous benefits for the individual and for society in general.

It is also clear that sport is a double edge sword in that negative consequences may result if programs are not planned and executed correctly.

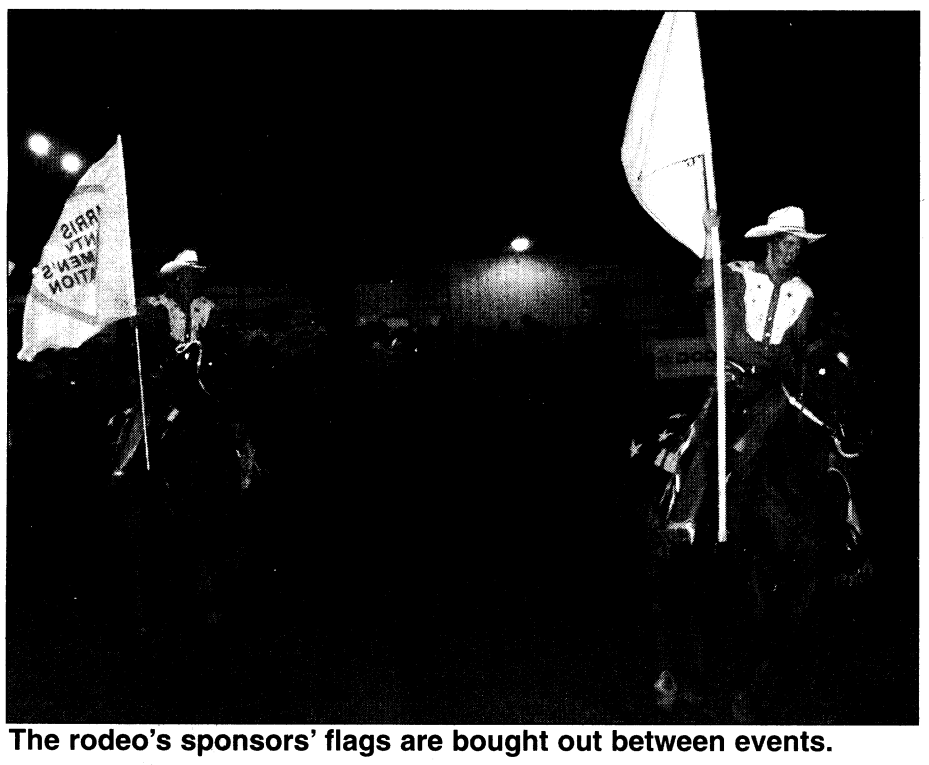
Proper education of coaches, limiting the influence of overzealous promoters and paying attention to important guidelines outlined by various professional organizations are all factors which can help youth sports achieve the optimal benefits for our youth that they were originally

Yee-Haw!



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

The team roping event starts out with a bang as men rope a calf's head and hind legs.



Rodeo entertains Hamilton

The Hamilton rodeo bucked off Sept. 13 with roping, riding and some displays.

The night was filled with bronco riding, calf wrestling, bull riding and several other events, including a children's calf chase.

The rodeo didn't have the expected turn out because of rain, which eventually turned into a downpour. The events continued on into the night but with many less spectators.

The rodeo's sponsors' flags are bought out between events.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Riding lessons — The Fort Benning Hunt Club now offers riding lessons to children 6 and older. The riding styles are English and western. The lessons are 30 minutes for $15.

For more information, call 689-3945 or 687-6937.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Winter bowling league — Registration for the winter bowling league is currently ongoing.

Leagues will be formed for units, mixed doubles and mixed leagues. Sign up for a league at the mall bowling center.

For more information, call 682-7781.

Competitive shooting —The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@ usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fund-raiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Sept. 28. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Bike ride — The second annual Ride Like the Wind bike ride will be Sept. 28. Registration is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Sept. 28. The ride includes options of 62-mile and 31-mile routes.

For more information, call 648-2755.

Loop bike ride — The Lumpkin to Louvale Loop Ride will be Oct. 19. The cost of registration prior to Oct. 1 is $8. After Oct. 1, registration will cost $10.

Children 12 and younger are free. The ride is 20 miles, beginning in Lumpkin, Ga., riding to Louvale, Ga., and ending in Lumpkin.

For more information, call 327-9015.

Buick Challenge — Fort Benning will be manning the tee box, landing area, crossing area and green on the 11th hole Oct. 21-27 at the Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens.

A $52 fee is required for the purchase of a uniform. Admission will be free to all volunteers. Marshal positions are not limited to Fort Benning personnel and family members.

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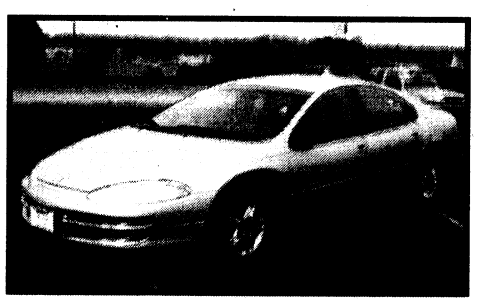
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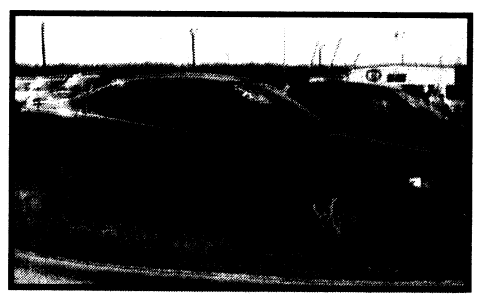
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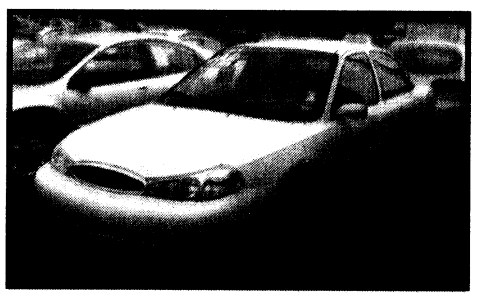
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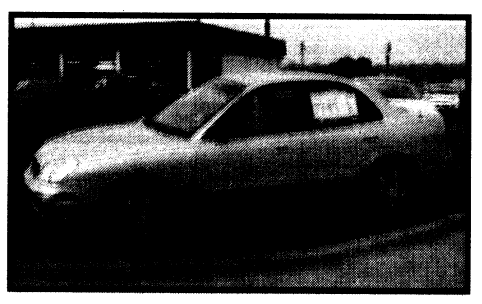
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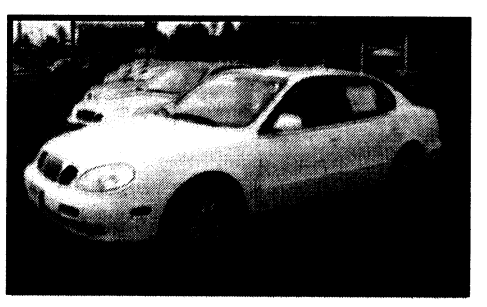
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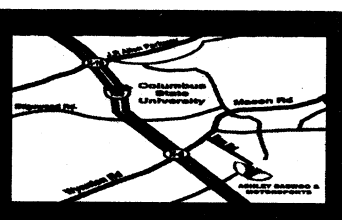


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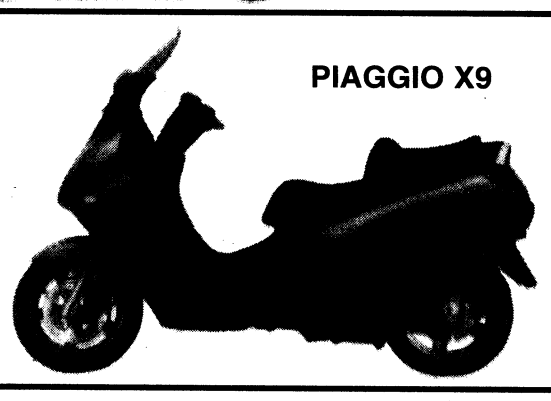
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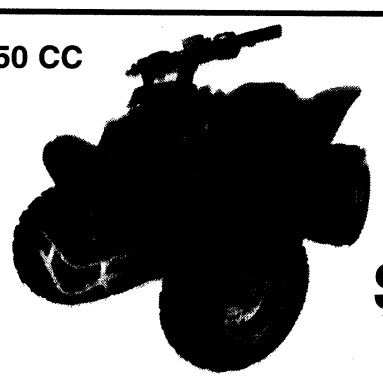


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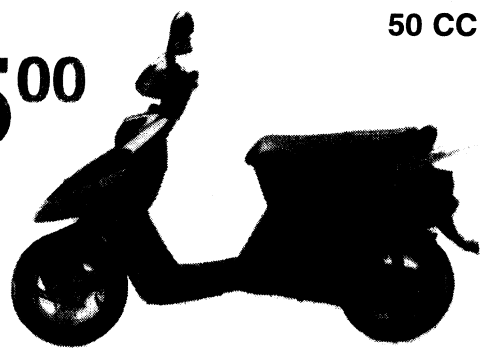


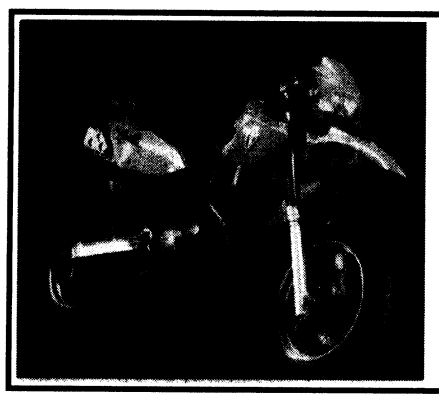
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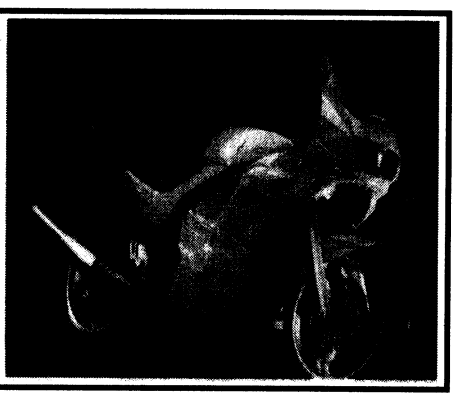
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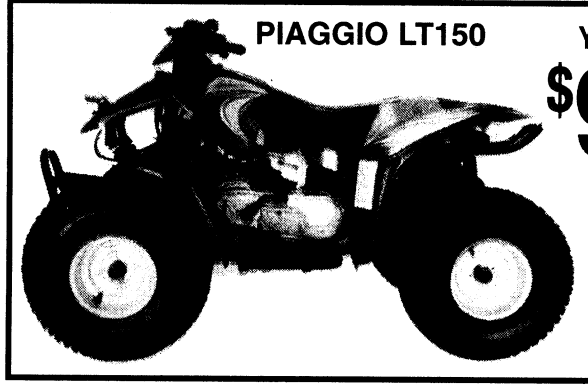
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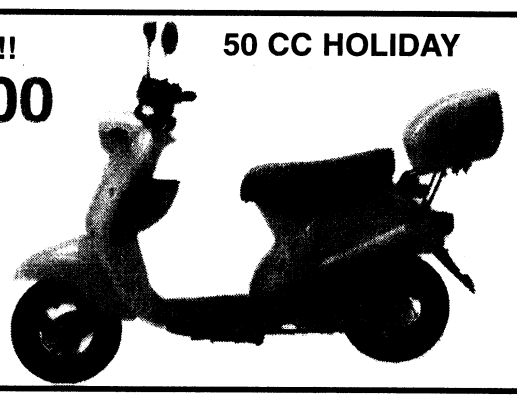


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Cub Scout shirt (med), blue, $5; Cub Scout pants, new, size 8, $16; Webelos Book, Bear book, new cond. $3 each, Webelos Hat $2 689-9789 (F27)

Combat boots (10 1/2 reg), new, $40 BDU's: Three sets (Medium Regular) $15-20 each set; Large Shirt, $7; Medium Long pants, $7; XL reg Shirt (Summer), $8; Large Shirt (Summer), $8; Large PT shirt, $7; all in good cond. 689-9789 (F27)

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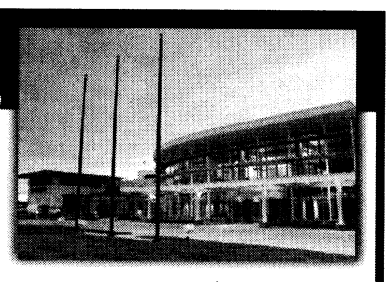
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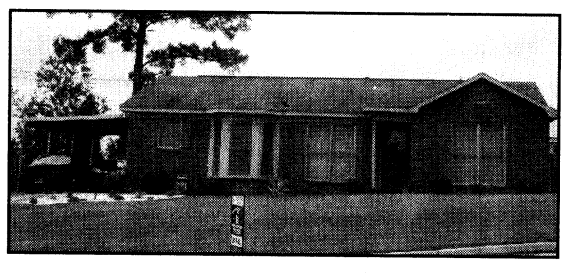
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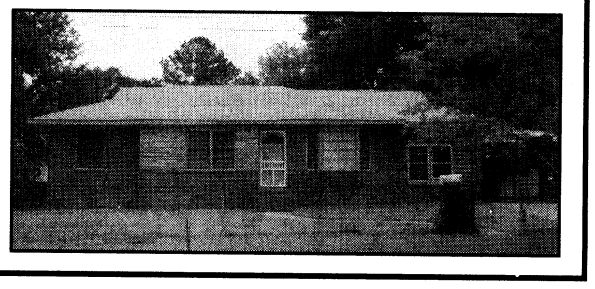


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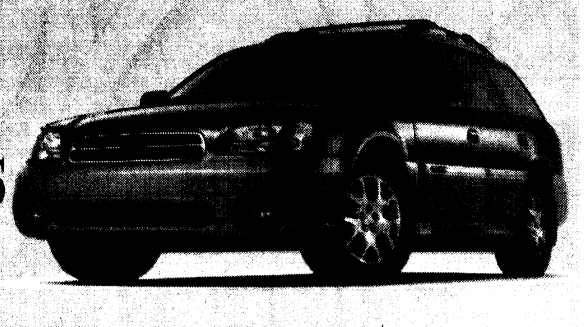
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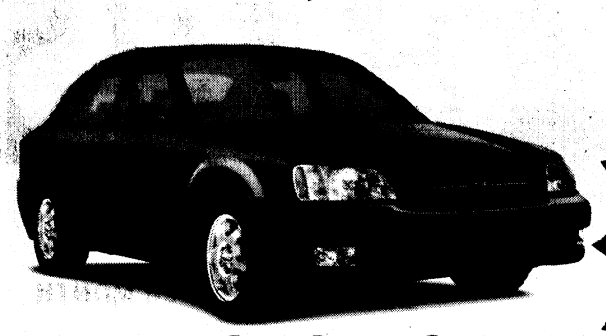


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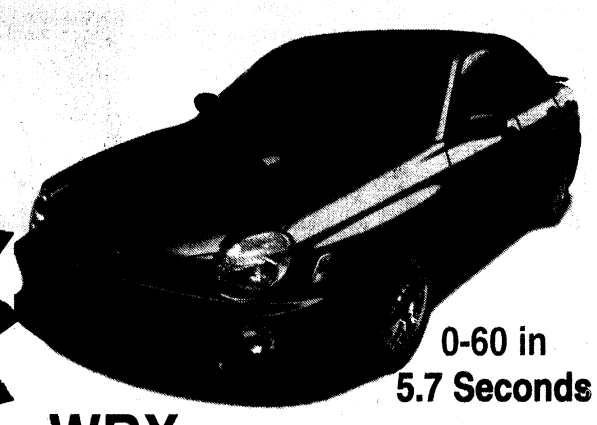


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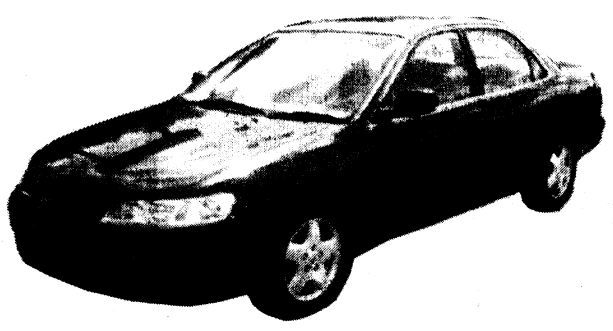
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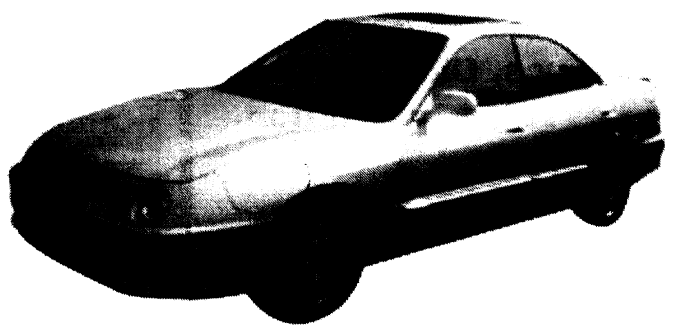
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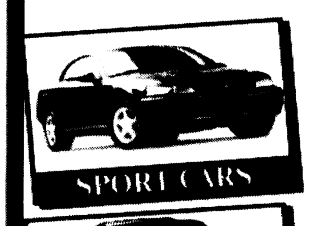
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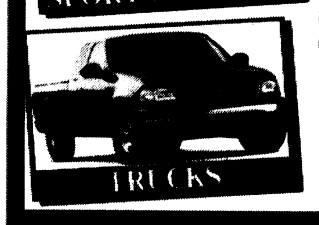
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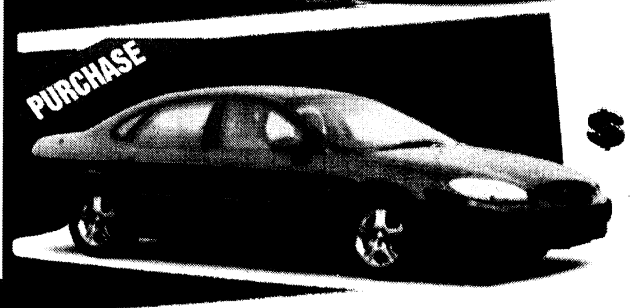
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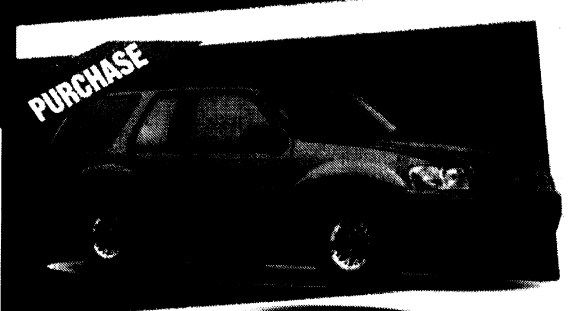
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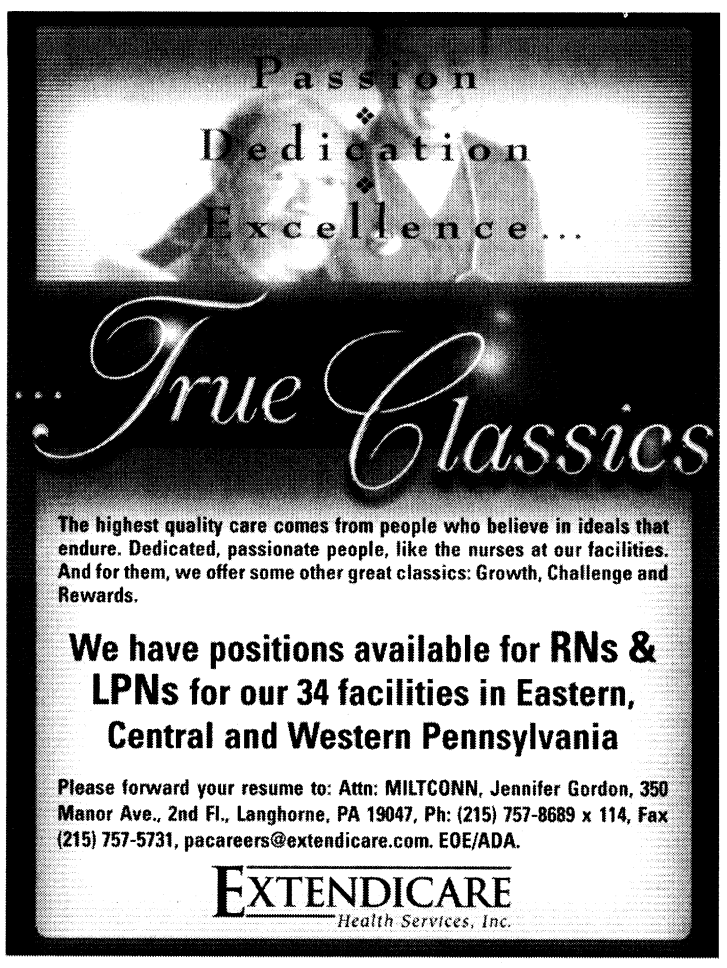
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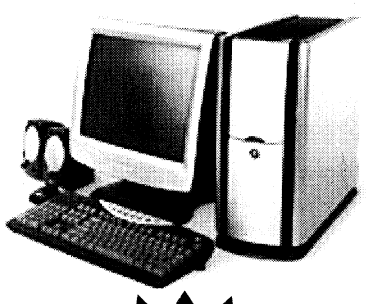
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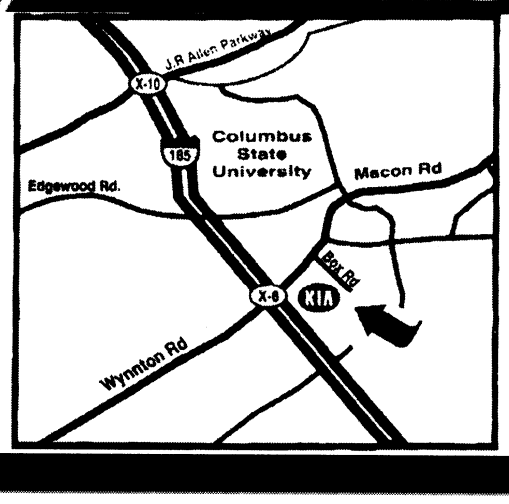
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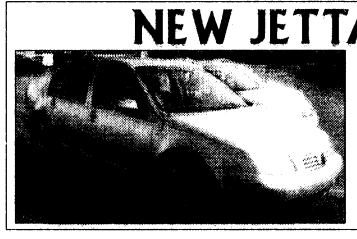
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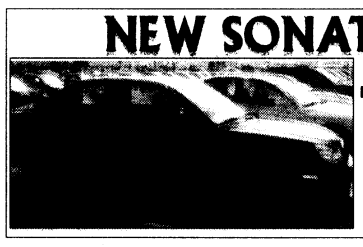
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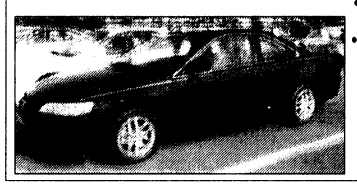
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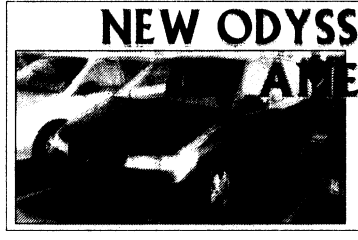
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This desperation has prompted Rivertown to fly in a team of professionals to assist his managers to prepare for this weekend sales event. This weekend only, the "Price Slicer" team will be at Rivertown Ford evaluating the prices on a record number of preowned vehicles to be drastically sliced to move them out...right before the customer's eyes.

This is the "Price Slicer" sales event that has been written about in newspapers across the country. While other local dealers have hosted lesser knock-offs of the "Price Slicer" concept, Rivertown is the first to bring the "real deal" to Columbus.

"These guys are serious," Williams says. "We've instructed the Price Slicer Team to determine the best prices to move the most vehicles in just one day."

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"If credit problems have been in your past, that's no problem," Williams said. "During the 'Price Slicer' sale you can get financing for the car you want with no hassle. Just bring in a valid drivers license, a payroll stub, and a bill from your utilities." Bank representatives will be on hand to assist all credit customers needs.

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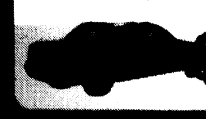
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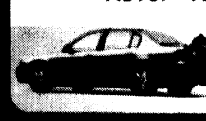
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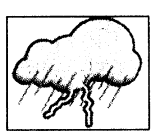
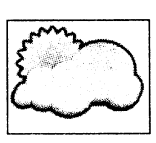
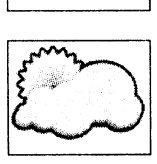
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Melissa House
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Pat Kenny is no stranger to Fort Benning. The retired army officer last served at Fort Benning in 1992 in what was then called the Directorate of Engineering and Housing.

A number of things have changed since then.

Kenny is now the project manager for the Shaw Group, a nationwide company that recently won the contract to take over all Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics housing functions at Fort Benning starting Jan. 26.

Thursday Kenny presented information about the company and job opportunities that will be available within the Shaw Group. The two sessions were attended mainly by DFEL employees who expect to receive reduction in force letters next month.

"Things change. Nothing stays constant. This is a brand new ball game."

Pat Kenny
Shaw Group project manager

During the next several months, the group will conduct inventories, sign for buildings and equipment, develop standing operating procedures and hire a work force of 500.

"The objective is to have no significant hiccups during the transition period," said director of DFEL Col. Greg Kuhr. "It's going to be a difficult process because of the enormity of the task."

Although Pat Kenny is somewhat

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3rd Brigade comes home

1,300 soldiers return to open arms

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Approximately 1,300 soldiers from the 3rd Brigade returned from Kuwait this week to excited crowds of wives and children.

Family members attended ceremonies at Kefurt Gym to welcome soldiers who arrived in waves from a six-month training mission as part of Operation Desert Spring.

"These soldiers represented the Army, the community and their families well," said Brig. Gen. Lloyd Austin, assistant division commander for Maneuver. "They completed their peacekeeping mission, while their families took care of things back home. I'm very proud of both the families and the soldiers."

Hours before the soldiers arrived on Kelley Hill, families started gathering.

"We're all excited about them coming back," said Shannon Buchanan. "The wait has been long, and we're all just ready to get back to the way things were before they deployed."

As time for the soldiers to arrive got closer and closer, children were jumping up and down asking their moms when their dads would be back.

"I'm so excited my daddy's home," said Daryl Newton, 7. "The first thing I'm going to do is drag him to the TV and play video games with him. That's what I missed the most about him."

While the soldiers were away children did their part to help on the homefront. Most children said they helped their mothers with some of the chores around the house.

"I helped my mom out so she

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Pfc. Brian Trapp

Sgt. Jermaine Long, 317th Engineer Battalion, greets his daughter India, 3, after returning from Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Spring Tuesday night at Kefurt Gym.

14th Field Hospital soldier dies

Alcohol, speed cause death of sergeant

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

A 14th Field Hospital soldier died Saturday morning after he fled from a policeman on his motorcycle and crashed into a fence at the corner of Manchester Expressway and Hamilton Road in Columbus.

Sgt. Raymond Zeliff, 23, died with a blood alcohol level of .14 at The Medical Center, according to Muscogee County Sheriff's Capt. J. McCray, in a Columbus *Ledger Enquirer* article.

A deputy saw Zeliff, an operating room technician, and another motorcyclist speeding on Veterans Parkway prior to pulling up behind them at a red light. The two saw the police officer and ran the light. Zeliff hit a bump in the road and flew off his bike. The other man escaped.

Family and friends gathered at a memorial service for the 36th Engineer Group NCO of the Quarter Wednesday.

His unit will miss him, said Lt. Col. Glenn Iacovetta, 14th Field Hospital commander.

"Sergeant Zeliff was a great soldier," Iacovetta said. "He was a pivotal player in the hospital's mission, and he helped make it more efficient and successful with his hard work and dedication to duty."

Zeliff was single with no children. He was attending the

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School's memorial taking shape

Candidates working hard to meet deadline

Melissa House
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They only want to honor heroes, to leave a legacy more meaningful than the brass plaques and the cannon they shine as part of their morning duties.

And if Paul Ramsey, armor soldier, William Trevathan, owner of a recycling business, and Chad Neibert, a landscape contractor, found themselves involved in an "ambush" with the Columbus city council last week, it wasn't because they actually planned it that way.

The three men are the driving force behind a memorial now under construction along the Chattahoochee Riverwalk near the future site of the Infantry Museum. The memorial is Officer Candidate School Class 06-02's idea of a voluntary class project.

"No other class in the history of OCS has ever done anything like this," said Capt. Cecil Henry. "Normally, a class project involves volunteering in the community with Habitat for Humanity or with veterans."

The memorial garden is based on an Italian formal design that was modified to fit the site, said Neibert, project manager.

Ramsey, Trevathan and Neibert have been working on the project for a little more than a month, and spent two weeks

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Melissa House

Officer Candidates Robert Wiley, left, and Miguel Aquino level ground at the memorial site Sunday.

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COMMENTARY



I remember the moment we arrived here three years ago, greeted by a sign welcoming us to *"The Best Army Installation in the World."*

"Prove it," I thought, and who could blame me. We'd just left a post with so few redeeming qualities I doubted any duty station could renew my faith in the Army way of life.

By golly, Fort Benning has, and when I hear people bemoaning the fickle fates that brought them here, I have to wonder where the heck they've come from.

It's all about perspective. Just as every military installation has its challenges, so too it has its charms. If I fail to find them, who can I blame?

Fort Benning's charms just happen to be a bit easier to spot than most. I've loved this post from the beginning, warts and all, and I'm not alone. Just look at the number of retirees who remain in the area. Of course the hospital and commissary have their draw.

No, there's something special about Fort Benning. Lots of somethings special. But for the sake of brevity, I've narrowed it down. With apologies to David Letterman, I've compiled my own Top Ten list of reasons Fort Benning is *the* best installation in the world.

•10 — Location, location, location. We're smack-dab in the middle of the sunny South. Three hours to the north will get you to the mountains, three hours south will get you to the beach, and three minutes in any direction will get you to a really good barbecue restaurant.

• 9 — We're forever preserving history and making history at Fort Benning, and we have more statues, monuments, historical sites and veteran reunions than you can shake a stick at. If you're not moved by what you see on Sacrifice Field or the Infantry Museum — if you just don't "get it" — I challenge you to attend just one veterans' memorial ceremony. You'll be a better person for it.

• 8 — Rangers, rangers and more rangers.

• 7 — The annual parade of freakish, perturbed pseudo-intellectual hippies in November. Who needs Mardi Gras?

• 6 — It's raining men ... and the occasional woman. I still get a kick out of watching soldiers plummet from the 250 foot jump towers. Even unoccupied, they're a constant reminder that the best of the best are trained here at Fort Benning.

• 5 — Ticks, snakes and alligators (oops, that's from the list of things I hate about Fort Benning)

• 4 — Did I mention rangers?

• 3 — The very best schools in the world, bar none.

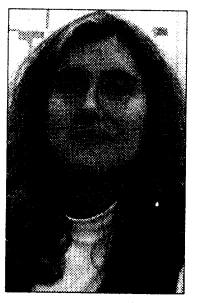
• 2 — If it's culture you're looking for, look no farther. It's right at your doorstep. You can visit the Possum Trot Auction on Friday night and the Springer Opera House on Saturday. Eat lunch at The Cock of the Walk and supper at the Garlic Clove.

• And the number one reason Fort Benning is the best installation in the world is ... drum roll, please ... it's 496.2 miles from Fayetteville, N.C.

Eh? What did you say?

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

COMMENTARY



Sometimes what we hear isn't what was said. Case in point: A couple of weeks ago I was talking with a ranger about this summer's high attrition rate at ranger school.

We started out talking about the weather and how hot it was.

The conversation went something like this:

"So why do you think the students are falling out?" I asked.

"Nosy aren't we?" was what I heard. I thought to myself, "Of course I'm nosy! That's why I'm in the business I'm in." But instead I said, "Yes, but you can tell me."

Once again the ranger replied, "Nosy aren't we."

I agreed with him. "Of course I'm nosy. This isn't a secret. Is the reason for the high attrition a secret?"

"Nosy aren't we."

Three strikes. I gave up and started talking about something else, but my curiosity was piqued. And since there is more than one way to gather intel and national security wasn't at risk, I asked his wife. I told her about the conversation since she is as inquisitive as I am.

Nosy aren't we!

Later she called me and told me I didn't hear what I thought I heard.

The reason for the high attrition — no zero week.

No zero week, nosy aren't we!

Hellooooooo Lori! Is anyone home? Boy did I feel stupid. I took part in a conversation and didn't have a clue what the other person was saying. I wasn't hearing what was said, but what I heard made sense to me.

I am nosy. So what was said made perfect sense even though it wasn't what I wanted to hear. I am nosy. And now I am working on being a better listener ... even though I followed one of the rules for effective communication: Repeat what you heard and make sure it was what was said.

Obviously I need to work on that because Tuesday morning when I asked a coworker how she was feeling, her reply was "Fine now that I'm sleeping better."

My reply, "You aren't sleeping well?"

"I'm sleeping fine. What I said was I am seeing better. I had eye surgery yesterday."

I was blaming the revving engines and the lawn mowers for the "nosy aren't we" conversation. There's no excuse for the "sleeping better" miscommunication.

It is time to get my hearing checked but until that happens, What did you say?

CG recognizes Hispanic Americans contributions

In recognition of Hispanic Americans and our nation's ethnic and national diversity, the period from Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 has been proclaimed National Hispanic Heritage Month. The theme for this year's observance is "Strength in Unity, Faith and Diversity."

During National Hispanic Heritage Month, we reflect on the history of a people who are an important part of the American population. Hispanics were among the earliest European settlers in the New World, long before the birth of the United States. Hispanics as a people share a rich and diverse history. With roots extending from Europe, to South America, the Caribbean and Central America. Hispanic culture has strengthened our national character with invaluable perspective, experiences and values.

Hispanic Americans' commitment to the principles of freedom and democracy are reflected through their numerous military contributions over the years. This community has given us heroes, soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen and has supported this country in combat in all conflicts from the Revolutionary War, through World Wars I and II, to the peace keeping deployments in the Balkans today. Hispanic Americans have been recognized for their service in combat; remember the 65th Infantry Regiment, "The Boriqueneers," from Puerto Rico who bravely





fought during the Korean War. Recall the 38 Hispanic Americans, who were awarded the Medal of Honor, many making the ultimate sacrifice.

Hispanic Americans play an integral role in our nation's success in government, business, science, the arts, entertainment and every other field of endeavor. Their talent, creativity and achievements continue to energize our nation.

National Hispanic Heritage Month provides the opportunity to increase awareness of the history and continuing contributions of Hispanic Americans. I encourage all personnel on Fort Benning and in the surrounding communities to participate in this observance through the activities planned by their units, staffs and other post agencies.

— Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton
Commanding General

LETTER

Recycling benefits everyone

I would like to comment on the article Sept. 20 "Benning turns trash to cash." I think Fort Benning is doing an outstanding job with our recycling program.

Of all the places I have lived, they make it absolutely the easiest.

With our trash bin full to the brim by trash day each week, I am grateful to be able to toss recycle-friendly items somewhere else! And it does not require any extra of my time since they do the sorting for me, which is a real plus.

I was not aware the funds from this program were used for improvements on post.

That's enough to motivate me even more to really sort through my junk and see what can go into my brown bin instead of to a landfill!

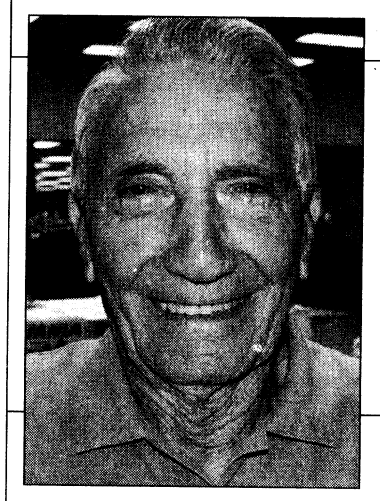
Who could complain about using a recycle bin when the program benefits EVERYONE involved?

I hope everyone on Fort Benning will take a second look before taking out their trash now.

— Jennifer Manchester
Fort Benning

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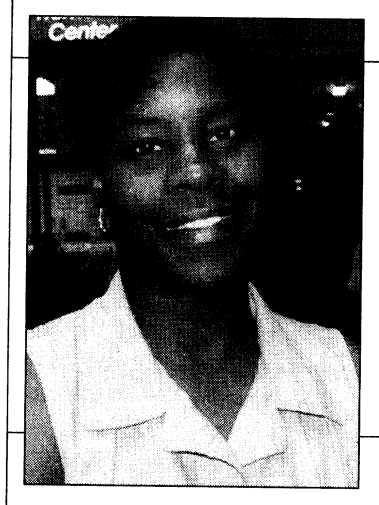
What is your favorite duty station and why?



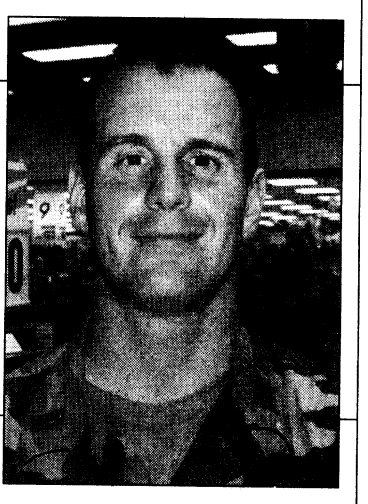
Retired Command Sgt. Maj. John Robinson, Columbus — "Fort Benning was my favorite because it has a wonderful hospital for the military, the PX and commissary have great employees, and it is a great climate to be in."



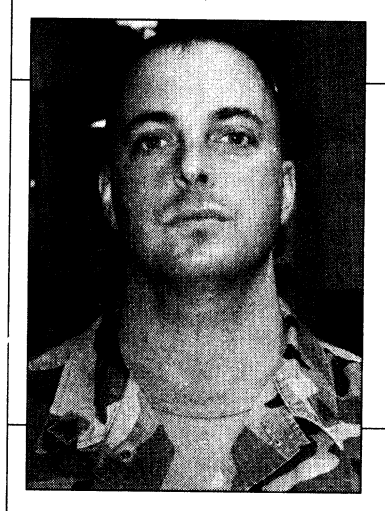
Spc. Sarah Weiss, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I loved Hanau, Germany. There were a lot of opportunities to travel all over Europe, and the cultural diversity of the area was great."



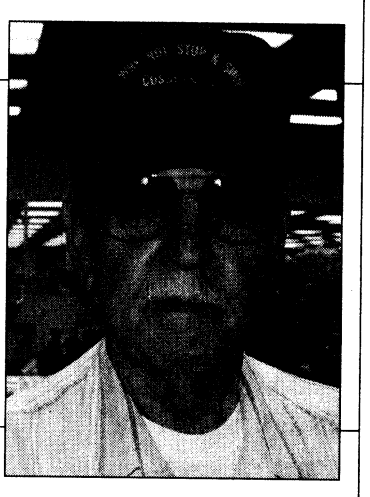
Theresa Flowers, family member — "I like being stationed on Albany Logistics Base. It's closer to my home and my family."



2nd Lt. Justin Ririe, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I liked Fort McNair in Washington, D.C. We were on the Potomac River, so the scenery was nice. Also, we were right down the street from all of the national monuments."



Sgt. Robert Sherry, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment — "I liked Camp Walker, Korea. I learned so much about the culture over there. That's one of the reasons I joined — to broaden my horizons."



Retired Staff Sgt. John W. Lynn, Cusseta, Ga. — "Tokyo was my favorite duty station. There was a lot to do there, and I enjoyed learning about the culture."

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Shaw: Gets ready to go to work on Fort Benning

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familiar with the workings of Fort Benning, he's not going to take anything for granted.

"Things change. Nothing stays constant," he said. "This is a brand new ball game."

Kenny is encouraged by the amount of interest shown by individuals who have walked into the office.

"We have 80 to 100 applications here already," Kenny said. "Our goal is to have 100 percent of the required work force ready to work Jan. 26."

Information that the group was hiring has spread by word of mouth to individuals in Phenix City and Columbus who have no connection with the workforce of Fort Benning, Kenny said.

Robert Lowery, a corrections officer, attended a session to learn about jobs being offered by Shaw.

"I'm just looking for other opportunities," he said.

Kenny said current DFEL employees have priority for jobs within the Shaw group and that the goal is to fill a minimum of 92 percent of the 500 positions with incumbent government personnel. Positions will also be available for former Fort Benning employees and new hires, and there is no requirement for an applicant to be a member of a union.

Bonnie Dale and Elsie Horn are among those affected by the RIF. Their jobs in the Installation Property Book Office will be part of the Shaw Group contract.

"We were all upset and distraught at the beginning," said Horn, who has 37 years of civil service at Fort Benning under her belt. "Now, we've accepted it."

The women attended the session on Thursday and were somewhat encouraged by reports from the morning session. Dale and Horn said.

Horn said that retirement is an option for her, but not one she is really looking forward to.

Bonnie Dale has 20 years of civil service, but can't retire because she is not 55 years old. With 20 years, she said she is "very junior" in her office.

"I'd like to stay in civil service, but if not, I want to work for the contractor," Dale said. "I will definitely apply for a job and keep my options open."

"These are the employees that the Shaw Group really wants to hire," Kenny said. "We want to be good partners with the Army and the Fort Benning community."

For more information, call 545-5935.

OCS: Breaks ground on memorial next to Riverwalk

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of that time in the field.

"We've had three phones going at the same time in 'Command Central One,'" said Ramsey, pointing to his Ford F150 in the parking lot alongside the Riverwalk as they prepared to break ground Friday. The men have done the majority of the planning by cell phone, working around the normal OCS schedule.

"Captain Henry has given us 225 percent support and direction," said Ramsey, class president. "He told us that the sky is the limit."

"He gave us zero constraints," said Trevathan, class vice-president. The only catch is that the students must still complete all OCS training requirements while working on a project that Neibert said will take approximately 1,000 man-hours to complete.

The candidates originally wanted to build the memorial on post, but the project would have taken as long as a year to complete. To complete the construction on the eight and a half week schedule, they turned to Biff Hadden, senior vice president of the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce, for assistance.

"This is the most significant project I've seen in about 40 years," said Hadden. "Captain Henry ought to be proud of these candidates. This is as close to real world mission training using troop leading skills as you are going to get."

Having the memorial along the Riverwalk will provide a great link from the Oxbow Meadows area to the site of the new Infantry museum, Hadden said. The site has easy access and will not be affected by future expansion in the area.

Under normal circumstances, the Riverwalk Committee would first review the plan and then make a recommendation to the city council. Because of the scheduled delivery of materials and the Oct. 17 OCS graduation date, the project would not have gotten off the ground had it gone through the normal approval process, Hadden said.

"They took the initiative and went straight to the city council," he said.

The dedication of the candidates was evident over the weekend following the groundbreaking. Paul Ramsey slept at the Riverwalk site to make sure that nothing happened to the 42,239 pounds of red bricks and the carefully placed leveling stakes.

"If someone pulled those stakes out in the middle of the night, we would have been set back a few hours on Saturday morning," he said.

Officer Candidate Miguel Aquino worked at the site 14 hours Saturday and was on his eighth hour Sunday, stopping to talk only when the donated construction equipment wouldn't start. Aquino, a personnel management specialist, wanted to do whatever he could to help with the project. Two of his wife's relatives were killed at the World Trade Center.

Aquino's brother owns a construction company in Puerto Rico, and he had the phone number on speed dial.

"I called my brother and he gave me some instructions on how to work this," Aquino said from the seat of the small bucket loader. "It stops running about every 20 minutes."

For every candidate who just shows up to work and lends muscle to the effort, it seems as if there is someone in the class with a piece of the skills and talents needed for the project.

Officer Candidate Chris Spaulding asked a hard question about how his classmates were going to know when the ground was level. Spaulding, a signal corps soldier, learned skills in using a transit and tripod from his father, a surveyor and civil engineer. Someone arranged to have the equipment donated, and Spaulding was immediately put to work.

Officer Candidate Brett Bean, formerly a commercial real estate developer, had worked with contractors on similar projects.

"I'm the guy who knows a little about a lot of stuff, Bean said. "We're just building a big patio here. The hardest thing is getting it level."

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Brigade: Comes home

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didn't have to do all of the work," Newton said. "I took out the trash, cleaned my room and helped take care of my brothers and sisters. I loved helping out."

When the band started playing *God Bless America,* the families in the gym knew that their soldiers were home. As the soldiers entered the gym, a thunderous roar rose up from the stands.

"It was nice to come into the gym hearing everyone cheer," said 1st Lt. Jason Rissler. "It really put into perspective how much we love our families and how much they love us."

The soldiers said they regretted missing family milestones while they were away.

"Before I left, my daughter wasn't walking. Now she is," said Staff Sgt. Leroy Russell, holding 11-month-old Tymina. "It's sad that I missed that, but it's OK because I'm home now. I have a lot of time to spend with my family and nothing makes me happier."

Soldier: Dies after accident

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Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, after which, he was to PCS to Korea. He had been on post for two years. His first duty assignment was at Tripler Army Medical Center, Hawaii.

The sergeant is survived by his sister, Spc. Teresa Zeliff, who is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, mother and stepfather, who live in Gainesville, Ga., and father who lives in Mississippi.



Zeliff

The accident is under investigation.

According to Col. Charles D. Cornwell, chief of staff, an analysis of the post's most recent traffic fatalities indicated:

- 66 percent were exceeding the posted speed limit,
- 50 percent were driving under the influence.

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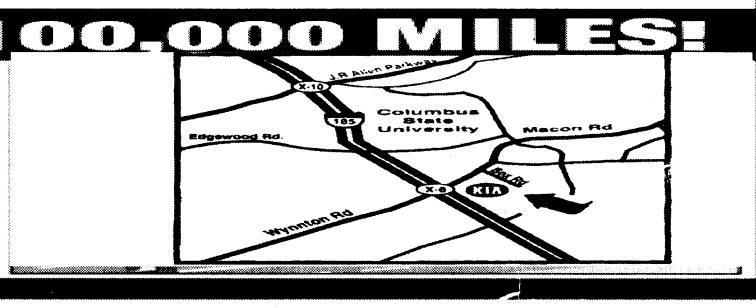
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Severe weather plan in place on post

Center tracks weather around clock

Angela Sachitano
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With the threat of tropical storms hitting the Fort Benning area, many families wonder what the post is doing to protect the post should severe weather take its toll.

"We have a very secure system in place," said Sgt. William Malcomb, chief of Weather Operations for Fort Benning. "We are well connected with Shaw Air Force Base in North Carolina. The weather watchers at Shaw feed us information, warnings and any other alarms we need to be aware of."

The Weather Operations Center on Fort Benning has a detailed plan of its own should severe weather occur, Malcomb said.

The detailed plan includes sounding sirens, designating shelters and assigning safety and evacuation roles to each unit on post.

"Units are well aware of their responsibilities in the case of a weather emergency," Malcomb said. "We contact units within minutes of our severe weather warnings."

The weather station signals units of the weather warnings through remote activation modules, to which all units are connected, Malcomb said. The installation operation center is also notified and in turn sends brigades an automatic phone call warning them to take action.

"Commanders, 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division and the 36th Engineer Group will all furnish emergency teams," Malcomb said. "Each of those teams have already been required to prepare a plan listing organization and equipment that will be used."

Responsibilities assigned to units include food service, medical teams, rescue squads and a damage assessment team.

Other units will be designated to safety shelters, Malcomb said.

"We have designated shelters that all families will have access to if the weather is severe enough to call for an evacuation," Malcolmb said.

Shelter priorities are as follows:

- Barracks,
- Gymnasiums,
- Schools.

"In addition to designated shelters, the post has designated equipment in place should a weather emergency occur," said Al Harvey, deputy director of Intelligence and Security.

Equipment requirements include:

- Sleeping mats,
- Blankets,
- Sleeping bags,
- Tents,
- Folding cots,
- Beds.

> "We contact units within minutes of our severe weather warnings."
>
> **Sgt. William Malcomb**
> Chief of Weather Operations

"The last time our post was put under alert was 2-years ago when we received several inches of heavy rain from Hurricane Camille," Malcomb said.

"We had flash flooding, severe lightning, and many roads had to be closed."

The Weather Operations Center contacted the post officials and recommended soldiers stay inside their homes because the weather was so dangerous, Malcomb said.

"Every year around this time, we all get very nervous," Malcolm said. "We are ready for the worst."

A professional from the Weather Operations Center is available to talk with families from 6 a.m to 10 p.m.

For information on weather conditions or evacuation plans, call 545-5628 or 545-3824.

Command teams learn about community

Melissa House
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Fort Benning commanders and command sergeants major had the opportunity to learn more about the community outside the gates Tuesday during the annual Leadership Benning program.

The program acquaints leaders with the many different facets of the Columbus and Phenix City communities.

"The downtown folks have really done a great job putting this together for us," said Chuck Walls, garrison manager.

"The first year we did this, it was a great success, Walls said. "So we decided to include the spouses the second year."

Having the program in the fall after the summer turnover gives the new leaders the opportunity to get oriented to what is out there in the community, Walls said. Fort Benning families live, work, and conduct day-to-day business off post.

"This has been a fantastic day," said Martin Army Community Hospital Command Sgt. Maj. Ronnie Borel. "I have been here more than two years and am just learning what Columbus is all about."

Borel and 44 other Leadership Benning attendees were treated to lunch with a number of community leaders after a tour of the Port Columbus Civil War Naval Museum.

Bruce Smith, the museum's executive director was impressed by the number of his volunteers who showed up to don period costumes for the weekday tour.

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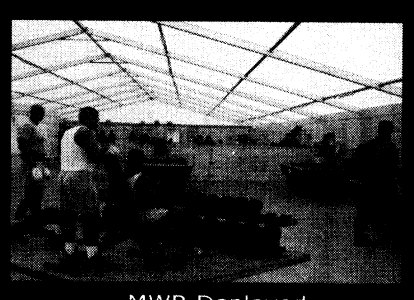
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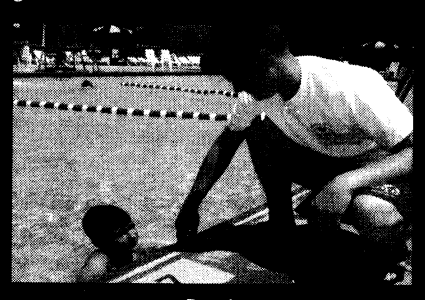
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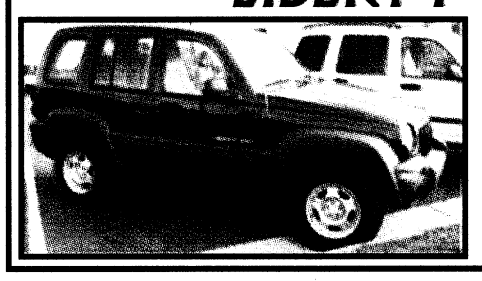
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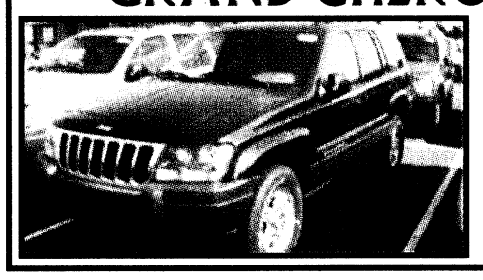
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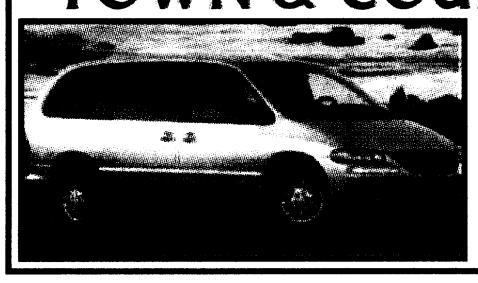
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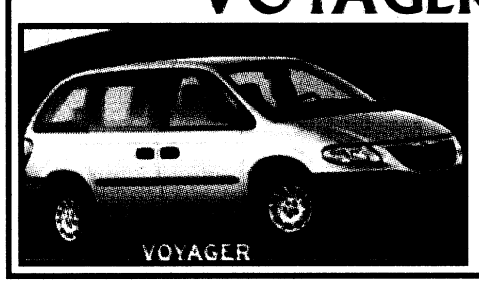
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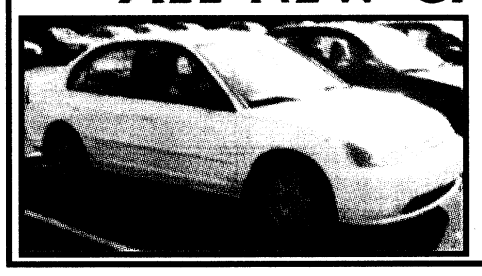
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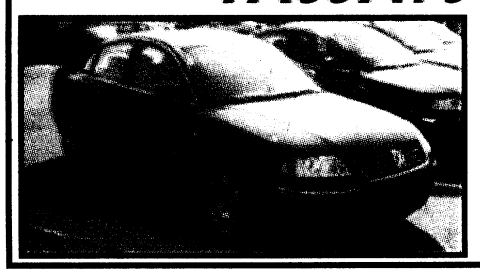
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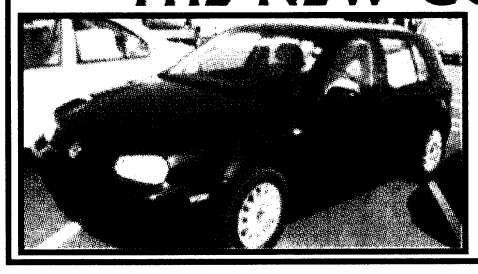
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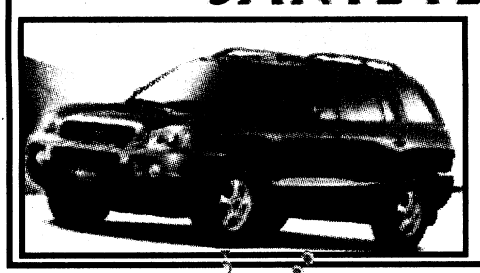
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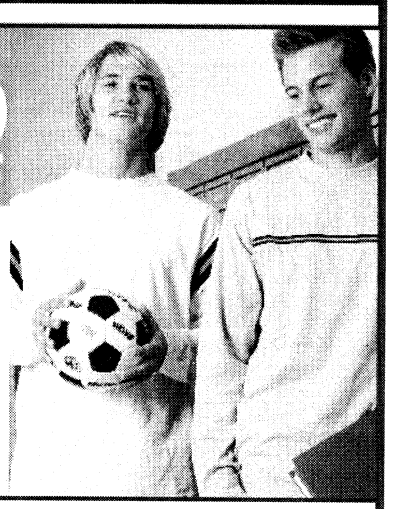
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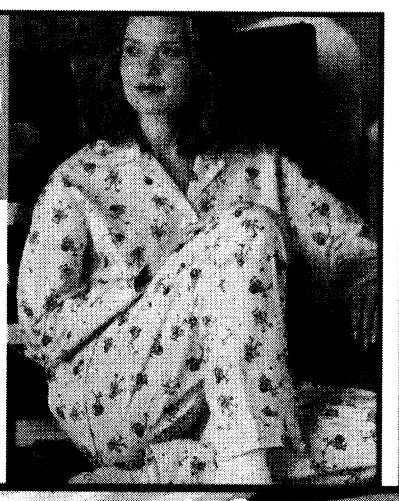
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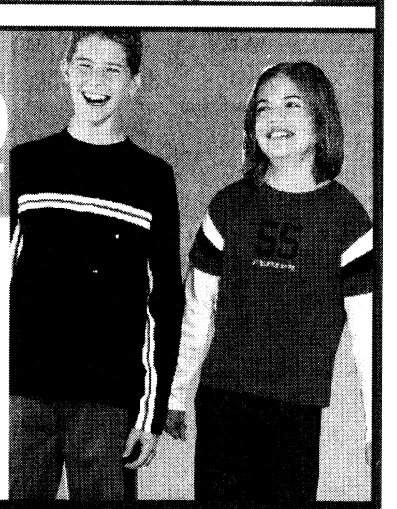
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The Infantry Band performs during a parade Sept. 19 in Columbus. The band led the 1.1 mile parade, which began and ended at the intersection of Front Avenue and 12th Street. Behind them are members of the "40 & 8," who organized the parade to recognize members of the American Legion who have distinguished themselves in their local communities.

Department of Labor to sponsor job fair

Fort Benning job program offers help

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"... people come to check out requirements for jobs when they leave the military."

Mark Mills
Program manager

The Army Community Service Employment Readiness program is sponsoring a job fair Oct. 3. Although geared for military veterans, retirees and family members, the fair is open to anyone seeking jobs.

The event is sponsored by the Georgia Department of Labor, VFW Post No. 665, the Fort Benning ER and Army Career and Alumni Programs.

"This is a smaller fair than the one held in Infantry Hall in the spring," said Mark Mills, program manager, "But we expect to have at least 31 businesses represented."

Mills said that the event is always well-received by both prospective employers and employees. More than 1,200 people attended the fair last fall.

"This fair isn't just about finding a job right now," said Mills. "A number of people come to check out requirements for jobs for when they leave the military."

A number of hospitals and police departments in the area will be represented, as well as Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Tyson Foods and the Muscogee County School District.

The fair will be held at the VFW Post No. 665, 1824 Victory Drive from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Job seekers should bring 15 copies of their resumes for possible on-site interviews.

For more information, call 545-2836.

World War II veteran visits Sand Hill soldiers

'Doc' gives American flag to battalion

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

"We ... honor the flag that flew over the cemetery where so many American soldiers lost their lives in the landings on the Normandy beaches and in the liberation of northern France. Their graves are a permanent symbol of their heroic devotion and their sacrifice to the common cause of humanity."

Capt. Charles Hayes
1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

Taps played as the American flag was lowered at the Normandy American Cemetery in France.

The flag that came down that day will never again be flown over the cemetery. It has a new home at Fort Benning's 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, courtesy of Ralph W. Widener Jr.

It was Widener's idea to send an American flag to France to fly over the cemetery. Once flown and lowered, it was sent back to him to present to the battalion at a ceremony Sept. 21. Widener, otherwise known as "Doc," has historical ties to both Normandy and the battalion.

Born in Tulsa, Okla., Widener was drafted into the Army in 1943. Less than a year later, he was on his way to Great Britain to take part in the invasion of Normandy.

"We weren't scared at all," Widener said. "But, when we got 300 yards off shore and the bullets started hitting the sides of the landing craft, that's when we got scared."

American troops were greeted by an onslaught of German fire.

The soldier next to Widener was killed instantly.

"I didn't react," he said. "I just continued on with the mission, and that was to take the beach."

By nightfall almost all German positions were seized by the Army in Widener's sector, and eight days later, Widener and his platoon were on a road about 40 miles from shore, flanked by berms.

"Next thing I knew they were shooting at us, and I got hit," the 80-year old said. "I don't know where they came from. After that, I don't remember anything until I woke up in the hospital."

Widener was hit with six machine gun rounds that went from the back of his head down his back. A doctor told him that he would likely be paralyzed from the waist down, and he was sent home to Charleston, S.C., where he underwent 22-hours of surgery.

"When I woke up, the doctor told me he had good news and bad news," Widener said. "He said the good news is that you'll walk again. The bad news is that it is going to take you a year to do so."

Widener said he couldn't accept that year time frame.

"I got up and tried to start walking," he said. "I had nurses on each side of me to balance me. The first time I took five steps and felt a lot of pain. But I kept working at it."

Widener walked out of the hospital in November 1945.

He earned his bachelor's degree in history from Eastern Illinois State University and accepted a teaching position at the University of Mississippi. A year later, he earned his master's degree in history from the University of Oklahoma and a few years later, his Ph.D. from the University of Southern Illinois.

Widener taught at many colleges. Among them were: the University of Texas, the University of Arkansas and Florida State University. He retired in 1993.

In 1985, Congress allowed veterans to spend two weeks with a training unit to observe training and to write articles about it for their hometown newspapers.

Widener asked permission to go through the 13-week training with the recruits.

"I was given three words from a general," he said. "He said, 'go for it.'"

Widener went through the full 13-week course with the Infantry Training Brigade and said he had a great time.

"I loved every minute of it," he said. "I ate, slept and talked with the soldiers, and it was the time of my life."

Widener was recognized as the oldest infantryman to ever go through one-station unit training.

While there, he also got funding for and established the Audie Murphy Infantry Award to be voted on by the soldiers in each platoon.

"I wanted to give the soldiers a chance to vote for who they thought was the best out of their platoon, because they were the ones that spend the most time with each other," Widener said. "There are four separate awards, one for each platoon."

Widener comes to Fort Benning four times each year to present the Audie Murphy Infantry Award.

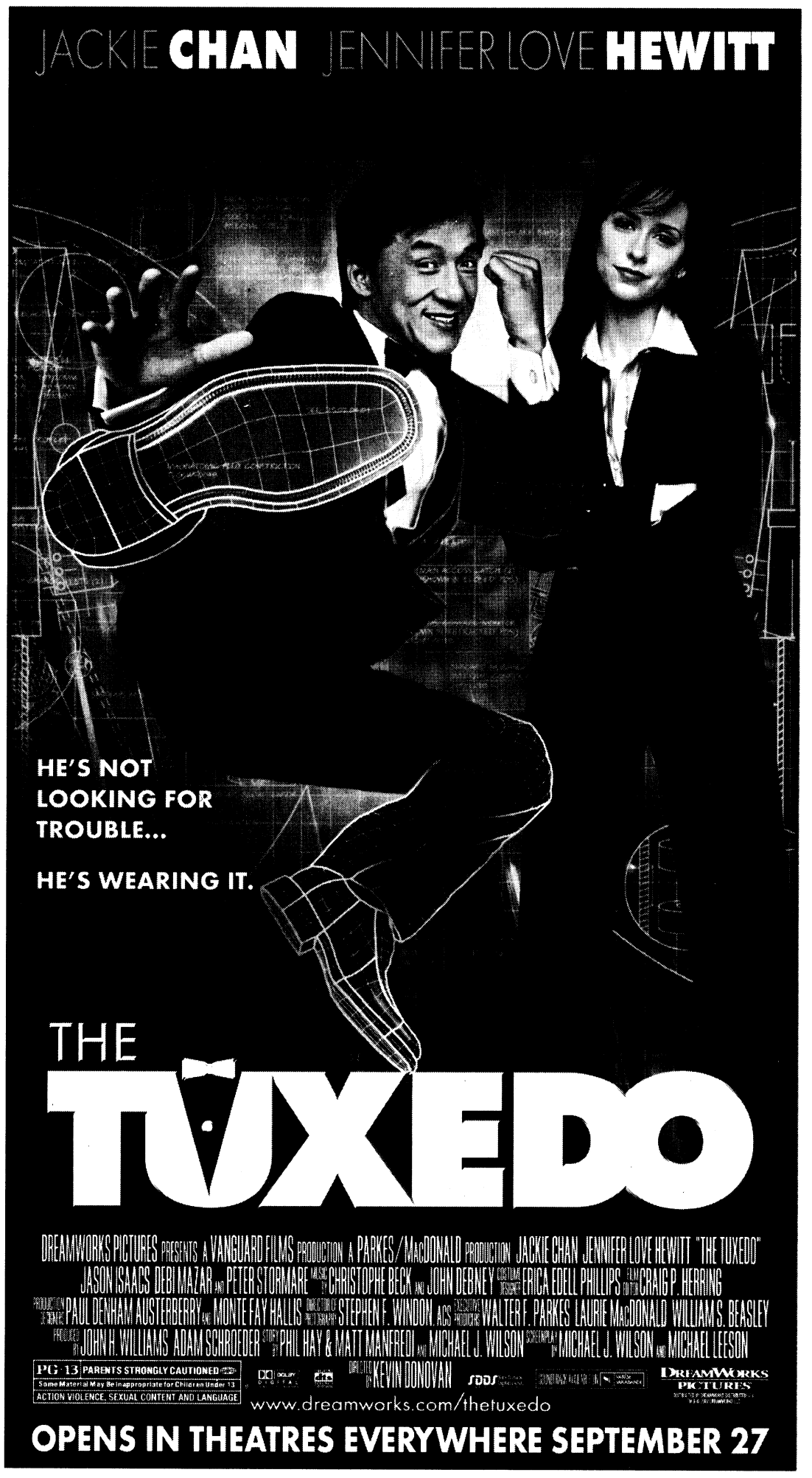
"It's a great honor to have a great man like this be part of our battalion," said Capt. Charles Hayes. "He's a D-Day survivor and can really relate to the soldiers."

Widener presented the flag to the battalion Saturday, on the 138th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga, where the 19th Infantry Regiment earned its nickname, the "Rock of Chickamauga," by holding fast against the Confederate Army.

"This is a great day for the 'Rock Steady' Battalion," Hayes said. "Not only do we honor the anniversary of our namesake, we also honor the flag that flew over the cemetery where so many American soldiers lost their lives in the landings on the Normandy beaches and in the liberation of northern France. Their graves are the permanent symbol of their heroic devotion and their sacrifice to the common cause of humanity."

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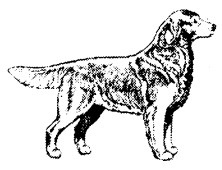
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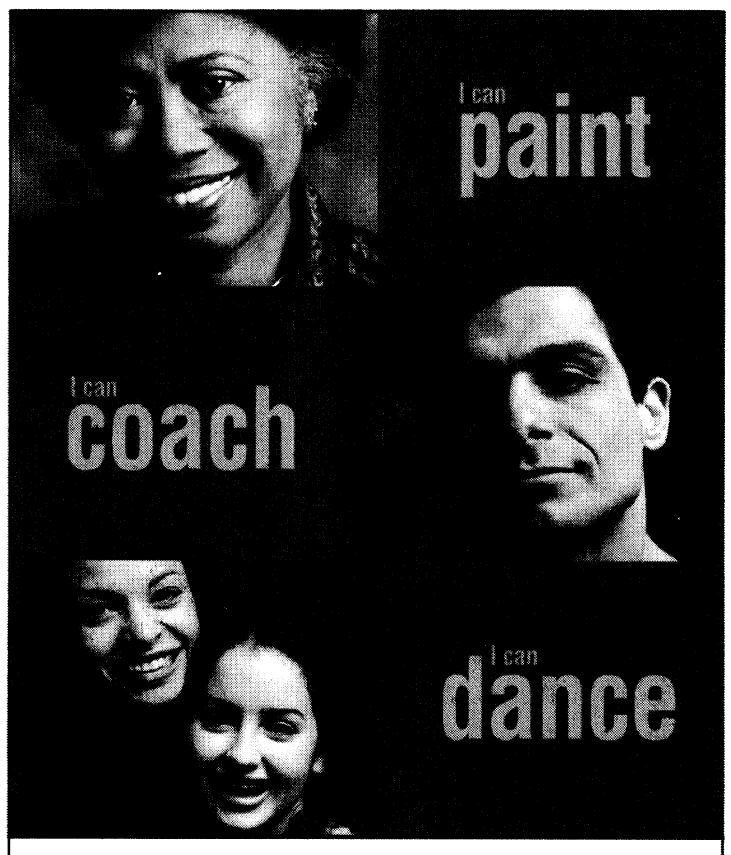
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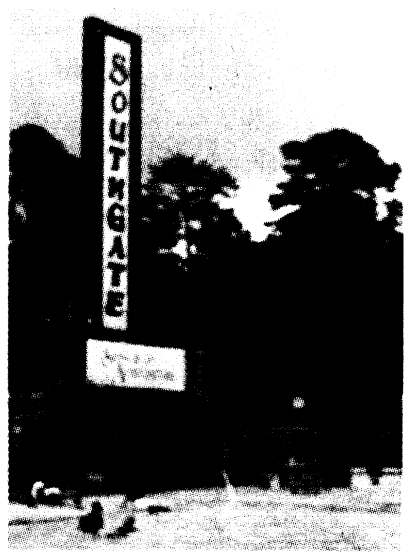
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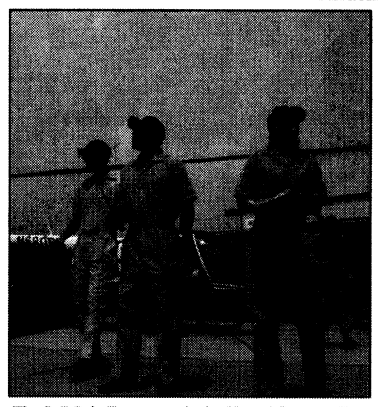
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Famed "R.E.P.O. Team" coming to host area's largest disposal of repossessed, program and lease terminations in Columbus this weekend.



The R.E.P.O. Team travels the United States selling off repossessions and other bargain vehicles that are in high demand. The Team will work with only one select dealer in any given market. In Columbus, that dealer is Bill Heard Chevrolet.

Columbus, GA - A slowing economy and increasing consumer debt has ironically created a wealth of bargains for car buyers. Literally tens of thousands of repossessed cars are now on the market and dealers nationwide have been scurrying to offer them for resell to the public. Now, a local Columbus dealership has hit pay-dirt by landing the foremost team of repo experts for an exclusive four-day sale of these vehicles.

The R.E.P.O. Team will be at Bill Heard Chevrolet this Thursday, September 26th thru Sunday, September 29th offering some of the finest and most affordable pre-owned cars available to the general public. This is the local car buyers' chance to purchase vehicles at unbelievable prices. Used Car Manager, Mark Hall, explains that unlike many other "repo"sales, this event promises a superior and wider selection of vehicles. The "R.E.P.O." represents a lot more than just repos. Yes, the "R" stands for **Repossessions**, but the "E" is for **Early lease terminations** - vehicles that, like repos, have already had dozens of payments made on them. They're even better bargains and much harder to find but we have plenty available for this event."

So what about the "P" and the"O"? Hall continued "The R.E.P.O. Team also will be selling off dozens of Program Cars. For those that don't know, those are vehicles that were driven by factory executives. They have extremely low miles and most are all still covered by the factory warranty."

"Then finally, the "O" simply stands for Other bargains" said Hall. "From cars that were in rental fleets to dealer demos, there are a couple of dozen of miscellaneous vehicles that have nothing more in common than just being good buys."

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Hall added such a wide array of vehicles mean there's something for most everyone. "Toyotas, Fords, Hondas, Pontiacs, even luxury cars, we hired the R.E.P.O. Team because they know the hottest new vehicles are also what everyone wants to buy pre-owned."

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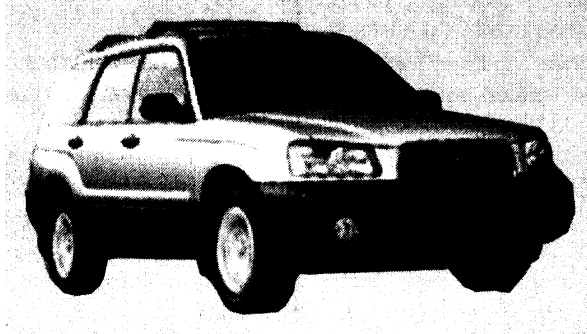
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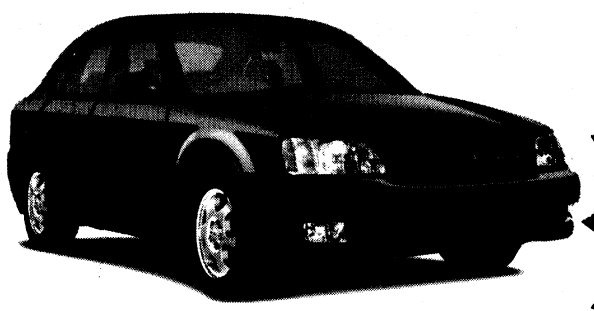


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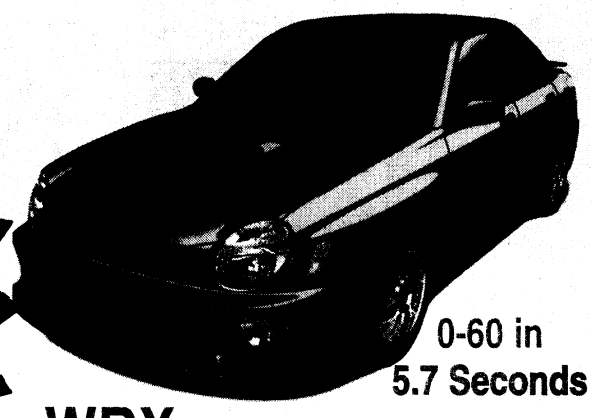


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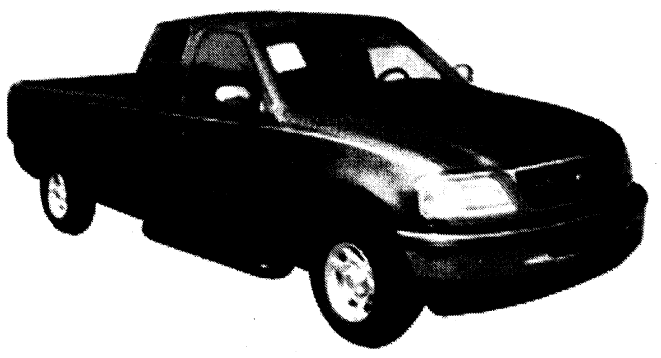
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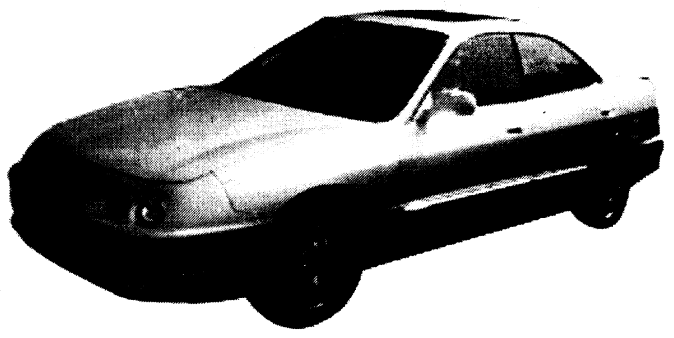
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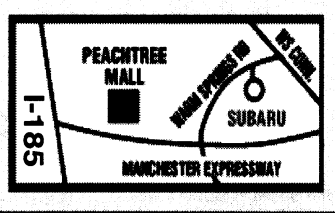


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Fort Benning BOSS program No. 1

Post sweeps competition in its category

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Bennings' Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program swept the field at the BOSS convention in Virginia Sept. 8-14.

The post program took first place for best event and best installation, in the large installation category, winning trophies and $2,000.

"When I got the phone call saying we won both competitions, I knew we were going to take best event, but we had some strong competition for the best installation," said Sgt. Jessica Pisa, BOSS president.

"To see my idea for the presentation come together and win — I had a great feeling of accomplishment for both myself and the program."

The installations were evaluated on static displays for the best event. Soldiers attending the conference judged the displays. Best installation was decided by a two to three minute video presentation.

The event displayed in the competition was the Fort Benning BOSS partnership in progress with Franciscan Woods Assisted Living Community Center. Soldiers with the program volunteered time with the elderly, visited with them and other activities. On Memorial Day the center was presented with a flag, for all of the veterans, retirees and widows, Pisa said.

"(These awards) show single soldiers' commitment to the community, both on and off post," said Command Sgt. Maj. Bob McCord, garrison command sergeant major. "It also displays the leadership support soldiers receive from the commanders down to their platoon leaders, to give them the opportunity to be involved in the program."

Fort Benning gets the recognition that it has the best in the BOSS program worldwide, Pisa said. Next year Fort Benning will be one to beat.

Even though Fort Benning took home first place, the program is not perfect, Pisa said. Getting the word out is biggest obstacle. Other problems include equal participation in all of the BOSS events. Also, getting feedback from the soldiers on activities they would like to do is key.

The program normally does a cycle of activities, a community service project, a revenue generator and a recreation and leisure activity, Pisa said. There is an average of about 30 soldiers a month, but more for recreation and leisure.

"If the people who attend the trips could come back and volunteer just one day it could make a big difference," Pisa said.

"All the money soldiers put into the program will eventually come back to them through services or programs."

There are some upcoming trips being scheduled — Falcons vs. Panthers game Oct. 20 and Hawks vs. Bulls Nov. 2.

For more information, call 545-6800.

MPs enjoy time, choose to stay here

Reservists to build lives in local area

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The Fort Benning area is different things to different people. For many, it's where drill sergeants screamed at them for the first time. For others, it's where they went to accelerate their careers. For some, it's where they shot their first wild boar.

For two members of the 2145th Military Police Detachment who spent a year on active duty following the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, the Fort Benning area is now home.

While members of their unit officially came off duty and went back to their former lives Saturday, Sgt. Bonnie M. Himes and Spc. Barbara Gomez drove back to their Columbus residences.


Himes


Gomez

"I like the Fort Benning area a lot," Himes said. "The people are a lot more friendly than what I was used to, so I decided to look for a job here."

Himes found a position as a Department of Defense police officer and started work Wednesday.

"I look forward to staying and building a life here," Himes said. "There are a lot of opportunities to grow and things to do. Atlanta is only an hour away. I'm a big NFL fan, and it will be convenient to be so close to the Falcons. I go up there a lot."

When Himes of Meadeville, Penn., is not out on the town, she'll be checking IDs and keeping the post safe.

"I'm happy to be a part of (helping to fight the war on terrorism)," Himes said. "As MPs, you're always thinking about security, but I'm proud to be part of the first-line defense at the access points."

It was during the year here on active duty she found out about Columbus hospitality.

"Before (the 63rd Engineer Company) built the sprung shelters, we performed our access-control mission in the elements," Himes said. "I remember it snowed in January. That was funny. But lots of complete strangers brought us coffee and cookies as they came onto post."

Himes had experienced Southern hospitality before while attending Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, but not to such an extent. She plans on finishing her bachelor's degree in criminal justice at Columbus State University.

Besides all the intangibles that attract Himes here, she enjoys the fact that bad traffic is virtually nonexistent compared to bigger cities, and crime is relatively low.

"It's pretty safe here," Himes said. "The big joke is we're the big dog catchers on Fort Benning. You're always going to have some crime here but not as much as other towns."

Gomez finds the North Columbus safety attributes attractive, too, she said. Her husband, David, son, Andrew, 14, and daughters, Kayleigh, 11, and Jessica, 7, take comfort in the statistics and the fact police frequently patrol their apartment complex.

"(David, who has his own masonry business,) gets paid a lot more here, too," said Gomez, a New Brighton, Penn., native, whose family lived in Ormand Beach, Fla., prior to moving to Columbus. "He promised to build me a nice, big house.

"Plus, I like living next to post," she said. "We take advantage of plenty of military discounts, and sometimes having the PX and commissary to shop at helps too."

The family's transition here did come with some obstacles.

"The children found out the schools are much more advanced here than in Florida," she said. "They failed at first, but they adjusted, and they're all doing well now."

"As for (David), he came here in January and hated it," Himes said. "He couldn't find any work, but around May or June, the jobs began to come and now his business is growing."

Gomez herself doesn't have a job lined up, but she's confident her family will do well here, she said. She may do security work as both she and Himes stay in the reserves. They both look forward to joining their friends from their old detachment from Jacksonville, Fla., once a month and two weeks a year on

> "I look forward to building a life here."
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> **Sgt. Bonnie M. Himes**
> DoD police officer

Fort Benning.

Command Sgt. Maj. Donovan Watts, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, found out about the women's plans during a chance, lunchtime conversation.

"I think that anyone who has a zest for a homey feeling can't help but like this tricommunity," Watts said. "I'm happy to hear these soldiers and their families chose to stay but not surprised. Fort Benning is a post with a great deal of professional, as well as personal assets to offer.

"The hospital here is fantastic. There are all kinds of units and duty assignments available, and the school system here seems to be top notch."

AROUND POST

eArmyU brief

The Education Center will host an eArmyU briefing at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday in Classroom 32B, Infantry Hall.

The eArmyU is the Army's educational initiative designed to offer the eligible enlisted soldier the opportunity to work toward a college degree or certificate anytime, anywhere. The educational program is 100 percent free and includes a technology package that consists of a laptop computer, printer, and free Internet service. There are briefings on the eArmyU program for soldiers who are interested in enrolling. The briefings will be on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information, call the Education Center at 545-1774.

VA Office closed

The Veteran Affairs Office at Soldiers' Plaza will be closed today.

If VA assistance is needed, please call (800) 827-1000.

Sergeant Major Board

The Department of the Army selection board to consider soldiers for promotion to sergeant major will be Tuesday.

Zones of consideration are all master sergeants and first sergeants with a date of rank of Sept. 30, 2000, and earlier with a basic active service date between Oct. 1, 1977, and Oct. 1, 1992. Date of birth is no earlier than Oct. 1, 1951.

Due to the implementation of stop, loss, soldiers normally ineligible due to retention control points — BASD is earlier than Oct. 1, 1977 — in a primary military occupational specialty affected by stop, loss will be considered eligible.

Soldiers must have a DA photo. To schedule an appointment, call 545-1381.

For more information, call 545-8861 or 545-5640.

Graduations

The A and D Companies of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment will graduate at 10 a.m. Oct. 4 on Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

For more information, call 544-8131.

Recruit the recruiter

There will be a recruiter presentation at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Oct. 8-10 in Infantry Hall's Classroom 50.

The Recruit the Recruiter Team will brief all specialists through sergeants first class.

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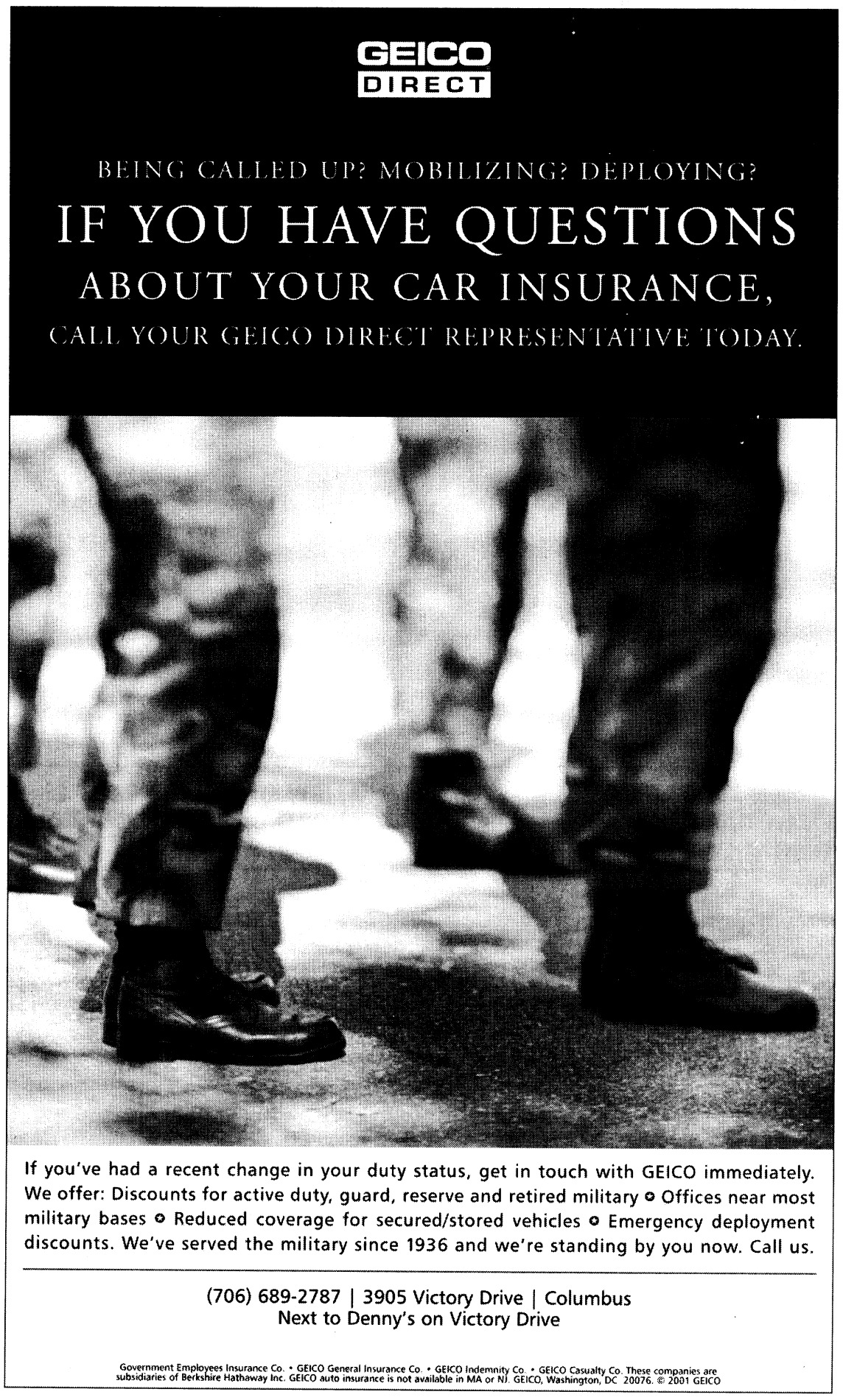
Effective Tuesday, tuition assistance will cover 100 percent of college tuition and most fees up to the semester hour cap of $250 and new ceiling of $4,500 per fiscal year. This rate applies to instruction delivered traditionally or through distance education.

For more information, call 545-1436.

Long-term care open season

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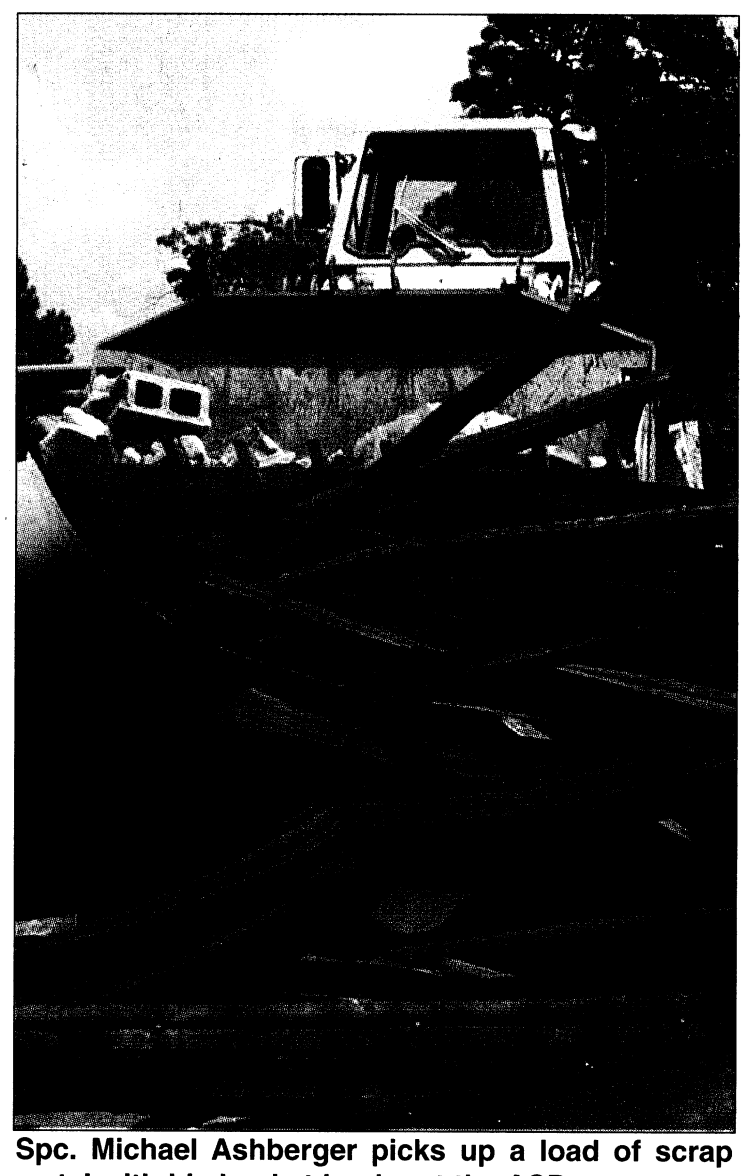
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Spc. Michael Ashberger dumps a load of concrete block into a waiting dump truck.



Spc. Michael Ashberger picks up a load of scrap metal with his bucket loader at the ASP.

63rd Engineers give ASP makeover

Face-lift was greatly needed

2nd Lt. Mamie Murphy
36th Engineer Group

This is my rifle. There are many like it, but this one is mine.

My rifle is my best friend. It is my life. I must master it as I must master my life.

My rifle, without me, is useless. Without my rifle, I am useless. I must fire my rifle true. I must shoot straighter than my enemy who is trying to kill me. I must shoot him before he shoots me. I will ...

Maj. Gen. W. H. Rupertus, USMC

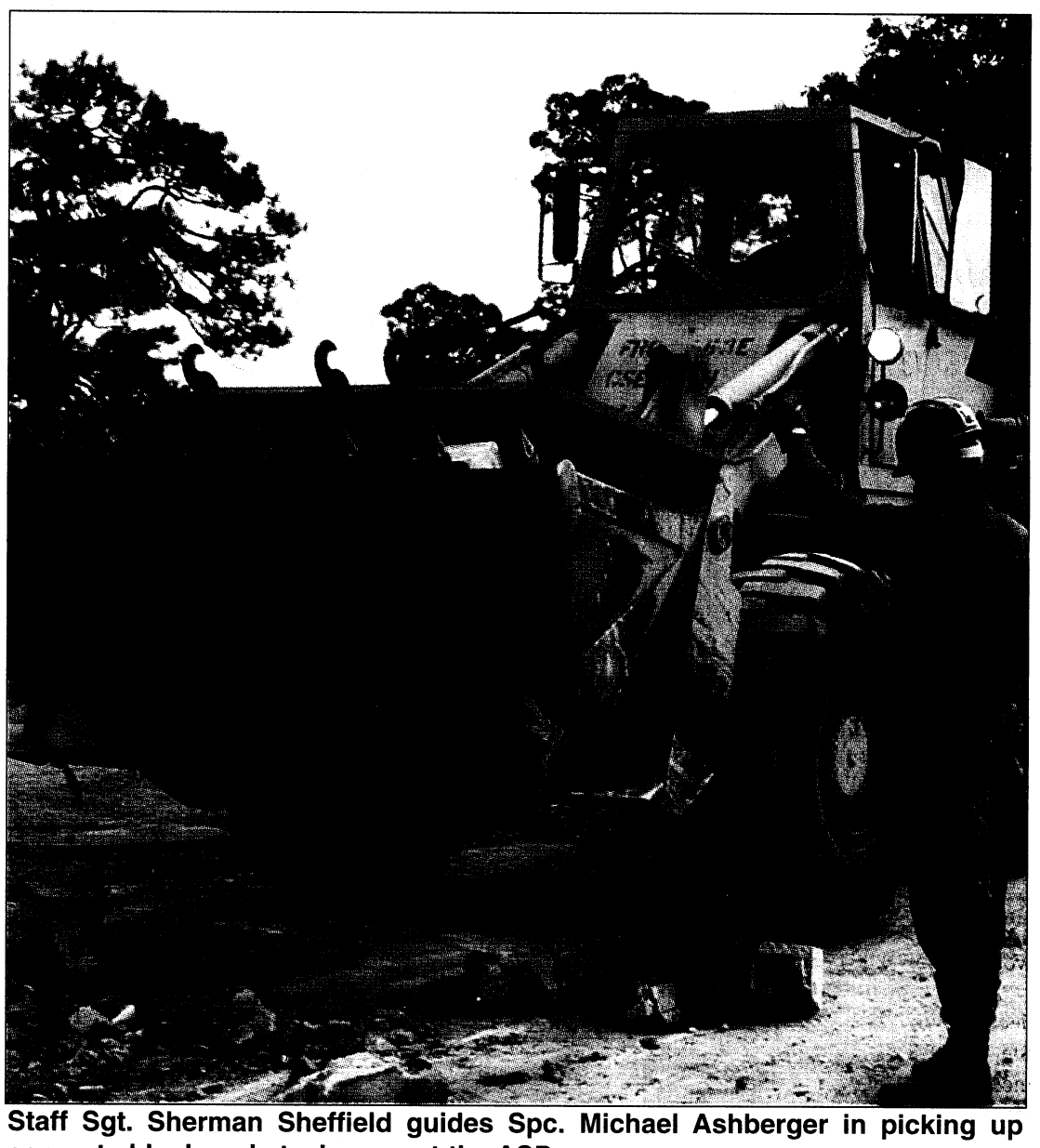
Although those words were meant to inspire and motivate Marines, they can be taken to heart by anyone who wears the uniform of the armed forces of the United States. Being able to use one's assigned weapon effectively is one of the basic soldier skills that is crucial to a well-maintained force.

However, an implied task is the necessity of having ammunition to fire from those weapons. Enter the Ammo Supply Point.

Fort Benning could not function as an active Army training post without the support of the ASP. The ASP is run by soldiers from the 13th Combat Support Battalion and staffed by civilian personnel from the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics.



Pfc. William Morgan hand loads a bucket loader for disposal.



Staff Sgt. Sherman Sheffield guides Spc. Michael Ashberger in picking up concrete block and steel scrap at the ASP.

Basic trainees couldn't learn basic rifle marksmanship, and the soldiers who are stationed here would not be able to qualify with their primary weapons, or conduct real-world missions, when the occasion arises, if there was no ASP.

The ASP works very hard for Fort Benning, and now they're getting a little help in return.

The 63rd Engineer Company, 36th Engineer Group, is actively changing the work place environment for the soldiers working at the ASP. Since the beginning of September, major changes have been taking place there.

The scope of work for the project involves knocking down the existing metal Quonset hut that was used for storage, improving the road to and from the drop-off point, laying a concrete pad, providing overhead cover for the loading dock and part of the new concrete pad, clearing a 30-foot-wide path around the entire fence line, and installing a small building to use as an office on site. The soldiers will have shelter from the sun and rain, and an air-conditioned office as well once the construction is completed.

The mission is not only great for training, but also gives the the 63rd an excellent opportunity to show their stuff and help the post by saving money and improving the working conditions for their fellow Rugged Seahorses of the 36th Engineer Group.

Staff Sgt. Sherman Sheffield is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 63rd's mission at the ASP.

"This is a good project for us to be working on," Sheffield said. "It's great training, and the soldiers are learning a lot."

Army Research Institute to test simulator

Commanders to use game for training

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

A complete working simulation for Full Spectrum Command is projected to come out by the end of October, and a full test is scheduled for January with the Infantry Officers' Basic Course.

Full Spectrum Command is a simulator for leading a company, where the platoons can be broken down into squads.

"This is a new, unique training tool. There is nothing else like this in the Army or commercial sector," said Capt. Brent Cummings, small group instructor with Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate. "Battle simulations aren't new. They are historical vignettes, doing them on paper, but this is some of the first stuff for (personal computers)."

The Army Research Institute is scheduled to start evaluating the educational value of the simulator for commanders.

"I think someone who plays this will be better prepared," Cummings said. "It's a company in a box. This will help commanders become more adaptive. I believe the program will change field training by giving experience in class then going and using it in the field."

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> Small group instructor

The program brings Hollywood-type effects to Army training, Cummings said.

"I think it has a lot of potential to be a valuable tool for company commanders," said Capt. Andre Takas, course graduate. "It uses commercial logic that many of us are used to."

FSC will bring fun to training, merging Army culture with the gaming industry, Cummings said.

The student is drawn into the world of the game and forgets he is even in a classroom, he said.

The game has many variables — the intelligence of the opposing forces, weather, soldiers' aim, and experience level of the squad leaders that will affect the soldiers' actions and outcome. The exercise wraps up with a dynamic after-action review, so the students can see where they went wrong and correct it the next time.

This is like a digital *The Defence of Duffers Drift*, a book based on a British lieutenant who had dreams about mistakes he makes in an upcoming battle that he repeatedly loses, but learns from. When he goes into battle for real, he wins, Cummings said.

This program gives an opportunity for self-learning and executing a mission over and over on the simulator so the students are more successful in the field.

Cummings said the simulator is not to replace "muddy boots" training but to augment it. A company isn't commanded with a mouse and keyboard, but the program can help prepare students.

Average games use 4 percent of their processing power on artificial intelligence, but FSC game developers have been working with Artificial Intelligence specialists from the Institute of Creative Technologies and FSC to use 60 percent of the processing power on explainable AI.

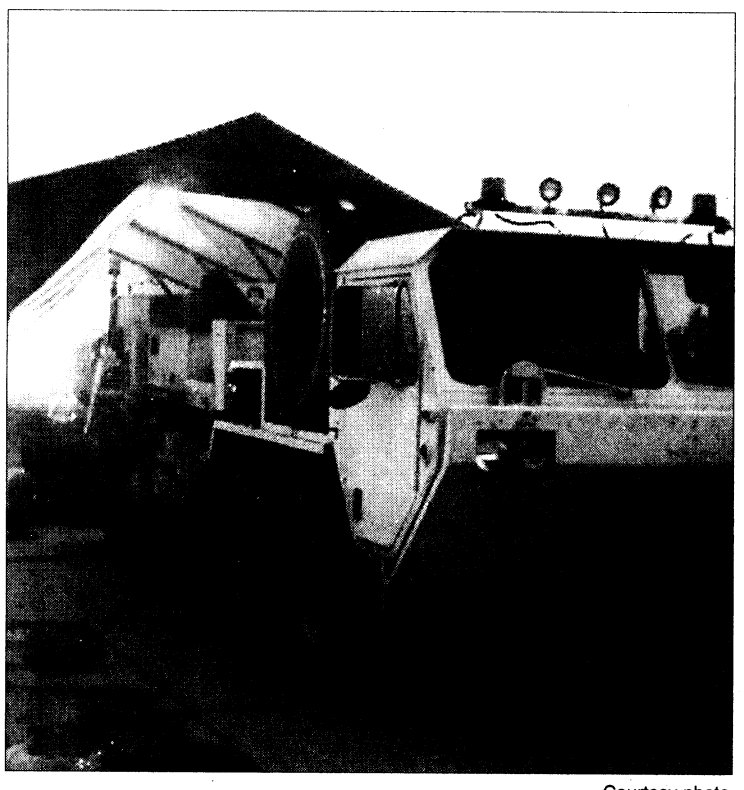
"I think we're really just scratching the surface with this," said Rob Sears, project leader from Legless Productions.

A simulator for squad leaders, similar to FSC, is currently in development.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

13th CSB gives support at JRTC

13th Corps Support Battalion



Courtesy photo

13th CSB soldiers issued more than 139,000 gallons of JP-8 during their month at JRTC.

America's sportsman's paradise recently converted itself into the 13th Corps Support Battalion's playground. Louisiana recently churned 350 Log Warriors from Ft Benning through its Joint Readiness Training Center Rotation 02-09. The unit, which included Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, the 104th Transportation Company, the 598th Maintenance Company, 110th Supply Services Company, and an ammunition platoon from 608th Ordnance Company, transformed into the 13th Logistical Task Force in the field. Their mission — to provide outstanding and timely support to the 2nd Armored Cavalry Regiment and 10th Combat Support Hospital — started from the moment the unit touched down July 25 through the moment they left August 26.

These soldiers accomplished more in a month than most do in a year by issuing more than 3,000 cases of MREs, providing more than 34,000 meals, more than 139,000 gallons of JP-8, more than 500 short tons of live and replicated Class V ammunition and producing and issuing over 105,000 gallons of water. The 598th Maintenance Company processed 70 Direct Support work orders and over 125 Class IX requisitions, while conducting force protection measures for an impenetrable front gate. The 104th Transportation Company Road Dawgs — always on the go — deployed the 10th CSH to Peason Ridge and conducted approximately 70 separate transportation logistics personnel and administration center missions. They accumulated more than 65,000 accident free miles.

The 13th LTF operated an Intermediate Staging Base and then deployed to Peason Ridge to establish the Logistical Support Area. From the LSA, they simultaneously conducted their missions and force protection operations by fighting the Cortinian Liberation Front. The fights resulted in less "paradise" for the sportsmen, but better training for the soldiers. Civilians on the battlefield kept the unit busy when the CLF took their naps. The mission in JRTC's "Cortina" showed the

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

Soldiers qualify for EIB in Kuwait

Capt. Dave Taylor

3rd Brigade



Courtesy photo

Spc. Jimmy Allen, stakes the wire for a claymore.

Six months ago the 3rd Brigade Combat Team deployed to Kuwait for Operation Desert Spring. The soldiers participated in platoon, company, and battalion level training exercises as well as live fire exercises.

The brigade live-fire exercise tested the soldiers skills; however, for some soldiers it would not stop there.

As the operational tempo decreased soldiers of the Sledgehammer Brigade to include Task Force 1-15, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, the brigade's headquarters company, D Troop, 10th Cavalry, and a battalion of soldiers from TF 1-41 Infantry from Fort Riley had an opportunity to earn the Expert Infantryman Badge, which Col. Daniel B. Allyn, Brigade commander called "our Infantry's toughest peacetime individual training event."

The Secretary of War approved the Expert Infantryman Badge Oct. 7, 1943. It was adopted as the official infantry branch insignia in 1924. It is coveted throughout the infantry community and represents excellence in infantry skills.

Nearly 200 soldiers began the weeklong task of conducting train up on the individual stations required to earn the EIB Aug. 31. During the planning phase for EIB, it was thought that the extreme temperatures and intense wind would keep soldiers from wanting to train past noon each day. A start time of 5:30 a.m. would be ample time to train the soldiers prior to the heat reaching its peak.

However, this was not the case. The lure of receiving the EIB is a stronger force than the hot and windy weather, said Command Sgt. Maj. Mark Baker, brigade command sergeant major. "It's an honor to wear the badge," he said. Many soldiers trained until 6 p.m. to hone their skills.

The soldiers spent six days rotating through three different lanes. Each lane contained six different stations ranging from mines to radio operations, night vision to estimate range, and first aid to NBC. The soldiers must complete 36 tasks to earn the EIB, but they must qualify to even participate.

In years past, soldiers had to qualify expert with their weapon to meet one of the prerequisites to compete for the EIB, but starting in June of 2002 the prerequisites changed. Candidates must not only qualify expert, they must also complete the 12-mile road march within three hours, complete day and night land navigation courses, and score 70 percent or better on the Army Physical Fitness Test. These tasks were even more difficult due to the extreme weather conditions in the desert, with the temperature reaching close to 130 degrees. Soldiers' weapons became extremely hot and difficult to handle. Windy conditions contributed to the difficulty of qualifying as the winds reached 30-35 knots causing sand storms while the soldiers were qualifying. Testing for the 199 candidates began Sept. 7.

Spc. Jimmy Allen, A Company, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry, was the first candidate to test at the hand grenade station.

As he threw his fourth of five grenades into the fighting position and received a GO, he let out a yell and was visibly excited.

"It was a big sigh of relief to get a 'go' at the station," Allen said. "I chose it first because it was my biggest concern and wanted to get it knocked out so I could focus on the rest of the tasks." Allen went on to earn his EIB.

During the first day of testing, 35 candidates were eliminated. On the second day, 38 more candidates were eliminated from testing. Thirty of the 126 remaining were "bladerunning." Bladerunning is a term used when a candidate has received two "no go's" and one more would eliminate him from testing.

Only 98 candidates, less than half survived the rigors of the EIB test and earned the right to wear the EIB. For Baker, it was a special day,

"This year's EIB definitely takes on a different meaning for 3rd Brigade as we earned more EIBs in the history of the brigade," Baker said.

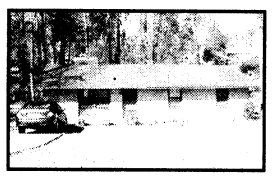
"The training had a dual purpose," Braxton said. "One was sharpening skills for combat, and the other was to achieve something that many do not get."

"Soldiers are used to the media talking of war," Baker said. "This is our job, and the ability to execute multiple missions is what makes our military the best in the world."

Pfc. Vincent Austin, HHC, 3rd Brigade said, "It gives me the confidence to go out and train soldiers." However, the 98 soldiers who received their EIB were not the only ones who benefited.

"Although only half our EIB candidates earned the EIB, every soldier who accepted the challenge, all 199 of them, are today better infantrymen as a result of the great training they received over the past two plus weeks," Allyn said.

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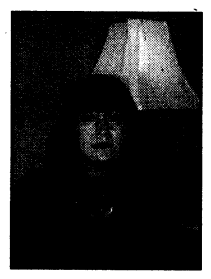
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

Spouses look to support group for help

Post chaplains' ministry broadens role

Angela Sachitano
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Fort Benning military wife, Michelle Steinbach, is trying her best to be a strong role model to her children as she struggles through her husband's first deployment since the two were married.

"I've been able to talk with him on the phone about once a week," said Steinbach, whose husband is a sergeant deployed with the 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment in Kuwait. "Of course some days are harder than others. He wants to come home so bad. I can hear it in his voice, and that saddens me even more."

When Steinbach's husband deployed in May, she knew she was in for an uphill battle, a battle that would not end for at least six months. But it only took Steinbach a few weeks to realize it was a battle she would not have to bear alone. She would soon have the help of the Deployed Spouses Support Group through the Chaplain Family Life Ministry.

"The Chaplain Family Life Ministry is centered around helping spouses deal with the pressures military life can bring," said Chaplain (Maj.) Ray Koop, chief of the Fort Benning Chaplain Family Life Ministry Center. "We have support groups for spouses, no matter what the situation."

These are some of the support groups now available on a year round basis:

- Blended Families Support Group,
- Couples Communication Support Group,
- Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Support Group,
- Spouses of Returning Soldiers Support Group,
- Recovering from Divorce and Separation Support Group,
- Parents of Exceptional Children Support Group,
- Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group.

Steinbach and the deployed spouses group meet once a week on post. The women she has met through the group have helped her through the most difficult period in her life, she said.

Women like Tshaka Long, the wife of the A Battery commander, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regt.,

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> **Chaplain (Maj.) Ray Koop**
> Chaplain Family Life Ministry Center chief

Teacher receives honor

Schools name Teacher of the Year

Bridgett Siter
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Stowers Elementary School first-grade teacher Barbara Culwell was named the Fort Benning Teacher of the Year Sept. 20.



Culwell

A 13-year teaching veteran, Culwell was lauded as an innovative teacher and a "compass whose needle is always pointed true north," by Stowers' assistant principal Mike Starrett, who endorsed Culwell's nomination.

Culwell said being named Teacher of the Year is both an honor and a responsibility she can't take lightly.

"I'm the kind of person who prefers to stay in the background," said Culwell, a Hardy, Ark., native who's married to a former ranger. The couple live in Smiths, Ala. "I hope I can represent the teaching profession in a positive, exciting way."

Culwell credited another Fort Benning educator's enthusiasm for inspiring her own career. Former assistant superintendent, Suzanne Williams, spoke at Columbus College when Culwell was a student.

"She was such a joyous speaker," Culwell said. "It was so easy to see that she loved working with children, and she spoke so highly of the profession that I knew I had to become a teacher."

Williams was stricken with Multiple Sclerosis and is now confined to a nursing home in Columbus.

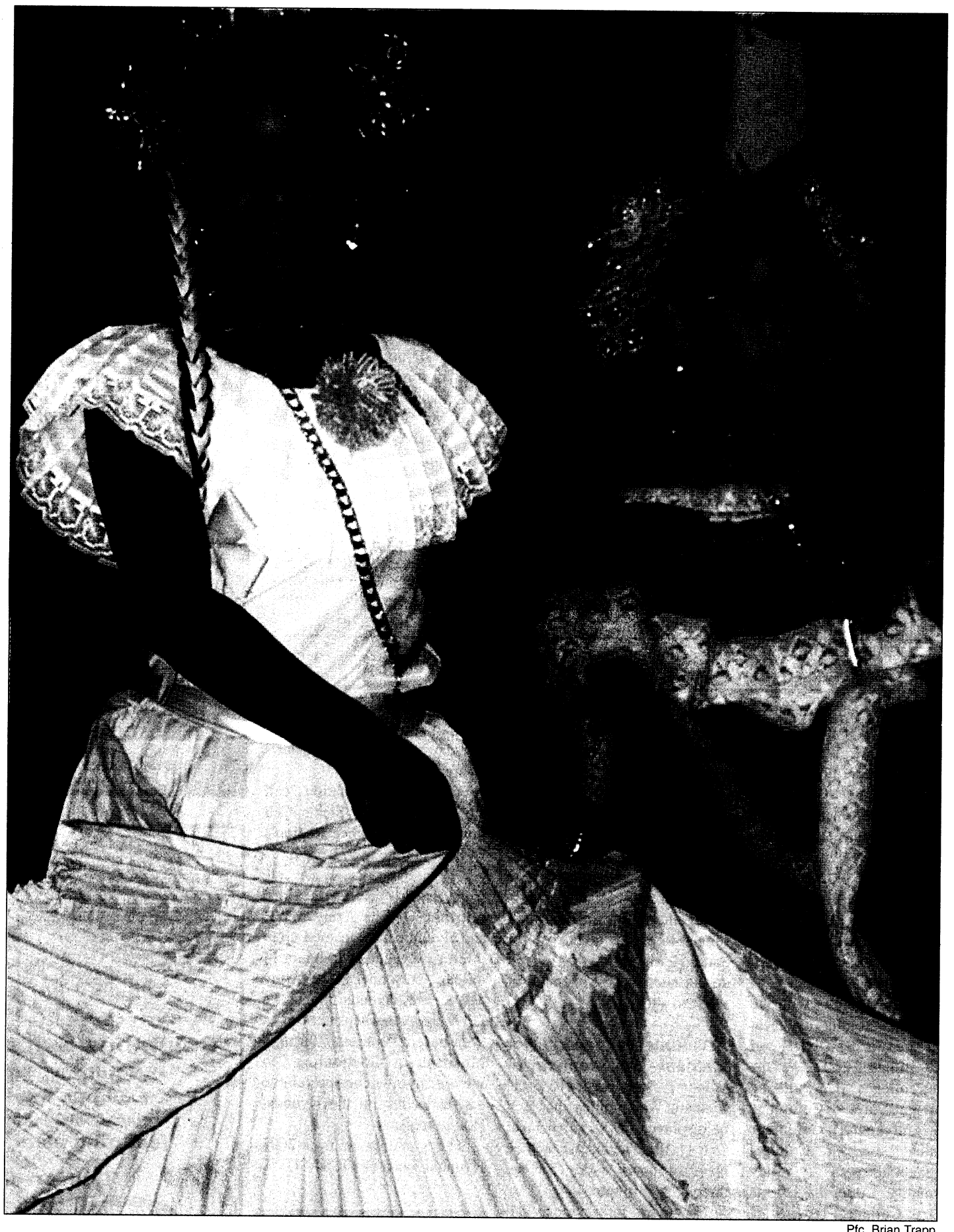
"I want her to know that this is her legacy. There are those of us in the profession, dedicated to what we do and loving every minute of it, because of her," Culwell said. "I'd like her to know that her commitment to teaching lives on in the lives of the teachers she inspired."

Culwell began teaching at Fort Benning's former Wilbur Elementary after graduating from Columbus State University. She earned master's and education specialist's degrees from Troy State University.

A fan of forward-thinking education researchers, such as Eric Jenson and Patricia Wolfe,

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Bailamos



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Brittany Lizotte, 9, and Daneth Hubble, 7, dance during White Elementary School's parade of countries and dance. The program was part of the school's celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Fort Benning reads

Community program kicks off Wednesday

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Fort Benning Schools launched a postwide initiative to encourage families to read.

Fort Benning Reads! is a community literacy program designed to provide a reading experience that can be shared and enjoyed by all ages, said Dr. Jaynie Nesmith, Fort Benning School's director of curriculum. It's part of the yearlong Armywide program *DoDEA Reads!*

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, Fort Benning's commanding general, and Army Librarian Ann Parham were on hand to kickoff the program at Wilson Elementary School Wednesday. They visited classrooms and read *America: A Patriotic Primer*, by Lynne Cheney, wife of Vice President Dick Cheney. Copies of the book were distributed to every classroom in the school system.

Parham, a Columbus native who was working at the Pentagon during last year's terrorist attack, said the historical picture book integrates valuable history lessons into the program.

"The events of September 11 made us all realize how important it is to be an active participant in our democracy," Parham said. "And that means reading to stay informed and learning about where this nation came from and why we have the freedoms we do."

Parham said the focus on

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Area families adopt abandoned animals

Microchip helps identify lost, misplaced pets

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Loneliness caused Spc. Joseph Williams, 209th Military Police Detachment, to go to the Fort Benning Veterinary Clinic Tuesday to adopt a dog.

"I had my last dog stolen from me, and I need one to keep me company," Williams said. "When I went to pick out a dog, I knew immediately the dog I wanted. She had a nice coat, and she looked like a great dog."

The dog Williams adopted is a red-nosed pit bull and was abandoned by her previous owner.

There are many dogs that are abandoned and brought to the clinic each year, said Missy Taylor, veterinary technician.

"We have many animals that are in need of adoption all of the time," Taylor said. "All they need are loving families to take care of them."

However, the vet clinic stresses that taking care of any animal is a long-term commitment.

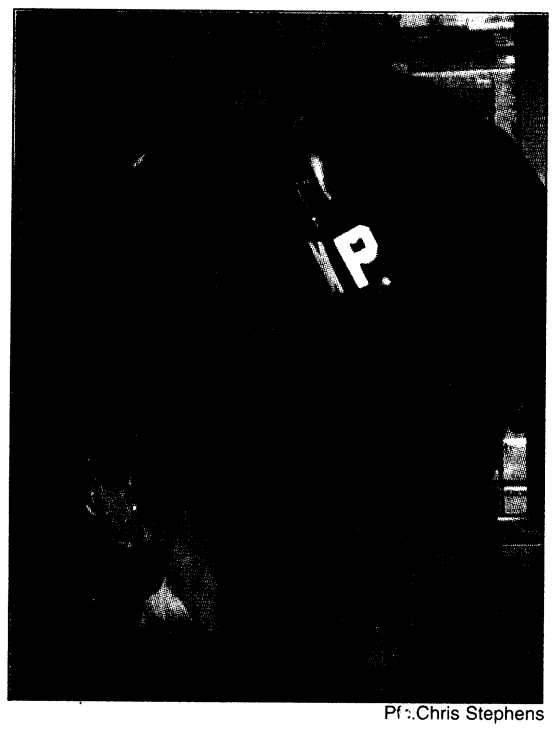
"Having a dog or cat is just like having another child," Taylor said. "You have to care for them and give them emotional and medical support."

There is a quick process for adopting an animal from the vet clinic.

"The first step is always the hardest step," Taylor said. "The people have to pick out a dog or cat that fits their lifestyle and their family.

"Sometimes that can be hard because you

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Pfc. Chris Stephens

Spc. Joseph Williams, 209th Military Police Company, adopts a dog from the Vet Clinic Tuesday. Cats and dogs are available for adoption. For more information, call 545-4444.

Change W-4 form to gain extra monthly income

Anthony Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Would you like to take home another $100 each month?

Does $150 sound better? Even more?

It may be possible to take home more money each month simply by adjusting your IRS Form W-4.

The W-4 form has a worksheet that all working persons use to claim their marital status and how many personal allowances they are entitled to. Based on these entries on the W-4 form, the employer withholds a certain amount of money each month toward federal taxes for that year. The more allowances claimed for example, the less money withheld each month. Overwithholding occurs when soldiers do not change their W-4 form when they should.

Let's use an example. During inprocessing, a single soldier with no children fills out a W-4 form, and claims Single and one allowance.

What happens when the soldier marries?

Because income tax rates are more favorable for married persons, the soldier should adjust her W-4 form from single to married, and raise her allowances from one to two, so there is less withholding from her monthly paycheck. As there is less withholding, she gets more of her money back each month. But many soldiers fail to do this, and overwithholding begins.

Continuing the example, let's say the soldier has two children. Once again, she should adjust her W-4 form to claim the allowances of the children.

If the soldier fails to do so, the difference can add up.

The difference between withholding at single and one allowance versus married and four allowances can be as much as $2,000 a year, which translates to more than $150 a month.

All soldiers should adjust their W-4 form so that their wages are not overwithheld. Soldier's wages are typically overwithheld between $1,000 to $2,000 a year.

The goal of your income tax return should be to get as small a refund as possible without having to pay at the end of the year.

Some soldiers argue, "Well, there is no harm in getting a big refund check. I don't have to pay any penalty, and it is a way for me to save money."

But there is financial harm. The government does not pay interest on money that is overwithheld.

Banks however, do pay interest on savings accounts. So, if you want someone to hold your money for you, put it in the bank.

Almost all soldiers and spouses we encounter through the Legal Assistance Division use their income tax refund check to pay off loans.

Companies charge interest to loan money however, at rates usually between 18 to 28 percent a year, so if you can use that extra money each month to pay off a loan, you will save money every month.

W-4 forms are available at your PAC. For more information, call the Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

Shop sells crafts, collectibles

Special gifts for Army families available on post

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

For all the military wives wondering where they can pick up their own "Home is Where the Army Sends You" personalized wooden house, a new shop is right around the block offering an array of Army collectibles and crafts.

The shop is called "A Bit of Benning" and is sponsored by the Officers' Spouses Club.

Polish pottery, American Flag wall decor, quilts, candles and wreaths are just some of the items families will find in the creative craft cabana located next to the Thrift Store.

"It's a one stop shop here to find those Army knick-knacks you just can't find anywhere else," said Jeanna Larsen, co-manager of A Bit of Benning. "We have things here that are unique to our love for our country and our military life."

Well into its third month, the craft shop is brimming with crafts created by people right here on Fort Benning. The store is divided into sections, including a seasonal section, a baby's corner and a jewelry table.

"These are the items we all see in each others' homes and wonder where we can get them, too," Larsen said. "You'd be surprised how many requests for specific crafts we receive."

The idea for the craft shop is not unique to Fort Benning. Many posts including Fort Campbell, Ky., and Fort Bragg, N.C., have similar shops. Larsen and co-manager Renee Doyle came up with the idea when they transferred from Fort Bragg to Fort Benning and realized there was a need for the shop on post.

"Before the shop opened, crafts and collectibles were displayed in a small corner in the Thrift Shop," Doyle said. "It just wasn't enough space so we decided to create our own store."

Doyle, Larsen and several other wives decided to renovate the room next to the Thrift Shop. They spent weeks ripping up the old carpet, painting walls and turning the room into a patriotic store dedicated to the families on Fort Benning.

"There really is something in here for everyone," Larsen said. "This is the perfect place to find farewell gifts, welcome gifts, and hostess gifts."

The Thrift Shop is always accepting homemade crafts and collectibles on a consignment basis. The shop is also looking for volunteers to run the store. Wives coffees' can also be held in the shop.

Craft shop hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday. For more information, call 687-3537.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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School Board Meeting — The next meeting for the Fort Benning School Board will be 6 p.m. Monday at Dexter Elementary School.

An agenda for the meeting will be posted in the schools at noon today.

For more information, call 545-7276.

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This course is targeted towards emerging leaders within the community and those wishing to update their knowledge about the Army. Level I is not a prerequisite to attend this course.

For more information or to register, call 545-5377 or e-mail aftb@benning.army.mil.

Advanced Medical Directive, Living Will class — Martin Army Community Hospital offers the Advanced Medical Directive and Living Will class 3 p.m. Monday at the Family Practice Conference Room. The class is open to active duty, military retirees and family members at no charge. The class is taught by physicians with legal assistance available to prepare documents on the spot.

For more information or to make reservations, call 544-2273.

Education Open House — Fort Benning will conduct its annual Education Open House and Free Cookout from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday.

The open house will be located in Soldiers' Plaza, outside area facing Dixie Road (next to Building 2602).

The colleges that will be represented are: Columbus State University, Columbus Technical College, Chattahoochee Valley Community College, Georgia Military College, Troy State University, Vincennes University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Beacon College and Graduate School and the Army On-line Benning site team.

College representatives and education center staff will be available to provide educational information to personnel at Fort Benning.

Town hall meetings — The town hall meeting for East Main Post is 7 p.m. Oct. 8 at White Elementary School.

The Custer Terrace and Upatoi Terrace town hall meeting is 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Custer Terrace Chapel.

The town hall meeting for Indianhead Terrace is 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at Wilson Elementary School.

Residents of these neighborhoods are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Community Life Office at 545-2830.

EWC Blue, Gold Social — The Enlisted Wives Club Blue and Gold Social is 7 p.m. Oct. 9 at the NCO Club. EWC is a group of enlisted and NCO spouses who get together to promote community involvement, learn new skills, share ideas and meet other spouses.

For more information, call Inga Flores at 682-2591 or Sarah Hertig at 687-9902. You do not need to be a member of EWC to attend.

Volunteers needed for Vietnam Wall replica — Volunteers are needed for the Vietnam Wall replica that will be displayed on Sacrifice Field Oct. 11-13. The display will be open 24 hours a day for the three days it is here.

For more information, call Angela Garnto at 563-2372 or e-mail angelagarnto@aol.com.

Holiday trash schedule — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing Oct. 14. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be Oct. 21.

There will be no refuse or recycle pickups in Family Housing Oct. 14. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up on Monday will be picked up on Oct. 15. Refuse and recycle collection in Family Housing for Oct. 15-18 will occur as normally scheduled. For more information, call Construction Inspection Branch at 545-4232.

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Sickle Cell Walk — September is national Sickle Cell Month and there will be a Sickle Cell Walk at 9 a.m. Saturday starting at the Howard Johnson on Veterans Parkway. Donations will be accepted.

There is a support group meeting 7 to 9 p.m. every fourth Tuesday at the Medical Center's Conference Room.

For more information, call the Association of Sickle Cell Lower Chattahoochee Region's 24-hour hotline at 571-6852.

Hyundai Sweepstakes contest — The Army MWR and Hyundai have teamed up to offer a sweepstakes in honor of military personnel. The Army MWR and Hyundai Santa Fe Drive-Away Sweepstakes is a Web-based contest through Monday. Go online to www.armymwr.com/portal/events/ and click on the Hyundai icon to register.

The grand prize is a 2003 Hyundai Santa Fe GLS4 SUV.

SCHOOL LUNCH

■ **Monday:** steak nuggets, tater tots, mixed vegetables, garlic toast, fruit, milk

■ **Tuesday:** chicken filet sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, fruit, milk

■ **Wednesday:** lasagna, tossed salad with dressing, hot roll, fresh fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** hamburger steak with brown gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, yeast roll, fruit, milk

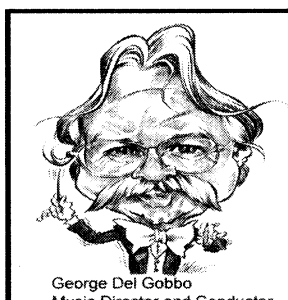
■ **Friday:** ham and cheese wrap, oven fries, carrot and celery sticks with dip, fruit, milk, peanut butter cookie

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Groups: Help cope with emotions

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who is also a member of the Deployed Spouse Support Group.

"Even as a company commander's wife, the support group has really made a huge difference in the way I am able to lead the family readiness groups," Long said. "I bear a lot of the emotions of the women in my husband's company, and the support group allows me to talk about some of my own fears."

"We meet and talk about our concerns and our fears in a confidential manner," Steinbach said. "We also learn about what our husbands are going through as well. The more information the better so we can better accept the separation."

Last week, rear detachment officials met with the Deployed Spouses group to inform them of their husband's current situation and training responsibilities, Steinbach said.

"The best part is knowing you are not alone," Steinbach said.

The Chaplain Family Life Ministry is well aware of the importance of support groups in the Army and has broadened the scope of the center to reach even more people.

"In the past, support classes were available only a few months out of the year," Koop said. "This year, support groups will be meeting weekly, and they will continue to meet as long as there is a need."

The need is growing according to the latest statistics from the Chaplain Life Ministry, which show 65 percent of soldiers are married and the pressures on families continue to rise as the situation in the Middle East heightens.

"Our support groups allow spouses in similar situations to rely on each other for advice and friendship," Koop said. "We advise all spouses to take advantage of them."

Most of the support groups meet once a week, and child care needs can be met by calling the respite care service through the Army Community Service office.

"I'm counting the days until my husband comes back," said Steinbach, who found out she was pregnant a week after her husband deployed. "Until that day comes, I will look forward to my meetings with the spouse support group. They are making the time bearable."

For more information on the support groups offered by the Chaplain Family Life Center, call 545-1760.

CLOSER look

These are some of the support groups now available on a year round basis:

- Blended Families Support Group,
- Couples Communication Support Group,
- Spouses of Deployed Soldiers Support Group,
- Spouses of Returning Soldiers Support Group,
- Recovering from Divorce and Separation Support Group,
- Parents of Exceptional Children Support Group,
- Survivors of Sexual Abuse Support Group.

Teacher: Integrates technology, fun

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Culwell integrates "brain-based" teaching techniques in her classroom. Students are encouraged to keep water bottles at their desks, because a "dehydrated mind can't learn." And Culwell integrates technology into every area of study. Her's is the school's "technology prototype classroom."

"At first it seemed like an overwhelming amount of technology, especially at a first-grade level. But these children are not intimidated a bit," she said.

"I don't let the technology run the curriculum. It has to enhance. It's become a real part of everything we do."

By the end of the first grade, Culwell's students are proficient in PowerPoint and laserdisc technology.

"When I was a child, I experienced the traditional approach to education. The 'sit still and learn' way. It was very regimented and very unappealing," Culwell said. "I want to make learning exciting for my students. I want them to want to learn.

"At this age, they're interested in everything and everything is a potential lesson," said Culwell, who recently turned a rainy morning into an exciting exploration.

"There were toadstools on the playground. They were fascinated by them," she said. "So we came back in the classroom and did online research on where they come from and why they grow. They loved it."

It's that kind of enthusiasm and willingness to explore new teaching opportunities that makes Culwell an exemplary teacher, said her coworker, Millie Harris.

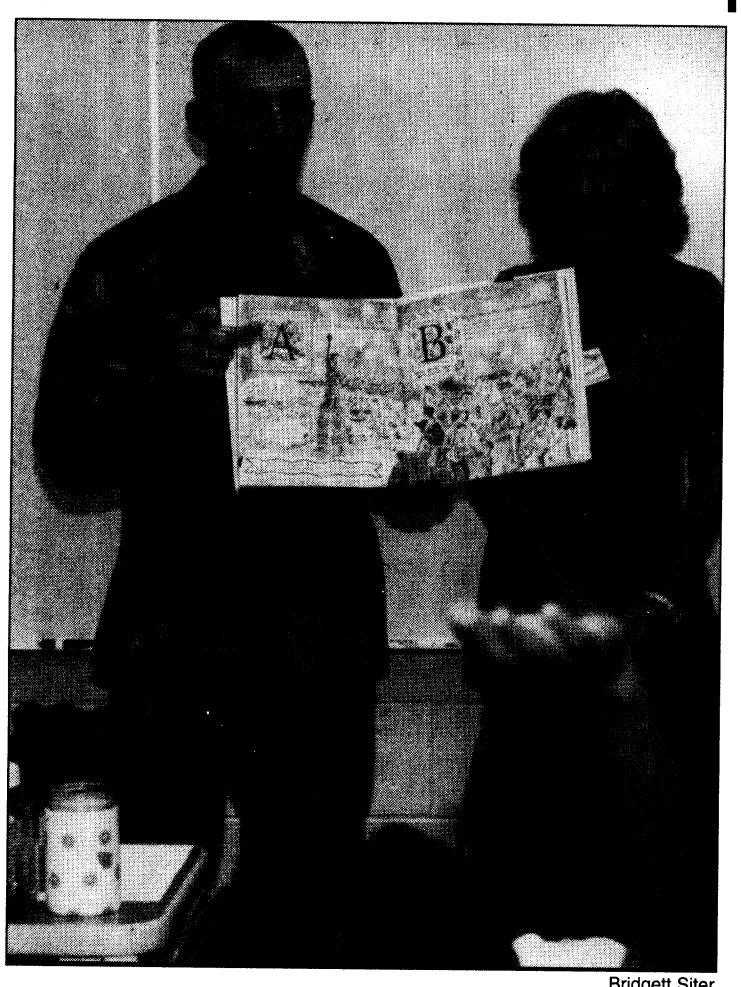
"She's created a safe learning environment in which risk taking and original ideas are valued, where children feel free to explore and make mistakes and learn from them," Harris said. "She has certainly been my mentor, and only the future will tell how many children she's encouraged to be life-long learners."

Culwell, who enjoys reading, crocheting, sewing and gardening, has been a foster mother for 12 children. She called herself "the adventurous type" who likes to bring excitement into the classroom. And one who's "still excited about coming to work each day."

"Some people are called to teach. I love it. There are no down sides to teaching," she said.

"It's a lot of hard work, but it's a lot of fun, and when you look forward to coming to school every morning and you work with the incredible team of professionals I do, it's hardly fair to call it work."

Reads: Connects program nationally



Bridgett Siter

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, post commanding general, and his wife, P.J., answer questions about the new reading program that kicked off Wednesday. The community book is *America: A Patriotic Primer.*

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nationwide reading programs is part of a bigger initiative to rejuvenate a national interest in history.

"This (book) delivers a message about American history while encouraging children to develop the reading skills that are critical for success," she said. Eaton read to students in Margaret Love's first-grade class, pausing occasionally to quiz them.

"Who here is a very important person?" Eaton asked, and hands shot up all over the classroom.

"Absolutely right. You are the most important people of all. You are wonderful, great Americans," he said, encouraging them to read more about this country their "great great grandparents fought for."

Nesmith said copies of *America: A Patriotic Primer* will be available at school book fairs and local retailers.

The hardback book, illustrated by noted children's artist Robin Preis Glasser, was published in May and has been on the New York Times list of best-selling children's picture books for 15 weeks. It retails for $16.95.

"A is for America, the land that we love," then book begins, and continues through the alphabet to Z, "the end of the alphabet, but not of America's story."

"This book is excellent because it reinforces civics. It's important to start young with children so they understand that along with rights come responsibilities," Parham said.

The *Fort Benning Reads!* program partners the schools with Children and Youth Services, Congressman Mac Collins' office, Donavan and Sayers libraries, the Officers' Spouses Club and Command, Staff Group Wives.

The community will be invited to participate in program events throughout the year, including book fairs, book drives, veteran celebrations, videos, reading nights and a parent academy in the spring.

For more information about *Fort Benning Reads!*, call Nesmith at 545-8254, or e-mail jnesmith@benning.odedodea.edu.

Animals: Find homes with adoption

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want the cutest one or the smallest one available," Taylor said.

"One thing we stress to potential adopters is that if they live in an apartment, it is best to get a smaller animal. If they live in a house with a yard, then a big animal would do them good. But, overall they make the decision for what they think will be best for them."

After picking out the animal that they want to take home, the dog or cat gets vaccinations, a microchip and a brief exam.

"The microchip is put under the skin and it holds information like the identification number, and the owner's name and phone number," Taylor said. "The microchip is put there because if the dog or cat turns up at any vet clinic nationwide, the clinic can scan the chip and find the exact information to reunite the dog or cat with its owner."

The cost to adopt a cat is $55 and to adopt a dog is $65.

Included in the price is an update of vaccinations, heartworm and heart guard treatment, medical exam and spaying or neutering.

Georgia law requires animals be spayed or neutered before adoption, Taylor said.

"We really stress to families that adopting a pet means at least six to 12 years of responsibility," Taylor said. "You can't just say that 'well I'm here for four years, so I'll get a dog and leave it when I leave.' That doesn't work.

"Pets are not for disposal at a person's leisure," Taylor said. "They have feelings just like we do, and they need love just as much as we do."

Taylor brags on the well-being of one dog that caught the hearts of many of Fort Benning residents.

In March, *The Bayonet* ran a story on a mixed-breed dog named Kane who was locked in a room in a Fort Benning residence, severely malnourished and neglected.

Kane was adopted by a loving family that lives in Phenix City, Ala., and he's doing well.

"All it takes is some love and care for the animal and everything will be all right," Taylor said.

The vet clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and is open until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays.

"Anytime the clinic is open, adoptions are available," Taylor said.

For more information on adopting a pet, call the vet clinic at 545-4444.

PETS OF THE WEEK

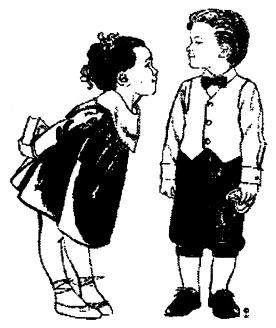


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GOING TO THE DOGS

Stowers students visit humane society

Stowers Elementary School

Students from Stowers Elementary School volunteered to perform community service at the Muscogee County Humane Society.

The students were given a tour of the facility, which is home to more than 400 animals. The director of the facility explained to the students that the shelter has a "no kill" policy, which means that the animals live at the shelter until homes are found.

The students were responsible for walking the dogs and feeding them treats.

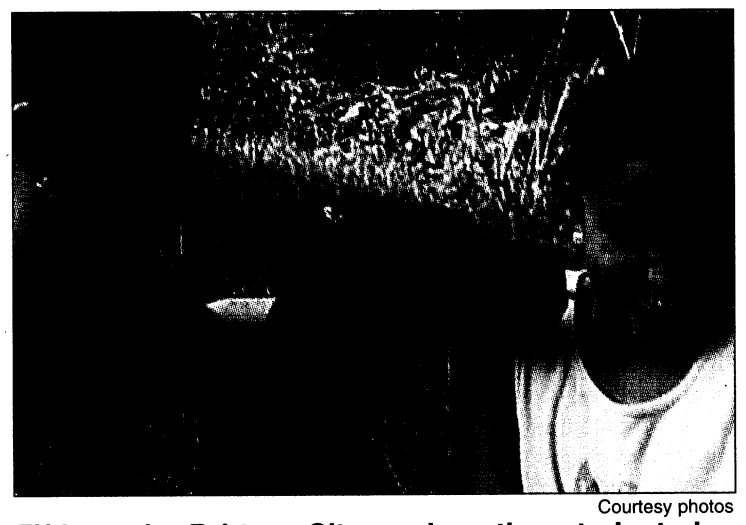
"It was a learning experience for all of the students who participated and several of the students were very saddened by the number of animals with no home," said Lorri Blanchard, teacher at Stowers.

"All of the animals are well cared for and are very sweet," said fifth-grader Killian King.

"The most enjoyable part for me was playing with my dog at the shelter, I wanted to take him home," said Kelif Sykes who is also in the fifth grade.

The shelter is in need of newspapers; they use them for the kennels. Stowers Elementary School will accept newspapers to take to the shelter.

"I will always remember the experience and if people adopt a pet they will have a friend for life," King said.



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Fifth-grader Brittney Siter and another student play with one of the dogs at the Muscogee County Humane Society during a recent field trip. The students toured the shelter and learned that more than 400 animals live there. The shelter needs newspapers for the kennels. For more information, call the shelter at 563-3647.



A student laughs as one of the dogs from the animal shelter licks the boy's neck.

Cup stacking exercises both sides of brain

Becky Archilla
Stowers Elementary School

Stowers Elementary School students are excited about the sport of Cup Stacking. This unique activity that is popular throughout the Fort Benning schools, is an exciting individual and team sport where competitors stack and unstack 12 specially designed plastic cups (Speed Stacks) in predetermined sequences.

Cup Stacking is a sport that not only develops important physical skills, such as hand-eye coordination, quickness and focus, it also promotes self-confidence, teamwork and good sportsmanship. When students are cup stacking they are using both sides of their bodies and brains to develop skills needed for growing children.

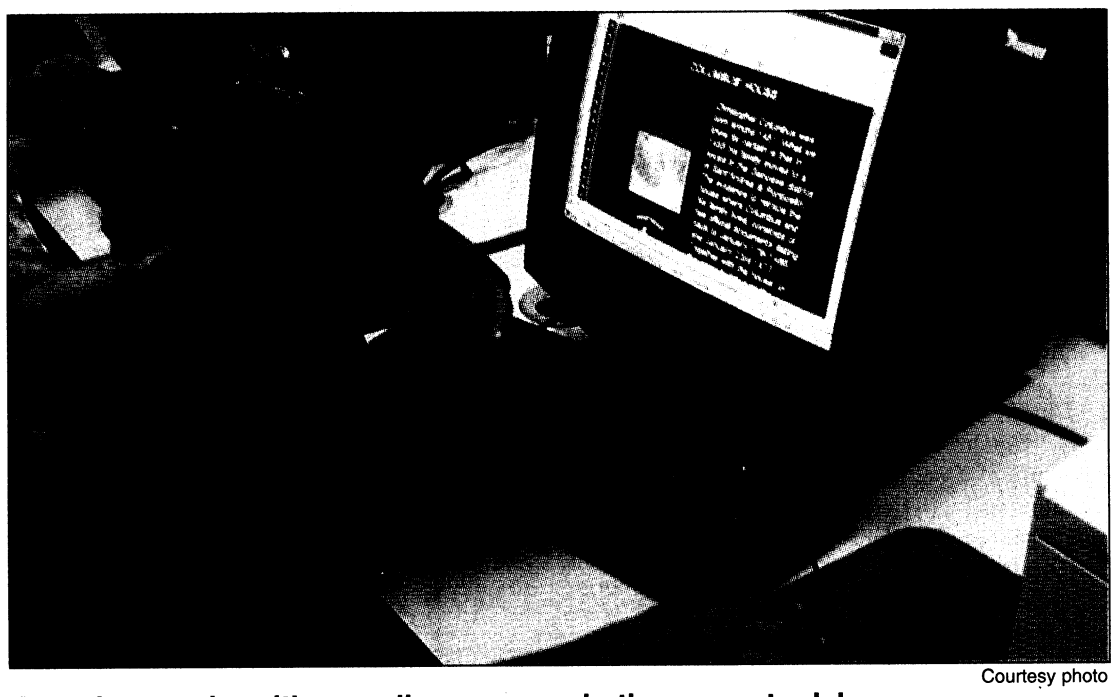
Students at Stowers Elementary School work on their Cup Stacking skills with the physical education teacher before school in the Morning Cup Stacking Program and as a part of physical education classes.

The students are excited about working hard to improve their times and are looking forward to the second annual Fort Benning Cup Stacking Tournament.



Courtesy photo

A Stowers Elementary School student practices cup stacking. There will be a tournament in the spring.



Courtesy photo

A student works with an online program in the computer lab.

Internet provides edge

Kids to decide whether Columbus hero or villain

Stowers Elementary School

DoDEA has purchased one-year subscriptions to Classroom Connect and the Quest channel, which are online services for all gifted education students and teachers of the Department of Defense Schools to give school and parents an exciting resource to challenge these students.

Teachers can access lessons through Classroom Connect on practically any subject at any grade level that align with DoDEA performance standards and offer assessment of student progress. Students can use their passwords to log online in their regular classrooms and at home to complete teacher assignments or to explore and research their own areas of interest.

The Quest Channel offers two online adventures each year. Columbus Quest, this fall's adventure, will follow Christopher Columbus' sea route through the Bahamas to Cuba. Students will help the quest team solve one of the great mysteries in the history of exploration: Where did Columbus first set foot in the New World? While learning about Columbus' voyage, they will study the history of exploration and navigation, explore the cultures and traditions of both the modern and historic Caribbean people and learn about the ecology, animals and weather of the islands. Finally, they will use critical thinking to determine if Columbus was a hero or a villain.

In preparation for Columbus Quest, many Fort Benning youngsters are already engaged in Classroom Connect activities. They are researching such questions as what the early explorers learned about currents, tides and winds and the role of the compass in early navigation. This service gives children interesting learning choices such as writing online biographies of early explorers, learning about the lives of early sailors, reading about navigational tools, making their own compasses and model ships, learning about underwater archaeology through visiting ship wrecks, creating online maps and visiting online mariner museums.

Fort Benning teachers, students and parents can attest that technology is a powerful tool. It helps teachers tap the resources to meet gifted students' diverse needs and interests while forming a partnership between school and home learning.



Choose life when death seems preferable

Chaplain (Capt.) Rick Brunson
USAIC Chaplains Office

REFLECTIONS

"Can you help me die?" I swallowed hard as I gazed into the eyes of a man in the final phase of one of the most horrible diseases ever contracted by human beings, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's Disease.

I looked to his wife, searching for a possible answer for the man I had just met.

Fifteen seconds seemed like an hour. I tried to understand the man's request.

Was he asking me to "pull the plug" on his ventilator? I desperately searched for an answer, but found none.

In all of my training, I had not received any preparation for such a moment as this.

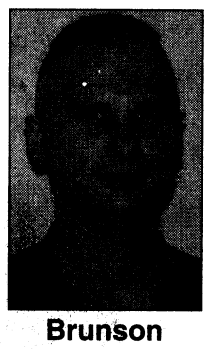
So I searched my heart and found a response.

"I can't help you die. But I can help you live. And I will be with you and your family until death comes."

This man had been a faithful servant in the church his entire life. But the horrible disease caused him to slowly deteriorate to the person I met. Unfortunately the nerve endings weren't crippled. His nerves were hypersensitive and they surged constant, chronic pain throughout his body.

I visited the family almost daily for 10 days.

I entered the life of that family, and they became my own. I listened, laughed and cried as the family members shared their stories and memories of a true hero of the faith. When the man died a part of that family died — and a part of me died, too, because I allowed myself to become close.


Brunson

But in the midst of suffering and death, I experienced renewed faith, dignity, honor and even joy.

That was more than a decade ago, but the memory still burns in my mind and heart as I reflect on a recent mission.

This call came to the installation chaplain's office— a chaplain was needed to accompany a casualty notification officer.

Our mission was to inform an unsuspecting mother that her son had taken his life.

As we drove to the home, I tried to prepare myself for the worst case scenario. I now have a new experience to define "worst case scenario."

Unlike the other death, this one had no faith, dignity, honor or joy. I saw degradation, disgrace, and grief.

A soldier wanted to terminate the pain in his life instantly. Unfortunately, he didn't bring an end to his pain.

He escalated it to an unimaginable level for his family, friends and fellow soldiers. That's because suicide is the most brutal act of selfish cowardice a person can commit.

There are no easy answers for people who suffer from unexpected losses.

There are no pat solutions for those who agonize over self-inflicted shame.

There are no instant spiritual or emotional anesthetics for those whose pain seems stuck in an eternal loop.

There's no quick fix for the barrenness of loneliness a person might experience.

But a bottle of liquid courage and a rope (loaded gun, razor blade, pills, etc.) is not a resolution. It's an escape.

After years of pondering, I think I finally understand what the man meant when he asked, "Can you help me die?"

He was asking, "Can you help me strengthen my faith and commitment to God because I'm struggling right now? Can you help me hold up my family because I can't do it by myself anymore?I don't want an escape and I don't want anyone to pull my plug. I want life to the end!"

What more can I say? Choose life.

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. The theme for the new year is "Filled with the light of his glory." This year the women will focus on how God places treasures in jars of clay and uses them for his glory. The programs include a time of music and worship, fellowship, study and refreshments. Child care is provided.

For more information, please call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Infantry Center Chapel — There will be a special service at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Infantry Center Chapel. Marquis Laughlin of Zion's Hope Ministry in Orlando will present the Book of The Revelation in its entirety from memory.

This unusual presentation by a trained and gifted actor will open up this mysterious book in a way never experienced by most people.

The program is free and open to the public and a short reception will follow.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 687-0925 or 544-1382.

Catholic Religious Programs — Registration for Catholic Religious Education Programs will continue following all Masses. Religious Education Programs will begin Sunday.

Religious Education classes for pre-K (age 3) through 8th Grade, RCIC and Adult Faith Formation will be held on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at White School.

High School Bible Study, followed by Youth Ministry will meet on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

RCIA will meet on Wednesday evenings at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 7 p.m.

Volunteers are needed in all areas of Religious Education. Catechists, aides, bilingual teachers, RCIA and RCIC team members and sponsors, and Sacramental Preparation facilitators are needed. Please consider sharing your gift of faith with the community. To volunteer, register for any program, or for more information, call the Religious Education Center at 545-5508.

Fort Benning Religious Services

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8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

Don't allow unplanned events to ruin marriage

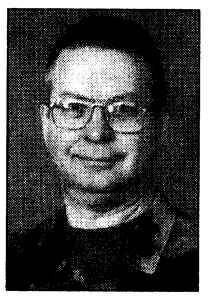
Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Expect the unexpected in marriage. A bill may remain unpaid at the end of the month. The bank may charge an overdraft fee.

A promise may not be kept. An in-law may arrive at your doorstep unexpectedly. A pregnancy may not be planned, or a promotion may not come.

Unexpected events trigger negative emotions that explode into arguments with spouses. These unplanned events detonate the fuel stockpiled by underlying and often hidden issues that have remained unresolved in a marriage.

Underlying issues are hidden expectations, needs and issues that when left unexpressed wreak havoc in a marriage. A couple that argues about what to watch on television may be overlooking the needs for intimacy and independence in a relationship.


Koop

Common hidden issues are power and control, caring and respect, recognition, commitment, integrity, and acceptance and belonging.

Some common signs that a hidden issue are involved are: spinning your wheels around a topic, avoiding the discussion of certain topics, triggers that unleash an avalanche of emotions, and keeping a record of wrongs (1 Corinthians 13:5).

Events tend to erupt at the worst time to resolve an issue. At those times, couples react rather than operate in a proactive and preventive mode.

Couples can handle both events and issues well.

Separate the event from the deeper issues. If needed, take a time out to remain calm.

Deal with the specifics of an event as it happens and move forward. Plan regular weekly conferences to handle the deeper underlying issues before they are triggered by events. Use the speaker-listener technique.

Would you like to make your marriage better? Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760.

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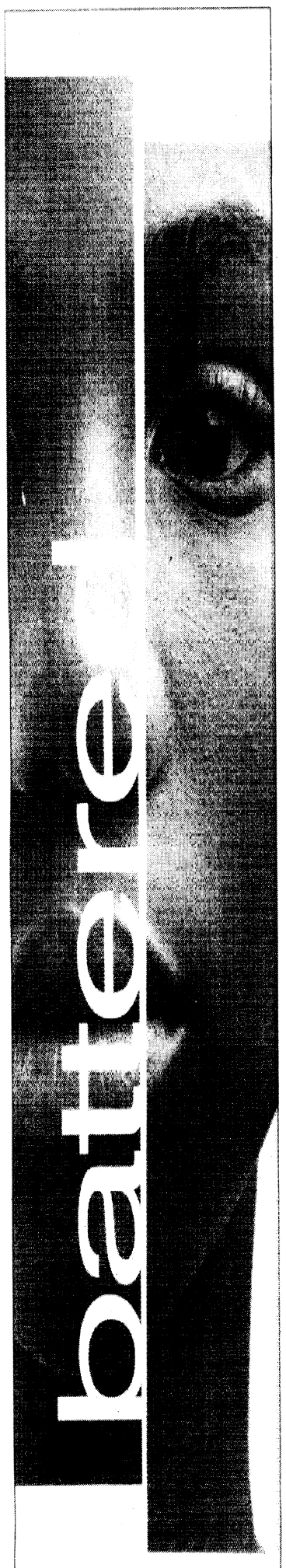
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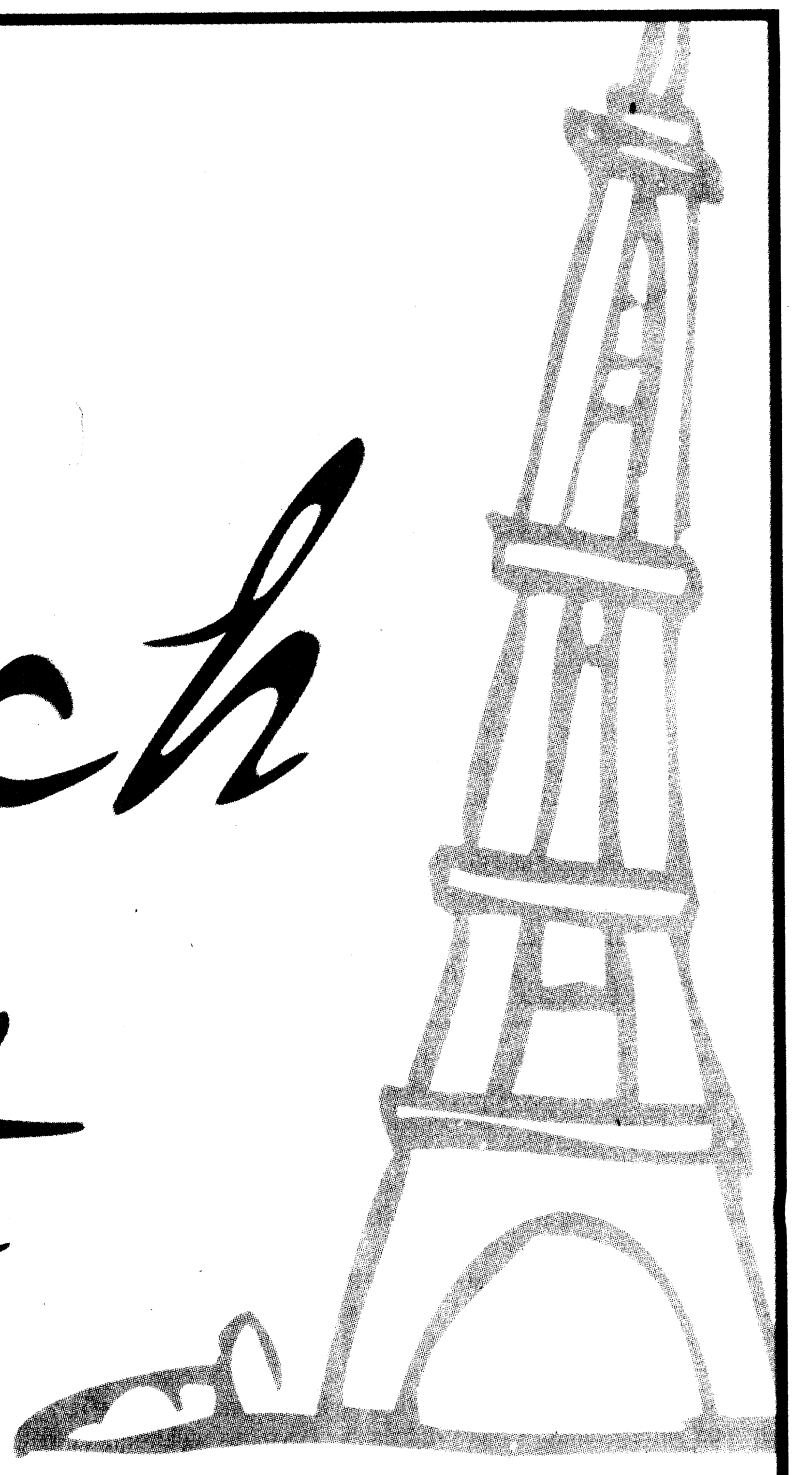
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Youth Services' football season begins

Reds best Whites in dog-eat-dog game

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The 11- to 13-year-old Red Bulldogs used a stellar defense and a bone-crushing offense to defeat the White Bulldogs, 24-0, during the opening game of the Youth Services' football season on Blue Field.

"This morning showed that their hard work — two weeks of conditioning camp and two week of practice — was worth it," said Eric Hare, Red Bulldog coach.

Red Bulldog coaches stressed the importance of fundamental tackling for about half of the team's practices, he said, and it seemed to work to their advantage. The White Bulldog team struggled all morning and picked up a minimal amount of offensive yardage.

As the Red Bulldogs defense pitched a shutout, their offense had a great start to the season.

"We don't try to throw it down their throat," Hare said. "We use a methodical, ball control offense.

"It's a well-meshed team. There's no superstar. They all have a part to play in the offense, and if one or two of them don't do their jobs, the team won't win. Today, everyone stepped up."

Red Bulldog Anthony Jones opened the season's scoring with an impressive 67-yard sweep to the right for six points.

After the White Bulldogs botched a punt, the Red Bulldogs' Brandon Shannon broke off a 40-yard run that set up his six-yard touchdown carry.

Penalties prevented the score from escalating for the Red team, as referees nullified two of their long touchdown runs.

The Red Bulldogs continued to stick with a ground attack until late in the first half when quarterback Eric Hare Jr. hooked up with Andrew Rodriguez for a 30-yard reception. However, the White Bulldogs' defense held, and they went to halftime trailing, 12-0.

The second half was a virtual mirror image of the first. Jones added another touchdown and hauled in an interception on defense that set up a Rodriguez 25-yard touchdown scamper.

"It felt good," Jones said. "I hadn't scored a touchdown in a long time."

The reason why his team won was simple, the 12-year-old said.

"We had teamwork," he said. "We didn't fuss at each other about making mistakes. I think we're going to keep winning and go to the championship."

A pivotal player on defense agreed.

"We made everyone scared – the team we played and the team that watched," said Michael Charlton, who also plays tight end on offense. "They're going to have to think about what they're going to do to beat us."

The 13-year-old said the key to the shutout was execution.

"We did everything pretty much to the letter," Charlton said. "No matter which way they went, we were there to shut them down."

It's a long season, and the team can still improve on some aspects of the game, he said.

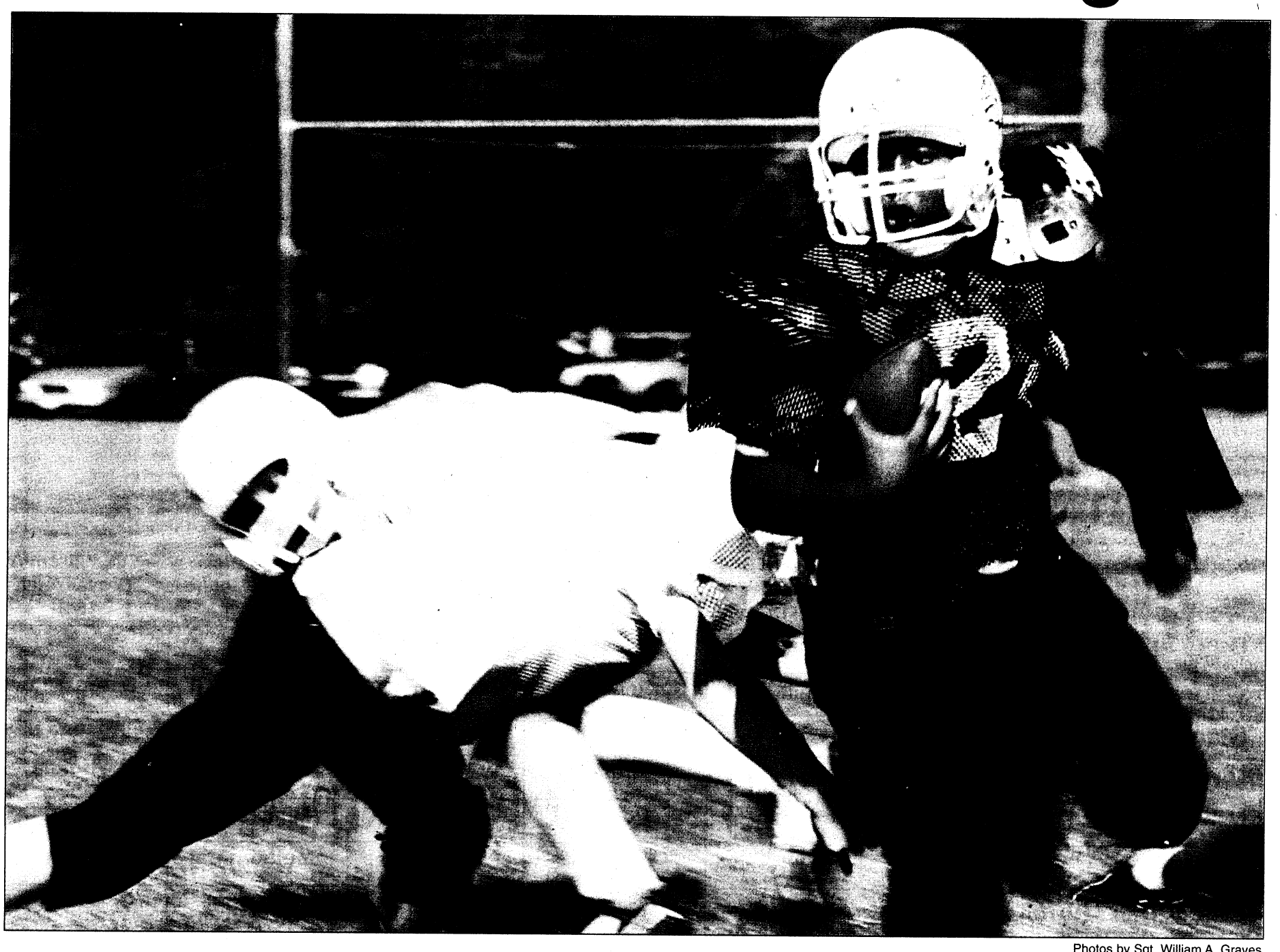
"Blocking assignments," he said. "Sometimes our guys missed their blocks."

He said he's certain the team will improve, and they'll have fun and remain competitive in the process.

"It's a mixture of both (fun and competition)," Charlton said. "You want to have fun, but you want to win, too, because the more you lose the harder coach is going to make you practice."

The coach feels confident the team will meet its other objectives for the rest of the year — instilling a strong sense of teamwork and developing player skills.

"The key to the season is that every player gets better," Hare said. "Even if we lose every game, if we achieve that goal, the season will have been a success."



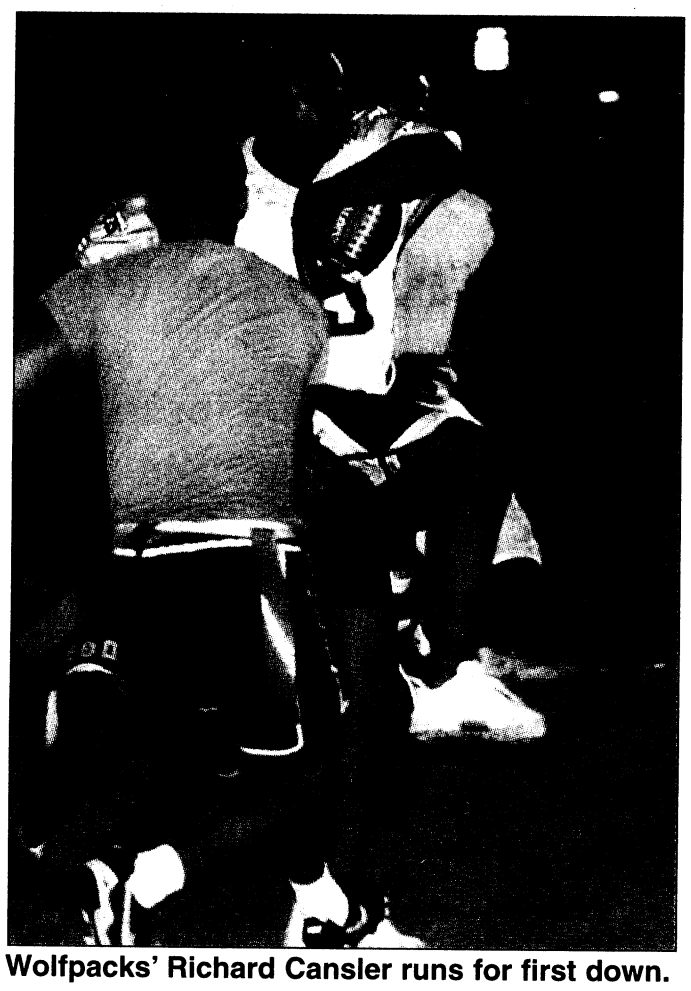
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Red Bulldog Anthony Jones escapes the grasp of a White Bulldog for a long gain Saturday. The Red Bulldogs defeated the White.



A member of the White Bulldogs tackles a Red Bulldog.

Comanches defeat Wolfpack in intramural ball



Wolfpacks' Richard Cansler runs for first down.

The 598th Maintenance Company's Comanches defeated the 203rd Forward Support Battalion's Wolfpack, 12-6, Tuesday night at Engineer Field.

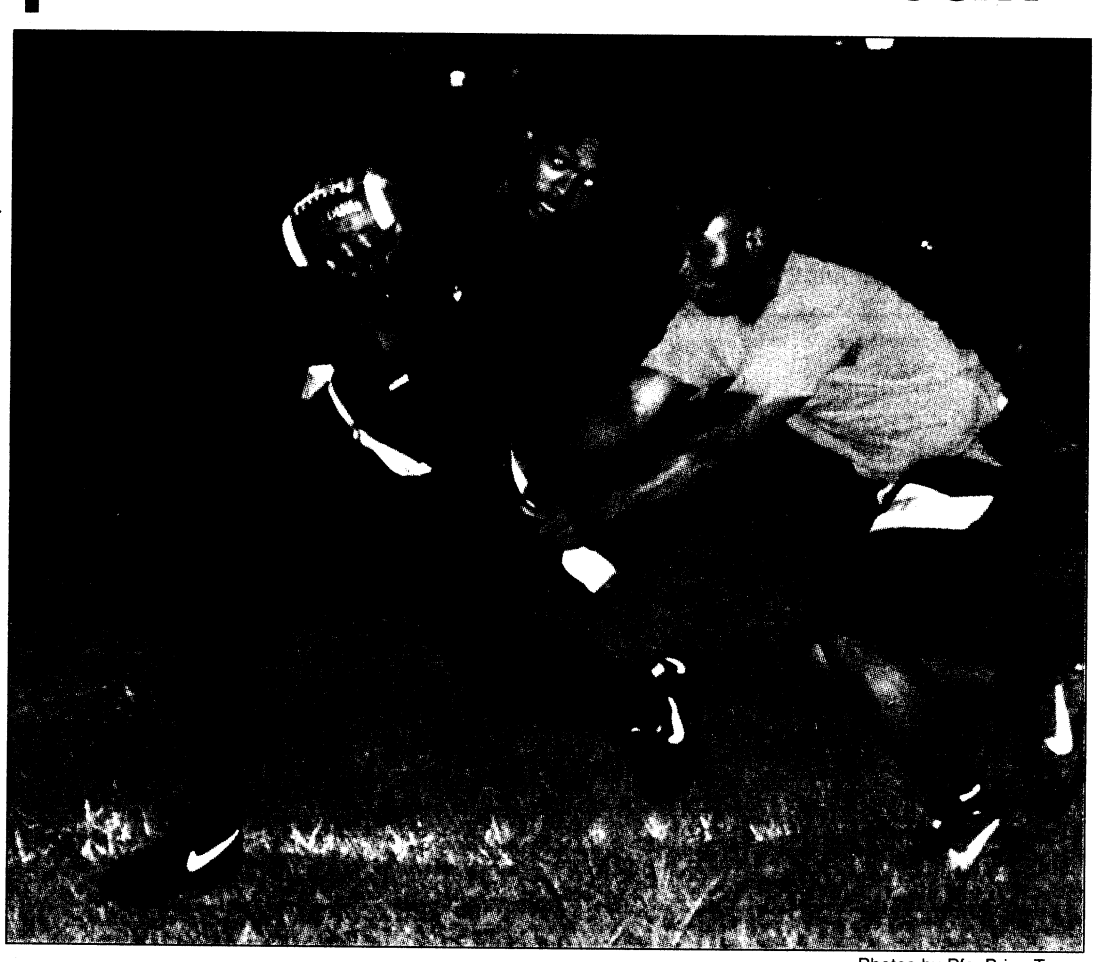
Both teams still had some players deployed the first night of the intramural flag football season.

Comanches' quarterback Alfred Thompson ran in the game-winning touchdown with seconds left on the clock.

Games are 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.



Comanche quarterback Alfred Thompson, crosses for winning touchdown.



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Wolfpacks' quarterback Adrain Turner tries to avoid an oncoming sack.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Golf tournament — The Bi-annual Sand Hill Classic Golf Tournament, hosted by the Basic Combat Training Brigade, will have a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. Oct. 18 at the Follow Me Golf Course.

Cost is $25 per person for four person teams.

The format is a four-man scramble.

All proceeds go towards refreshments and prizes. The tournament is open to everyone.

To register, call 687-1940.

Riding lessons — The Fort Benning Hunt Club now offers riding lessons to children 6 and older. The riding styles are English and western. The lessons are 30 minutes for $15.

For more information, call 689-3945 or 687-6937.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Winter bowling league — Registration for the winter bowling league is ongoing.

Leagues will be formed for units, mixed doubles and mixed leagues. Sign up for a league at the mall bowling center.

For more information, call 682-7781.

Competitive shooting —The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@ usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Diabetes walk — The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International is sponsoring a fund-raiser for Walk To Cure Diabetes at Rotary Park next to the Columbus Civic Center Saturday. Check-in time is at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10 a.m.

There will be activities for children throughout the day.

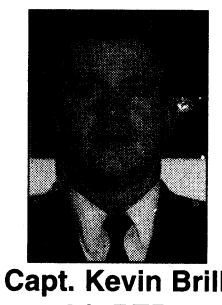
For more information, call (888) 533-9255.

Bike ride — The second annual Ride like the Wind bike ride will be Saturday. Registration is 7 a.m. to 8 a.m. Saturday. The ride includes options of 62-mile and 31-mile routes.

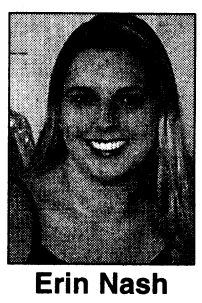
It will start at the Thomaston-Upson County Airport.

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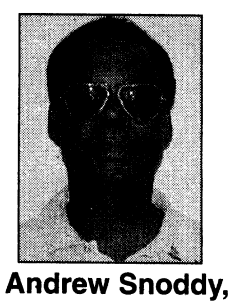
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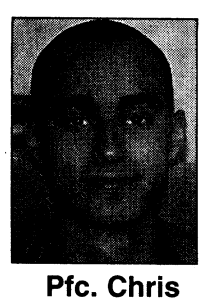
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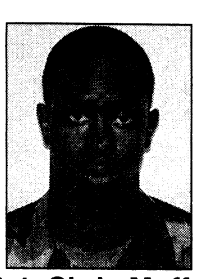
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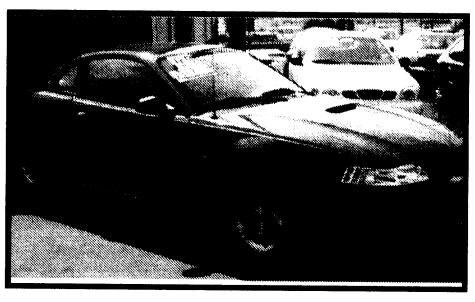
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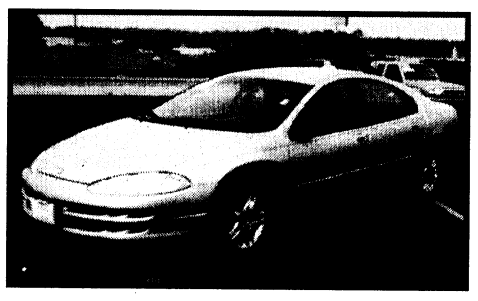
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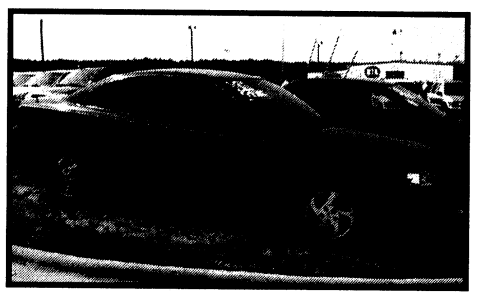
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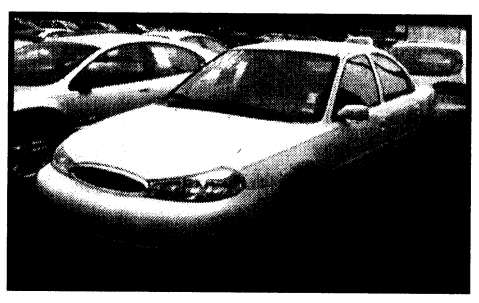
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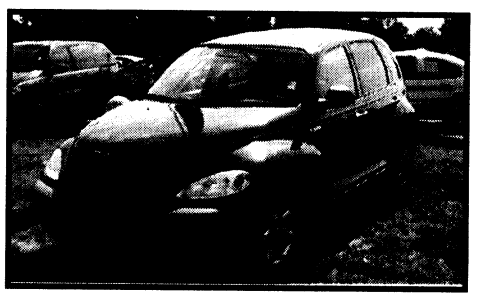
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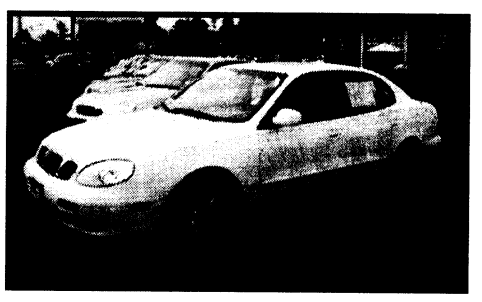
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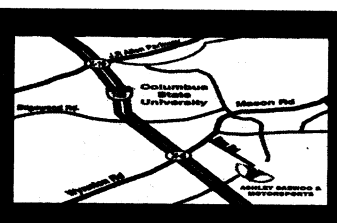


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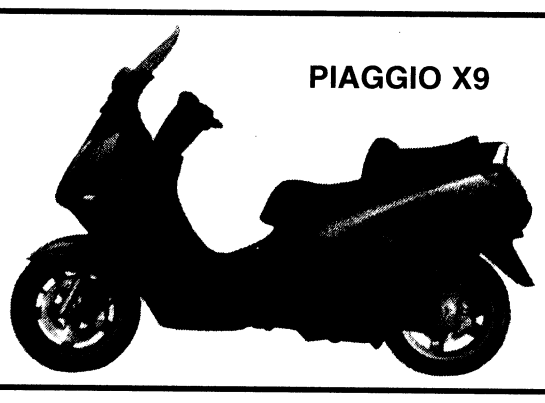
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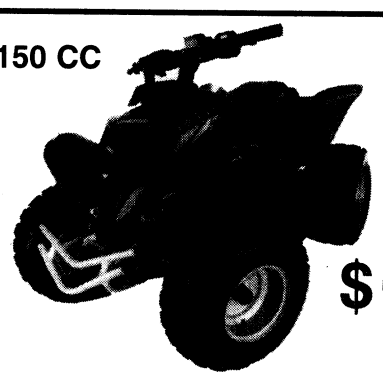


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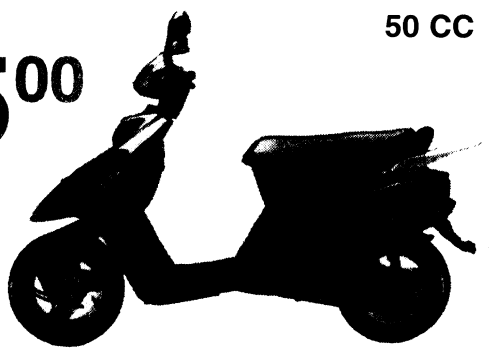


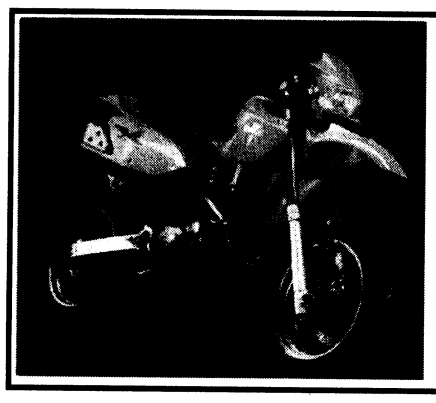
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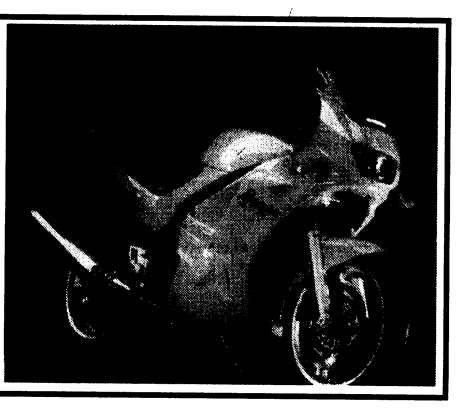
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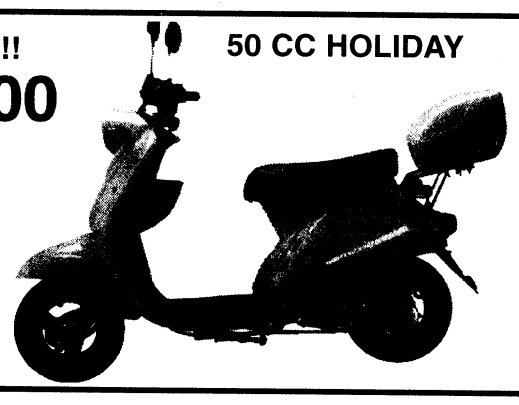


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Deceased Personnel

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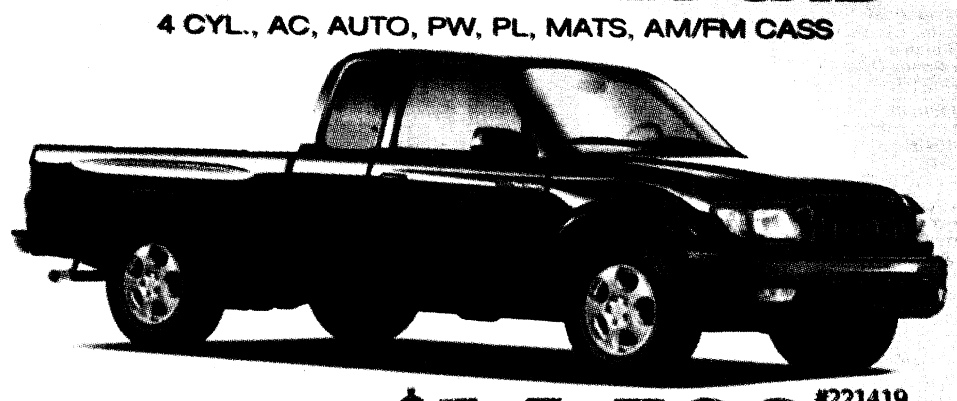
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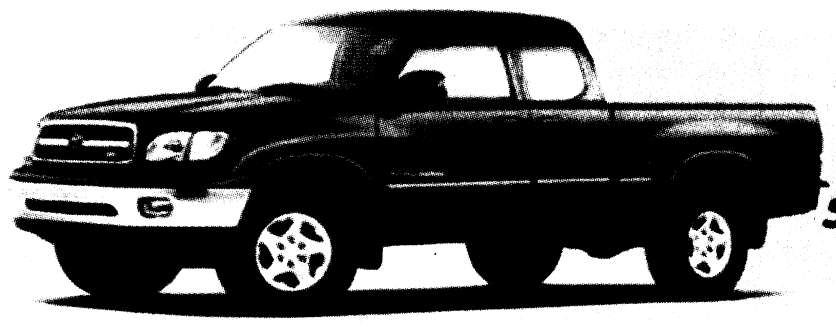
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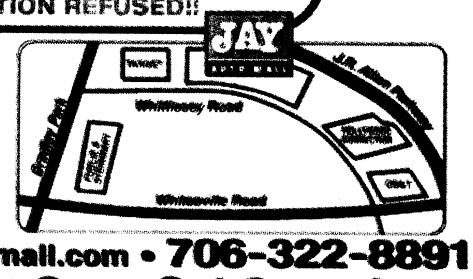
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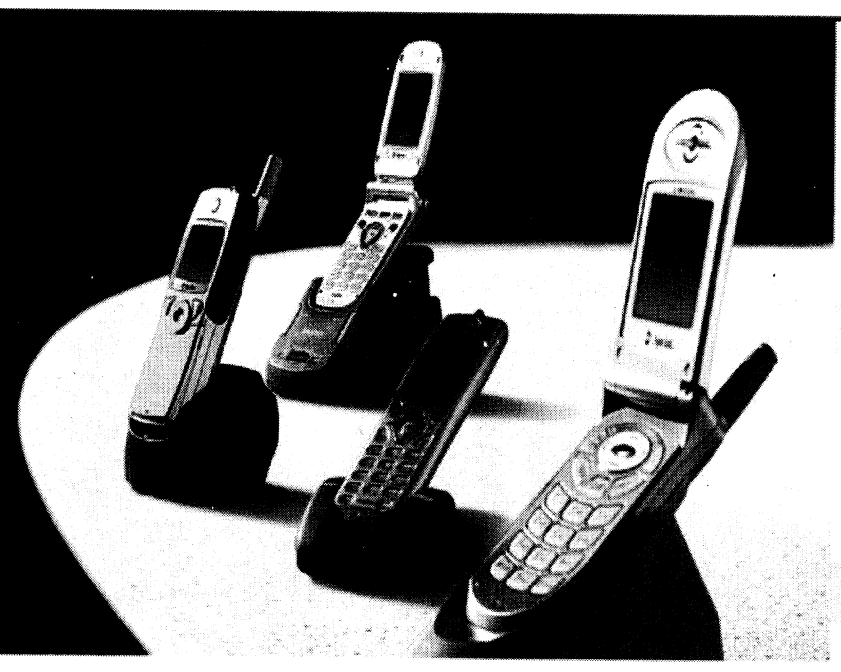
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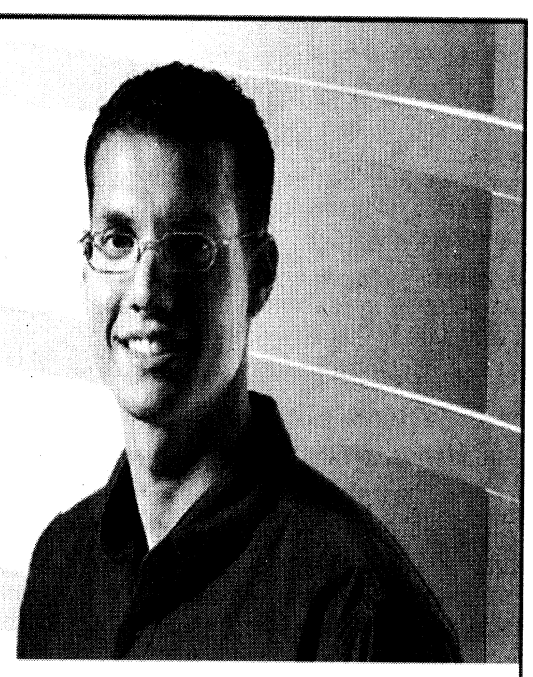
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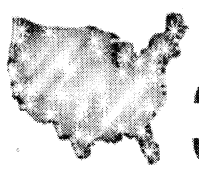
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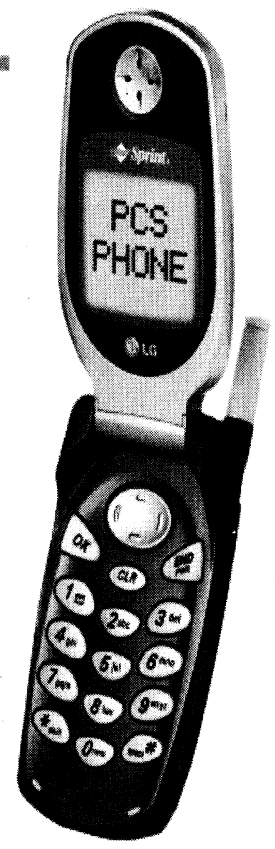
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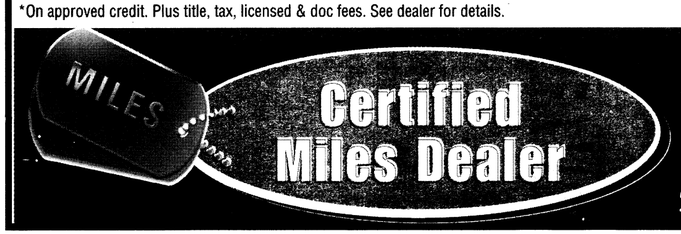
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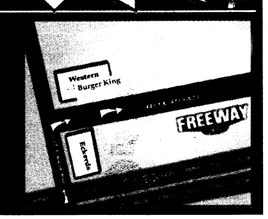
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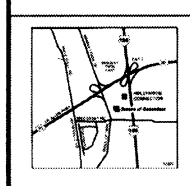
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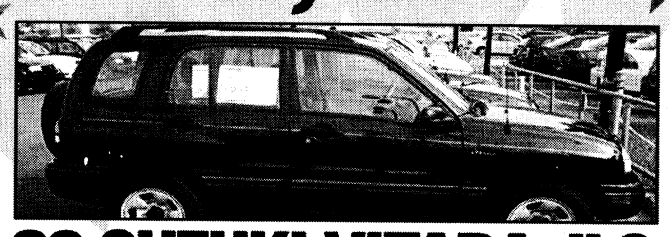
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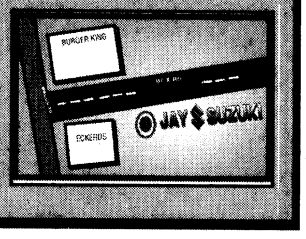
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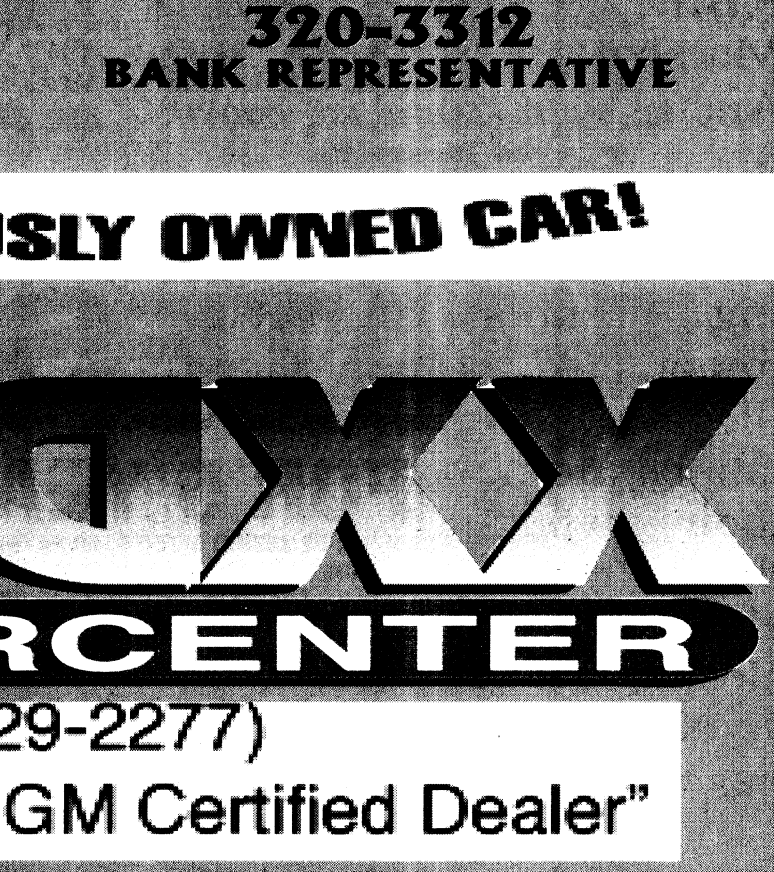
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The War On Drugs and "Three-Strike" laws have resulted in an overflow of vehicles becoming Police property.

Buying police and government seized property has long been a great way to get incredibly low prices on cars, boats, even planes and houses. The problem for the public has been finding the auctions and sales where these items were being sold. Plus, many of these events are not open to the public. But that's now all in the past thanks to the Police Seized Vehicle Selloff .

"There are no special permits or licenses needed to shop or buy."

Why are these such bargains? Simply put, it's because the law enforcement organizations that take possession of these vehicles aren't in the car business. The F.B.I., D.E.A., U.S. Marshalls, Government Auctions and local Police and Sherriff organizations all seize vehicles on a daily basis. Additionally, a surprising number of vehicles impounded by the Police for illegal parking or traffic violations are never claimed by their owners. As a result, these organizations must either pay to store the vehicles, or sell them off.

Now, Rivertown Ford has secured many of these vehicles and will pass the savings on to consumers. "We have been planning for this event for over six months. We've scoured auctions throughout the country for these vehicles plus we've become a regular at the local impound lots" said Williams. He also stressed the dealership will make available plenty of other preowned vehicles so this event will include something for every buyer. "Hondas, Fords, Chevys, Toyotas, Dodges, Chryslers, Nissans, Volkswagens, virtually every make is represented here. Some are even still under factory warranty. But you should get here early because I'm sure the most popular vehicles will sell first. "

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Brad Williams, General Sales Manager, added buying one of these vehicles will be super simple. "There are no special permits or licenses needed to shop or buy. Plus, many buyers can just sign the necessary paperwork and drive home with no down payment. And with these incredibly low prices, some payments are just $97 a month."

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Williams concluded with a warning that this one-of-kind-event could be a one-time-only event. "It took a lot of work to put this event together and I'm not sure we'll be able to do it again. Make sure you come see us because missing the Police Seized Sell-Off would be a crime!"

RivertownFord is located at 1680 Whittlesey Rd. in Columbus, GA or call 706-653-7420 . For further information and to reserve a vehicle, visit the official Police Seized Vehicle Selloff web site at **www.PoliceSeized.com.**

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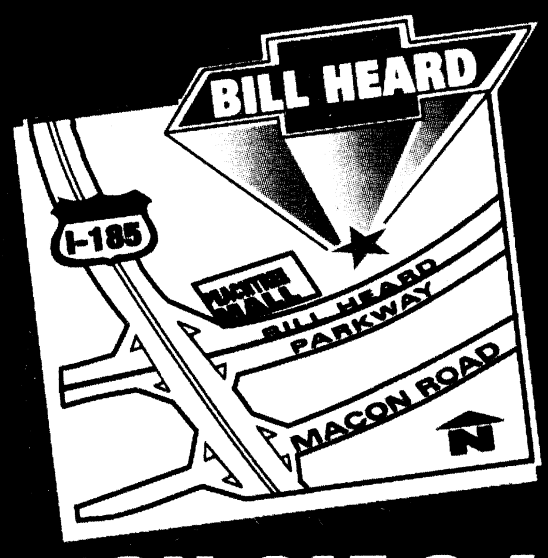
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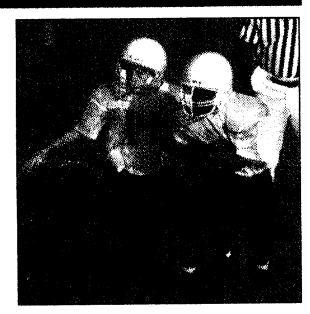
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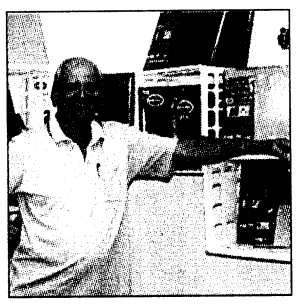
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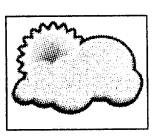
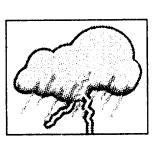
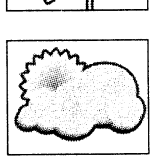


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Fort Benning wins ACOE

Post represents TRADOC, DA on-site visits next year

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning was selected to represent Training and Doctrine Command in the Department of the Army Communities of Excellence competition.

This distinction automatically entitles the post to receive $500,000 at the beginning of fiscal year 2004 and makes it eligible for the Department of the Army top prize of $3 million. Each installation in the competition will receive on-site visits in January and February.

"We hope this will show everyone that Fort Benning is serious about working to improve its processes, products and services and relationship with its customers and employees, which is what ACOE is all about," said Sara Hodges, chief of Quality Management Division, Directorate of Resource Management.

After winning the Chief of Staff of the Army, Army Communities of Excellence Award for eight consecutive years from 1993-2000, Fort Benning was not selected to represent TRADOC in the 2001 competition, said Patricia Porter, senior analyst, Quality Management Division, Directorate of Resource Management.

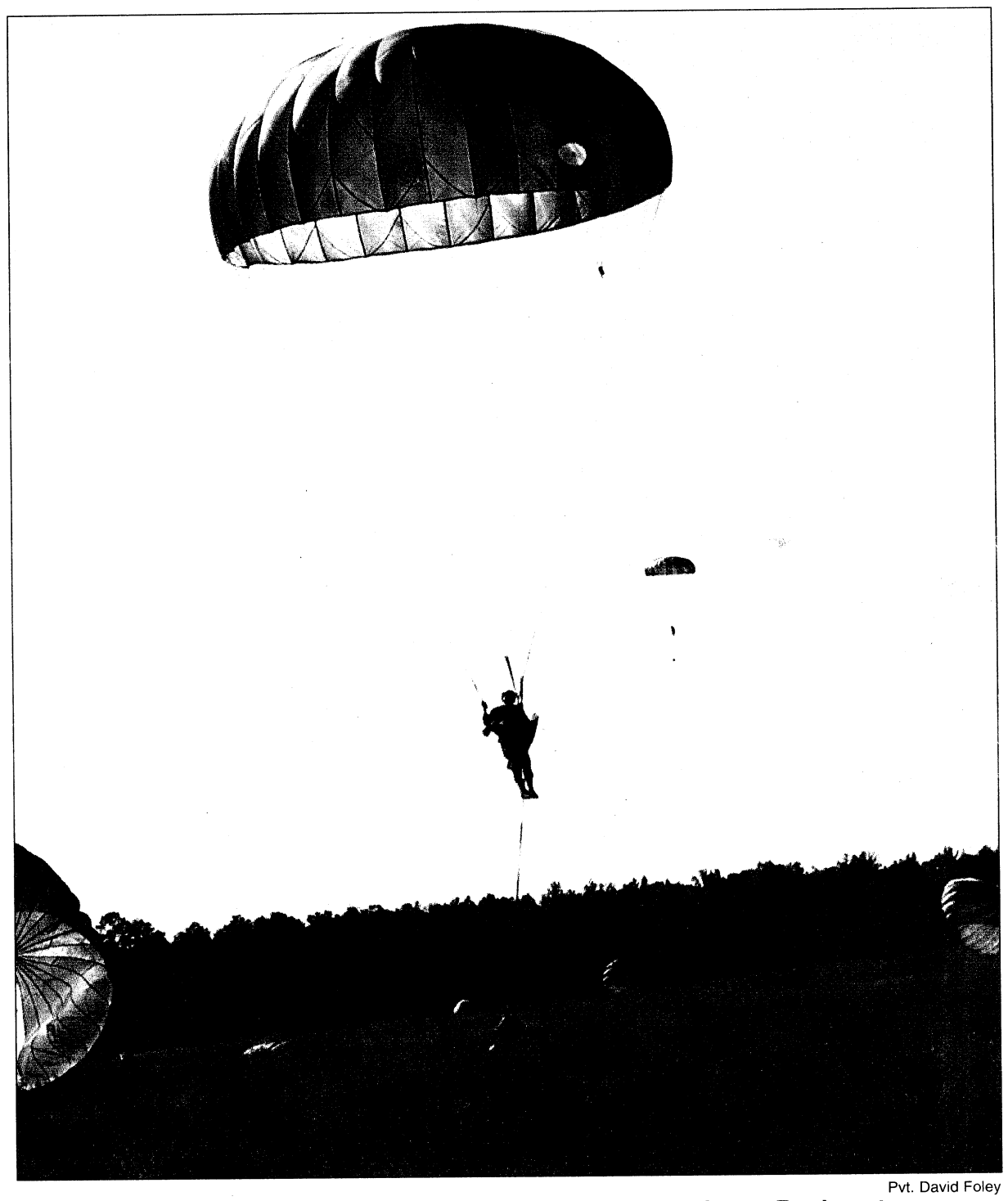
"It feels great to be selected," Porter said. "This is very exciting for Fort Benning. It shows the post's continuous improvement efforts are being recognized."

With the award money, Fort Benning will be able to continue to make quality of life improvements for the soldiers and their families.

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The post invested money from previous awards in projects such as upgrading and repairing parks, fitness centers and trails, the library, developing a chapel program, and providing equipment for Youth Services and equipment for the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

Airborne!



Pvt. David Foley

A soldier from D company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, prepares for impact after jumping from a C-130 Wednesday. About 17,000 students attend airborne school every year. The school has an 85 percent graduation rate.

History comes to Atlanta

Carter Library to showcase paperwork

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It's a traveling scrapbook of American history, a collection of the nation's greatest, rarely seen documentary treasures.

American Originals: Treasures from the National Archives is a touring exhibition of some of America's original masterpieces. It's on display at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum in Atlanta through January 5.

That's plenty of time to get a close-up look at the Louisiana Purchase Treaty, the U.S. marshal's order to arrest Susan B. Anthony for illegally voting in 1873, a telegram about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, a memo for President Nixon regarding a meeting with Elvis Presley, handwritten notes from John F. Kennedy's inaugural speech and much more.

But time is short if you're set on catching a peek at the original and final Emancipation Proclamation, signed by President Lincoln in 1863. Because of the document's fragility, it will be displayed for only four days, Oct. 17-20, and reservations are required.

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Buckle up — car safety saves lives

Drive Safely Work Week begins soon

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

There are more than 3.9 million miles of road in the United States and more than 300 million vehicles travel those roads every year.

With all of that road and all of those cars, transportation fatalities rank third as the cause of lost years of life in the U.S. behind heart disease and cancer. Monday through Oct. 11 is Drive Safely Work Week, used to raise awareness about seat belt usage, driving distractions and drunken driving.

"The leading killer of soldiers is vehicular accidents," said Regis Beighley, post safety manager. "That's not just Fort Benning but Armywide. Many of those fatalities may have been prevented if the drivers were wearing seat belts."

Safety belts are credited with preventing 11,900 fatalities and 325,000 serious injuries annually, according to 2000 data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. If all passengers were to wear their safety belts, an additional 9,200 fatalities and 143,000 serious injuries could be prevented each year.

"Even if you're a good driver someone else may not be. Our highways are overcrowded with people, and some of them have no regard for other people's lives," Beighley said.

Alcohol was a factor in approximately 41 percent of all fatal traffic crashes in 2001, according to a NHTSA study. That year approximately 17,500 people were killed and 275,000 people were injured in alcohol-related crashes.

That's an average of one alcohol-related fatality every 30 minutes.

But it's not just adults who are killed in the accidents; the victims come in all ages.

Between 1985 and 1996, more than 5,500 children were killed in alcohol-related crashes, according to a Journal of American Medical Association study.

Approximately 64 percent of those children were passengers in vehicles driven by impaired drivers. Alcohol isn't the only contributor to car crashes. Distractions cause them, too.

Each year an estimated 284,000 distracted drivers are involved in serious crashes, according to a study by the University of North Carolina Highway Safety Research Center.

"We found that 15 percent of drivers in the study were not paying attention, and more than half of these were distracted by something inside or outside the vehicle," said Dr. Jane Stutts, manager of epidemiological studies at the UNC center and author of the study.

The study found that drivers were most often distracted by something outside their vehicle, followed by adjusting a radio or CD player, talking to other passengers and adjusting climate controls.

If people drive 60 mph when they look down for just two seconds to choose a CD or adjust the climate controls, they'll travel blindly 180 feet, or more than half the length of a football field, according to the Navy safety center Web site.

"Fort Benning has cut traffic fatalities in half every decade for the last 30 years," Beighley said. "It has dropped from 140 in the 70s to 35 in the 90s, and we'd like to cut that in half, too. Every life is precious."

STOP DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Help available on post

Rebecca Welch
Family Advocacy Program

COMMENTARY



As a result of the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001, I believe that it is more important now than ever before to acknowledge the strength and hope that comes from joining together with friends and allies to end violence and promote peace.

October marks Domestic Violence Prevention Month at Fort Benning and Armywide. However, the campaign to prevent domestic violence can and must be a year-round concern.

Without a communitywide commitment to end violence in our homes, we will only find ourselves back here a year from now measuring the hurt.

The violence must stop. Not only are our families threatened, but the fundamental mission of readiness is being undermined. Batterers who fail to come forward for assistance are causing a great burden on families and the military.

We know that prevention is the key.

First, we need to prevent violence from continuing.

Second, we need to recognize that every military couple lives under the risks that can, if not addressed, put families at higher risk for battering.

Finally, prevention will be successful when the entire community understands that family violence is unacceptable, and that positive support for couples and families is what is needed.

Prevention of this kind takes partnership. The partnership must include leadership, the helping system, the media, all military and civilian personnel and their families.

Get involved in the move to prevent domestic violence. Prevention of domestic violence is everyone's individual responsibility.

A display will be set up at the Army Community Service Center, Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, during the month of October.

Items to promote the program will be free to military families. Educational materials to include brochures on improving marriage and a list of treatment programs and classes offered through Social Work Services will be available. The services and information are right here. Do not wait, use them today.

For more information, call the Family Advocacy Office at 545-7517 to speak to the Family Advocacy Victim advocate for prevention information and referral.

Callers can remain anonymous.

Runner defies odds, still stupid

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



This is an open letter to the soldier who was running in the rain on the median of Manchester Expressway at oh-dark thirty Sept. 25.

First, I hope you're still alive. I also hope you aren't being suspended from various contraptions in some hospital while your neck, arms, legs and back try to heal.

My good man, which gene pool did you step out of?

Do you think your reflective belt deflects cars and trucks?

Or did you think that because the symbol on the back of your gray Army T-shirt looks like the S on Superman's costume that you are invincible?

One hundred, eighty pounds of flesh and muscle stand no chance against 2,000 pounds of metal and plastic traveling at 75 mph.

Or do you just like to scare people out of their wits and see how many accidents you can cause.

I was in the far right lane and when I saw you, I nearly jumped out of my skin.

I can imagine what would happen if the driver of a car or truck in the left lane saw you at the last minute.

That driver would veer sharply to the right. Then one of three things could happen.

He or she might be able to regain control and stay on the highway.

Or, the driver might skid all the way across the highway into the bank or three, and could end up sideswiping another vehicle.

You must be new to these parts of the woods if you place your faith in local drivers.

Every time I've been on the expressway, even in broad daylight, and it's been raining, I see at least three cars either off the road or in the median. And sometimes two cars are in the same location because one car tried to fit into the other car's space while the other car was occupying it.

I don't know where you live, but let me suggest some alternatives to the Manchester Expressway.

You can run on Mehaffey or Old Warm Springs Roads, which run parallel to the expressway on either side of it. You can run on County Line Road. But best of all, run on post, or try one of the parks — Flat Rock, Cooper Creek or Weracoba (Lake Bottom). They all have running trails you could try out.

You might even try the Riverwalk — I don't think you'll have to dodge bicycles at that time of the morning, but if you do get hit by one, you might actually win. Your head is certainly harder.

If you escaped injury, then what they say is true: "God protects children and idiots."

Community works together to prevent domestic violence

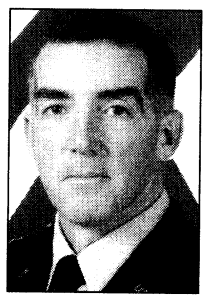


Our Army-based program to prevent domestic violence is ongoing. But each year, along with citizens and public officials across the United States, we declare the month of October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month, in order to call attention to the problem, and to re-commit ourselves to our goal.

Our campaign against domestic violence will succeed. Several years ago all military services stepped up their efforts to end domestic violence, and the Army led the way. As time goes on, we are beginning to see some results: the numbers of cases have been in decline since the mid-90s. There are good signs in the civilian population as well. We note with cautious optimism that the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice statistics has reported a significant decrease in domestic violence against women in the U.S. between 1993 and 1998. But the numbers remain terribly high — every 15 seconds a woman in this country is beaten by her current or former husband or intimate partner. Studies report a range of between 2 and 4 million women are being abused annually.

Our leadership is important. What we must accomplish in the military can have positive results in the civilian community as well. Everyone at this installation must be a role model for what is right and just when it comes to domestic violence. We must continue to build strong partnerships with the civilian community, so we can use Army teamwork to share our best prevention efforts.

Our command commitment to domestic violence prevention is total. Violence that occurs in our military families undermines our military objectives. Children in 43 percent of all reported cases in the general population witness such violence. Children who witness violence against their mothers are 10 times more likely to abuse their female partners as adults, than boys raised in nonviolent homes.



In other words, violence between intimate partners does harm to the children in the home. One more reason our campaign against domestic violence must succeed.

In American society, real men treat the women in their lives and the women in our society with great dignity and with respect.

I have zero tolerance for perpetrators of domestic violence.

Our campaign for 2002, therefore, declares, "Domestic Violence: Peace Begins at Home!"

To further our campaign, I hereby proclaim October as Domestic Violence Prevention Month at Fort Benning and call on every member of this community to join in the campaign.

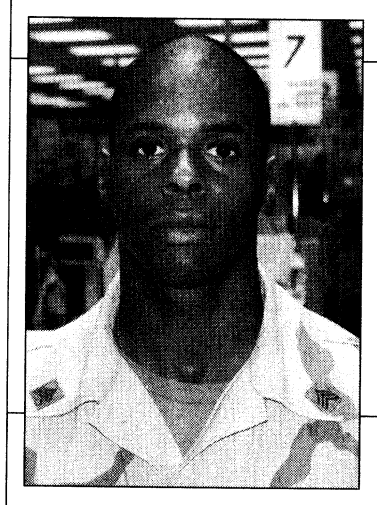
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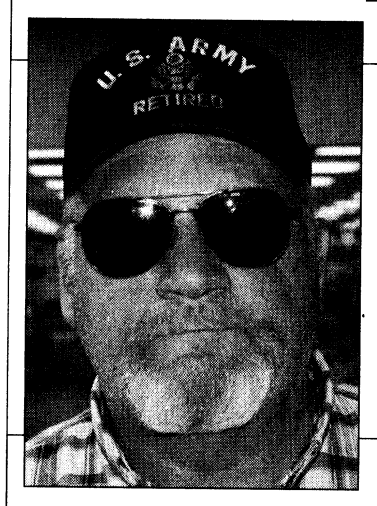
How would you help someone you suspected was in an abusive relationship?



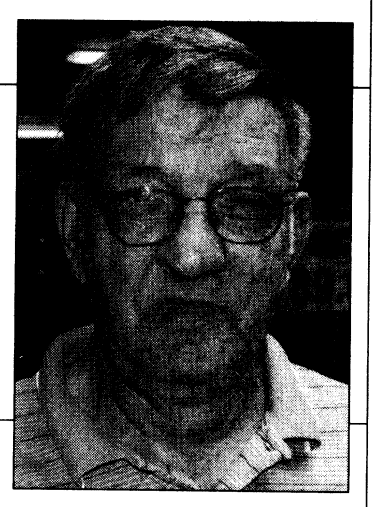
Sgt. Shelton Johnson, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "I would get them reference material. However, I would not counsel them, because the guilty party would be in denial thus causing more problems. You can only fix one thing at a time."



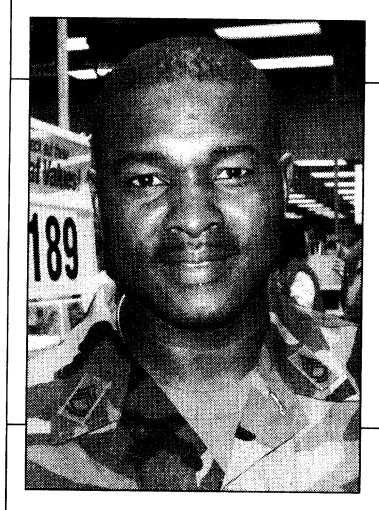
Officer Candidate Angela Pollock, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I would be a friend to them and talk to them about the situation. I would also help them find a counselor."



Retired 1st Sgt. Carlos Santiago, Columbus — "I would talk to them personally and advise them to seek help."



Retired Staff Sgt. Darvin Linn, Columbus — "I would get them separated because it takes two to make an argument happen."



Sgt. 1st Class Stacy Linder, 160th Military Police Company — "I would refer them to professional help, because you shouldn't handle a domestic situation yourself."



Phyllis Bailey, family member — "I would send them to the Family Advocacy Program and be there as much as possible for them."

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Troops to Teachers eases soldiers' transition

Program helps Georgia produce more teachers

Bridgett Siter
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When Georgia's governor Roy Barnes introduced the 2001 education reform bill, skeptics scoffed at his proposal to enact an alternative certification program for teachers. "Microwave teachers" they called them.

Two years later, the Teacher Alternative Preparation Program — TAPP — has earned the respect of naysayers statewide.

"If they keep turning out teachers of this caliber, we can only succeed. I'm so impressed," said Vanessa Biggers, principal of Marshall Middle School in Columbus, where TAPP interns are in their second year of teaching.

The Georgia TAPP was designed to encourage middle-aged professionals — engineers, mathematicians, scientists, soldiers, etc. — to bring their expertise into the classroom. Georgia suffers from a severe teacher shortage, producing only 4,000 of the 13,000 needed annually, primarily in middle and high schools in the areas of math, science and special education.

"We're looking for people who can bring maturity, commitment and valuable real-life experiences into the classroom," said Bill Kirkland, state program manager for Troops to Teachers, a military initiative to help soldiers transition into the teaching profession. "It takes guts to be a teacher, and it takes guts to change careers."

It also takes money.

Therein lies the problem for some professionals, who can't afford to give up their day jobs to attend the classes necessary to earn a teaching certificate.

Problem noted and solved, Kirkland said. Troops to Teachers, which provides funding for soldiers seeking a teaching career, is collaborating with Columbus State University's Intern Teaching Team Program to accommodate Fort Benning soldiers, retirees and family members who can't attend traditional classes. Beginning in January, weekend classes will be offered at Fort Benning.

CSU's intern program, now in its second year, qualifies applicants to be employed as teachers during the two years it takes them to earn their teaching degree. They're "monitored and mentored" all the while, said Charles Cumiskey, spokesman for the program.

"We're not just going to throw anybody to the wolves," he said. "This is about finding individuals who have what it takes to be great teachers and giving them the opportunity to teach while they complete the requirements necessary for a traditional teaching certificate."

And career soldiers typically have what it takes to be successful teachers, Kirkland said.

"It would be hard to find a senior NCO or officer who hasn't spent a good deal of time instructing," he said. "They already know what it takes to maintain control of a classroom, to develop a lesson plan. Essentially they have been teachers. And let's be honest, a 41-year-old with 20 years in the military is in many ways way ahead of a 21-year-old fresh out of college. Second career folks bring with them a whole package of life experiences that benefit the teaching profession."

Through the Troops to Teachers program, soldiers can receive up to $10,000 in tuition and bonuses if they agree to teach in a public school anywhere in the U.S. for three years.

With funding and an alternative route to education, Kirkland said, there's nothing to stop a soldier from pursuing a teaching career.

"Imagine a soldier with a year or less until retirement. He participates in this program, gets funding through Troops to Teachers, takes classes on weekends, right here on Fort Benning, and makes a seamless transition into the classroom next fall," Kirkland said.

"These are people who feel they can make a difference in the life of a child and they're anxious to do it," Cumiskey said. "That's the beauty of this (program). They have the maturity and the desire to succeed and we remove any obstacles that might have hindered them a few years ago."

Representatives from CSU, Troops to Teachers and Fort Benning's education center will be on hand for an open house at 10 a.m. Oct. 10 in Room 32A, Infantry Hall.

"If you're interested, come ask questions. Don't disqualify yourself," Kirkland said. "We don't want anybody to give up on their dream of becoming a teacher because they think they can't get there from here."

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited institution, a 2.75 grade point average (with some flexibility) and must pass the PRAXIS 1, a national standardized education test, which is offered weekly at CSU and Fort Benning's education center.

Kirkland said he hopes to see partnerships of this kind develop around the state.

"This is a prototype of the kind of relationship I'd like to see established between the seven military installations in Georgia and local universities and colleges," he said. "That's my goal, and I'm super excited about it's potential."

For more information, call the education center at 545-7118 or Kirkland at 1-800-745-0709.

Honey Bears



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Sofia Palompos, part of the Chicago Honey Bear Dancers, cuts a rug doing the can-can. The family-oriented dance show performed for more than 3,700 Sand Hill soldiers as part of the Wetherby Field concert series. The Honey Bear dancers have performed at military posts across the world and 20 times at Fort Benning.

"It's great to see the soldiers up close and get to brighten their day," said Lisa Michelle, singer and dancer with the company.

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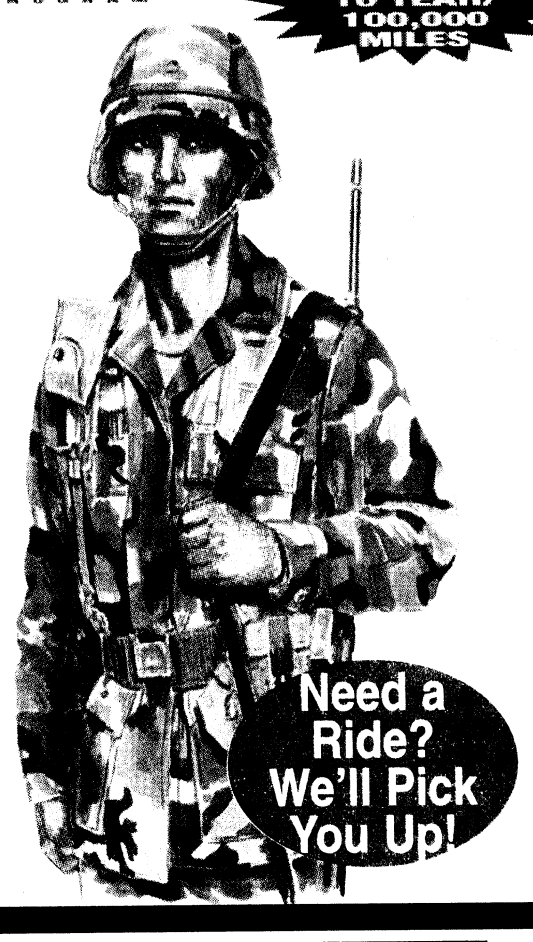
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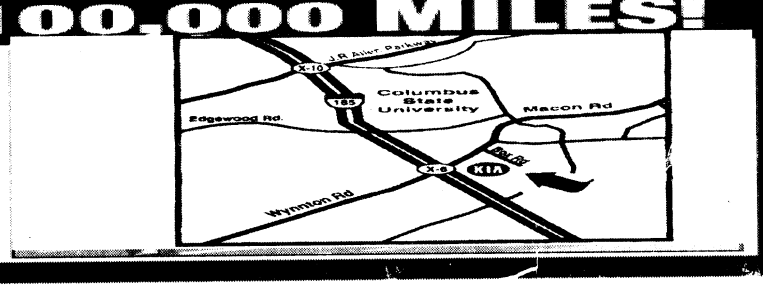
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Army needs chaplains

Program helps units gain God's support

Angela Sachitano
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At any given time of the day, Chaplain (Capt.) Rick Brunson keeps a pocket full of little green army men in his pocket, just in case his soldiers need a boost.

"When they are down and a little stressed, I pull one of these men out of my pocket and hand it to them," Brunson said. "I tell them the little soldier is their Army guardian angel and remind them they are being watched over."

Brunson hopes the message behind the little men will bring soldiers a sense of peace. As a three-year reserve chaplain who recently joined the active-duty ranks, it is the soldiers who are Brunson's heroes.

"I know this is what I want to do for the rest of my life," Brunson said. "I want to be right next to our soldiers in combat. If we go to war, I'll request I go with them first."

Brunson began his military career assigned to the 7th Support Battalion, 87th Regiment in Dothan, Ala., three years ago. He built strong relationships with the soldiers there, encouraging them in everything from morning physical training to pep talks and prayer before deploying. In January of this year, Brunson became an active-duty chaplain at Fort Benning, something his family and he decided would likely be a lifetime commitment.

"The best part of my job is interacting with soldiers," Brunson said. "They are the most amazing people I have ever known. I love what I do. I feel I make a difference."

Brunson was recruited to be an active-duty chaplain through the Finders Keepers chaplain-recruiting program Fort Benning is supporting.

Many battalions are operating without a religious influence because of a shortage of chaplains. An extensive recruiting effort is now underway at colleges, seminaries and posts around the nation, with hopes of influencing people to follow a calling into the chaplaincy.

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> **Capt. Rick Brunson**
> Chaplain

"We are especially interested in soldiers who are interested in becoming a chaplain," said Chaplain (Col.) Mike Hartsell, Installation Chaplain for Fort Benning. "Soldiers who even feel the slightest bit of interest should take the initiative and find out more about the program as soon as possible."

Soldiers interested in becoming a chaplain must have a bachelor's degree and be willing to attend a seminary of their choice. Soldiers will then work on achieving their master's degree in divinity or theology, which can take three years, Chaplain (Maj.) Ken Yates said.

"During time at the seminary, chaplain candidates are also working with units," Brunson said. "You never actually lose touch with the men, you stay well connected." The connection is one that will only grow as the role of a chaplain is needed now more than ever.

"As a chaplain, you have to be right there with your soldiers," said Brunson, who is working as the chaplain resource manager now, but is hoping to head out to Sand Hill to work with the basic training unit as soon as he can.

"I've had men use their only phone call while they are deployed to call me and talk. I've already made a commitment that I will never let them down."

For more information on becoming a chaplain or finding out more about the chaplain program, call 545-2288.

Fort Benning to offer free depression screenings

Six screening sites to help people keep it together

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

If you have a few minutes during lunch on Thursday, take time to answer a few easy questions. The answers may change your life.

Between 17 and 20 million Americans are affected by some form of depression every year. Common symptoms of depression include feeling sad, having difficulty sleeping and maintaining relationships, or even thoughts of suicide.

Thursday is National Depression Screening Day, a program endorsed by the American Medical Association. The program is sponsored on Fort Benning by the Army Substance Abuse Program, Martin Army Community Hospital department of psychiatry and the Infantry Center chaplains.

"This is a positive event," said Yvonne Wilbanks, Suicide Prevention manager. "We want to educate people about disorders that can be treated, let them know what the symptoms are and get treatment referral information."

Wilbanks has organized the screening day program at Fort Benning for the past three years.

"We picked screening sites where we thought people would be, and lunch is a great time," she said.

"The chaplains are heavily involved this year and are very committed to being a part of the program."

The questionnaires, developed at Harvard University, are designed to identify signs of depression, mania, Generalized Anxiety Disorder and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Commanders want soldiers to identify issues and get help, Wilbanks said.

"It's well-known within the military community that soldiers experience things that the general population does not."

Screening sites will operate Thursday from 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m at six sites on Fort Benning: Infantry Hall (Room 30), Main Post Post Office, 36th Engineer Group Dining Facility, Main Post Exchange, 29th Infantry Regiment Motor Pool, and 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division Dining Facility.

For more information, call 545-2475.

Replica of wall to arrive soon

240 foot replica will be open Oct. 11-13 24 hours a day

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The traveling replica of the Vietnam Wall will arrive Sunday and be open to the public Oct. 11-13.

The foundation for the wall at Sacrifice Field is completed, after the arrival, it will be assembled and open to the public Oct. 11-13.

"We want as many people to come down to see it as possible," said Angela Garnto, special event coordinator for Striffler-Hamby Mortuary Inc. "The wall will be traveling all over the country, and it may not be able to come back to Fort Benning for a few years."

The opening ceremony is 11 a.m. Oct. 11 on Sacrifice Field. Congressman Sanford Bishop and retired Col. Robert Nett, Medal of Honor recipient, are scheduled to speak at the event.

Retired Col. Ben Purcell, who spent five and a half years in a Vietnam prisoner of war camp, will be the keynote speaker for the Oct. 12 ceremony. The Rolling Thunder motorcycle club, an advocate for POW-MIA and veterans issues, is scheduled to hold a rally Oct. 12 and stay to volunteer until the closing of the memorial.

"Every Memorial Day for the last 15 years (Rolling Thunder motorcycle club) goes to D.C. to visit the wall, and it's grossly crowded and hard to get to," said Stanley Adams, Rolling Thunder Georgia chapter president.

"Veterans in other parts of the country who can't travel to see it get a chance to with this," he said. "Making a traveling wall is an excellent idea. Even though it's a replica, it's still very moving to see."

The closing ceremony is scheduled for 5 p.m. Oct. 13 with a candlelight vigil beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Rolling Thunder will be at the site around the clock after the rally, Adams said.

"During the night shift, around 2 and 3 a.m. a lot of Vietnam era veterans may come to visit, and we wanted to be the ones there if they need counseling or someone to talk to," he said.

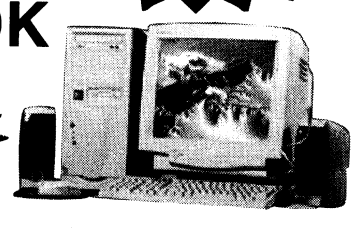
Visiting the wall is free of charge. There will also be POW-MIA information, and the Red Cross will be on site, Garnto said.

The Infantry Museum is also extending its hours to 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., Oct. 11 and 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 12-13.


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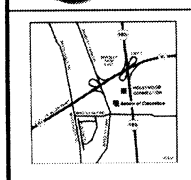
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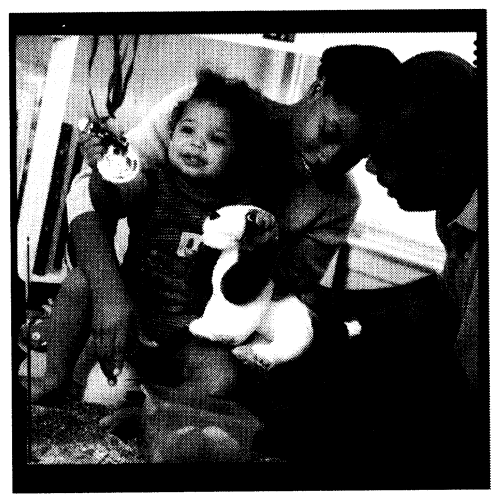
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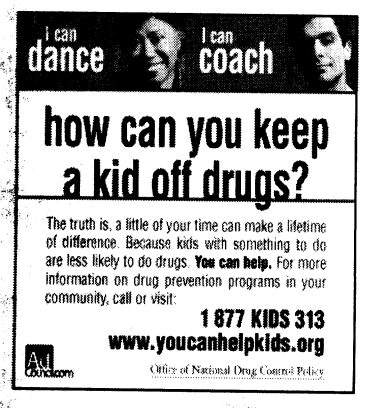


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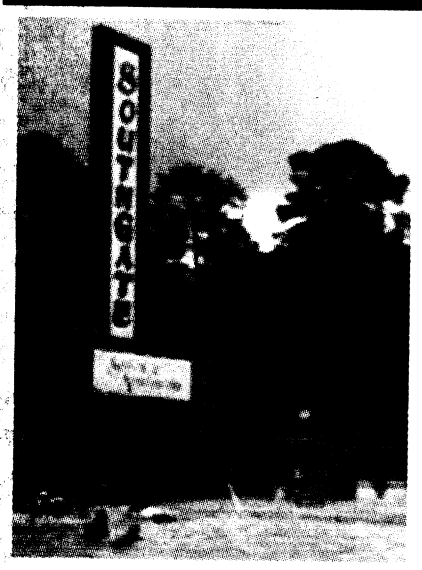
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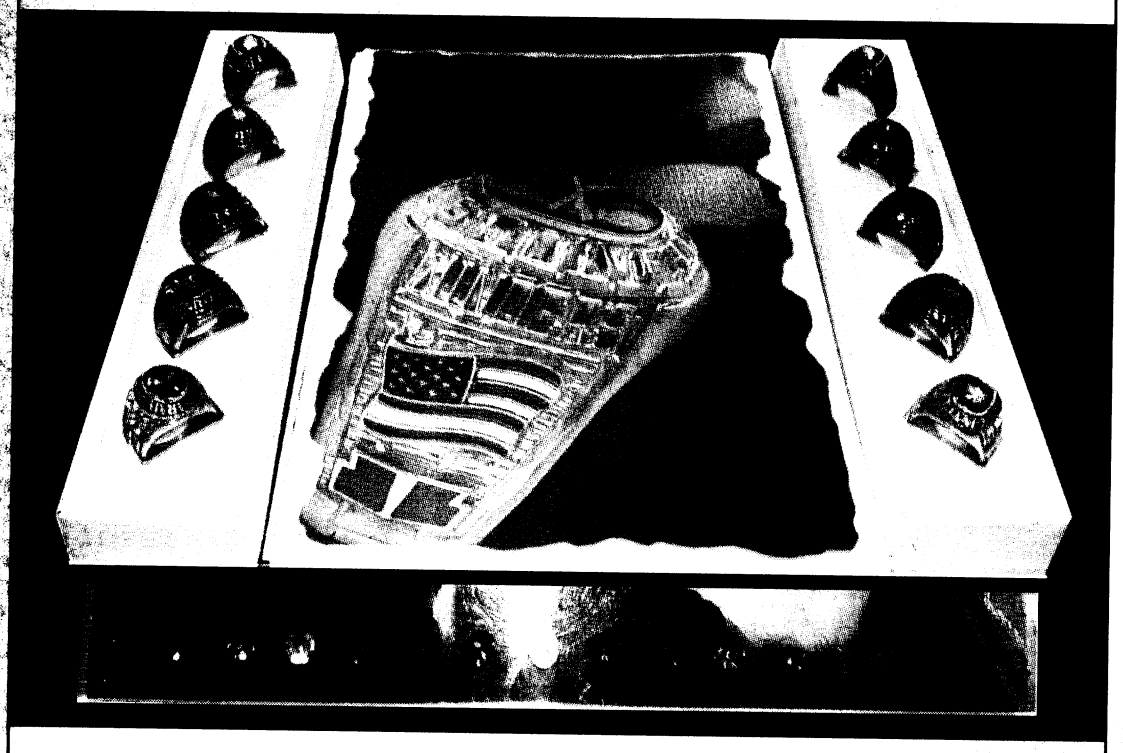


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Post Internet experiences problems

Web surfing causes Net problems

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Fort Benning's network bandwidth has reached its peak and if Internet users on post don't limit their time online, the system could be at risk for overload, said director of Information Management Paul Yates.

"Recreational surfing, streamlining audio and video, and soldiers downloading extensive files from the Web are slowing the system," Yates said.

Information management became aware of the network overload Sept. 19 as engineers converted the post e-mail system to new hardware. That's when the post noticed network traffic was running at 100 percent capacity.

"Our officers and other key Fort Benning leaders involved with the safety of our country need quick access to the Internet now more than ever," Yates said. "When the bandwidth is full, users can wait several minutes to hours for response time and can even be kicked off of the Web in the middle of their work."

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>
> **Paul Yates**
> Director of Information Management

Users who need graphics and other visuals for work are also having a tough time pulling up those files. When that happens, users can call the Internet help desk on post for help.

"We get our fair share of complaints," said Hank Slavico, supervisor of the Information Management help desk.

"The most common complaints are by users who can't pull up their e-mail instantly. They could be waiting on an important message from higher up, and they can't access it."

The Fort Benning computer system operates on seven megabits of bandwidth, and financially the post can't afford to upgrade anytime soon. That means all access on the Net must be business, not pleasure during the peak hours of the day, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Yates said.

To minimize the problem, information management is requiring soldiers and government employees to use the computers at the post library after work for their recreational use.

"There are plenty of computers in the library for users to spend as much time as they want to surfing the Web," Yates said. "But getting on the Net for anything except business is strictly prohibited."

If the problem persists, penalties may be necessary. Engineers are able to track users by name and pinpoint what they are downloading and where they are surfing, Yates said.

"We don't want to make a bigger issue of this," Yates said. "We aren't the police, and we don't want to have to track people down for not following orders. But something has got to give, and we definitely don't want it to be the network."

The issue only applies to employees and soldiers working from the office, not residents using the Internet from home.

For problems relating to the Fort Benning Internet, call the help desk at 545-2178.

Treasures: Exhibit displays Emancipation Proclamation

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Call (404) 223-6700 for reservation.

The preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, in which Lincoln announced his plan to free slaves in the Confederate states, will remain part of the display in its entirety, which has been called "the finest collection of major documents to leave Washington since the Freedom Train in 1949."

"It's a collection of historical jewels," and "a showcase of documents that have charted the course of American history."

"Original documents hold messages beyond their words," reads the library's guide for tourists, who should be on the lookout for "the raw stuff of history ... the glorious and the inglorious, in its most unprocessed form."

In 1863, at the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation, Lincoln expressed concern that his hand be steady, lest the generations that followed should doubt his resolve. The result was a clear and steady signature, a "message beyond words," the brochure explains.

Dr. Milton Gustofson, senior archivist with the National Archives, said his favorite display is the Louisiana Purchase.

"(President) Jefferson was going to buy New Orleans for $10 million, but France offered him all of Louisiana for another $5 million," Gustofson said. "$15 million for all of it. What a bargain. That's the kind of thing that makes this (exhibit) so much fun. It's amazing, yes, but it's fun, too."

To see raw American history, and "such a wide range of it, is incredible," and to have it come to you, that's an opportunity you don't want to miss, Gustofson said.

The exhibition was created by The Foundation for the National Archives and the National Archives and Records Administration, the nation's official record keeper, which houses 300 years worth of the nation's most valuable documents, letters, maps and photographs. The yearlong tour, which is scheduled to appear in eight locations around the U.S., coincides with the renovation of the National Archives Rotunda in Washington, D.C. The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum is located at 441 Freedom Parkway, exit 248C on Interstate 85 in downtown Atlanta. It is open from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4:45 p.m. Sunday. Admission is $5 for adults, $4 for seniors, 16 and under free. Military, veterans and their families will be admitted free on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11.

AROUND POST

eArmyU brief

The eArmyU will temporarily stop new enrollments until Jan. 1 in order to upgrade the eArmyU portal and prepare for expansion to other installations. This does not affect students already enrolled. Soldiers who are enrolled can continue classes without interruption.

Briefings will resume in December for the January start up.

For more information, call 545-5725 or 545-1774.

Graduations

The A and D Companies of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment will graduate at 10 a.m. today on Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

E Company will graduate at 10 a.m. Oct. 11 at the same location.

For more information, call 544-8131.

Recruit the recruiter

There will be a recruiter presentation at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 50.

The Recruit the Recruiter Team will brief all specialists through sergeants first class regarding recruiting duty.

For more information, see your career counselor.

Hospital clinic closure

Martin Army Community Hospital will close Oct. 11 and 14.

The Adult Primary Care Clinic will be open 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Oct. 12. The pharmacy will be open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11-12.

The refill pharmacy will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 11.

The laboratory will be open rom 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 11. The Emergency Room will remain open.

For more information, call 544-2041 or 544-2042.

Infantry Museum hours

The U.S. Army Infantry Museum will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 11 and from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 12 and 13.

This coincides with the "Moving Wall," a replica of the Vietnam Wall, that will be on post at that time.

For more information, call 545-2958.

Reclamation sale hours

The new reclamation sale hours conducted at Building 224 will be 8 a.m. to noon the first Friday of every month.

For more information, call 545-1104.

West Point admissions

Want to be one of 150 soldiers admitted to West Point next year?

The admissions brief will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30 at Infantry Hall, Classroom 9.

Admissions requirements are:

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- Have a sincere interest in attending West Point and becoming an Army officer.

In addition, soldiers who possess the following are encouraged to apply:

- SAT scores of 1050 or higher or ACT composite score of 23 or higher,
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For more information, call DSN 688-5780 or (845) 938-5780.

Traffic Regulations Enforcement Office hours

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Soldiers start new Army careers

Company sends Sand Hill soldiers 'down range'

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

During basic combat training, civilians make the transition to soldiers through nine weeks of intense training — the result, a disciplined, respected person with more confidence.

B Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, graduated Thursday, giving its soldiers the start to their military careers.

"Now that we're at graduation, I feel a real sense of accomplishment," said Pvt. Mark Fisher, soldier of the cycle. "It's great to finally see the end result."

"From day one, these soldiers have come a long way," said Staff Sgt. Eddie Lewis, drill sergeant of the cycle. "When the soldiers get here, you have to teach them how to walk with drill and ceremony. Most don't know their left from their right. They'll make you upset, but you realize the accomplishments they've made at graduation when they march out on the field."

Fisher, 26, a former carpenter from Portland, Ore., enlisted for six years to become a wire systems installer. He also had to say goodbye to his wife for his training, and "can't wait to see her."

"I'm proud to be distinguished honor (graduate), but I just did what the drill sergeants told me to do," Fisher said. "You reap what you sow. When you put in 100 percent you'll get 100 percent."

Fisher said he deserves to be soldier of the cycle as much as 20 other soldiers in the company.

His teachers were excellent examples of military bearing, Fisher said.

The company practiced the movements for their graduation ceremony at a dress rehearsal Tuesday on Pomeroy Field.

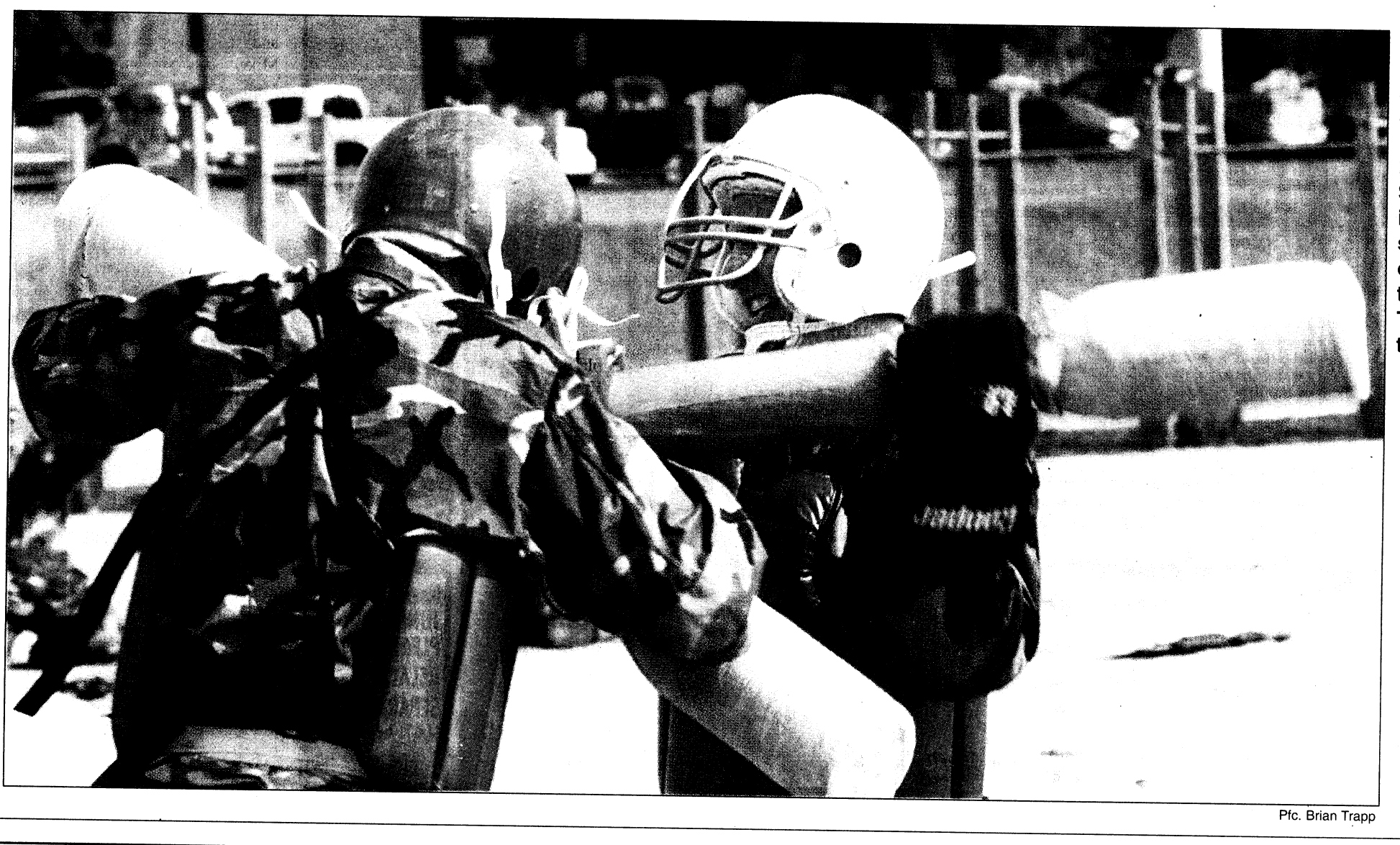
The soldiers can't show their family members what they have learned in basic rifle marksmanship or grenades, Lewis said. The only thing they can showcase is their marching.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Staff Sgt. Shawn Springs prepares soldiers for graduation Tuesday at Pomeroy Field.

On guard!



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Pvt. James Rothrock, left, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, and Pvt. Richard Stanford, battle it out with pugil sticks, as part of rifle bayonet training, Tuesday outside the battalion.

KOREAN WAR — the forgotten war remembered

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

Oct. 3

Lee Hak Do, North Korean leader of riots on Koje-do in June, instigated the uprising as a way of impressing his bosses back home, non-communist POWs tell their captors. North Korea condemned Lee to death for surrendering his troops to the Americans, they say.

Great Britain explodes its first atom bomb in the Monte Bello Islands 50 miles off northwestern Australia. It is the 35th atomic explosion after 31 U.S. and three Soviet blasts. Only a small group of officials from within the United Kingdom sees the explosion. News media speculate the weapon could be used in artillery.

The Soviets, in a note to the U.S. government, demand that U.S. Ambassador to Russia George F. Kennan be recalled for his "slanderous attacks" on the Soviet Union. What got the communists upset again at Kennan was his lumping together the restrictions placed on Americans by the Nazis before WWII with those enforced by the communists these days.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson says Oct. 3 the Kennan's remark about foreigners being isolated in Moscow "will be recognized in most parts of the world as a truthful one."

Kennan is not recalled but he is in Germany with his wife and is not ordered to return to Moscow.

Oct. 3-9

A Chinese deserter lets the Eighth Army know Oct. 3 that the Chinese communists plan to attack White Horse Hill on the ROK 9th Infantry Division line about five miles northwest of Chorwon.

The hill is the crest of a two-mile long forested hill mass extending northeast-southwest. It dominates the allied approach to Chorwon through the Yokokchon Valley. If White Horse is lost, IX Corps would have to withdraw its forces to the high ground south of the valley. They could no longer use the Chorwon Road, and the enemy would have an opening for an attack.

After the deserter's information is verified by other intelligence sources, IX Corps gives the 9th ID extra tanks, artillery, rocket launchers and antiaircraft weapons adapted for ground use. Maj. Gen. Kim Jong Oh, division commander, places two infantry battalions on White Horse and keeps a regiment with an additional battalion in ready reserve.

The tanks and antiaircraft guns are placed on the flanks of the hill to cover valley approaches.

The Chinese begin their battlefield preparation by opening the floodgates of the dam on the Yokokchon River Oct. 6, hoping it will prevent the 2nd Infantry Division from coming to help the 9th Division. The river floods several feet but never interferes with military operations.

Then about a battalion of Chinese attack the French battalion attached to the 2nd ID on Arrowhead (Hill 281) to keep the division occupied. The French holds the hill and gives the enemy a pasting. The communists attack Arrowhead again Oct. 9 and receive the same battering.

In the meantime an intense artillery and mortar barrage tries to soften up the ROK defenses on White Horse. When it lifts two Chinese battalions fail three times to break the ROK lines. It costs them around 1,500 casualties to the Koreans 300.

The survivors of the first three attacks are reinforced with two more battalions Oct. 7. This time the offensive drives the ROK 30th Regiment off the top of White Horse.

Less than two hours later it's dark and two battalions from the 9th's 28th Regiment counterattack and clean the Chinese from the 30th's positions.

The enemy losses are extremely high. A Chinese prisoner will later say that after the first two days less than 20 men remain the in the companies that first attacked the hill.

By Oct. 8, diversionary actions are largely discontinued and the Chinese rearranges its forces to concentrate on White Horse. Two more fresh battalions are thrown at the hill and parts of the force make it to the crest, only to be thrown back by another nighttime attack by the 28th Regiment.

Gen. James A Van Fleet, Eighth Army commander, tells reporters Oct. 8 the Chinese had been "clobbered" by U.N. forces but might still continue "limited" attacks for the next week.

Another enemy battalion joins the fight Oct. 9. Gen. Kim sends two battalions from the 29th Regiment to strengthen the 28th. All day long and into the night the fighting seesaws back and forth across the crest of White Horse. The week ends with the situation still in doubt.

The Air Force reports Oct. 3 that U.N. pilots shot down nine MiG-15s over the past seven days, while one F-86 and an Australian Meteor were lost in dogfights.

U.S. Navy carrier planes hit a supply dump at Hoeyang on North Korea's east coast Oct. 7.

On Oct. 9, the Air Force reveals that a B-29 Superfortress disappears from radar near the Soviet-held Kurile Islands after it was intercepted by another aircraft.

The truce talks in Panmunjom are recessed indefinitely after the two sides meet Oct. 8 and the communists reject the three options presented by the U.N. to break the deadlock of prisoner repatriation.

Lt. Gen. William K. Harrison, U.N. truce team chief, tells Lt. Gen. Nam Il, his North Korean counterpart, that the U.N. has no more proposals to make on the prisoner exchange issue. They can discuss any alternative the Reds have. However, he says the U.N. will attend no more meetings that the communists use for propaganda purposes. Harrison blasts the Reds' "unprincipled, cruel" policy of treating individual POWs as "so many sheep," for being willing to forego the return of all POWs if the U.N. delivers a specified large number.

Gen. Mark Clark, U.N. supreme commander, tells reporters in Tokyo also on Aug. 8 that he has concluded that the communists "do not sincerely desire an armistice."

Secretary of State Dean Acheson supports the two generals the same day and says the U.N.'s extended recess is "an affirmative step toward obtaining an armistice." He says it's now up to the enemy to make a sincere effort and "the communists must now recognize the position of the U.N. Command is firm as well as right" on the prisoner exchange issue.

U.N. Secretary General Trygve Lie says Oct. 8 that a truce with the existing battle line would represent "the first great victory for the principle of world collective security" under either the short-lived League of Nations or the United Nations.

Oct. 7

The New York Yankees win their fourth consecutive World Series with a 4-2 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field to take the Series 4 games to 3.

Oct. 8

The Defense Department puts American losses in Korea through Oct. 3 at 120,269, with 21,062 dead.

VEAP converts to GI Bill may lose benefits

Soldiers have 18 months to make payment

Tesia Williams
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Soldiers who converted from the Veterans Educational Assistance Program to the Montgomery GI Bill are at risk of forfeiting their contributions and losing their benefits, officials said, if they don't make their payments.

Soldiers have 18 months from the time they signed the Montgomery GI Bill, Department of Defense Form 2366, to pay the mandatory contribution of $2,700, personnel officials said. Many of the 5,000 soldiers who signed up for the program may have already missed their deadline, according to officials at the U.S. Total Army Personnel Command

"Program participants need to contact their finance office and make sure the contribution will be paid within the 18-month deadline," said John Rizkallah, chief of the Education Incentives and Counseling Branch at PERSCOM.

If soldiers are not able to pay the $2,700 in time by using monthly allotments, they have the option of combining the allotment with a lump sum or they can make a single lump sum payment, Rizkallah said.

"The law states that if participants don't pay the contribution in full within the deadline, they forfeit anything they contributed to VEAP and will not be eligible for any education benefits through the Veterans Administration," Rizkallah said.

It is imperative that soldiers look at the date they signed their DD Form 2366 and ensure that they have the contribution paid in full within 18 months of that date, Rizkallah said.

"To date, the VA has not made any exceptions to the deadline," he said.

VEAP was first enacted by Congress for post Vietnam-era soldiers. It was designed to attract high quality men and women to the all-volunteer armed forces. Congress signed the VEAP conversion law on Oct. 30, 2000, making it the second conversion opportunity since October 1996.

Editor's note: *Tesia Williams is a member of the PERSCOM Public Affairs Office.*

Fort Benning command sergeant major retires

Integrity — NCO's favorite value

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

After 30 years of service to the Army, Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Klein will officially retire at 4 p.m. Thursday at the Ranger Memorial.

Klein, originally from Cold Spring, Minn., was drafted into the Army in September 1972, after eight Israeli athletes were massacred at the Olympic Summer Games in Munich, Germany.

"I originally came in saying that I would only do two years and get out," Klein said. "But after serving with some certain noncommissioned officers, I decided to stay in."

Throughout his Army career, Klein has served as a drill sergeant at Fort Leonard wood, Mo., first sergeant with the 9th Infantry Division in Fort Lewis, Wash., and Command Sgt. Maj. of both 2nd and 3rd Ranger Battalions, 75th Ranger Regiment.

"My favorite part of the Army was the time I spent in the Ranger bats," Klein said. "They refused to accept failure, and they always strived to be the best."

Klein is a Ranger, Airborne, Scuba, Pathfinder and Drill Sergeant School graduate.

He also has hundreds of hours invested in correspondence courses.

"The schools and the correspondence courses got me ready for being a leader in the Army," Klein said. "I know that I can retire and look at myself and say I did the best I could."

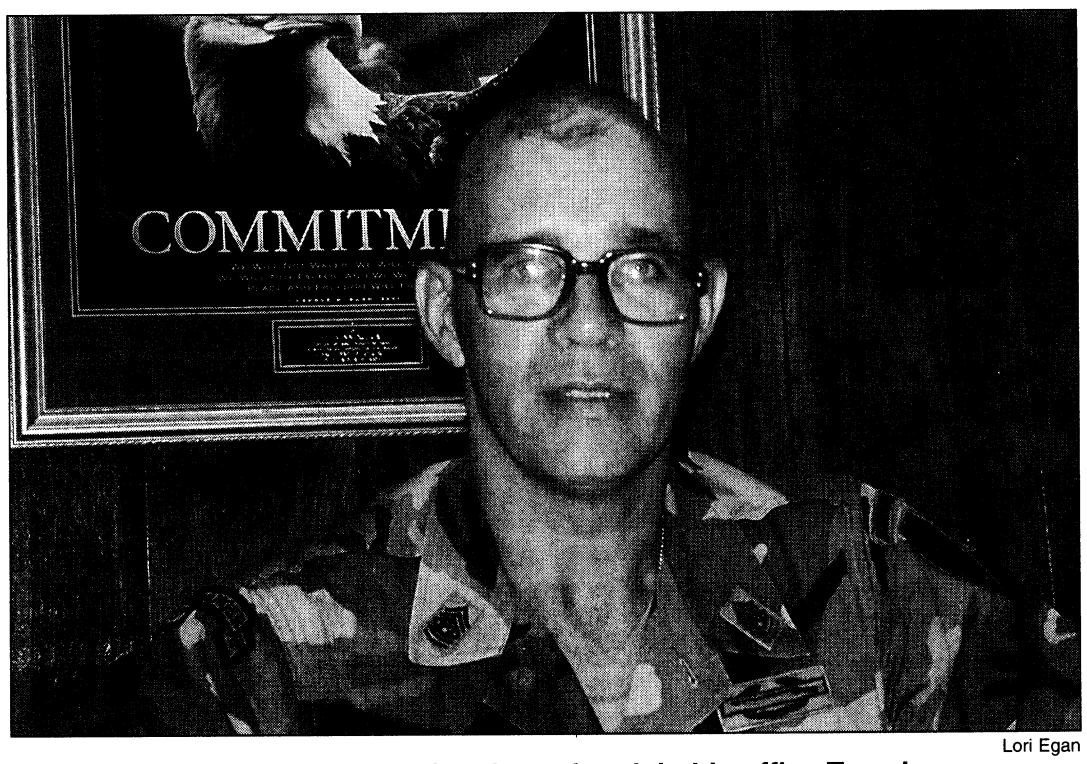
Klein will retire in the Columbus area and will work for Wexford Group International.

However, some things won't change for Klein once he gets out of the Army.

"I'm still going to get up every morning to do PT," Klein said. "PT sets the tone for the day.

"If I ever stop doing PT, I'll die.

"The Army has been my lifestyle," Klein said. "I'm proud of what I have done and what the men who have served under me have done."



Lori Egan

Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Klein takes a break in his office Tuesday.

Some of Klein's comrades have spoken highly of the way he leads and by what means he leads.

"Command Sergeant Major Klein is what I would call a soldier's soldier," said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso, incoming post Command Sergeant Major. "No matter how complicated a situation is, he uses common sense to reach an answer.

"If I could describe him in one word, it would be 'soldier.' "It's a simple word, but yet it means so much.

"If someone looks at you and says, 'Now that's a soldier,' then there is no higher accolade than that," Kelso said. "Klein loves being a soldier.

"If the Army would let him, he would stay in and set the standards until the day he died."

"Klein is a standard bearer for all," said Lt. Col. K.K. Chinn, 75th Ranger Regiment, deputy commander. "Our unit was never surprised and always ready because of his foresight."

Klein now has a new job to always be ready for.

"Retirement is going to be something different for me," Klein said. "I'll probably sleep through the whole night and not wake up every three or four hours."

Klein will also have some time to spend with his two grandchildren, Cody, 3, and Abigail, 11, who live in the Columbus area.

"I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family," Klein said. "They have supported me my whole life, and I don't know what I would do without them."

Klein and his wife, Patty, have been married for 30 years and they have three children, Mike, 27, Megan, 26, and Melissa, 25.

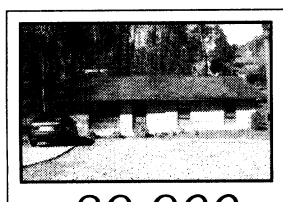
As Klein's Army career ends, the values he has lived by will not change.

"The most important value to me is integrity," Klein said. "When I say I'm going to do something, I do it, and I expect the same from everyone else.

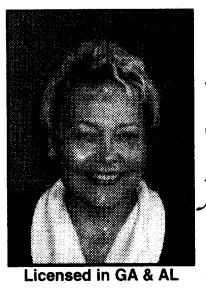
"That won't end when I'm out," he said. "Values are something we as Americans should live by.

"They are the backbone of our society."

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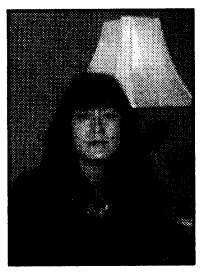

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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a time when every person should consider what can be done to end the epidemic of domestic violence that plagues our families, community and our nation.

The statistics are staggering. Every nine seconds a woman is beaten. In fact, battering of women by a family member results in more injuries that require medical attention than rape, automobile crashes and muggings combined. In 2000, Georgia's law enforcement agencies reported 56,339 incidents of domestic violence and 48 domestic violence homicides in the state, according to the Georgia Commission on Family Violence.

Domestic violence is everyone's business. Abuse affects everyone in our community, and we must all come together to stop this epidemic. If you are a victim of domestic violence, help is available through the Army Family Advocacy Program.

The FAP is a specialized program designed to prevent child and spouse maltreatment. The main focus of FAP is to develop prevention programs that contribute to a healthy life for the family, said Rebecca Welch, program manager. A lot of people get the wrong idea about the program, she said, because they think the soldiers and their families will be punished if an incident is reported or if a call is received. This is a misconception.

The program provides training and services to help families, not to create problems for them. Services are provided to families who are vulnerable to the kinds of stress that can lead to abuse.

When families seek help or identify problems, referrals are made to other treatment programs on and off the installation. In order to strengthen the families and prevent the recurrence of abuse, FAP encourages voluntary self-referral through education and awareness programs.

Listed below are programs that have been designed to help prevent child and spouse abuse:

• **Victim advocacy** — provides victims of domestic violence with the support and information necessary to make positive choices for themselves and their children. For more information, call Theresa Sanchez at 545-4013 or 545-7517.

• **Violence intervention** — provides crisis intervention in emergency situations. Cases involving family violence intervention that need long-term treatment and follow-up are referred to Social Work Services.

• **Parent education** — Parent support programs assist parents to "get off to a good start," to interact more effectively with their children and to create and maintain a safe home environment. This program also teaches parents basic skills in physical care, supervision and psychological nurturance, appropriate to a child's age and stage of development.

Classes are offered through the Chaplain's Family Life Center at 545-1760. Families who need child care while enrolled in daytime classes can receive free child care through Family Advocacy.

• **Troop education** — Classes are mandatory and are provided on an annual basis for military members on the dynamics of spouse and child abuse, the availability of treatment services and the Army's policies regarding family violence. Units can schedule briefings by calling 545-6057 or 545-7517.

• **New Parent Support Plus, First Steps Program** — provides emotional support, parenting education, referrals to community resources and follow-up contact to parents with newborns, thereby helping to develop healthy family relationships to reduce the risk of child abuse and neglect.

Volunteers are assigned to work with

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Students learn about bullying

Children get message with stage magic at school assemblies

Melissa House
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Mary Poppins had the right idea.

A spoonful of sugar really does help the medicine go down.

And Eric Reamer gets his message about bullying and violence through to kids in the most delightful way.

He uses magic.

"Stage magic has become hip and popular again," Reamer said. "Kids are instantly attracted to it. Once we establish the right to be heard, the kids key in on the message."

Reamer, a professional illusionist, performed eight shows at Fort Benning last week to pass the message to kids and parents that nothing good can come from bullying and violence in schools.

Gail Wilson, director of staff development for the Fort Benning schools, was looking for something to kick off a systemwide program on bullying and was impressed with Reamer's ability to talk with both adults and children.

"Twenty-five years of experience have taught me that we have to do creative things to get and hold children's attention," she said. "This approach was just what we were looking for."

"Bullying is a critical issue," Reamer said. "Statistically, the number one place bullying occurs is on the bus. The number two place is at home."

Reamer broadens the definition of bullying to include intimidation, fear, manipulation, as well as emotional and physical abuse.

In late 1998, Reamer was working with Randy Wiler, a top police authority on bullying and violence prevention, to hammer out a plan for presenting his message through school assemblies. The program was to start in early May, 1999.

Two weeks before the scheduled launch, the nation watched in horror as the events at Columbine High School unfolded on television. That tragedy, Reamer said, became the real impetus for getting the program out to kids.

"Kids need to know the truth about bullying," Reamer said. "They need to know that they are all



Melissa House

Eric Reamer uses magic to teach children about bullying.

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Community to help clean up 'Hooch

Volunteers to pick up trash Oct. 11, 12

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The Chattahoochee River stretches 540 miles from its beginning in the mountains of northern Georgia. Seventeen of those miles pass through the boundaries of Fort Benning as the river makes its way to the Gulf of Mexico.

Those 17 miles are the focus of "Help the 'Hooch," a program in its fourth year on Fort Benning. Help the 'Hooch is one of several local efforts that are part of the nationwide "Keep America Beautiful" campaign.

"We expect to have more than 150 adult and 300 child volunteers working on post on Oct. 11," said Mark Thornton, who is with the Environmental Branch, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics, and is the local coordinator of Fort Benning's participation. "The official date is Oct. 12, but we do ours a day early. About 50 percent of our volunteers are soldiers, and we have a number of return volunteers." Volunteers receive a T-shirt and are treated to a picnic lunch at Uchee Creek Marina at the end of the cleanup.

Students from the elementary schools will be making contributions to the cleaning effort. Third-graders from White Elementary will be making a "clean sweep" of their school campus instead of going to the river sites, said Nan Boyett, third-grade teacher.

The community cleanup effort will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at seven primary sites on post: Uchee Creek, Engineer Landing, Bradley Landing, Eddy Bridge, Upatoi Creek, Russ Pond and the Fort Benning pet cemetery.

During the last three years, the Fort Benning Help the 'Hooch effort has collected more than 14 tons of debris from the river and along its banks. That amount did not go unnoticed by Georgia state officials, Thornton said.

Not all debris is trash, either.

"Our volunteers separate the recyclables as they pick them up," Thornton said. "The post recycling center helps us out by putting dumpsters and trucks out at the sites." Other assistance comes from the Keep Columbus Beautiful program, which provides gloves and trash bags for the volunteers.

In the past, members of the Fort Benning Bass Club have brought their boats to the cleanup. Those boats, combined with volunteers in canoes, can reach places along the riverbank not easily accessed on foot.

While it is difficult to measure what impact the cleanup has on the wildlife that live in and around the river, Thornton said that there is a great aesthetic improvement.

"We have picked up tires, shoes, a car bumper, and even a washer, a

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Stowers students scrutinize science

Hands-on fair gets children interested in discovery

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Balloons popped, pennies fell, and in the distance, a mysterious chicken clucked. Stowers Elementary School participated in "Science Day" Sept. 25 during "Sci Fest" week sponsored by Georgia Southwestern University.

"This is a nice experience for the students," said Margi Bertlesen Brown, a fourth-grade teacher. Around the room, students from two fourth-grade classes were immersed in 12 different activities, each one involving a specific scientific concept.

Bertlesen Brown arranged the visit by Lynn Larsen, director of the Chattahoochee-Flint Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center.

Formed in 1989, the GYS&TC is a private, nonprofit educational organization that is designed to increase interest and enthusiasm in science and technology. The primary focus is on elementary and middle school students and teachers.

"I'm a hands-on science teacher, and I love working with the kids," Larsen said. "There are a lot of rewards from this job.

"The kids try these activities and then want to explore science on their own," Larsen said.

At one table, students James White and Brandon Matthews lifted the fingerprints from their own fingers with clear tape. After they transferred the tape to a piece of paper, they were able to compare the prints against a reference sheet.

"My print had a 'loop,'" Matthews said.

Laura Moore, a student teacher from Columbus State University, supervised the "pop rocket table."

"Anything they can make a mess with and get their hands on is great," she said, as a rocket lifted off of the table, leaving a trail of water.

> "Anything they can make a mess with and get their hands on is great."
>
> **Laura Moore**
> Fourth-grade student teacher from Columbus State University

The rocket was made with an empty film canister.

"I filled half (of the canister) with water, put Alka-Seltzer in it and shut the lid real quick," said Tayler Dorroh.

"I had to thump it a little bit, and then it popped."

Most of the students couldn't wait to get to the rocket station, but Amy Beard had a different favorite activity. She held up a paper cup with a string hanging underneath.

"It makes a loud noise," she said. "You rub a cloth on the string, and it's supposed to sound like a clucking chicken."

Mystery solved.

BIRTHS

Boys

Khalil Shaheem Shiver — born Sept. 6 to Spc. Khaliah and Sgt. Khalid Shiver.

Deklind Cade Phillips — born Sept. 7 to Nicole and Pfc. Christopher Phillips.

Edwin Matthew Johnson Jr. — born Sept. 7 to Gaynor and PO Edwin Johnson.

Carl Jacob Conner — born Sept. 8 to Pfc. Lysa and Spc. Corey Conner.

Treyvione Marcellous Searcy — born Sept. 10 to Teresa and Sgt. Fredrick Searcy.

Sheldon Therone Brown — born Sept. 10 to Andrella and Sgt. Edwin Brown.

Jared Jay Maya — born Sept. 13 to Anna and Capt. Ramiro Maya Jr.

Malik ben Yeshua Toles — born Sept. 13 to Pfc. Natasha Toles.

Jalen Allen Marshall — born Sept. 14 to Brittany and Spc. Richard Marshall.

Girls

Mya Ashanti Wesley — born Aug. 30 to Staff Sgt. Hilda Tuft and James Wesley.

Paola Sofia Figueroa — born Sept. 6 to Karine and Sgt. Carlos Figueroa.

Gwendolynn Grace McNutt — born Sept. 6 to Justine and 1st Lt. Shawn McNutt.

Campbell Paige Lewis — born Sept. 8 to Jennifer and Capt. Russell Lewis.

Tamyra Tremease Hill — born Sept. 10 to Tarsha and EM3 Brandon Hill.

Alanna Shelia Perkins — born Sept. 11 to Jennifer and Staff Sgt. Leslie Perkins.

Shadella Tamya Stripling — born Sept. 11 to Spc. Katrina and Spc. Eric Stripling.

Kathryn Elizabeth Maney — born Sept. 11 to Amber and Staff Sgt. Stephen Maney.

Maura Elaine Dover — born Sept. 11 to Spc. Jamie and Sgt. Roger Dover.

Raineza Lyrae Westbrook — born Sept. 12 to Sandra and Spc. Robert Westbrook.

Te-Mya Dy-anza Rahming — born Sept. 12 to Spc. Tynisia and Sgt. Edward Rahming.

Imani Lissette Randall — born Sept. 12 to Melissa and Sgt. Derrick Randall.

Maddison Helene Severin — born Sept. 12 to Robin and Spc. James Severin.

Diyamon Slavainyah Alston — born Sept. 17 to Spc. Suhai Aguilar and Sgt. 1st Class Lavan Alston.

Jordan Elizabeth Imler — born Sept. 18 to Kimberly and Sgt. 1st Class Mark Imler.

Raven Sue Hall — born Sept. 19 to Brandy and Spc. Jared Hall.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Town hall meetings — The town hall meeting for East Main Post is 7 p.m. Tuesday at White Elementary School.

The Custer Terrace and Upatoi Terrace town hall meeting is 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at the Custer Terrace Chapel.

The town hall meeting for Indianhead Terrace is 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at Wilson Elementary School.

Residents of these neighborhoods are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Community Life Office at 545-2830.

EWC Blue, Gold Social — The Enlisted Wives Club Blue and Gold Social is 7 p.m. Wednesday at the NCO Club. EWC is a group of enlisted and NCO spouses who get together to promote community involvement, learn a new skill, share ideas and meet other spouses.

For more information, call Inga Flores at 682-2591 or Sarah Hertig at 687-9902. You do not need to be a member of EWC to attend.

Volunteers needed for Vietnam Wall replica — Volunteers are needed for the Vietnam Wall replica that will be displayed on Sacrifice Field Oct. 11-13.

The display will be open 24 hours a day for the three days it is here.

For more information, call Angela Garnto at 563-2372 or e-mail angelagarnto@aol.com.

Holiday trash schedule — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing Oct. 14. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be Oct. 21.

There will be no refuse or recycle pickups in Family Housing Oct. 14.

Areas normally scheduled for pick-up on Monday will be picked up on Oct. 15.

Refuse and recycle collection in Family Housing for Oct. 15-18 will occur as normally scheduled.

For more information, call Construction Inspection Branch at 545-4232.

YS Haunted House — Youth Services Haunted House will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 28-31 in Building 2297, located on Way Street, off Indianhead Road.

Everyone is invited and the admission fee is $5. All kids will receive Halloween treats after touring the "house."

Anyone who would like to assist with the haunted house in any way, from decorating to characters, can call 545-3070.

Exceptional Family Member Program — The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program offers respite care for military families enrolled in the EFMP.

Respite care can provide temporary relief for caretakers of special needs children. You may qualify for services through this program.

For more information, call the ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

Have you been trying to cope with the responsibility of caring for a person with special needs?

Do you feel overwhelmed, as if you are all alone?

Do you need support from others who understand?

The ACS Exceptional Family Member Program would like to form a support group geared to the needs of military families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

If you have any interest in forming a group, call ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

Red Cross classes — The American Red Cross Fort Benning Station offers classes in community first aid and safety, babysitting and lifeguard training.

Classes are limited to 10 participants and must be paid for in advance.

For more information, call 545-5194.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

Opportunities Unlimited Conference — The Chattahoochee Chapter of American Business Women's Association is having free seminars from 6 to 8 p.m. today and 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Saturday.

The conference is intended for the women of Columbus, Phenix City and Fort Benning to come together to meet one another, attend some training, and find out what the ABWA is all about.

For more information, call Cheryl at 628-5540.

Breast Cancer Awareness program — Dr. Steven Leichter will speak on the hormone replacement therapy controversy at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Health Matters of St. Francis, located in the Rosemont Center on Woodruff Road in Columbus. The Breast Health Awareness program is 2 and 5:30 p.m. Oct. 15 in The Women's Center of St. Francis, also located at the Rosemont Center on Woodruff Road.

For more information about other topics, or to make reservations, call Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

LifeLink seeks volunteers — LifeLink of Georgia, the nonprofit agency that coordinates organ and tissue donations for Georgia, is seeking volunteers to assist with educational programs pertaining to organ and tissue donation and transplantation in Columbus and surrounding communities.

Volunteer activities include public speaking, staffing information tables at driver license offices and health fairs, presentations to nursing and medical staff and more.

All volunteers will be trained by LifeLink staff.

A kick-off, informational meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Oct. 15 at Columbus Regional Medical Center in Conference Center Room B.

For more information, call Jeff Al-Mashat at (800) 544-6667 or visit the LifeLink Web site at www.lifelinkfound.org.

CVCC college workshop — Looking for a simple approach to the college information road? Attend one of Chattahoochee Valley Community College's workshops and CVCC staff will explain the process of applying to college, determine eligibility for financial aid and explore the programs of study available.

The workshops are: 10 a.m. to noon and 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Oct. 15, Oct. 29 and Nov. 19.

For more information, call Jane Norden at (334) 291-4998.

Weight management — Both men and women will benefit from Why Weight, a unique weight management program led by a registered dietitian at Health Matters of St. Francis.

The nine-session program will help promote healthy choices for lasting weight loss through behavior change, exercise and motivation. Participants can also significantly reduce their risk for diabetes, heart disease and a number of conditions.

Recipes, written materials, personal evaluation of eating patterns, use of exercise equipment at Health Matters and body composition analysis will also enhance success.

Sessions will be offered 6:15 to 7:25 p.m. on specific Mondays from Monday to Dec. 16.

To register, call Ask-A-Nurse at 596-4170.

Lowe's to install smoke detectors, fire extinguishers — Lowe's of Columbus has partnered with Fort Benning to provide and install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers into the homes of families of deployed enlisted men and women living off post.

Lowe's employees have volunteered to assist in the homeland safety of soldiers' families with this project each Saturday through Oct. 26. Because of the limited availability, requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call Megan Sperry or Linda Williams at 320-9292.

Volunteers needed — Volunteers are needed for the 2002 C.C.S.C., Inc. School Tutorial Program.

Teachers are needed in Reading, Math and other areas each Saturday during the school term from 10 a.m. to noon at Eddy Middle School at 2100 South Lumpkin Road and Rothschild Middle, Eastway Elementary School at 1136 Hunt Avenue.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357, Daisy Honor at 687-8808, the office at 321-9596 or go to Eddy Middle School or Rothschild Middle, Eastway Elementary on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?" a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help you identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Infertility Support Group — Resolve of Georgia is a national organization that supports and educates people who are experiencing infertility. The Columbus Resolve Chapter meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Columbus Center for Reproductive Endocrinology, 2323 Whittlesey Road, Columbus.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** corn dog, oven fries, peas and carrots, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** pizza, spaghetti salad, mixed vegetables, milk, cherry cobbler
- **Wednesday:** hamburger, potato rounds, green beans, fruit, milk
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- **Friday:** baked chicken, mashed potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, hot roll, fruit, milk

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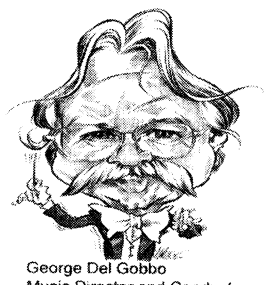
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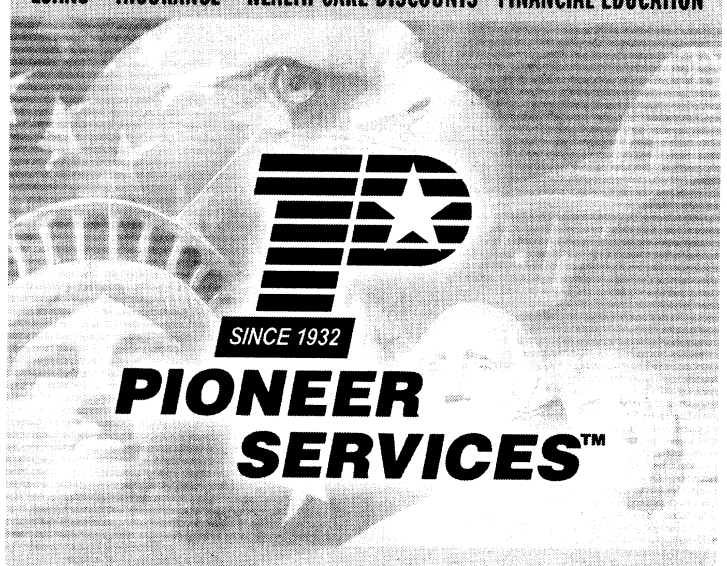
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Would you borrow money at 300 percent interest?

If you obtain a "payday loan" through a check cashing company, this may be exactly what you are doing.

Let's examine the concept of payday loans using the fictitious example of Spc. Trenton.

Trenton is a bit short of cash, and he needs $100 to get him through to next payday. He can't get a bank loan for such a small amount, and his buddies in the barracks won't spot him the money, so he goes to a check cashing company.

For a fee, the check cashing company agrees to loan him the $100, in return for his post-dated personal check for both the loan amount and the fee. A commonly advertised check cashing fee in the Columbus area is $12.50 per $100, so that for $100 cash in hand today, Trenton ends up paying $112.50 at his next payday.

A $12.50 fee may seem small, but if the loan is renewed repeatedly, those $12.50 fees add up to a much higher amount. If a $100 loan were repeatedly renewed for a year, the 26 two-week fee loan fees of $12.50 each would amount to $325. That equals an annual percentage rate of 325 percent!

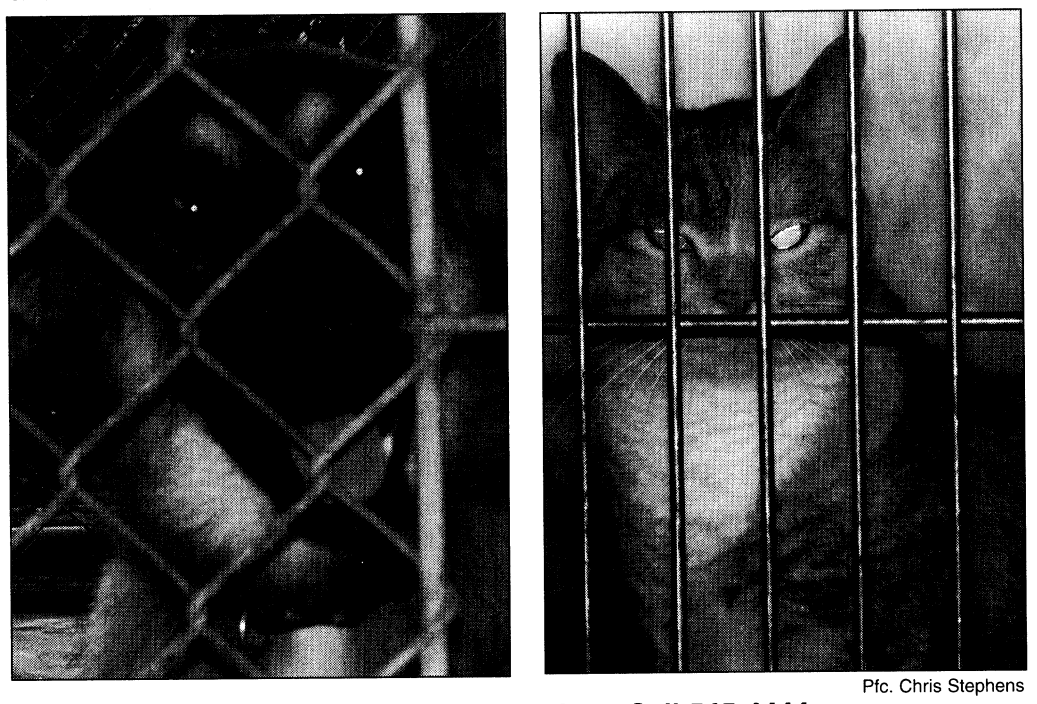
While many states have usury laws that limit the amount of interest a lender can change, many of those states exempt check cashing companies from such laws. In other states, the check cashing companies call the check cashing charge a "fee" instead of "interest," and thereby avoid interest rate limitations.

Many soldiers fall into a cycle of being short of cash, then taking out a payday loan, and when the amount borrowed and the fee are taken from the soldier's bank account on payday, the soldier finds himself again short of cash. So, he takes out another payday loan, and so on and so on.

Financial planning is key to avoid this vicious cycle. As discussed in a companion article, many soldiers can increase their take-home pay by more than a hundred dollars a month simply by adjusting their income tax withholding form (IRS Form W-4).

For more information, call the Fort Benning Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

Pets of the Week



Pfc. Chris Stephens

This dog and cat are available for adoption. Call 545-4444.

Program: Hits on bullying

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important, and that they can change their world."

Working with ropes of different lengths, Reamer talked to the children about the fact that the bully forgets to ask who is important. His three ropes represented different categories of people. The third and fourth grade students at Wilson Elementary School shrieked as Reamer tossed the "wacky" short rope into the crowd.

"I believe with all my heart that we are all equally important," he said as he magically made all the ropes the same length. "But the bully thinks that he or she is important."

Reamer gave the children a simple formula for life, illustrated with magical multicolored scarves.

"In order to have a happy life," he said, "you have to know the truth and make the right decisions."

Reamer has taken his message on the road, more than 100,000 miles each year since the program started. He said that 85 percent of schools that he visits invite him to come back again. When he makes a return visit, a large number of kids can finish his sentences during the program because they really heard the message.

His stop light analogy works particularly well. The green light represents going to school with a good attitude. The red is putting a stop to violence and bullying before it starts, and the yellow reminds the kids that there is no middle ground with bullying. He also passed along simple instructions for dealing with a bully

One: Tell the bully to stop

Two: Go to your teachers, parents, or even the police

Three: Walk away

Four: Surround yourself with friends.

"Don't give up," he said. "If you need help (with a bully), don't stop asking. Don't quit. Try again."

Hospital kicks off PT program

Lt. Col. Andrea Crunkhorn
Martin Army Community Hospital

In recognition of National Physical Therapy Month, the Martin Army Community Hospital Physical Therapy Service is kicking off new services both in the clinic and out in the community. These services will initially focus on injury prevention.

The cornerstone of the new injury prevention program is a direct link from you to us via a new e-mail address: physical.therapy@se.amedd.army.mil.

We want you to send us your specific training or injury prevention questions and concerns. We will respond to you directly, but will cull the most common questions and concerns for constructing new classes or for articles in *The Bayonet*. Specific questions and responses will be kept confidential.

See your primary care manager for acute injuries, or for concerns that you do not wish to be addressed via electronic mail. Remember, if you don't want to see it in *The Washington Post*, don't send it by e-mail.

Capt. David Wright is the lead therapist for the new program. He will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays; contact him through the e-mail address.

Injury prevention tips:

One of the most frequent injuries we see in the training population is stress reaction or stress fracture, particularly in the shins (tibia.)

Some great new research has come out linking tibial stress reactions with tightness in the soleus muscle.

The soleus muscle sits beneath and below the gastrocnemius in the calf, with both muscles joining to form the Achilles tendon.

If you are not performing both knee straight and knee bent calf stretches, you are not adequately stretching your soleus, and you are at greater risk for tibial stress reaction.

Current literature also challenges how we stretch. You need to stretch after you warm up (defined as breaking a sweat or five to ten minutes of light exercise) to create long-term changes in tissue length.

At least one research article found a higher number of injuries with stretching cold versus not stretching at all. Once warmed up, you should hold your stretches for thirty seconds, and repeat 4-6 times.

Services: Give assistance

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new parents after the baby is born. Volunteers are always needed.

For more information or to volunteer, call 544- 2020.

• **Respite child care** — is temporary child care designed to provide relief for families who are stressed because of a family problem and are participating in treatment programs.

• **Safety education for children** — a postwide safety education program offers guidance on personal safety and child sexual abuse prevention for children, their parents and youth and child care staff.

• **Community education** — involves making FAP services known, accessible and attractive to those who can best use the services to improve their family functioning. This program is designed to promote military community support and to encourage early referral.

• **Command education program** — The FAP manager and FAP training instructor brief commanders at all levels on the nature of spouse and child abuse and the means to prevent domestic violence.

Information is also provided to the commanders on FAP policies, procedures, available resources, command responsibilities in the areas of identification, reporting, coordination, rehabilitation and administrative or judicial options. Installation commanders will receive a briefing within 45 days of assuming command.

• **Foster care** — provides 24-hour care and supportive services in a family home or group facility for children who cannot be cared for by their own families and need substitute care. Families interested in becoming foster care parents can contact their local Department of Family and Children Services.

• **Spouse abuse shelters** — provides 24-hour residential facility or temporary accommodation to ensure there is a safe, temporary place to stay, with emotional and material support to victims of spouse abuse and their children. The shelters provide counseling, transportation and community services, including legal, medical and financial help to spouses.

Individuals can call the shelters directly — Phenix City, (334) 297-4401 or Columbus 324-3850 — for placement.

For more information on these services, call 545-3344.

'Hooch: Help keep it clean

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dryer and a fridge," he said.

Polly Gustafson, who works in the Environmental Management Division, has participated in Help the 'Hooch since 1999. She had done similar volunteer cleanup work in Houston, Texas, in the past.

Gustafson said that she personally hadn't unearthed anything unusual during past cleanups, but has found some useful items.

"One year, my husband and I canoed the week before (the event) and now my dog has all kinds of balls to play with."

The event is not just about cleaning up the Chattahoochee and the surrounding area once a year, Gustafson said. It's also about pollution prevention and getting people to think about what is going to happen when things get into the storm drains and the sewer system.

"Storm drains eventually empty out into the river," she said. "Don't ever pour anything down those drains."

Russ Pond, Fort Benning's children's fishing pond, was a last-minute addition to the site list, Gustafson said.

The pond, originally built as a naturally fed swimming hole, feeds into Upatoi Creek and then into the Chattahoochee River, so things thrown in the pond end up downstream and downriver as well.

All in all, Gustafson said, the Help the 'Hooch is a fun time.

"You get really dirty sitting in a canoe with trash, but it washes right off."

For more information, call 544-7079.

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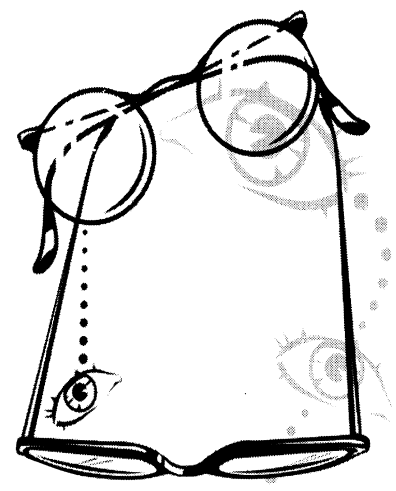
More than 1,000 children between the ages of 5 and 14 are killed annually as the result of pedestrian-motor vehicle accidents. Stay alert for children going to and coming from school:

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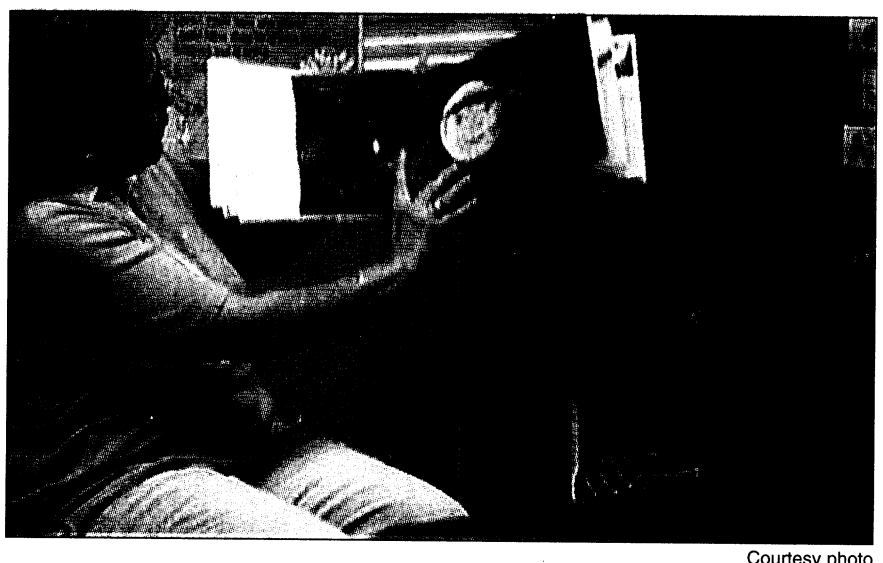
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Course teaches English as second language

Students learn more than just language

Zoraida Roman
White Elementary School



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English as a second language teacher Zoraida Roman, left, reads to Jessica Lara and her class. There are nearly 50 students who participate in the ESL program at White Elementary School.

The Department of Defense Education Activity provides an English as a second language program for students whose native language is not English.

The goal of this program is to develop students' English language ability as quickly as possible so their academic performance is equivalent to native English-speaking students of the same age and grade level.

The program serves both students who are beginning to learn English as well as those that have already developed a good command of spoken English but are performing below grade level in reading and writing.

Depending on the age and proficiency level of the student when entering the ESL program, the process may take one to several consecutive years. Acquiring social and academic (school) language is a complex process.

On the surface, the ESL students may appear fluent in English yet struggle to read and write.

ESL students are constantly facing the challenge of learning a second language as well as acquiring the language skills required by each grade level and each subject area.

As ESL students progress through school, the language, content and skills continue to get more difficult. Although a student may gain proficiency in spoken communication in approximately two years, it can take up to six or seven years for that same student to gain proficiency in academic language skills that include reading and writing.

With the active support of parents and teachers ESL students, with time, will acquire the skills needed for academic success.

White School's ESL program serves family members of soldiers at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and the regular Army. WHINSEC students stay in the school from one to two years depending on their parent's Army status.

This year there are about 50 students in the program. In the ESL classroom, sometimes the teacher is faced with students from 20 different countries and four different languages. Most of the students are of Hispanic descent.

The students learn together in a regular classroom with "buddies" to facilitate the language learning process. English speaking students assist the new students with the English language.

When it is time to go back to their own country, these students have learned about our democratic society, practiced English during their stay here and learned about our American culture.

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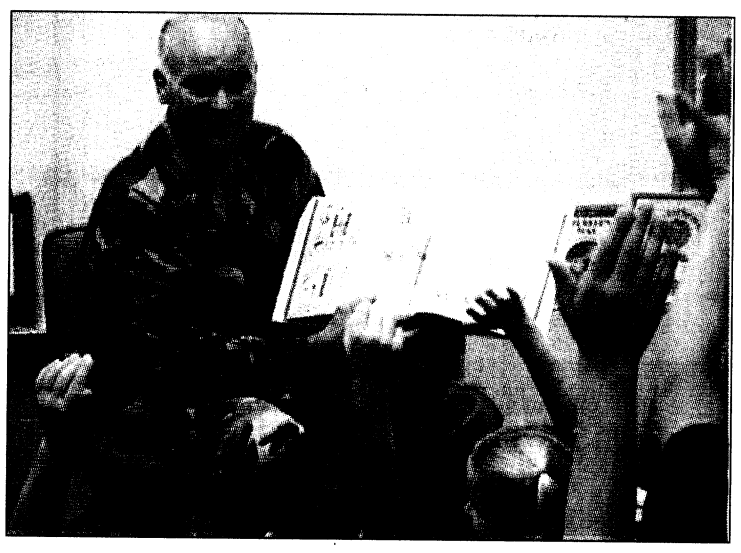
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Kindergartner Marissa Tompkins eats the apple dumpling she made as part of a class project. Kindergartners made applesauce and apple dumplings in the process of measuring, estimating and graphing apples. The activities were part of units on apples and Johnny Appleseed, also known as John Chapman.

OCS helps school kick off *Fort Benning Reads!*

Reading focus gives students spring goal

Owen Ditchfield
White Elementary School



Courtesy photo

Lt. Col. Dan Kessler, commander, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment, reads America: A Patriotic Primer to a second-grade class. Officer candidates read to all of the classes Sept. 25.

Teachers, students and officer candidates kicked off White School's participation in the "Fort Benning Reads!" celebration Sept. 25 with every class having a special guest reader.

The Officer Candidate School is one of White School's Partners in Education, and a candidate visited each classroom to start the day by reading to the boys and girls.

They also delivered a copy of this year's featured book, *America A Patriotic Primer* by Lynne Cheney, to each class.

In the book, each letter of the alphabet is illustrated with a patriotic word or idea

There is enough information presented on each page to allow teachers to integrate the book into discussions about almost any subject at any grade level. As a follow-up to the kick off, a page from the book will be featured on the school's morning broadcast each day until the entire alphabet has been covered.

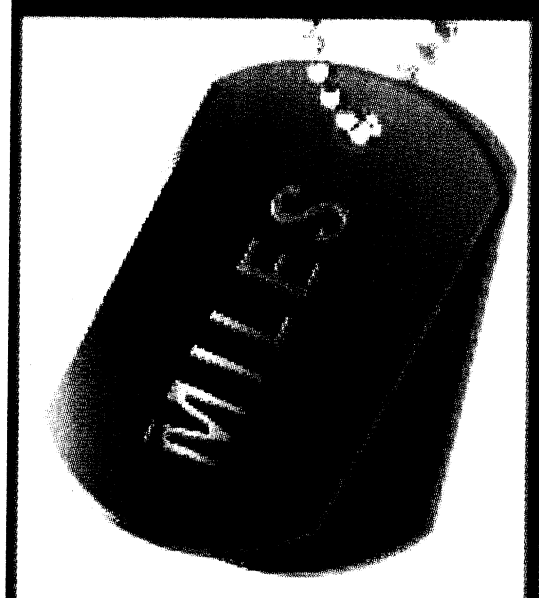
Another program at White School that encourages reading is the Reading Counts program. In this, students read books, then take a computer test which awards points for number of correct answers and the difficulty of the selection.

Students are working toward a goal of 30,000 points schoolwide.

Reaching the goal earns them a day of military activities at Red Cloud Range in the spring.

Do you like:
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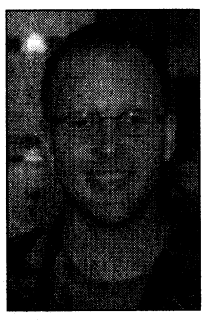
Jesus Christ provides peace for believers

Chaplain (1st Lt.) Christopher Offen
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment

I am new to the Army. Five months ago I was a civilian, a parish pastor in rural Texas. So it should be obvious that there are many new things in my life right now. I am new to Fort Benning. I have a new unit, a new commander and new co-workers. My unit takes new soldiers and teaches them new skills. My son goes to a new school. We have a new house. We have a new church, a new phone number and new neighbors. You might say that there is a lot of newness in my life.

Despite all that newness, however, I am starting to discover that my life really is not all that different. Despite the new surroundings and situations, some things never change. No matter where we work, we have duties, and we are responsible to others. No matter where we live, there will be those we are close to and others that we just know. Everywhere there are people who experience life's same old concerns of family, work, money, church and health. The pattern continues; the pattern repeats.

Did you ever have a change in your life that brought with it lots of new challenges? At first it can be very exciting and interesting but before you know it's the same old stuff. I suppose that all people, even if it takes decades, eventually discover that ancient Biblical truth, "What has been will be again, what has been done will be done again; there is nothing new under the sun," (Eccl. 1:9). The scriptures firmly proclaim to us that as humans try to create something new and better in this world they routinely discover that nothing is new. Everything we do tends to lead us to a point where we were before.


Offen

It's interesting to me to look at what scripture attaches to the idea of something being new. The Bible teaches us that if something is truly new then it will be something God has given us.

God created a new world; he makes us new again each day when he reminds us through his word that we are his children and that we are forgiven. When we believe in him we become new creatures ready to embrace an old world desperately looking for something new.

As a chaplain and a Christian minister, I try to daily teach and demonstrate that the only source of newness is God. It is he that takes away the old things of our life like sin, like guilt, like doubt and lays them upon his son Jesus Christ. When we are forgiven and know that we are loved by our father in heaven, then we truly experience something new.

I am enjoying all the new things in my life; a new assignment, new environment, new people but soon they will all be old.

The greatest newness comes every day when the sins of yesterday are forgotten and when the pain of the past is wiped away by God's forgiveness in Jesus Christ, truly a new thing. Turn to God in Christ — he can truly provide you with something new.

CHAPEL NOTES

Youth in Action — The Faith Tabernacle Community Church, Inc. invites tri-city youth to "Youth In Action" at 3 p.m. Oct. 12.

Youth are invited to share any talent: recitations, poetry, step dancing, mime, choirs, soloists, playing of instruments, etc.

The church is located at 1603 Floyd Road in Columbus.

For more information, call 569-0606.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The program each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship study and refreshments. Child care is provided.

For more information, call 323-0128. Morning Prayer Group meets before PWOC at 8:45 a.m. at Custer Terrace Chapel.

Ladies Night Out — PWOC will meet at a German restaurant for an evening of fun and food from 6 to 9 p.m.

For information and RSVP, call Lynette Stewart 687-1982. Child care is not provided.

National Conference — Join PWOC for Fall Focus Oct. 23-26 in Orlando Fla. It will be a great time of fellowship and spiritual growth.

For more information, call 323-0128.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month. They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 544-1382 or 687-0925.

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Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
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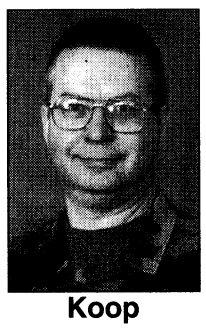
8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
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1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

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SPORTS

PGA members to play Buick Challenge

Admission free to military, families

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Some of the best golfers in the world will play in the 2002 Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., about 60 minutes from Fort Benning, Oct. 24-27.

Returning to defend his 2001 title, Chris DiMarco, ranked 15th in the world on the Professional Golfers Association Tour, will compete against a field of golfers on the tour like Davis Love III, Justin Leonard and Nick Price, all of whom are in the top 25 of the 2002 money leaders.

"There are some outstanding golfers playing in the event," said Dick Ellis, executive director for the Buick Challenge. "Many of these guys played in the Ryder Cup."

Golfers like Paul Azinger and Love represented America in the Ryder Cup, and they will be playing in the tournament.

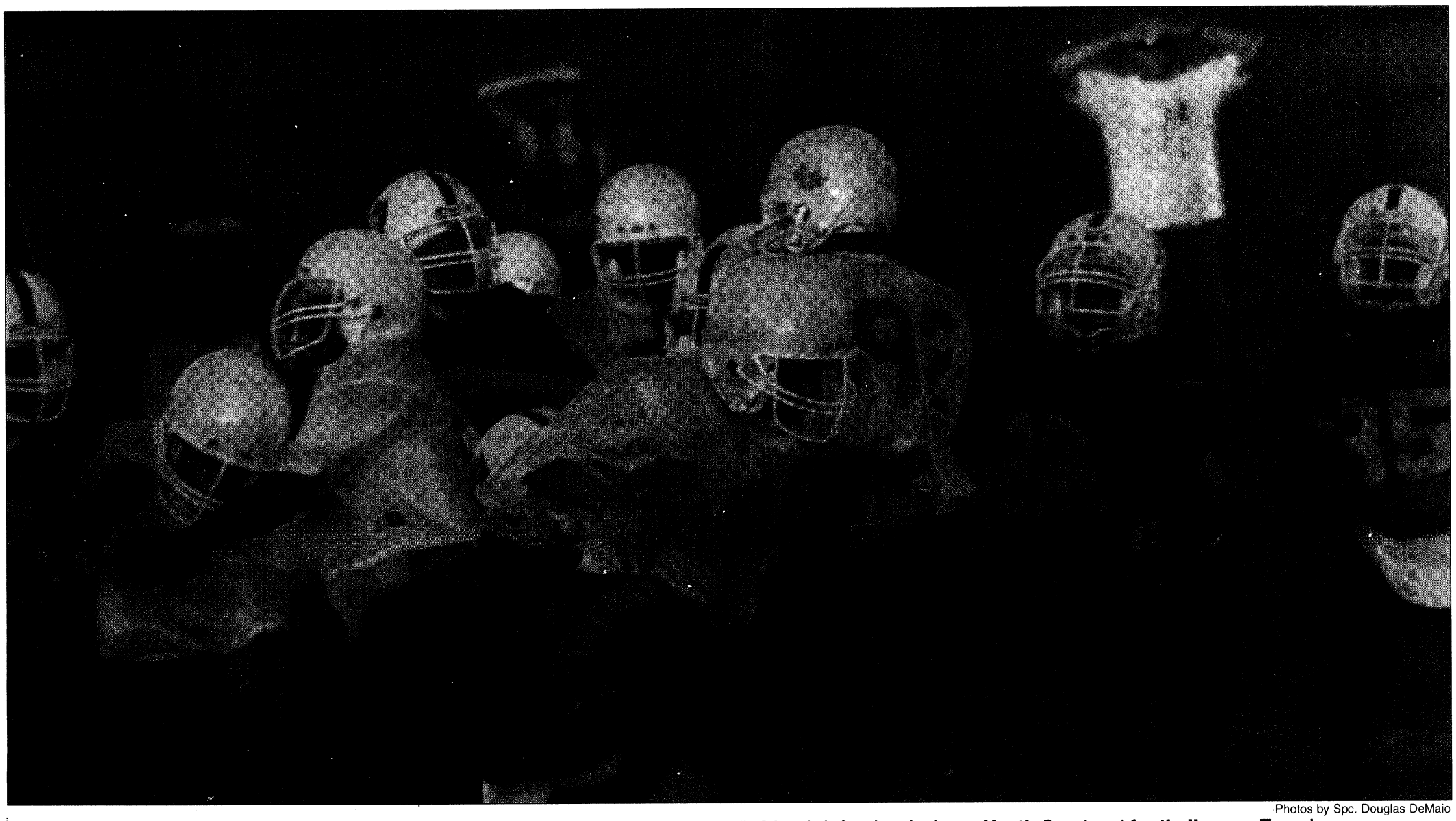
The PGA is showing their appreciation for the support military members have provided for Americans, Ellis said. Oct. 25-27 all military members, with valid identification, and their families will be admitted to the tournament free of charge.

"It's our way of saying thanks for a great job," Ellis said.

In addition to seeing some outstanding golf, Fort Benning personnel will have an opportunity to show their appreciation to the PGA and assist with the tournament, said Richard McDowell, hole captain. Traditionally Fort Benning signs up people to marshal the course every year. McDowell, the post Public Affairs Officer, is still looking for volunteers to man holes, carry score boards for the Pro Am, Oct. 21 and 22, and measure ball distances from the holes.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for soldiers to see a professional tournament," McDowell said.

For more information on volunteering for the Buick Challenge, call the Public Affairs Office at 545-2211.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Rams quarterback Oliver Scott is dragged down from behind by an unidentified Raiders' defender during a Youth Services' football game Tuesday.

Raiders take advantage of Rams' offensive mistakes

Key turnovers significant in victory

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The Raiders marched down Blue Field time and time again during their game Tuesday to defeat the Rams, 32-0, in the 9- and 10-year-old division of Youth Services' football.

Their dominance began quickly as Raiders' tailback Roderick Pertillo exploded through the defense and carried the ball to the one-yard line.

"I found the holes in the defense," Pertillo said. "I ran faster once I got through the hole and gave a few stiff arms."

Although it was Raiders' quarterback Adam Rickard who took the ball in for the score and early 6-0 lead with a quarterback sneak, Pertillo was the workhorse of the drive.

The extra-point attempt fell short.

On the Rams first play from the line of scrimmage, there was a fumble during the exchange between the quarterback and running back, and Raiders' cornerback Jerome Brown recovered the ball on the Rams' 24-yard line.

"Our defense kicked in, but our offense wasn't all that great," said Raiders' coach Thurman Reynolds.

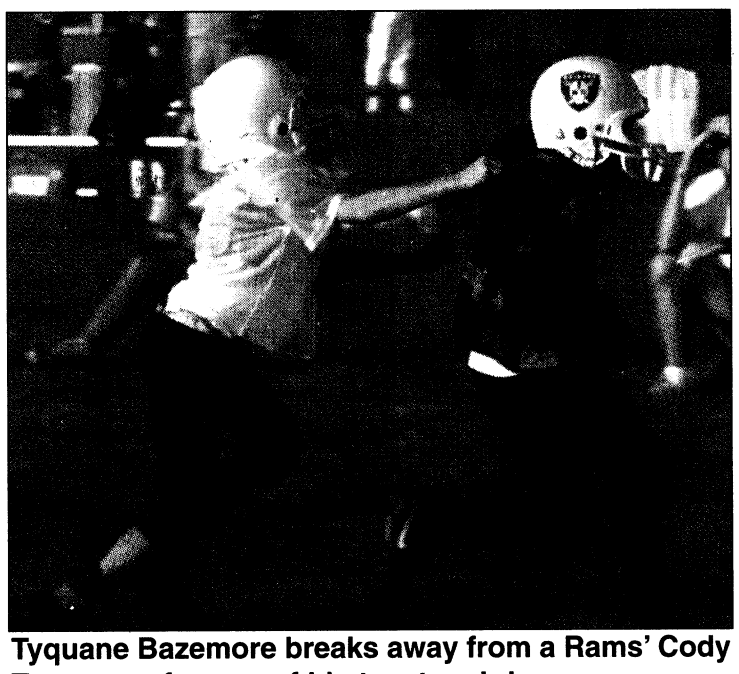
Or not. Raiders' tailbacks Tyquane Bazemore and Pertillo sliced through the Rams defense like a knife through butter.

While the Rams struggled to find their composure, the Raiders took advantage of four first half turnovers.

"Turnovers always help," Reynolds said. "Their offense was a little nervous and we rattled their cages early."

During the first half, the Raiders were nearly flawless and left the field at halftime with a 20-0 lead.

Yet the Rams would not be denied a moral victory.



Tyquane Bazemore breaks away from a Rams' Cody Torgerson for one of his two touchdowns.

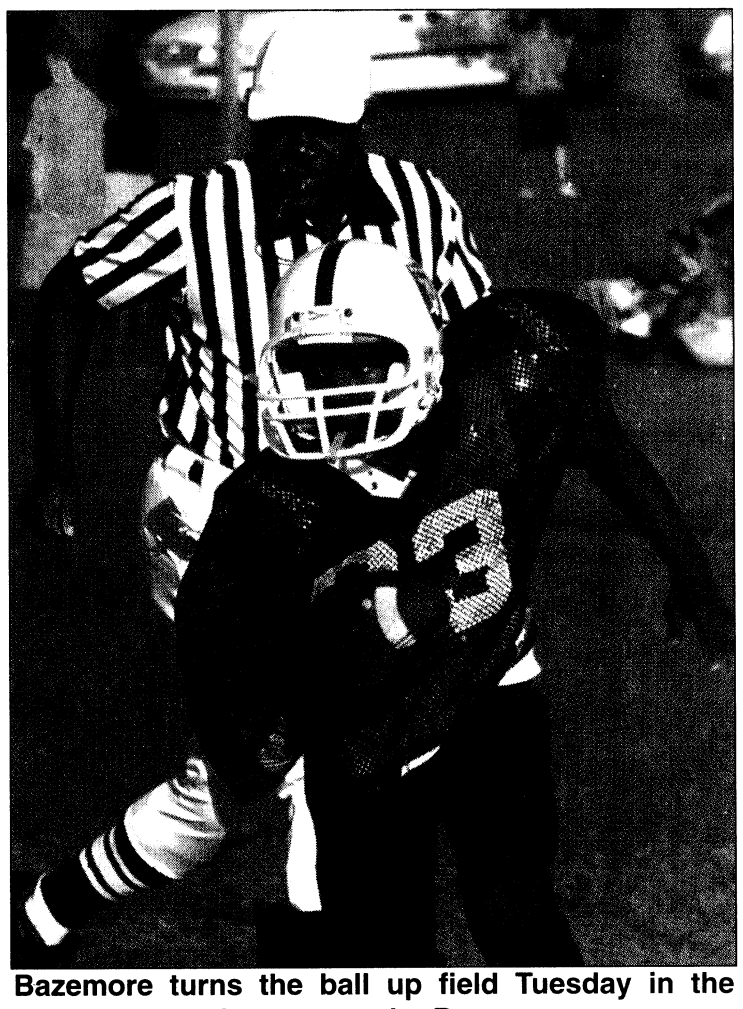
The Rams controlled the ball for most of the third quarter, and held the Raiders scoreless during that time. Instead of turning the ball over on fumbles in the second half, the Rams moved the chains.

The Rams showed resilience in their defense. Especially when Rams' cornerback Brandon Fields intercepted a Rickard pass in the right slot.

Still, the Rams couldn't recover from the enormous deficit.

Bazemore took the ball in for his second touchdown of the game to cap a 32-0 victory.

Pertillo finished with three touchdowns.



Bazemore turns the ball up field Tuesday in the Raiders' 32-0 victory over the Rams.

Briant Wells to transform to world-class fitness center

Wellness team begins health promotion process

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Briant Wells Field House is covering up the hardwood floor, raising its basketball hoops and transforming into a world-class facility.

The field house is in its preparation phase, the first of three phases to transform the facility into a fitness center capable of more uses and equipment for workouts that will be in full swing well into the next calender year.

Customer feedback is the reason the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School, Directorate of Community Activities and Martin Army Community Hospital formed a wellness team under the directive of the garrison commander, Col. Joe Torres, to improve the fitness centers on post.

"We have had extensive feedback from customers about our fitness facilities," said Al Gelineau, director of Community Activities.

In response to customer demands, the team chose Briant Wells as the site for transforming a facility on post to improve the fitness and quality of life needs of soldiers, family members, retirees and Department of the Army civilians, Gelineau said.

"After careful consideration, the team recommended Briant Wells to the garrison commander because of its location, high use, resources and historical significance," said Lt. Col. Bill Rieger, fitness school commander.

With the addition of an aerobics room and added equipment for resistance training and cardiovascular workouts, the center will provide optimum use to customers, Rieger said.

By remodeling the facility and adding world-class equipment and personal training programs, the fitness center will address the Army chief of staff's well-being concept for the Army, Rieger said.

The partnership of the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School, Directorate of Community Activities and Martin Army Community Hospital is unique to Fort Benning and provides an opportunity to deliver the lead concept for the Army, he said.

There will be more diverse equipment for soldiers to work on and a variety of different styles of training to meet the fitness needs of post personnel, Rieger said.

During the last phase, fitness programs will be available to people who seek to achieve personal goals, and professional instructors from the fitness school will be able to provide people with the proper feedback to maintain a safe fitness environment, Rieger said.

"Health promotion cannot be accomplished without education," Rieger said.

The resources and concepts are centralized to Fort Benning, Gelineau said.

Rieger said Fort Benning is fortunate to serve as the benchmark for wellness transformation.

The center is not scheduled to close any time during the transformation, Gelineau said.

Marksmen selected for World Cup

Shooters excel in South

Paula J. Randell Pagan
USAMU Public Affairs

Three Fort Benning soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit are among five other elite American shotgun athletes who have won coveted invitations to the 2002 International Shooting Sport Federation World Cup Final for trap, double trap and skeet in Lonato, Italy, USA Shooting announced Sept. 24.

Scheduled for Oct. 17-23, the ISSF World Cup Final is the climax of the world cup season, and only a very select list athletes who have won a medal in major international competition during 2002 are invited to compete.

Representing the United States in Lonato will be Sgt. 1st Class James Todd Graves, Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery and Sgt. William H. Keever of the Army Marksmanship Unit, as well as U.S. Air Force Maj. Dominic Grazioli of San Antonio, Texas, Lance Bade of Vancouver, Wash., Glenn Eller of Houston, Texas, Amanda Dorman of Peyton, Colo., and Kim Rhode of El Monte, Calif.

Graves was selected for winning the Gold Medal in Skeet at the Dominican Republic World Cup and a Silver Medal at the Sydney, Australia World Cup this year. Dulohery was chosen for his Silver Medal in Skeet at the Shanghai, China, World Cup, and Keever got the nod for his Bronze Medal in Double Trap at the World Cup in Suhl, Germany.

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Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

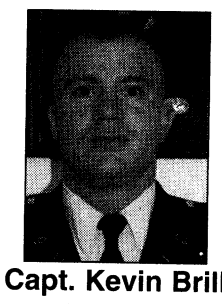
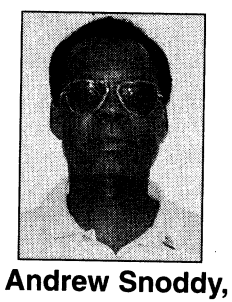
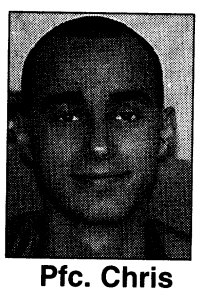
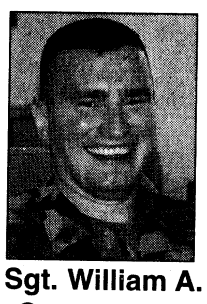
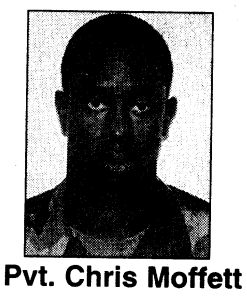
• International Practical Shooting Confederation World Shoot XIII, Pietersburg, South Africa, Sept. 16-20 — Action pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Julie A. Goloski took fourth place in the Women's Division and Spc. Maxient J. Michel finished in 10th place overall out of 875 competitors.

Michel was also a member of the four-man U.S. Team that won the Gold Medal, and Goloski, as part of the four-woman U.S. Team, got the Silver Medal in the team competitions.

• U.S. Practical Shooting Association Race Gun Nationals, Bend, Ore., Aug. 24-29 — Michel finished third overall out of 432 competitors as well as winning the Junior Division and Military Division.

Goloski took third place in both the Women's Division and Military Division.

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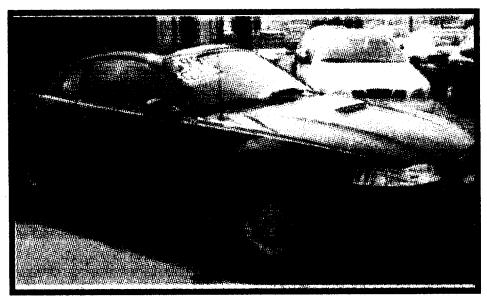
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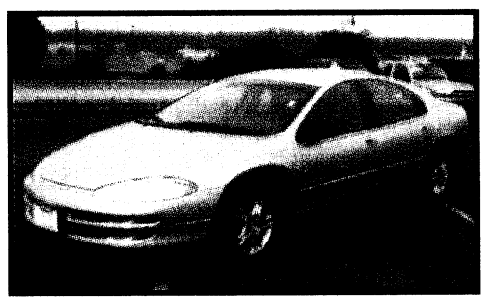
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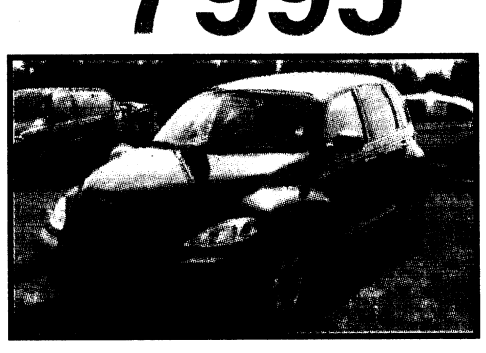
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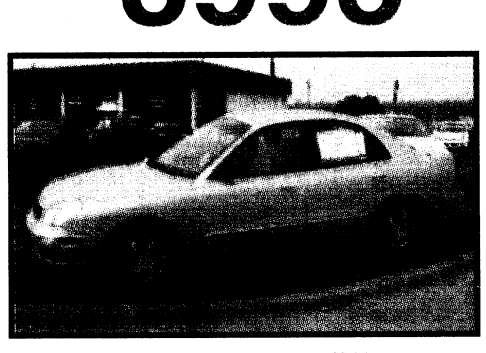
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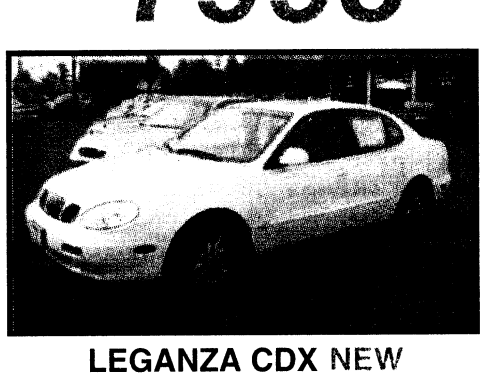
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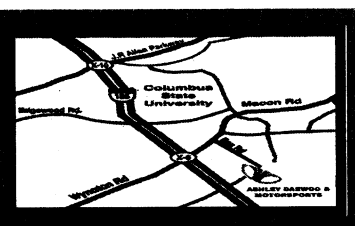


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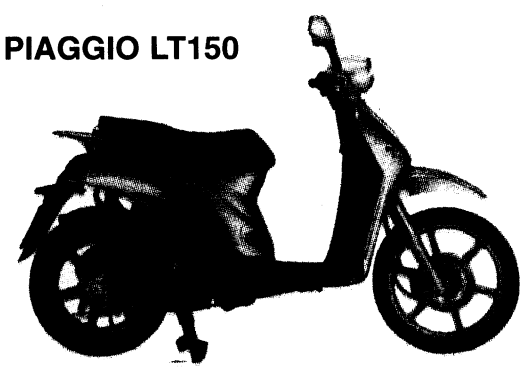


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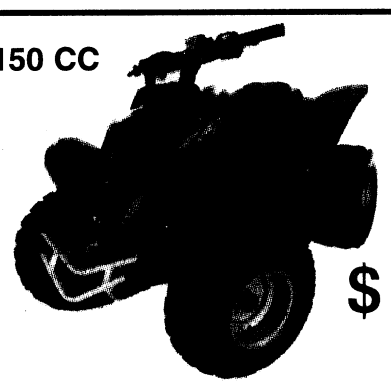


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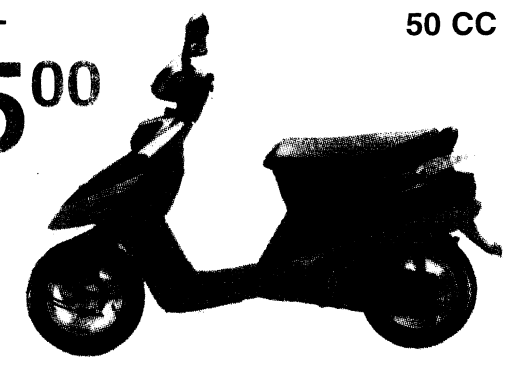


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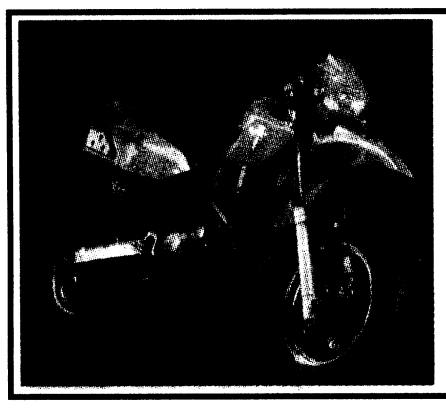
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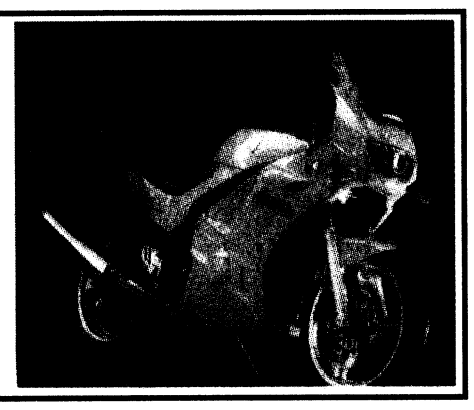


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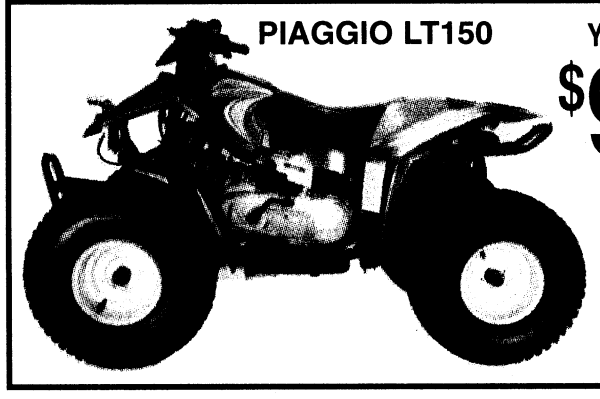
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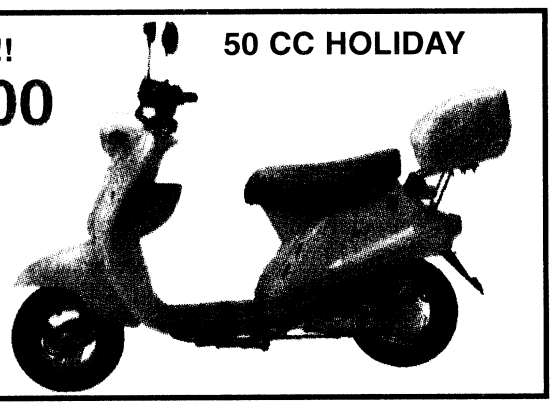


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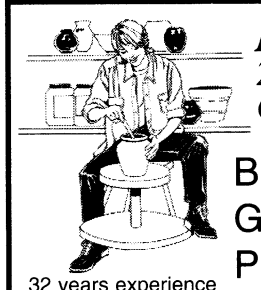
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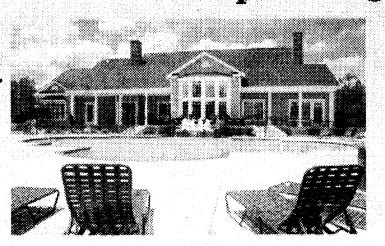
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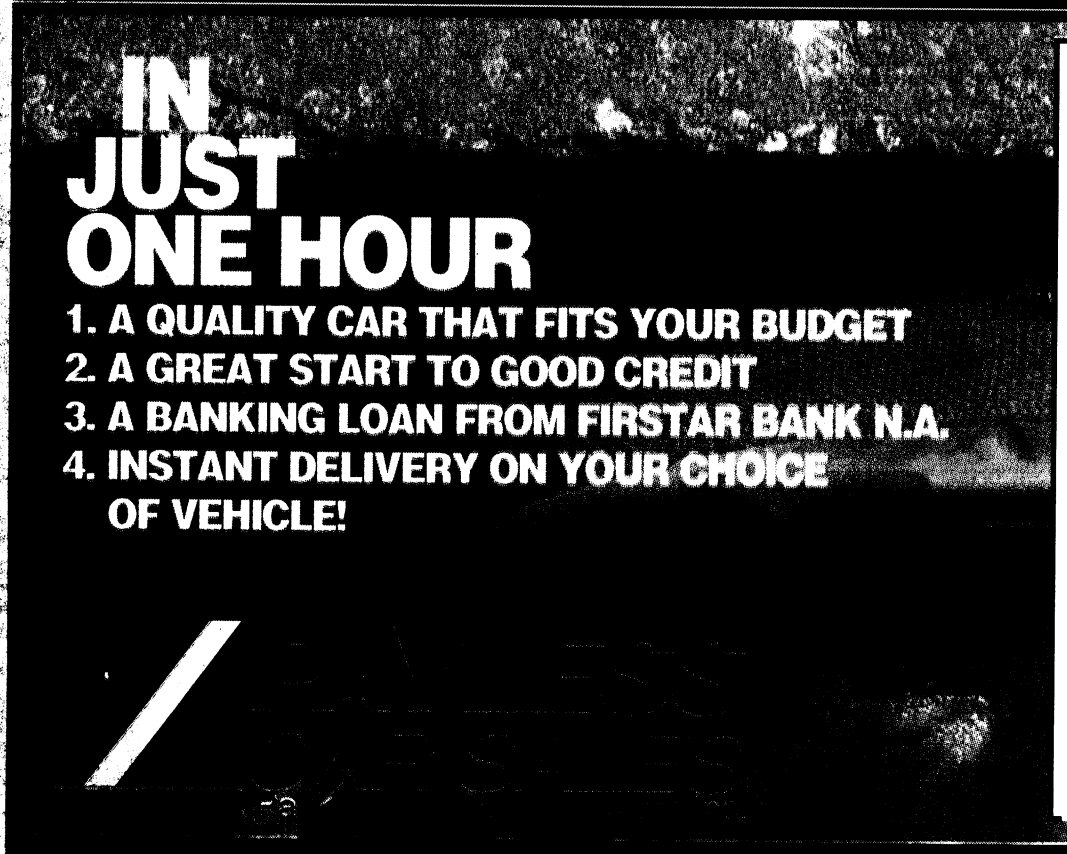
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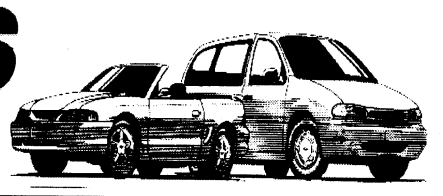


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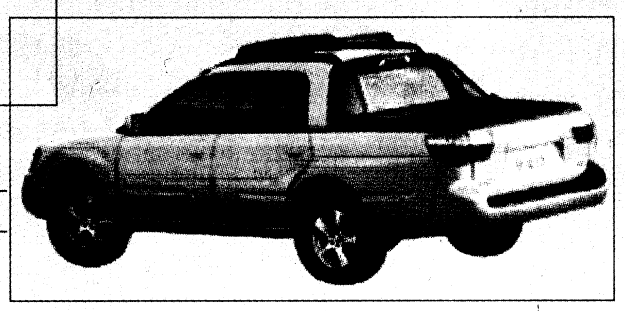
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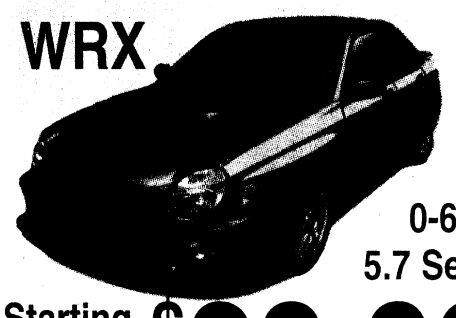
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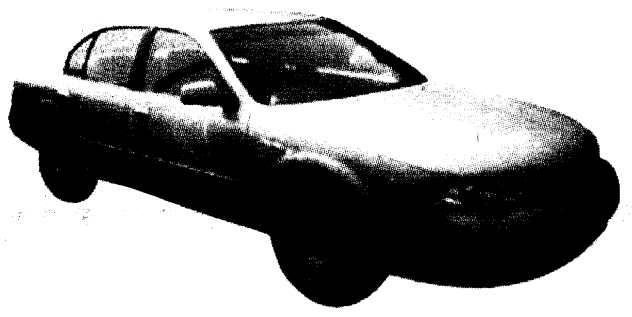
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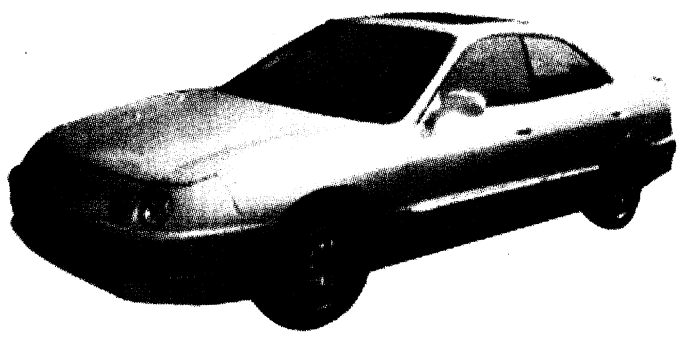
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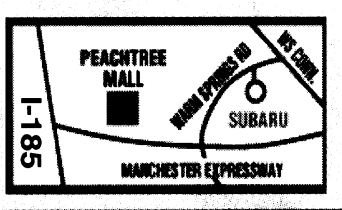
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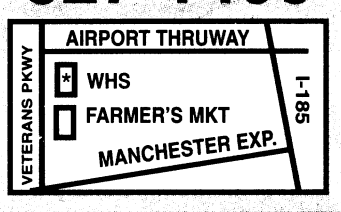
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Consumers that thought they needed thousands in cash for a down payment in order to get low monthly payments are being pleasantly surprised this weekend at Rivertown Ford. All that's needed is a $49 acquisition fee to drive home a new or used vehicle today.

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Why would a car dealer arrange financing to make this $49 Acquisition sale possible? Williams explains, "Our allocation of 2003 models will depend in part on how many new and used vehicles we can deliver in the next two weeks. The more we sell, the more we'll get. We've decided to sacrifice profits in an effort to really push our sales volume to the maximum."

Williams speaks from experience when describing his expectations for this event. "By finding a lender that allows us to deliver new and used vehicles with just a $49 acquisition sale fee, we think we're really going to see a big increase in deliveries between now and 8 PM Saturday night. When we've done this sale in the past, it's always been one of our biggest. It's really a win-win situation for everybody... we'll sell a record number of vehicles, and our customers will get some great bargains."

"We've decided to sacrifice profit to really push our sales volume to the maximum."

Because the special funds that make this offer possible are only valid through 8PM Saturday night, customers are encouraged to get here early for the best selection.

Sale absolutely ends Saturday at 8PM and the exclusive location is Rivertown Ford at 1680 Whittlesey Road, across from Hollywood Connection, off Bradley Park in Columbus. Call 706-653-7420 for more information.

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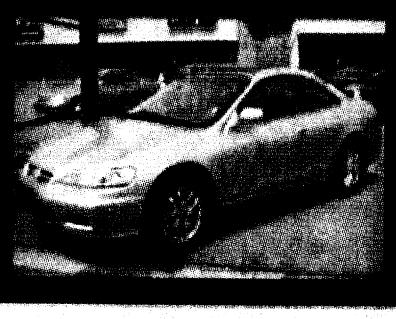
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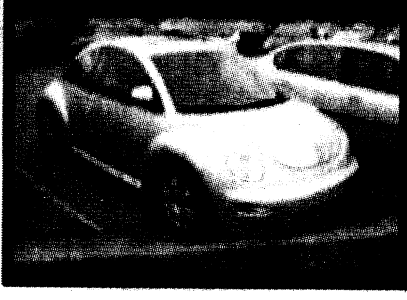
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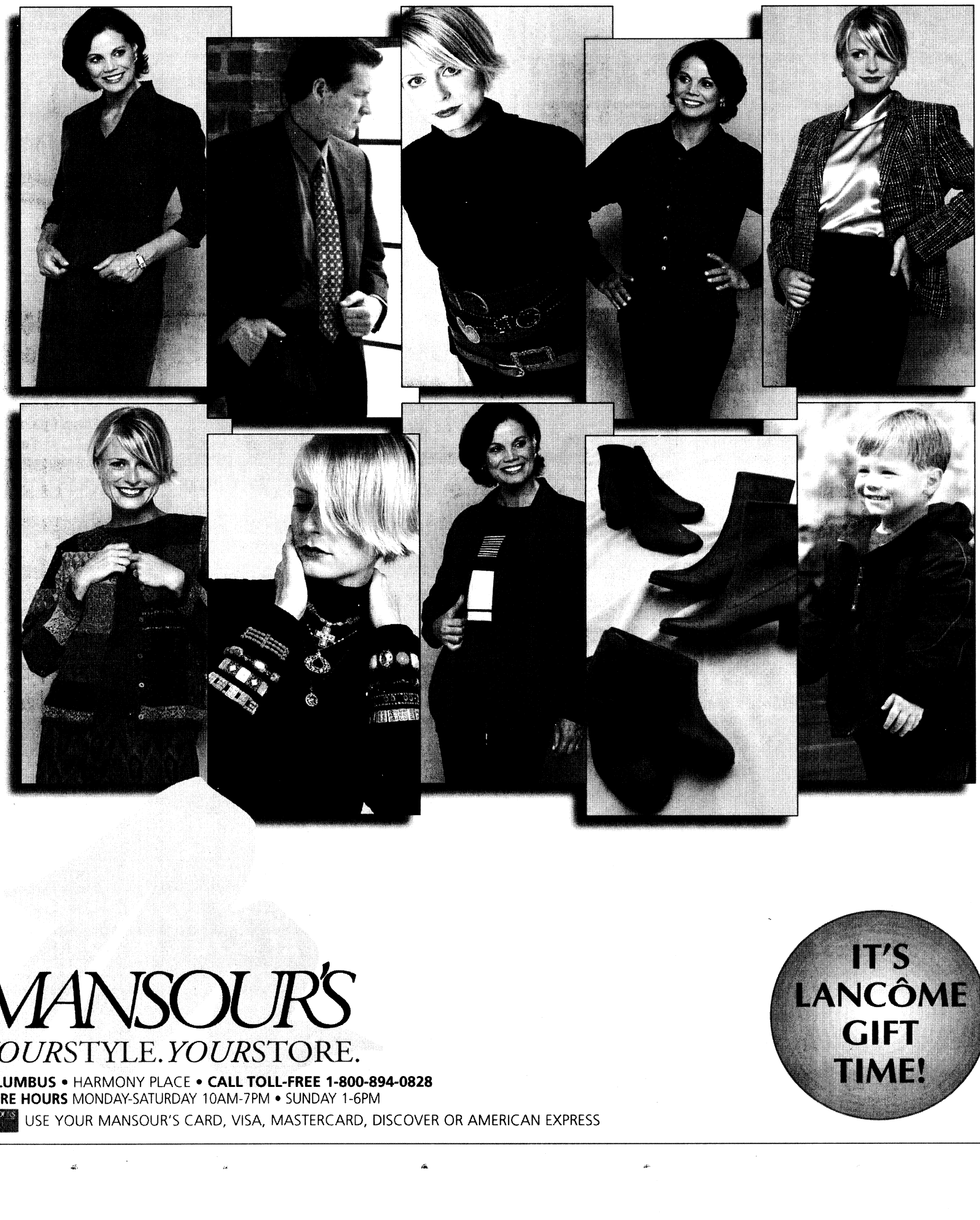
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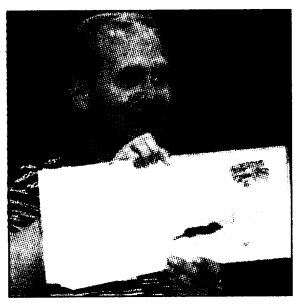
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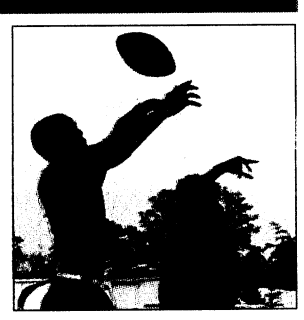
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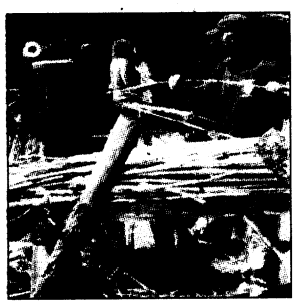
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New Army agency activated

Agency focuses on garrison functions

Melissa House
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The Army Installation Management Agency opened its headquarters Oct 1. in Arlington, Va. The centralized agency, part of the Transformation Installation Management program, is designed to manage Army installations and distribute funds for soldiers and their families.

In his speech at the IMA agency activation, Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White said the transformation effort represents the Army's commitment to people, readiness and transformation.

"Fort Benning is a very unique installation. We do everything here. We are probably the best example of a cross-section of Army units."

Chuck Walls
Garrison manager

The program is essential to providing standards of support for soldiers and families and the Army's ability to project power globally from installations, and has never been more important than it is today, White said.

As part of the transformation, the agency will standardize the level of service and quality of life for soldiers and families by giving all city management tasks to the

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Soldiers make progress

Community rallies behind local project

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If you build it, they will come.

Anyone who saw the original state of the Officer Candidate School monument site on groundbreaking day knew that the candidates of Class 6-02 had their work cut out for them. To turn their "field of dreams" into reality would not only require hours of labor by the candidates, but also a tireless fund-raising effort.

Much of the money and materials needed to build the $150,000 memorial have come from donations.

At the center of the memorial site is a laser-engraved monument, honoring three OCS graduates killed Sept. 11, 2001.

Laser Imaging of Lebanon, Ohio, a company with one of only three lasers in the country that can etch the granite, waived the $20,000 etching fee.

"The actual stone should be here by Friday, said William Trevathan, class vice-president.

"Only one guy in the class will look at it before the dedication."

Photographer Gregg Brown, who gave the candidates permission to use his photograph, "Fallen Hope" on the stone, is scheduled to attend the dedication.

The greater Columbus community has also rallied in support of the memorial project in a most generous way.

"Biff Hadden and the Greater Columbus Chamber of Commerce have been outstanding," said Senior Officer Candidate Paul Ramsey, class president.



Melissa House

Class vice-president William Trevathan waters new sod at the OCS memorial site Wednesday.

"Lowe's has been one of their biggest supporters," said Capt. Cecil Henry, OCS company commander.

"Lowe's basically provided us with whatever we needed," Trevathan said. Trevathan estimates that Lowe's donated more than $9,000 in materials for the project.

"With the current crisis in the Middle East, this dedication couldn't happen at a better time," Trevathan said. "We have invited all of our sponsors, and we hope they will be able to come and see the finished project."

The monument will be dedicated along the Riverwalk near Oxbow Meadows at 10 a.m. Oct. 14.

Soldier dies in crash

1-10 F.A. NCO leaves behind three children

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

A 34-year soldier from 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment, died in a motorcycle crash Tuesday.

Staff Sgt. Willie L. Robinson Jr., battalion communications NCO, was traveling from Kelley Hill to the Main Mall Post Exchange on Marne Road when he lost control of his bike, hit the back of a slowing vehicle and flew into oncoming traffic. He died at the scene. He was wearing a helmet and other required protective clothing.

The memorial service was yesterday at Kelley Hill Chapel.

"He was always upbeat and didn't let things get him down," said Staff Sgt. Mario Money, battalion schools NCO. "One of his mottos was, 'Life could always get worse — if you let it. He didn't."

Robinson joined the military in 1987. He arrived on Fort Benning in February from 1st Battalion, 15th Field Artillery, in Korea.

Robinson made his mark at the battalion during his short time here, and his fellow soldiers will miss him, Money said. As part of the battalion's rear detachment that faced a tight budget, the NCO and his fellow soldiers benefited from Robinson's coordination with other units to gain mission necessities.

Robinson is survived by his daughters, Aye-Ren, 4, Amarii, 6, and son, Brandon, 13. His mother and father, Johnnie and Willie Sr., live in South Carolina.

The accident is under investigation.

Sweet hope on way to store near you

Sugar substitute kills bacteria, protects teeth

Bridgett Siter
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In a perfect world, sugar would be a health food. In a not-so-perfect world, there are substitutes.

Fort Benning's top dentist believes one artificial sweetener is not only a safe alternative to sugar, but a healthy one as well. Col. Robert Lutka, commander of the U.S. Army Dental Activity, would like to see it added to MREs and sundry packs.

Xylitol, a naturally occurring sugar alcohol, kills the bacteria that cause cavities. Military dentists have been prescribing it for more than 10 years. Now Lutka is spearheading a joint-service initiative to have xylitol products stocked on commissary shelves and issued for all deployable military personnel.

Research shows that chewing gum with xylitol three times a day for 30 days increases cavity protection for as long as six months after it's discontinued, even without regular brushing, Lutka said, and that has "great implications for any soldier who deploys and can't brush regularly or for anyone with a history of tooth decay."

Canada and European countries have been using xylitol in candies, gums, foods, beverages, nasal sprays and cosmetics for years with incredible results, Lutka said. Not only is it marketed as a dental aid, it's also shown to reduce inner ear infections by 40 percent, help prevent skin infections, assist in treating cystic fibrosis symptoms and reduce sinus infections. European researchers are currently studying its potential to treat glaucoma and reduce muscle tissue breakdown after strenuous exercise.

"When you factor in all that (xylitol) does and all that it has the potential to do, and the fact that it has no negative side affects, it's safe to say this is the best alternative sweetener, hands down."

Robert Lutka
U.S. Army Dental Activity commander

Xylitol also increases the body's absorption of calcium and is synergistic with fluoride, Lutka said.

"By themselves, they're both great products. Together, they're even better. They actually increase each other's effectiveness," he said. "When you factor in all that (xylitol) does and all that it has the potential to do, and the fact that it has no negative side affects, it's safe to say this is the best alternative sweetener, hands down."

Xylitol is considered a food additive, not a drug, and was therefore met with little enthusiasm when it was introduced in 1976 to a U.S. market already inundated with sugar substitutes. It found a modest market with diabetics, because it can be used as an effective energy source without insulin. But most Americans simply weren't interested in another sweetener, particularly

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COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN

Money for everyone

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

For anyone who just crawled out from under a rock and the guy who jogs on the Manchester Expressway median, we are in the midst of the Combined Federal Campaign.

By now you've probably been contacted by your key person and were given the 20 and a half page booklet that lists 130 agencies that will gladly accept your donations.

That's a lot of organizations to peruse, but as a public service I did so. I'd like to tell you what I think about several of the organizations, but being politically correct, I can't.

However, I have selected a few that sums up the width and breadth of CFC.

Starting with the letter Z, we find the Zigen Fund. Who can guess what that funds? Why it promotes education, social and economic development (I think all charities do that) in rural China. Don't ask me how they plan to get there and get past the communists, but it's there for you.

Speaking of China, there's the Tibet Fund. While I have no reason to support the exiled Dali Lama or even the people over there, I do like the fact they only spend 1.6 percent on admin costs.

By the way, my rule of thumb is — if the amount they spend on administration is in the double digits, I go on to the next charity.

For instance, I'd love to donate to the Center for Military Readiness. It sounds like they believe in the same things I do — military readiness. But they spend a whopping 44.7 percent of their income on self-aggrandizement.

Probably the most pessimistic fund out there is the Zero Population Growth. They believe in one person, one replacement. I don't think we should go overboard with children, but I also believe there's enough room and resources to take care of future generations.



One that caught my eye was Help Abolish Legal Tyranny. I can't think of any legal tyranny right off hand, so I guess they're doing a good job and can abolish themselves.

Then there's the SETI Fund. This of course rhymes with Yeti which stands for abominable snowman and the search for both is about the same except SETI does its searching in space. It stands for Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence.

My vote is to search for intelligence here on this planet.

I found one that I thought offered Dolphins scholarships, then found out it was just the name of a fund to give scholarships to family members of submariners.

The Baseball Hall of Fame is asking for your donation. I thought they charged admission. And besides, it's one of those double digit, 34.9 percent, organizations.

And next thing I know federations supporting rugby, chess, fencing, badminton, baseball, boxing, cycling, racquetball, waterpolo, weight lifting and wrestling are looking for our money.

There's also an organization called English First. They say bilingualism has failed, it doesn't work. Yeah, I know we Americans go to other countries and expect people to speak English, but we don't care enough to learn another language to reciprocate.

Hey, how about Ally Cat Allies. I wonder if these are the people who put up fences in alleys for the cats to sing on. And then there are the Vegans (no not witches) who are against eating meat. I guess they're afraid we'll eat our pets. Yuck.

Again, there are more off the wall organizations listed, but I don't want to get the Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting folks (another fund) after me, so I'll skip them.

I will tell you though, to keep your head from spinning and to get your money where it will do some good, pick some of the local organizations that you are familiar with.

The 9001 Fund for Fort Benning Soldier and Family Support Association happens to jump readily to mind.

It supports our youth and handicap programs, our chaplains' enlisted outreach, lending closet, food locker and the like.

I'm also partial to the Oxbow Meadows Environmental Learning Center. I believe we need to support the environment and while there are tons of other organizations out there that claim to do the same, such as the green people, reef people, the surfers, etc., at least with Oxbow I can see my money at work.

I can say this, no matter how esoteric your passions are, there's a charity out there waiting for your money. So when the key person comes along dig deep. If a soldier who just graduated from the Basic Airborne Course can pledge $1,200, I think the rest of us can come up with some dollars of our own.

Housing explains foster care, adoption policy

Foster care and adoption issues can and do get confusing when applied to on-post housing.

These are two separate and distinct issues which, unfortunately, are often used interchangeably by off-post state agencies.

It is important for interested soldiers to clarify the terms with the state agency they are working with and ask them to provide a memorandum or letter of the proposed action for use by on-post activities that may require documentation.

Children placed in a home in anticipation of legal adoption by the service member may be considered the member's dependent for purposes of many benefits, including housing.

Children placed in the home solely as part of a foster care program do not qualify as "dependents," and as such, are not entitled to most military benefits, including medical care under Tricare, the use of the commissary and post exchange, and are likely not entitled to enrollment in on-post schools. Additionally, since foster care children are not considered dependents under the housing regulations, their presence does not entitle the member to additional housing space.

As such, foster care is generally not permitted in on-post government housing. Under Army Regulation 210-50, para 3-17, the installation commander may approve written requests for 'other than family members' to reside in government quarters if he finds that it is equitable and will not adversely impact the health, safety, morale or welfare of the installation.

In general, foster care living arrangements will not meet this test.

First, the sponsor will be unable to effectively provide the necessary care for the children in many instances because of the lack of medical care and school facilities, and because the quarters may be too small with the additional individuals.

Additionally, since foster parents are usually compensated, their actions can be construed as a home-based business operation. Because of these factors, approving foster care arrangements without close scrutiny can create an incentive to volunteer as a foster family here on post that is not necessarily in the best interest of the child or the command.

Children who are legally adopted (including a child placed in the home of the sponsor by a placement agency for the purpose of adoption) are, by definition, dependents of the soldier.

This status permits the children to reside on-post when accompanied by the appropriate legal documents.

Soldiers considering adoption should inform the Family Housing Office of their plans (Meloy Hall, Building 6, Room 121 or call 545-2990).

The paperwork should include all legal documents indicating the children have been adopted or are pending adoption. Soldiers considering foster care should submit a written plan and an exception to policy request through Family Housing to the garrison commander.

When approved, the family should update the new family members on their family housing applications to ensure they do not encounter problems when using post facilities or enrolling in programs.

— Housing Division

LETTERS

Spencer's layettes available through Red Cross

Earlier this year, Spencer's Children's Clothing Company formed a partnership with the American Red Cross to provide complete infant layette sets to the families of American soldiers.

The program allows a service member who deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to request a gift set for his or her child born after Sept. 11, 2001. Eligible deployments include the Caucus Region (Afghanistan, Uzbekistan and Pakistan), Kuwait, the Philippines and Saudi Arabia (PSAB). The program expanded to include military personnel deployed to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba — a large number of whom went from Fort Benning.

The layettes include a variety of infant apparel appropriate for the size, age and gender of each baby receiving the gift. Several who have received the gift set have said they were impressed by the number of items in the package, and they were most touched by an enclosed note that thanked them for their many sacrifices made in support of our nation's freedom.

The Fort Benning station of the American Red Cross hopes to help many more families in this community receive their gift sets. The program is retroactive to Sept. 11, 2001. To request a layette, contact the American Red Cross at 545-5194.

— Joan Horning and Denise Clark
Fort Benning Station American Red Cross

Postman says thanks

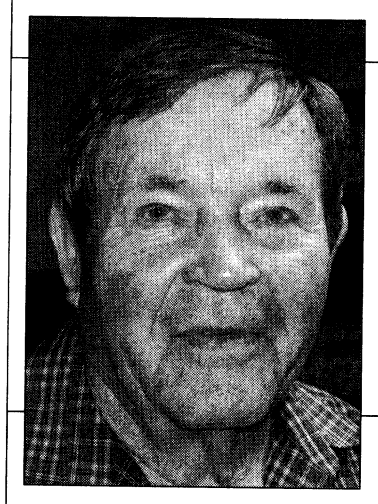
I would personally like to take a minute to thank a certain kind of people. They are the soldiers and spouses on Fort Benning. I am a letter carrier for the United States Postal Service. Sometimes during the heat of 100 degrees plus, I was greeted very often with a cold glass of water in hand, I was asked or given cold Gatorade, PowerAde or a cold soda numerous times.

I was even asked if I wanted to eat lunch or take a snack with me. I've shared cake from birthday parties and other snacks from graduation parties. Fort Benning soldiers and spouses are truly one of a kind people, so I just want to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Thank you!

— Charlie McGurk
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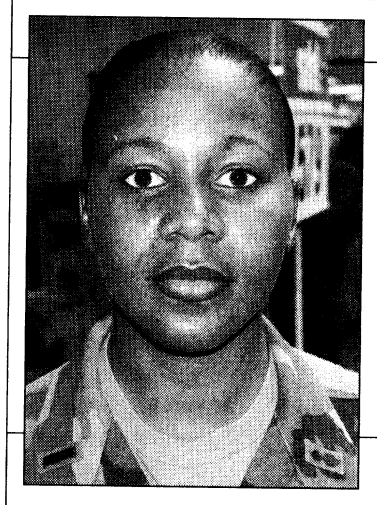
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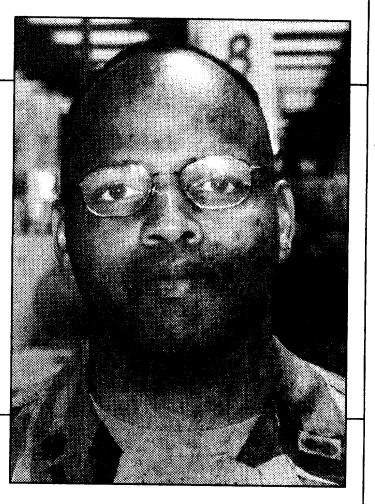
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Spc. Stephanie Belue, 104th Transportation Company — "I contribute to help the organizations that try to make the world a better place."



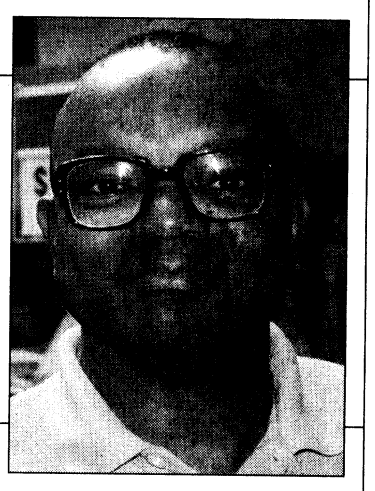
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Lt. Col. Dennis Turnage, CONUS Replacement Center — "I like to help those who need help when they need it most."



Evelyn Ness, family member — "I like to help people. There are so many organizations that need help, and it's great to give a helping hand."



Chaplain (Capt.) Sandy McLean, 352nd Corps Support Battalion — "The money that I contribute goes back to soldiers and their families. It's the best way to help those who help me."

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Fall Fest to come to Fort Benning

First annual event features much for many

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It wouldn't be Georgia in October without an oompah band.

Or a volksmarch.

Or a beer garden.

Or maybe it's just someone's idea of how to have a good time.

Fort Benning's inaugural "Fall Fest" will be at Wetherby Field Thursday through Oct. 20 and will feature a carnival, fest tent, beer garden, volksmarch, live music, Kiddie Corner, and, of course, great food.

"The Soldier Show (Wednesday) is tied in to the Fall Fest, too," said Georganna Rapaport, Directorate of Community Activities marketing assistant.

The show, a 90-minute live revue at Wetherby Field, starts at 7:30 p.m.

The U.S. Army Soldier Show features talented active-duty soldiers from throughout the Army.

The show is created in only six weeks, and then the cast goes on tour for 100 performances in six months.

"We have wanted to do the Fest for a long time," said Brian Smith, Directorate of Community Activities marketing director. "Since this will be the first stateside outdoor Soldier Show, we knew that it was critical to have an outdoor event along with it. This is going to be an interesting event. And it is happening at a pretty time of the year."

Among the featured events is The Infantry Band on duty as the "oompah" band Oct. 19.

"We will play traditional German festival "beer" music," said bandmaster Chief Warrant Officer Paul Clark.

"This music is new for some of our newer band members," Clark said. "But if you ever toured with an Army band in Germany, your main public relations events were playing at various Oktoberfests."

Staff Sgt. Mark Hedges said the band has had some practice with the music, playing for the German liaison officer for Benning and for the German liaison at Maxwell Air Force Base.

For those who enjoy healthy activities, a 10K Volksmarch will kick off at 9 a.m. Oct 19 at Wetherby Field. Walkers can pay the $5 registration fee the morning of the march or ahead of time at the Sports Branch Office at Briant Wells Fieldhouse.

Each participant will receive a Volksmarch medal at the finish. Leashed pets are also welcome.

Since this is the first year for the event, organizers aren't exactly sure what the attendance numbers will be. Smith and Rapaport are hoping to draw big crowds by putting out a lot of information about the event to the community.

"We are certain that we will do this again next year and do it even better," Smith said.

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Fall Festival on Fort Benning:

- Thursday - Open 4-10 p.m., Karaoke, 6-10 p.m.
- Friday, Oct. 18 - Open noon-midnight, "Big Woody and the Splinters" live, 8 p.m. - midnight
- Saturday, Oct. 19 - Open 10:30 a.m. – midnight, Volksmarch, 9 a.m.-noon, Karaoke, 1-6 p.m., Barnes & Noble Reading Corner, 2, 3 and 4 p.m., The Infantry Band concert, 7 - 9 p.m., "Bachelor Red" live, 9 – midnight
- Sunday, Oct. 20 - Open noon – 6 p.m., Carnival Wrist Band Day! $10, "The Cavaliers" live, 2-6 p.m.

'Three amigos' come together after 22 years

Platoon members reunite

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

For many soldiers, making the Army a career will bring many friendships. However, with frequent permanent changes of station, it's rare to see soldiers stationed together only once or twice in their careers who are able to extend those friendships even further.

Col. Thomas Cole, Basic Combat Training Brigade commander, Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Greenway, BCTB command sergeant major and Post Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso took the odds and threw them out the window.

It all started at Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga., as part of the 1st Battalion (Ranger), 75th Infantry Regiment, in 1980. Cole was a platoon leader, Kelso was a squad leader, and Greenway was a team leader in the company. Kelso and Greenway met a few months before being assigned to the unit.

"I was going through the Ranger Indoctrination Program, and Kelso was one of the instructors," Greenway said. "I remember my first real contact with him was when he threw me out of a CH-47 helicopter."

Out of RIP, all were together in the platoon. While there, they became like brothers.

"You only have one life to live," Greenway said. "You have to make the most of it and develop those friendships that you will keep through your lifetime."

"You only hope that one day your paths will cross again," Kelso said.

In 1992, Kelso's and Greenway's paths collided. While working in RIP, Greenway ended up meeting a new first sergeant in the regiment.

"Lo and behold, it was Kelso as I came to find out," Greenway said. "It was nice to see him again."

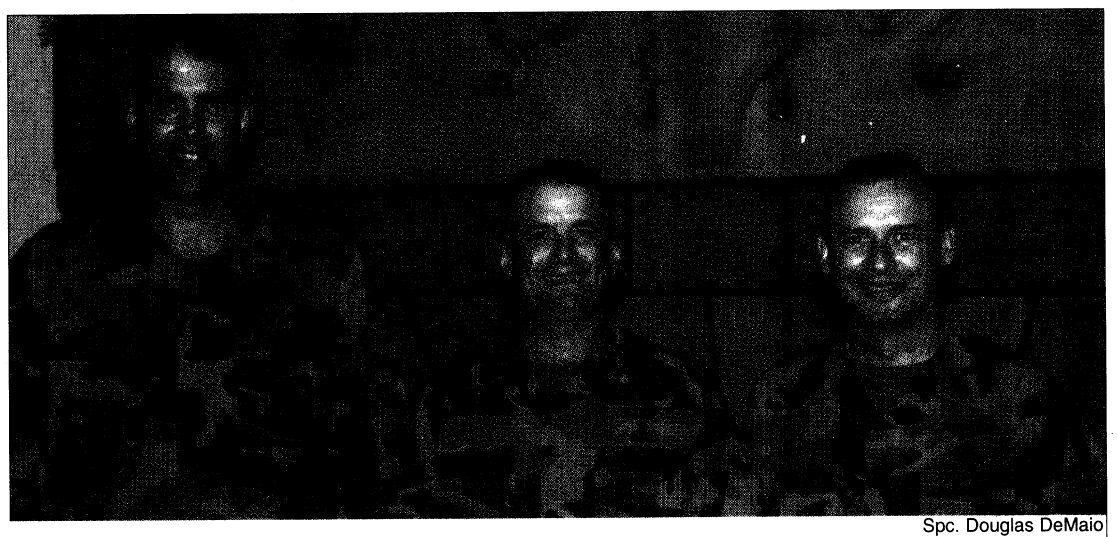
Again, changes in duty stations separated the two.

In 1996, Cole crossed paths with Kelso again at Fort Richardson, Alaska, as part of the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment.

"It was unusual to see Cole again," Kelso said. "Somehow our paths crossed, and I ended up being his battalion command sergeant major while he was the battalion commander."

Finally the paths of the three reached an ultimate high on Fort Benning.

"It's funny how many years ago back at first battalion we would have never fathomed that 22 years later, we'd be brigade commander, brigade command sergeant major and post command sergeant major on the same post at the same time," Kelso said. "It's weird how things work out."



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Greenway, left, Col. Thomas Cole and Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso pose for a picture Tuesday at the Officers' Club.

The relationship of the three goes beyond just that at work.

"We've always been great friends, and we'll always be great friends," Greenway said. "We're grateful for each other, and we'll never take that for granted."

"We've watched each other's children grow up, and we've seen each other's children get married," Cole said. "It's a lifetime experience, and I wouldn't trade it for anything in the world."

"I would share a foxhole with both Greenway and Cole," Kelso said. "I know I've got their back, and they've got mine. We're a 'Band of Brothers.'"

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Soldier Show coming to Fort Benning

Variety show to be performed at Wetherby Field

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The 2002 U.S. Army Soldier Show is coming to Fort Benning to entertain soldiers and their families with an hour-and-a-half singing and dancing extravaganza.

"Freedom" is the theme of this years show, and soldiers will perform 7:30 p.m. Wednesday on Wetherby Field. Admission and parking are free.

"I've seen every Soldier Show for the past 10 years, and I've always enjoyed it," said Jim Shoemaker, program manager with Morale Welfare and Recreation.

The Soldier Show is a high-energy, live musical review showcasing the talents of active-duty soldiers who are selected by audition from throughout the Army, according to the Soldier Show Web site. They are amateur artists who have a passion for music, dance and performing. The gates open at 6:30 p.m. People are welcome to bring blankets or lawn chairs

"There's always something for everyone," said Sally Ghent, administration officer, Community Recreation Division, Directorate of Community Activities. "They sing gospel, pop, country — there's a little bit of everything.

"Families are invited, and I don't think anyone will be disappointed."

> "They sing gospel, pop, country — there's a little bit of everything."
> **Sally Ghent**
> Community Recreation Division

The modern version of the show originated in 1983 as an outgrowth of several soldier shows existing in various Army commands with soldier talent selected from worldwide competition, according to the Web site.

The soldiers will perform on a 60-foot stage.

There will be a "jumbotron" type screen so even the people in the back will be able to see, Shoemaker said.

For more information, visit www.armymwr.com/portal/recreation/entertainment/armysoldiershow/.

POWs visit post, rekindle memories of war

Group celebrates freedom

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

More than 40 World War II prisoners of war toured Fort Benning during a reunion Oct. 4 more than 57 years after being liberated.

POWs of Oflag 64, an officers' prison camp in northern Poland, spent the day touring Harmony Church, airborne training and the Officers' Club.

"I thought Fort Benning would be a great place to go and rekindle some memories," said Bill Warthen from Vidalia, Ga., organizer of Oflag 64's 2002 reunion. "Some of these men haven't been back here since they left for war."

Marv Chevalier of Coralville, Iowa, hasn't seen Fort Benning since he left in 1943. Chevalier remembers how he valued his training.

"I really didn't see much of the post while I was here," Chevalier said. "I stayed here three months and kept my nose to the grindstone."

Chevalier said the training was necessary and important to learn so he could survive the war, he said.

Poland's winter weather was extremely cold, he said. Food was sparse.

Opened in December 1942, most of the POWs held at Oflag 64 were captured in Africa, from the 1st Armored Division and 1st Infantry Div.

Joseph Barrett, captured during the invasion of Italy, spent 26 months in the camp.

He remembers how the Germans would try to spread propaganda to the POWs, but the group was able to build a radio, known as the bird, and monitor world news, which was a big morale booster, he said.

The camp was a 19th century boys school. One of the camp's building was a three-story white library.

It was on the third floor of "The White House" the POW leadership organized lookouts for "goons," German prison guards, so they could hide and listen to the radio.

"Each night the bird would sing," Barrett said.

The news was passed through the camp, keeping the prisoners informed of the war's progress.

"It was vital for morale," said Bob O'Neill from Scottsdale, Ariz. "It kept the Germans in check."

They couldn't get away with telling lies, O'Neill said.

"We knew from the news we heard on the radio that they were lying to us," he said.

On the morning of Jan. 21, 1945, 1,300 POWs were escorted from the compound, while others hid in tunnels the POWs built for an escape, Warthen said.

While the German guards were busy with escorting the prisoners, others began to escape, Kellahan said.

The rest of the POWs traveled to either Luckenwalde or Hammelburg, Germany, where they were liberated in the spring of 1945.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Bob O'Neill, above, spent three weeks at Oflag 64 before escaping to Russia.

POWs of the Oflag 64 organization were spread throughout Europe and Asia, Kellahan said. All the men of the Oflag 64 made their way back to America in 1945.

In 1947, a group of Oflag 64 POWs started informal meetings, Barrett said, forming the nucleus of the Oflag 64 organization.

The annual reunions became a way to celebrate their lasting freedom.

The reunion was exciting and successful, Warthen said. It reminded the group of what brought them together, the struggle for survival and American freedom.

Xylitol: Protects teeth, bones, fights infections

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one that cost up to 10 times as much as others.

But the Navy took note of early research and began prescribing xylitol to sailors to prevent cavities. The other services soon followed. By the early 90s, xylitol products, gums, toothpastes and mints, were standard treatment in the services' efforts to control cavities and gum disease.

Xylitol products were reintroduced in the U.S. a few years ago, with better results. Gums, like Carefree Koolerz, Nicorette and Starbucks, and candies, like SMINTs and Victoria's Secret Mints, can be purchased through established outlets, like Wal-Mart, Target, Starbucks and Victoria's Secret. Xylitol, which is as sweet as sugar with one-third the calories and no aftertaste, can now be purchased in granular form in most health food stores.

Lutka believes the demand for xylitol products is increasing and will continue to increase as more and more consumers become aware of its potential and its endorsement by the National Institute of Health last year. He'd like to see more xylitol products "readily available for all servicemen and women and their families in every PX, BX, every AAFES outlet and every DECA store out there."

And he's not alone.

Gail Cooke calls herself "a believer." Lutka introduced her to xylitol-based gum nine months ago.

"I've been plagued with sinus infections all my life," said Cooke, the DENTAC administrative officer. "I've suffered from sinus infections as much as 10 times a year, and since I have chronic asthma as well, the infection often caused more serious lung infections.

"I was on the last, strongest antibiotic the doctor could prescribe. So I figured I had nothing to lose, I started trying the gum. And I have not had one infection since. It's amazing."

Lutka believes it's just a matter of time before xylitol products are available on post. Marketers have "shown an interest," he said, as have AAFES and DECA officials. Until then, Lutka said consumers may have to look closely to spot products that contain xylitol.

Some, like Arm & Hammer Advance White and V6 Dental Chews, are marketed in the dental care section, but others can be found throughout the store. Some Atkins Diet Advantage Bars contain xylitol, and Hersheys Carefree Koolerz Gum can be found "right beside the Bubblicious," Lutka said.

"Forget everything your dentist ever told you about chewing gum," Lutka said. "And if you don't want to chew, find a mint or candy that suits you. Ask your grocer to stock it or go to a health food store, but don't wait for it to come to you."

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Xylitol is a naturally occurring sugar alcohol found in plums, strawberries, raspberries and certain hardwoods. The human body produces up to two grams of it each day.

It was discovered in 1861 and introduced as a sugar substitute during World War II.

Spoon for spoon, xylitol is as sweet as sugar and can be used in recipes or to sweeten coffee or tea exactly as sugar is used.

Unlike other sugars and alternatives, xylitol is composed of five carbons, and therefore can not be digested by the bacteria that cause tooth decay, Strep mutans. The bacteria ingest the xylitol and use all its energy in a futile attempt to digest it. Bacteria can mutate after an extended exposure to xylitol, but the mutants do not produce acid and therefore do not cause decay.

Though readily available in other countries, xylitol products are still scarce in the U.S.

Look for these products in the candy, dental care, or health food isle: Arm & Hammer Baking Soda Gum, Hersheys Carefree Koolerz Gum, Biotene Dental Gum, Starbucks Gum, Mint-flavored Nicorette, Intense mint or spearmint- flavored SMINTs, Toms of Maine Natural Mouthwash, Crest MultiCare Coolmint toothpaste, Toms of Main toothpastes, First Teeth for infants, Gerber Tooth and Gum Cleanser for infants, Xylichew gums and mints, V6 Dental Gum and Xclear nasal wash.

IMA: Handles funds

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garrison commanders.

Mission operations and base operations funds will no longer be allowed to migrate from account to account, said Chuck Walls, garrison manager.. This gives commanders resources for mission training separate from garrison managers' funding for improvements in living and working conditions on posts.

Just as units have standing operating procedures for jobs and missions, base operations services will also get SOPs.

These base ops services include child care facilities and gyms. Fort Benning is part of the Southeast region, headquartered at Fort McPherson, Ga., which includes Fort Campbell, Ky., Fort Bragg, N.C., Fort Rucker, Ala., Fort Knox, Ky., and Fort Jackson, S.C. The region is a mixture of troop posts and training posts.

Garrison commander Col. Joe Torres and Walls met with their counterparts and the regional director at the Southeast regional office Monday and Tuesday.

"We had some great sessions," Walls said, "and we look forward to getting the people down here to see what we do here."

Walls said the regional officials are still wrestling with several issues, including the recipe for reorganization and the future structure of the garrisons.

"We needed to get some of our issues out on the table," Walls said. "Fort Benning is a very unique installation. We do everything here. We are probably the best example of a cross-section of Army units."

The top-down review began in June 2001.

Full implementation of the program will not occur until fiscal 2004, when the budget issues should be resolved and money will start to come in to the installation.

"We are really interested in the projected funding," Walls said. "We want to know if things are going to be better or worse? Can we fix more things or not?"

Walls does not foresee any change in the way the garrison does business yet, but he anticipates receiving a lot of information about new reporting requirements in the next month or two.

"Right now we just need to flow with it and be flexible," he said.

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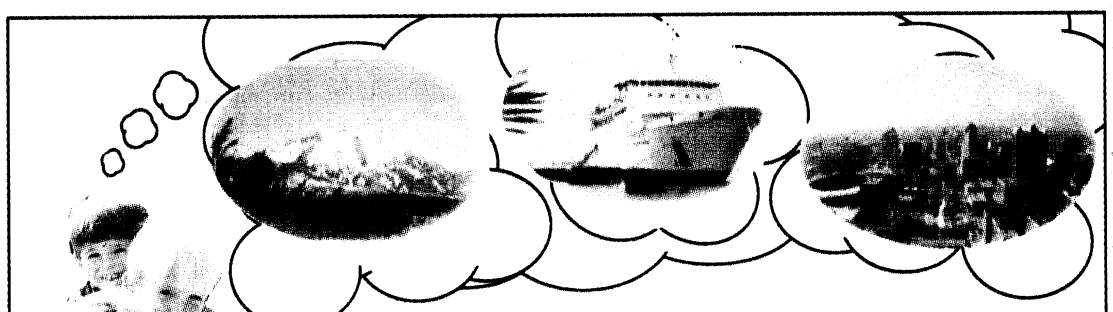
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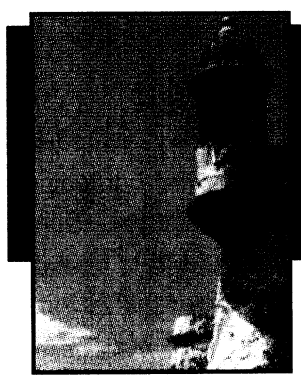
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Soldiers and community members of Columbus joined in celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month Oct. 3 at the Officers' Club.

Retired Maj. Gen. Felix Santoni was the guest speaker at the luncheon, which recognized the accomplishments and important role of the Hispanic community in the nation.

Hispanics demonstrate their impact on America through education and history, Santoni said.

"Education leads to understanding," said Col. Charles D. Cornwell, U.S. Army Infantry Center chief of staff.

Hispanics have played a major role in American History, Cornwell said.

"We have grown to be a big part of this civilization," Santoni said. "We are Americans. We are proud of where we've been, where we are and where we're going.

"We are no less American because we are Hispanic and no less Hispanic because we are Americans."

Santoni explained his thoughts on what the future of the military will look like.

"The 21st century will be called the Latino century for America," Santoni said.

Currently Hispanics represent 7.5 percent of the Army, and 2.1 percent are officers, he said.

"There's a need to increase Hispanics in the military, so there will be a balance between Hispanic military population percentage and American population percentage," Santoni said.

He said increasing the number of Hispanics in the military and promoting them will help the military understand issues of Hispanic heritage and give Hispanic soldiers the tools to grow and develop in the military.

"The United States can't learn to lead the world unless they learn to lead the western hemisphere," he said.

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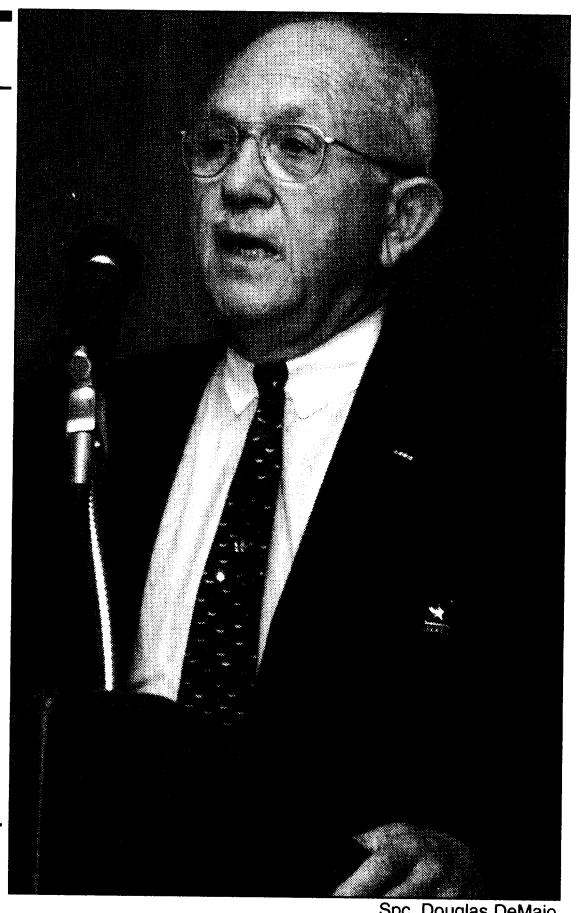
Facts about Hispanic heritage:

- About 27 million Americans are identified as Hispanic, and 3.6 million reside in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. Puerto Ricans have held U.S. citizenship since the First World War following an act of Congress.
- An estimated 250,000 to 500,000 Hispanics served in the armed forces during World War II.
- In July 1950, there were about 20,000 Hispanics in the armed forces. Over the next three years, nearly 148,000 Hispanic-Americans volunteered for or were drafted into military service. Of these, approximately 60,000 Puerto Ricans served in Korea.
- Nine Hispanics were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Korean War, and more than 100 others received Distinguished Service Crosses and Silver Stars for acts of combat bravery.
- In 1989, David Barkley was the first Hispanic recipient of the Medal of Honor and was recognized in a ceremony during Hispanic Heritage Week.
- Some 20,000 Hispanics served in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm.
- Hispanics have been awarded 39 Medals of Honor.

Santoni thanked Fort Benning and the organizers of the luncheon for the opportunity to address and educate the community about Hispanic heritage.

In September of 1968, the Senate and House of Representatives decreed the week including Sept. 15 and 16 Hispanic Heritage Week.

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Retired Maj. Gen. Felix Santoni speaks at the Hispanic Heritage Month luncheon Oct. 3.

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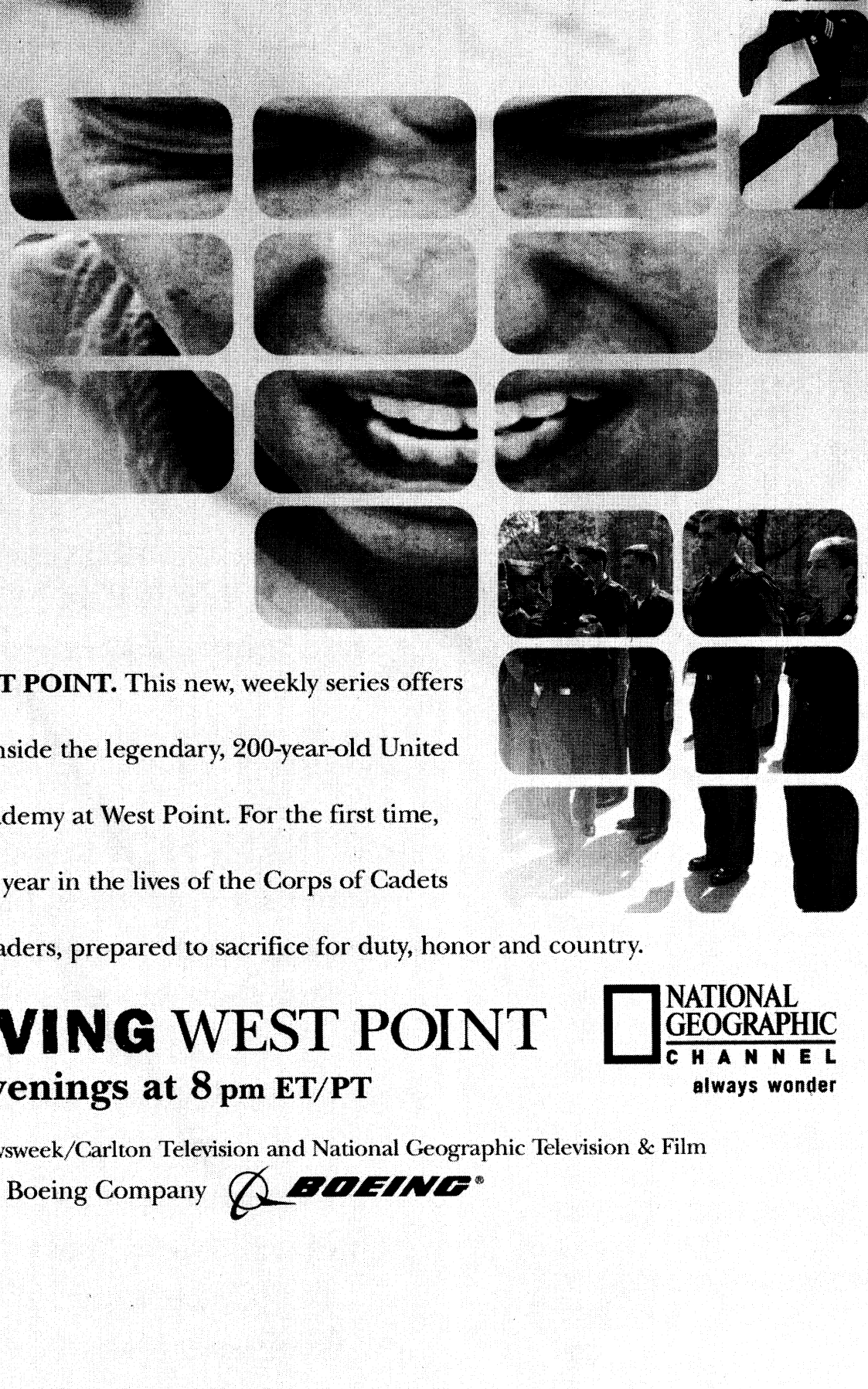
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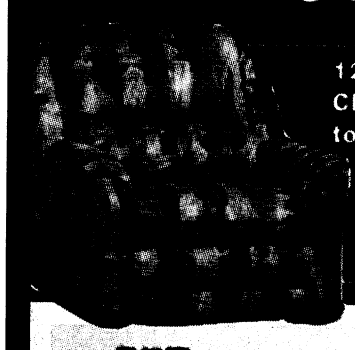


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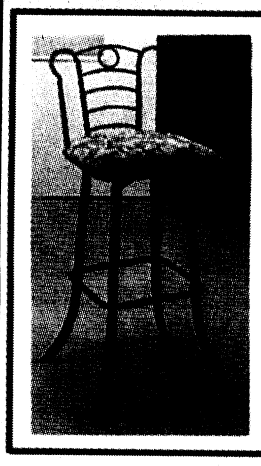


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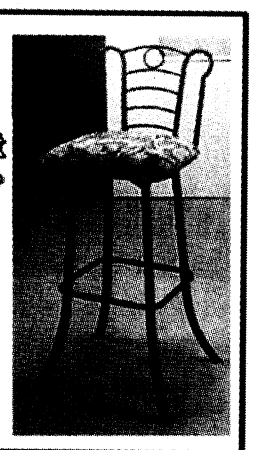


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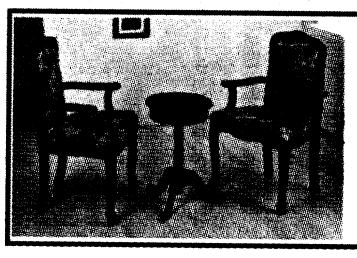
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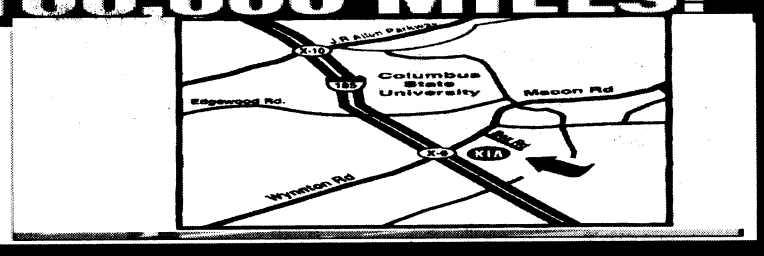
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Ramp, runway construction continues

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Construction on Lawson Army Airfield has nearly reached the 75 percent completion point and is projected to be complete by the summer of 2003.

"This will give the airfield the capability to have airplanes take off fully loaded with cargo and fully fueled, which couldn't be done before," Campbell said. "They could fly from here to Europe and never stop for gas."

The project is extending the runway from 8,200 feet to 10,000 feet and expanding the black ramp, a heavy aircraft parking area, to increase the weight and number of aircraft it will be able to hold.

"The changes will enhance the airfield's force projection platform and rapid deployment force responsible for the surrounding five states including active, national guard and reserve," said John Campbell, airfield manager, Chief Aviation Division.

Several years ago the airfield was named as an airport port of entry and deployment.

"We're ahead of schedule, the weather has been good for construction work, we're working diligently, and the quality of work is outstanding," said Ron Sibold, quality control manager with R.C. Construction Company.

On average, more than 1,000 cubic yards of concrete are placed every day, weather permitting.

There has been a tremendous amount of concrete placed at 20 inches thick, Sibold said. To prepare for the black ramp, tons of dirt had to be moved and 3,000 feet of pipe were laid for drainage and an underground fueling system.

Before digging began, an archeological survey was done to ensure no native American artifacts and burial sites were disturbed, said Chris Hamilton, cultural resource manager for Fort Benning.

"The field work is done and analysis is ongoing," Hamilton said. "We discovered about five burial sites and repatriated to the tribes for reburial."

After the site was prepared for the tons of concrete to be placed, it opens the opportunity for increased usage, Sibold said.

New law to cost DoD millions of dollars

Concurrent receipt causes much concern

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — A little-known pay measure, set to become law, could turn into a budget-busting problem for the Defense Department, officials said.

At issue is "concurrent receipt." If enacted, the legislation may cost DoD around $58 billion extra over the next decade.

Concurrent receipt is sometimes called "double dipping." Since the 1890s, Congress has prohibited the receipt of two pays for the same purpose. The specific instance of concurrent receipt at issue deals with Veterans Administration disability payments and military retirement.

Currently, military retirees who receive VA disability payments have their retired pay reduced dollar-for-dollar by the VA payment. So, for example, if retired pay is $1,000 a month and the VA disability payment is $500 a month, the member receives $1,000 per month — the entire VA payment and $500 in retired pay.

Retired pay is fully taxable; VA disability payments are not taxed.

Charles Abell, assistant defense secretary for force management policy, saids the theory behind the current system is that if a service member completes military service and receives retired pay, and then also receives a VA payment for a condition related to that service, "it is two pays for the same event."

The U.S. government has always treated this as double dipping. According to a study commissioned by DoD, VA disability compensation is intended for veterans who separated from military service without retirement, but who suffered service-connected conditions that affect their earnings.

Alternatively, service members "receiving military retired pay are considered to be fully compensated for their service, including any disability."

The concurrent receipt legislation, part of the fiscal 2003 National Defense Authorization Bill, would allow retirees receiving 60 percent disability or more to receive their full disability and their full retirement.

Money spent on this, the Office of Management and Budget argues, would be better spent in developing warfighting capabilities.

The 10-year, $58 billion cost estimates floated by OMB and Congressional Budget Office are soft, Abell said. The amount is based on the idea that 700,000 to 800,000 veterans would qualify. The number could go as high as 1.2 million, he said.

"We don't know," Abell said. "Right now, some don't put in for this because there is no benefit to them. They might apply if there is a benefit." There are more than 25 million veterans in the United States.

DoD research shows that the small number of veterans who would benefit from such a repeal are already doing well financially, Abell said. He maintains that the money to pay the double-dip will come from accounts now going to readiness and quality of life programs.

"Active duty soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines will live in substandard quarters and work in hangars where the roof leaks or try to perform the mission without all the spare parts they need because $58 billion will flow over to a group that, when measured against the American population at large, is certainly well-off," he said.

Abell said he could find nothing in the public or private sectors with a truly analogous pay situation.

DoD has made its position on concurrent receipt known to the House and Senate authorizers.

"In our view, this is not good government," Abell said. "We should know in the next 30 days what Congress will do. When the legislation gets to the White House, advisers will look at it and provide their recommendations to the president, and he'll decide what to do."

AROUND POST

eArmyU brief

The eArmyU will temporarily stop new enrollments until Jan. 1 to upgrade the eArmyU portal and prepare for expansion.

This does not affect students already enrolled.

Briefings will resume in December for the January start up. For more information, call 545-5725 or 545-1774.

Graduations

E Company of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment will graduate at 10 a.m. today on Sand Hill's Kanell Field.

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Hospital clinic closure

Martin Army Community Hospital will close today and Monday.

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For more information, call 544-2041 or 544-2042.

Infantry Museum hours

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NCO, Soldier of Quarter

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter Awards Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Main Post NCO Club.

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ID Card Section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 2:30 Oct. 21. Normal hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Oct. 22.

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Instructors of the Quarter Awards Ceremony

The Instructors of the Quarter Awards Ceremony will be at 1:30 p.m. Oct. 23 at Infantry Hall's Classroom 8.

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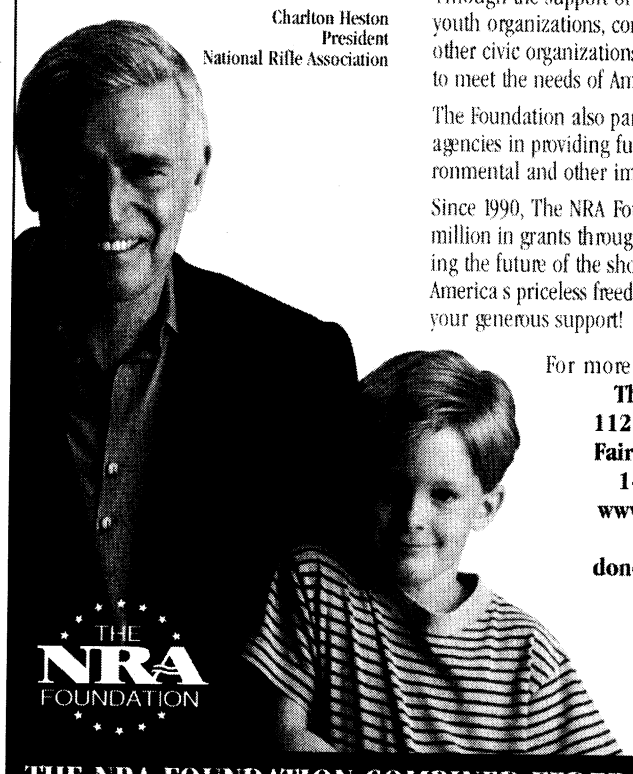
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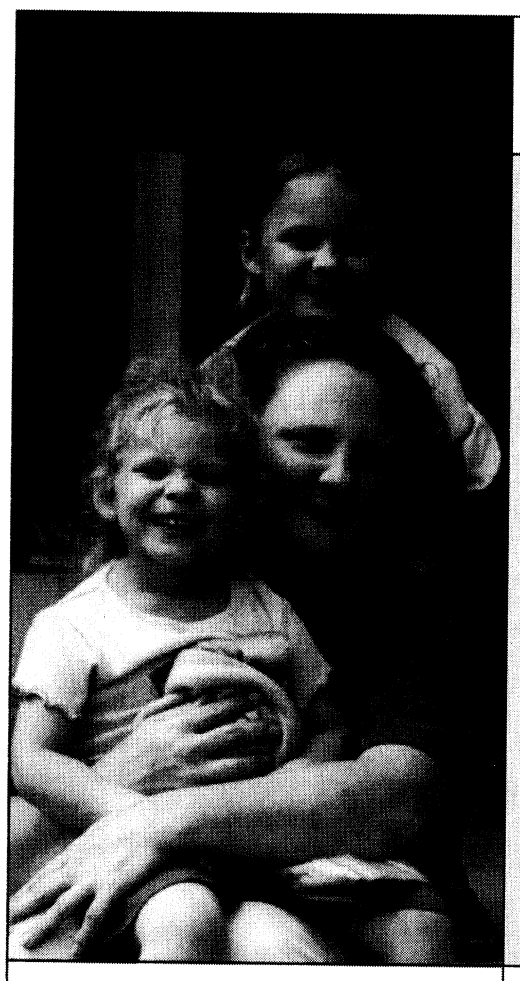


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There, overlooking Omaha Beach, and surrounded by the graves of the men he fought alongside on D-Day, the veteran chose to remain anonymous in deference to the 1,557 men whose bodies were never recovered.

But he paused for a photo after asking permission to carry the flag, which was folded and prepped for the flight home to Fort Benning.

Here, it was raised over Sand Hill's "Rock Steady" battalion Sept. 21 in a ceremony marking the 138th anniversary of the Battle of Chickamauga, where the 19th Infantry Regiment earned its nickname."

Lt. Col. Brad Nelson, commander of the 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, said the flag will fly on holidays, special occasions and remembrances to "perpetuate the stories and the memories of the men who fought in World War II, so today's soldiers and tomorrow's soldiers will appreciate the significance of this flag."

The flag was a gift from Ralph W. Widener, who, like the disabled veteran who carried the flag, was wounded in Normandy.

Widener has made it a practice to visit Fort Benning periodically and speak to Sand Hill soldiers since he went through 13 weeks of training with D Company, 6th Battalion, 1st Infantry Training Brigade in 1986 while researching an article he was writing for his hometown newspaper in Dallas, Texas.

Widener's idea was to send the flag to Normandy where it flew over the graves of 9,386 American servicemen before presenting it to the battalion "in appreciation for all that has been done for me since 1986."

> "We want our soldiers to know ... they represent the future of this country, and their service is important."
>
> **Lt. Col. Brad Nelson**
> Commander, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

Nelson said the flag will be flown and its story told to each new cycle of trainees.

"We want to honor our veterans and remember our past. We want our soldiers to know that, just as this flag represents those who've gone before them, they represent the future of this country, and their service is important."



Courtesy photo

An unidentified veteran asked to carry the American flag that was raised over the Normandy American Cemetery in France Aug. 16. The veteran, who was wounded at Omaha Beach, was visiting the cemetery and overheard cemetery officials talking about raising the flag, which is now flown at Fort Benning.

Post benefits from EPSQ system

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Sherry Wade and Pat Weekley
Directorate of Intelligence and Security

As national security becomes more and more important, so does the processing of security clearances for personnel.

The Electronic Personnel Security Questionnaire Processing Center is just one step in the process of protecting the nation's secrets.

The Directorate of Intelligence and Security established the EPSQ Processing Center to handle the initial Infantry Training Brigade national agency checks and to process questionnaires for Basic Combat Training Brigade trainees with military specialties that require security clearances.

The EPSQ is the electronic version of the questionnaire for National Security Positions, Standard Form 86.

This questionnaire must be completed before an individual can obtain a security clearance.

The EPSQ Processing Center opened in May 1999 and was originally located at the 30th AG Battalion.

At that time, there were only 11 computers. After several moves to temporary locations, the EPSQ Processing Center found a permanent home in August 2000 in Building 3355 on Sand Hill.

Now there are 27 computers. Bob Mejia and Spc. Kevin McSwain process ITB soldiers in order to preclude holdovers for suitability reasons.

The number of ENTNAC holdovers totaled 455 when the task was given to the Security Division.

However, because of the hard work and determination of Personnel Security specialists as of this date, the number has decreased to zero.

The people responsible for processing BCTB trainees are Annie Whipple and Pfc. Joshua Burnes.

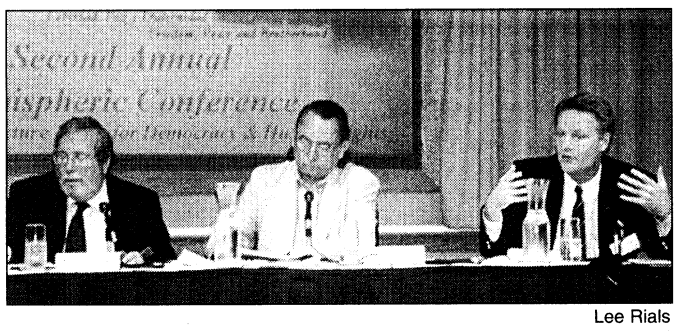
There are approximately 2,080 trainees per year processed through this facility. There is always the potential to have holdovers if the EPSQ is not completed accurately and within time constraints.

Therefore, the EPSQ Processing Center is a vital stop for trainees in-processing.

The 36th Engineer Group, 29th Infantry Regiment, Ranger Training Brigade, and 11th Infantry Regiment have used the center to process their permanent party and student population for security clearances.

For more information about the EPSQ, call Whipple at 544-8760.

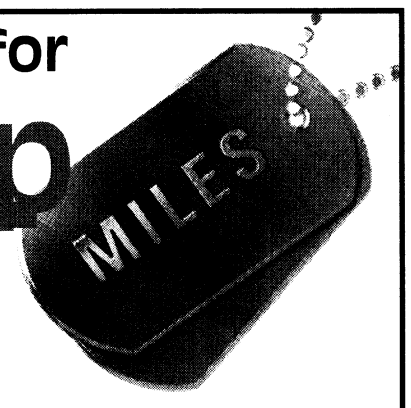
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Lee Rials

Dr. Dennis Rempe, right, from the University of Calgary in Canada, and a Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation fellow, discusses an issue during the Andean Region panel of the Institute's second annual Hemispheric Conference. Dr. Cesar Sereseres, University of California, Irvine, and Dr. Bruce Bagley, University of Miami, were part of the panel discussing the security issues of the northernmost part of South America.

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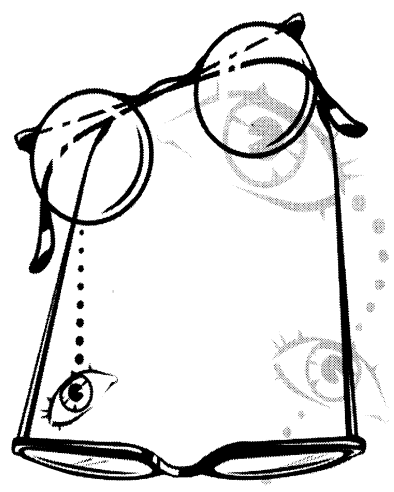
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Spc. Kevin Cutler bulldozes a clearing for the Virginina State Public Safety Driver's Course Oct. 3.

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Engineers build foundation for future

Driver's course trains users, builders

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

FORT PICKETT, Va. — The 36th Engineer Group deployed in early August to construct the Virginia State Public Safety Driver's Course.

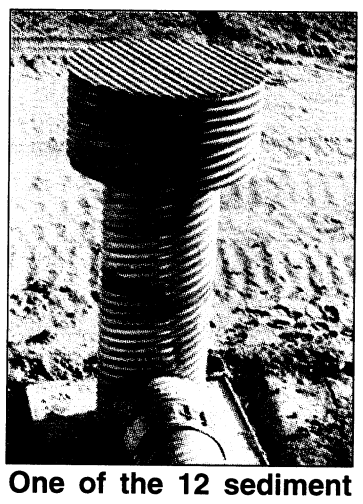
The group deployed as part of Joint Task Force 6, a military unit that works in partnership with law enforcement agencies to deter domestic production and reduce the flow of illicit drugs. The Rugged Seahorses will return Nov. 15. The project will take the next four years to complete.

"We're out here changing the landscape everyday," said Capt. Daniel Segura, mission commander. "When we leave the soldiers will look back and be proud of all we accomplished."

Soldiers are clearing and grubbing 160 acres of land, putting in 12 sediment basins, a half-mile of road and 1,000 feet of concrete ditches. The sediment basins prevent silt and sand from disturbing the untouched areas outside the construction site by filtering out the runoff, then only clean water flows back into the surrounding woodlands.

"This is a great training opportunity. We never have the chance to do a mission this big on Fort Benning," Segura said.

"Working with JTF 6 helps us get the training we need by coordinating through another agency," said 1st Lt. Corie Huff, platoon leader. "It prepares us for wartime missions."



One of the 12 sediment basins that were constructed.

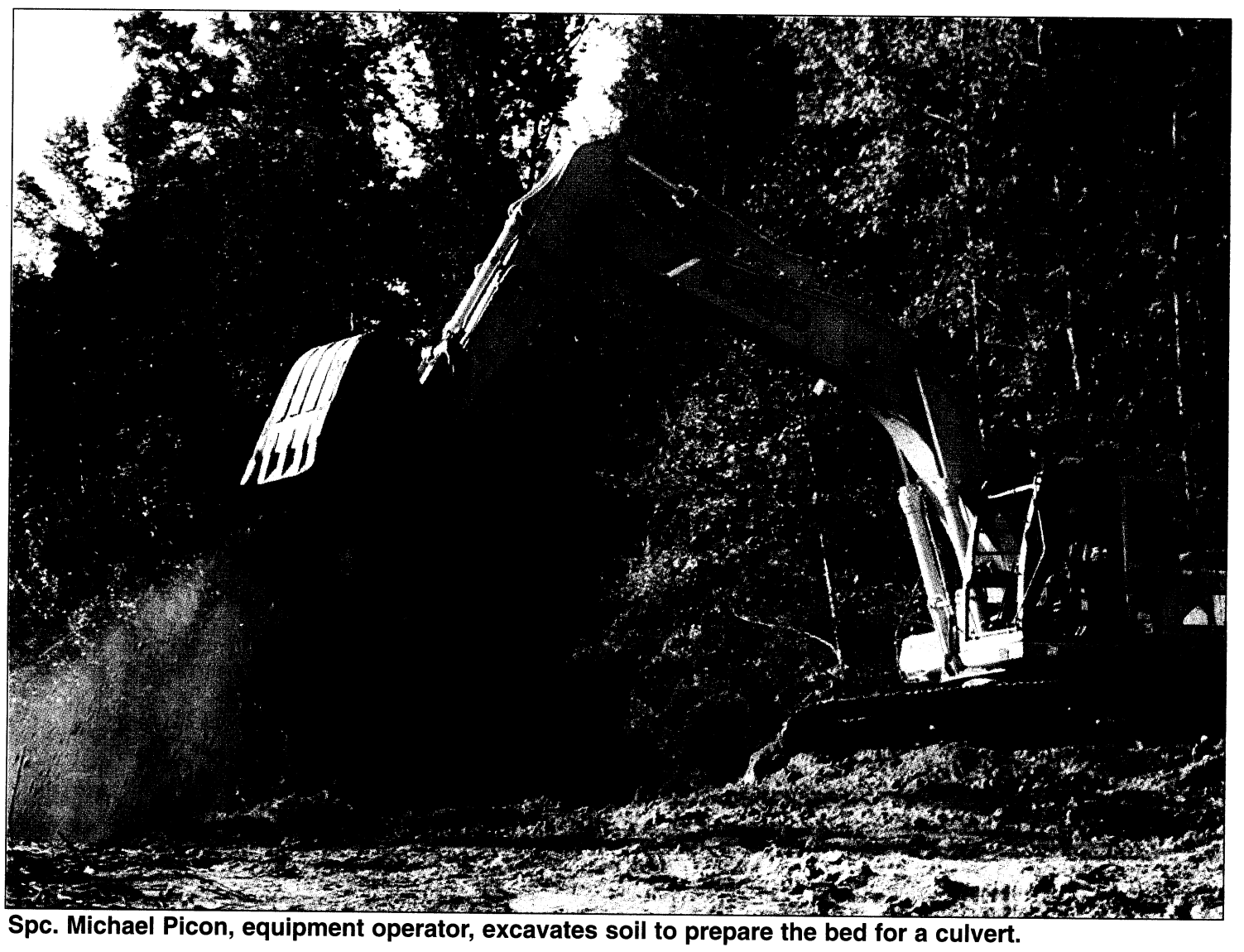
It helps soldiers know what to expect during a wartime mission, using different equipment and working long hours, said Sgt. Gerardo Bazan, team leader.

"We're doing pretty well, and we're ahead of schedule," he said.

The soldiers' training will eventually give way to the Virginia state troopers having the chance to train, and they are grateful for the soldiers' hard work, Lt. Col. Don Martin, deputy superintendent of the Virginia State Police.

"Driver training is our number one mission. Currently law enforcement agencies are using makeshift training areas," Martin said. "After this track is completed, many other agencies will be able to come here to use the course — not just the state troopers. We've been working 10 years to see this happen. Once completed, this will be the best training track in the U.S."

The driving course will have a high-speed track, an urban environment course with precision driving areas, and an open area for more basic maneuvers.



Spc. Michael Picon, equipment operator, excavates soil to prepare the bed for a culvert.



Graders prepare a road bed for a three-mile track.

"During a pursuit, officers have to drive and make quick, tactical decisions," Martin said. "This course will better train the officers for that kind of decision making."

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Capt. Daniel Segura
Mission commander

Dental program helps doctors, community

Dentists receive world-class education

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The next wave of promising young dentists arrived at Love Dental Clinic Sept. 9 to begin their yearlong residencies with the Army.

The officers are a product of the Health Professions' Scholarship Program that pays their dental school tuition in return for a commitment to the Army. The first year they take part in the Advanced General Dentistry Program here or at seven other posts worldwide. They spend the remaining commitment working where the Army needs them.

"This is a great experience," said Capt. Nicole Mitchell, a dentist in the program. "We're building on what we already know in order to treat patients in all areas of the field. This (program) prepares us to work in a clinic in an isolated area without outside assistance. I look forward to treating patients from start to finish without the help of a specialist."

Most civilian programs have only two general dentists, said Col. Lee Covington, director of the program. The Army program uses mentors in every specialty area of dentistry and has experienced senior officers who help the interns with everything they need to excel.

"The AGDP is one of the top residency programs in the country," Covington said. "It gives them immediate experience and advanced technical knowledge that increases their confidence and efficiency in providing more types of procedures. They can diagnose and manage complicated cases much better than if they had gone into a civilian practice right after school."

Furthermore, the doctors receive training on how to manage a practice, instruction from visiting doctors and the latest research and development information on new products and procedures.

"They are well-trained," Covington said. "The term "resident" is kind of a misnomer.

The dentists work on "Class 4" patients who require examinations and "Class 3" patients who have a dental problem that could become a hindrance to their mission within the next six months. Both classes are nondeployable, and therefore, could slow down Fort Benning's mission.

Besides helping the post's state of readiness, the dentists offer seven additional sets of hands that render more types of specialty care than the post would otherwise receive.

"They provide comprehensive dentistry," Covington said. "They help patients with everything they need without having to send them somewhere else. The residents build more of a relationship with their patients as a result."

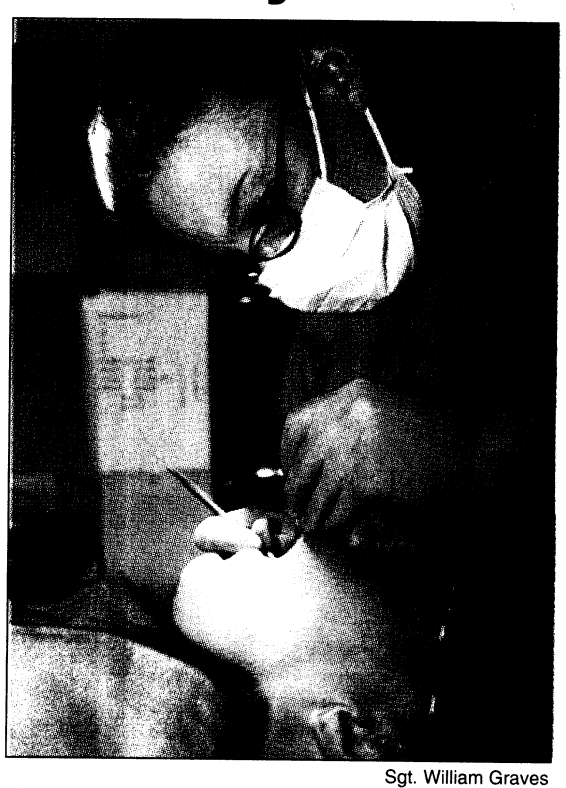
The dentists also help the Dental Activity's short-suspense cases, such as those that arise with reservists or last-minute deployments.

"(The program) is functioning well," Covington said. "They learn more in one year here than in four years of dental school, easily. In return, Fort Benning soldiers receive faster and better dental care."

Patients seem to agree.

"The program is wonderful, the dentists are friendly and the service is the best on Fort Benning," said Sgt. 1st Class. George Frazier, training NCOIC for the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit.

For more information about the program, call Love Dental Clinic at 544-2052.



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Capt. Constence Sedon works on Sgt. 1st Class Eric Riley's teeth.

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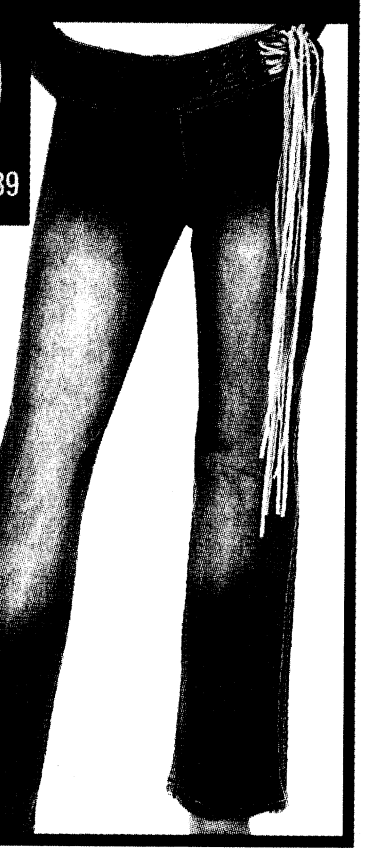


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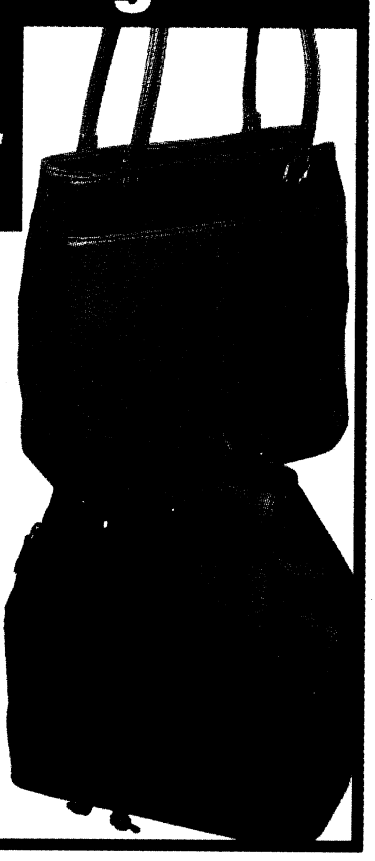


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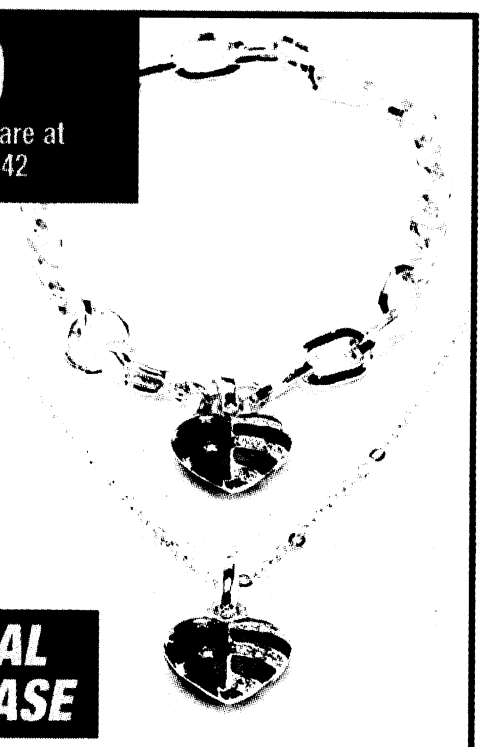


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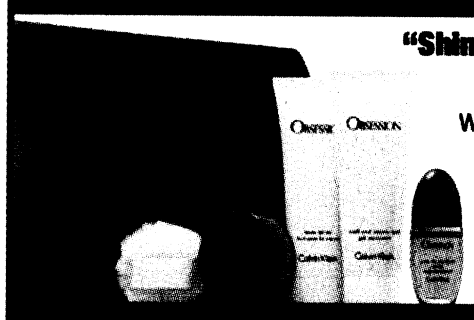
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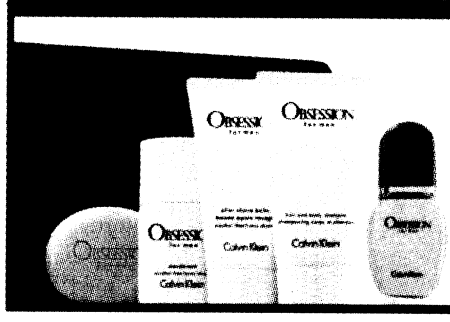


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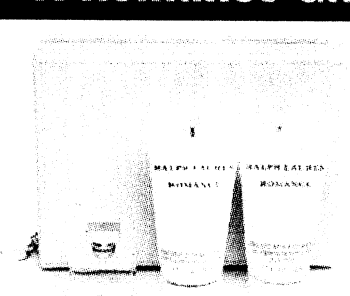
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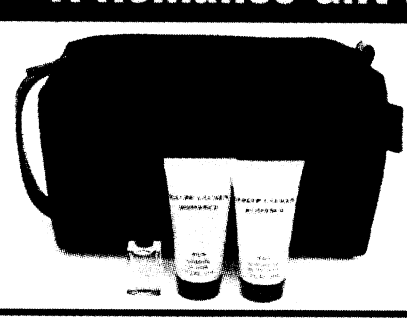
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

FIRE SAFETY WEEK

Firemen, schools teach awareness

Children learn to stop, drop, roll from visits

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Fort Benning Fire department started visiting local schools Thursday and will continue through Oct. 24 to promote fire safety awareness in observance of fire safety week.

The children will get a close-up look at the fire trucks during these visits, and the firemen will play a fire safety trivia game with the students so they can have an active role in the learning process.

All the schools in the area have plans for fire safety week.

The teachers at Loyd Elementary School will develop their lessons about fire safety on an individual basis which allows them to focus on the needs of each particular class, said Angie McPherson, principal of Loyd Elementary School.

The teachers at McBride Elementary School will focus their lessons on fire safety for the week, but fire safety has always been a constant concern in the education process at the school, said Del Hicks, principal of McBride Elementary School.

Smokey the Bear visited McBride in September, and the school has monthly fire drills.

"Any time you can teach people about safety, it's a good thing and the sooner the better," Hicks said. "It's great that the fire department is willing to come out and help teach the children. I just can't say enough good things about Mr. Brown and the rest of the department."

The main goal of fire safety week is to educate the community of potential fire hazards and ways to escape a fire.

Each year about 3,285 people die and about 25,000 people are injured in fires, according to the Fort Benning Fire Department. Last year, Fort Benning had 36 structural fires, none of which resulted in death.

"As far as I know, no one has ever died in a fire on Fort Benning," said Hollis Brown, chief of fire prevention.

Nearly all of the fires that occurred here could have been prevented, Brown said. Most of the fires here were caused by improper storage of combustible materials or overloaded extension cords.

"The most important thing is to make sure everyone knows to have a smoke detector," Brown said.

President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed Oct. 9 National Fire Safety Day in 1921 to mark the 40th anniversary of The Great Chicago Fire. In 1922, President Warren Harding inaugurated fire safety week as the Sunday before Oct. 9 to the Sunday after.

The Great Chicago Fire started in Patrick O'Leary's barn and burned for 72 hours, spreading throughout the city, killing 250 people and leaving 100,000 homeless.

To find out about fire safety or the Great Chicago Fire, visit the National Fire Protection Agency Web site at www.NFPA.org.

For information on potential fire hazards, call 545-9235.

Cyclists to ride in country

Free T-shirt with $10 registration fee

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

There will be a 20-mile bicycle ride Oct. 19. The Lumpkin to Louvale ride is in conjunction with the 30th annual Lumpkin Fair on the Square. The course is set on the rolling hills of Highway 27's bike lane.

"The lane recently opened and is completely paved, and it has a really nice rural setting with rolling hills," said Gail Lynch, event coordinator.

The turn around point is set at the site of three historical churches. Free tours of the churches will be offered.

"The ride will be part of a great family weekend," said Woodward, ride co-coordinator. "It will also give people a chance to see the rural heritage of the surrounding small towns that many people at Fort Benning usually don't get a chance to see."

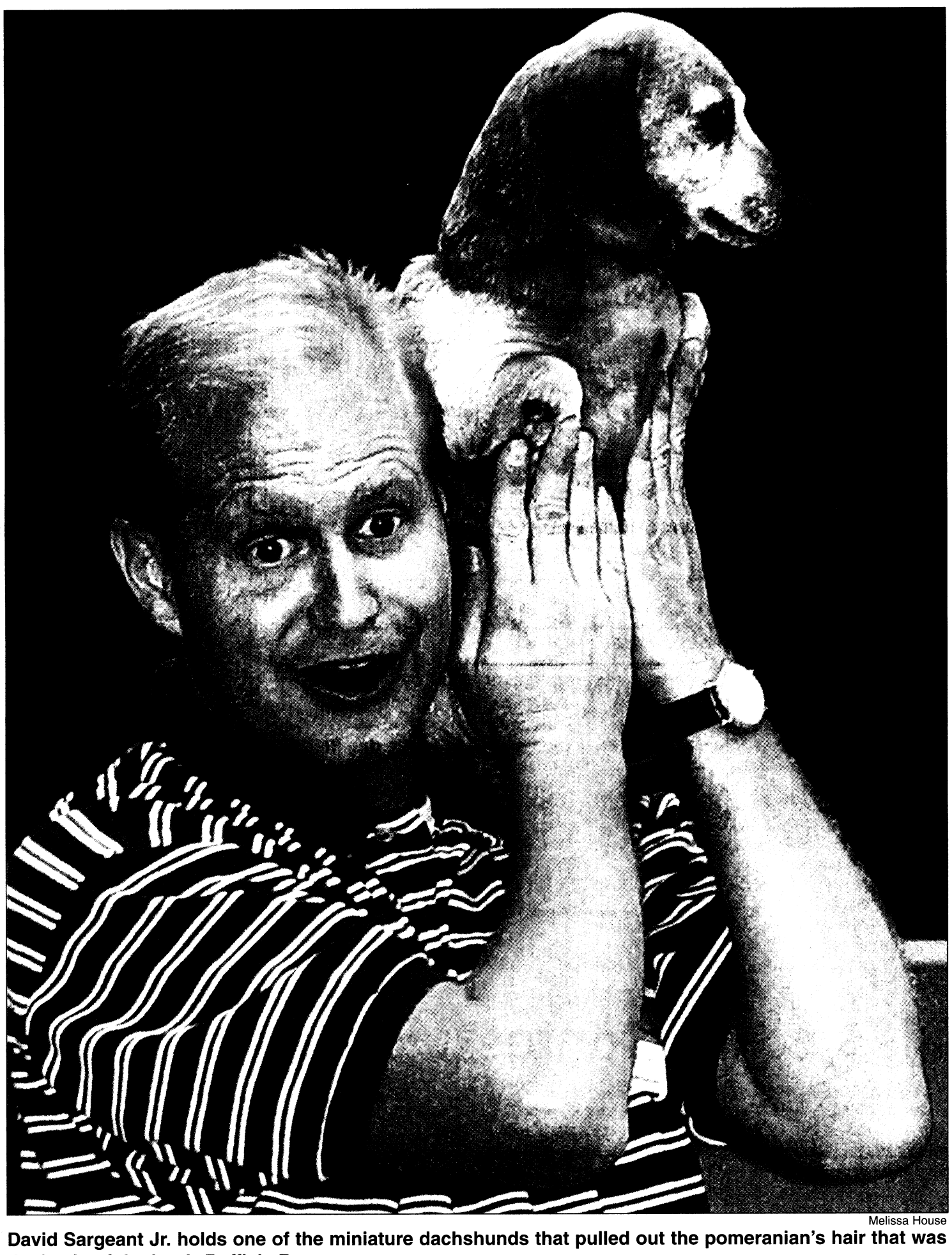
Registration is $10 for 13 years and older and free for children 12 and younger. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and the ride starts at 9. T-shirts will be provided as part of registration.

The Fair on the Square is an arts and crafts fair put on by the Stewart County Historical Commission. The parade will begin at 11:30 a.m. There will also be food, live music, tours of a historic inn and children's activities.

The registration and starting point will be just off the square in front of Michelle's Restaurant on Main Street.

For registration information, call 327-9015 or e-mail glynch@knology.net.

Author takes dogs to school



Melissa House

David Sargeant Jr. holds one of the miniature dachshunds that pulled out the pomeranian's hair that was the basis of the book *Buffie's Revenge*.

Visit promotes program to read

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Vera and Mary were the picture of innocence at Dexter Elementary School Oct. 4. No one in the audience would have guessed that the girls with puppy-dog brown eyes and perfect manners were actually big bullies.

And the Dexter kids loved them for it.

Vera, Mary and their friend Buffie made an appearance at Dexter as part of the *Fort Benning Reads!* program. The dogs — yes, dogs — are characters in a series of children's books by author David Sargeant Jr.

Sargeant read *Buffie's Revenge* to the children before introducing them to the characters. In the book, Vera and Mary, both miniature dachshunds, are jealous of Pomeranian Buffie's beautiful fluffy hair, so they pull some of her hair out. Buffie gets her revenge by being nice to the other dogs and by growing new hair even more beautiful than before.

A collective gasp of surprise went through the crowd of children and adults alike as Sargeant explained that the book was based on real events. He showed photographs of Vera caught in the act of holding Buffie down and pulling her hair out while Mary watched. Sargeant reassured everyone that it doesn't hurt her when it happens.

"Even though you can use real characters and events when you write," he told the children, "don't stop using your imaginations."

Sargeant, an Arkansas

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Army launches Web-based science competition

Contest open to all middle schoolers

Joe Burlas
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — If America's middle schoolers accept the Army's challenge to compete in its new Web-based science, math and technology competition, the nation's future pool of scientists, mathematicians and engineers should swell.

"Accept the challenge" is the tagline for eCybermission. Senior Army leaders launched the education initiative at Edgar Allen Poe Middle School in Annandale, Va., Oct. 1.

"In America, so many of the privileges and comforts we enjoy were made possible through advances in math, science, engineering, and in the technologies they enable," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki said. "From the automobile to the space shuttle, from the telegraph to the Internet, our progress has been marked by leadership and innovation in the disciplines of math, science and engineering. Incredibly, however, there seems to be decreasing interest in these subjects."

Shinseki cited statistics of a shrinking science and technology workforce — 45 percent of that labor pool is more than 45 years old, 19 percent is currently eligible for retirement and 35 percent will be eligible for retirement within the next five years. eCybermission is about reversing that trend, he said.

The Army began working on the eCybermission concept about a year and a half ago when Shinseki told his staff he wanted the Army to support the president's push to stimulate math, science and technology interest among American youth, said Suzanne Carlton, a special assistant to the chief. He also told us he wanted to give something back to the communities that give the young men and women who man the Army's formations, she said.

"This competition is not your standard, typical science fair competition that is geared for just the best and the brightest students," Carlton said. "It is inclusive of a broad range of students, whether they makes As or Cs or whatever their background is. It is about showing that science, math and technology are a part of their daily lives and stimulating their interest to learn more about those areas."

The Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisitions, Logistics and Technology and Army contractor Booz-Allen & Hamilton developed and implemented the eCybermission concept.

Teams of three to four seventh- or eighth-graders register online at www.ecybermission and then select a project that impacts their local community from the categories of Health and Safety, Arts and Entertainment, Sports and Recreation, or the Environment. eCybermission allows teams to collaborate online through the use of a secure instant messaging system. Volunteer CyberGuides provide online assistance by providing guidance on where to find research material online, answering questions and keeping the students on target.

The Army conducted a beta test of the program last spring. Forty-one teams representing seven school districts participated.

The winning project of that test was

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- Intimidates you with fists through walls, thrown chairs or broken doors;
- Slaps, hits, pushes, holds you down, chokes, pulls your hair or uses a weapon on you; or
- Forces you to have sex;

they are not loving you — they are controlling and abusing you.

Some people believe that they have the right to control the person they love with emotional abuse, threats, intimidation and physical and sexual force.

One way to hold on to that control is to keep it a secret within the family. This silence is more likely to be kept if you do not trust anyone to understand your situation or if you fear the outside world is just as harmful as what happens at home.

If this happens to you, find someone you can trust.

The abuse is not your fault and you do not have to keep it a secret. A strong person does not always have to stand alone. Break the silence. Tell someone you trust.

For more information, call Theresa Sanchez, Family Advocacy Victim advocate, Army Community Service, at 545-7517.

Experts help deal with risks

Leaving violent partner not always easy for abused

Family Advocacy Program

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- Risk of serious physical harm and or death.

Children

- Continued risk to children of emotional and physical harm; possibility of increased risks to children if batterer has unsupervised visitation
- Risk of losing children by parental kidnapping or as the result of a legal custody decision
- Risk of negative impact on children as a result of "breaking up the family"

Financial

- Risk of reduced standard of living — possible loss of home, possessions, neighborhood
- Risk of losing income or job — may lose partner's income, may have to quit a job in order to relocate or to fulfill the responsibilities of single parenthood, may be prevented from working because of threats and harassment.

Relationship

- Risk of losing partner, losing the relationship
- Risk of losing help with children, transportation, household
- For elderly women or women with disabilities, risk of losing caretaker.

Responses from friends, family members and helping professionals

- Risk of not being believed or taken seriously, being blamed, being pressured to do something she's not ready or able to do
- Risk of being judged as a bad wife, partner or mother
- Risk of being pressured to maintain the relationship based on religious and or cultural beliefs or because the children "need a father"
- Risk that actions of "helpers" may increase danger

Under the best of circumstances, it is difficult to end a relationship with an intimate partner. Love, family, shared memories and a sense of commitment are bonds that are hard to break. Battered women face the additional risks of physical, emotional and psychological harm.

In addition, many battered women want the violence to stop, but they don't want the relationship to end.

Seeking help, getting an order of protection or deciding to leave only makes sense to a woman when, on balance, it reduces the overall risks that she and her children have to deal with.

There are risks attached to every decision a battered woman makes.

Safety planning is the process of evaluating the risks and benefits of different options and identifying ways to reduce the risks.

For more information, call at 545-4013 or 545-7517.

BIRTHS

Twins

Sean Robert and **Jordan Taylor Gentile** — born Sept. 24 to Hea Chong and Capt. Jason Gentile.

Boys

Arthur LeRoy Taylor Jr. — born Sept. 20 to Jennifer and Spc. Arthur Taylor Sr.

Joshua Charles Frank — born Sept. 20 to Capt. Jennifer and Benjamin Frank.

Riley Marllen-Isiac Perkins — born Sept. 21 to Shelley and Pvt. Steven Perkins.

Justin Blake Anderson — born Sept. 23 to Hyosil and CW2 Johny Anderson Jr.

Tavion Scott Pierce — born Sept. 24 to Pfc. Sonja Pierce.

Kaylen Eugene Lewis — born Sept. 24 to Keena and Pfc. Eugene Lewis.

Christopher Lynn Burton Jr. — born Sept. 25 to Carmon and Sgt. Christopher Burton.

Jonathan Maurice Hill Jr. — born Sept. 26 to Sabrina and Sgt. Jonathan Hill.

Dylan Christopher Rocha — born Sept. 26 to Angela and Sgt. Christopher Rocha.

Girls

Kiara Michelle Addison — born Sept. 20 to Spc. Mary and Spc. Stephen Addison.

Akilah Savannah Williams — born Sept. 20 to Tiffany and Staff Sgt. Keith Williams Jr.

Ashai Amari Adams — born Sept. 21 to Kimberly and Spc. Clarence Adams Jr.

Makaelyn Elizabeth Corey — born Sept. 21 to Sgt. Dana West and Spc. Chad Corey.

Emma Linda Moreno-Harrington — born Sept. 23 to Amy Moreno and 2nd Lt. Jose Moreno-Medrano.

Lauren Olivia Scott — born Sept. 24 to Sgt. Tamara and Jeffery Scott.

Nina Iris Pingel — born Sept. 24 to Nadine and Staff Sgt. Nicholas Pingel.

Sequoyah Rene'e Keys — born Sept. 25 to Spc. Patrice and Brownell Keys.

Nereida Alexandra Leyva — born Sept. 25 to Esmeralda and Pfc. Cruz Leyva.

Tiffany Briana Waller — born Sept. 26 to Staff Sgts. Patricia and Brian Waller.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

Author: Tells story

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native, has a connection with Fort Benning. His father was stationed here in the early 1960s.

"I was supposed to be born here on post," Sargeant said. But doctors told his parents that he would be born early and probably not survive, so his father took his mother home to Fayetteville, Ark., to be with family.

"My dad was Sergeant Sargeant (at the time)."

"I received a call from Mr. Sargeant's representative asking if we would like to have him visit," said Roger Ingram, media center specialist at Dexter. "It played right into our program, as another way to promote reading. Once we got permission, we got excited as everything fell into place."

Children from Chris Holcomb's third-grade class read all of his books, and then appeared with Sargeant on Dexter's Friday morning school TV show.

"*Buffie's Revenge* was my favorite book," Brandi Kilgore said.

Sargeant and his father have written a series of 20 children's books together. His mother, Pat, a retired fourth-grade teacher, has also written several books.

Sargeant credits his mother with starting his writing career.

"Vera and Mary are my dogs," he said. "They have been pulling Buffie's hair out ever since my mother brought her into the family.

"I wrote the book as a joke. I was just teasing my mom."

His mother sent the book to someone to read, and then the next thing Sargeant knew, he had a contract to write more. He's been writing now for seven years and will add six new dog adventures next year.

"The books are easy to write," he said, "because the dogs are always doing something. The hardest part is picking the words to rhyme."

Sargeant estimates that he visits at least 300 schools every year and a number of public libraries in the summertime.

"I have fun," he said. "I can't do anything else and have as much fun. I get to play with kids and dogs all day."

Contest: Starts

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about building safer swimming pools through the use of polyethylene tiles inside pools to avoid abrasions, polyvinyl around pools to soak up water and avoid slippery surfaces, and underwater cameras to allow lifeguards to see anyone who might be having problems under the surface.

Registration for this year's competition opened Oct. 1 and runs through Nov. 28. Judging will occur in May.

Project scores will be determined based upon four weighted categories: application of science, math and technology — 40 percent; innovation, originality and creativity — 20 percent; benefit to the community — 20 percent; and collaboration and communication — 20 percent.

The competition is open to seventh- and eighth-graders in public and private schools, those being home schooled, and from overseas Department of Defense schools.

Prizes range from a $2,000 savings bond per team member for category winners to a $5,000 savings bond per team member of the national winner. Regional team members get a $3,000 savings bond each.

Those not interested in competing in an online math, science and technology competition can still have fun with eCybermission's Mission Max section, Carlton said.

Mission Max is a Web-based interactive game that has players explore a range of planets. As players explore, they are exposed to different problems that require the use of math, science or technology to solve.

For information, click on "eCYBERMISSION — Accept the Challenge" above the photo on the Army Homepage at www.army.mil.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Holiday trash schedule — There will be no yard waste picked up in Family Housing Monday. The next scheduled yard waste pickup will be Oct. 21.

There will be no refuse or recycle pickups in Family Housing Monday. Areas normally scheduled for pick-up Monday will be picked up Tuesday. Refuse and recycle collection in Family Housing for Tuesday through Oct. 18 will occur as normally scheduled. For more information, call Construction Inspection Branch at 545-4232.

Town hall meetings — The Custer Terrace and Upatoi Terrace town hall meeting is 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Custer Terrace Chapel.

The town hall meeting for Indianhead Terrace is 7 p.m. Oct. 22 at Wilson Elementary School.

Residents of these neighborhoods are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Community Life Office at 545-2830.

Red Cross classes — The American Red Cross, Fort Benning Station, will offer the following classes:

- Lifeguard Training — Saturday, Sunday, Oct. 19 and 20 (all sessions compose one class); $100, must be 15 years old to participate.
- Community First Aid and Safety — Nov. 2 and Dec. 7; $38.
- Babysitting Training — Oct. 26, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14; $38, must be 11 years old to participate.

Classes are limited to 10 participants and must be paid for prior to starting date.

For more information or to register, call 545-5194.

Artist to visit Officers' Spouses Club dinner — The Officers' Spouses Club presents George Finley, military caricature artist, 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Finley's artwork known for its insight, humor and artistic excellence. His paintbrush has captured the irony of staff, command and the pride of soldiers in several branches of service, particularly, the world of Army aviation. One of his most popular prints, "The Life of an Army Wife," depicts the challenges faced by today's military spouse.

Finley will have prints available for purchase and will be signing artwork. The $10 cost includes dinner and wine or beer tasting. RSVP before Oct. 18 to Heather Conkle at 689-5717.

YS Haunted House — Youth Services Haunted House will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 28-31 in Building 2297, located on Way Street, off Indianhead Road.

Everyone is invited and the admission fee is $5. All kids will receive Halloween treats after touring the "house."

Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the haunted house in any way, from decorating to characters, can call 545-3070.

Halloween — Trick or Treating is 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 in post housing areas.

Exceptional Family Member Program — The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program offers respite care for military families enrolled in the EFMP.

Respite care can provide a temporary relief for caretakers of special needs children. You may qualify for services through this program.

For more information, call the ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

Have you been trying to cope with the responsibility of caring for a person with special needs?

Do you feel overwhelmed, as if you are all alone? Do you need support from others who understand?

The ACS Exceptional Family Member Program would like to form a support groups geared to the needs of military families enrollled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

If you have any interest in forming a group, call ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

Lowe's to install smoke detectors, fire extinguishers — Lowe's of Columbus has partnered with Fort Benning to provide and install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers into the homes of families of deployed enlisted men and women living off post.

Lowe's employees have volunteered to assist in the homeland safety of soldiers' families with this project that is each Saturday through Oct. 26. Because of the limited availability, requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

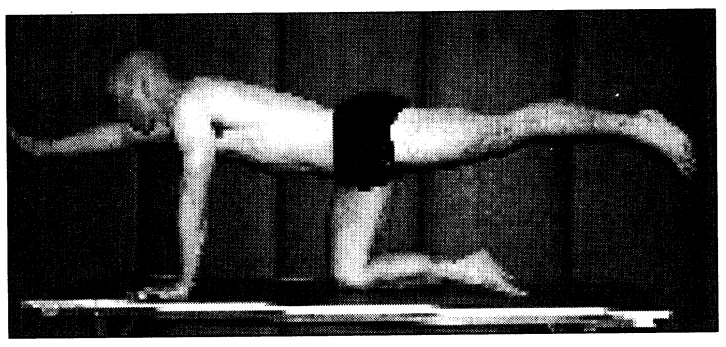
For more information, call Megan Sperry or Linda Williams at 320-9292.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation. The 72-page guide will help identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S. Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods, cones and other identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** Columbus Day holiday
- **Tuesday:** steak sandwich with lettuce and tomato, scalloped potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** chicken nuggets, tater tots, carrots and celery sticks, yeast roll, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** Stowers student menu, collard greens, fruit salad, Texas toast, brownie, milk
- **Friday:** student holiday



ABDOMINAL TRAINING

Therapist offers crunch advice

Capt. Jason Silvernail
Martin Army Comunity Hospital

Crunches. Sit-ups. The dreaded flutter kick. If thoughts of these exercises for your abdominal muscles do not excite you, you are not alone. However, do not despair, this article is for you.

One of the Army's core tenets is "Train as you fight." Let us apply this to the exercises we do to train our abdominal muscles. Have you ever done a sit-up with someone holding your ankles while you were in the field? How about when you were playing sports? Or just during daily life? You probably cannot think of one time you used your abdominal muscles like that. Why is that?

The most important job your abdominal muscles do is to stabilize your spine, that is, to keep it still when there is pressure, or force on it.

Creating movement, such as doing a sit-up or crunch, is merely a secondary function. For example, your abdominals stabilize your spine when you lift something heavy. This stabilizing effect is what the abdominals do best, yet crunches and sit-ups do not improve this ability.

Therefore, the question remains: How can we use our abdominals this way?

Let's do an experiment. Sit straight in your chair as you read this. Tighten your abdominals and push out against your waistline, as if you were blowing out candles. You should feel your stomach push out.

This is the wrong way to engage your stabilizing muscles.

Now, pull your abdominals straight in as if you were sucking your stomach backward. Do not hold your breath! You should feel your stomach pull inwards.

This is the correct way to activate your deep abdominal muscles that stabilize your spine.

Now you just need to activate your muscles like this when you do your abdominal workouts. Try doing that with your crunches!

Alternatively, try the exercise pictured above, it helps build your ability to stabilize.

Make sure you pull your stomach in, and you should really "feel the burn" when your arm and leg are straight out.

Hold for 5 seconds.

David L. Roberts
Trial Defense Attorney

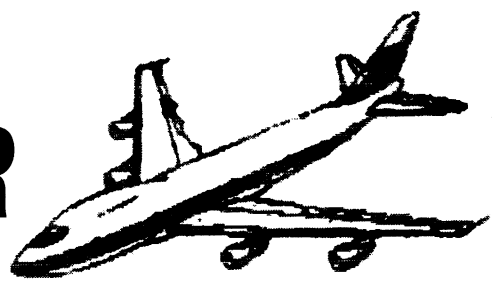
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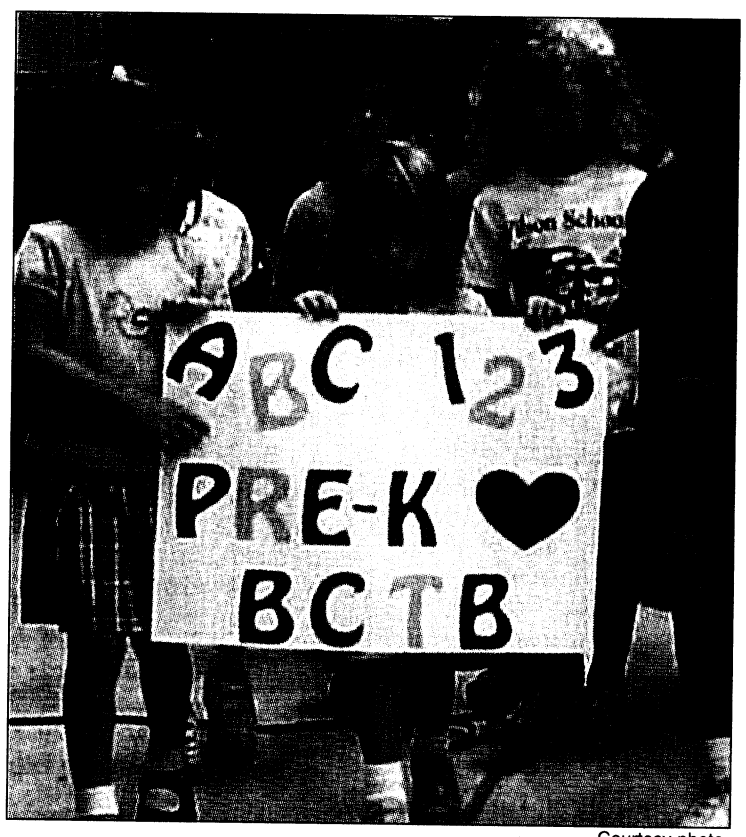
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Wilson's Partners in Education kick off year

Pre-K students led the parade of banners at the close of the Partners In Education kickoff ceremony.



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Partnership program plans projects

Wilson Elementary School

As Wilson Elementary School and the Basic Combat Training Brigade enter their third year together in the Partners in Education Program, the partnership promises to be stronger than ever.

Soldiers from BCTB have committed much time and effort to a variety of activities at Wilson School. From serving as class mentors, designing a team development course to be constructed on the school campus and helping develop students' self-esteem, soldiers from BCTB are helping to enrich the lives of Wilson students, school officials said.

At the PIE Kickoff Celebration, Oct. 2, members of the brigade pledged their support to the school and its programs.

Brigade leaders Col. Tom Cole and Command Sgt. Maj. Doug Greenway were on hand to sign the Partnership Pledge. Helen Johnson, chairperson for the Partners in Education Board for the Columbus and Fort Benning area, said the award-winning Wilson-BCTB partnership was a model for other schools in the area to follow.

Many activities are planned between the school and brigade for school year 2002-2003. BCTB plans an "Incredibly Terrific Kid Day" for Wilson students Nov. 21.

Brigade members will also be on hand that day to receive the commemorative video on patriotism that students are producing during the month of October.

Once again, the partnership will sponsor the PAL program. PAL is an acronym for Partners and Adopted Learners. During the course of the school year, each class will be mentored by a drill sergeant from BCTB.

Another major project for the year is the completion and dedication of the Team Development Course. Developed with the help of soldiers from BCTB, and built by parent volunteer Staff Sgt. Chris Binion, the course will help develop leadership skills in the Wilson student body.

Both the students and brigade members look forward to a busy, productive year.

Students investigate history

Internet offers online quest opportunities

Wilson Elementary School

How were the great pyramids of Egypt built?

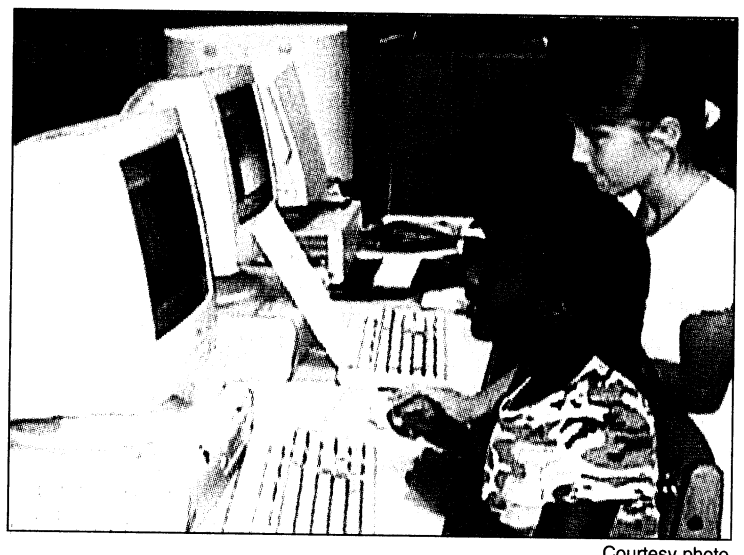
Do black holes exist?

Who really shot President John F. Kennedy?

These and other questions have been the topic of research for Wilson School gifted and enrichment students for the past few weeks. Students became super sleuths as they selected a phenomenon or mysterious event. Using the research process, their task was to either prove or disprove the theories surrounding the mystery.

During the Unsolved Mysteries project, the students evaluated the reliability of sources of information found on the Internet and in reference books. The facts and opinions of the mysteries were examined, and students used critical thinking skills to form their own reasoned judgments about the mysteries.

Topics included the Salem Witch Trials, Bigfoot, UFOs, The Lost Continent of Atlantis, Stonehenge and many more. As students completed their research, they created PowerPoint presentations to share with their fellow classmates. Audience participants were invited to draw their own conclusions to the mysteries based on the information presented in the slide shows.



Courtesy photo

Alexis Harris and Teresa Brunnelson use the Internet for research.

Gifted-education teacher Margaret Koger believes that having students look critically at Web sites and other reference materials provides a valuable tool for researching.

"The Internet is a great source for information, but students have to be able to differentiate between legitimate Web sites that contain factual information and those that may contain erroneous information or that are purely fiction."

"Anyone can make a Web site," said fifth-grader Laura Brunnelson. "Just because something is on the Internet doesn't make it true. Doing this project helped me to figure out which Web sites are good for research and which ones are not."

The "Unsolved Mysteries" project will be beneficial as the students embark on their next venture. Through Classroom Connect, a Web-based learning program, the students will participate in Columbus Quest. This project will follow Christopher Columbus' sea route through the Bahamas to Cuba. Through online communication, the students will help a team of scientists as they try to solve one of the great mysteries in the history of exploration: Where did Columbus first set foot in the New World?

WILSON READS!

TV program features new book

Wilson Elementary School

The *Fort Benning Reads* kickoff signaled the beginning of an exciting reading program for Wilson students. After their partners in education, the Basic Combat Training Brigade, delivered *America: A Patriotic Primer* to each classroom, students and teachers began to explore this exciting book. The vivid drawings immediately stole everyone's attention, and readings from the book were heard throughout the school:

"A is for America, the land that we love.

"E is for Equality.

"Q is for America's quest for the new, the far, and the very best."

Activities have been planned for the coming school year to reinforce the concepts presented in the book.

On the daily *Good Morning, Wildcats* TV program, a page from the book will be presented on the first of each week, and information about that idea will be spotlighted each day following.

For example, following the "A is for America" broadcast, students learned about symbols of our nation, including the flag, the Statue of Liberty and the bald eagle.

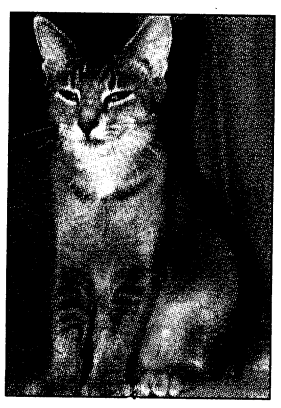
In addition, students will take a field trip to the Moving Vietnam Wall Oct. 11 to reinforce the concept that "V is for the valor shown by those who've kept us free."

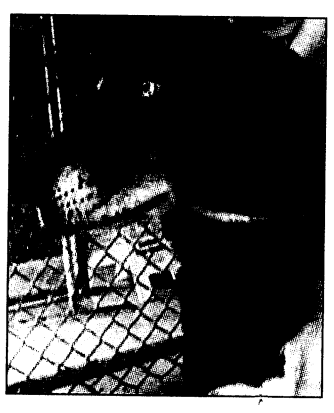
Students also plan to make a video presentation about their heroes — veterans and active-duty soldiers who exemplify American ideals and have so much to teach us all about patriotism.

Reading celebrations, author visits, writing opportunities, and lots of creative exploration are on the agenda for the remainder of the school year as students and teachers alike continue to take part in all that this exciting book has to offer.

For more information about this project, visit the Fort Benning Reads Web site at http://www.benning.army.mil/library/ and click on "Fort Benning Reads."

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Pause to reflect on key dates in history

Remembrance brings out best in us

Chaplain (Maj.) John Molina
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Last month our nation and others throughout the world paused to observe the Sept. 11 anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our country.

Taking time to remember important dates or something meaningful brings out the best in us.

When we look at history, with its myriad events and personalities, we seem to awaken an important part of us.

We are human beings with an unbelievable track record.

Our joys, heroic acts, fears, patriotism, dreams, faith or even disappointments all join to simultaneously point us to the past, the present and future … creating a reflector for us to see our own image on the mirror of time.

Here we can, at leisure, contemplate what we have been and done, what we are today, and what we can aspire to be.

Sharing and learning from our human experience activates the powers of mind and spirit which lie dormant within us.

On a recent trip to Bolivia in South America, I traveled to the world's highest navigable lake, Lake Titicaca. This large and extremely beautiful body of water — at 12,507 feet above sea level — showed me something I did not expect.

On a big sign, by the side of a road, in a small Bolivian navy base, there in Spanish, were the words once spoken by John F. Kennedy: "Don't ask what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

REFLECTIONS

I was pleasantly surprised by the fact someone had taken time to remember and also to remind me of such inspiring and courageous words.

Because I lived in Cuba during the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, which brought the entire world to the brink of a major war, Kennedy's words hold a lot of meaning and memories for me.

From Havana Harbor, I had watched the U.S. destroyers blocking any further introduction of nuclear weapons into Cuba by the Russians. I also knew that it was President Kennedy who had made the brave and risky decisions to stand up for freedom and protect United States citizens from the direct threat of nuclear weapons.

There, in a young boy's mind and heart, were planted the seeds that today inspire and motivate me to proudly serve in the armed forces of the United States.

October is a month filled with significance and meaning. I challenge you to take time to see what is being celebrated, observed or commemorated this month.

Or should I say, what is it that has happened during October throughout the ages that is worth us remembering?

Study the vision of Christopher Columbus or talk with a Jewish person about Shemini Atzeret, which literally means "the assembly of the eighth (day)" or the day after the seventh day of Sukkot (a festival commemorating the wandering in the desert and the final harvest).

Rabbinic literature explains the holiday of Shemini Atzeret this way: God is like a host, who invites us as visitors for a limited time, but when the time comes for us to leave, he has enjoyed himself so much that he asks us to stay another day. In Israel, Shemini Atzeret is also the holiday of Simkhat Torah.

Outside of Israel, where extra days of holidays are held, only the second day of Shemini Atzeret is Simkhat Torah.

Simchat Torah takes place a few days after the Feast of Tabernacles or Sukkot, in October, and is a thanksgiving day for the Torah given to Moses, a feast of joy.

You can also meet Theresa of Avila, Spain (1515 – 1582), whose inspired teaching can still awaken in us a longing for true holiness.

The church calendar offers us every month the opportunity to learn from individuals who have made our world a better place.

These are the stories about people of faith and courage, of vision and character.

CHAPEL NOTES

Youth in Action — The Faith Tabernacle Community Church, Inc. invites Tri-city youth to "Youth In Action" at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Youth are invited to share any talent: recitations, poetry, step dancing, mime, choirs, soloists, playing of musical instruments, etc.

The church is located at 1603 Floyd Road in Columbus.

For more information, call 569-0606.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The program each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship study and refreshments. Child care is provided.

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Mass is celebrated along with a special program.

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For more information, call 544-1382 or 687-0925.

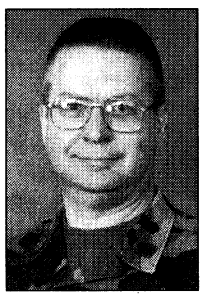
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9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
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Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
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5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

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Comanches swipe Free Agents, 12-0



Sgt. William A. Graves

Comanche Robert Scott of 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, avoids Free Agent Jeffery Burdin and turns up field during the Comanches' 12-0 victory.

Ball control, intense defense lead to victory

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Lotan Jones is a natural Comanche — a warrior with killer instinct. The 598th Maintenance Company soldier swiped three interceptions during his team's intramural football victory over the Free Agents Oct. 3 at Engineer Field.

"I stay low and make the quarterback think the receiver is open, but he's not," Jones said. "It's all about timing."

After encroachment penalties and interceptions kept both teams between the 20s during the first half, the 3-0 Comanches used a ball control offense in the second half to score the game's only 12 points and defeat the soldiers from B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.

"It started off a little rough, but once we got the other team thinking we were going for the deep ball, we started to establish the running game and short passes," Ron Lawson, Comanches' coach.

Comanche quarterback Alfred Thompson hooked up with tight end Armond Bonseigneur on a short pass in the flat for a 20-yard touchdown to open the scoring.

Later as Jones seemed to make more catches than all the Free Agents combined, the Comanches went deep into Lawson's relatively complex playbook.

Thompson faked a handoff to Robert Scott and flipped the ball to wide receiver Jay Brumfield at the Free Agent 15 yard line on a reverse, as Lamar Williams cut to the corner of the end zone to catch Brumfield's touchdown toss.

"Coach has some good plays up his sleeve," Thompson said. "We were shaky learning his schemes at first, but we're starting to come together. We had been working (on the reverse), and we thought that we had nothing to lose with 30 seconds to go in the game. We gave it shot, and it paid off."

The quarterback said he felt good about the game.

"Our defense was key," Thompson said. "They gave us a short field to work with so we didn't have to march the length of the field.

"We need to execute a little better on offense. Our timing on deep passes has to improve. But after the first touchdown, we hit them with short passes and ran the clock down."

The Comanches' hard work delighted their coach.

"I feel real confident (about the rest of the season)," Lawson said. "We lost a couple players to school and a lot of the guys are rusty, but as we go through the season, we'll perfect our passing game.

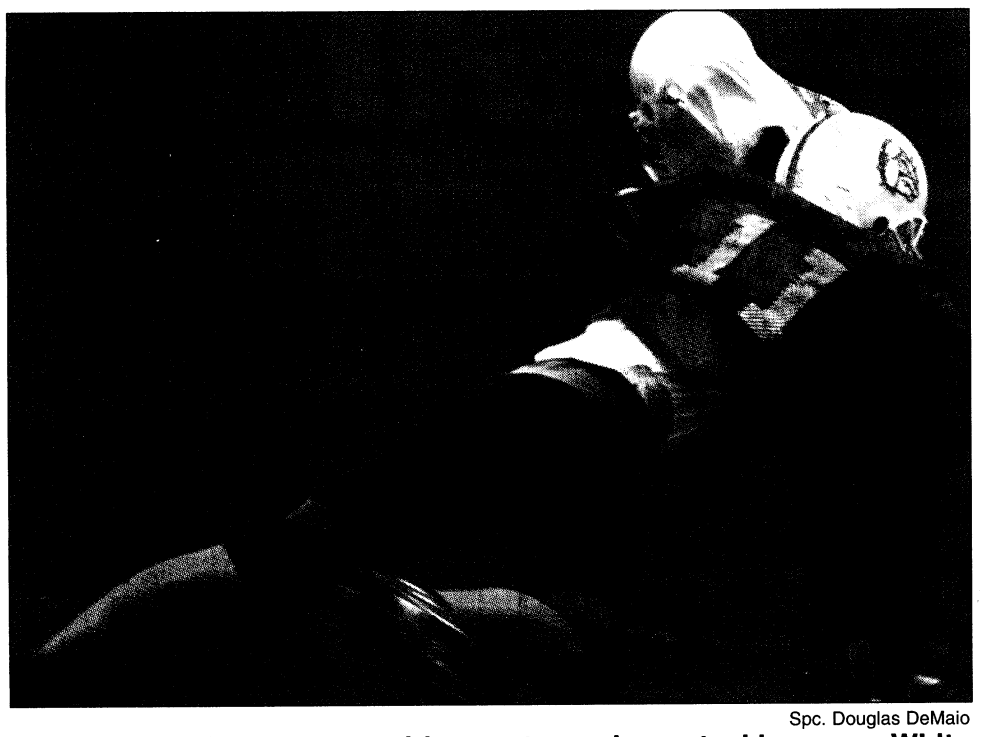
"We haven't been really challenged yet. We've shown we have a stellar defense, but our offense has to get better."

As the Comanches strive for that objective, other teams may want to take note of defensive philosophy.

"Deeper than the deepest man," Lawson said. "If a team is going to beat us, they are going to have to beat us down low."

With Jones' play and interceptions at the free safety position, that may not happen much this season.

Red Dogs clobber White Bulldogs, 26-0



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Andrew Rodriquez goes airborne to make a tackle on a White Bulldogs' running back Saturday at Blue Field.

Defense looks like crash-derby competition

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

In a rematch of an 11- to 13-year-old Youth Services football game Sept. 21, the Red Bulldogs defeated the White Bulldogs, 26-0, Saturday on Blue Field.

"They did better than the last time they played us," said Red Dog defensive lineman Daniel Cardiel. "They shut us down a little and had an interception."

However, in the second, the air and ground assault of the Red Bulldogs ripped Whites' defense apart like a school of piranhas eating lunch.

"We had some good passes and a few long runs," said Red Dog Matt Melhado.

In the forth quarter, Red Bulldogs' Andrew Rodriquez caught Eric Hare's 15-yard pass and ran 30 yards for a touchdown. Brandon Shannon extended the lead with an extra point. The Red Dogs led, 19-0.

Yet Shannon was not finished. On defense, he delivered a ball-jarring blow to the quarterback and recovered the fumble.

"It felt good to hit the quarterback," Shannon said. "All the fumbles I made got me down, and the hit gave me a lift."

Shannon fumbled the ball twice in the first half, but he made up for it in the second half with the fumble recovery that led to an Anthony Jones' touchdown.

"White stepped up and played hard," said Coach Dan Cardiel. "We had to adjust; we had too many turnovers in the first half.

"Once we held on to the ball, we moved down the field."

White's offense began the game by moving the ball down the field, but the Red Bulls' defense stopped the White Bulldogs on offense.

"Our defense was shutting them down," Daniel said.

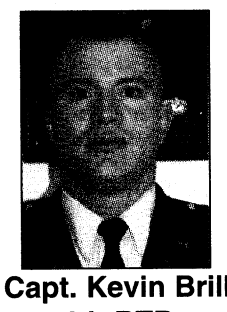
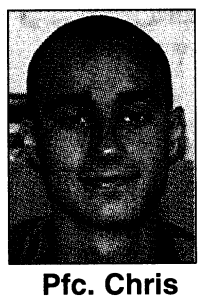
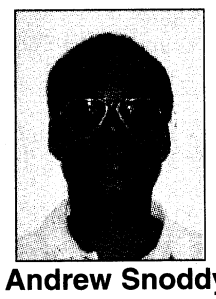
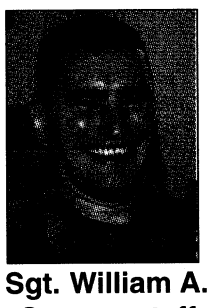
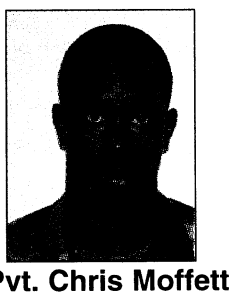
Time and time again, the Red Dogs' defenders looked like they were having a crash-derby competition.

Bodies flew everywhere. The Red Dogs stopped the opposition in their tracks.

Hare started the scoring spree by squirming his way into the endzone on a quarterback sneak. Leading 6-0, the Red Bulldogs never looked back.

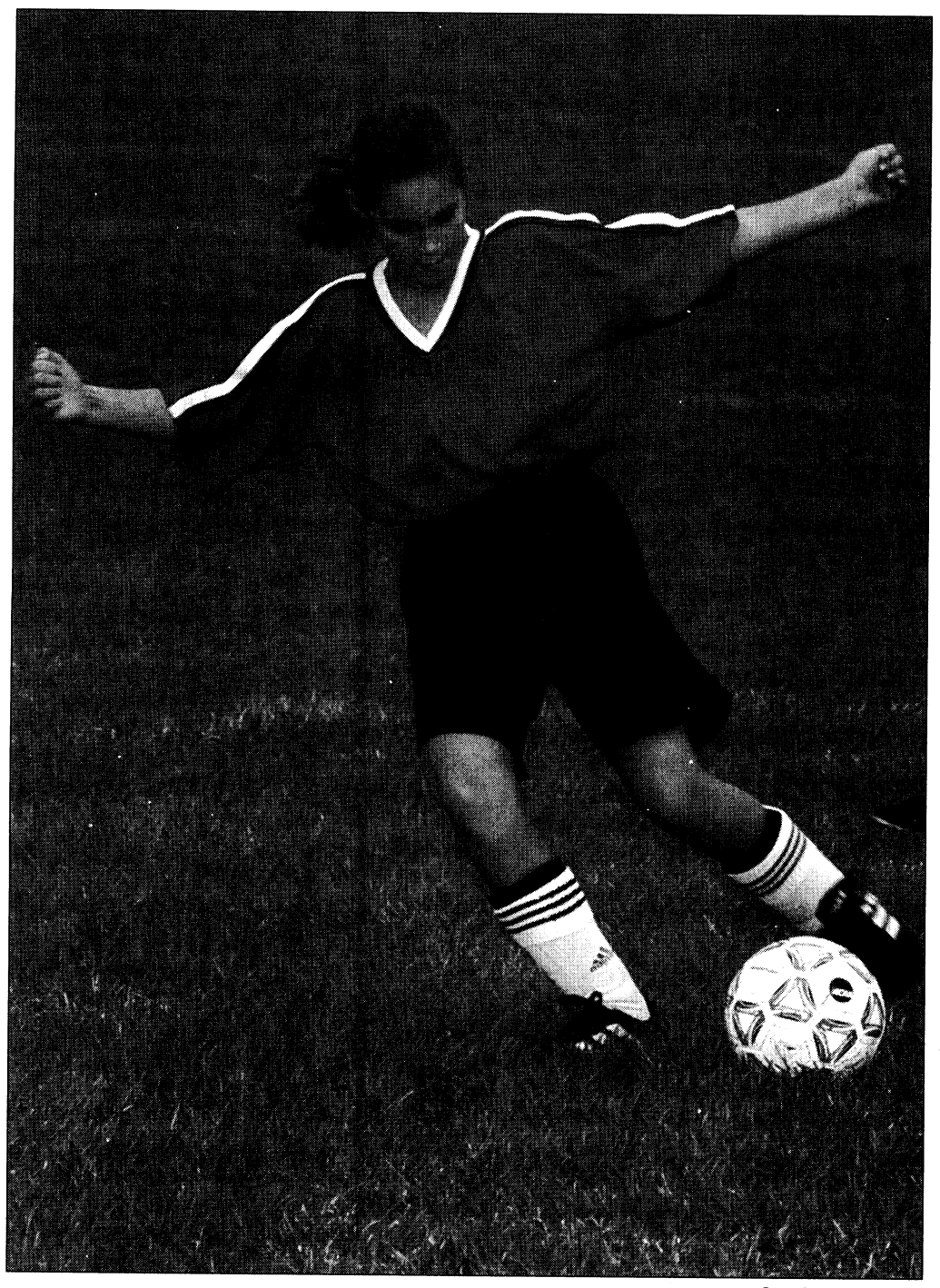
"The win felt good," Shannon said. "We came back in the second half and played like we should."

Fort Benning Pick 12

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Oregon St. at Arizona St.	Arizona State	Oregon St.	Arizona State	Oregon St.	Arizona State	Oregon St.
Oregon at UCLA	Oregon	UCLA	Oregon	UCLA	UCLA	Oregon
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Miami at Denver	Denver	Denver	Miami	Denver	Denver	Miami
Jacksonville at Tennessee	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Tennessee
Kansas City at San Diego	Kansas City	San Diego	Kansas City	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego

note: Picks are made by Thursday morn

Striker!



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

During a Youth Services' soccer game for 10- to 11-year-olds, Devils' Ashley Mount plants her foot in preparation of striking the ball Saturday morning at Blue Field.

USAMU trains British army shooters

UK team prepares for competition

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle and Service Pistol Teams provided rifle and pistol instruction and assistance to 22 members of the British Army Combat Shooting Team Sept. 28-30 at Easley and Phillips ranges.

The 10 pistol and 12 rifle shooters from the United Kingdom came to Fort Benning to train for the Armed Forces Skill at Arms Meeting, an international combat-style shooting competition being held at Camp Robinson, Ark., Saturday through Thursday.

"We're training here to adjust to the climate and so we can train on a similar range as used in the AFSAM competition," said Lt. Col. Richard T. Hoole, of England who is the secretary of the British Army Rifle Association. "I had been to the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit before and enjoyed training here."

"It's a world-renowned facility, and the instructors definitely know what they're talking about," said Cpl. Robert Doak, a pistol shooter from Northern Ireland. "This facility is to die for; we have nothing as nice or comprehensive as this."

USAMU Service Pistol shooters Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Wilson and Staff Sgt. Nathaniel S.D. Seltenreich provided the training to the British Pistol Team, which included techniques on barricade shooting, effects of lighting on iron sights and familiarization with the AFSAM course of fire and range commands.

"Anytime I can train with somebody else, especially good shooters like the British Team, I always learn something from it," Wilson said.

USAMU Service Rifle shooters assisted the British Rifle Team, which included soldiers from Nepal, with coaching and running the range.

"The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit has been superb to us," said Lt. Col. David J. Elsam of the British Rifle Team. "We always enjoy training here."

The team was a pleasure to work with, Wilson said.

Local PGA tournament chance of lifetime

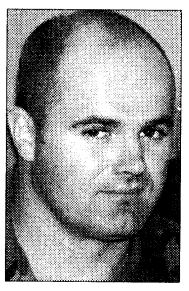
Event free, less than 60 minutes away

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The golfers playing in the Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Ga., are skillful golfers, who will provide excellent sports entertainment while competing for part of the $3.7 million purse.

Golfers like Davis Love III, Justin Leonard, Paul Azinger and David Duval will top the list of money winners playing in the tournament, so take advantage of the opportunity the PGA has given military

COMMENTARY



members to attend this event.

Callaway Gardens and the PGA even added some extra incentives for soldiers to go. It's free! That's right. There will be free admission Oct. 25-27 for all military members, with valid identification, and their families. Chances like this one don't come around too often.

The tournament is about 60 minutes from Fort Benning, and it's an opportunity to see some of the best golfers in the world.

Sure there will be other opportunities to attend a PGA event in the future, but nothing is certain, and depending on where a soldier is stationed, he may or may not have a chance to attend.

Duty on the island of Oahu gives soldiers a chance to see the Mercedes Championship in Kapalua, Hawaii, but that requires a trip to Maui with a 15-minute flight and 45-minute drive.

The opportunity is available, but I would rather spend a day in Maui doing something else.

Another opportunity for soldiers stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., is to see The International in Castle Rock, Colo. The drive is less than an hour, but who knows if it's free for soldiers. Make the right choice and check out the Buick Challenge. Maybe Tiger Woods will show.

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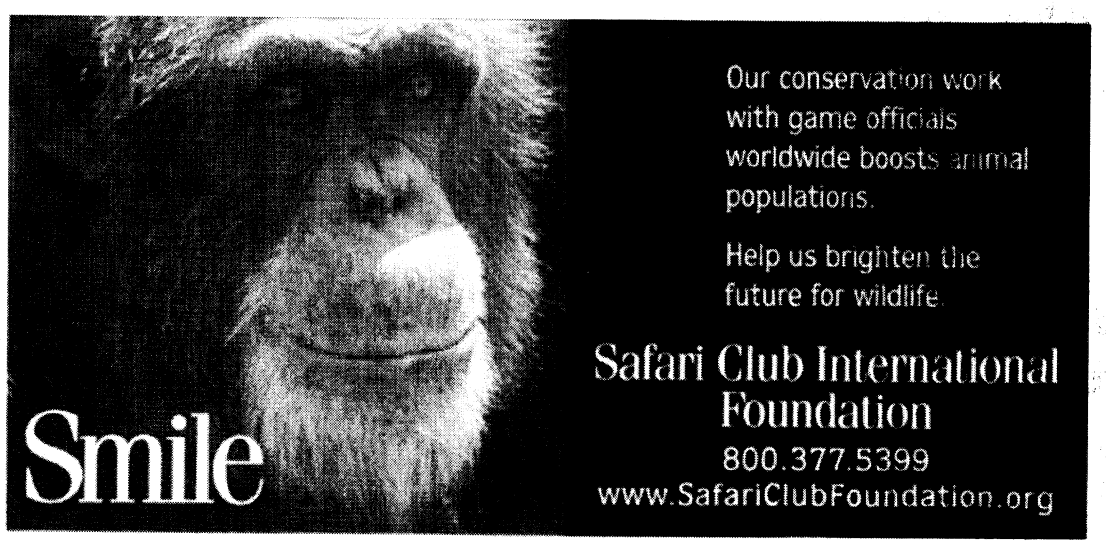
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2002 FORD EXPLORER XLT, 4DR, AUTO, PW, PL, CASS, AC $18,788 (1)	2002 CHEVY SILVERADO LS, EXT CAB, 4DR PU, V8, AUTO $19,688 (1)	2000 DODGE DAKOTA AUTO, PS, PB $11,788 (1)	2002 DODGE DURANGO SLT, 4DR, AUTO, PW, PL, CD $18,388 (1)	2001 FORD F150 PU, AUTO, PS, PB, CASS $12,188 (4)	2002 JEEP LIBERTY LIMITED, AUTO, PW, PL, CASS $20,481 (1)
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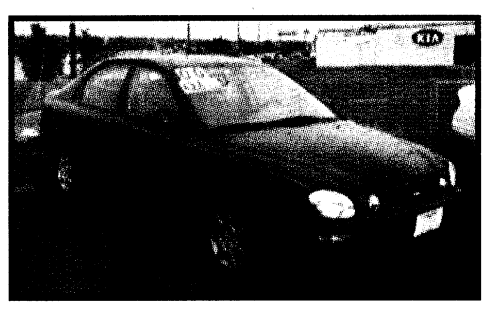
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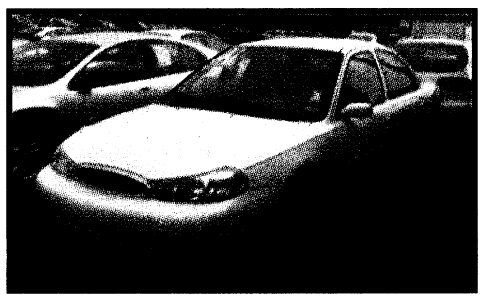
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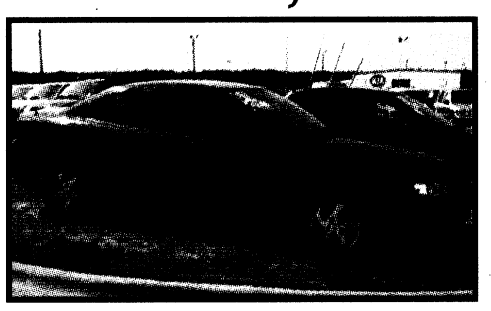
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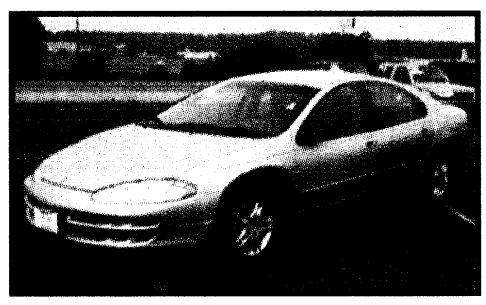
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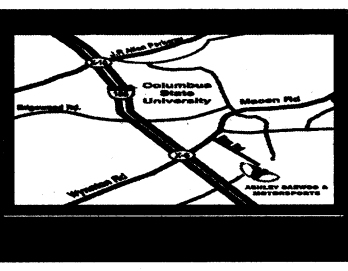


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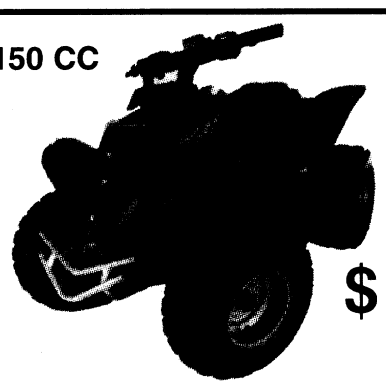


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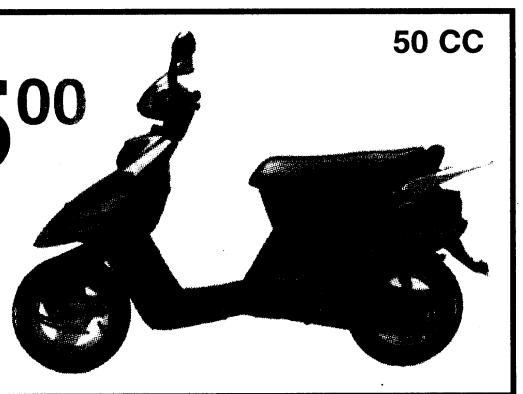


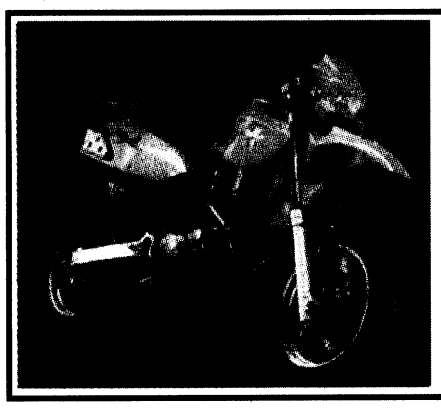
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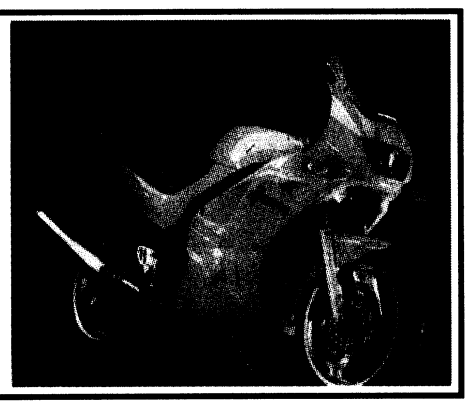
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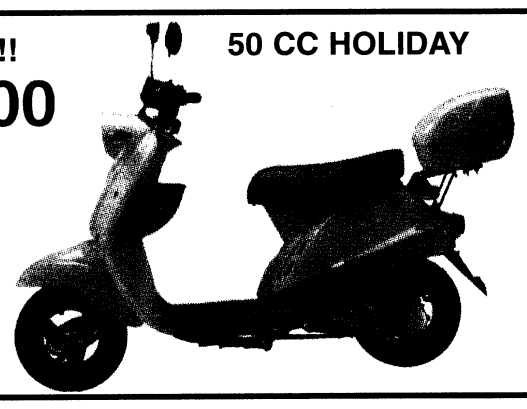


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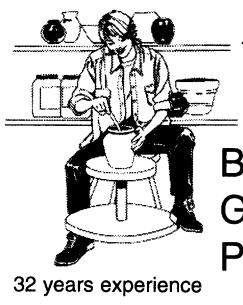
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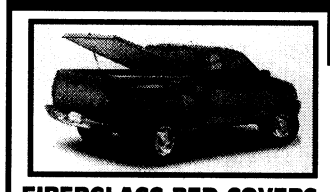
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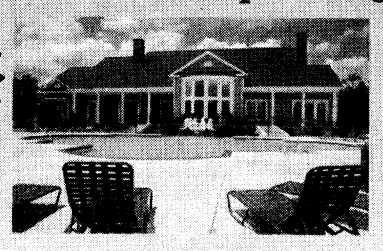
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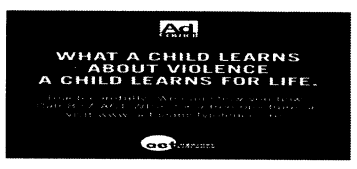
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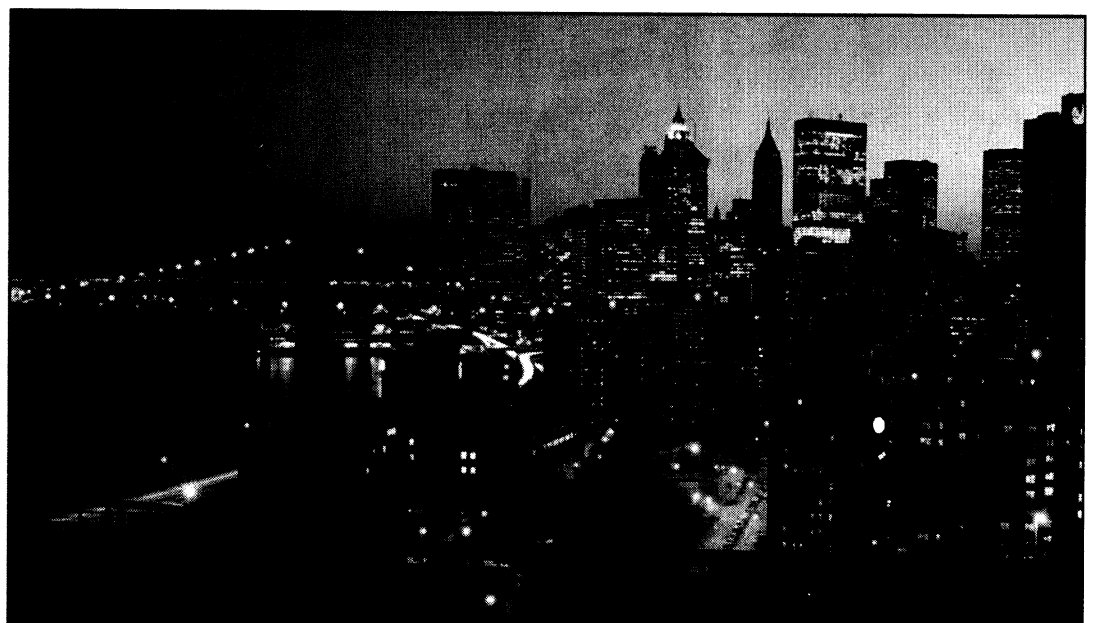


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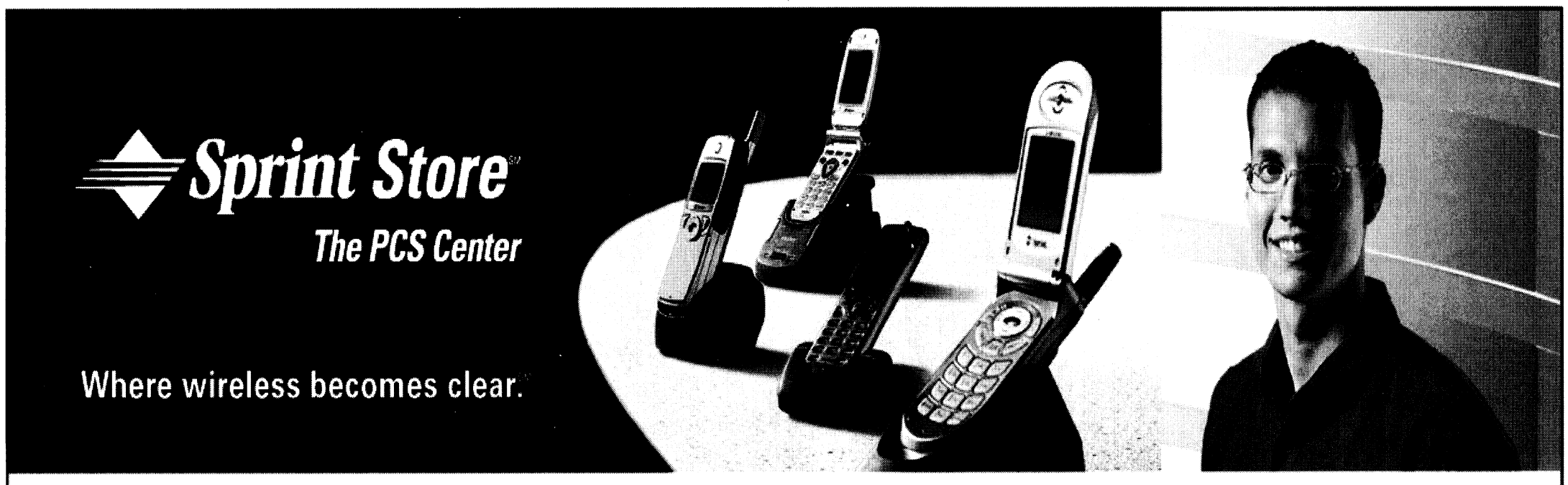
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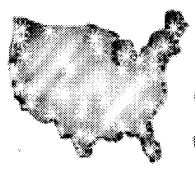
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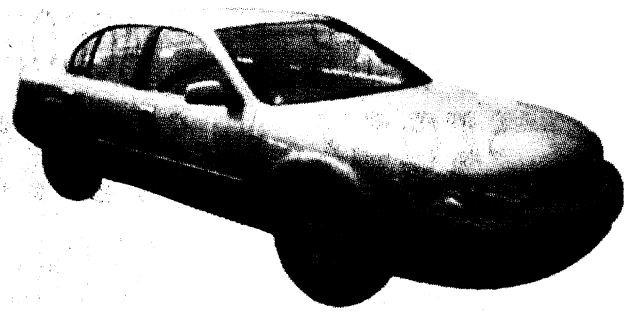
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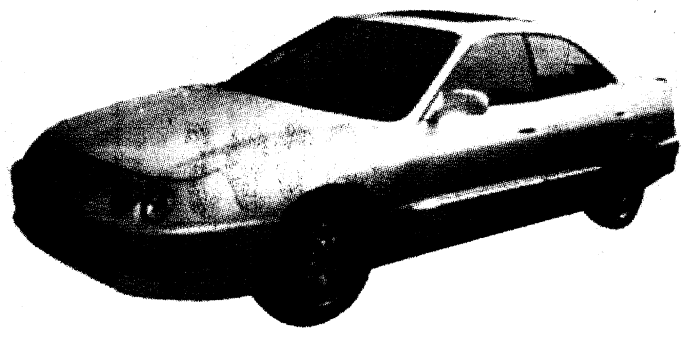
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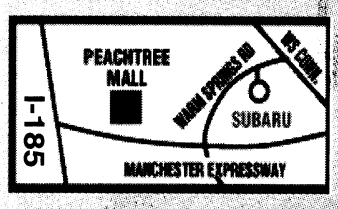


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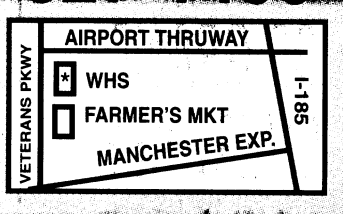
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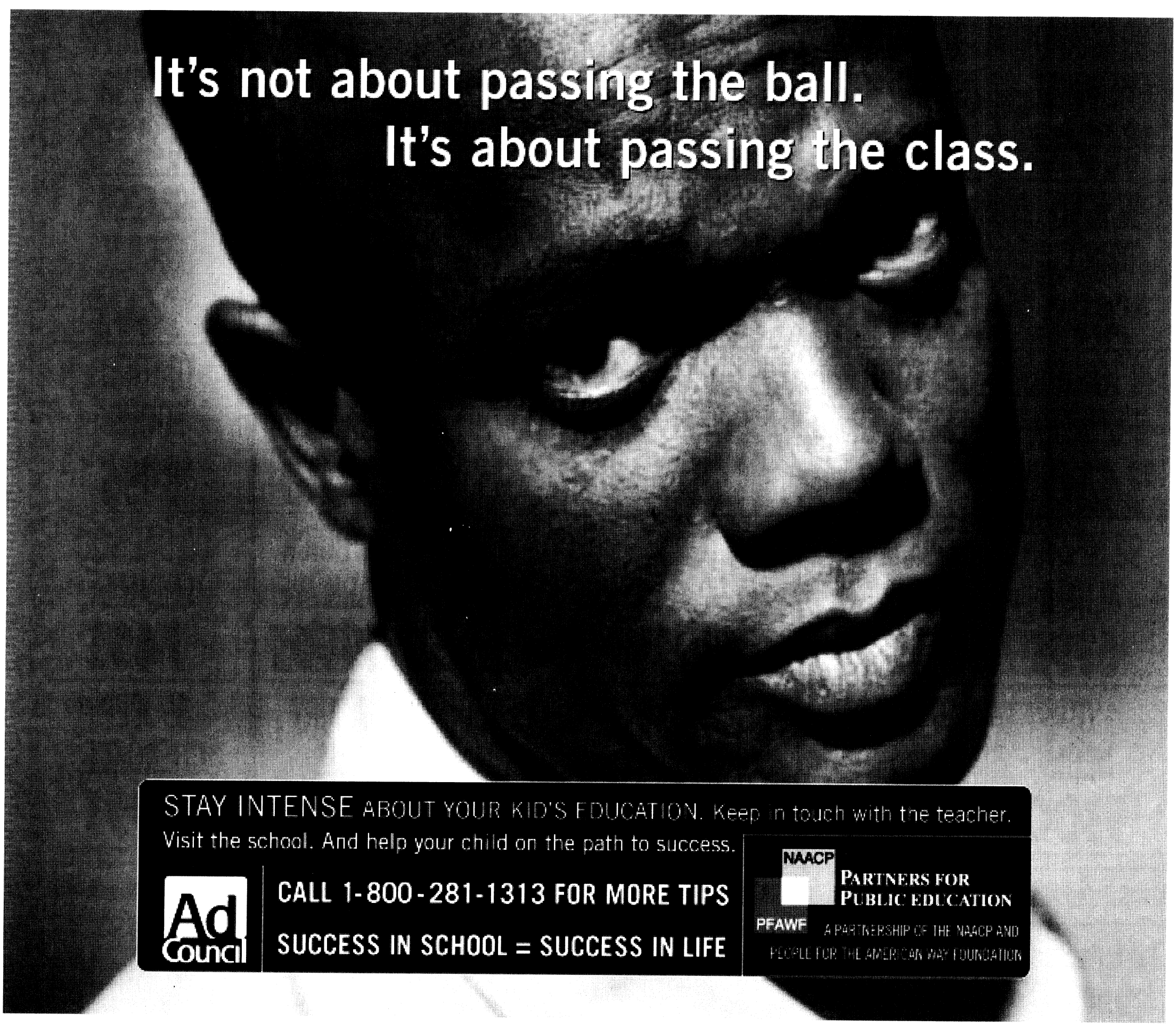
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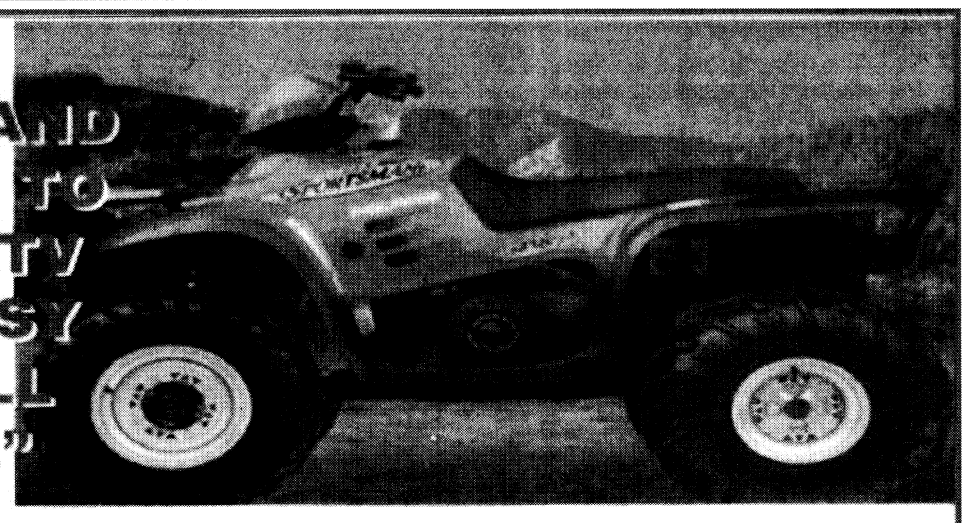
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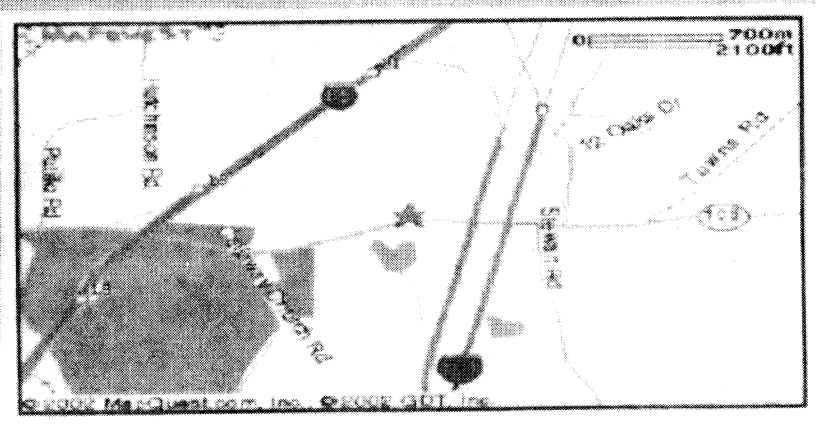
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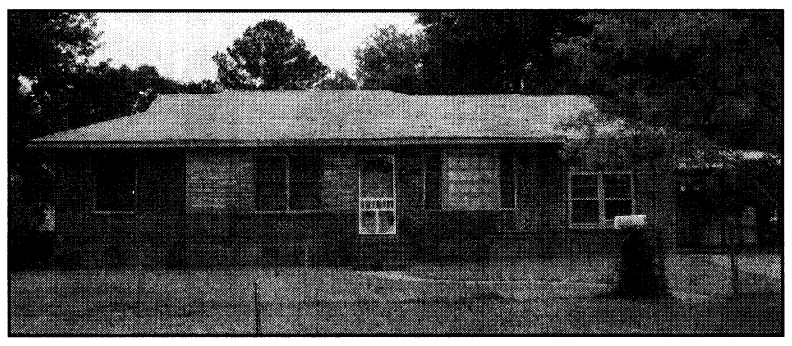
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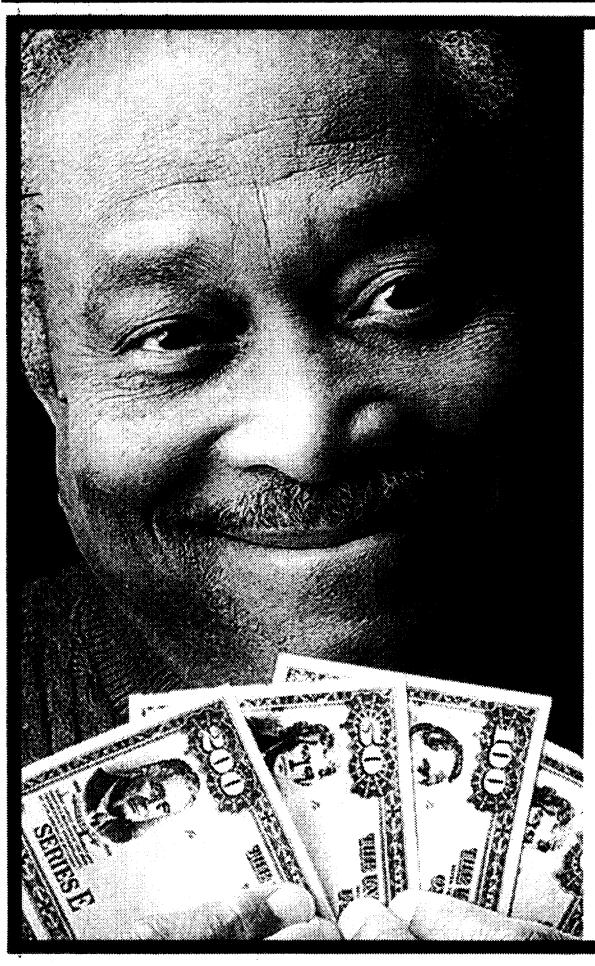


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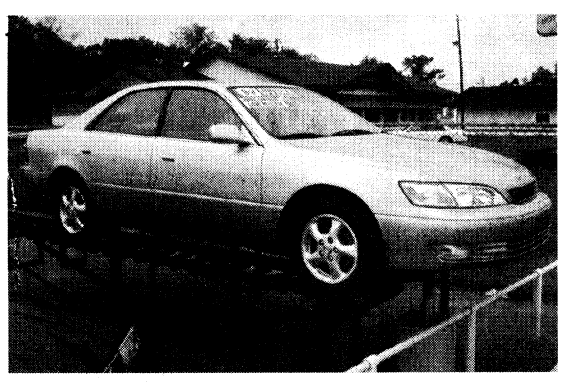


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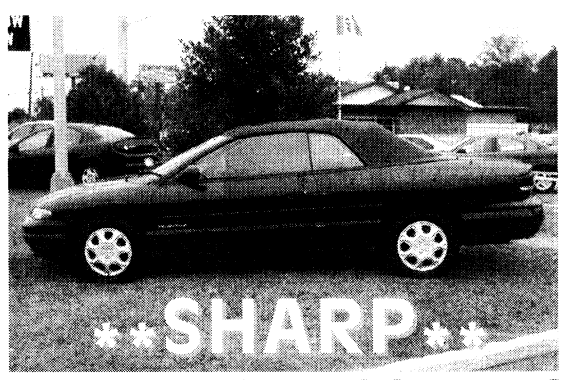
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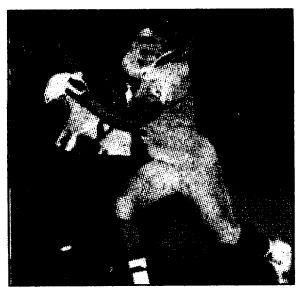
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Tank killer helps infantry

System first to use kinetic energy

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Things are looking good for the Army's light infantry soldiers. On Tuesday, the first Line-of-Sight Antitank weapon system rolled off the assembly line in Dallas, Texas. The vehicle will be part of the rollout of new equipment at the Association of the United States Army's national convention this month.

The LOSAT, billed as the "sledgehammer solution for the anti-armor battle" was developed by Lockheed Martin to meet the needs of light infantry units

"We spent about a year writing the requirements for this system for the infantry," said Maj. Brad McDonald, who has been working on the LOSAT project for the past three years. "Then we identify the requirements and the program manager provides the materiel solution in order to builds what we need to meet the identified threat." The LOSAT is one of nearly 400 programs being developed at Fort Benning.

At first glance, the LOSAT system looks very similar to the standard Humvee. The four ready-to-fire missiles are housed on the top of the Humvee. The real difference is in the kinetic energy missile whose development was originally a joint Army and Air Force program in the early 1980s.

"We were trying to capture the shock power of kinetic energy for warfighting," said Sanford Parr, senior technical advisor.

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> senior technical advisor

The KEM uses kinetic energy, the energy associated with motion, instead of chemical energy produced by explosive warheads like those found on the new Javelin. The missile relies on hypervelocity speed of 5,000 feet-per-second to destroy targets.

On a video of the LOSAT firing on tanks at a target range, there appeared to be a small explosion as the missile hit the target. Not so, McDonald said.

"What happens is that the

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Vietnam Wall



Bridgett Siter

Bethany Garland, of Callaway Gardens, holds a bald eagle at the traveling Vietnam Wall Saturday. For more on the the Vietnam Wall, see A-3 and A-4.

Deaths spark concern

Common sense key to families getting benefits

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

With Fort Benning having lost a few of its own recently, some may wonder what happens to the soldiers' estates and families after they die.

"A line of duty investigation is conducted when a soldier dies on active duty from other than natural causes," said Tony Tempesta, chief of Legal Assistance at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. "If the soldier's injury or death is determined to be 'not in the line of duty, due to own misconduct,' then some Veterans Administration benefits will be in jeopardy."

The benefits the VA pays depends on a case by case administrative decision, according to the VA Web site.

One benefit is Dependent Indemnity Compensation, a monthly, tax-free payment to the soldier's immediate family (surviving spouses who don't remarry with children under 18 years old, or 18-23, if students). It is not payable if a soldier dies while on active duty, for example, if there is "willful misconduct" on the part of the soldier, Tempesta said. What constitutes willful misconduct would be determined

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Congress passes bill for chapel

Worship center to provide more features

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The only thing standing between Fort Benning building a new chapel is the president's signature.

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the Military Construction Conference Report (H.R. 5011) Oct. 10. Included is $6.5 million for a new chapel.

"We're looking forward to building the new chapel," said Cathie Wampler, director of religious education.

"We miss our old chapel, but we must look toward the future in the sense that the new chapel will allow us to have more religious programs and activities."

The proposed chapel will seat 400, but can be enlarged to a 600-seat capacity. There will be 12 classrooms for religious education programs.

"There are many groups that need a place to meet, and the new chapel will provide that for them," said Chaplain (Col.) Joseph O'Keeffe. "There will also be offices for the chaplains and chaplains' assistants."

On Jan. 12, the post's Catholic Chapel was destroyed by an electrical fire. By morning, the only thing left of the chapel was the charred front entrance.

The fire was caused by an electrical surge from a transformer across the street from the chapel.

White Elementary School is currently being used for religious education.

"It's what we call Sunday School in a box," O'Keeffe said.

"Right now we have to take down whatever we put up on Sundays in the classrooms," he said. "With the new classrooms being built with the chapel, we will be able to leave up scriptures, drawings and other religious things."

The Protestant Religious Program is from 9 to 10 a.m. Sunday and the Catholic Religious Program is from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sunday.

"This (new chapel) will help the two major religions (Catholic and Protestant) have their religious education programs and their worship services at the same time," O'Keeffe said.

With the addition of the chapel, it will give the many support groups on Fort Benning a place to meet at during the week.

The chapel will allow the various religious activities to center around the two main chapels.

The location and the name of the chapel have not been decided.

However, the site of the new chapel will not be on the site of the old Catholic Chapel, O'Keeffe said. It will be closer to family housing.

"The goal of the new chapel is to make it a visible place for people to come for religious education, worship services and counseling," O'Keeffe said.

Do you really have time to read this?

Bridgett Siter
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COMMENTARY

"So what do your children do?" a young mother asked just the other day.

What do they *do*?

They go to school, they play, they read, they eat — a lot — and they occasionally argue over the remote. They're kids. That's what kids do.

Of course I knew full well what she meant. In the virtual yearbook of life, what will come after their names? Soccer? Ballet? Gymnastics? Piano? Scouts? What are they *doing* with their lives?

This young mom (No, you don't know her, she lives far away. But I bet you know 10 just like her.) was lamenting her 3-year-old's busy schedule. She has swim lessons and playgroup twice a week and takes ballet and gymnastics at a cost of more than $500 for eight months of once-a-week 30-minute classes.

$500! To learn how to point her toes and tuck and tumble.

"It's crazy," she said, feigning exasperation.

"So, who's twisting your arm," I asked. OK, I didn't, but I wanted to. Because I've played this game before. Sorry to say, I



probably initiated it more than once. The winner is the biggest whiner.

We taxi toddlers from tumbling class to tap dance to stroke our own egos and complain about it all the while.

This kind of megalomanic mentality was unheard of in our mothers' day. Moms weren't social activity directors and children weren't "scheduled," unless you were one of the lucky few who could get them to nap consistently.

For all our accomplishments as women, we've seemingly become slaves to the need to validate our existence by sheer busyness. We cook and clean and kick-box. We volunteer everywhere. (God help us if we have a J-O-B, too.) As if that isn't enough, we stretch our poor children so thin, they've no idea what to do with a spare minute. They've had so few.

Our mothers' cry was "You've come a long way, baby." Ours' might well be "Now get busy!"

What's that you say? Team sports teach important lessons in life like sportsmanship and competitiveness? Dance and gymnastics and aerobics and cheerleading build confidence?

Sure they do. But moderation is key. Too much of a good thing is not a good thing. Sportsmanship and confidence can also be learned while playing Monopoly or Checkers or Uncle Wiggly. Board games are less expensive, less stressful and you can still get dinner on the table and the kids in bed by nine.

Lest I sound self-righteous, I confess I've fallen prey to mommy peer pressure time and time again. I'm learning. And seeing myself, or at least my former self, in the eyes of a young mother hell-bent on becoming a maternal martyr, I've renewed my commitment to the simple life.

Admit it, you've done it yourself. And you swore you'd not let it happen again. You bought into the whole rug-rat race. If *her* children are taking karate and basket weaving and hang gliding lessons, shouldn't mine?

The answer is no.

Stop the insanity. Let kids be kids. Let them join a team or the Scouts or take piano lessons or whatever. The operative word here is "or."

Life is short. Let them play.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chaplain's article evokes response

I am writing this letter in response to Chaplain Rick Brunson's remarks about choosing life. Quite frankly, I was very surprised and disappointed by what I read. My experience with military chaplains has always been positive. I find they are the most tolerant and accepting of the clergy I have ever known. I was taken aback by Chaplain Brunson's column, mostly because of its judgmental and suppositional context. I will explain:

He says of a soldier who committed suicide: "Unlike the other death, this one had no faith, dignity, honor or joy." He goes on to say: "Unfortunately, he did not bring an end to his pain." Both of these statements are perceived as judgmental, whether that was the intention or not. Chaplain Brunson did not know the soldier, save what others told him.

We have become so pre-occupied with the "other-worldliness" of eternal punishment and reward that we don't stop to think about what a great responsibility we have to each other as human beings.

This responsibility includes unconditional love and acceptance in all things as taught by Elhoim, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Gandhi, Mother Theresa and other spiritually enlightened people of the ages. These types of judgmental comments are usually spoken from someone spiritually immature like myself, not a chaplain.

The other thing that confounded me was the supposition of a dying man's words. "Can you help me die," was the question from a man riddled with Lou Gehrig's disease. "After many years of pondering," the answer came as a litany about strengthening faith and his commitment to God and about wanting the end to come naturally. I really don't think that this is a reasonable opinion on this one.

Unless you have experienced pain so excruciating that no amount of drugs or prayer will help, I don't think you should put these words in a dying man's mouth. Maybe he was comfortable with his spirituality. Maybe he did not believe in cosmic ramifications to bringing nature's course to a quicker end.

We need to be careful in an age of technology what we wish for. We have figured out how to prolong life well beyond that of quality in a lot of cases, sometimes to the point of absurdity. We as a society need to give some thought to the quality part now, before scientists figure out how to "help" us live for 500 years, 250 of which will be spent with absolutely no hope for self-function. It sounds far fetched, but in 100 years, who knows?

Although I refuted the chaplain's opinions, please don't think that I am rejecting him. He has a very important job, and I respect his work very much. I admired the honesty in the column about his own emotion. However, one must always remember to accompany honesty with temperance and wisdom. Most of all, I think members of the clergy have to work harder than everyone else on the tolerance for others so that members of your faith and congregation will follow your example. Think what the world would be like if we all (including me) remembered that more often.

— Capt. Jeff Shuck
Fort Benning

Teacher's death causes reflection

I have two friends with very different views on life — one says that if you stick your fist in a bucket of water, remove the fist and look at the hole left behind you will see how much you will be missed when you are gone. The other friend says — drop one drop of water into an ocean and watch the ripple — it moves from one tiny spot to reach out infinitely — affecting all the other water it moves.

No one likes funerals. They remind us of our own mortality and bring to light the pain and loss of someone near or dear to us.

As mortal beings we often doubt the impact that we have on this world. Will we be remembered when we are gone? Did we do any good? Did we make a difference? But in their own right they also afford us the opportunity to deal with the impact that we make on this world.

In the past year I have attended more funerals than I ever imagined I would, but none impacted so much upon my heart as the one I attended with my daughter Oct. 6. My daughter lost a teacher and the community lost a fine person — a son, husband, father, volunteer and friend.

Mark Turner was only 41 when he was taken from this world. Born on Fort Benning in 1962, he remained in Columbus and taught history at Spencer High School for 19 years.

He created an unimaginable impact on those he came into contact with. I was stunned as I walked into the small chapel on Macon Road with my daughter — the number of people there took my breath away. There was standing room only as attendees filled the chapel, overflowing into the waiting area — to say good-bye to him. I remember thinking to myself "What did this man do that made such a difference?" And then I looked at the faces of the students touched by the life of this one man.

The number of students there impressed me. It is one thing for peers to pay tribute, but the mass of students and former students there amazed me.

Tears flowed freely as the minister paid his last honors and the memories of this man who had affected so many lives were exchanged. The students, in a wide range of ages, held onto each other, unashamed by their tears, demonstrating freely their sense of loss.

While many teen-agers were spending the weekend concentrating on fun and temporary freedom, these had chosen to take the time to recognize someone who had affected their lives beyond the norm.

If there was ever any question of the impact Mark Turner made on their lives, it was all evident in the faces of the young and old who stood to say good-bye.

It made me realize that no matter how small, everyone who enters the door of our lives leaves an imprint and we in turn leave an imprint on them. We should strive for that imprint to be one that people want to remember — not work to forget. Fort Benning lost a son. Columbus lost a citizen. My daughter lost a teacher, but gained so much from his presence in her life that he will never really be gone.

— Stephanie Mello
Fort Benning

Command addresses uniform policy

Soldiers may wear utility BDUs and selected organization uniforms off post during the duty day to eat breakfast and lunch, or to purchase items at convenience stores and gas stations and for other personal business that may be rapidly transacted (i.e.: vehicle registration, dry cleaning, car repair drop or pick up).

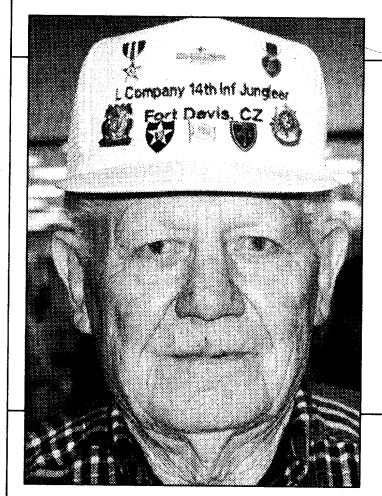
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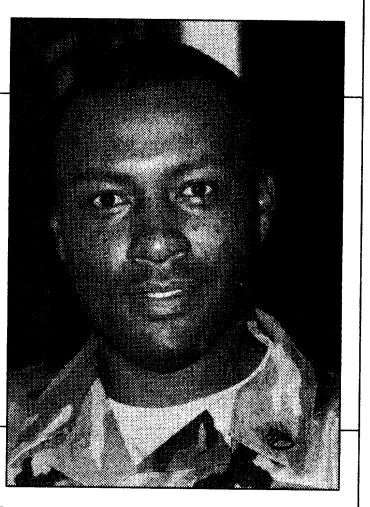
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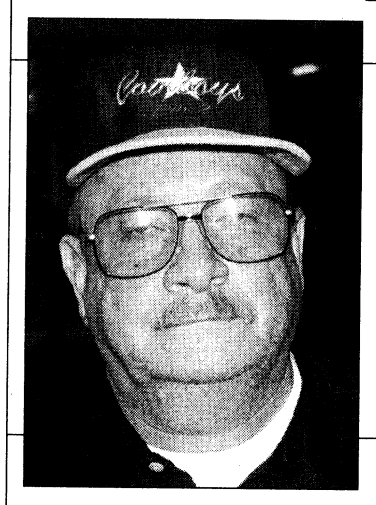
How do you avoid scheduling overload for children?



Retired Master Sgt. William Braddock, Columbus — "I keep them under control, but still let them enjoy being young. Also, I don't let them be involved in a lot of activities. They have to have time to be kids."



Staff Sgt. Algie Lawrence, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I let my kids pick some activities they want to do, but with my guidance. If it's positive, then I support what they want to do."



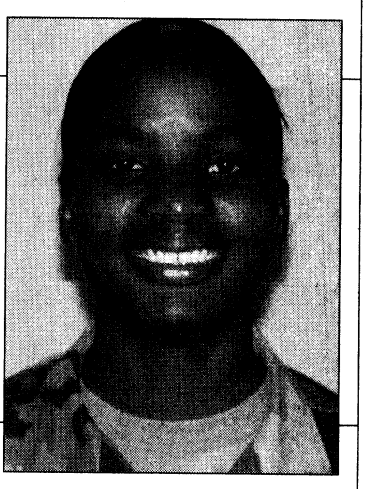
Retired Staff Sgt. James Grimmett, Columbus — "I keep track of their schedules and try not to overdo it. You've gotta let them be kids."



Sgt. 1st Class Calvin Grubbs Jr., 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I make out a week-by-week schedule on the computer so they know what their jobs are. As far as sports, I let them choose what sport they are happy participating in."



Betty McDaniel, family member — "I play games with them and with some of the chores around the house I try to make it a game. Too much scheduling is not good for kids."



Spc. Abina Riley, 13th Combat Support Battalion — "I don't schedule them for so much, plain and simple. As they grow older I let them choose the activities they want to participate in."

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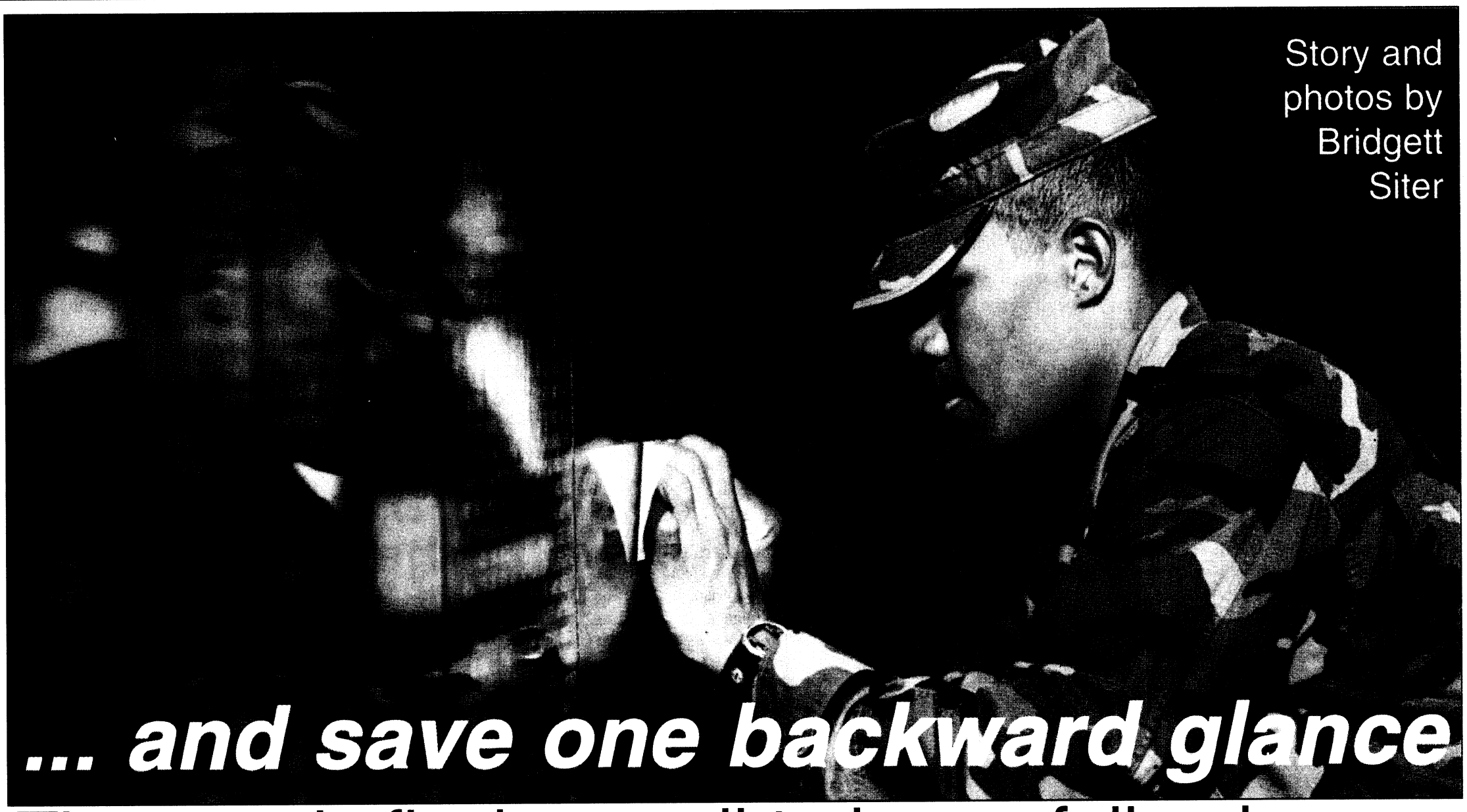
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Thousands flock to wall to honor fallen heroes

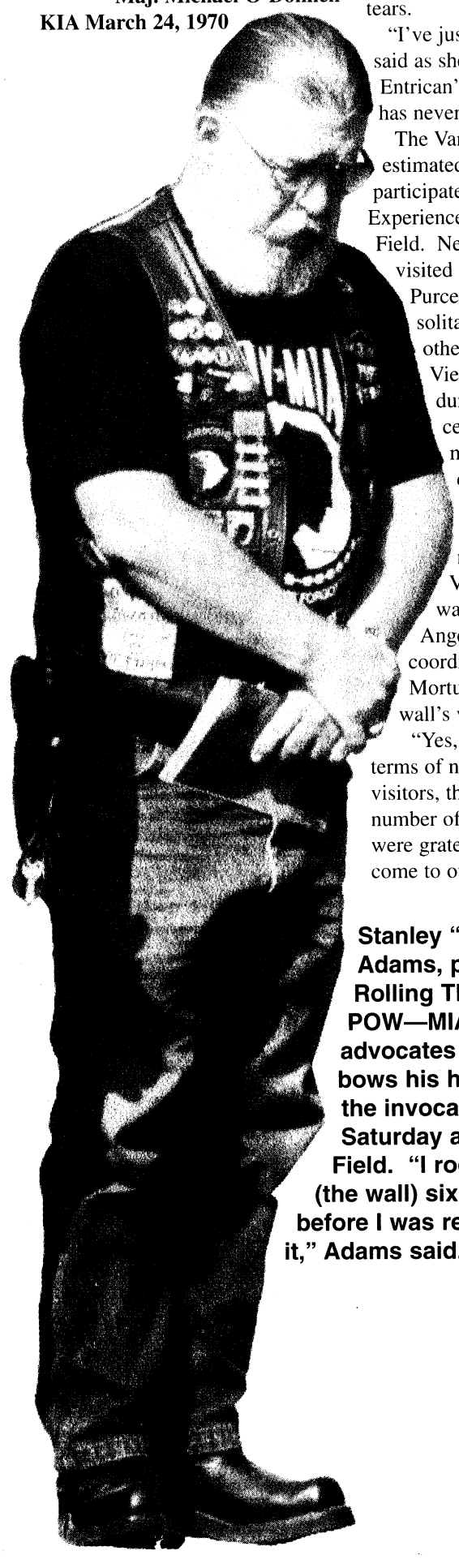
'It helps,' say vets of Vietnam Wall Experience

"If you are able, save for them a place inside of you and save one backward glance when you're leaving for the places they can no longer go.

Be not ashamed to say you loved them, though you may or may not have always. Take what they have taught you with their dying and keep it with your own.

And in that time when men decide and feel safe to call the war insane, take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind."

— Maj. Michael O'Donnell
KIA March 24, 1970



"It was a confusing, anxious time," said Justine Vance, of the months her husband spent in Vietnam. "But he made it home."

Silas Vance made it home safely, but he brought his wife a bracelet engraved with the name of one who didn't, Capt. Dan Day Entrican, listed as missing in action.

Justine kept the bracelet for more than 30 years. She and her husband, a retired master sergeant, brought it with them when they visited the traveling Vietnam Wall at Fort Benning Saturday.

After a brief search, they spotted Entrican's name on the west wall, panel 3, line 39, and Justine burst into tears.

"I've just always wondered," she said as she traced the star beside Entrican's name, signifying his body has never been recovered.

The Vances were among the estimated 25,000 visitors who participated in the Vietnam Wall Experience last weekend at Sacrifice Field. Nearly 2,000 school children visited Friday; retired Col. Ben Purcell, who spent more time in solitary confinement than any other American POW in Vietnam, greeted hundreds during a Saturday morning ceremony; and, hundreds more returned for a candlelight vigil Sunday evening.

If success can be measured in numbers, the Vietnam Wall Experience was indeed a triumph, said Angela Garnto, special events coordinator for Striffler-Hamby Mortuary, Inc., who sponsored the wall's visit to Fort Benning.

"Yes, it was certainly a success in terms of numbers — the number of visitors, the number of tears and the number of comments from people who were grateful to have this exhibit come to our community," Garnto said.

> "You know, some (veterans) prefer to come out here after dark, way into the night, because it's a very intensely personal experience. Not everybody's ready to face their demons in the daylight."
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> **Stanley "Puff" Adams**
> President of Rolling Thunder

More than 50 bikers from Rolling Thunder, a POW-MIA advocates group, opened Saturday's ceremony. Stanley "Puff" Adams, president of the Waverly Hall chapter, said members of the group stayed on site around the clock to keep it secure for late-night visitors.

"You know some (veterans) prefer to come out here after dark, way into the night, because it is a very intensely personal experience," Adams said. "Not everybody's ready to face their demons in the daylight."

Adams said there was a "steady trickle" of visitors throughout the night, many of whom weren't ready to approach the wall.

"I understand that. I rode up to (the wall) six years before I was ready to see it," he said. "But we're here if they want to talk, and you can usually tell. If they hang back or walk past it or shake their head, they don't want to be disturbed. If they stand there, touch it, talk to it or walk away and come back, they're usually ready to talk. You can pretty much tell."

It took Kenneth Goss four tries before he could get close enough to read the names on the wall.

"The first time I just drove past slowly. The next time I sat in the truck an hour before I drove away," he said. "We live in an instant society. We want everything fast. We want a reunion or a trip to the wall to give us instant closure. It doesn't happen that way. It helps. It's part of the process, but it's a very long process."

Now he anticipates his trips to the wall with a mixture of dread and relief.

"Each time you go there you heal a little bit, but it's still like walking up to an open grave. You're not ready to let go," he said. "And every time you turn to walk away, it feels like you're turning your back on them."

Still, Goss said the wall has been instrumental in healing the wounds that divided the nation after the Vietnam War.

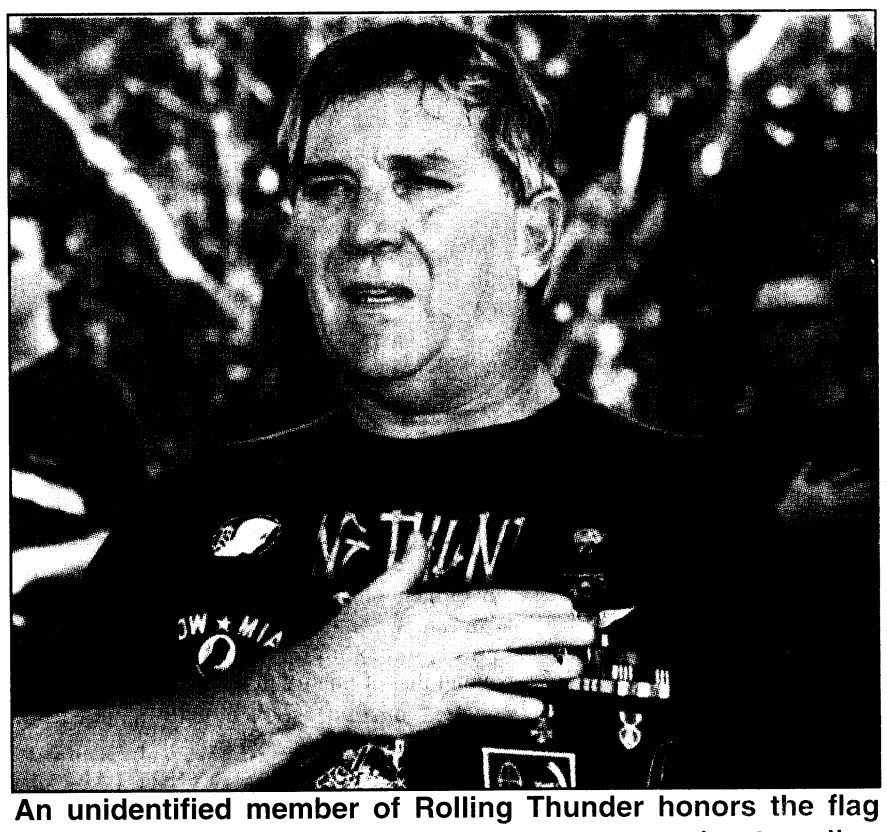
"We weren't allowed to grieve properly when we came back. There's still a lot of bitterness," he said. "But it helps to see others grieving with us. It helps that millions and millions of people look at that wall and see 58,000 names and feel a little bit of the overwhelming sense of futility we did."

Retired Lt. Gen. Ben Register, keynote speaker at Saturday's ceremony, said the wall is etched with both pain and healing for those who lost loved ones in Vietnam.

"It's about remembering and being remembered," said Register, who deemed it was "more than appropriate" that the wall should visit Fort Benning, "Home of the Infantry and keeper of the warrior spirit."

"This (wall) serves to honor fallen heroes who loved, served and sacrificed for the freedom that makes this country the greatest in the world. Tell a soldier 'Thank you for serving our country.' Tell a Vietnam veteran 'Welcome home,'" he said.

"And never forget."



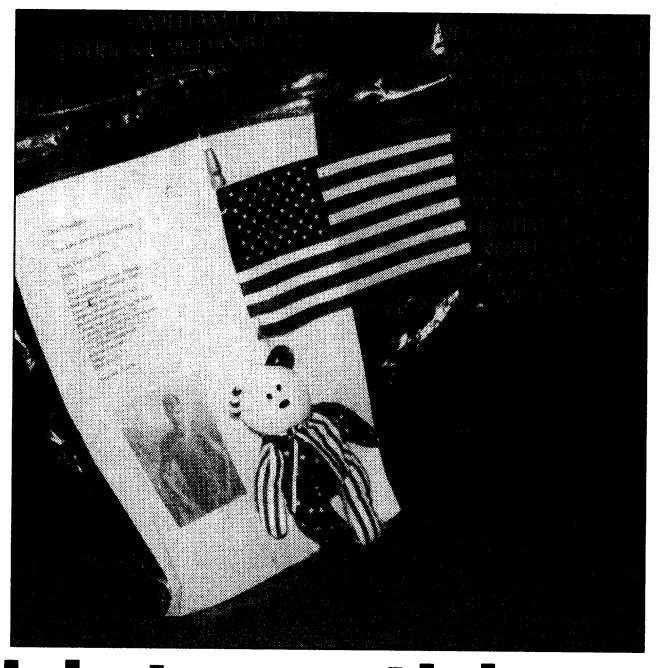
An unidentified member of Rolling Thunder honors the flag during the Saturday morning ceremony at the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall on Fort Benning's Sacrifice Field. More than 50 members of Rolling Thunder participated in the opening parade.



Russell County High School ROTC cadets conduct a POW-MIA Remembrance ceremony Saturday at the wall. The four hats represent U.S. military servicemen from each service who are unaccounted for. The single rose represents the blood shed to ensure freedom in America. The red ribbon represents ribbons wo[illegible] by those who demand a proper account of POWs and MIAs.

Stanley "Puff" Adams, president of Rolling Thunder, a POW—MIA advocates group, bows his head during the invocation Saturday at Sacrifice Field. "I rode up to (the wall) six years before I was ready to see it," Adams said.





It's a moving wall indeed. The traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall is a three-quarters scale replica of the wall in Washington, D.C. Visitors often leave mementos at the wall. Flags are common, as are notes, flowers and photographs, but visitors also leave medals, ribbons, crosses, stuffed animals, newspaper clippings and jewelry. The site of the moving wall is always considered sacred ground, said Angela Garnto, special events coordinator for Striffler-Hamby Mortuary, who spearheaded the effort to bring the wall to Fort Benning. As such, all items left at the wall at Fort Benning will be enshrined in a vault in the veterans' section of Lakeview Memory Gardens in Phenix City.

Wall of history, thing of mystery

Veterans say wall a healing place

Story and photos by Bridgett Siter

There are 47 trainees in Jose Mojica's platoon, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment. A handful of them, like Mojica, received passes Saturday to visit the Vietnam Memorial Wall on Fort Benning's Sacrifice Field. Their assignment: Gather "rubbings" of the names of the 47 soldiers from A Company, 2nd Bn. 47th Inf. Regt., who lost their lives in the Vietnam War.

The irony wasn't lost on Mojica.

"It's hard to believe, but then it's hard to fathom anything about this wall," he said, as he scanned the length of granite to his right. "I can't say I can truly comprehend it, because I wasn't there, but it helps me appreciate the fact that there were so many willing to die for what they believed in. These days there aren't many people who can understand that kind of devotion."

As Mojica and his comrades continued their search for names, Kenneth Goss arrived after a three hour drive from his home in southern Alabama. His mission, he supposed, was nearly impossible.

"I don't even know where to begin. I lost seven buddies, and I can't even remember their names," the Vietnam veteran said. "I told myself to forget it when I came home. Now I want to remember."

Goss had very little information to go on. All he knew was his buddies' unit, he told a volunteer — A Co., 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt.

The volunteer looked at Goss in amazement.

"Come with me. I just might know someone who can help you," she said, and steered him toward one of the soldiers from 2nd Bn., 47th Inf. Regt.

In no time at all, Goss began his search with a list of his own. He shook his head, tears streaming down his face, and tried to explain the mystery of the wall.

"These things happen. You hear it all the time," he said, referring to the morning's fortuitous turn of events. "The wall is a healing place. Strange things happen here. You can't really explain them, but you can't deny them."

Others agree.

Time and time again during the wall's three-day stay at Fort Benning, veterans, friends and family members shared their stories, the unexplainable twists of fate that take place at the wall.

"I used to say my name was supposed to be up there," said Stanley "Puff" Adams, who earned his nickname in a nasty divorce — "Puff, it was all gone," he said with a snap of his fingers.

Adams, the president of the local chapter of Rolling Thunder, a POW-MIA advocates group, said he visited the wall six times before he could approach it.

"My whole platoon is on that wall. Their names are right there together. There's the one my son was named after," he said.

"When I finally talked myself into finding their names, there it was, five rows above — the name Puff. I don't know why, but it helped."

U.S. Representative Sanford Bishop shared his "wall experience" with more than 200 people at Sunday's closing ceremony. Bishop said he first visited the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., in search of the name of a childhood friend, Thaddeus Williams.

"He was the big boy in my neighborhood, Creek Circle. He taught me how to hold a tennis racket and a baseball bat," Bishop said. "When he didn't return to Creek Circle, the circle was broken."

Bishop later traveled to Vietnam as a member of the joint task force on POW-MIA accountability in search of Georgia soldiers whose remains were never returned.

"And I brought Thaddeaus Williams home to be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. I delivered his eulogy. All these years later, friends and family came from all over to say good-bye to Thaddeus, and the circle was complete once again," Bishop said.

Fort Benning's assistant commandant, Col. Stephen Layfield, said "miraculous things happen at the wall."

"There's the story of a vet at the information booth trying to locate his buddy's name. He knew it had to be there because he was the one who loaded him on a chopper badly wounded, but he couldn't find the name," Layfield said.

"While he was searching, another man came to look for his buddy's name," Layfield said. "He couldn't find it, he said, but it had to be there. He'd seen his platoon take devastating mortar fire as he was being medevaced out of there.

"It was then, right there at the wall, those two gentlemen realized they'd been searching for each other," Layfield said. "That's the power of this wall."

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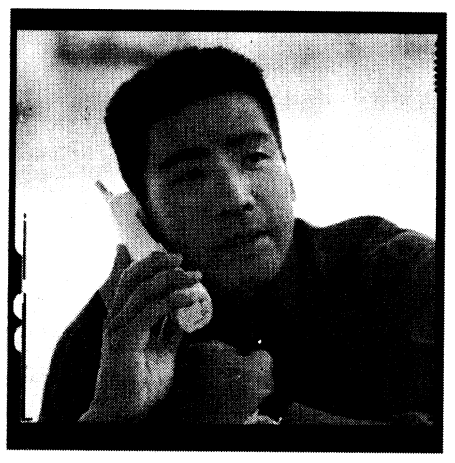
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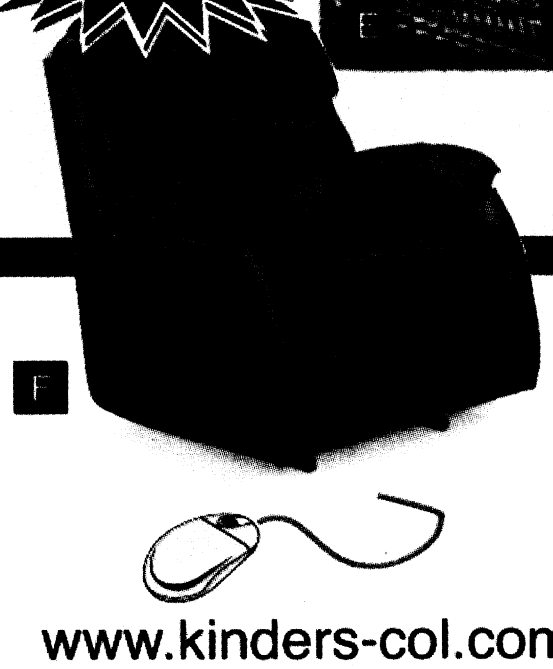
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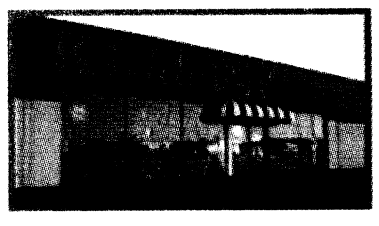
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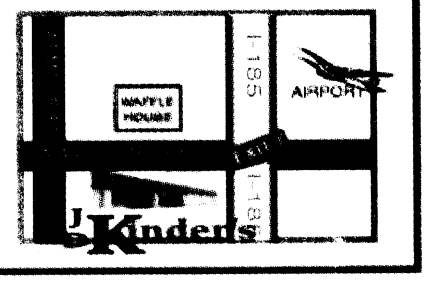
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WHINSEC teacher's life begins at 40

Blind woman overcomes challenges

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A part-time employee with a passion for linguistics was named the Fort Benning Disabled Employee of the Year.

Angela Hacking, who teaches English to Spanish-speaking students of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, was recognized for her "willingness to tackle new challenges, to face obstacles head-on" at the the Commanding General's Two Star Excellence Breakfast Thursday.

Hacking suffers from congenital optical atrophy and is legally blind, a condition she once believed made her dream of teaching an impossibility.


Hacking

"My mom discouraged it. I guess she didn't want to see me get hurt," said Hacking, who lived with her parents until their deaths in 1991. "They were my everything. I sat around for a whole year, totally lost and confused. I didn't know what to do."

One day Hacking heard a country song on television, *Billy Can't Read*, about a father's inability to read to his son.

"When it was over, there was a message — 'If you want to help, call this 1-800 number,'" Hacking recalled. "I called and said 'I want to do something *now*.' That's when everything changed. My life took off at 40."

Hacking began teaching basic reading skills at the Tillinghurst Adult Education Center in Columbus, where she remained for seven years. She began volunteering at WHINSEC in 1998 and became a part-time employee in 1999. "I'm teaching, I'm learning Spanish, a language I've always loved, and I'm helping others learn to speak English. I'm living my dream," said Hacking, who also speaks German, her mother's native tongue.

Her supervisor, Cheryl Buttler, said Hacking "deserves to be recognized, because she's taken on every challenge she's ever been given with great enthusiasm and a good attitude."

"Angie's not disabled. She has a disability. She's more able than a lot of people I know who work 40 hours," Buttler said. "She's never turned down a challenge. She's never said 'I can't do that.' She's amazing."

Hacking teaches English as a second language to students at WHINSEC's Captains' Career Course and Command and General Staff Officers' Course twice a week. She also teaches a "Follow Me To America" course to the students' family members. Hacking uses a computer attachment that enlarges text to grade her students' work and create tests. Many of her students don't realize she's disabled because she recognizes voices and uses the stairs instead of the elevator.

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> **Angela Hacking**
> Fort Benning's Disabled Employee of the Year

"I count steps. I know exactly how many there are," Hacking said. "I need the exercise. I do just fine unless someone speaks to me and I lose count. Then look out."

Hacking, who enjoys bridge, reading and fishing, recently added a new skill to her repertoire — ballroom dancing.

"A friend of mine was taking informal lessons last year, so I said I'd go. I really didn't want to, because I had to take a cab and that cost $10. Turns out that was the best $10 I ever spent," said Hacking, who met her husband Donald that evening.

"He was one of the instructors, and the others were partnered, so he said, 'I guess you're mine.' I told him he'd better never forget that," Hacking laughed. "We were married in July." Hacking, whose father retired from the Army, said she's found a home at WHINSEC and a second family in the students and staff.

"It's wonderful here. I'm doing what I dreamed of," she said. "I can't imagine being anywhere else."

Fort Benning to honor military retirees Nov. 7

Veterans to catch up on services

Melissa House
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For 20 years, military retirees from all branches of service have come to Fort Benning for Military Retiree Appreciation Day. This year's activities will be Nov. 7 at various locations across post.

The event, sponsored by the commanding general and the Fort Benning Retiree Council, serves several important purposes. Retirees receive updated information on benefits and entitlements, learn about the latest Army operational developments and have a chance to renew old friendships, said Joan Odoms, retirement services officer.

The retirement services office personnel mailed "Still Serving" newsletters to approximately 19,000 retirees from parts of Alabama, Florida and Georgia. They also placed flyers at Martin Army Community Hospital and the ID Card Section to help get the information to retirees from other services.

Registration begins at 6:30 a.m. at the Fort Benning Officers' Club. Retirees and family members will then travel to Sand Hill for breakfast with the soldiers of the Basic Combat Training Brigade and a tour of Leonard Barracks. All will be special guests at the D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, graduation ceremony.

> "The retirees love to interact with the soldiers, and we want them to be able to see how soldiers of today live."
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> **Joan Odoms**
> Retirement Services officer

"The retirees love to interact with the soldiers," Odoms said, "and we want them to be able to see how soldiers of today live."

The guest speaker during lunch at the Officers' Club is retired Sergeant Major of the Army Robert E. Hall. Following Hall's remarks, retirees will be able to obtain up-to-date information on a wide variety of subjects during the "County Fair" and "Health Fair" activities.

At the County Fair, retirees can talk with representatives from selected federal, state, local and post agencies. Representatives from the Social Security Administration and the Retired Pay Center of the Defense Finance and Accounting Center in Cleveland, Ohio, will be able to assist retirees with pay inquiries, Odoms said.

Other booths will be staffed with personnel from the commissary, Post Exchange, Omega World Travel and the Installation Volunteer Coordinator.

Retirees may take advantage of one-stop shopping to register vehicles, obtain military ID cards and receive legal counseling and assistance in the County Fair area. The Legal Assistance Office will provide will and power of attorney services.

The health fair will include representatives from the medical and dental activities on post. A list of services offered by MACH should be published next week.

Retirees interested in the breakfast and lunch events should make reservations by the end of today. Reservations are not required for any of the County of Health Fair activities.

For more information, call 545-1805 or 2541.

Memories hit home at retirement ceremony

Top NCO remembers friends, past

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

During a retirement ceremony at the Ranger Memorial Oct. 3, post Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Klein said farewell to his position at Fort Benning with more than 250 friends, family members, colleagues and fallen comrades.

"It couldn't be more fitting than to retire here on Fort Benning at the Ranger Memorial," Klein said.

After 30 years of service, Klein retires with memories both pleasurable and painful.

"With the exception of my wife, the Army has been the greatest thing that's ever happened to me," Klein said.

But his fallen comrades, whose names are inscribed at the memorial, conjure up memories that touch his soul, he said.

"They're all great soldiers I've had the pleasure of serving with," he said. "I'll always think about soldiers because they have made the sacrifice for America's freedom."


Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Standing along side his wife Patty, Command Sgt. Maj. Gerald Klein is presented the Order of St. Maurice by Col. Joseph Votel, 75th Ranger Regiment commander.

Known as a soldier's soldier, Klein will be missed but not forgotten, said Col. Joseph Votel, 75th Ranger Regiment commander.

He is a man of wisdom who has served his country well, he said.

"I spoke to one of his old company commanders," Votel said. "He said 'he was the best I ever saw.'

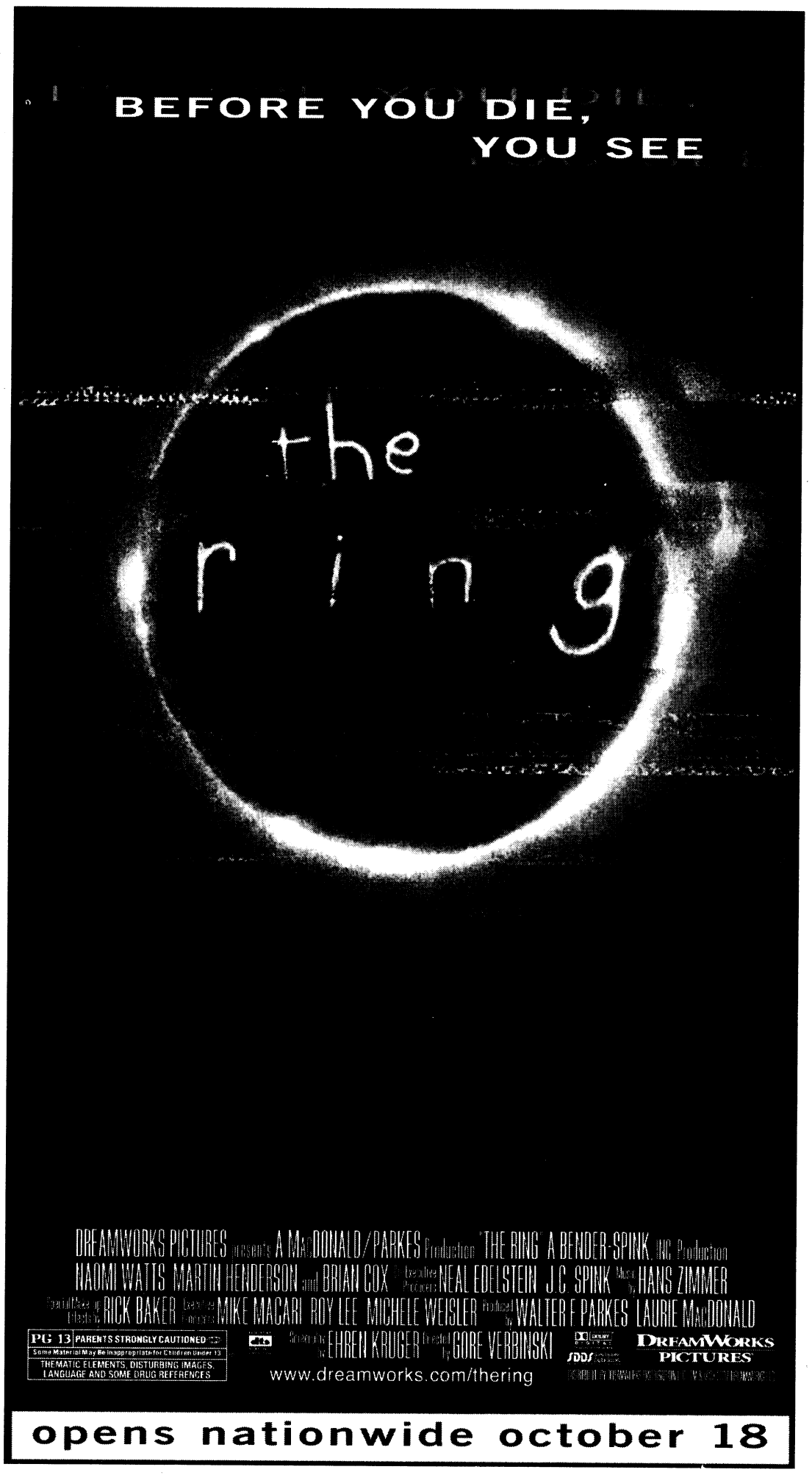
"He's a man of few words, but when he speaks, people listen and learn," Votel said. "He is simply the very best."

Klein was presented the Order of St. Maurice, a letter of appreciation from President George W. Bush and an American flag.

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Officer candidates dedicate memorial

Oxbow Meadows home to new monument

Melissa House
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There seemed to be a feeling of great anticipation and excitement throughout the crowd gathered Monday for the dedication of the War against Terrorism memorial on the Riverwalk near Oxbow Meadows in Columbus.

After many weeks of tireless effort on the part of the entire Officer Candidate School Class 06-02, the bricks were in place, the sod was laid, the bushes were mulched and the monolith was ready to be unveiled.

Family, friends and curious bicyclists gathered to help the class pay tribute to three OCS alumni who died on Sept. 11, 2001, at the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The names of Lt. Gen. Timothy Maude, retired Col. Richard Rescorla, and Lt. Col. Stephen Hyland Jr. are etched on the back of the monolith.

For OCS battalion commander Lt. Col. Daniel Kessler, the monument had special, personal meaning. He had worked for Maude, but Hyland was his friend.

It was difficult for Kessler to contain his emotions as he tried to tell the audience the importance of the monument.

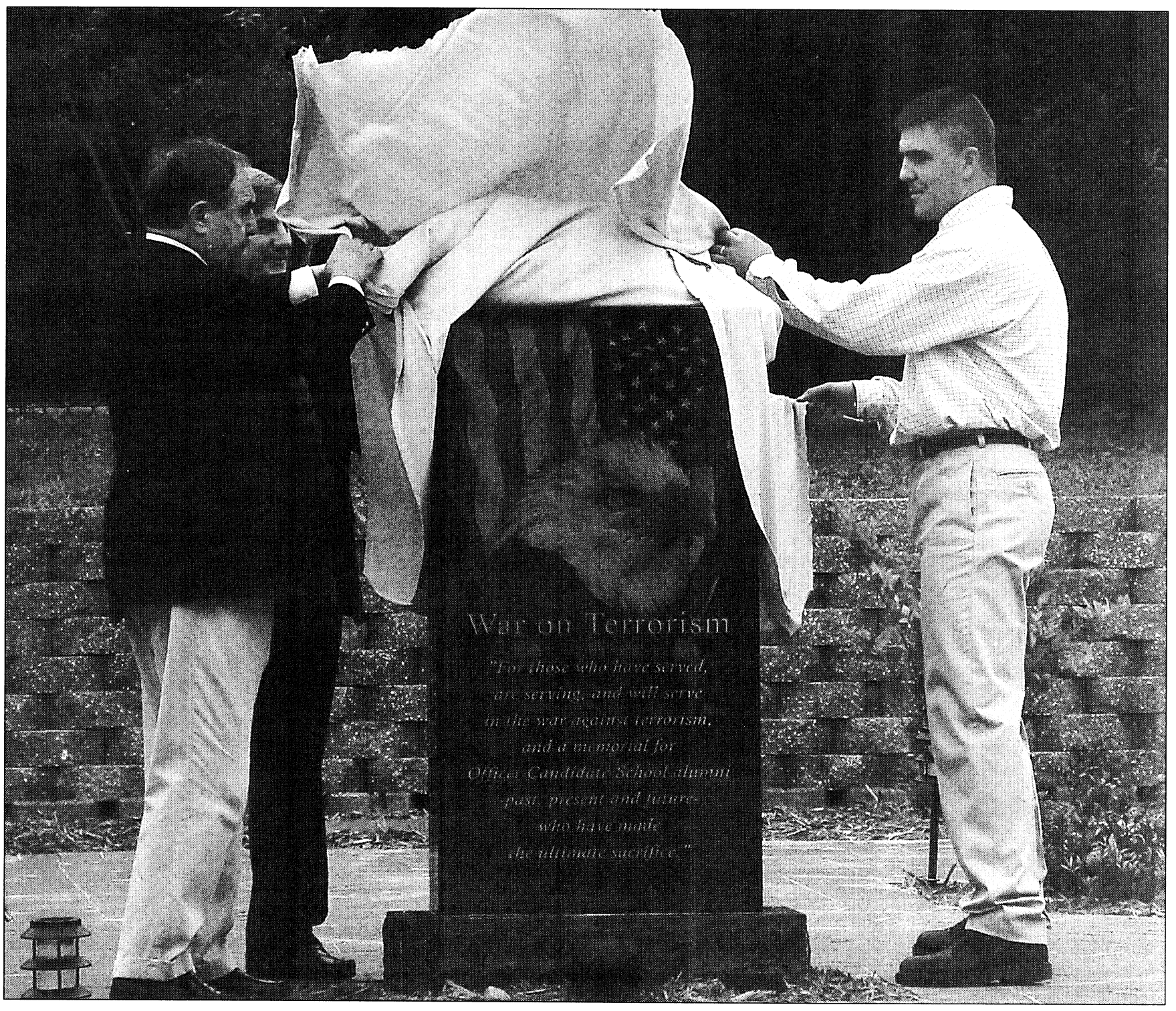
"The reputation of OCS was built by men like Maude, Rescorla, and Hyland," he said.

"They were the epitome of the OCS ideals. They were warfighters, servants to their country, masters of their profession of arms and leaders of character."

Kessler spoke of Maude's contributions to the new Army recruiting campaign, and of Rescorla's heroism in the Ia Drang Valley in Vietnam.

Some graduates may achieve what Maude and Rescorla did, he said.

"But the majority of the candidates will be like Hyland," Kessler said. "They will be the man behind the scenes and outside of the limelight."



Melissa House

Mayor-elect Bob Poydasheff and Mayor Bobby Peters help Senior Officer Candidate Paul Ramsey unveil the monolith.

Kessler had a chance meeting with Hyland in the Pentagon on Sept. 5. He said that Hyland was pleased and proud that Kessler was commanding the OCS battalion. Hyland told Kessler that he expected that the OCS standards would be upheld.

The two made plans to meet again in October, but Kessler would not have the chance to see his friend again.

"We must remain committed and vigilant," Kessler said.

"We must remember the victims and always fulfill our duties.

"This memorial is a true testament of what can happen when you have a tricommunity that can come together to make things happen."

Kessler thanked the memorial's supporters on behalf of the OCS.

Photographer Gregg Brown, whose photograph is etched above the names of the three OCS heroes, praised the OCS students for their hard work.

"They did an incredible thing with next to nothing," Brown said.

LOSAT: Helps infantry defeat advanced armor systems

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penetrating rod ignites the steel, much like a welding rod, from the displacement of kinetic energy," he said. "Those are just steel hulks on the range; there is no fuel or anything else in them."

"It causes catastrophic failure to the tank," Parr said.

McDonald said that the previous trend in weapons development was one side building a better bullet, then the other side developing better armor, then an even better bullet, followed by even better armor. The LOSAT represents an end to that cycle.

"There is nothing you can do to stop this thing," he said.

The LOSAT can acquire two targets simultaneously and defeat high priority targets out past 4 km.

The system can be transported by C-130 or delivered to the ground commander by helicopter. "This is not a replacement system," McDonald said.

"It's one of the first digitized weapons systems for the light infantry."

Units do not have to give up any current weapons systems in order to receive the LOSAT. In fact, McDonald said, the infantry gets more than 330 additional soldiers in a LOSAT battalion.

Lockheed Martin will deliver the first firing unit to Fort Bragg, N.C. later this year.

> "There is nothing you can do to stop this thing."
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> **Maj. Brad McDonald**
> TSM-Close Combat Missile Systems

Army: Performs investigation to render death benefits

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on a case-by-case basis. Simple negligence is normally not a bar to payment and benefits, but "gross negligence" would be.

"For example, a soldier is traveling 65 mph in a 55 mph stretch of road, and he looks down to switch the radio station and doesn't see the bend in the road, and he crashes the car and is killed; yes, he was negligent under the circumstances, but his family would still get DIC.

"On the other hand, if it is gross negligence, such as is characterized by recklessness, then DIC will not be paid. (For instance, this would occur) if the soldier was driving 92 mph in a 55 mph zone, on a moonless night, and it was raining, and he was trying to run away from the MPs."

Soldiers should keep this in mind because DIC payments can be significant, he said. A surviving spouse with two children would receive more than $1,000 per month.

"I would think it is a very uncommon occurrence that DIC is denied. The overwhelming majority of soldiers who die on active duty do not die as a result of their willful misconduct," Tempesta said.

For more information on DIC, visit https://www.perscomonline.army.mil/tagd/cmaoc/benefits/benefitDIC.htm.

Servicemen's Group Life Insurance does not consider the cause of death, so even suicides are payable.

However, this may not be the case in civilian, commercial life insurances policies, as most have a "suicide clause" barring payment in the event of a suicide for the policies' first two years.

"If a soldier dies on active duty, the Army will pay a $6,000 death gratuity to the next of kin," Tempesta said. "Condition of payment is death on active duty, so as with SGLI, the cause of death is not a consideration."

The primary next of kin of soldiers who die are assigned a casualty assistance officer, and this individual takes the family member(s) from place to place on post to handle matters.

"The CAO has this as his or her primary duty, and the CAO ensures the PNOK gets the right information from the right office, and in a timely manner," Tempesta said.

From a preventive law perspective, the best advice he gives to people is that they have a will if they need one, and if someone passes away, their families should come in and talk to OSJA about legal considerations, Tempesta said.

Legal Assistance does not advise people on ensuring they get the full range of VA benefits, because the VA representative outlines all of that. Legal Assistance does discuss the decedent's will, or lack thereof, the ownership of property, whether or not probate is necessary, contacting creditors, etc.

"Another factor (in certain death cases) may be the liability of the estate," Tempesta said. "For example, if the soldier falls asleep at the wheel of his vehicle and drives into a house, killing himself and injuring several occupants of the home, the soldier's estate may face liability for the damage to the house and injury to the individuals."

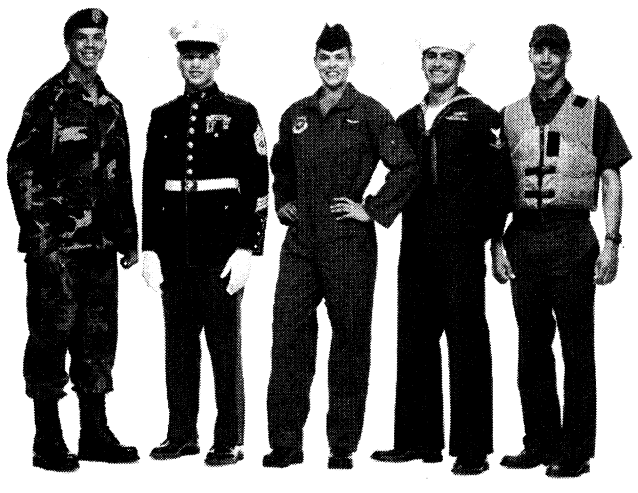
Soldiers should use common sense when it comes to being safe and staying alive, said Regis Beighley, post safety manager at the USAIC Safety office. For instance, stay sober when driving, wear a helmet and other protective gear on a motorcycle, swim only where a lifeguard is on duty and always wear a seatbelt.

"That's when accidents happen — when you don't take the necessary precautions," Beighley said.

Soldiers should keep in mind the details of Army Regulations 385-10 and 385-55, which cover the Army Safety Program and motor vehicles, he said.

"Now, when it comes to any soldier issue, the Army takes care of its own," Beighley said. "Still, we have to hold soldiers accountable for their actions, so we have to ensure they are doing the right thing."

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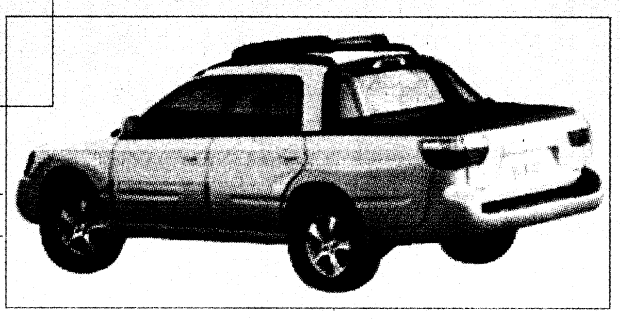
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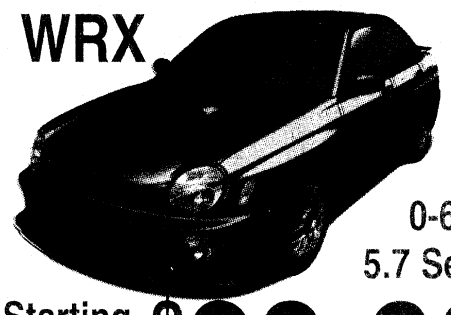
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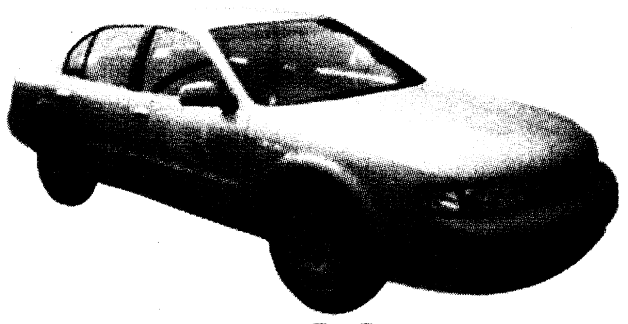
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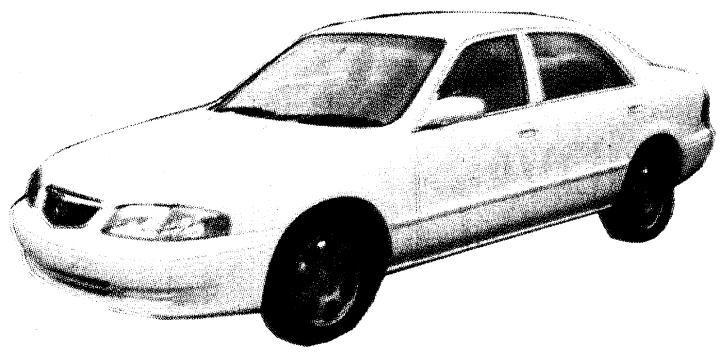
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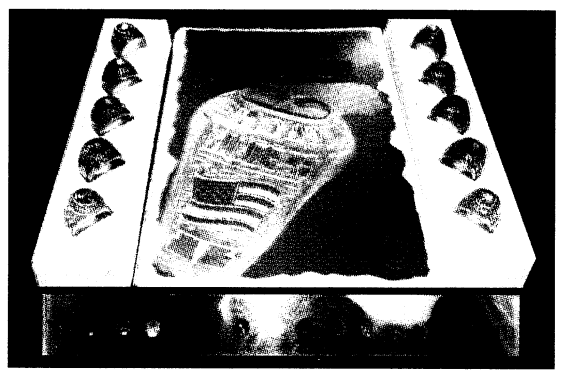
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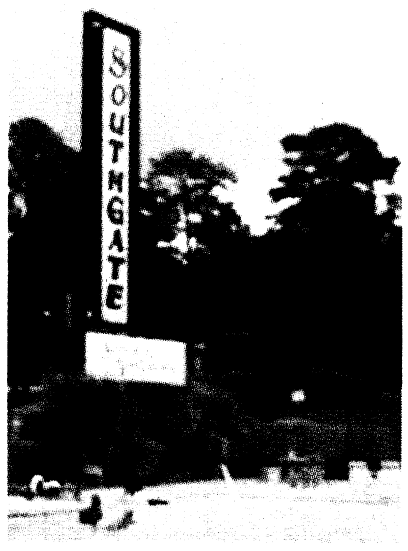
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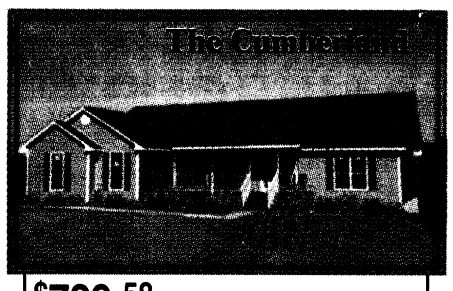
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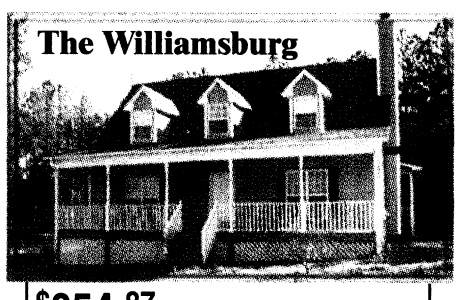
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TSP increases retirement income

Government offers plan to workers

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As a result of today's modern approaches to fitness and medical science, people are living longer and healthier lives. Therefore, the need for extra retirement coverage is of growing concern for Americans of all ages.

"Tax-advantaged savings plans like the Thrift Savings Plan can help people retire earlier and give them more money to follow their dreams," said Ann Pratcher, manager of the Financial Readiness Program.

Open season for the TSP , which started Tuesday and ends Dec. 31, gives service members and federal employees an opportunity to increase their retirement benefits.

TSP offers the same type of savings and tax benefits as the 401(k) plans that many private corporations offer their employees.

This is the second year the government has offered TSP to uniformed personnel. Service members and civilian government employees can contribute to TSP and receive its benefits as well as those acquired from their primary retirement plan.

Unlike the Federal Employees' Retirement System and the Civil Service Retirement System, the contributor decides how much he wants to contribute and how his money is invested.

No one is automatically signed up for TSP. Contributions are strictly voluntary.

The five investment funds to choose from when contributing to TSP are:

- Government Securities
- Fixed Income Index
- Common Stock Index
- Small Capitalization Stock Index
- International Stock Index

"People should start with low risk investments such as the government fund or the bond fund," said Pratcher. "Once the stock market begins to improve, people should look into the stock funds to increase the payoff, keeping in mind that a diverse • portfolio is more reliable."

FERS participants can contribute up to 12 percent of their basic pay into the TSP, and after the first year, their agency will contribute 1 percent even if the participant stops paying. However, if the participants continue to pay into TSP, their agency will match their contribution.

CSRS participants can invest up to 7 percent of their salary but they will not receive any agency contributions.

Service members can invest up to 7 percent of their base pay and will have the option of increasing their investment by one percent each year until they reach the maximum contribution of 12 percent.

However, the military does not match any percentage of the service member's contribution.

"The TSP is a great opportunity for soldiers to invest in themselves," said Command Sgt. Maj. Donovan Watts, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

"I believe that all soldiers should be saving, investing and preparing for the future. The TSP is the simplest plan I know of. It's too easy a real no brainer"

There are special guidelines for service members who would like to invest bonuses or combat pay that allow for contributions of up to 100 percent as long as their investment does not exceed the maximum IRS limit.

TSP does not affect a person's Social Security benefits or FERS Basic Annuity.

TSP benefits can significantly increase a person's retirement income, but starting early is the key to success, according to the Thrift Savings Plan Web site.

Still, the TSP is not a savings account that can be withdrawn at any time.

It is specifically designed as a retirement plan, and there are penalties for early withdrawal. Therefore, it is important for investors to consider their other needs before committing to an installment plan.

The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program will give classes on the TSP from 9:50 a.m. to noon Oct. 28, Nov. 25, and Dec. 9 in Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information about TSP, visit its Web site at www.tsp.gov, or call the Financial Readiness Program at 545-5485.

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> 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

TSP — Rates of Return

Year	G Fund Percentage Return	F Fund Percentage Return	C Fund Percentage Return	S Fund Percentage Return*	I Fund Percentage Return*
1992	7.23	7.20	7.7	11.87	-12.22
1993	6.14	9.52	10.13	14.57	32.68
1994	7.22	-2.96	1.33	-2.66	7.75
1995	7.03	18.31	37.41	33.48	11.27
1996	6.76	3.66	22.85	17.18	6.14
1997	6.77	9.6	33.17	25.69	1.55
1998	5.74	8.7	28.44	8.63	20.09
1999	5.99	-0.85	20.95	35.49	26.72
2000	6.42	11.67	-9.14	-15.77	-14.17
2001	5.39	8.61	-11.94	-9.04	-21.94
10 year	6.47	7.19	12.88	10.71	4.38

* The returns shown reflect the actual performance of the S and I Funds for May 2001 and subsequent months. For the first four months of 2001 and for prior years, the S and I Fund returns shown reflect the performance of the Wilshire 4500 and EADE indexes, respectively.

courtesy www.tsp.gov

Soldier Show



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Staff Sgt. Gregory McPhee, 608th Ordnance Company, left, sings with the cast of the Soldier Show during their closing number, Wednesday night at Wetherby Field. The show, performed by soldiers for soldiers and their families, drew a crowd of nearly 7,000 spectators. The show has traveled all over the world performing for different posts and will end the tour in November.

War College officer pleads guilty to murdering wife

Colonel uses pestle, cord to kill

Florence Peace
Army News Service

FORT MEADE, Md. — Lt. Col. David P. Bartlett pleaded guilty Sept. 30 to the unpremeditated murder of his wife, Suzanne.

In his court-martial at Fort Meade, Md., Bartlett said he killed his wife by hitting her about the face and head with an iron pestle approximately 20 times and strangling her with a computer cord.

The crime occurred at their home at the Carlisle Barracks, Pa., March 19.

By pleading guilty, Judge Ronald White said the maximum sentence Bartlett could receive is life in prison without parole.

Before accepting the guilty plea, entered by his civilian defense attorney Mary Hall, White said Bartlett would be placed under oath and questioned to determine and satisfy the guilty plea explanation.

That explanation, White said, had to include the following elements: Suzanne Bartlett is dead, death occurred as a result of Bartlett hitting her about the face and strangling her, the killing was unlawful, and he intended to kill or inflict great bodily harm.

White instructed Bartlett, "Tell me why you are guilty."

Under oath, Bartlett answered, "My wife is dead, her death resulted from my actions and at the time she died, I was intent on killing her."

The judge then told Bartlett to recount the events of the crime.

Bartlett said he and his wife started arguing on March 16 after she discovered he had been looking at pornography Web sites on the computer, something he had promised in April 1998 that he would not do again.

Continuing the argument off and on throughout March 17 and 18, Bartlett said, his wife was trying to upset him and embarrass him by calling him names — like pervert, he said.

The 46-year-old officer said he came home around 9:35 p.m., but the discussion did not began again immediately so he decided to go for a run around 10:30 p.m. Bartlett said his wife walked toward the computer room around 11 p.m., and he put his arm out to stop her, but she swung her elbow and hit him. Getting angry, he said he went upstairs to try to compose himself.

His wife called for him, and when he did not come, she started screaming obscenities.

At this point of his recounting, Bartlett said he had no intentions of hitting his wife.

"In the 17 years I knew Suzanne, I never hit her," he said. "I never threatened her. I never took action against her in a physical way."

Bartlett said he picked up a six-inch iron pestle on the dresser and went downstairs with it, thinking he would threaten to damage the computer.

Entering the computer room, his wife asked what he was doing with that, but he said before he could say anything, "she pushed me backward with both hands. At that moment," he said, "I swung the pestle and began hitting her repeatedly."

White asked, "Were you able to stop, pause and reflect on your actions?"

Bartlett said, "I did not stop and reflect. I don't believe — I was angry and did not stop."

The struggle and beating continued into the dining room with Bartlett's wife lying on the floor, at which time, Bartlett wrapped the computer cord around her neck twice and strangled her.

After strangulation and while he was still on top of his wife, Bartlett said he reached for the pestle, which he had dropped earlier.

"I hit her four or five more times, striking her face," he said. "At that time, I knew I was killing her."

Bartlett went on to say that he believed she was alive until the last blows.

After considering Bartlett's testimony, White accepted the plea.

Unpremeditated murder means that the crime was not planned, but having time to pause and reflect, the accused knew he was killing the victim but could not stop himself.

Represented by Hall and two Army lawyers, Bartlett elected to be sentenced by a panel of officers, who must be peers in rank or senior to him.

Bartlett's sentencing hearing is set for 8 a.m. Oct. 28 at Fort Meade.

Other charges stemming from the murder against Bartlett were dismissed as part of the plea agreement.

Editor's note: *Florence Peace is editor of Fort Meade's newspaper,* Soundoff.

Selected soldiers get bonus pay

Fort Benning soldiers reap rewards

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Special Forces and career counselors asked for it, and as of Oct. 1, they are receiving increased bonuses based on their contributions to the Army.

"Special Forces and career counselors, both active and reserve, have been receiving special pay for several years," said a spokesman from the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel. "Both communities were granted increases based on an analysis conducted during the biennial review of the Army's Special Duty Assignment Pay."

SDAP is a monthly incentive to enlisted soldiers who have assignments that are extremely demanding or require a high degree of responsibility, according to the Personnel Command Web site. There are five pay tables under SDAP that range from $55 to $275. More than 7,300 enlisted soldiers will see the increase on their monthly LES, Personnel officials said.

All regular Army career counselors in the rank of master sergeant and below whose primary military occupational specialty is 79S, and all reserve-component retention and transition noncommissioned officers whose PMOS is 79V will receive an additional $220. Sergeants major will receive $165. About 1,748 career counselors will see the change in pay. Special Forces who are currently receiving SDP pay level 2 of $110 will receive level 4 monthly payments of $220. About 3,947 Special Forces under the Career Management Field 18 will receive the extra pay, the spokesman said.

Rangers in the rank of sergeant and above who are airborne ranger qualified and assigned to the 75th Ranger Regiment no longer have to be on station a year before receiving the bonus. All soldiers who are "V" coded (airborne ranger) at the 75th and 4th Tactical Psychological Operation Group at Fort Benning will receive $110 special pay.

About 1,659 Rangers, both active and reserve's pay will increase, the spokesman said.

Orders must be generated to award, change, terminate or reinstate SDAP, stated a MILPER message on the Personnel Command Web site. For more information go to MILPER Message 02-249.

AROUND POST

eArmyU brief

The eArmyU will temporarily stop new enrollments until Jan. 1 in order to upgrade the eArmyU portal and prepare for expansion to other installations.

This does not affect students already enrolled. Soldiers who are enrolled can continue classes without interruption.

Briefings will resume in December for the January start up.

For more information, call 545-5725 or 545-1774.

Long-term care open season

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or even lifelong assistance with daily living due to an illness, injury or severe cognitive impairment. The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has launched the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, under which approximately 20 million federal employees and members of the uniformed services, as well as retirees of both groups and certain family members, can apply for coverage.

The program is a new, valuable benefit designed to protect insured individuals from the high cost of long-term care. This program features group premiums, coverage for informal health care, access to care coordination services for qualified relatives of enrollees and international benefits, among other benefits.

Open Season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program started July 1 and continues through Dec. 31.

For more information, call (800) LTC-FEDS.

ID Card Section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 2:30 p.m. Monday. Normal hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

For more information, call 545-1411.

Instructors of the Quarter Awards Ceremony

The Instructors of the Quarter Awards Ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Infantry Hall's Classroom 8.

For more information, call 545-8819.

OCS packet, board dates

The packet turn-in date for OCS is Oct. 25. The local board will be Nov. 18-22, and the DA board will be Jan. 27-31.

For more information, call 545-3341.

West Point admissions

Want to be one of 150 soldiers admitted to West Point next year?

The admissions brief will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 30 at Infantry Hall, Classroom 9.

Admissions requirements are:

- Be a U. S. citizen,
- Be unmarried,
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- Be a high school graduate,
- Not be 23 years of age prior to July 1 of the year entering USMA (not be 22 years of age prior to July 1 of the year entering the Prep School),
- Be of high moral character,
- Have a sincere interest in attending West Point and becoming an Army officer.

In addition, soldiers who possess the following are encouraged to apply:

- SAT scores of 1050 or higher or ACT composite score of 23 or higher,
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For more information, call Capt. Cliff Hodges at DSN 688-5780 or (845) 938-5780 or e-mail tc2324@usma.edu.

Veterans Education Assistance Program to Montgomery GI Bill Conversion

To the greatest extent possible, soldiers who converted from VEAP to MGIB last year need know it is their responsibility to individually check and ensure that they have paid the full $2,700 within the statutorily required deadline (that is, 18 months from the date entered on their DD Form 2366). Meeting this 18-month deadline is critical.

Soldiers have no education benefits to utilize until the required $2,700 is paid in full. Furthermore, soldiers who fail to pay the $2,700 in full by the deadline will forfeit all contributions made to that point and will not be eligible for any MGIB benefits.

Many soldiers have had problems with their local finance offices erroneously stopping the reduction in pay when it reaches $600 or $1,200.

Finance has erroneously refunded some payments to soldiers. These are finance problems and errors and must be immediately resolved. Defense Financial Association will send out a message to finance offices for corrective action. Soldiers, however, are ultimately responsible for initiating action to discover and correct any finance mistakes. Soldiers may have to make lump sum payments to ensure the full $2,700 is paid within the required 18 months.

For more information, call 545-7969.

Reclamation sale hours

The new reclamation sale hours conducted at Building 224 will be 8 a.m. to noon the first Friday of every month.

For more information, call 545-1104.

Traffic Regulations Enforcement Office hours

The Traffic Regulation Enforcement Office hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday.

The office is closed on training and federal holidays, and at noon the first Friday of each month.

For more information, call 545-1195.

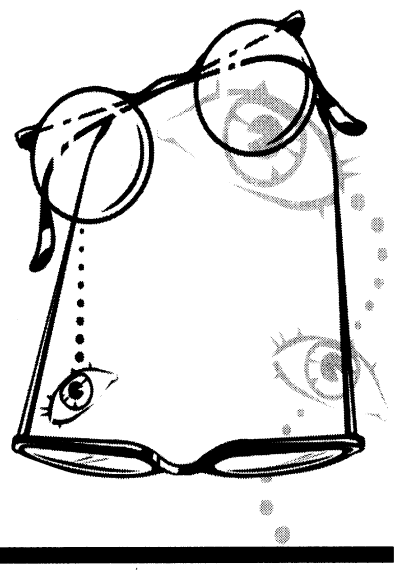
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Soldiers enlist for Special Forces

Adventure, training get underway

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Army's elite fighting force has opened the doors of adventure to junior-enlisted soldiers.

The first wave of junior-enlisted Special Forces recruits are expected to graduate next fall via a program making Special Forces training available in their enlistment contract. More are going through infantrymen's training at Sand Hill and will also enter the program.

"You usually don't get a chance to go (to Special Forces) right off the bat, and I want to fight with the best of the best," said Pfc. Christopher Foerster, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment.

The junior-enlisted soldiers attend a two-week Special Operations Preparation Course. The course, originally a National Guard program, will focus on land navigation and physical training to prepare soldiers for the rigors of selection, said Master Sgt. Steven Kurlowicz, Special Forces liaison, U.S. Army JFK Special Warfare Center and Schools.

Once the soldiers finish the Special Forces qualification course, they will also be Primary Leadership Development Course qualified.

"Basic training and airborne are just a stepping stone for these soldiers until we take control of their training at (Fort) Bragg," Kurlowicz said.

The program was reinstated to increase the number of Special Forces soldiers. Because of Army cut backs and soldiers retiring from the Special Forces community, numbers have dwindled.

It was projected only 40 to 50 percent would be picked from selection, but there has been a 35 percent pass rate for junior enlisted in the Special Operations Preparation Course and a 76 percent pick up rate at selection. The program will help get the Special Forces community back to full strength by 2007, Kurlowicz said.

"I think it's a great program," said Staff Sgt. Scott Ross, drill sergeant, 2nd Bn., 54th Inf. Regt. "I wish they would have had it open when I came in. I've been beating my body for 10 years, and the soldiers straight out of basic will be fresher than me.

"I think it's a great recruiting tool for the soldiers who want to do extra," he said. "The Special Forces community will get some great soldiers."

Still, the junior enlisted will not be sent out to do the mission of a more experienced soldier without any guidance.

"The soldiers will have a senior person on the team to help guide them along once they graduate," Kurlowicz said. "The new soldier may be immature, but they're going to have to grow up quick once they reach their team."

Nearly two years of training will have passed from the first day of basic until the day soldiers reach their team.

"Since I saw the program was available, I just jumped at the opportunity," Foerster said. "It's tough knowing you won't be able to see your family, but it's a great opportunity to do our training commitment up front."

Course helps build bonds, confidence



Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Pvt. Zackery Olson prepares to negotiate an obstacle at the confidence course on Sand Hill.

Infantrymen soar to new heights

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Basic training soldiers from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, met the drill sergeants' challenge Oct. 11 to conquer fear while accomplishing the mission of negotiating obstacles at Sand Hill's confidence course.

It's all about mind over matter, said Pvt. Ryan Witt. If a soldier has fear, telling himself he can overcome fear will allow him to vanquish fear during conflict.

"If you have enough confidence in yourself, you can accomplish anything," Witt said.

Witt's commander, Capt. Brian Kaiser, couldn't agree more, he said.

"Soldiers can overcome their fear," Kaiser said. "It's all right to be scared; it's natural, but soldiers need to drive on and accomplish their mission."

Accomplishing the mission is how they overcome fear, he said. It gives them confidence.

As infantrymen, the soldiers can be confident the skills they've learned on the course will be useful to them in the future.

"I think we'll use what we've learned here," Witt said.

For example, soldiers fighting in Military Operations in Urbanized Terrain will crawl under and climb over obstacles on their way toward accomplishing a mission, said Pvt. Daniil Rulin.

"Getting used to this will help out soldiers going to 10th Mountain Division," Witt said. "It will get them used to climbing ropes."

The course prepares soldiers for all kinds of things they may use in the Army, and the physical and mental aspects are not the only things soldiers can apply to the training, Rulin said. The training will help soldiers use the infantrymen's creed.

"The training allows us to fight through the objective and be courageous during times of adversity," Rulin said. "We know that by working together as a team we can accomplish more than just being a team of individuals."

There is a bond developed with soldiers when they work to achieve a common goal, Witt said.

"During battle, you must work with and trust your buddy," Witt said. "Out here, on the course, it's no different."

SF NCOs get bonus

New retention program saves skills

Courtney Brooks
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Selected Special Forces noncommissioned officers near retirement can now get a cash bonus if they choose to remain on active duty.

Under the Army's first-ever Critical Skills Retention Bonus program, certain SF soldiers with 20 to 25 years of service may apply for the bonus beginning Oct. 1.

Soldiers with various specialties are eligible to receive an $8,000 to $10,000-a-year bonus if they sign on for two or more years of service, according to a military personnel message issued Sept. 27.

The CSRB program arrives on the heels of the September announcement that soldiers who had been affected by Stop-Loss for a year would be allowed to request voluntary separation from the Army.

Stop-Loss, which allows the Army to retain soldiers in the service beyond their date of separation or retirement for an open-ended period, was instituted in support of Operations Noble Eagle and Enduring Freedom Nov. 30, 2001. Additional Stop-Loss announcements Dec. 27, Feb. 8 and June 6 expanded the pool of impacted soldiers.

Under the policy announced Sept. 5, soldiers will generally be subject to Stop-Loss for no more than 12 months.

Since Stop-Loss was partially lifted, some personnel officials were concerned that the Army would lose some of its retirement-eligible soldiers in military occupational specialties which are already short.

Stop-Loss is an operational tool, and the CSRB incentive is a retention tool, said Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Nordin, professional development NCO, Special Forces Enlisted Career Management Branch.

Master Sgt. Robert Allyn, senior career adviser for the Special Forces Enlisted Management Branch, said it's imperative to retain as many Special Forces NCOs as possible right now. They have the crucial skills necessary to fight the war on terrorism.

"CMF (career management field) 18 Special Forces NCO's numbers are critically lower than the acceptable Army standards," Allyn said. "The vast majority of Special Forces NCOs who stay past 20 years separate between the 20-21 year mark. We're doing everything possible to try and retain these Special Forces NCOs past the 20 year mark."

The enlisted specialties eligible for the program include Special Forces soldiers with the following military occupational specialties: 18B, weapons sergeant; 18C, engineer sergeant; 18D, medical sergeant; 18E, communications sergeant; 18F, assistant operations and intelligence sergeant; and 18Z, senior sergeant. Funding for the SCRB limits the number of MOSs that can receive the bonus, the MILPER message said.

Special Forces sergeants first class may receive an annual bonus of $10,000, while first sergeants and master sergeants are eligible to receive $8,000.

Payment of the CSRB will be computed by multiplying the years of additional obligated service by the amount payable for each year of obligated service, said Ron Canada, chief of Retention Management Division.

Canada said how a bonus could be calculated: A sergeant first class who is willing to obligate for an additional three years at the amount of $10,000 per year receives the total amount of his bonus of $30,000 paid in a lump sum (minus taxes when applicable).

Eligible soldiers interested in applying must submit a CSRB request memorandum through their local retention NCO, no earlier than 19 years, 6 months of service, Allyn said.

A soldier may not request the CSRB for more than 25 years of active federal service, Canada said.

CLOSER look

Critical Skills Retention Bonus program is open to the following Career Management Fields:

- 18B Weapons sergeant
- 18C Engineer sergeant
- 18D Medical sergeant
- 18E Communications sergeant
- 18F Assistant operations and intelligence sergeant
- 18Z Senior sergeant

Parachute competition



Sgt. Mellissa M. Novakovich
The U.S. Army Parachute Team, The Golden Knights, will host the fourth annual Inter-Service Parachute Competition Nov. 8-11 at the P.K. Air Park in Raeford, N.C.
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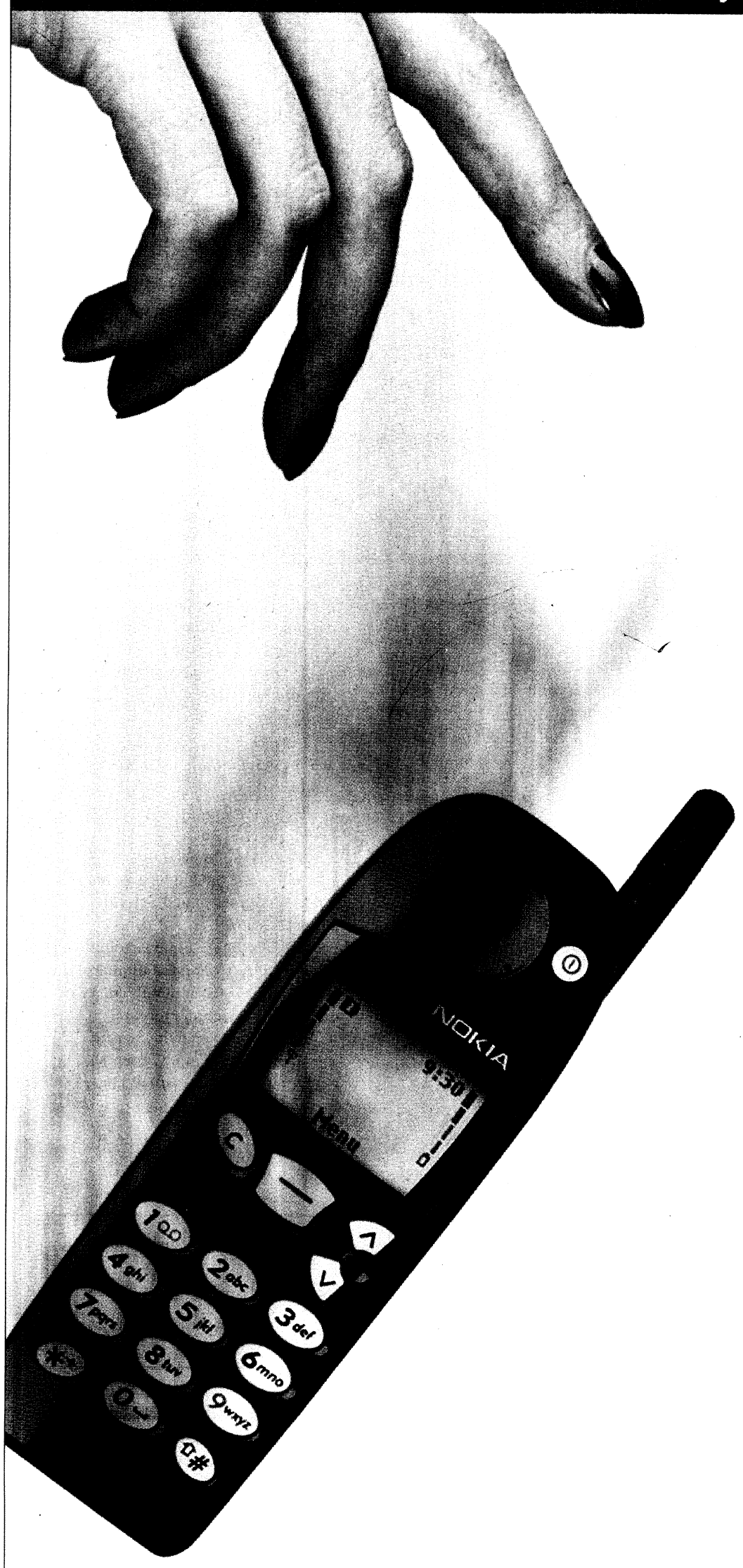
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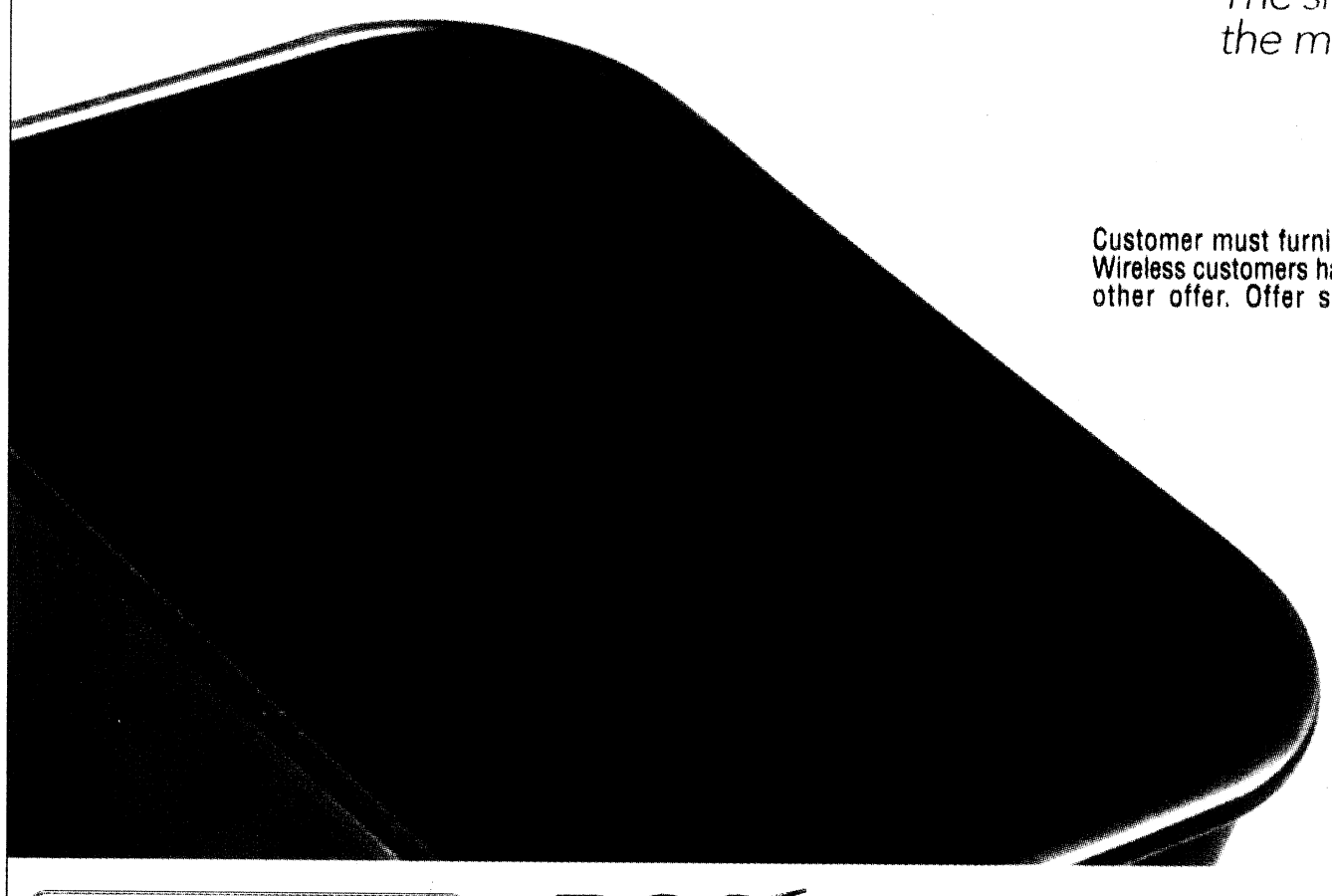
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Woman overcomes life's hurdles, finds family in Golden Knights

Parachute rigger changes life with freefall

Sgt. Mellissa M. Novakovich
U.S. Army Parachute Team

Staff Sgt. Celia "C.C." Elliott comes from a unique background. And she's chosen a unique career as one of the Army's Goodwill Ambassadors to the world.

Born in Mexicalli, Mexico, Elliott is the eighth-born of nine children, and no stranger to hardship.

Though her father worked hard to make ends meet, Elliott's mother was plagued with health problems, and the family struggled to survive.

When Elliott was 8, her family moved to Calexico, Calif., a few miles across the Mexican border, where the children attended English-speaking schools for the first time.

"I spoke no English, and I couldn't understand it," Elliott said. "Times were hard. My mother was constantly in and out of the hospital,and Dad had to care for my little brother and myself."

Elliott's mother died just a few months prior to her youngest daughter's high school graduation.

"I had to do something," Elliott said.

"I knew I had to help myself before I could help anyone else."

An Army recruiter visited her school in 1993, and Elliott was intrigued at the prospect of becoming a parachute rigger.

She told her father she was going to visit her brother and boarded a bus to Fort Jackson, S.C., for Basic Combat Training.

"I couldn't tell him, because I knew he wouldn't want me to leave home. I was the youngest girl. I knew he would worry," Elliott said.

After basic training, Elliott was sent to Fort Benning for airborne training.

"I didn't even know that being a rigger meant jumping out of airplanes," she laughed.

"My first time ever in an airplane, and I had to jump. I was scared to death."

But Elliott enjoyed jumping and was intrigued by a free fall parachuting demonstration she saw at her graduation.

"The men in black jumpsuits ... watching them gracefully fly those square parachutes and land so softly. I told myself that one day I was going to do that," she said.

Elliott was assigned to E Company, 1st Battalion, 507th Infantry Regiment, where she performed the basic tasks of an Army rigger: packing and repairing parachutes and performing regular maintenance on air items.

"I liked my job as a rigger, and I moved up fast. The only thing I knew was to say 'yes, sergeant,' work hard and stay in the best shape," Elliott said.

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> **Staff Sgt. Celia Elliott**
> Golden Knight

But while her career was taking off, Elliott's home life grew more difficult.

"My father was struggling to keep my little brother in school. Dad wasn't doing that great and trying to work was beating him down," she said.

Elliott's siblings had families of their own to support, so Elliott sent money home every month to help pay the bills.

Finally, she decided to bring her 15-year-old brother to live with her.

"I didn't know how I was going to raise him on a specialist's pay, with no place to stay, but the Army supported me," she said.

"When I watched him graduate from high school, I knew that the Army had helped me accomplish another goal."

In 1997, Elliott's became a member of the Silver Wings, the same parachute demonstration team she saw jump into her Airborne School graduation.

She traveled with the team, conducting presentations throughout the United States, where she met "a lot of nice people," including her husband, Sgt. 1st Class Michael Elliott, who was also a member of the Silver Wings.

The two "shared a love and inspiration for freefalling," Elliott said, Even their wedding ceremony kicked off with a free fall.

In 1999, the Elliotts moved to Fort Bragg, N.C., where they began diving with the 82nd All-American Free Fall Team. Elliott was the only female member the team.

"In small towns the heads turned at a woman landing under a canopy and it made me feel unique," she said.

But Elliott had a loftier goal.

"My husband and I decided it was time to try out for the best of the best, the U.S. Army Parachute Team 'Golden Knights,'" she said.

Both Elliotts were selected to attend the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program, but she sustained an ankle injury and was medically dropped from the program.

In the winter of 2000, Elliott was nearing the end of her enlistment when the re-enlistment NCO requested proof of her citizenship. Elliott was shocked.

"Becoming a U.S. citizen is a process that could take years and without it, I wouldn't be able to re-enlist after eight years.

"This could cost me my military career, something I worked hard for," she said.

"Life in the U.S. had been my reality for over 20 years, I always thought of myself as a citizen, now I had to prove it."

After months of phone calls and paper shuffling, Elliott was notified that she could become a legal citizen.

"I signed the papers and took the oath of citizenship on my birthday, January 3, 2001.

"I re-enlisted for six more years and made my first jump since my surgery.

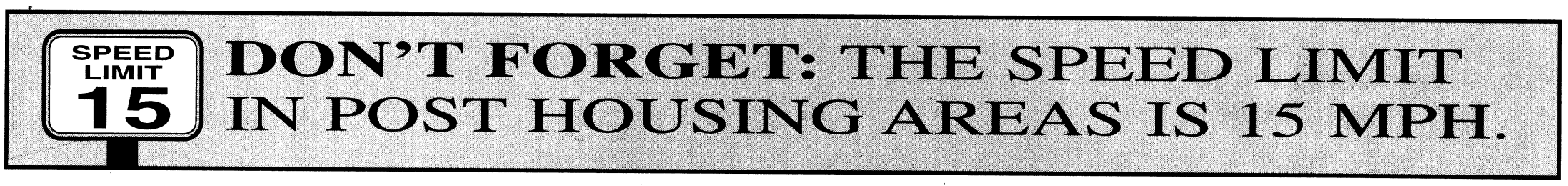
"It was the best birthday present I ever had," she said.

Elliott resubmitted a packet and was selected to attend the Golden Knight Assessment and Selection Program again.

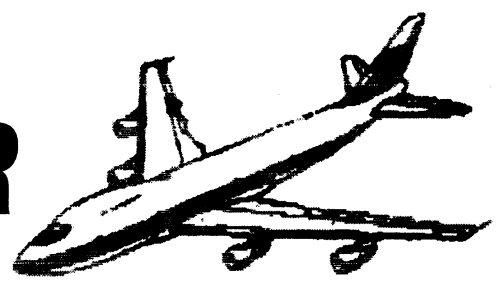
After six weeks of demanding evaluation and 200 free fall jumps, she was "knighted," one of only nine to survive the selection process.

Elliott is now enjoying her first show season with as a Golden Knight.

"After 65 military jumps under round parachutes and more than 750 free fall jumps I wouldn't change a thing. It always reminds me of where I came from."



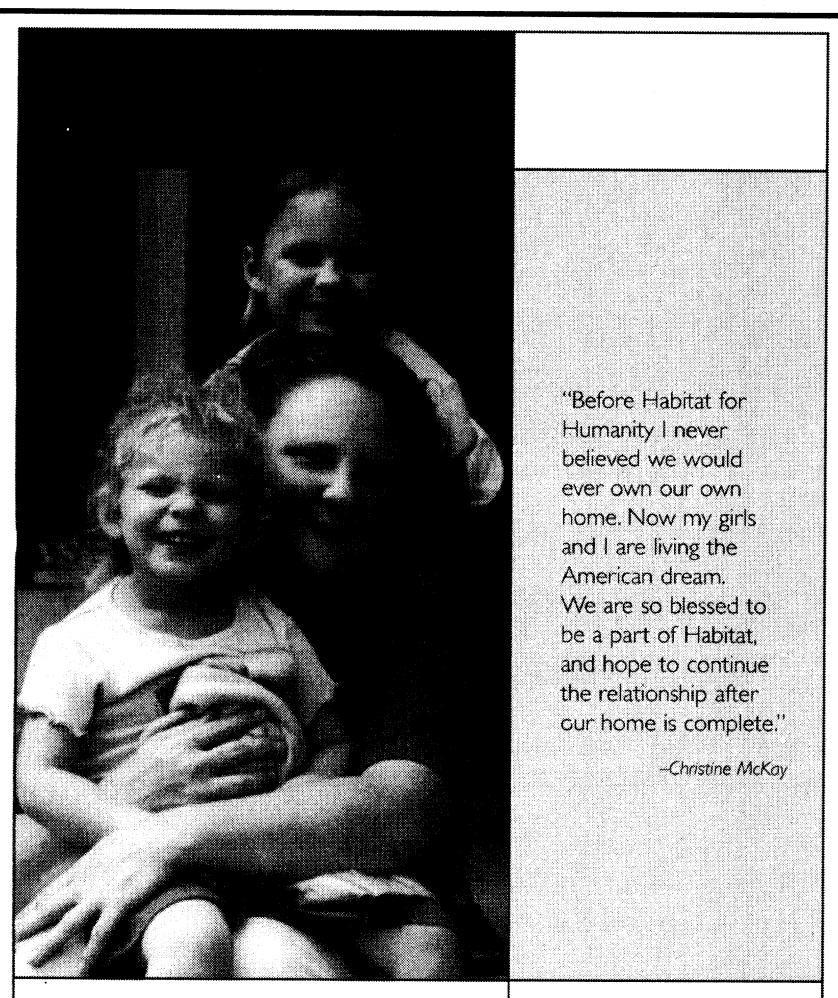
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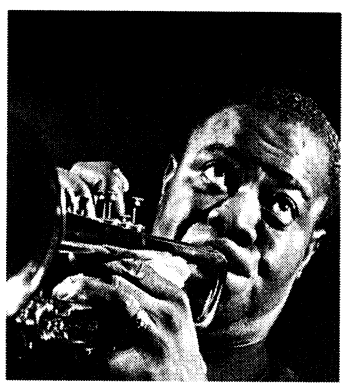
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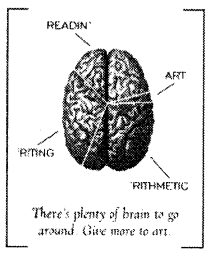


Armstrong left his footprints on the jazz world, wearing lace-up oxfords.

Not bad for a kid whose first experience with the trumpet was as a guest in a correctional home for wayward boys. If only today's schools were as enlightened and informed as that reformatory was.

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Dinner theater sets stage for entertainment

Post families to be actors, stagehands

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

The idea of spending a romantic night dining in a fancy dinner theater on post, with live music and theatrical performances might have seemed like a far-fetched reality a few months ago.

That was then.

Now it's only a matter of months before a dinner theater will be part of the weekend entertainment on Fort Benning.

"I've been on other posts where a dinner theater has been a success," said Peggy Cornwell, theater organizer and wife of Fort Benning Chief of Staff Col. Chuck Cornwell.

"I knew we could make it happen here, it was just a matter of time."

A plan is in the works to transform the Kelley Hill Recreation center into an upscale dinner theater, showcasing some of the most popular and well-known plays right here on post.

Fort Benning will not only set the stage for the proposed theater, but the performers, stagehands and set designers will all come from the military community.

"We have so many talented people right here on post, there is no need to look anywhere else," Cornwell said. "The best part about the theater is it will be our own ideas, from start to finish."

Cornwell, who has acted in several television commercials and community theater productions over the years, began working on plans for a theater when she moved to Fort Benning in June.

"The toughest part was finding a location," Cornwell said.

"I envisioned a room with plenty of space for dinner, live musical entertainment and a stage for the theater. I think we found exactly what we were looking for."

The Kelley Hill Recreation Center will likely seat 50-60 people.

The commanding general, Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, has endorsed the idea, and the Directorate of Community Activities has already approved the funding.

"We are certain we will have no problem finding corporate sponsorship for the theater," said Tandi Cain-Morris, Commercial Sponsorship and Advertising coordinator for DCA.

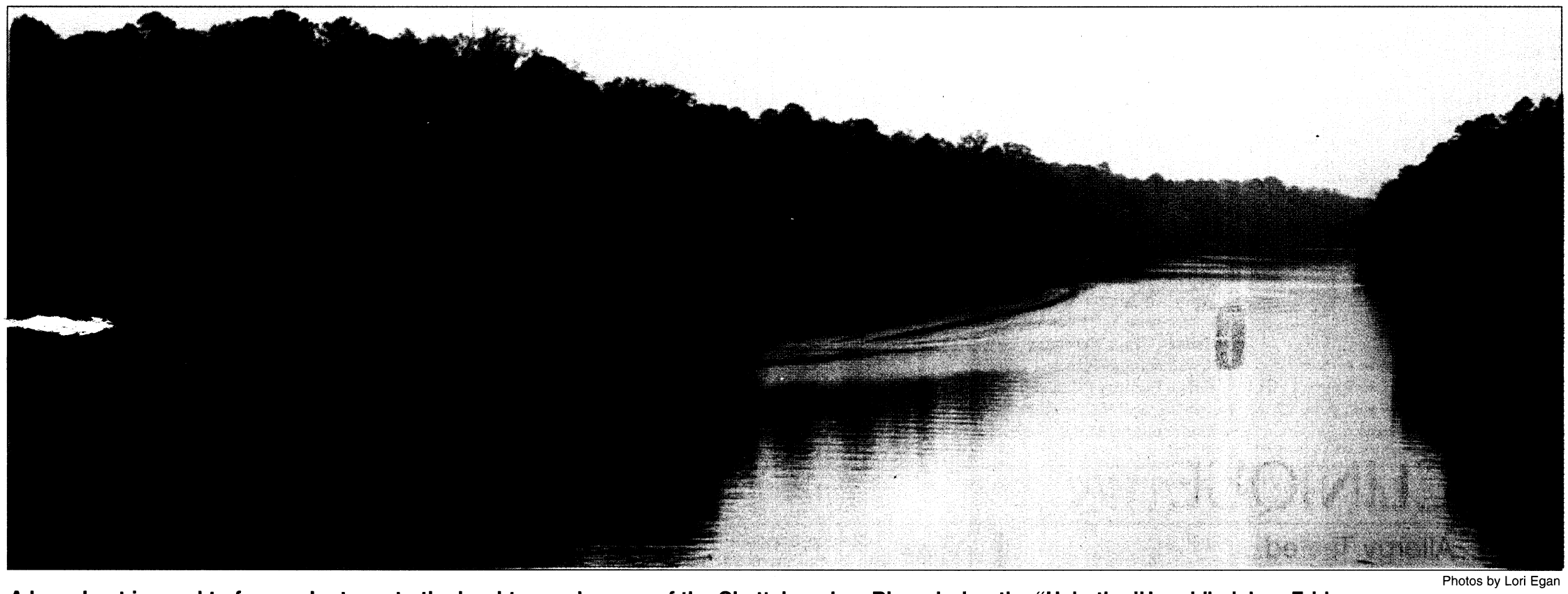
"There are many businesses in the community who have been on board with Fort Benning for years and are excited about the opportunity to support us."

Theater organizers are busy preparing for opening night, which is scheduled for Feb. 14.

"We have already secured the rights for the script, a female performance of *The Odd*

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Helping the 'Hooch



Photos by Lori Egan

A bass boat is used to ferry volunteers to the hard-to-reach areas of the Chattahoochee River during the "Help the 'Hooch" pickup Friday.

You load 14 tons, and what do you get?

Officer Candidate Phillip Murrell carries trash out of the wood line in the upper pet cemetery area on post.



Tires, automobile parts, drug paraphernalia among trash collected

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

More than 200 people took advantage of the training holiday Friday to Help the 'Hooch.

Help the 'Hooch is an annual event to pick up trash along the Chattahoochee River and its tributaries.

It seems to be working. There's not as much trash this year as there was last year, said Felix Seda, who picked up trash around the upper pet cemetery area both years. Seda works with the Environmental Division of the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics. DFEL was responsible for organizing Friday's volunteer and clean up efforts on Fort Benning.

Officer Candidate Phillip Murrell was one of 75 officer candidates with 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, who helped clean the river that flows through the military reservation for approximately 17 miles.

"It's sad that people don't pick up after themselves," Murrell said, picking up a discarded red plastic bucket and filling it with empty drink containers and plastic bags. The University of Nevada, Las Vegas, graduate has picked up trash for years, both as a Boy Scout and when majoring in recreation and leisure.

"There's better involvement now — more people picking up trash, but there is still trash to be picked up," Murrell said.

Climbing up from the Eddy Bridge area, Staff Sgt. Dennis Barry, 30th AG Battalion, said he almost found a whole car — tires, battery, oil filter and a license plate. Other volunteers found a van's bucket seat to go with Barry's car and Officer Candidate Brian Stiller helped load tires abandoned in the upper pet cemetery.

"People should be personally responsible for picking up their own stuff," he said. "Then this wouldn't be necessary."

Nearly 14 tons of garbage was collected during the last three years, said Mark Thornton, Conservation branch, DFEL.

This year the haul included 258 bags of trash and four trucks filled with large items, Thornton said.

He said the most unexpected find this year was a crack pipe near Bradley's Landing.

Walk to Vietnam Wall unites pen pals

First-graders put 'social' in studies

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

White Elementary School students waited anxiously to begin the short walk to Sacrifice Field Oct. 11 where they would meet their pen pals and attend the opening ceremony at the replica Vietnam Wall.

The students from White wrote letters last week to first-grade classes at Dexter taught by Jeanie Anderson and Angie O'Bryan. Anne Anti and Ann Lucas, E. A. White teachers started the project and extended an invitation to the Dexter students to meet at the wall and have lunch together at White. The teachers see the pen-pal project as a way to incorporate language and writing skills into the social studies curriculum.

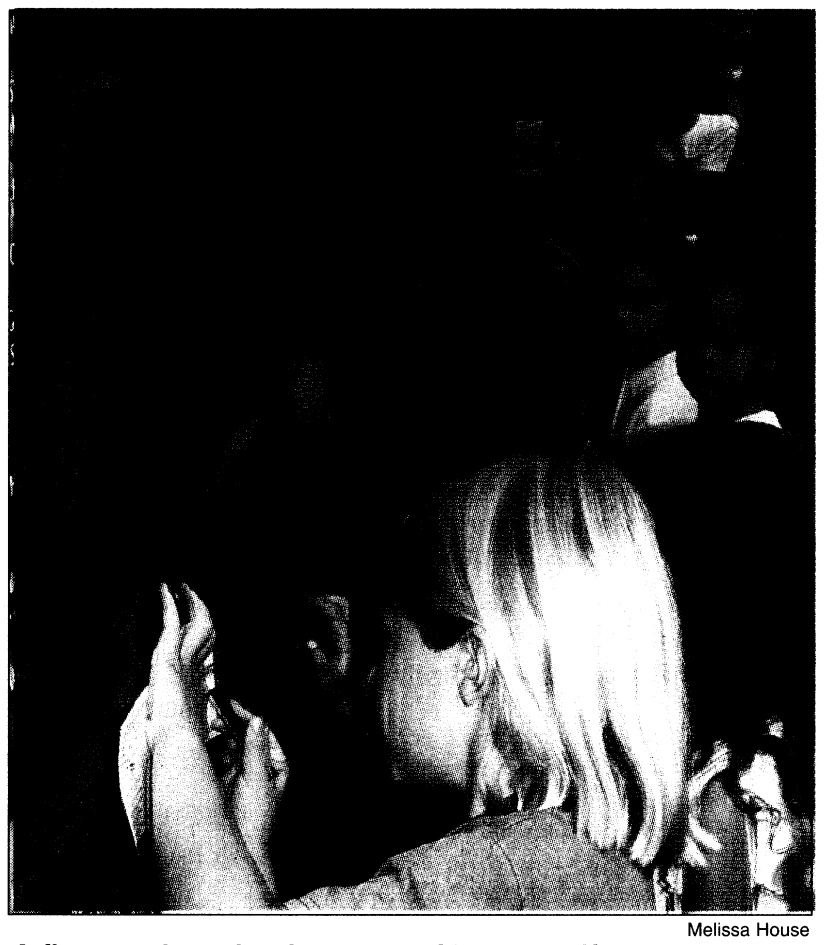
"We have a brand new social studies curriculum this year," said Lucas, "and there is a lot of time devoted to America, American symbols and citizenship. Our visit to the wall today ties right in."

Throughout the remainder of the school year, students will continue to write to one another and take joint, walking field trips to the fire station, post office and bank during the community unit.

Lucas, who has done pen pal projects in the past with students at Stowers Elementary, thinks that the proximity of the two schools will make it easier for the students to enhance their friendships on the field trips.

"They have been so excited about meeting their pen pals," said Anderson. "Since it is so early in the first-grade year, it inspires them to write. They also want to be able to read what their pen pal wrote to them."

The students' next trip together will be to the Main Post Fire Station Nov. 1.



Melissa House

A first-grader rubs the name of her grandfather.

Soldier adopts MP dog

2000 law lets K-9s enjoy retired life

Melissa House
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Desmond Morris, author of books on animal and human behavior, summed it up best.

"Artists like cats, soldiers like dogs."

So it comes as no big surprise that Staff Sgt. Robert Johns, a military policeman, would adopt a dog. But the dog he chose wasn't a stray, but a former

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Children learn violence at home, authority says

Family Advocacy Program

Violence is passed on from one generation to the next in homes where battering takes place. Children first learn about the adult world in their families. What are your children learning if you are a battered woman? They could be learning that violence in the home is a way to deal with conflict.

What effects does domestic violence have on children?

• In homes where domestic violence occurs, children are at high risk of suffering physical abuse themselves. Regardless of whether children are physically abused, the emotional effects of witnessing domestic violence are very similar to psychological trauma associated with being a victim of child abuse.

• Children in homes where domestic violence occurs are physically abused or seriously neglected at a rate 1,500 percent higher than the national average of cases reported in the general population.

• Children may "indirectly" receive injuries when household items are thrown or weapons are used. Infants may be injured if being held by their mother when the batterer strikes out.

• Children from violent homes have higher risks of alcohol and or drug abuse and juvenile delinquency.

Possible signs of a batterer:

• A batterer is often extremely jealous and possessive.

• A batterer's anger is frequently disproportionate to the problem that arises.

• The batterer's anger is often displaced and exaggerated, with the objects of violence often being small animals and property as well as family members.

• The batterer often describes the alcohol abuse as the cause of the battering.

• The batterer blames the battered woman for the violence and the alcohol and other drug abuse.

• The batterer has ineffectively or not dealt with his abuse as a child.

• The batterer has hit or been abusive with a partner in the past.

Possible signs of a battered woman:

• She is frightened of her partner's temper.

• She is often compliant in order not to excite the batterer.

• She apologizes for her partner's behavior.

• She drinks heavily or uses other drugs to cope with the violent situation.

• She has visible bruises, or other temporary or permanent injuries without appropriate explanation.

If you, or someone you know, is involved in a domestic violence situation, call for help. The violence rarely stops without outside intervention.

For more information, call Rebecca S. Welch, Family Advocacy Program manager, or Theresa Sanchez, victim advocate, at 545-4013 or 545-7517.

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Haley Jade Dickey — born Sept. 27 to Lisa and Spc. Laremy Dickey.

Taylor Olive Anderson — born Oct. 1 to Samantha and Pfc. Scott Anderson.

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Trinity Grace Cervantes — born Oct. 2 to Jewel and Spc. Ignacio Cervantes.

Olivia Dorothy Patterson — born Oct. 2 to Jennifer and Pfc. David Patterson.

Cadence Ann Marie Thelander — born Oct. 3 to Jessica and Spc. Branden Thelander.

Micaylah Frances Joella Childers — born Oct. 3 to Amy and Sgt. Starlan Childers.

Camryn Ashley England — born Oct. 3 to Tammie and Sgt. 1st Class Barry England.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Town hall meetings — The town hall meeting for Indianhead Terrace is 7 p.m. Tuesday at Wilson Elementary School.

Residents of these neighborhoods are encouraged to attend. For more information, call the Community Life Office at 545-2830.

Red Cross classes — The American Red Cross, Fort Benning Station, will offer the following classes:

• Lifeguard Training — Saturday and Sunday, (all sessions compose one class); $100, must be 15 years old to participate.

• Community First Aid and Safety — Nov. 2 and Dec. 7; $38.

• Baby-sitting Training — Oct. 26, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14; $38, must be 11 years old to participate.

Classes are limited to 10 participants and must be paid for prior to starting date.

For more information or to register, call 545-5194.

Artist to visit Officers' Spouses Club dinner — The Officers' Spouses Club presents George Finley, military caricature artist, 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Fort Benning Officers' Club.

Finley's artwork known for its insight, humor and artistic excellence. His paintbrush has captured the irony of staff, command and the pride of soldiers in several branches of service, particularly, the world of Army aviation. One of his most popular prints, "The Life of an Army Wife," depicts the challenges faced by today's military spouse.

Finley will have prints available for purchase and will be signing artwork. The $10 cost includes dinner and wine or beer tasting. RSVP today to Heather Conkle at 689-5717.

YS Haunted House — Youth Services Haunted House will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Oct. 28-31 in Building 2297, located on Way Street, off Indianhead Road.

Everyone is invited and the admission fee is $5. All kids will receive Halloween treats after touring the "house."

Anyone who would like to volunteer to assist with the haunted house in any way, from decorating to characters, can call 545-3070.

Trick or treat — The Pre-School Story Hour annual Trick or Treating Party is 10 a.m. to noon Oct. 29 at Sayers Library.

The Story Hour will consist of Halloween stories, decorating a small treat bag, munchies and trick or treating. Halloween costumes are optional.

For more information, call the library at 545-4911.

Citizenship classes — The International Wives of Fort Benning will offer free citizenship classes beginning at 7 p.m. Oct. 29.

The classes will be one day a week for six weeks and will be held in Building 2682, Kandle Drive in Custer Terrace.

For registration, call Olga Kelly at 687-6471 or 689-1739.

Halloween — Trick or Treating is 6 to 8 p.m. Oct. 31 in post housing areas.

Hepatitis clinic — Hepatitis Clinic provides counseling, education twice a month at Community Health Nursing section, Department of Preventive Medicine in Building 2631, Soldier's Plaza. Call 545-4041 for an appointment.

Educational Center — Need help with financial aid? Contact The Education Center. Services are free. They are located at Soldiers' Plaza, Building 2609 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center is available to assist servicemen, women and their families.

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AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

Flu shots — Publix Super Markets Inc. and Maxim Health Systems are teaming up to offer immunizations for this year's flu season.

All Publix stores in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee are offering flu shots for $20, pneumonia shots for $25 and tetanus shots for $25.

For information on flu clinic locations and schedules, call the Publix Touch-Map Flu Locator Line at (877) 629-3580.

College bound – High school students who want to take the ACT Assessment have two chances to register before the Dec. 14 test date.

The postmark registration deadline is Nov. 8. There is also a late registration postmark deadline on Nov. 21 (an additional fee is required for late registration).

Students can get information from their high school counselor or register online at www.act.org. The test fee is $25.

Free trees — Ten free trees, autumn classics, will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during October.

The 10 trees are two sugar maples, scarlet oak, sweetgum, red oak, silver maple, white dogwood, Washington Hawthorn and two red maples.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between Nov. 1 and Dec. 10 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To receive the free trees, send a $10 membership contribution to Autumn Classic Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by Oct. 31.

Lowe's to install smoke detectors, fire extinguishers — Lowe's of Columbus has partnered with Fort Benning to provide and install smoke detectors and fire extinguishers in the homes of families of deployed enlisted men and women living off post.

Lowe's employees have volunteered to assist in the homeland safety of soldiers' families with this project that is each Saturday through Oct. 26. Because of the limited availability, requests will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

For more information, call Megan Sperry or Linda Williams at 320-9292.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

■ **Monday:** student holiday

■ **Tuesday:** stuffed crust pizza, garden salad with dressing, corn on the cob, fruit, milk, cookie

■ **Wednesday:** sweet and sour chicken, steamed rice, oriental vegetables, fruit, milk

■ **Thursday:** cheeseburger, oven fries, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk

■ **Friday:** hot dog, potato rounds, cole slaw, fruit, milk

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Theater: Provides acting roles for community

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Couple," Cornwell said. "The play has a large appeal."

Most of the actors, stagehands and set directors will work on a volunteer basis, but the theater would like to hire an outside director with plenty of experience.

"I've been paying close attention to the Columbus community theater, and I already have several potential directors who are interested in directing our first performance," Cornwell said.

The cost for families for both the dinner and the performance will be under $20 per person, she said.

"We want these performances to be affordable for everyone," Cornwell said. "This theater will be built for our families, and we want the entertainment to be shared by all."

It's just a matter of time before the first performance is brought to life.

"We are on our way to making this happen," Cornwell said. "After the success of the first one, who knows what the future holds. We hope to make the dinner theater an ongoing outlet for entertainment."

Auditions for the female version of *The Odd Couple* will be in early January. A contest is also underway to create a name for the theater. The prize is $100 gift certificate from the post exchange. If you have ideas to name the theater or are interested in performing on stage, call 545-7357.

Adoption: Finds working dog new home, family

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military working dog named Petra.

Petra, a 12-year old Belgian malinois, had served her time as a narcotics detection dog but was no longer fit for duty. Military working dogs must complete annual certification in basic patrol skills and specialty skills.

"She has hip trouble," Johns said, "and she lost her aggression. She just wasn't into biting anymore."

Under Public Law 106-446, the Department of Defense is making former working dogs like Petra available for adoption. The law, which went into effect in 2000, allows working dogs to be adopted at the end of their "useful working life." Decisions about a dog's suitability for adoption are made by the commander of the unit the dog is assigned to in conjunction with a thorough veterinarian's evaluation.

For Johns, the whole process took about six months once he started the paperwork.

"There was a lot of paperwork," he said. "I had a huge stack to fill out and had to answer a questionnaire."

They want to fit the dog to the adoptive family and make sure the dog isn't going to be used as a guard dog, Johns said. Adoptive families also must sign a release of liability and be willing and able to care for any health problems the dog may have.

Because of her hip problems, Petra must take her "Motrin for dogs" daily and have regular visits to the vet. Some days are worse than others for her.

"At a dollar a pill a day, the medication is expensive," Johns said, "but worth it. She's a real sweetheart."

Johns had the opportunity to form a relationship with Petra while he was working as the MP desk sergeant. Her handler would bring her into the station.

"She's the only dog I would let into the station because she was cool," Johns said. "I don't trust some of the younger dogs much, but Petra would put her head in my lap."

Petra's retirement ceremony was, well, unceremonious.

"I just picked her up, and we got into the car."

> "... she lost her aggression. She just wasn't into biting anymore."
>
> **Staff Sgt. Robert Johns**
> adopted working dog

Now that Petra is at home with Johns, she has settled into her new life. She has the run of three fenced acres with her new buddy Spike, a beagle mix. Petra and Spike spend a great deal of time racing the neighbor's dog along the fence line.

"I thought that she might be an inside dog," Johns said, "but she likes it outside."

Johns' sons, Michael and Christopher, like Petra as much as their father does. They weren't nervous about having the former working dog as their new pet, but decided to keep their fingers out of the way at first, just in case.

"I'll throw the ball to her, but she won't do anything." Michael said. "She knows she's retired."

CG'S TWO STAR EXCELLENCE BREAKFAST

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Infantry Training Brigade
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Robert Rustin
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Presented to Larry Lalka, Directorate of Information Management, for participation on the Source Selection Evaluation Board of the Directorate of Information Management A-76 Cost Study for Fort Rucker, Alabama, for period 18 September 2001 through 15 February 2002.

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Presented to Leigh Smith, Directorate of Information Management for participation on the Source Selection Evaluation Board of the Directorate of Information Management A-76 Cost Study for Fort Huachuca, Arizona for the period 27 November 2001 through 26 April 2002.

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Presented to Angela Hacking, Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation

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June - Latessa Johnson, Directorate of Community Activities
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August - Vickie Wehage, American Red Cross
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Sabra Boynton, Directorate of Contracting

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Nett Hall Training Room Complex, 3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment, 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2002 Winner— Colonel (Retired) Robert Nett presents a coin to Sergeant First Class Timothy Tutor

Team Of Excellence Award - Cross-Functional Category
Installation Access Control Point Construction Team, 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2002 Winner
Team Members are: Chris Flowers, Ron Stamey, Glenn Todd, L.C. Kirkpatrick, Major Blue, Steve Price from the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics; MAJ Bill Hoy, CPT Kate Bielak, from the Directorate of Public Safety; and 2LT Oswaldo Maxwell, SFC Christopher Mitchell, SSG Sherman Sheffield, SPC Michael Ashberger, SPC Jaime German, SPC Deandrae Banks, PVT Amanda Larson, SPC Amos Mitchell, SPC Bernard Wade, PFC Don Walton, PFC Nathaniel Stepp, SPC Taren Wilson, SPC Corey Durham, SPC Stephen Ross, SGT Virun Kitchen, SGT Scott Mays, SPC Chavonne Lockley

Team Of Excellence Award - Single Function Category
Follow Me Golf Course Maintenance Team, 4th Quarter, Fiscal Year 2002 Winner
Team Members are: Roger Garrity, James Meredith, Loran Shaver, Charlie Harrison, Harold Sanders, James Malone, Miriam Soto, James Jackson, Bobby Short, George Jones, Eugene Arrington, Herman Melton, Dock McCarter, Earl Blackmon

House of Heroes Project
Project leaders are: MSG Earl Smith, 36 Engineer Group; SSG Michael Ettman, 29th Infantry Regiment; CSM Robert McCord and Chuck Walls, Garrison Commander's Office; Greg Lawrence, Craig Taylor, Larry Powell, Ben Anderson, James Upshaw, Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics; MAJ Martin Barr, CPT Steven Gribshaw, CPT Brian Roeder, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. All are presented the Infantry Coin

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Team members are: Tandi Cain-Morris, Cliff Hughes, Directorate of Community Activities, Sergeant Jessica Pisa, 11th Infantry Regiment. All are presented Certificate of Achievement

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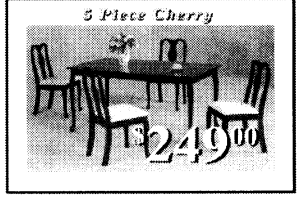
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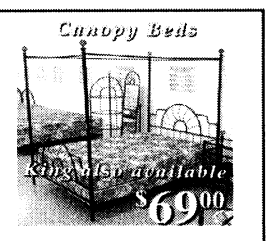
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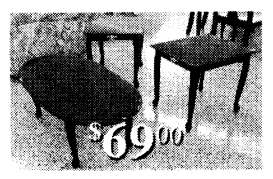
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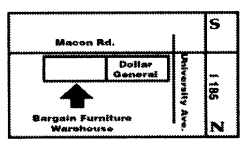
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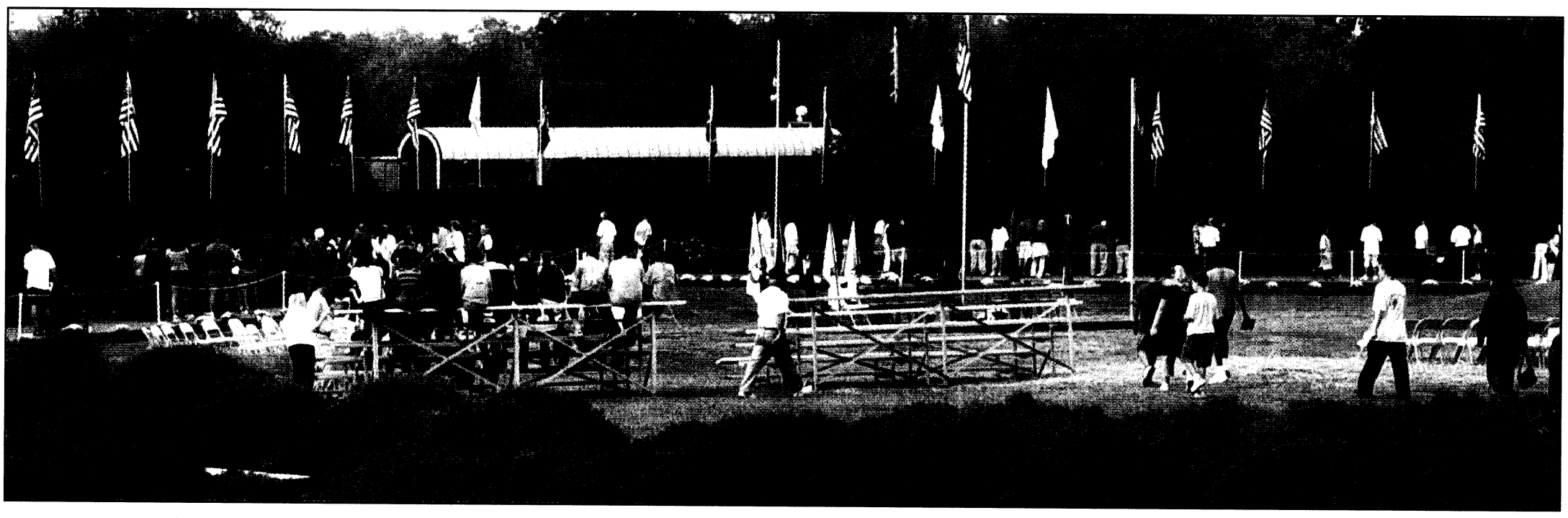
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Faith students visit wall



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The eighth-graders at Faith Middle School took a field trip to see the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall. The visit to the wall followed a viewing of the movie *War Dogs*, a documentary about military dogs who have served our armed services during combat, and a presentation by retired Master Sgt. Jesse Mendez, a representative of the Vietnam War Dog Handler Association.

Students sing at service center

Faith Middle School

Members of Faith Middle School's Entertainers were invited to perform their patriotic show at the open house of the Area Service Center.

The Area Service Center is the headquarters for the stateside Department of Defense Dependent Schools, which provides administrative and curricular support to DDESS.

The Entertainers were invited to the open house by Dr. Elaine Hinman, the director of DDESS.

Dr. Joe Tafoya, DoDEA Director, DDESS superintendents, and administrative staffs and representatives from DDESS schools around the world were present for the open house.



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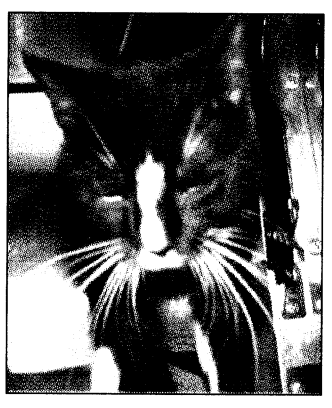
Dr. Elaine Hinman, director of DDESS, and Dr. Gregg Mowen, principal of Faith Middle School, greet students at the Area Service Center open house.



Victoria Garrett, left, Jennifer Renteria, Bethany Ray and Kimberly Snodgrass perform at the Area Service Center open house.

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In addition to participating in the filming of the movie, we will provide our special guests with a catered lunch and fun prize raffles throughout the day.

Date: You choose! Friday and/or Saturday, October 18 and 19th at 11 am sharp. (Don't miss your opportunity, seats will fill up fast!) Parking provided behind the Sears Building located at 3050 Macon Rd., Columbus, with a shuttle to the set.

Please wear casual attire (no logos!) We welcome people 10 years of age and older.

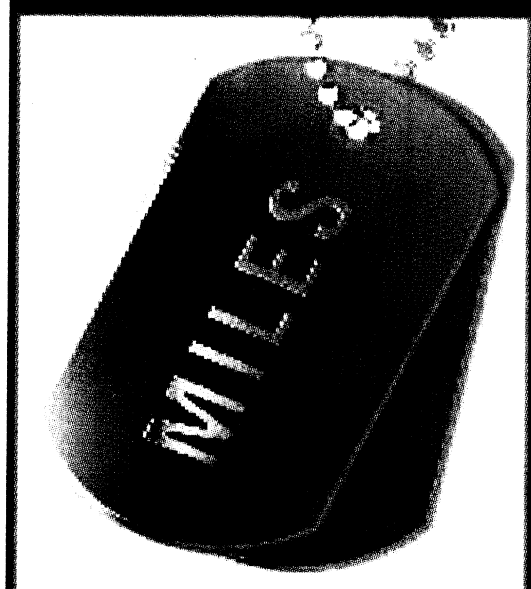
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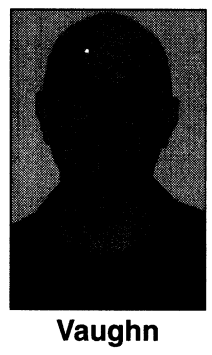
When I was 9, I made the mistake of putting my hand somewhere it shouldn't be and nearly lost the top of my middle finger.

At first glance (or handshake), you wouldn't know I ever had a problem. And yet, a scar is there, visible to anyone who looks close enough a thin white line running around my finger surrounded by stitch marks.

The skin on the side of this finger is still slightly numb after all these years, the damage done all because I wasn't paying attention. I made a mistake. I was careless.

Many people have scars in their lives that aren't visible to others at first glance.

But if you take the time and look close enough, you can see them. Hearts and lives that have been injured, emotions still slightly numb, though years may have passed since the damage was done all because someone wasn't paying attention. Someone made a mistake. Someone was careless.


Vaughn

With time and proper treatment, most physical damage can be repaired. Medical technology continues to improve by leaps and bounds. Doctors and surgeons are able to use their expertise to not only patch us up today, but cover up their work in the process. Emotional damage can also be repaired but often is more difficult to deal with. Broken relationships, bruised egos, and fractured families require much more in the way of time, effort and treatment to heal. The scars, though, may remain.

Fortunately, God is the great physician and can heal all of our hurts, pains and mistakes.

No matter how much damage has been done, he can repair it if you'll allow him to.

Under his loving and guiding hand, even old scars can be made to fade away.

But what if they don't fade? Then allow them to serve as a reminder. As I look at my finger and rub it from time to time, I don't remember the pain anymore. Instead, it reminds me to be more careful in the future. Recognize the scars in your life. Learn from them and be more careful in the future.

Remember that carelessness can scar you and those you love.

Forgiveness isn't easy to receive

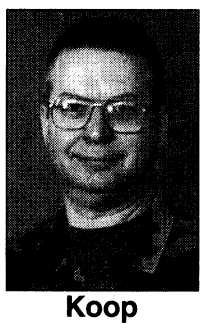
Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Forgiveness is not easy to get. Persons seeking forgiveness are still responsible for their actions.

Being sorry isn't enough. Some people are only sorry they were caught. True sorrow leads to acknowledging that you were at fault, that you made a mistake or that you were wrong. Contrition is insufficient.

Admitting guilt alone is insufficient. Guilt and sorrow must move from confession to repentance, that is, returning to right behavior and speech, before forgiveness can be complete. If at all possible, restoration should be made.

The offender must try to undo the damage and right the wrong if forgiveness is to be fully granted.


Koop

Forgiveness is not easy to give. The offended person is responsible to forgive.

The person who forgives gives up the right to get even. I Peter 3:9 makes it clear, "Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing."

The person who forgives doesn't hold the wrong over the person's head, doesn't keep a record of wrongs, and doesn't bring up the past (I Corinthians 13:5). People may not forget the wrong, but they can choose not to dwell on it.

If you have been wronged, don't withhold forgiveness from someone, even though you may still be hurting or grieving. Don't withhold forgiveness, even if you suspect they may do something else to offend you. Forgiveness frees us from the bondage of hate, revenge and self-pity.

Work together to restore the relationship, to rebuild the trust and heal the hurts. Move forward together toward reconciliation. In those cases where the offender does not seek repentance, you may wisely refrain from reconciliation.

If you are interested in learning more about forgiveness, free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop@benning.army.mil.

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, 'Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times? Jesus answered, ... not seven times, but 70 times seven.
Matthew 18: 21-22

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 687-0925 or 544-1382.

Sunday School — Protestant religious education classes for children and adults have resumed at White Elementary School on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m.

Transportation from the housing areas is available and watch care is provided.

For more information, call 545-4715.

Catholic Religious Education Programs — Religious education classes for pre-K (age 3) through eighth grade, RCIC and adult faith formation are Sunday mornings from 10:30 until 11:30 a.m. at White School.

High school Bible study, followed by youth ministry, meets at 6 p.m. Sunday evenings at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

RCIA will meet at 7 p.m. at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic Welcome — The Catholic community will welcome Chaplain (Maj.) Victor Tadeo at a reception Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Infantry Center Chapel Annex.

Tadeo recently arrived from Germany and is currently assigned to Fort Benning.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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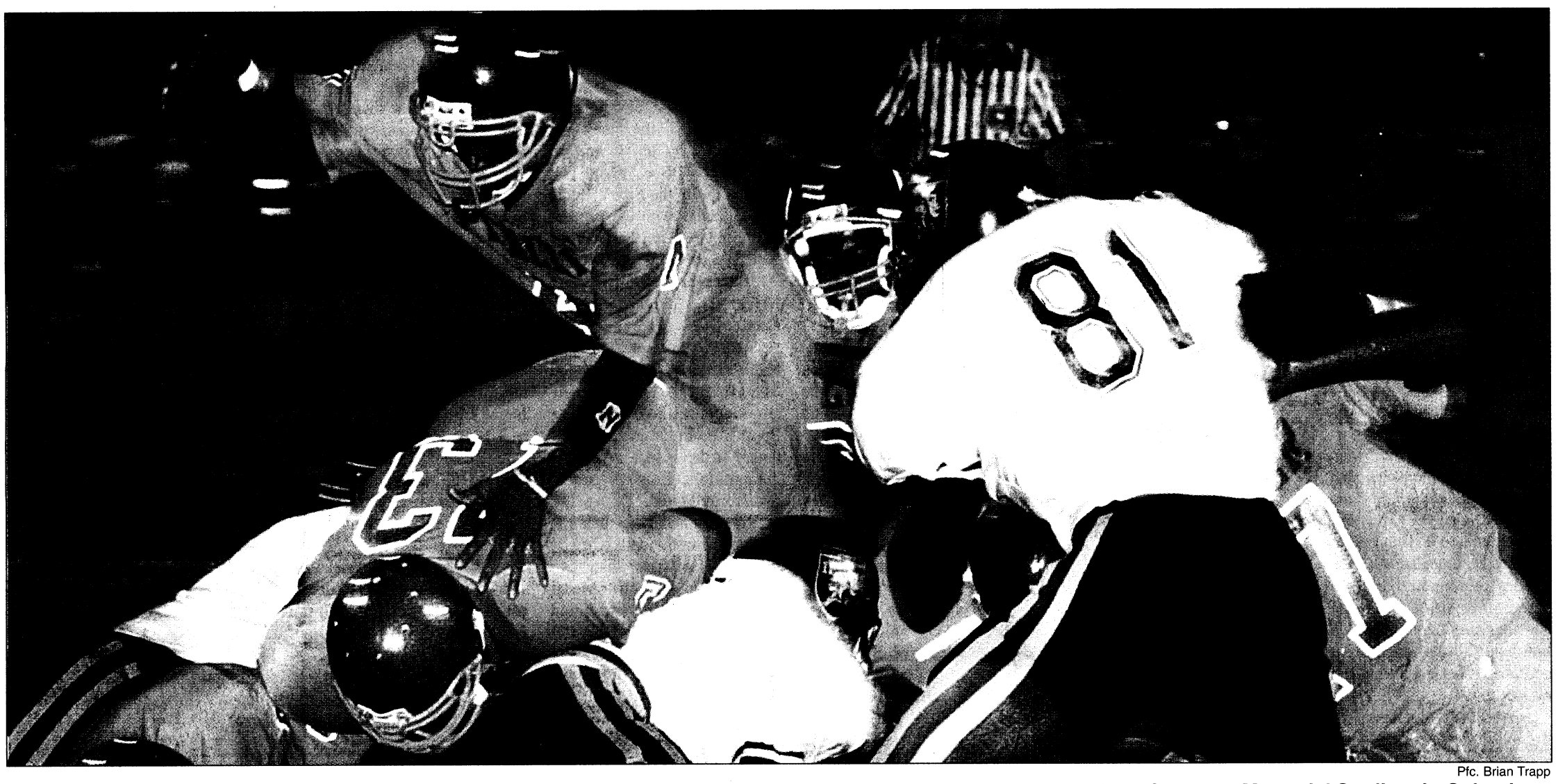
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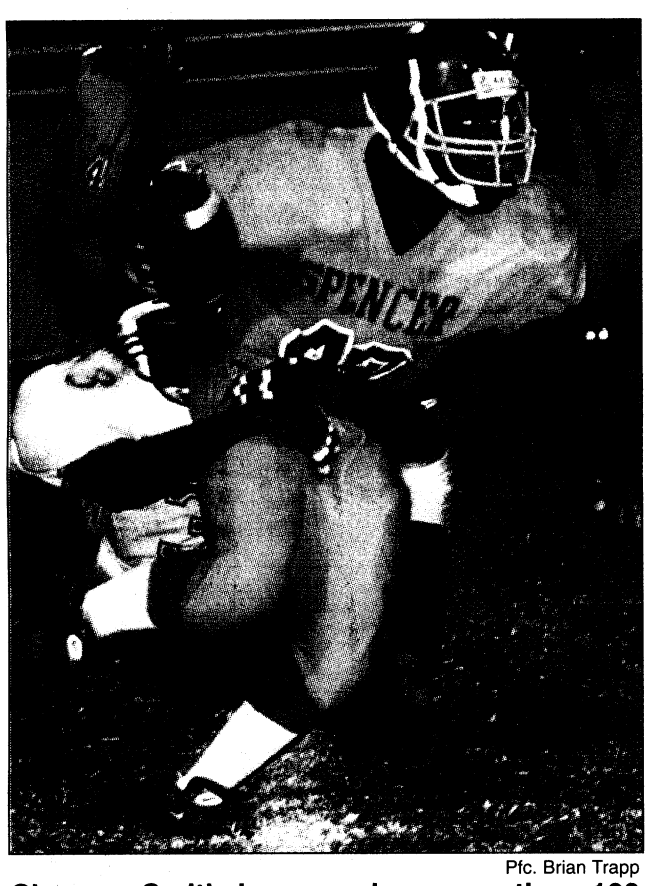
SPORTS



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Jerome Coverson, Greenwaves' quarterback, dives over the pileup for a touchdown against Upson-Lee in a 45-14 loss Oct. 11 at Memorial Stadium in Columbus.

Greenwaves struggle against Knights



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Shamon Smith is averaging more than 100 yards per game for the Greenwaves.

Losing streak continues with 45-14 blowout

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Upson-Lee High School Knights routed the Spencer High School Greenwaves in a 45-14 blowout Oct. 11 at Memorial Field.

"We played pretty well, but we had some little mistakes that lead to big plays," said Shamon Smith, Greenwaves' running back, who ran for 136 yards.

The game started as a defensive midfield battle. Neither team broke too far into the opponent's territory, but the Knights slipped by the Greenwaves' defense with seconds left in the first quarter for a touchdown.

"We had some bright spots, but when we were down, the (other) team continued to play," said Collins Jones, Greenwaves' head coach.

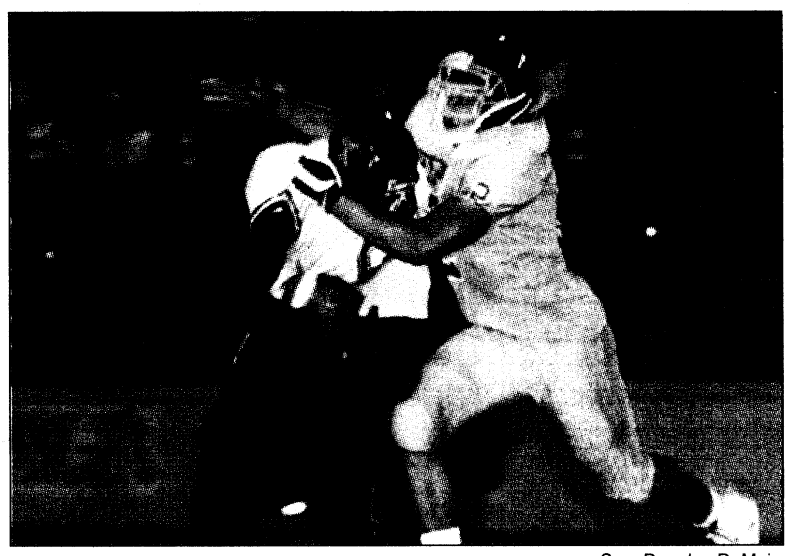
Then a 35-yard punt return by Robert Brownlee, Knights' punt returner, left them on the 10-yard line. Carey Darden followed that with a rush to the end zone. The score was 12-0 after a missed two-point conversion.

The Knights kicked off to Nick Bass, Greenwaves' wide receiver, for a 25-yard return and the start of a slow drive down the field. At the 1-yard line, Jerome Coverson, Greenwaves' quarterback dived over the pile to put the Greenwaves on the board.

"(The team) plays hard," Jones said. "Even though we look skilled out on the field, a lot of the players don't have more than a couple years of experience in football."

Terrell Terry, Knights' running back, returned the punt for nearly 80 yards down the sideline and was pulled down by the Greenwaves at the 6-yard line.

The Knights ran a bootleg with 15 seconds left in the half and put



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Greenwaves' linebacker Brad Horton makes a tackle behind the line of scrimmage.

6 more points on the board, leaving the field at 25-7.

During the second half, the Knights put up 14 more unanswered points. With six minutes left in the game, after a 40-yard drive, Smith ran in for a touchdown, taking the score to 39-14.

To finish off the game, the Knights drove the ball back down the field to put up 6 more points.

"We are going to keep our head in the game and work harder in practice to overcome this losing streak," Smith said.

The Greenwaves play at 7:30 p.m. tonight at Memorial Stadium.

Seahorses gallop past Free Agents, 21-14

Strong defense, quick offense lead to victory

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Seahorses defeated the Free Agents, 21-14, in intramural football action Oct. 10 at Engineer Field.

"We can't be beat," said Montrell Bethea, wide receiver of the 36th Engineer Group Seahorses.

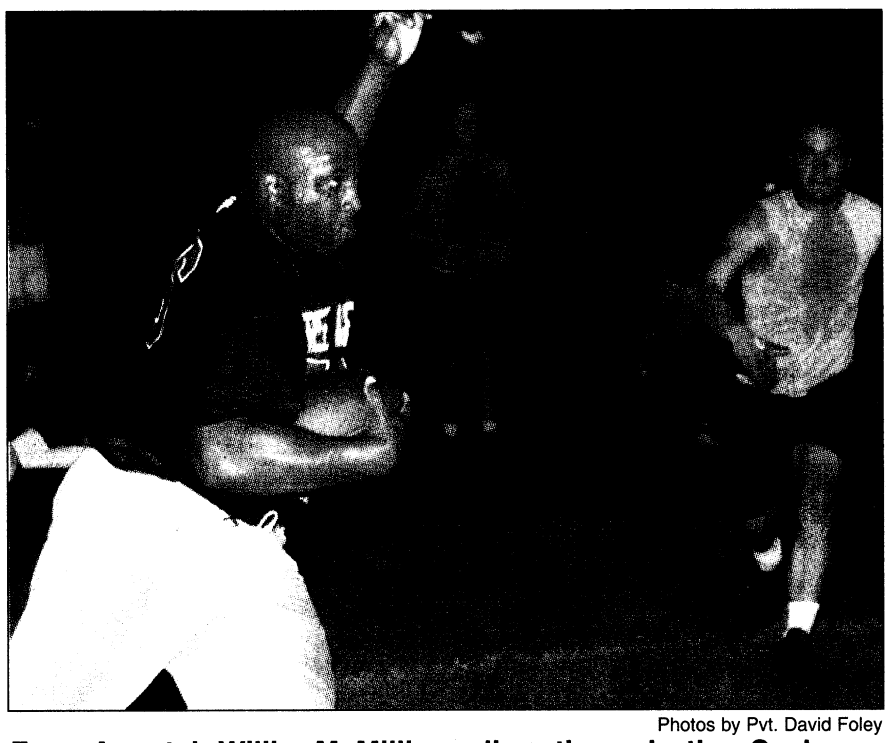
The B Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment's Free Agents came out of the gate strong. They plowed their way to the 5-yard line in the first three plays, which opened the door for Manfred Malone to slip past the Seahorses' defenders to score the first touchdown.

The Seahorses answered the Free Agents in the next play with a Chad Shier rocket to Montrell Bethea who broke away from the heap and sprinted to the end zone.

Blanketing field coverage by the Seahorses and several incomplete passes by the Free Agents gave the Seahorses possession on their own 20, but they couldn't make the drive. The score was tied 7-7 at half time.

"They have to recognize our defense. They had some little guy on me. It was too easy," Bethea said.

After facing strong resistance in the second half, Bethea lead the Seahorses to another touchdown just after halftime.



Photos by Pvt. David Foley

Free Agents' Willie McMillian slips through the Seahorse defense for a first down.

The Free Agents fought tooth and nail to the Seahorses' 15-yard line only to be stopped by the Seahorse defense.

After the turnover, Shire threw a shotgun pass to McClary, who found a hole and ran 50 yards only to drop the ball out of bounds on the 1-yard line.

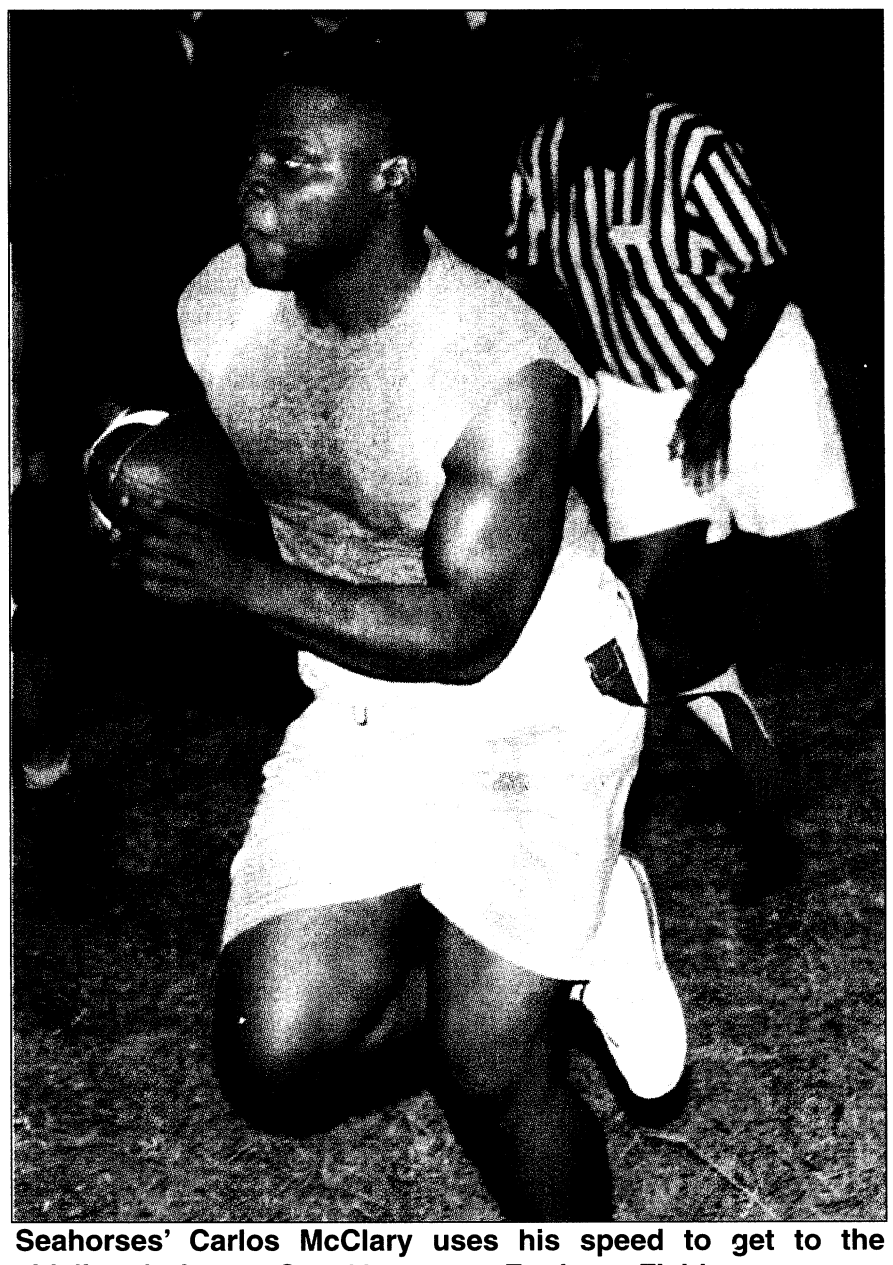
The Seahorses recovered from the errant fumble, and Shier scored on a quarterback sneak.

On the next drive of the Free Agents, Malone scored a touchdown, bringing the score within 7 points.

Free Agents' Jeremy Spencer then intercepted a pass on the Seahorses' 20-yard line with 15 minutes to go. However, the powerful opposition was able to withstand the Free Agents' drive, and the game ended in a victory for the undefeated, 4-0, Seahorses.

This was only one more page in the book for the Seahorses, who don't plan on losing anytime soon, said Chad Shier, quarterback for the Seahorses.

"Our strong defense is the key. We hope to get the rest of the way with no losses. We're going to stick with what gets us the wins."



Seahorses' Carlos McClary uses his speed to get to the sideline during an Oct. 10 game at Engineer Field.

Marksmanship unit to celebrate 46th reunion

Hall of Fame ceremony today

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

The Military Marksmanship Association will conduct its 46th Reunion and Hall of Fame today and Saturday on post. The event is at the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit ranges.

"Since its formation by the president in 1956, the USAMU has experienced unparalleled success," said retired Lt. Col. Phillip F. Cannella Jr., MMA president. "The unit has won 20 Olympic Medals, more than 40 world championships and over 300 national team and individual titles.

"The reunion is dedicated to honoring all shooters, staff and support personnel, past and present, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, who have contributed to the magnificent success of the unit during the past 46 years."

Nearly 300 members are expected to attend the festivities, which kick off with a picnic at Phillips Range today at 4:30 p.m. Saturday, MMA members will have an opportunity to tour the facilities during the open house as well as being able to test their skills at the USAMU ranges from noon to 1:30 p.m.

The world-class shooters of the USAMU will conduct Service Rifle and International Rifle demonstrations at the Pool International Shooting Complex from 1:30 to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Three former members of the USAMU will be inducted into the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame during an outdoor ceremony at the Pool Complex at 2 p.m. Saturday John B. Hudson, administrative assistant to the secretary of the Army, will be the guest speaker.

The MMA will conduct a general membership meeting at 3 p.m., which will include election of officers, followed by a barbecue.

U.S. Pan-American Games team win 25 medals

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Soldiers of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit won more than two dozen medals at the USA Shooting Fall Selection Match, which was the first selection match for the U.S. Pan-American Games Team.

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit sponsored the matches Sept. 25 to Oct. 13 for all Olympic-shooting events except Running Target, which was conducted at the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, Colo., Oct. 2 to 5.

The selection matches, in which 200 shooters competed, were sponsored by USA Shooting, the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports in the United States.

Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker won the Gold Medal in the men's Three-Position Rifle match Oct. 9 and 10. Maj. Michael E. Anti took the Silver Medal and Spc. Trevor D. Gathman got the Bronze.

Parker, the 2002 Air Rifle World Champion, also won the Gold Medal in the men's Air Rifle match Oct. 4 and 5, followed by Spc. Shane M. Barnhart with the Silver Medal and Gathman with the Bronze. In the men's Free Rifle Prone match, Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas received the Silver Medal and Anti took the Bronze.

Spc. Mary K. Elsass received the Silver Medal and Spc. Hattie J. Ponti got the Bronze Medal in the women's Sport Rifle Prone match Oct. 4 and 5. In the women's Air Rifle competition, Elsass received the Bronze Medal.

Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves won the Gold Medal and Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery took the Silver Medal in the men's Skeet competition Sept. 26 to 28. The USAMU Team of Graves, Dulohery and Staff Sgt. Joseph D. Buffa won the Team Gold Medal in the men's Three-Man Team match. The USAMU Team of Graves and Dulohery won the Team Gold Medal in the men's Two-Man Team match and set a new national record;. the USAMU Team of Buffa and Spc. Mark L. Weeks received the Team Silver Medal.

In the men's Double Trap match Sept. 30 to Oct. 1, Sgt. William H. Keever got the Bronze Medal. Staff Sgt. Joetta R. Dement received the Bronze Medal in women's Trap and Pvt. Matthew T. Wallace won the Silver Medal in the men's Junior Trap match Oct. 3 to 5.

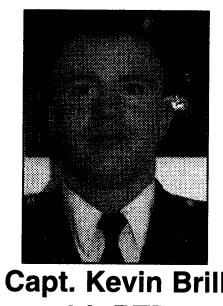
The USAMU Team of Dement and Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt took the Team Silver Medal in the Two-Woman Trap Team match and the USAMU Team of Graves, Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson and Spc. Richard R. Hadden got the Team Bronze Medal in the Three-Man Trap Team competition.

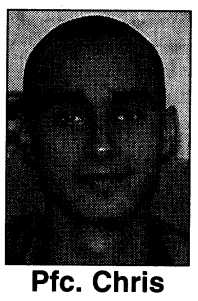
In the Running Target competition in Colorado, Sgt. Armando R. Ayala won the Gold Medal in the Men's 10-Meter 30 + 30 Match. Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski received the Silver Medal in the men's Air Pistol match Oct. 10 and 11, and Staff Sgt. Eric G. Daniels took the Bronze Medal in the men's Rapid Fire Pistol match Oct. 6 to 8.

The second and final selection match for the U.S. Pan-American Games Team is scheduled for April at Fort Benning. The Pan-Am Games will be in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, in August.

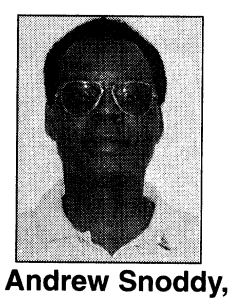
The Pan-American Games, is an Olympic-style shooting championship for the Western Hemisphere, which is conducted every four years. Not only can shooters will medals and set world records at the Pan-American Games, but the Pan-Am Games is the last chance for shooters from the Western Hemisphere to win quota slots for their countries to compete in the Olympic Games.

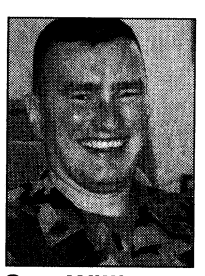
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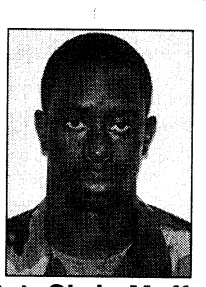

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Tampa Bay at Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Tampa Bay	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
Denver at Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Kansas City	Kansas City	Denver	Denver
San Fran at New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	New Orleans	San Francisco	New Orleans	New Orleans
San Diego at Oakland	Oakland	San Diego	Oakland	Oakland	San Diego	Oakland
Jacksonville at Baltimore	Jacksonville	Baltimore	Baltimore	Jacksonville	Jacksonville	Baltimore

note: Picks are made by Thursday morning.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Golf tournament — The Basic Combat Training Brigade will sponsor the bi-annual Sand Hill Classic Golf Tournament. A shotgun starts at 12:30 p.m. today at the Follow Me Golf Course. Cost is $25 per person for four person teams. The format is a four-man scramble.

All proceeds go toward refreshments and prizes.

The tournament is open to everyone. To register, call 687-1940.

Self-defense classes — Youth Services Tae Kwon Do classes have begun. The classes will be in the Youth Services Gym, Building 1055, and are open to youth family members ages 6 to 18, of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

All students must be registered with the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, located on Custer Road in Building 11304, prior to signing up for classes at YS Building 1056.

For more information on class days and times, call 545-3070.

Fun run — The Red Ribbon Fun Run is 7 a.m. Nov. 1 starting on York Field. The commanding general will speak before the start of the fun run.

The fun run is part of the post's Red Ribbon Week campaign to reaffirm the commitment to a drug-free military and drug-free society.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Debbie Aguon with the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-1138 or 545-5718.

Riding lessons — The Fort Benning Hunt Club now offers riding lessons to children 6 and older.

The riding styles are English and western. The lessons are 30 minutes for $15.

For more information, call 689-3945 or 687-6937.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@ usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Buick Challenge — All military members, with valid identification, and their families will be admitted the Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens free of charge Oct. 25-27.

For more information, call 324-0411.

Golf tournament — The Columbus Police Department and Carmike Cinemas are hosting the Seventh Annual Partners in Education Golf Tournament Nov. 7 at Bull Creek Golf Course. Tee off time is noon. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Forrest Road Elementary School.

The cost for an individual is $40. The cost to sponsor a team is $160 and to be hole sponsor is $100.

For more information, call Sgt. Warren Dunlap, committee chairman, at 653-3173.

Riverdragons — Season tickets for the National Basketball Development League's Columbus Riverdragons are now on sale. Home opener is Nov. 22. Special discounts are available for active military.

For more information, visit www.colubusriverdragons.com or call 225-1100.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum. The tournament rounds begin at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5. The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

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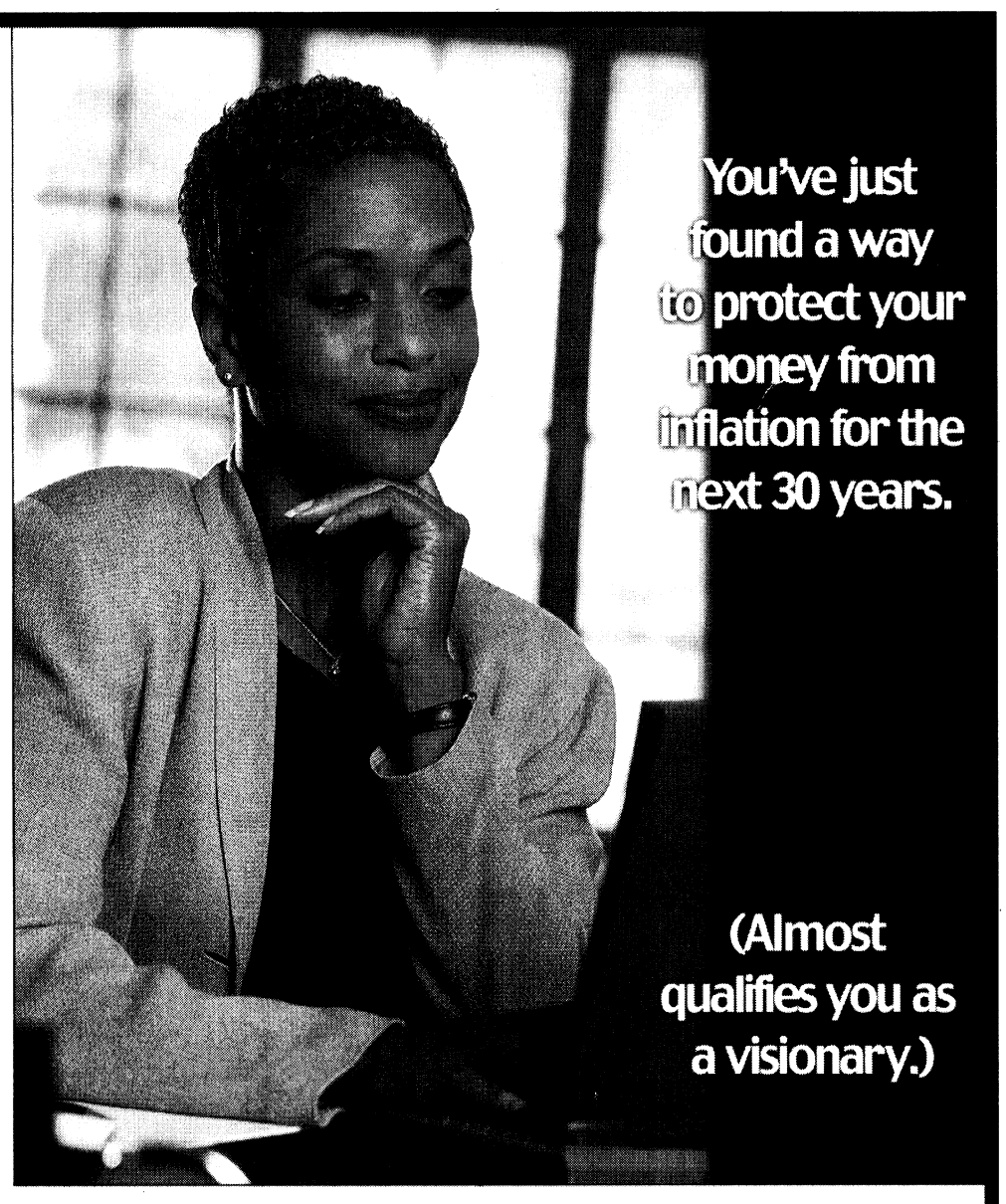
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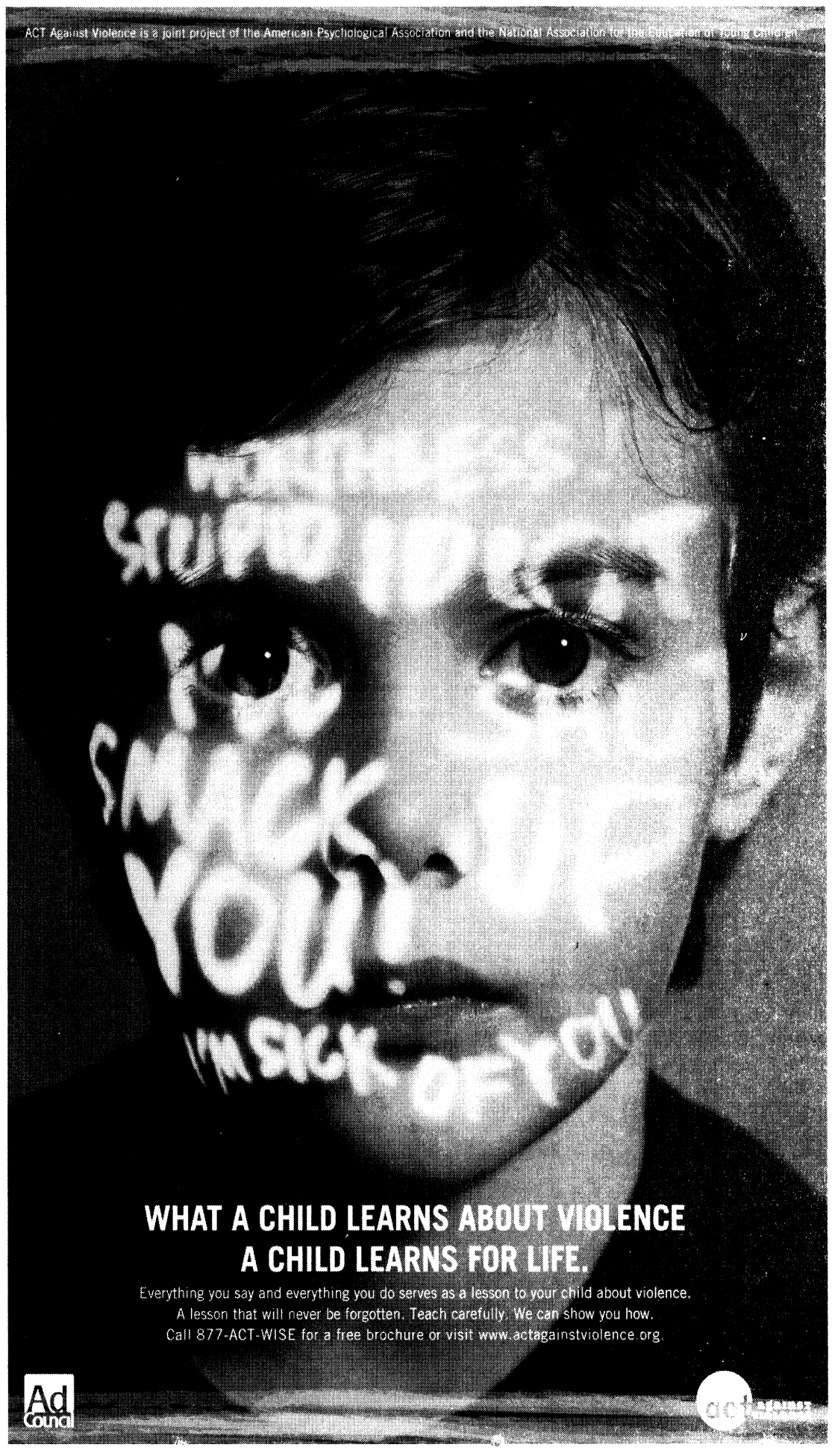
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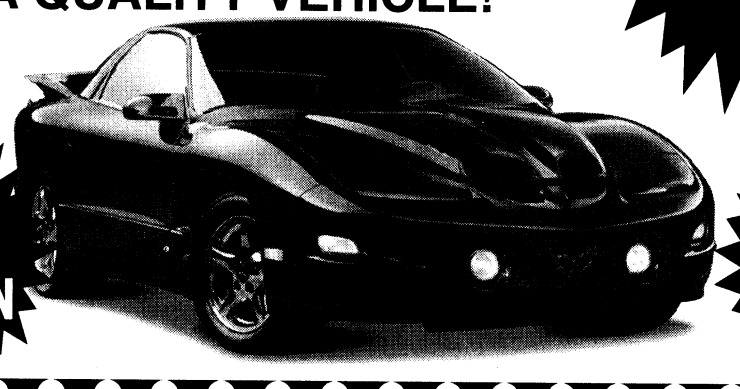
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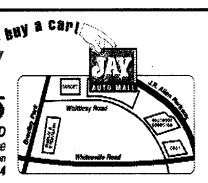
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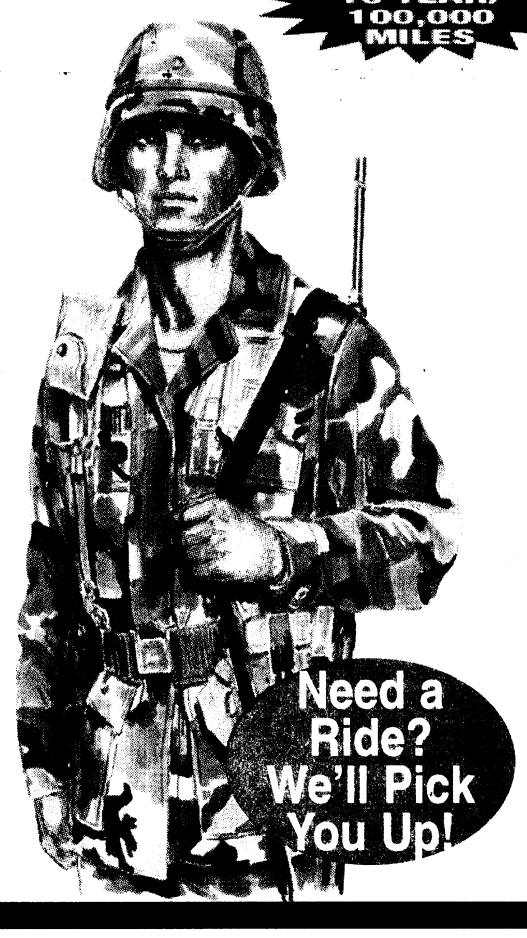
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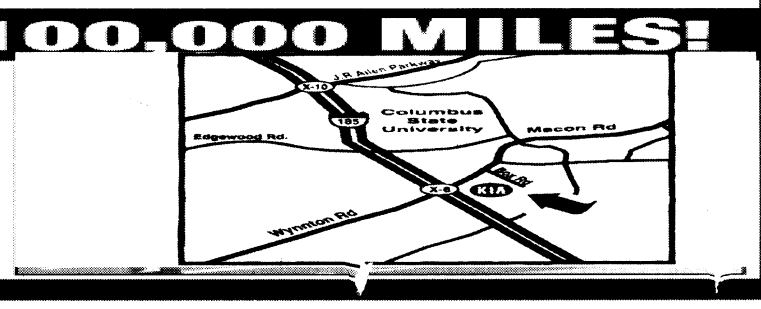
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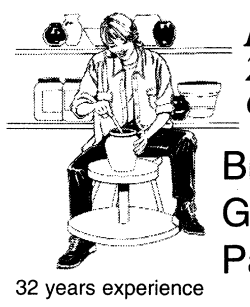
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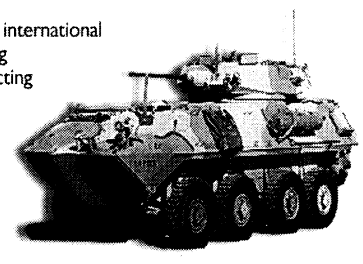
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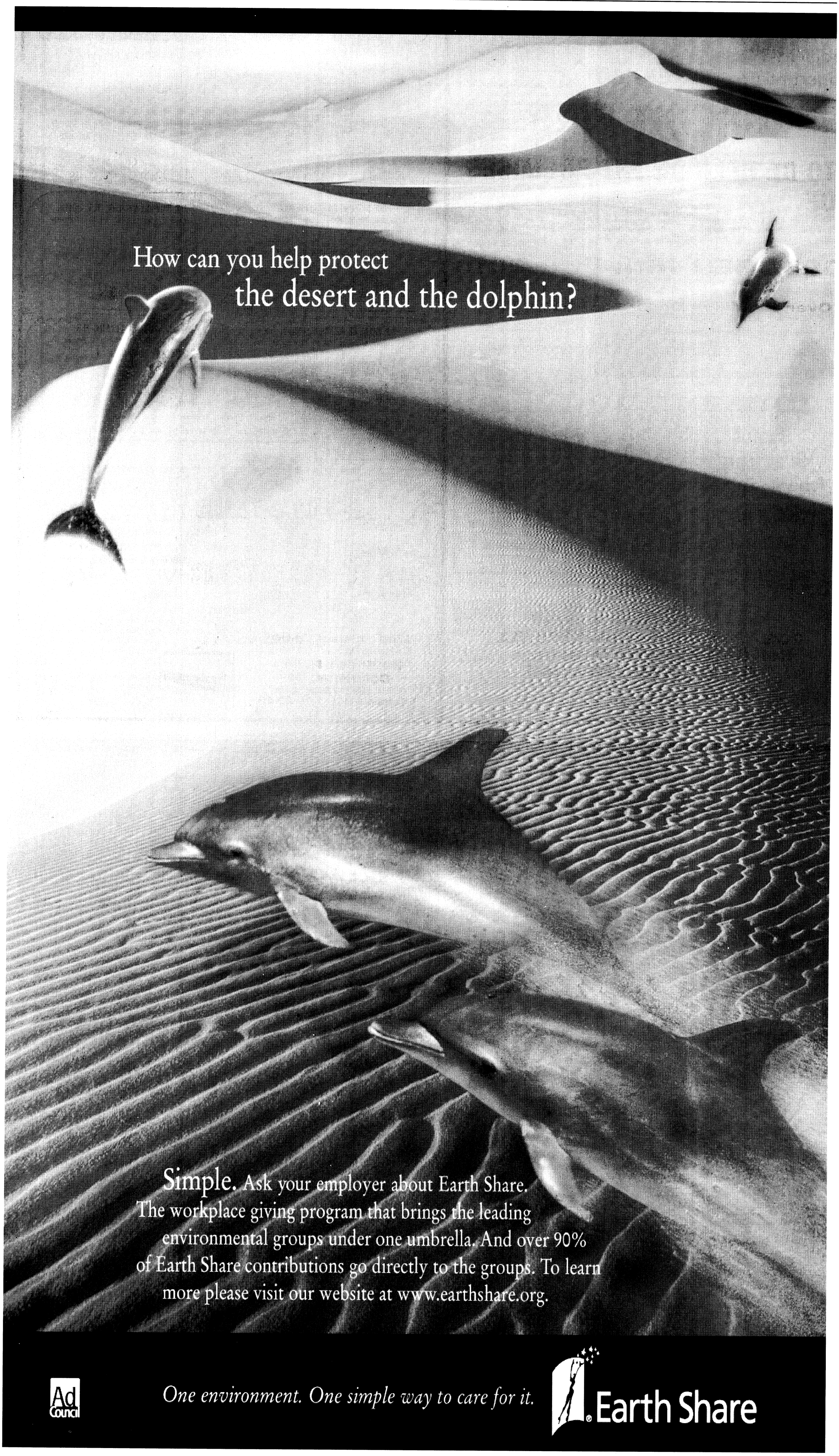
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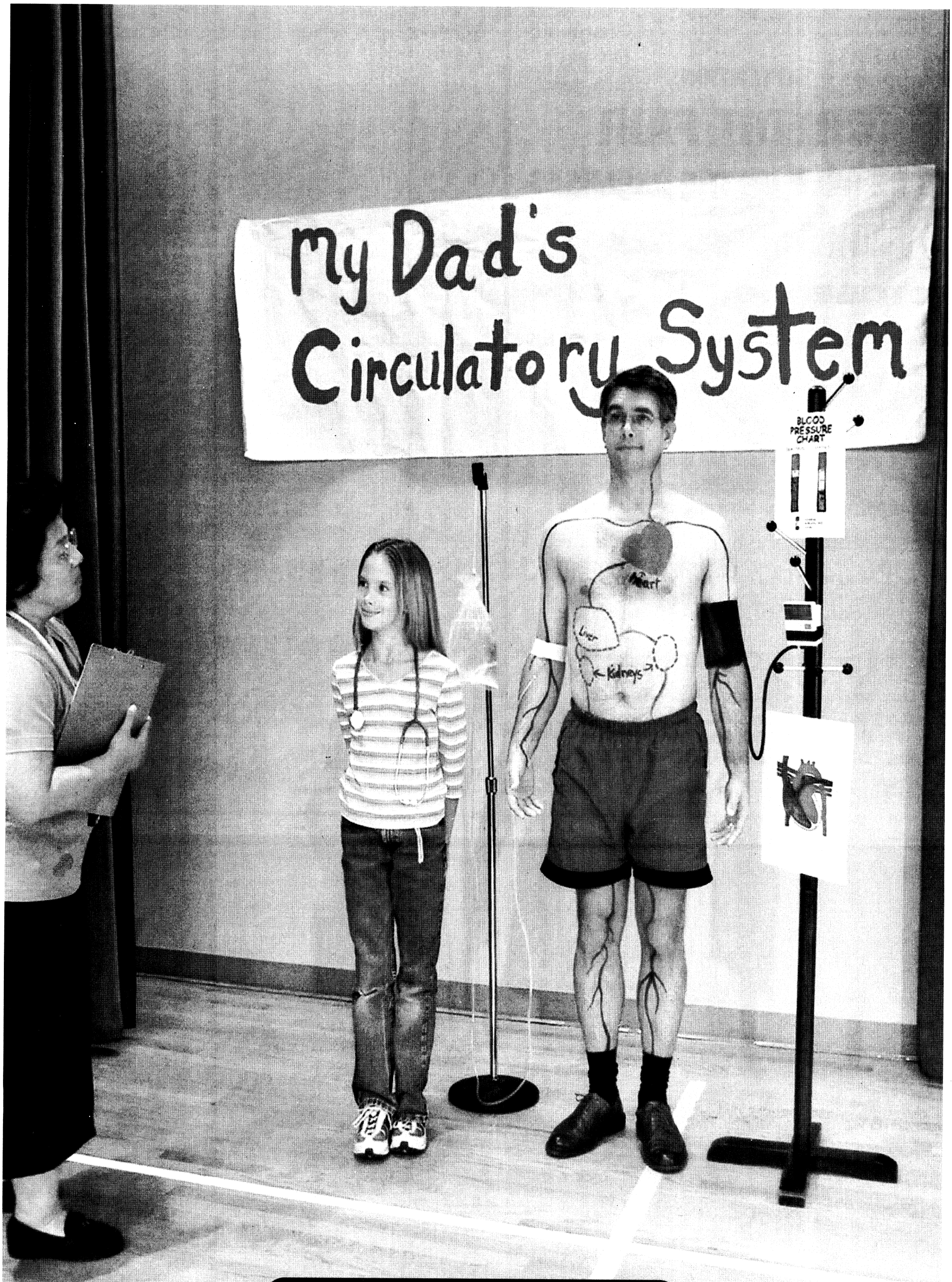


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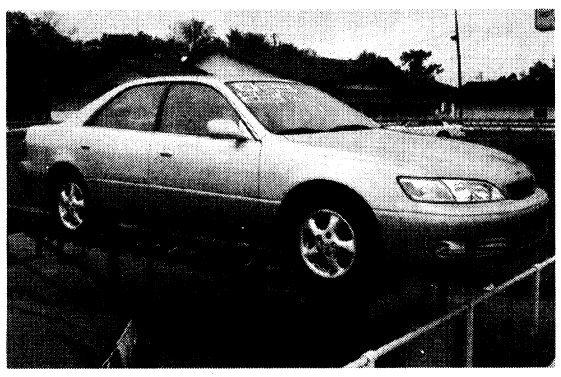

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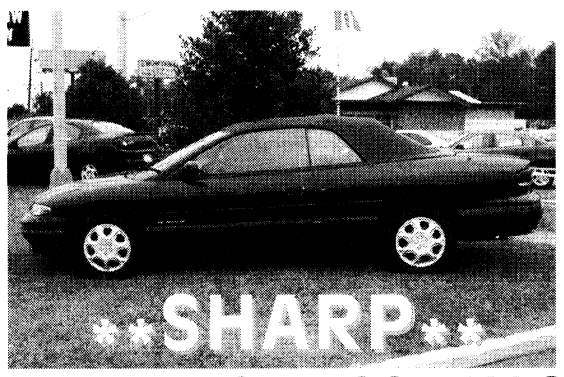
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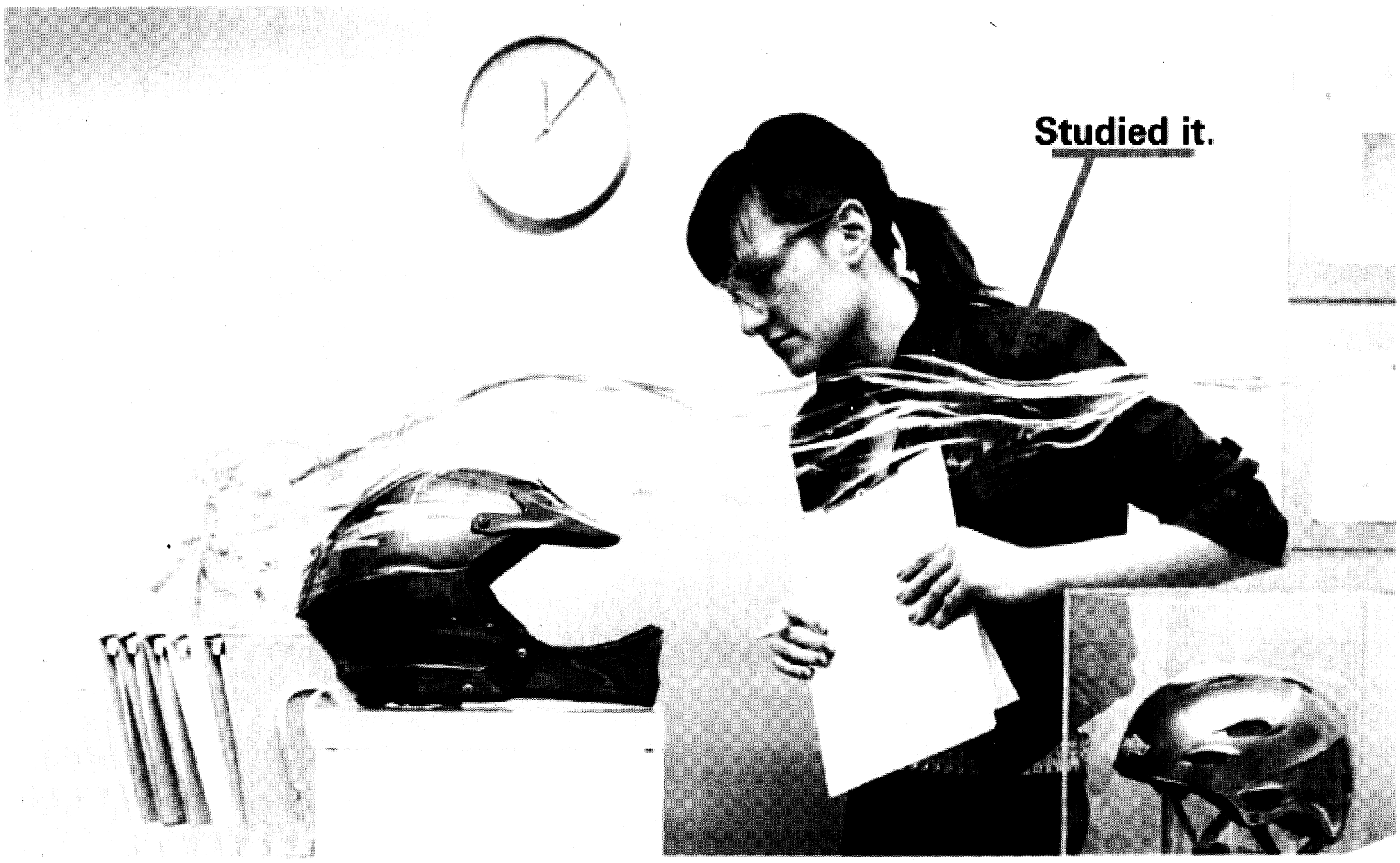


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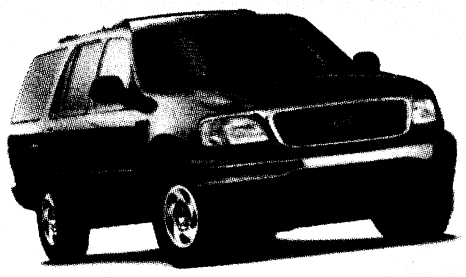
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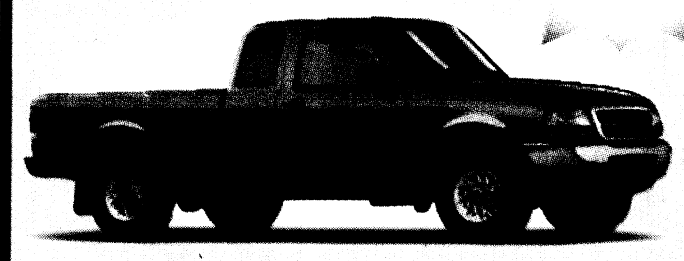


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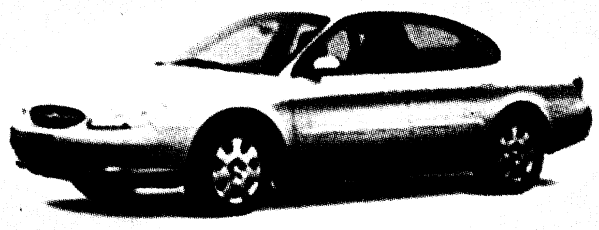
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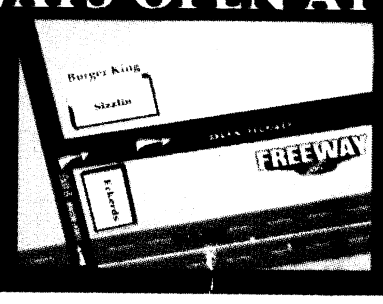
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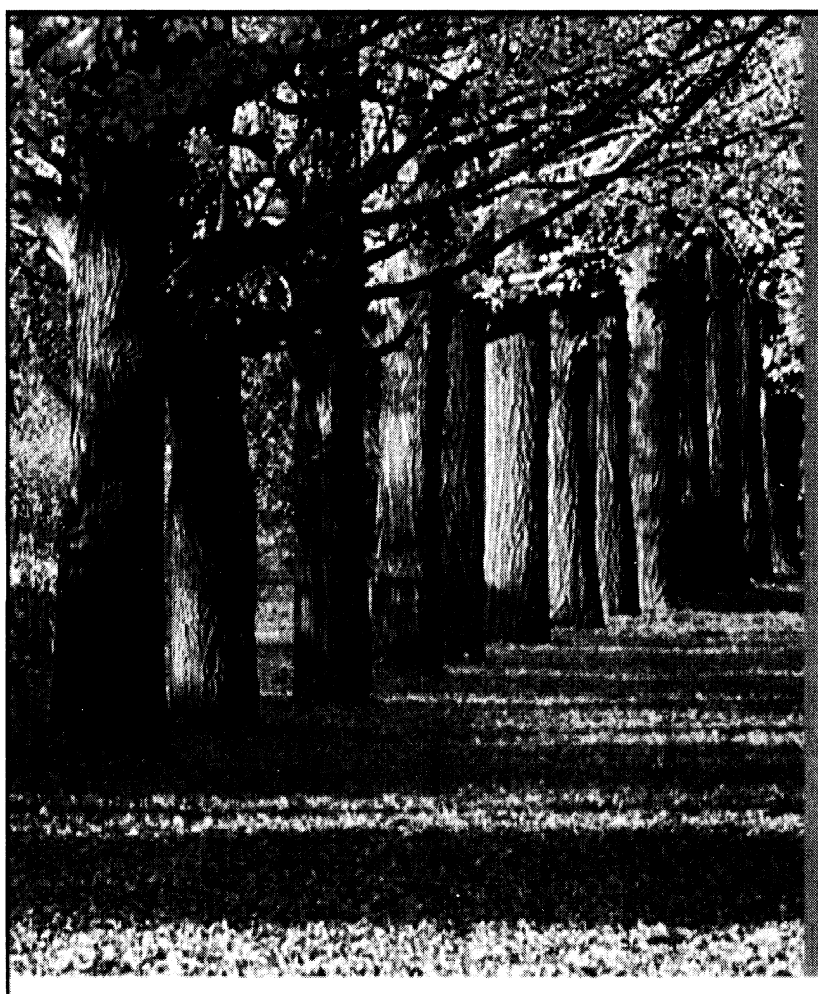
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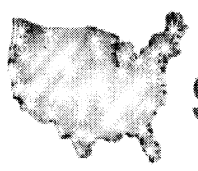
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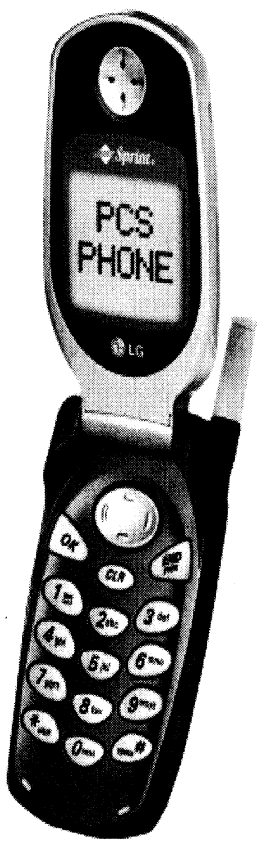
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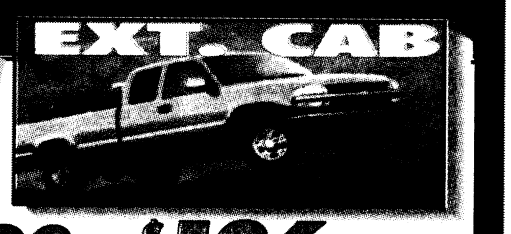
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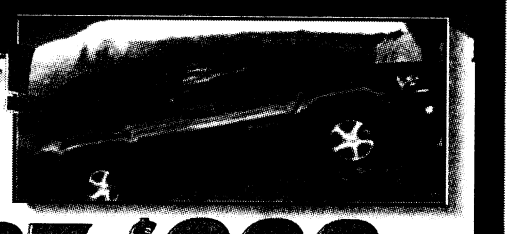
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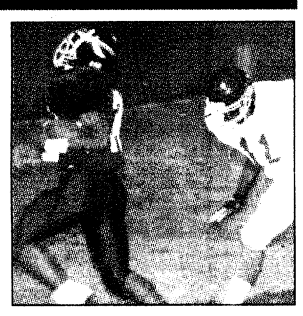
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Post delays RIF letters

Effective date for RIF remains Jan. 25

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

The reduction in force letters post officials planned to deliver to civilian employees Oct. 18 were delayed.

The RIF letters can't be delivered until Congress is notified, said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

> "We need the knowledge of the current work force — we want that knowledge, but we can't hire anyone until the RIF notices are published."
>
> **Pat Kenny**
> Shaw Group project manager

The packet submitted by the Training and Doctrine Command headquarters hasn't cleared the Department of the Army or Department of Defense — two steps in the congressional notification process.

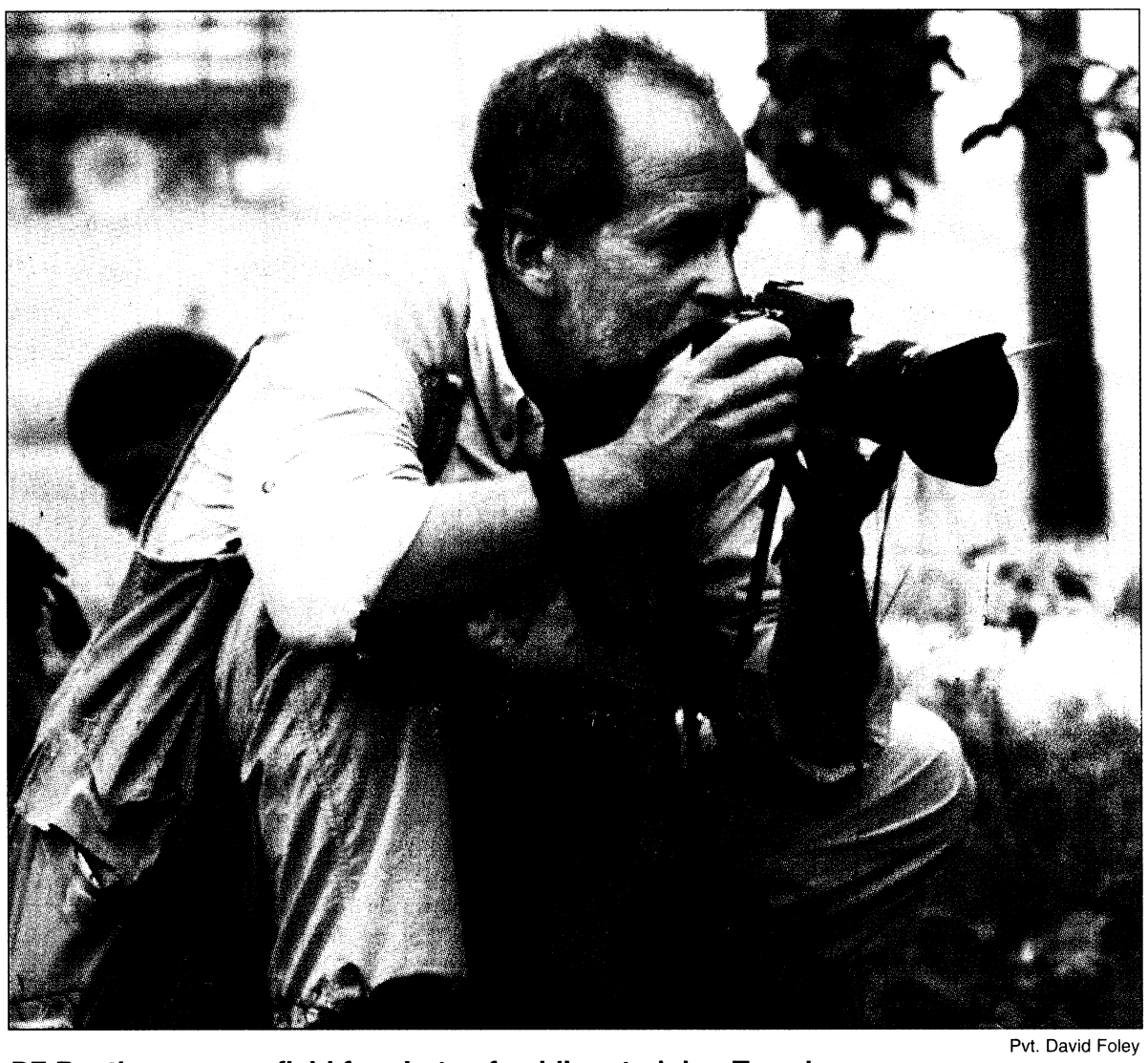
The RIF is associated with a contractor taking over the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics functions and the Adjutant General, Directorate of Military Personnel continuing to provide services as the result of a A-76 commercial activities study.

More than 650 job positions are being abolished in January, which affects nearly 500 employees, said Robert Hight with the Directorate of Resource Management.

As soon as congressional notification occurs, directors and commanders will be advised quickly of the delivery date of the letters. At

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A day in the life of...



Pvt. David Foley

PF Bentley scans a field for shots of soldiers training Tuesday.

Photographer visits Fort Benning

Visit is part of global project — *A Day in the Life*

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Photographer PF Bentley visited Fort Benning Tuesday to shoot photographs for a book titled *A Day In The Life*, which will be a pictorial view of life as a service member.

Bentley is one of 125 photographers who photographed service members on military installations all over the world for a global project.

The project goals are to produce a television special, a museum-quality photographic exhibition, a Web site and a book, which will be published in the spring of 2003, Bentley said.

Bentley spent 24 hours traveling around post taking pictures of everything from soldiers pulling fire guard duty to airborne training.

"I chose Fort Benning because of the Sniper School. I thought it was a good idea, and this post

See **PHOTO**, A-8

Buick Challenge free today

Tournament offers rest, relaxation

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Thursday marked the first day of the final Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens as tournament officials announced Buick will no longer sponsor the tournament after this year.

Located in Pine Mountain, Ga., about an hour from Fort Benning, the Buick Challenge has many things to offer soldiers, including team building opportunities or a day for rest and relaxation on the golf course.

"Soldiers are really looking forward to the tournament," said Lt. Col. Robert Freehill, 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, commander. "(The tournament) is an excellent opportunity for us to build esprit de corps and increase morale."

More than five Infantry Training Brigade companies will attend the Buick Challenge today for Military Appreciation Day.

Getting soldiers involved in community activities makes them more well-rounded people, said Freehill, who has three companies in his battalion going to the event.

"I'm proud of my men," said Capt. Beau Hendricks, B Company, 2nd Bn., 58th Inf. Regt, commander. "They've done an outstanding job during training, and they deserve the reward of going to the tournament and

See **CHALLENGE**, A-8

Check points snag drunken drivers

I.D. checkers protect post, catch DUIs

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The access control points have been helping post with more than force protection; they have also increased the number of DUIs caught on post.

"The people at the access points don't have a glamorous job, but they are good at it," said Maj. William Hoy, Military Police Activity executive officer. "Every time they apprehend someone driving under the influence, it's like they saved a life." Since August 1, about 38 drunken drivers were caught at the checkpoints and an average of eight to 15 drunken drivers are caught every month.

"I pulled one person aside and asked her if she had been drinking alcohol tonight, she said 'No, I've only been drinking beer,'" said Sgt. William Gardner, team leader with 414th Military Police Company from Joplin, Mo. "That one was solved pretty quickly."

Some drivers play the part very well, but even they can be caught after further investigation, he said.

"The people who get DUIs don't just pull up and say 'I'm drunk,'" said Gardner, who averages apprehending one DUI every Friday and Saturday night.

All of the personnel at the check points go through a Fort Benning school for access control before they go out to the ACP, Hoy said.

"I don't know if people think, because we are reservists, we don't know what we're doing, but many of us are police officers in our civilian lives," said Sgt. Ronny Houdyshell, team leader with 414th MP Co.

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> **Sgt. William Gardner**
> Team leader

"The MPA has benefited more than anyone from them being here," Hoy said. "The reservists who have five to 10 years of law enforcement experience are teaching the younger MPs some street savvy and other things they typically wouldn't learn in the schoolhouse."

One checkpoint isn't "safer" to go through than another, Hoy said. The personnel at the checkpoints are regularly rotated, so all of the checkpoints have been successful in identifying DUIs.

"You may think you have a high tolerance and be as straight as an arrow after 10 beers, but people can't depend on their tolerance," Hoy said. "If alcohol is detected, either you're over the limit or not."

Those who attempt to get on post while under the influence can expect to be identified, apprehended, processed and charged, Hoy said. Then the car will be towed at the owner's expense.

"It's our job to make it safe to drive around on post," Houdyshell said. "People know they have to come through an access point full of police to get on post. Just don't drive if you've been drinking."

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Saving time or shifting it?

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

COMMENTARY



Someone asked me last week how I felt about Daylight Saving (not SavingS) Time. My reply was immediate. I hate it. As a parent, it's the biggest pain in the rear next to Halloween, but I won't digress.

Sunday officially marks the END of DST, where we revert back to standard time. OK, so if I just spent all summer saving time, where is it? And where will it be in the middle of the winter when I think the world needs it the most?

To me, there is nothing worse than having an extra hour of daylight in the morning when I'm asleep, and then not having it during the evening. When it is dark at 5 p.m., it means that my kids are on each other's nerves because they can't play outside and it's still three hours until bedtime. You'll hear my screams of frustration within a five block radius. I guarantee it.

I decided that it was time to do a little research on the whole mess. I found an interesting Web site, seven pages worth, which told me everything I needed to know about DST from the beginning of time.

It appears as if our beloved Benjamin Franklin, way back in 1784, is actually to blame. He proposed the idea while in Paris as an American delegate. Some of his friends in the oil lamp business rather liked the idea.

But the first serious advocate of DST was a Brit named William Willett who published a pamphlet called A Waste of Daylight, in 1907. Whoa there. Didn't we go to war to free our country from absurd British notions?

We first dabbled with an official law back in 1918, but it proved to be so unpopular, that it was repealed the following year. After many more years of random clock switching that got us through World Wars I and II, our Congress finally passed the Uniform Time Act of 1966. Yee-haw!

Again, there was great dissension, after which provisions were made for states not interested in saving time. Those states could be exempted from DST by passing a state law.

By now, you are probably on the edge of your seats, just waiting to hear what comes next. Want to know who is in charge of DST? Sure you do. It's the Department of Transportation. Interesting. I'm guessing that the DOT involvement in DST began about the time someone discovered that they went through SEVEN different time zones in a 35 mile stretch of highway between Moundsville, W. Va. and Steubenville, Ohio in 1964.

According to the DOT, people like DST because they have more light in the evenings and can do more. It also saves a whopping "less than 1 percent of energy per day," except, of course, for the four darkest months of the year: November, December, January, and February.

But are you ready for this one? DST has a small public health benefit. During the summer, you are less likely to be hit by a car while walking near a road.

So when we fall back to standard time, it's just like what happens when you play a country song backwards. Instead of getting your wife back, your truck back and your dog back, you now have less light in the evenings, and are more likely to be hit by a car. But on the bright side, we should save more than 1 percent of energy per day if you follow my logic.

Since I always thought that daylight was just like sleep and couldn't be saved up, I was encouraged to read that the DOT says the term "saving" is inaccurate, and should really be "shifting" time.

Aha! What a brilliant statement! And to top it off, the DOT reports that only a whopping 70 countries on our planet even use DST. I guess it's making a big difference in life down there in Antarctica.

As for me, I'm more confused now than I was last week. I'm trying to figure out if it is DST that I hate, or is it standard time?

I think I'm just going to take a personal exemption and not "fall back," since the Georgia legislature hasn't gotten around to passing that state exemption yet. I'm going to call it HOT (House Operating Time) and next week when I'm an hour late for everything, my boss and office mates are just going to have to work around me.

Accidents make writer wonder how healthy bicycling really is

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY



Bicycling, they say, is good for your health. Good aerobic work out and easy on the knees.

I got my first bicycle when I was 9 years old. It was a black and white Schwinn and was a Christmas present, so I learned to ride it in the basement, circling the support beams. Once the snow pack melted we kids used to play cops and robbers with the bikes, cutting one another off to make the stops.

In Germany I got a three-speed German bike. I used to bounce it along the cobblestone roads and race through the Schwartzenwald. When my Dad was reassigned to the Presidio of San Francisco, the bike went along.

The bike almost became a permanent part of my anatomy when a car pulled out in front of me as I raced down Taraval Street. I hit both hand brakes so hard the cables snapped. I managed to avoid hitting the car but learned that metal was harder than flesh when I slammed both feet on the ground to bring the bike to a stop and nearly ended my chance to procreate.

My next bike was a Peugeot that I bought when I was stationed in Germany. I kept it for 25 years and never had an accident.

But they stopped making parts for it, so I graduated to a Miele, supposedly French for honey.

And that's when I learned to appreciate helmets.

My first crash came at 5 a.m. one fall day as I screamed around a dark intersection and startled a black cat that ran under my wheel and flipped me over on my left shoulder — broken collar bone, broken rib and smashed Bell Helmet. Forty-seven years of bike riding and my first bad accident.

Pretty good percentage, I thought, as I waited to mend and get back on the bike.

I managed to do OK for two years with only a minor spill on a railroad crossing. But a little over a month ago, I challenged the hairpin curve on the Riverwalk and lost.

No broken bones, but I left a lot of flesh on the bike path. Also, I had to replace my Giro Helmet, which was cracked on the left side where I hit the tarmac.

The skin healed and I was soon back in the saddle, vowing to take it easy. I want to live to see 60.

But there I was cruising along, heading for the water treatment plant and two dogs appeared as if by magic. I yelled as they stepped in front of the bike, and I used the rib cage of the big one as a ramp to launch into space.

Unfortunately I didn't clear the dog, nor did I manage to do a 360 degree back flip, instead landing on my right shoulder and of course, head.

I think Giro stock just went up this time it's a separated shoulder.

The lesson here is skin and bones heal, but a blow to the head can lead to serious disability and death. Yes, I rode for more than 40 years without a helmet and never hit my head in a fall.

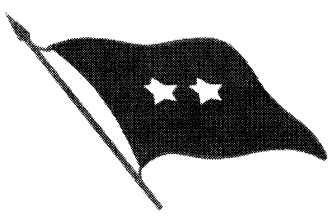
But why tempt fate? Any of my three accidents could have led to a cracked skull, but my helmet saved me. That's why I cringe when I see children and even grownups riding their bikes without a helmet. You might be the safest cyclist out there, but you never know what awaits you around the next corner.

Editor's note: *Former Fort Benning soldier Timothy Otis Whitted, 23, died Oct. 8 after he lost control of his mountain bike. He was not wearing a helmet at the time of the accident.*

CG notes Red Ribbon Week

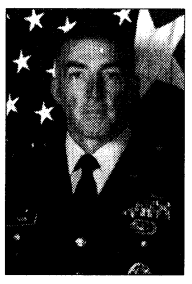
The problems associated with illegal drugs have become prevalent in every community regardless of size or location, and Fort Benning has a responsibility to our soldiers, family members, civilian employees to create an environment free of illegal drugs.

The National Red Ribbon Campaign held each October, calls attention to the



devastating effects of illegal drugs on individuals, families and communities.

Businesses, schools, law enforcement officials, service organizations, religious institutions, governments,



sports teams and individual soldiers will show and demonstrate their commitment to drug-free, healthy lifestyles by wearing and displaying red ribbons during Red Ribbon Week.

I proclaim Oct. 28-Nov. 1 as Red Ribbon Week on Fort Benning.

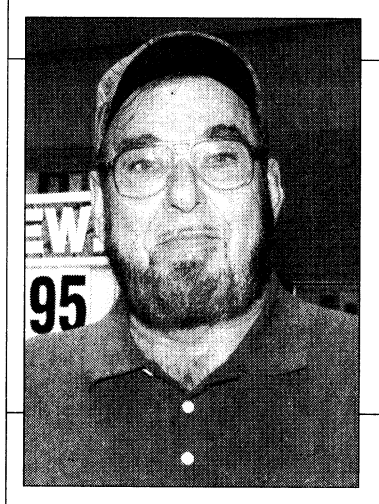
I direct all Army leaders to educate their soldiers, family members and civilian employees on the destructive results of illegal drug use.

The drug culture continues to adapt — and worsen. The Army must continue to do our part to defeat this scourge in our society.

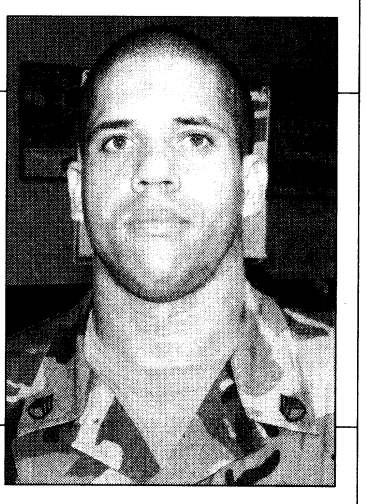
— Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton
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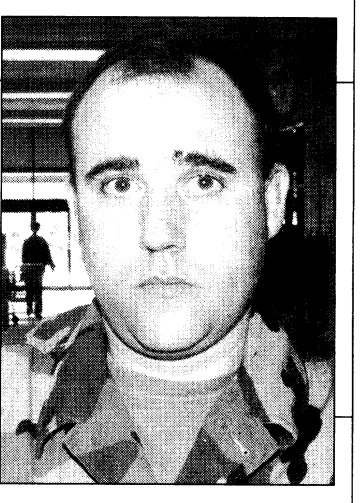
Retired Sgt. 1st Class Charles Riley, Columbus — "It messes everything up. We go to bed and get up at a certain time, and then we have to change everything around."



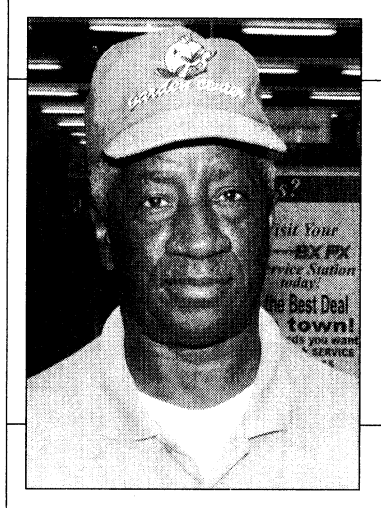
Staff Sgt. Arnaldo Santiago, 3rd Soldier Support Battalion — "I feel alright about it. I just came from Fort Sill, Okla., and I'm still adjusting to this time change, so it doesn't bother me."



Christina Byers, family member — "I think it's terrible. If it gets dark earlier, we should get to leave work earlier."



Spc. Michael Caldwell, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — "It doesn't matter to me. I've been doing it for years."



Retired Sgt. 1st Class, David Lockett, Columbus — "I like it. It gives me a little more daylight in the morning."



Marlene Roney, family member — "I like it. It gives me more time to sleep."

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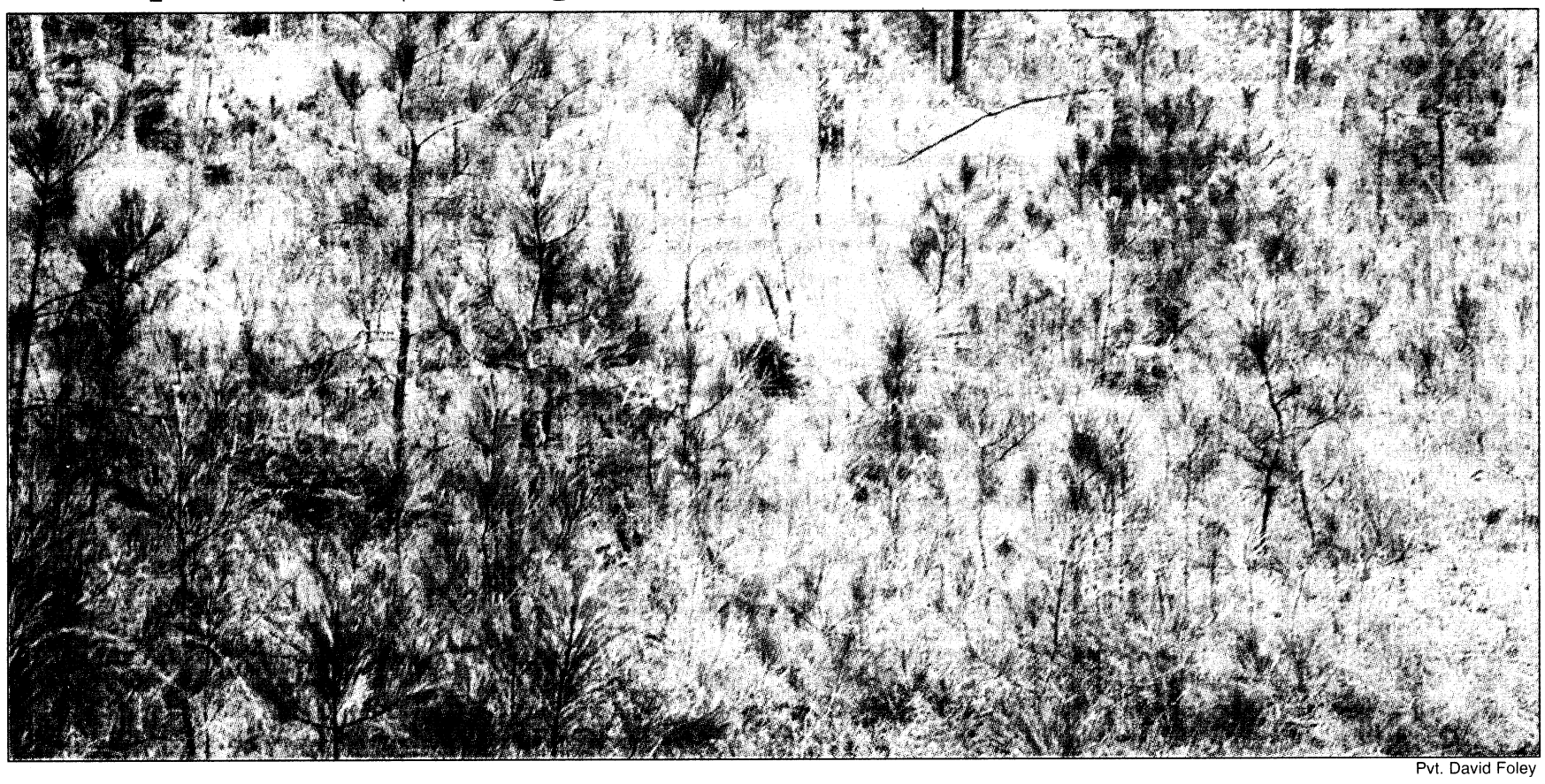
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Snipers, can you find them?



Pvt. David Foley

Hidden in this photo are six snipers.
Are you sharp enough to spot them all?
The U.S. Army Sniper School was out for a photo shoot with PF Bentley for a new book in the *A day in the life of* series.

Answer on A-11.

Fort Benning boasts CID agent of the year

War mission leads to recognition

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Fort Benning's own Chief Warrant Officer John Welch is the U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command's Warrant Officer of the Year. Welch, the Special Agent in charge of the 86th CID Detachment, received his award Oct. 18 at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Welch returned from a 340-day deployment to Uzbekistan, Afghanistan and Kuwait Oct. 7.

"He was selected for the award because of his selfless service," said Lt. Col. Deborah Geiger, Benning CID battalion commander.

Welch was instrumental in getting the team from Fort Benning ready to deploy on various missions that arose after the terrorist attacks Sept. 11, 2001.

"I gave SA Welch the toughest mission," she said, "And he was the first to deploy.

Before deploying, Welch and the other agents received three days of training on communications equipment and other tactical skills.

Welch used his training on the ground in the caves at Tora Bora, while paired with special forces troops.

"We initially went into Uzbekistan to set up CID operations," Welch said. "A week later, we tore everything down in order to go to Afghanistan."

While in Afghanistan, Welch and teammate, Sgt. Kyle Buckout from Fort Stewart, took care of logistics and helped the warfighters with battlefield investigations and other battlefield issues. They went into the caves to collect DNA evidence and other evidence that could be used against al-Qaeda leaders.

"While we were there, we really solidified our relationship with the (SF) warfighters," Welch said. "We took care of the things they didn't have time to do."

> "I walked into the CID office in Kuwait and someone congratulated me. I didn't believe him ... It was truly a surprise."
>
> **John Welch**
> U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command

Although this was not the first deployment in Welch's 18-year career, he said it "was absolutely the best."

Welch said the CID agents were not the only ones trying to map out their course.

"Every day there was a new obstacle to figure out," he said

Welch lost almost 20 pounds while in Afghanistan eating three MRE meals a day and hiking up and down the hills of Tora Bora with his equipment.

"We weren't around any of the encampments. The mujhadeen soldiers we were with would cook some of their local food, but it wasn't very sanitary and there were a lot of intestinal problems."

To blend in with the locals, Welch had to wear a cap pulled down low to cover his red hair.

Welch and Buckout walked 10 to 20 kilometers daily, and occasionally rode donkeys.

Both men took the unusual mode of transportation in stride.

"I was in the high school rodeo association," Welch said. "I grew up on a farm in Winona, Miss., so riding was second nature to me."

Buckout also had riding experience as a former infantry soldier with the Old Guard's caisson platoon.

After 30 days in Afghanistan, Welch went back to Uzbekistan to re-establish their CID office.

"The folks in Uzbekistan thought we had left for good," Welch said. "They had given away our commo equipment. Welch returned to Afghanistan two to three days a week until he left for Kuwait in March 2002.

"He was pulled because of his abilities to be the operations officer in Kuwait," Geiger said.

When soldiers started rotating home, Welch volunteered to stay on and complete the mission, she said.

"He probably has the CID record for days deployed."

Welch filled in as the personal security officer for the Coalition Land Forces Component Commander, traveling with the general around the theater.

The CID battalion leadership did a good job in keeping news of the award secret while Welch was deployed.

"I walked into the CID office in Kuwait and someone congratulated me," Welch said. "I didn't believe him, so he pulled up the e-mail from the CID data terminal to actually show me."

"It was truly a surprise," he said.

Welch started his career as a military policeman at Fort Bragg, N.C., followed by a tour at the Disciplinary Barracks at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

"I quickly realized that corrections was not what I wanted to do," Welch said. "I thought about getting out."

Welch's commander at the Disciplinary Barracks had previously been in the CID and talked him into giving it try. The switch worked well for Welch. After 12 years with the CID, Welch said the best part of is job is being able to see things through to the end.

"As an investigator, we are there at the beginning, we walk through the investigative process and get to see the end product whether it be good or bad," he said.

Welch received his award at the conclusion of the annual CID leaders' convention.

"I've done nothing that I feel is above and beyond what any other CID agent would have done under the same circumstances," Welch said.

"The support from this battalion is the best I've ever seen for a deployment. I would have stayed longer."

DA honors family advocacy manager

Sterling Award winner makes progress

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The "commanders' best friend" received a Department of the Army award for outstanding service to Fort Benning and neighboring communities.

Marilyn Wallace, Fort Benning's Army Community Service chief, said Rebecca S. Welch, winner of the Sterling Performance Award and post Family Advocacy Program manager, is command's best friend because she supports them through the ACS programs she has developed and implemented.

"I was honored to be selected," Welch said. "It's a very prestigious award."

Once a year, the DA selects a winner of the award based on their improvements in mission support, military and civilian teamwork, customer service and productivity.

"When you look at all the nominees in the Army worldwide, it's a tremendous achievement," Welch said.



Welch

> "Her contributions have enriched the lives of countless individuals — on and off the installation."
>
> **Marilyn Wallace**
> Army Community Service chief

Welch, who's been the program manager since 1988, prides herself on making a difference for children and families, she said.

"Welch is a true visionary — always looking for ways in which to improve the status quo," Wallace said.

She has a way of bringing people and resources together, Wallace said. Her experience and determination to make a difference are invaluable to Fort Benning, commanders and the surrounding communities.

With the help of Joann Cavis, Muscogee County extension agent, Welch co-foundered the Child Abuse Conference in Columbus, a biennial conference focused to decrease system abuse of children.

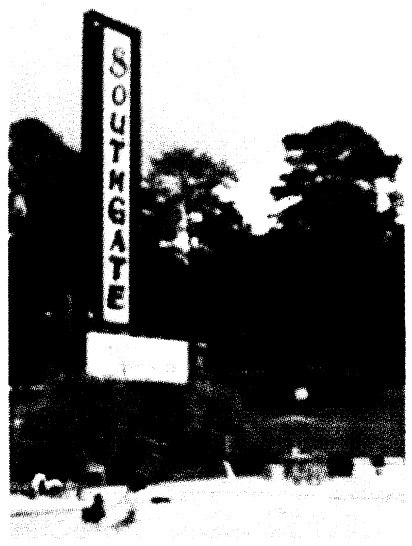
"It's been my initiative to come up with programs for the good of the community," Welch said.

She's the recipient of the Commander's Award for Civilian Service, the Superior Civilian Service Award, and in 1999, the Soroptimist International of Columbus, the world's largest service organization for executive and professional women, awarded Welch the Woman of Distinction Award in human rights and status of women.

As board member for both the Health and Wellness Key Support Team and the Advocacy Case Review Committee, Welch looks out for the well-being of soldiers and their families, so commanders have more time to resolve other issues.

"(Welch) is sensitive to the growing concerns about the many stressors families face," Wallace said. "Her contributions have enriched the lives of countless individuals — on and off the installation of Fort Benning."

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Fort Benning to welcome trainers

Twenty countries' representatives to visit post

Lee A. Rials
WHINSEC

The Conference of American Armies will hold its ninth Training and Education Conference at Fort Benning at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation Tuesday through Nov. 1.

Fort Benning's commanding general, Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, will preside over the gathering of senior trainers from the armies of 20 countries. In addition to the member nations represented, three other nations' armies will be represented, as will two invited organizations.

TEC is one of four specialized conferences of the CAA that focuses on "the American armies and their contribution to the formulation of defense policies in the context of new challenges to continental security."

The conference will address the "addition of topics related to new threats and defense policies within the Military Education System."

Participants will analyze the programs, materials and content that member armies could incorporate into their systems of military education to ensure a current and relevant response to emerging risks and threats such as terrorism, narco-trafficking and others."

A board of officers has been designated for the conference, including the president, Eaton and two officers from the Canadian army, which is the CAA's permanent executive secretariat for the 25th cycle — Maj. Gen. Rick Hillier and Col. Ian Nicholls.

Col. Richard D. Downie, commandant of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, will be the secretary.

Delegates from the following 20 member armies are expected to attend the conference: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Perú, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay and Venezuela.

The three observer armies sending delegates are Barbados, Jamaica and Suriname.

The Inter-American Defense Board and the Conference of Central American Armed Forces will also be represented.

The aim of the Conference of American Armies is the analysis, debate and exchange of ideas and experiences related to matters of common interest in the field of defense so as to heighten cooperation and integration between the Armies and to contribute from a military thinkers' point of view to the security and democratic development of member countries, according to its Web site.

AAFES, NCO Club making strides for soldiers

Diverse delegates bring change

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Anyone who walks past the Main Mall Post Exchange furniture store will likely notice a new display of sofas, love seats, lamps and other luxury furniture.

The spread of stylish furniture is the result of issues raised at the 2002 Army Family Action Plan symposium in February.

"Many soldiers wanted to know about our prices and how we can make things more affordable," said Jacqueline Tucker, learning facilitator for AAFES. "We listened and took notes. We immediately began making the necessary changes."

AAFES has already addressed several issues, including:

•AAFES prices are being checked with local competitors and marked 5 percent below the average price.

•The furniture store has been remodeled to allow for a larger selection.

•The electronics department was expanded and updated to provide a variety of products in different price ranges.

"Our goal at AAFES is to provide the lowest prices possible to our customers," Tucker said. "We also want to know how our customers feel about our service. We have placed customer comment boxes around the store and we will respond to those comments within 24 hours."

Other changes around post have also occurred because of requests made at the symposium:

•The Directorate of Community Activities will conduct a feasibility survey for a "Sports USA" facility to be built at the NCO Club.

•An concert series has begun for basic trainees on Sand Hill.

•An October festival was implemented and planned. Other season festivals will follow.

"Delegates really stressed the need for a broader range of low-cost entertainment and activities for soldiers and families on post," said Marilyn Wallace, director of Army Community Service.

"They also talked about the importance of properly marketing the activities so families are aware of what is happening on the post around them."

Delegates at the symposium represented all walks of life on Fort Benning, including spouses, commanders, enlisted soldiers and veterans.

"We like to have a good mix of delegates involved from units, family readiness groups and other factions of Army life," Wallace said.

"The AFAP symposium is a vital part of keeping soldiers and family members involved with what matters most to them."

Some of the most important changes on post have come as a result of AFAP.

Spouse support groups and improved education have all resulted from previous symposiums, Wallace said.

"I enjoyed how the symposium went," Tucker said. "I thought each group of delegates really took their time to think about what they wanted to present to AAFES and other agencies represented there. We felt we all communicated very well."

Fort Benning will also participate in an Armywide AFAP symposium in Virginia in November.

If you are interested in becoming a delegate or learning more about the Fort Benning AFAP symposium, call 545-5377.

President signs bills to increase defense funding for troops

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — President George W. Bush signed two bills that will give service members the resources they need to serve America at home and abroad during a ceremony Wednesday at the White House.

"We've asked our military to liberate a captive people on the other side of the Earth. We've asked our military to prepare for conflict in Iraq, if it proves necessary. We owe them every tool they need to fulfill their missions," Bush said.

The first bill signed was the Defense Appropriations Bill, which is nearly $335 billion — a $37 billion increase from fiscal year 2002. The defense bill will go toward a 4.1 pay increase, additional full-time support from the National Guard and Reserve and increased funding in research and development of weapon systems, Bush said.

"This legislation begins development of the next generations of weaponry," Bush said.

"We ended the Crusader artillery program, a program that was designed for a different era.

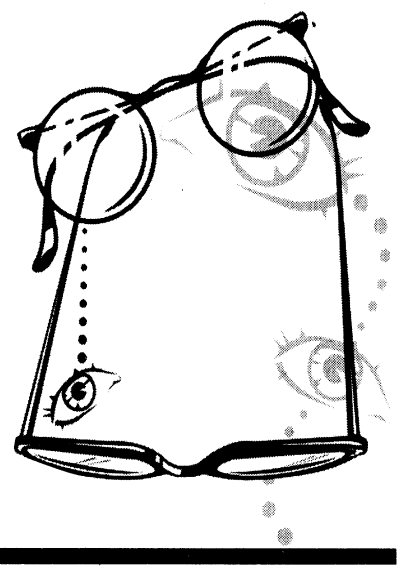
"Instead, we will fund new systems, systems that will enable our military to do a more effective job at defending America and our freedoms. Systems such as the unmanned aerial vehicles like the Predator and the Global Hawk that we've used so effectively in Afghanistan."

The Military Construction Appropriations bill, the second one signed, adds $10.5 billion for building and upgrading military installations and for military family housing.

"We're taking care of our people," the president said. "We want the people who wear the uniform to know America appreciates their service."

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Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Sgt. Diana Bond sings a tune at the Soldier Show.

'By soldiers for soldiers'

Thousands attend outdoor Soldier Show

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Nearly 7,000 soldiers and family members attended the annual U.S. Army Soldier Show Oct. 16 during its worldwide tour of Army installations.

The show, performed for soldiers by soldiers, included a Fort Benning soldier from the 13th Corps Support Battalion who is touring as a performer with the group.

"I've been in 18 years, and this is a little going away present to myself. I love singing, dancing and entertaining soldiers. It's been really fun," said Staff Sgt. Gregory McPhee, a cook with 608th Ordnance Company. He also toured with the show in 1989.

Being in the show does more than give him the chance to entertain, McPhee said. It has helped him be a better soldier.

"Doing the tour has given me a lot of different opportunities that have helped me grow as a NCO," he said.

The show was performed at Fort Benning's Wetherby Field and was the Soldier Show's first outdoor performance in the U.S.



Thousands of Sand Hill soldiers attended the concert Oct. 16.

"I think an outdoor show was imperative to reach all of the soldiers at the same time," said Victor Hurtado, artistic director with the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center. "There was a great energy coming from the crowd. It went beyond our expectations."

Thousands of basic training and one-station unit training soldiers took a break from training to watch the show.

"It makes the show better knowing they're soldiers you could serve with, instead of a bunch of civilians who may not understand what we are going through," said Pvt. Brian Moseley, 2nd Battalion 58th Infantry Regiment.

Life on the road is no vacation for the performers, who also help set up up before the show and tear down afterward. Some performers had to take a physical fitness test the next day.

Walkers take to path

Volksmarch will become annual event

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Nearly 65 people participated in a 10K volksmarch Saturday morning on Sand Hill in conjunction with the Fall Fest.

"Volksmarching is big in Germany," said Chuck Hunsaker, president of the Association of the U.S. Army, which sponsored the event. "Anyone stationed there has probably been on one. We thought it would be a fun event for the community."

Participants had the opportunity to spend a fun Saturday morning on Sand Hill, he said.

"It's a great morning to be out and hike through the woods and have a look through the Fall Fest," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Young. "When I was stationed in Germany, I went on volksmarches all the time."

There are plans to make both the Fall Fest and the volksmarch a larger, annual event, said Brian Smith, chief of Marketing for the Directorate of Community Activities.

"The march was well-liked, and all participants received a medal at the end," Smith said. "We had a limited amount of time to get the information out about the volksmarch and anticipate it to be much larger next year."

The Fall Fest kicked off Oct. 16 with the first outdoor Soldier Show concert in the U.S.

There were a variety of rides, craft booths and food vendors at the weeklong event.

"No one here can remember the last time we've had a multiple day event like the Fall Fest," said Jim Shoemaker, DCA's program manager. "There are plans to continue doing more and larger events at Wetherby Field."

In honor of National Physical Therapy Month, the MACH physical therapy staff will be holding a health fair at Stewart Watson Field on 31 October from 0700 to 1030. All members of the community are welcome to attend for general information and to ask questions. In case of inclement weather, the health fair will be moved to Bryant Wells Fitness Center.



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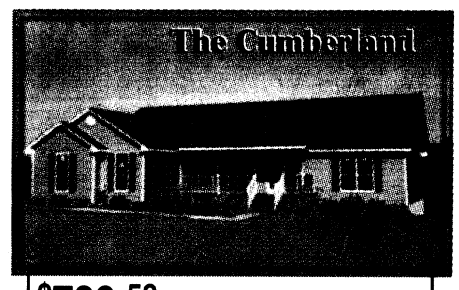
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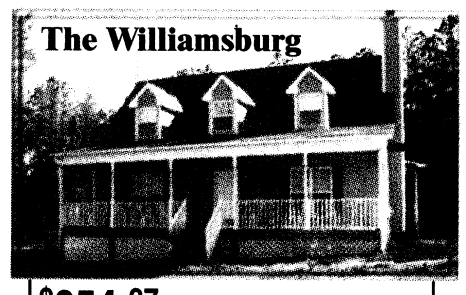
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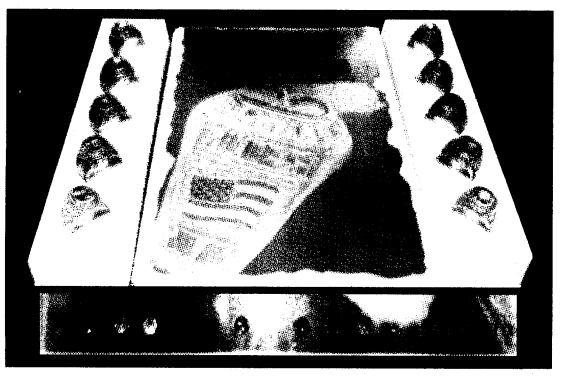
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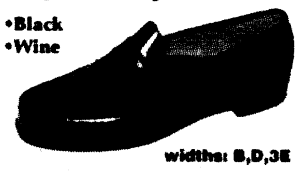
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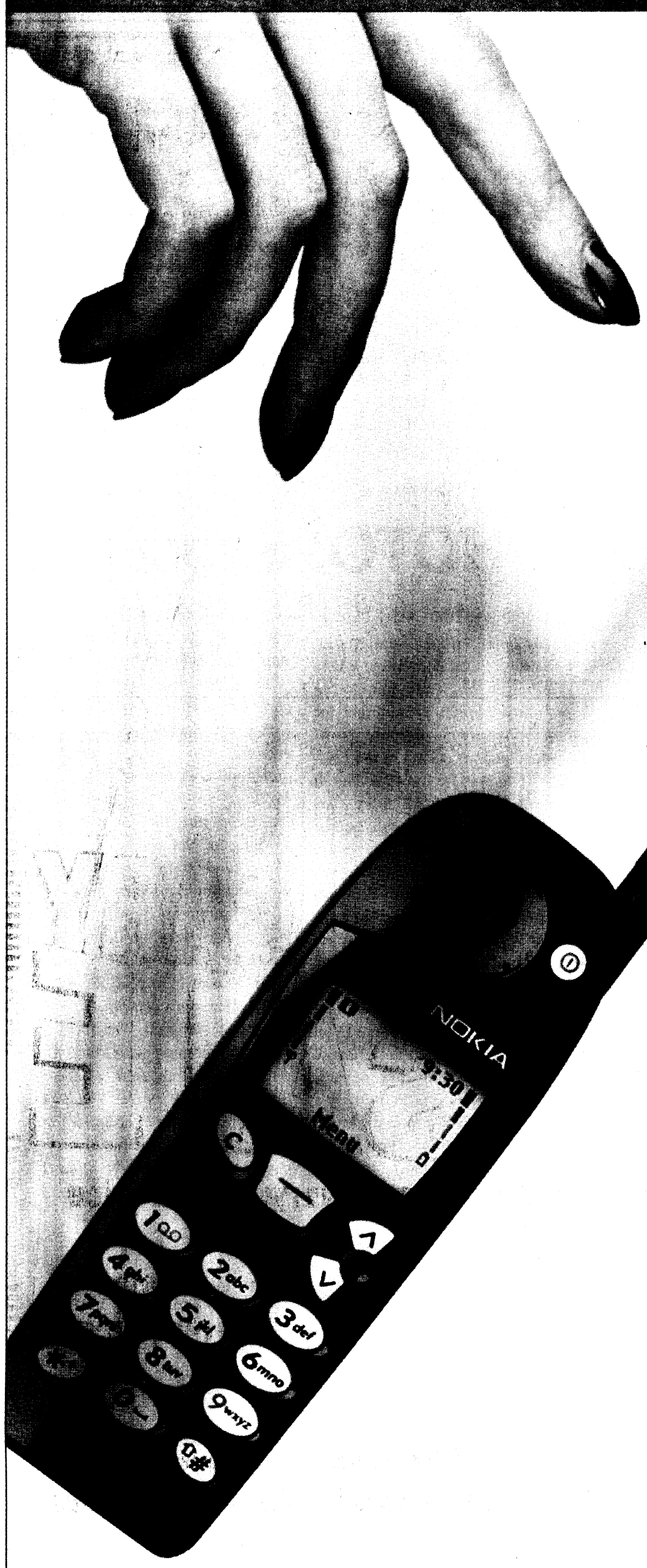
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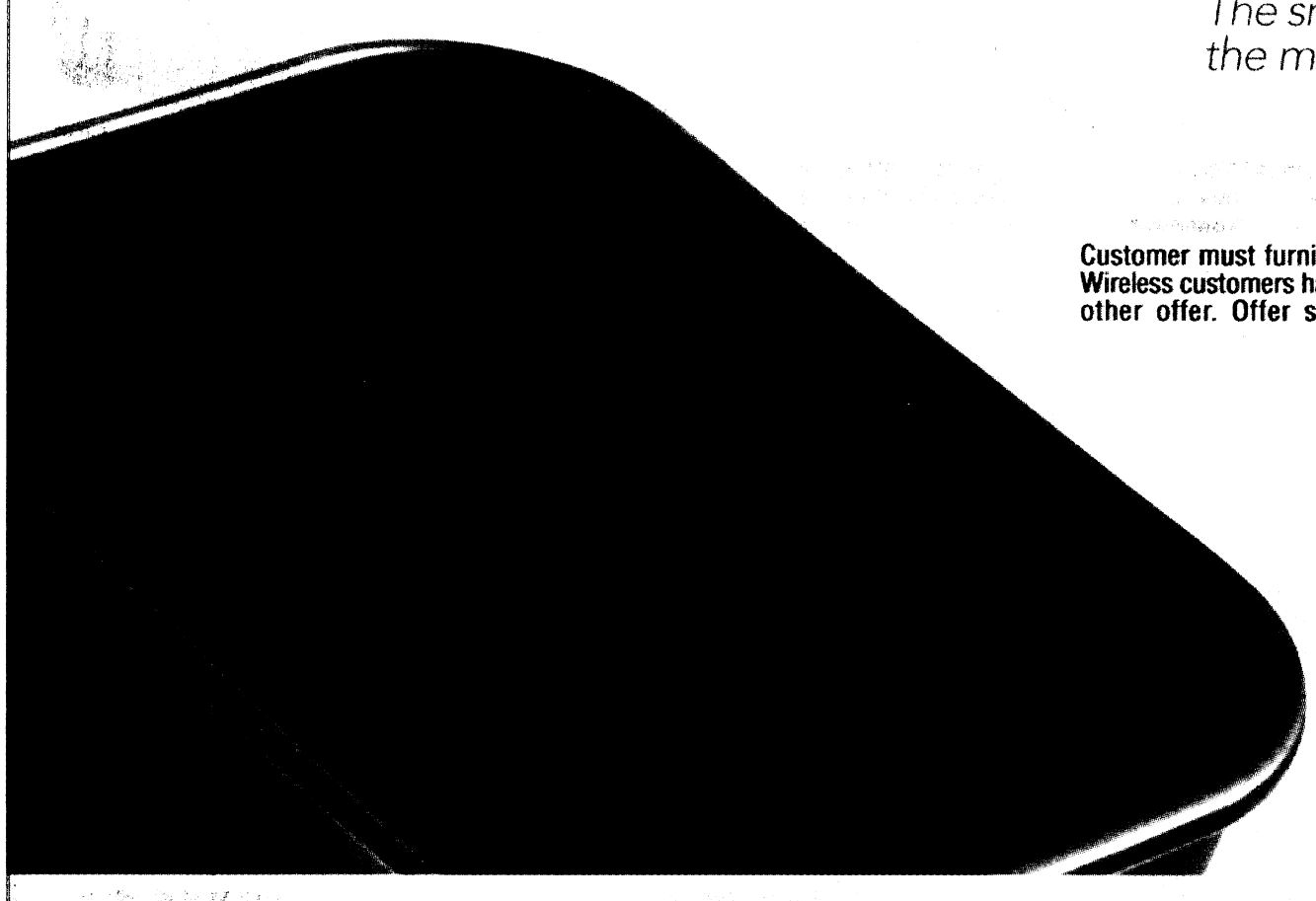
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Tax forms to be available online

LES access saves money, time

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Finance and Accounting Service is putting pay information at the fingertips of the military community.

Beginning in January, the 2002 W2 tax forms will be available online through the DFAS myPay system.

A personal identification number is needed to access personal accounts. Service members, retirees and civilian employees who do not remember receiving their PIN or do not remember the number can go to http://www.dfas.mil/, and click on myPay, which is under the "Money Matters" heading.

Due to security reasons PINs are mailed to the recipients, and it could take from three to seven days to get the number after the request has been made, Ferguson said.

"We decided to put the W2 form online because we get a lot of phone calls from soldiers who are deployed, have lost their originals or for some reason need another copy," said Catherine Ferguson, a DFAS spokeswoman.

Troops can concentrate on their mission when they are not worried about pay and benefits, said Dennis Eicher, Electronic Commerce, Military and Civilian Pay Services director. That is why DFAS is providing innovative and reliable tools, he said. Troops can take charge of their pay accounts online.

Some of the other finance actions that can be performed online to date are: purchasing savings bonds, managing allotments, viewing and printing travel vouchers.

Customers can review leave and earning statements online as far back as three months and stop delivery of the hard copy , an option which can save money, Eicher said.

If civilians receive an LES electronically, the Department of Defense would save more than $6 million annually, Ferguson said. A hard copy LES costs 34 cents, she said.

Eliminating customer service activities also cuts costs, Ferguson said.

"One of our goals is to allow customers to do online anything that they previously had to stand in line or wait on the phone to accomplish," Ferguson said.

MyPay was formerly known as Employee Member Self Service system. The system changed, but an individual's PIN didn't, Ferguson said.

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CHALLENGE: Offers free admission

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Soldiers will represent the Army in their finest attire, Hendricks said. It will be their first chance to wear their Class-B uniform.

"They'll be looking sharp and standing tall," he said.

As for the rest of Fort Benning's soldiers, today is a training holiday so military personnel can attend the Buick Challenge.

"It's a day to give back to the soldiers and their families for all their hard work," said Sgt. Maj. Douglas Greenway, Basic Combat Training Brigade.

Military Appreciation Day offers all military members, with valid identification, and their families free admission.

There will be unit picnics and games for soldiers, Hendricks said.

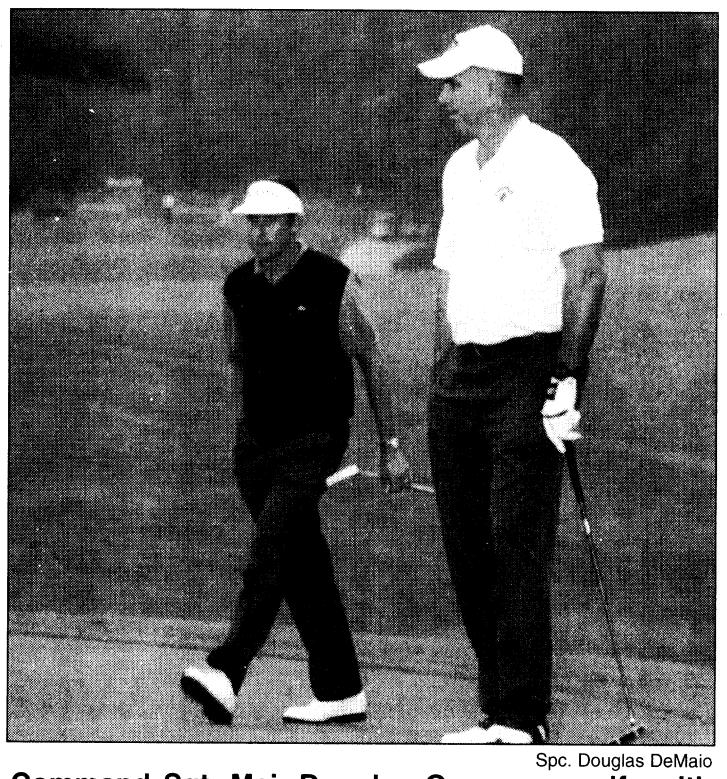
Saturday and Sunday soldiers will also be admitted to the tournament and the gardens free of charge.

It's an awesome thing the Buick Challenge and the people at Callaway Gardens are doing for America's military, said Greenway, who played for Maj. Gen. Paul D. Eaton in the Buick Challenge Pro-Am Wednesday.

Golfers like Paul Azinger and Davis Love III, who represented America in the Ryder Cup last month, will compete for a purse of $3.7 million, with the winner taking home $666,000.

Chris DiMarco, who finished in second in Sunday's Disney Classic, will defend his 2001 title against a field of top 25 leading money winners.

This is a great opportunity for soldiers to see the best golfers in the world, Greenway said.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Greenway golfs with Robert Allenby, 23rd on the money list, at the Buick Challenge Pro Am Wednesday at Callaway Gardens.

PHOTO: Shoot

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like Pearl Harbor," Bentley said.

Every Oct. 22, photographers all over the world join forces from midnight to midnight for the sole purpose of documenting *A Day in the Life*.

This will be the 10th *Day in the Life* book Bentley has worked on, but it will be the first one based on military life. The books normally focus on the cultural aspects of different regions and countries. However, the topic of military life is unusual because it focuses on a culture within a culture.

Other *Day in the Life* projects he has worked on include: Hawaii, Japan, Ireland, Vietnam, Spain and several other countries. Bentley's credentials don't stop there. He is known and respected by photographers, journalists and the broadcast community for gaining unprecedented access to presidential candidates, heads of state and Capitol Hill.

Bentley was the first photojournalist to shoot on the House floor while in session, and he has covered every presidential campaign since 1980.

Bentley now spends his time working for *Newsweek*, and he films and edits television programs for Ted Koppel.

He thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Fort Benning, despite a five-hour power outage that made it nearly impossible for him to charge his equipment for the shoot, he said. He looks forward to coming back to have a more in depth look at the training snipers receive.

To learn more about PF Bentley or to view some of his photographs, visit his Web site at www.pfpix.com.

RIF: Letters to be sent at undetermined time

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that time, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will deliver the associated letters with instructions to the directors and commanders.

"We will do this as expeditiously as possible," Torres said. The effective date for the RIF remains Jan. 25.

All affected employees will be given "right of first refusal" status in the hiring process as long as applications are submitted by Dec. 1, said Pat Kenny, Shaw Group project manager. Shaw Group will take over base operations Jan. 26.

"We need the knowledge of the current work force — we want that knowledge, but we can't hire anyone until the RIF notices are published," Kenny said.

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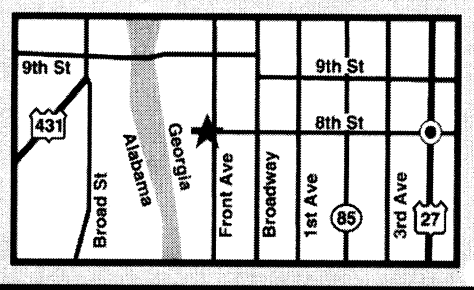
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Tankers mobilize for force protection

Reservists guard post gates

Melissa House
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Thirty-five soldiers from Detachment 1, Troop E, 31st Cavalry Regiment, arrived at Fort Benning last month.

The Alabama National Guard soldiers will help man the numerous access control points around post for the next 11 months.

"They are one of my platoons now," said Capt. Lon Widdicombe, commander of the 71st MP Detachment. "We have integrated them fully into the detachment. They are now one of my nine sections, and their lieutenant is my executive officer."

Widdicombe said the armor soldiers increase the strength of his unit by more than 30 percent.

Prior to reporting to the gates Monday, the armor soldiers attended the Law Enforcement Academy on post and had two weeks of on-the-job training.

"We put them through the same training that MPs do before they go out on the road," Widdicombe said.

At first glance, there didn't seem to be anything different about the soldiers guarding the gates Monday afternoon. But upon closer inspection, the soldiers didn't have the usual military police brassards.

Instead, they wear blue and yellow reflective vests with "security" on front and back.

"This is not a mission that we would have expected to do," said 1st Lt. Jeffrey Hampton, officer-in-charge and now executive officer of the 71st MP Detachment. "We'll be glad to go to the desert if they need us, but we know that we have a real mission here.

"We're glad to be here."

Each ACP will be manned by the tankers, but they will have one MP on duty as well.

"The MP on duty will be the one to handle citations and apprehension, if needed," said Sgt. Michael Nelson from the 414th MP Company from Joplin, Mo. "We trained these guys, but it helps to have the MP at the gate to provide the technical expertise."

Hampton said the training his soldiers received was excellent.

"Fort Benning is a large installation with a lot of access control points," he said. "It takes a lot of work to do this. We're amazed at the MP schedule."

Hampton said his soldiers will be at the gates seven days a week. Even with the busy schedule, he said, the soldiers expect to have the opportunity to attend some of the professional development schools offered at Fort Benning.

All of the Detachment 1 soldiers live within a 250-mile radius of Fort Benning, making it possible for them to go home to visit on a regular pass, Hampton said.

"This isn't the first time we have mobilized," said platoon sergeant Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Bowen.

"But this one has been different. We went through a lot of changes getting ready for this," he said.

"But the guys have taken it all in stride. Morale is high."



Melissa House

Sgt. Dan Peterson checks a vehicle at the main gate Monday.

Field training exercise gets soldiers wet, muddy

Men complete rite of passage, begin careers

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Soldiers with E Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, had a chance last week to use all the skills they learned during Basic Combat Training.

The field training exercise is a three-day test of endurance, skill and military knowledge designed to push new soldiers to their limits and beyond.

During the FTX, the soldiers perform basic squad drills, use hand and arm signals, and react to flares, gas and ambushes. They also dig fighting positions. There was heavy rain on the first day of FTX, which caused the soldiers' fighting positions to fill with water as soon as they were dug.

"Everything was wet, and we were freezing," said Pvt. Philip Becker. "Once we marched out here and dug our hasties, they told us to pack everything up and get ready to go back home. Then the next day we marched out here and did it all again."

The second time the soldiers went out, the weather was slightly better. It was still cold and wet, with temperatures in the 40s.

"We were ambushed several times during the exercise, but we also ambushed the other platoons," said Pvt. Ramon Soberanes. "We even ambushed the van that was bringing in the MREs."

The drill sergeants got into the spirit by tossing CS grenades at them during breakfast.

"After they threw the CS at us, everyone was saying, 'That's not gas. It's just smoke.' Then everyone started coughing, but I already had my mask on, so I was fine," said Pvt. Jarod Howard.

The soldiers spent the rest of the day tracking down other platoons trying to ambush them before getting ambushed themselves.

"We learned a lot about squad movements and camouflage," said Pvt. Michael Jones. "We also had to pay attention to footprints and other tracks so we could find the 'enemy'."

All the soldiers seemed to enjoy the exercise despite the road marches and the less than accommodating weather.

"FTX was the best part of BCT," said Pvt. Nelson Acosta, who was awarded Soldier Leader of the Cycle. "I also enjoyed basic rifle marksmanship, but I really like being in the woods. Besides, FTX is a rite of passage that every soldier goes through, and now that it's almost over, I feel like I've really done something."

Many of the soldiers found out their bodies are capable of much more than they had ever imagined, said Pvt. Kevin Cooper.

During those cold, sleepless nights and long, hard days, the soldiers learned to overcome pain, hunger and sleep deprivation in order to complete the mission, the soldiers said.

"I learned that I can push myself further than I ever thought I could," Cooper said.

"This is a good bunch of soldiers," said Sgt. 1st Class Ramon Lozano, a drill sergeant with 3rd Platoon. "They were more educated coming in. They were eagerly willing to learn, and they did real well."

Once the soldiers completed the 10K-road march back to the battalion area, they participated in the Cold Steel Ceremony, signifying the completion of FTX.

"These soldiers did an outstanding job, and they stayed motivated the whole way," said Sgt. 1st Class Spencer Miller, head drill sergeant of E Co.

KOREA CHRONICLES

'No one will cry for me'

Retired Sgt. Maj. Gary G. Beylickjian
Office of the Chief of Pubic Affairs

When the guns are silent and the heavy bluish cloud of spent gunpowder dissipates, the horror of war once again becomes a reality. We had just repelled an enemy attack, and as in all armed conflicts, the outcome on both sides were not pretty.

Death and destruction are the constant. Both are ugly sides of war.

No beauty is born in battle, only savagery. Yet, among the collapsed bunkers, the half-buried trenches, the destroyed foxholes and demolished gun emplacements, there are miracles galore. Men emerge alive, some unscathed, some wounded and some clinging to life, yet alive.

Uniforms are filthy; hands and faces, dirty. Facial expressions are frozen by numbness. The men not only fought an armed enemy, but death itself and won on both counts. Ironically, life and death share the same stage in war. Both are key players.

Participants in battle have little time to reflect or ponder about living or dying; there's no time when shells explode around you and machine guns chatter with each burst of six rounds and chaos abounds. Kill or be killed rarely enters the mind; defending, protecting, surviving reign.

An officer who had served in World War II told me during my early days in combat that destiny rules. Some soldiers go through battles with few scratches. Others see only a brief moment of war's horrors and succumb. And for still others, destiny carries them through the horrors and deposits them into old age. They become combat veterans. The pages of destiny's book, the captain told me, can't be torn out, replaced or rewritten. And the ink is fast.

After a certain age, a combat soldier who lives to old age is left only with what was. Some of us would wish that certain memories would fade or go away. But, that won't happen. It would be rewriting destiny's book.

Much of what I saw and heard along the battle lines of Korea are still with me — some in living color.

I learned early that battles are fought by the young; the wars are planned by the elders. The young always suffer the most; they have more time to suffer. To see men in their late teens and early 20s struggle to survive in battle and to remain whole is the most heart wrenching, and the most encouraging.

I saw firsthand as one soldier struggled while his friend fought for life after both took part in the battle I noted earlier.

I wished for quite some time that I had not been a witness to their plight because of its emotional drain. But, on further reflection, I was thankful I did. It fortified and certified what I had been told about the bond that unites soldiers who live and die while in harm's way.

In war a soldier's soul is in heaven; his body is in hell.

Battles can last an hour or many hours or even days, and once ended, NCOs and officers have an important responsibility: to assess damages to men, equipment and fortifications. Priority is always the men. Everyone must be accounted for and cared for whether or not they are injured, wounded or dead.

The attack that day, although not fierce compared to others, caused severe damage from heavy shelling. Several fortified bunkers collapsed, some weapons were made unusable, trenches dug to seven and eight-feet were now four or five feet. Telephone lines severed.

A check of my platoon revealed: one man injured, two damaged emplacements. The injured soldier was treated and later opted not to be evacuated.

Ammunition was low and trips to the ammunition supply point to replace spent ammo was a must. There's always concern the enemy would regroup and attempt another assault, and we'd be low on ammo. After checking my platoon, I headed to the rifle company command post to give my report.

On my way along what remained of one of the trenches, I came across several men kneeling by a soldier who was on his back. A medic was bandaging his abdomen. I recognized one of the men as a squad leader, a sergeant. The wounded soldier had a tight grip of the sergeant's left sleeve.

It appeared the wounded man had a sucking wound, a wound to the abdomen that often makes a sucking sound with each breath. Not a pretty sight, especially when the wound is large and blood is everywhere.

I didn't know the sergeant's name; we wore no name tags on our uniforms back in that Army. I thought I had seen him before. I offered help, but the medic preferred I just talk to the soldier to calm him. There wasn't much to say.

What I saw and heard in that chance meeting, however, impacted me emotionally.

The wounded soldier holding tight to the sergeant's sleeve — kept saying something about a "promise." Puzzled, I looked at the sergeant, who said he was the soldier's squad leader. They were good friends he said.

He had promised the wounded man he'd get him back stateside safely and in one piece. A promise he made several times, he said shaking his head.

The soldier, the sergeant said, had been in the wrong place at the wrong time. He had occupied a firing emplacement he shouldn't have.

"Doc," the medic, was busy trying to dress and redress the wound, working feverishly to stop the blood, which had now covered the entire field uniform, and not getting better. There was blood everywhere.

And then I heard the wounded soldier utter a statement that lives with me to this day: "I can't die, sarge, he said softly, "No one will cry for me!"

That gripped me with emotion. My eyes swelled with tears. The sergeant was going through the same emotions. He turned to me and said the soldier had no family. The Army was all he had. That's why he joined; he was RA (regular Army). As I turned my head to one side to get a firmer grip of myself, the soldier grabbed my hand and said that his squad leader couldn't let him die. It was a promise he had to keep. I assured him his sergeant would do his best.

By then the stretcher bearers arrived and I helped place the soldier on the stretcher. He was now covered with red.

The sergeant was truly depressed, muttering as he went along with the stretcher and helped hold the IV bottle as they moved away from me.

By late afternoon, members of the heavy machine gun platoon worked quickly to restock each gun position with ammo. We had fired nearly 15,000 rounds.

As I went about rechecking the gun emplacements, I couldn't help but think about that soldier and his squad leader. And I thought about my friend Lyle who was killed in 1951 by an artillery shell that wounded me. I understood the pain the sergeant was going through. It's not easy!

As leaders, sergeants are responsible for their men — their well-being, welfare, health, training, morale and everything else. The troops expect that! They want that! But, some things are beyond a sergeant's grasp and control. Miracles that are both life and death on the battlefield go beyond those who wear stripes, bars, leafs, eagles or stars. They belong to the divine spirit almost all frontline soldiers pray to for help and guidance. And, I don't mean destiny.

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> **Retired Sgt. Maj. Gary G. Beylickjian**
> served with Heavy Machine Gun Platoon

By late afternoon, by chance, I met the sergeant as I and several men worked on one of the positions.

He told me his friend was dead. And as he did, he looked at his left sleeve. Without a second breath he said: "He was wrong, you know, when he said 'no one will cry for me!' I did!" And I told the sergeant I did as well. It was a really tough moment for us both.

Come May and November, I told the sergeant, an entire nation will cry for all soldiers; your young friend will be among them.

He nodded his head and thanked me. We shook hands and said, "See ya later!"

Several weeks later, I was told the sergeant had been killed in action. He too will be among those for whom we'll grieve and cry. I have for nearly 50 years.

Like many who fought in the Korean War, I continue to remember fellow soldiers who gave their lives in a conflict called, "The Forgotten War." How can we ever forget those courageous men who fought and died on the mountain slopes and in rice paddies of far-away Korea: "... to defend a country they never knew and a people they never met!"

Editor's note: *Beylickjian served with Heavy MachineGun Platoon, H Co., 7th Inf. Regt., 3rd Inf. Div., during the years 1951, 1952, 1953, two tours with the same organization and platoon. He served as squad leader, section leader.*

AROUND POST

Graduation

B Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment and E Co., 1st Bn., 50th Inf. Regt., will graduate at 10 a.m. today on Kanell Field. The public is invited to attend.

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- Be of high moral character,
- Have a sincere interest in attending West Point and becoming an Army officer.

In addition, soldiers who possess the following are encouraged to apply:

- SAT scores of 1050 or higher or ACT composite score of 23 or higher,
- Achieved good grades in a college preparatory high school curriculum.

For more information, call Capt. Cliff Hodges at DSN 688-5780 or (845) 938-5780 or e-mail tc2324@usma.edu

Health fair

There will be a health fair 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, Building 85, Classroom 1, A Wing. Representatives from health carriers will be available to answer questions. For more information, call 545-5562.

Italian Memorial Day

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 3 at the Fort Benning Post Cemetery in honor of Italian Memorial Day.

Lt. Col. Alberto Vettore, the Italian Liason Officer from Fort Rucker, Ala., will conduct the wreath laying ceremony memorializing the Italian POW's who rest in the Fort Benning Post Cemetery. The public is invited.

German Memorial Day

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Nov. 13 at the Fort Benning Post Cemetery in honor of German Memorial Day. The public is invited.

Long-term care open season

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or even lifelong assistance with daily living due to an illness, injury or severe cognitive impairment.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has launched the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, under which approximately 20 million federal employees and members of the uniformed services, as well as retirees of both groups and certain family members, can apply for coverage.

The program is a new valuable benefit designed to protect insured individuals from the high cost of long term care.

The insurance is offered by John Hancock and MetLife and is administered by Long Term Care Partners, LLC, a joint venture company between the two companies. This program features group premiums, coverage for informal health care, access to care coordination services for qualified relatives of enrollees, and international benefits, among other benefits.

Open Season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program started July 1 and continues through Dec. 31.

For more information, call (800) LTC-FEDS.

Retirees Service Center

The Federal Retirees Service Center is a free center for federal employees (retired or soon to retire).

Information is available on retirement benefits, civil service annuities, survivor benefits and local NARFE chapters. The center is located at 6730 Upton Ave.

The office will be in operation Nov. 19 and Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to noon. No appointment is necessary.

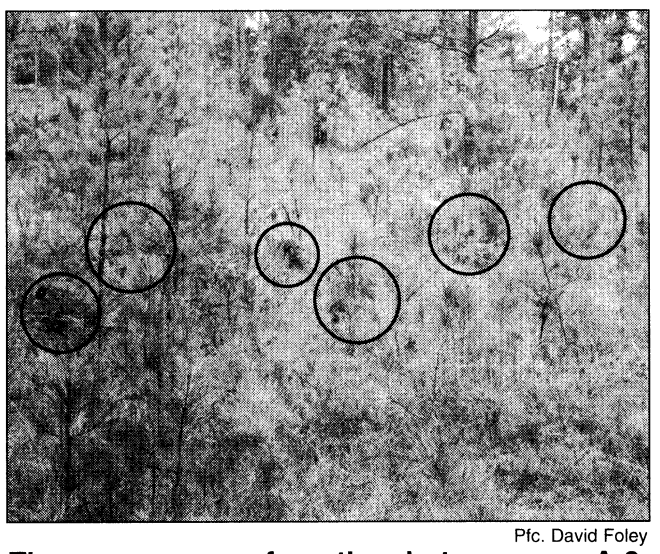
For more information, call Carolyn Oliver at (334) 298-6239.

Native American Heritage Luncheon

The Native American Heritage Luncheon will be Nov. 20 at the Fort Benning Officer's Club. Cost is $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3200.

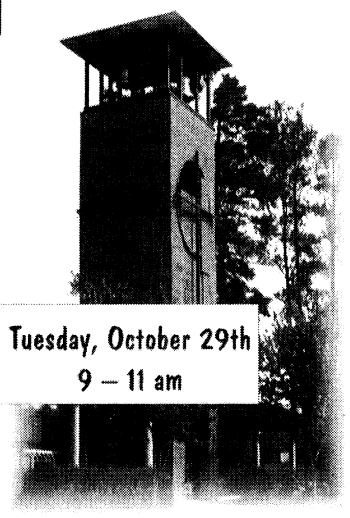
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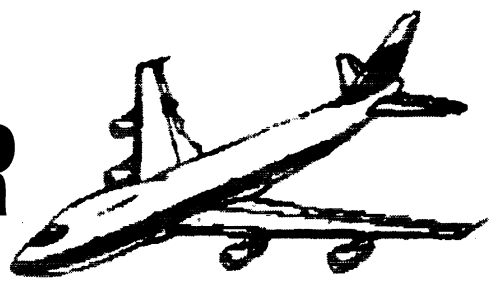
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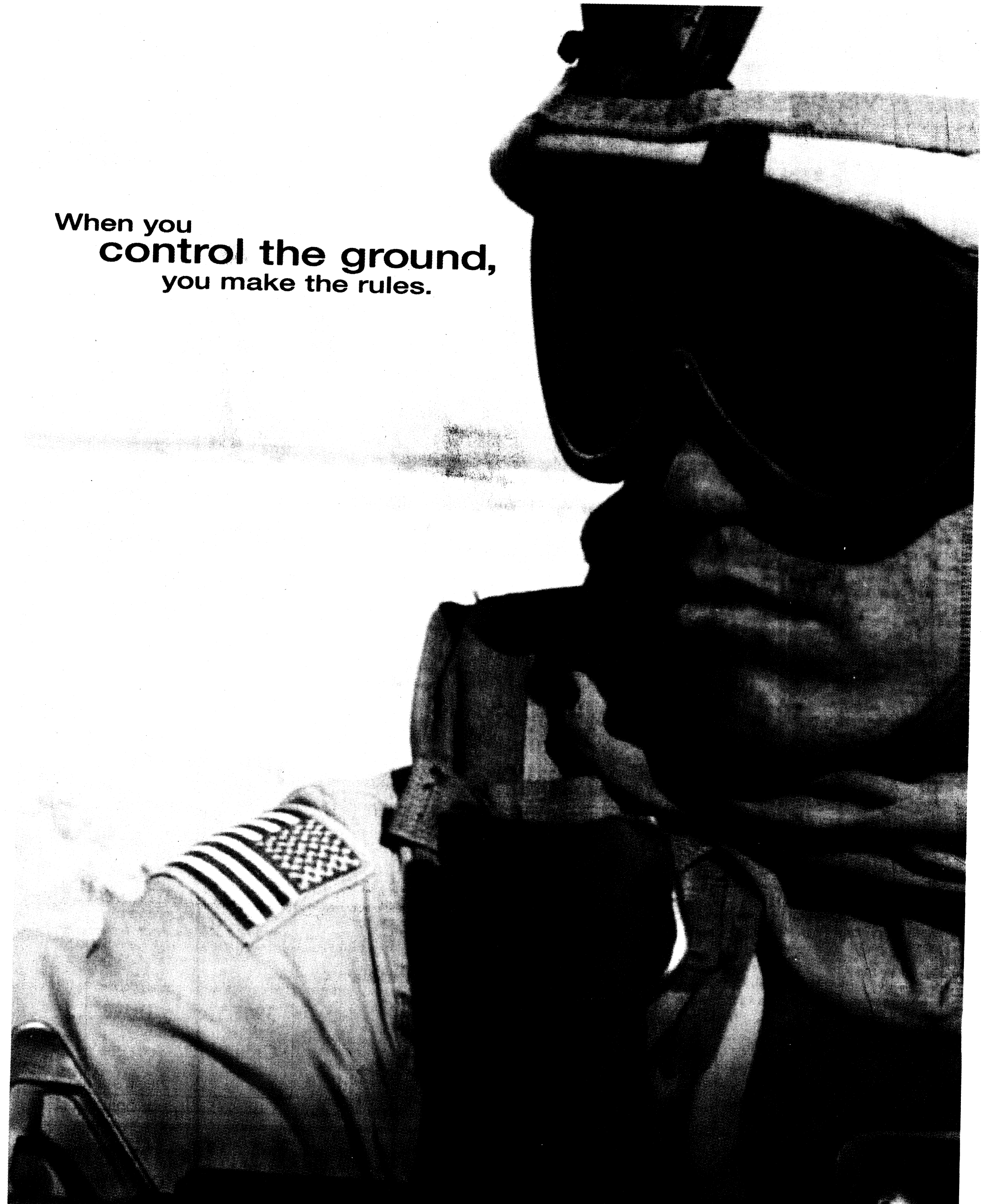


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Kendrick holds Spencer scoreless

Cherokees, Greenwaves fight on gridiron

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Several long passes, interceptions and fumble recoveries led Kendrick High School to a 52-0 win over Spencer High School during Kendrick's Homecoming game Feb. 18.

First year quarterback James Murray led the Cherokees to victory.

"We had to develop his skills in the middle of the season, and it wasn't easy, but I give him credit, he found the pocket," said Cherokees' coach Oliver Davis. "We have two good receivers (Keith White and Frank Williams), and as long as he gets (the ball) to them, they'll catch it."

The Cherokees took full advantage of the rookie quarterback's passing ability with one long pass after another, totaling 184 yards.

"The coaches told me to pass because their cornerbacks aren't that good, so I did and it worked out," Murray said.

Murray was able to hit his target with precise accuracy, resulting in first downs on nearly every play.

By the end of the first quarter, the Cherokees had already shown their dominance with a 12-0 lead over the Greenwaves.

In the second quarter, the plot thickened as Greenwaves' quarterback, Jerome Coverson, fumbled the ball and threw two interceptions, which the Cherokees easily capitalized on, leaving the field with a 31-0 lead at halftime.

During halftime, Murray, the up-and-coming quarterback, was named Homecoming King with Monica Pearson as his queen.

Early in the 3rd quarter, Spencer did put up a fight, but not for possession of the ball. Players from both teams were ejected after a scuffle had been subdued.

The scoring trend continued through the second half, as White landed two interceptions and one touchdown.

White's performance, multiplied by running back Russell Chambers' 16 caries for 98 yards, resulted in another 21 second-half points for the Cherokees.

"This win really felt great," Davis said. "We've been dry for about three or four weeks, and it felt good getting the water for a change.

"It really quenched the thirst."



Pvt. David Foley

Cherokees' James Murray plants a stiff arm on a Greenwave defender during Kendrick High School's 56-0 victory over Spencer H.S.

Falcons seal victory, remain undefeated

Running back scores three touchdowns

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Behind three touchdowns by Dequavious Barbin, the Falcons defeated the Rams, 34-12, in 9- and 10-year-olds Youth Services' football action Saturday at Blue Field.

"I felt good about making the touchdowns for our team because we don't want to lose any games," Barbin said. "If we lose, the other teams might think we stink or can't play football."

With one game remaining for the YS teams, the 5-0 Falcons probably don't have to worry about that.

"Our coach said we can win every game if we try hard and do our best," Barbin said.

After the teams exchanged fumbles to start the game, the Rams defense held the Falcons and earned the ball on downs.

"(We're learning) if you fumble, the other team will try to get it and score a touchdown," Barbin said. "We need to fall on the ball."

On the next possession, Barbin picked off the first pass of the game and raced in for a score. The conversion failed.

"I saw the ball in the air, jumped in and caught it and had nothing but open field in front of me, so I ran in for a touchdown," Barbin said.

He said everyone on the team had fun, and each game is the highlight of the boys' week.

"I look forward to coming out to show the other team we can beat them," Barbin said.

Competition aside, Falcons' defensive coach Dave Pindell said the games were about something more.

"They learned the concept of teamwork," Pindell said. "They win as a team and lose as a team. Yet, it's not so much about winning as it is about learning the game of football and good sportsmanship."

He said the coaches were proud of the children.

"We have well motivated kids that listen and learn fast," Pindell said.

The Falcons executed well on defense, he said.

"We made good tackles and rushed the quarterback well," the coach said. "That's the key — to push their offensive line back, reach the quarterback and break up the play."

That's exactly what the Falcons did after Barbin's first touchdown. Then the offense began to step up.

Aaron Scott rushed for a 30-yard touchdown and gave the Falcons a 12-0 lead. The conversion failed.

After Walter Thompson put the Rams on the board and made it 12-6, Darryl Williams scampered 20 yards to set up his 2-yard touchdown plunge.

The Rams started a good drive, but the halftime clock caught up with them. The teams went to the break with the Falcons leading, 18-6.

The Falcons came out flying in the second half as Bardin sailed in for a 70-yard touchdown jaunt. Michael Turner bobbed and weaved for two-points to make the score 24-6.

Still, the Rams did not give up. Cody Turlington swept right for a 20-yard Rams' touchdown to cut the Falcon lead to 14.

Time was not on the Rams' side, however, and Bardin's 15-yard rushing touchdown and Williams two-point conversion sealed the Falcons' victory.



Sgt. William A. Graves

Falcons running back, Dequavious Barbin, scampers for one of his three touchdowns.

Ice hockey league registering children

Cottonmouths help youth hockey league begin

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Move over soccer. Ice hockey has gained a foothold in the South.

Noting the surge in popularity, the Columbus Hockey League is sponsoring a youth hockey league.

"There's a lot of kids playing roller hockey in the community who wanted to play ice hockey," said Steve Orenstein, president of Columbus Hockey Association.

After Wayne Gretzky moved to play for the Los Angles Kings, popularity of the sport grew. Teams like Ottawa and Quebec moved to places places like Denver or Nashville, Tenn., and a pattern to move south continued to develop with minor league teams and expansion leagues.

"The popularity of ice hockey in Columbus is coming from the Cottonmouths," Orenstein said.

It was pure blood, sweat and determination to get the ball rolling for the youth league, Orenstein said. The Cottonmouths kept the ball rolling for the league with a $2,500 donation to the league Oct. 16.

"The bottom line is that it could not have come at a better time," said Vance Robinson, CHA vice president of the league.

The donation helped decrease coaching certification costs, insurance for players and membership fees, Robinson said.

"Hockey is one of the most popular sports in North America," Orenstein said.

The 2002 season is the foundation for what the leagues want to become, Orenstein said. By the third year, the league has set a benchmark to begin a traveling team.

"Our number one goal is to teach the kids to understand the game of ice hockey," he said.

Registration for the league began in September and will run until Thursday.

More than 75 players have signed up already, Orenstein said. And with the amount of soldiers in transit in and out of Fort Benning, the numbers for the league are expected to increase.

"We expect to increase our customer base 50 percent by next year," he said.

The membership fee is $211, which includes insurance, jersey and membership fees to USA Hockey.

The league is a nonprofit organization and is designed to promote the growth of youth ice hockey. Columbus Hockey Association is affiliated with USA Hockey, the national governing body for U.S. youth ice hockey.

For more information, visit www.columbushockey.org or call 562-0305.

Former soldiers receive honors

Senior official speaks at 46th reunion

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

More than 300 members, past and present, of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit, gathered together Oct. 18 and Saturday to celebrate the USAMU's 46th Reunion.

The reunion honored the shooters and staff of the Army Marksmanship Unit and provided an opportunity for the shooters of the past to meet the shooters of the present. The highlight of the reunion was a ceremony inducting three former USAMU shooters into the Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame.

Inducted into the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Hall of Fame Saturday were retired AMU members Lt. Col. John Foster, Master Sgt. Bonnie D. Harmon and Sgt. 1st Class Hershel Anderson. These three men joined the 17 other former members of the USAMU who are in the Hall of Fame.

Foster, a rifle shooter, won 15 Gold, 14 Silver and one Bronze Medal in international competition in both Running Target and International Rifle events, which places him in fifth place in all-time medal count for American shooters. The two-time Olympian, four-time world champion and world-record setter also served as a sniper instructor during two tours in Vietnam.

A former service pistol shooter and coach, Harmon served 30 years in the Army, including three tours in Germany, one tour in Vietnam as a sniper instructor and one tour in Korea as a first sergeant. He was a four-time national pistol champion, five-time interservice pistol champion and the 1968 President's Hundred Pistol Champion. Harmon also won two medals at the 1974 World Shooting Championships and was a two-time champion at the Conseil International du Sport Militaire Shooting Championships.

Anderson was a two-time national pistol champion, a three-time interservice pistol champion and won the President's Hundred Pistol Match twice. The two-time Olympian earned five medals in three Pan-American Games as well as the Distinguished International Shooter Badge and Distinguished Pistol Shot Badge. A tanker, Anderson served in the Berlin Brigade and with the Americal Division Sniper School in Vietnam.

USAMU Commander Col. Robert I. Hoidahl Jr. introduced the guest speaker at the Hall of Fame Ceremony Joel B. Hudson, the administrative assistant to the secretary of the Army.

"Over the years, I have watched both marksmanship training and competition. At those matches, I have observed the difficulty and the hard work necessary to become champions among the finest competitive shooters," Hudson said. "Today, we are here to induct three former members of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit into the Hall of Fame. These individuals were not only great shooters and champions, they served their country admirably as soldiers, whether that be in Germany, Vietnam, Korea or here in the United Sates.

"Although match competition is important, even more important to the Army is the goal of maintaining combat effectiveness," Hudson continued. "Through their hard work, today's inductees helped the Army accomplish this goal. They and other soldiers like them have heightened public trust and confidence in the Army.

"While the 21st century has already presented us with many difficult challenges, I am confident that the soldiers of today and of the future will meet these challenges and that the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit will continue its unparalleled success."

Also present at the ceremony were: Charles Maddox, Florida civilian aide to the secretary of the Army; retired Lt. Gen. William B. Caldwell; Fort Benning Deputy Commander Col. Stephen R. Layfield; and former USAMU members retired Lt. Col. Robert Mitchell, director of USA Shooting, and Olympic Gold Medalist Gary Anderson, director of the Civilian Marksmanship Program.

Marksmenship Unit needs shooters

Assignment offers fast-pace living

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for a few good rifle shooters. The highly competitive unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in rifle competitions in the summer of 2003.

Proof of sharpshooter or expert M-16 rifle qualification is required and soldiers must be sergeant first class or below with less than 15 years of service and at least two years retention.

"Soldiers who wish to represent the U.S. Army in rifle competition, marksmanship instruction and recruiting assistance are welcome to apply," said Staff Sgt. Kyle A. Ward, noncommissioned officer in charge of the USAMU Service Rifle Team. "This is a highly visible, fast-paced mission. We're inviting highly motivated active Army soldiers stationed at Fort Benning to try out."

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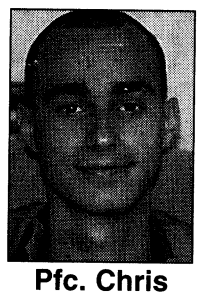
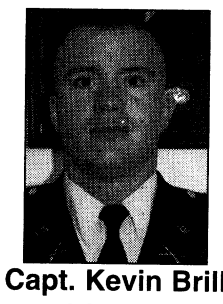
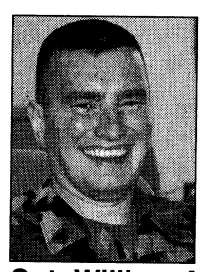
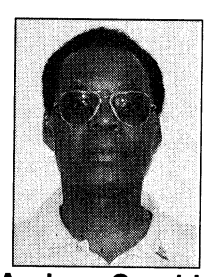
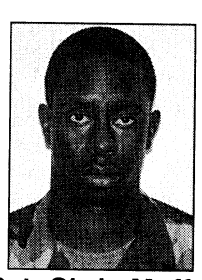
Every year the USAMU Service Rifle Team holds a tryout. This year the tryout will be conducted March 24-30. During the tryout week, soldiers are trained and evaluated in advanced marksmanship skills.

Once that is completed, rifle team officials select shooters who will remain from March 31-Aug. 22 to compete at the Interservice and National Championships.

At the end of the four-month tour, soldiers will return to their units with invaluable marksmanship training.

All applications must be in by March 3. For more information, call 545-3250 or 545-5614 or e-mail kyle.ward@usarec.army.mil.

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Note: Picks are made by Thursday morning.

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Hunter Safety — The next two Georgia Hunter Safety Courses will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 14 and Dec. 18 in Classroom 8 at Infantry Hall. Persons who wish to attend will have to preregister by calling the Central Reservation System at (800)-864-7275. There is a $4 call in registration fee, but, online registration is free at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or www.georgiawildlife.com. No walkins are allowed.

For more information, call 545-4812.

Fun run — The Red Ribbon Fun Run is 7 a.m. Nov. 1 starting on York Field. The commanding general will speak before the start of the fun run.

The fun run is part of the post's Red Ribbon Week campaign to reaffirm the commitment to a drug free military and drug free society.

For more information, call Staff Sgt. Debbie Aguon with the Army Substance Abuse Program at 545-1138 or 545-5718.

Riding lessons — The Fort Benning Hunt Club now offers riding lessons to children 6 and older. The riding styles are English and western. The lessons are 30 minutes for $15.

For more information, call 689-3945 or 687-6937.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

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Buick Challenge — All military members, with valid identification, and their families will be admitted the Buick Challenge at Callaway Gardens free of charge Oct. 25-27.

For more information, call 324-0411.

Golf tournament — The Columbus Police Department and Carmike Cinemas are hosting the Seventh Annual Partners in Education Golf Tournament Nov. 7 at Bull Creek Golf Course.

Tee off time is noon. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Forrest Road Elementary School. The cost for an individual is $40. Team sponsership fees are $160. Hole sponsorship fee is $100.

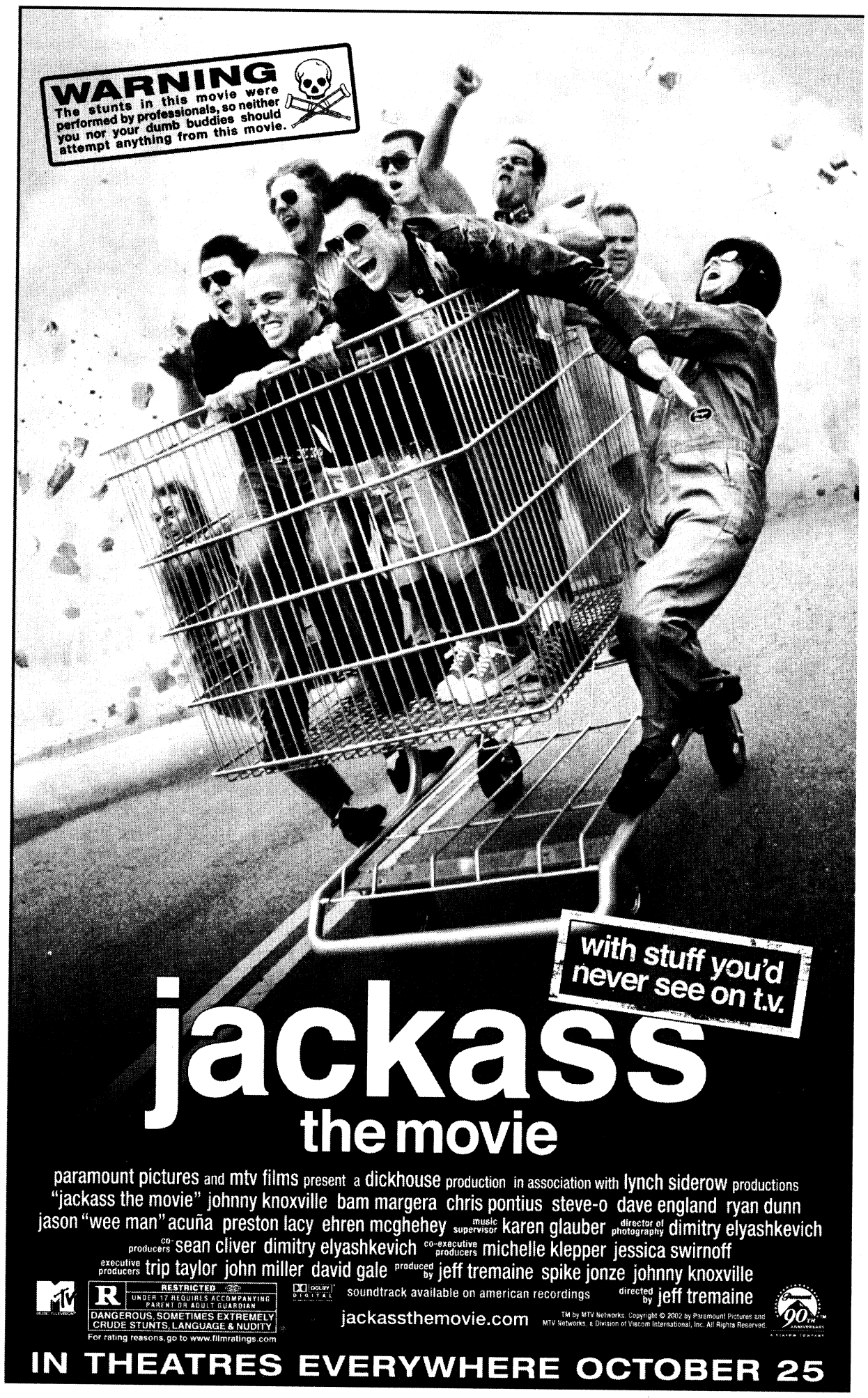
For more information, call Sgt. Warren Dunlap, committee chairman, at 653-3173.

Historic run — The 25th annual Historic Distric Preservation run will be Nov. 16. The 5K run will begin at 9 a.m. next to the Coca-Cola Space Center on Front Avenue. Military members are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call 324-6963.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum. The tournament rounds begin at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5. The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m. The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

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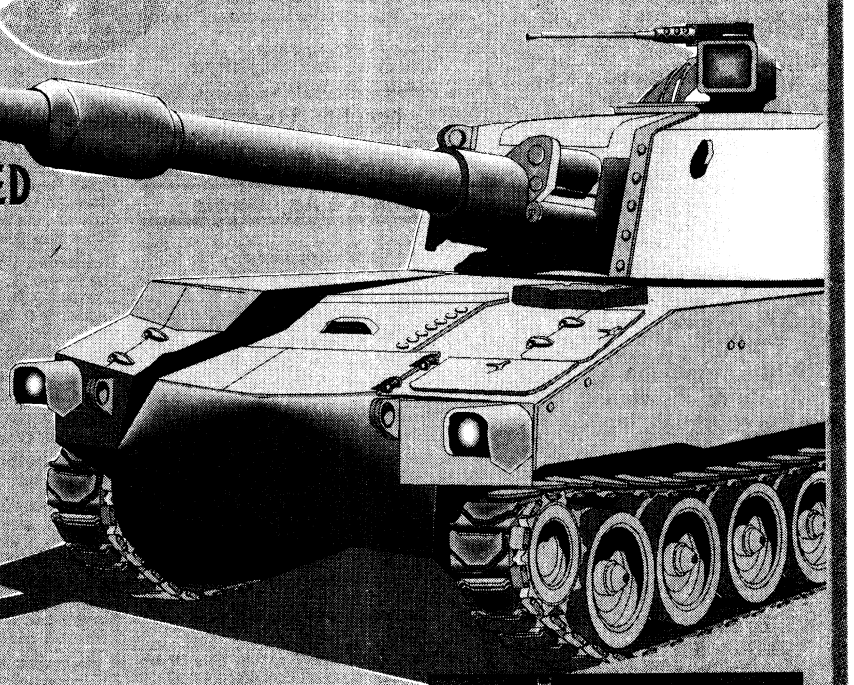
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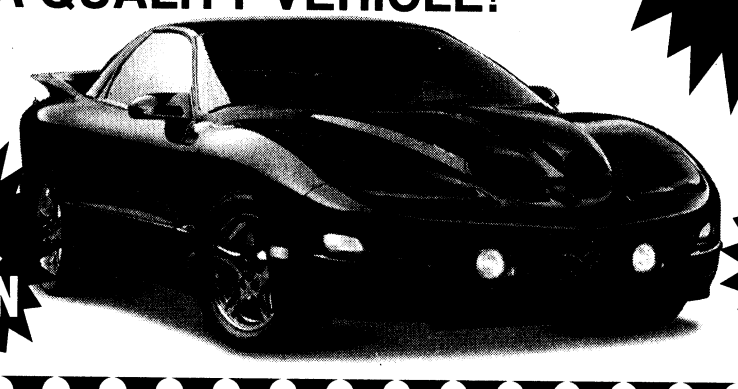
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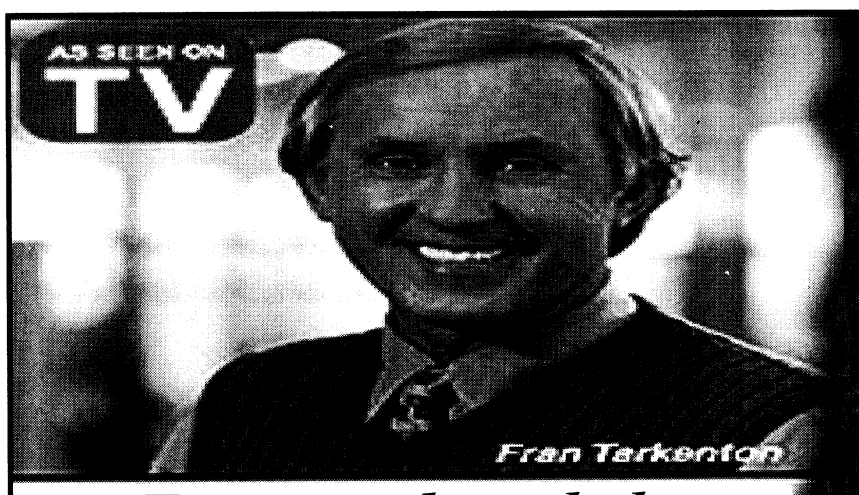
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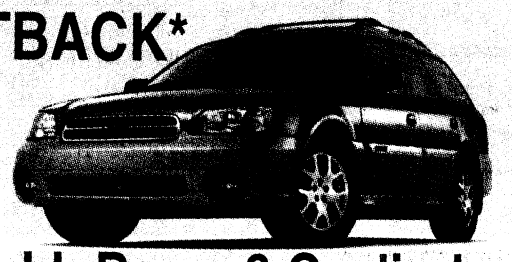
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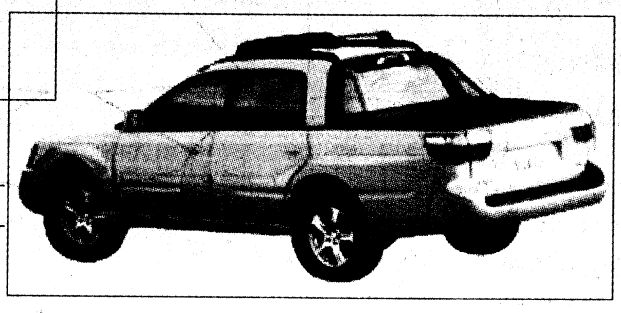
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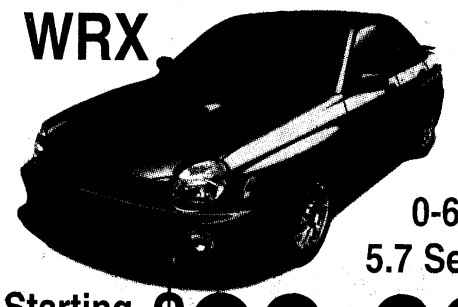
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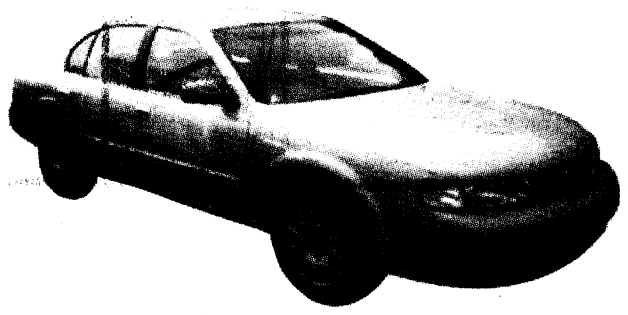
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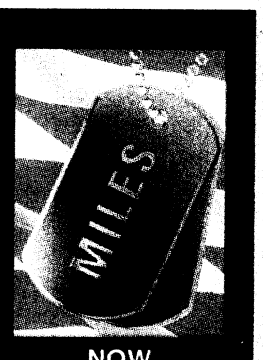
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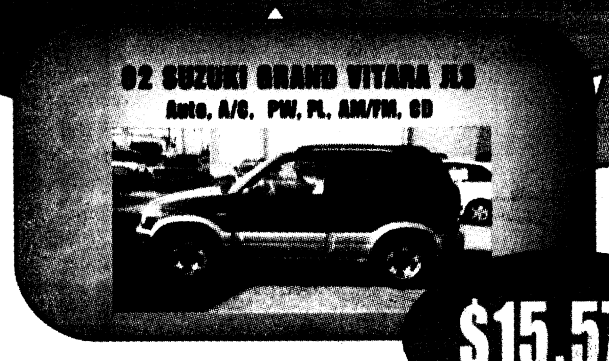
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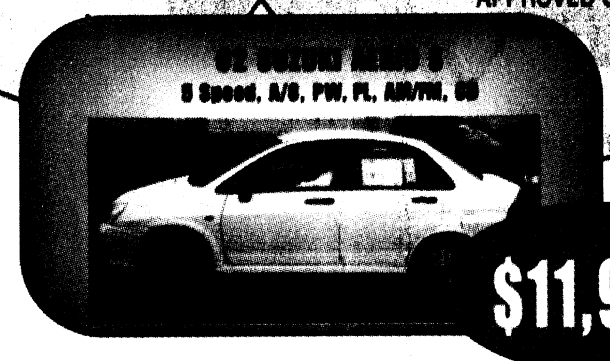
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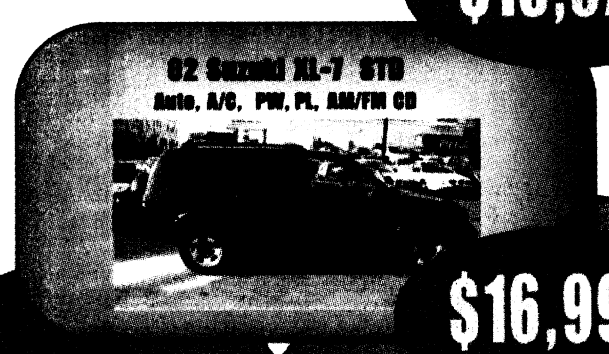
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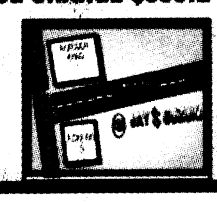
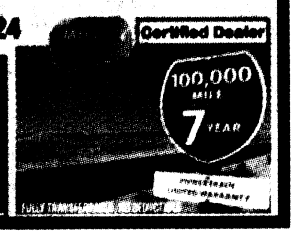
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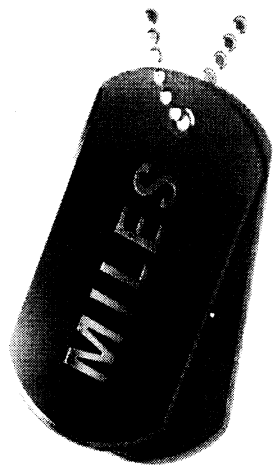
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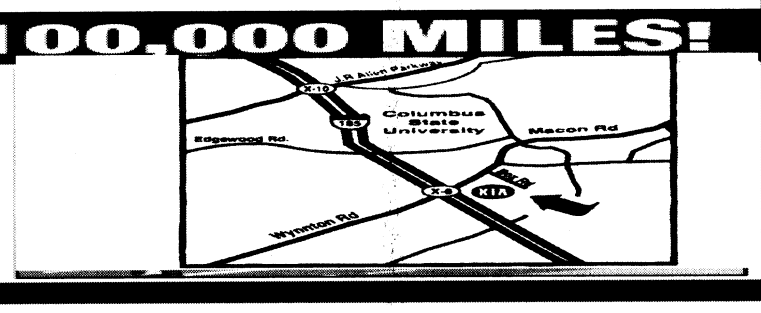
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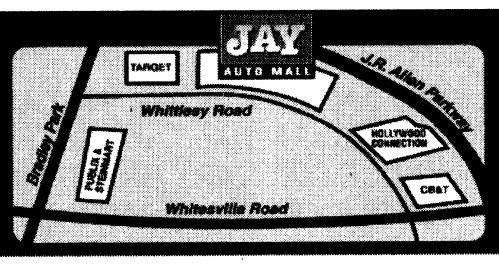
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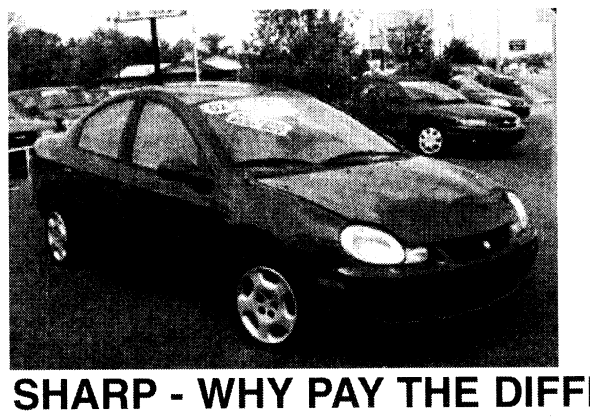
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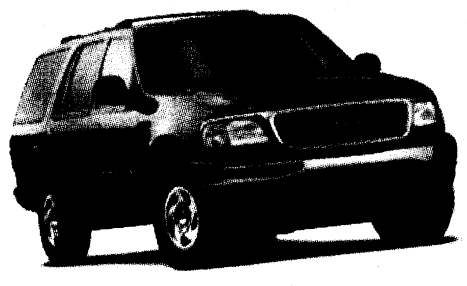
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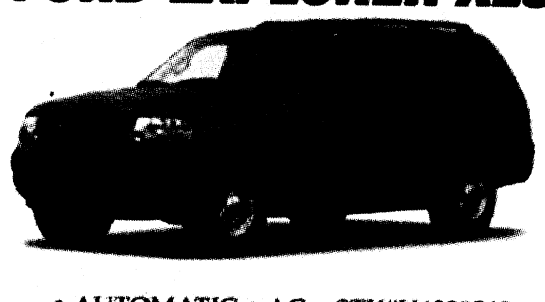
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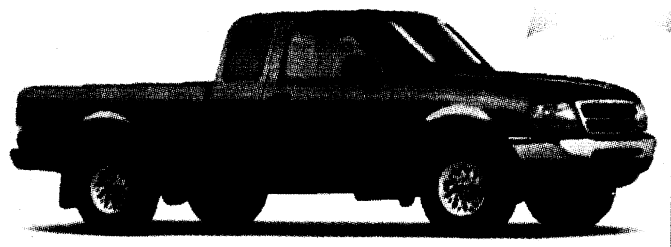


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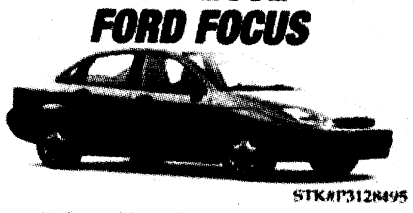
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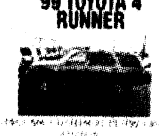
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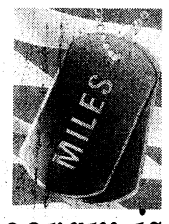
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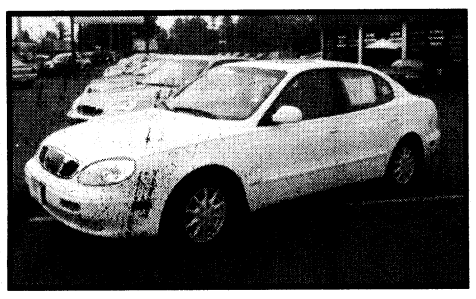
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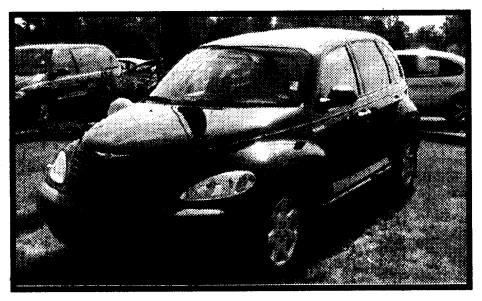
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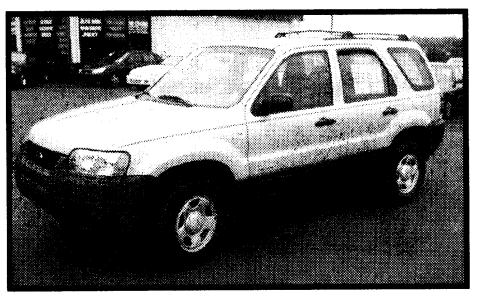
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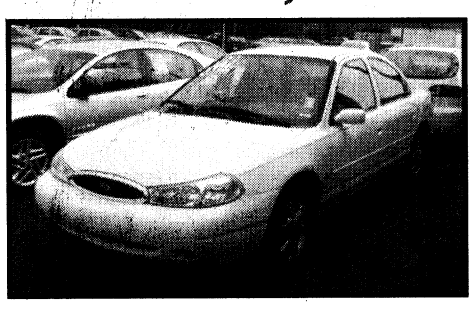
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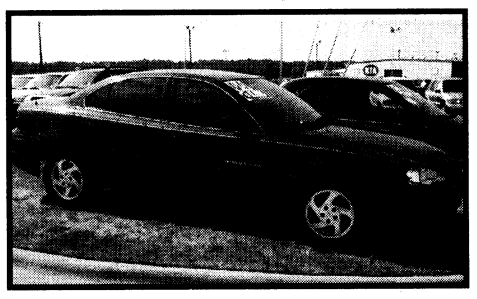
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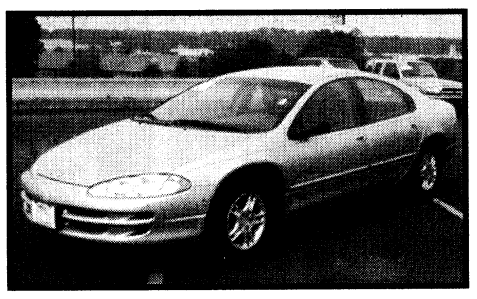
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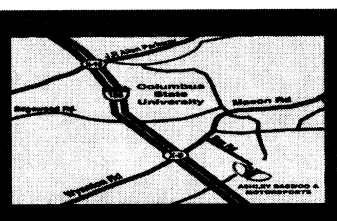


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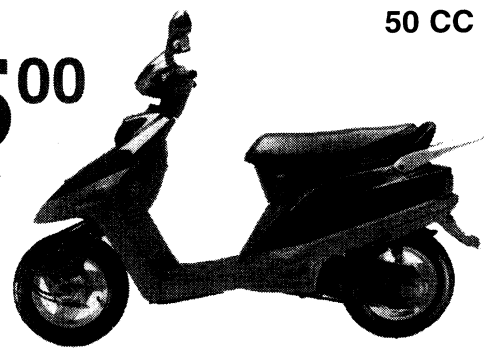


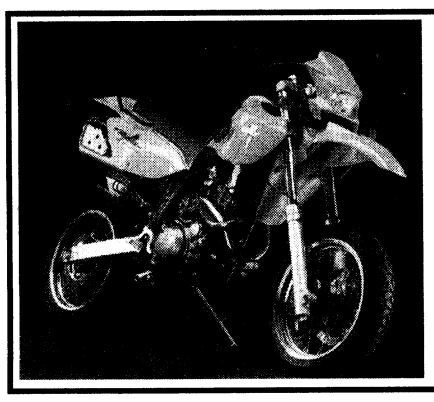
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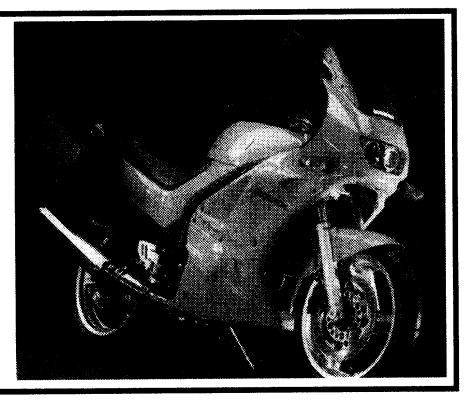
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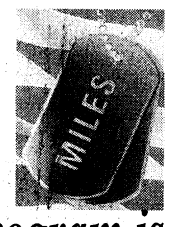
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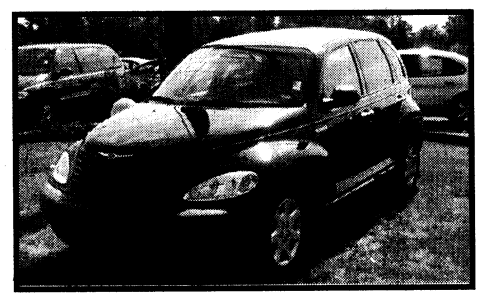
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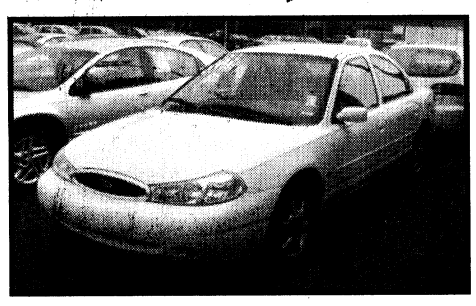
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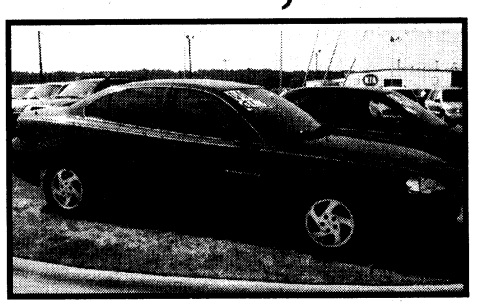
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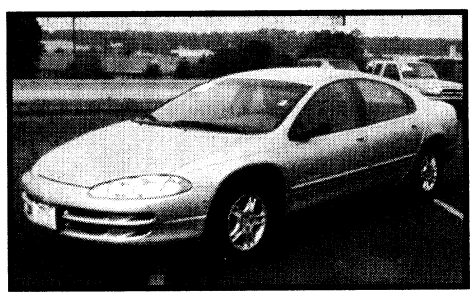
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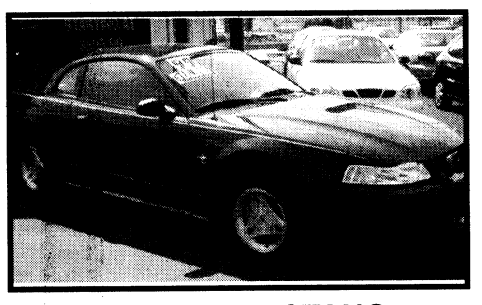
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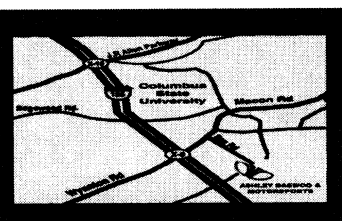


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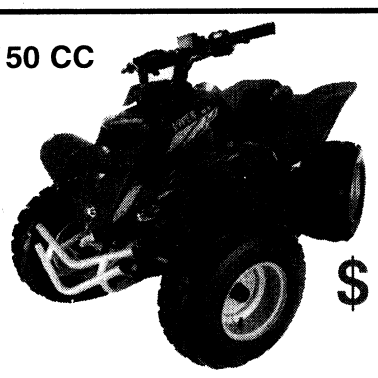


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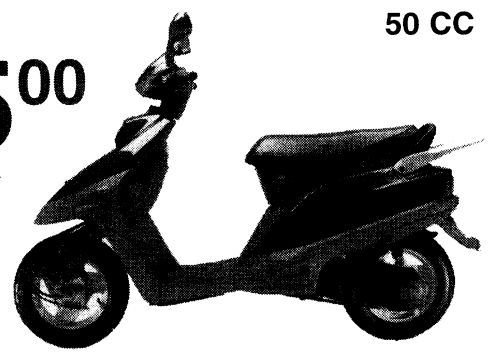


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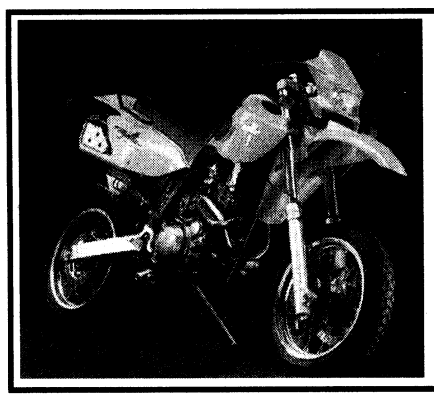
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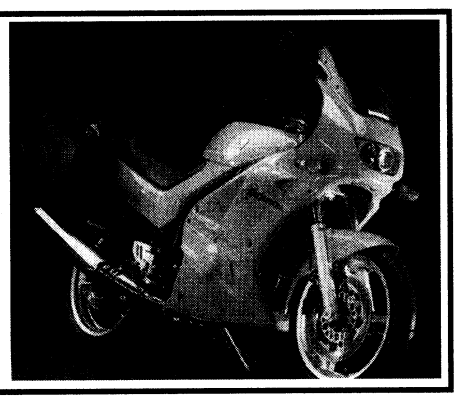
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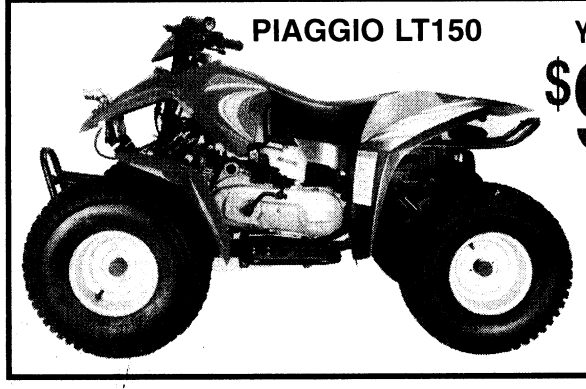
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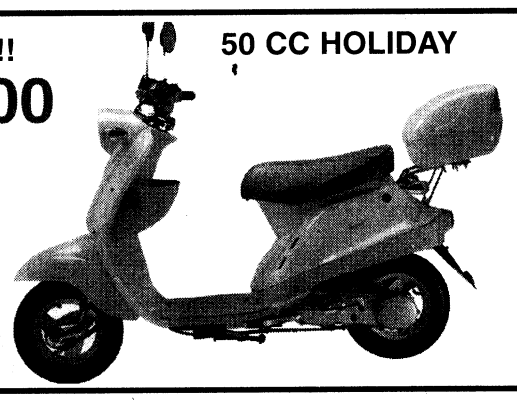


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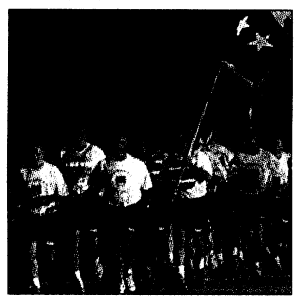
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3rd Division fields Javelin

Missile system increases squad lethality, accuracy

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The 3rd Brigade and some 3rd Infantry Division infantry squads will have more lethality to destroy enemies now that they're receiving the Javelin and the knowledge to use it.

The Javelin, a man-portable, fire and forget antitank weapon, allows soldiers to be elusive after firing the weapon, and it doubles the firing distance of its predecessor, the Dragon, a tube-launched, wire-guided, antitank missile.

"It's like comparing a major leaguer to a peewee league player," said a special forces weapons instructor, who participated as a student in the Training Device Course.

Soldiers from Fort Stewart, Ga., and Kelley Hill attended the course designed to train NCOs and key leaders to be proficient with training devices

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Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Sgt. Kenneth Prust, 317th Engineer Battalion, takes a look into the Javelin.

Pioneer Challenge



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Spc. Nicholas Williams, 29th Infantry Regiment, negotiates the inverted rope descent obstacle at the Main Post confidence course. See page A-12 for more details about the Pioneer Challenge.

TRADOC receives new CO

Abrams retires after 35 years of Army time

TRADOC News Service

Lt. Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes became the new commander of Training and Doctrine Command in a ceremony Thursday at Fort Monroe's Continental Park.



Gen. John N. Abrams, TRADOC commander, retired after about 35 years of Army service.

Abrams came to TRADOC in August 1997 as the deputy commanding general for "futures." He became the commander in October 1998.

He enlisted in the Army in February 1966 and received his commission through OCS in February 1967.

Byrnes was the director of the Army Staff in the Pentagon since November 2001. He was commissioned an artillery office after completing Officer Candidate School in April 1969.

Military schools Byrnes has attended are the Field Artillery Officer Advanced school, the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, and the U. S. Army War College.

He received a bachelor's degree from Park University, and a master's degree from Webster University.

His awards include the Defense Distinguished Service medal and the Defense Superior Service Medal.

Time honored tradition put on hold

'Sweet Sixteen' pave way for 82nd Airborne

Bridgett Siter
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A 20-year Veterans Day tradition has been put on hiatus. The annual Triple Nickel memorial ceremony at Fort Benning's National Infantry Museum was canceled this year, a victim of dwindling membership, said retired Sgt. 1st Class Larry Estell, president of the local chapter of the 555th Parachute Infantry Association.

"There's not enough of us left. We lost three this year," Estell said.

That brings the local membership to 14, mostly black World War II and Korean War veterans who remember well the prejudices they faced as black Airborne soldiers in a white man's Army.

The 555th, or Triple Nickel, arrived at Fort Benning for Airborne training in 1943, at a time when the Army, like the country, was completely segregated, and blacks were traditionally assigned jobs as cooks, drivers and laborers.

"Black men can't jump," was the rule of the day, but under the War Department's "Special Troops Policy," an all-black parachute Infantry Test Platoon was activated at Fort Benning, and 16 black soldiers took to the air.

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- Veterans Day began as Armistice Day, a commemoration of the ending of World War I on Nov. 11, 1918. After World War II, it was recognized as a day to honor all service members, and in 1954 President Eisenhower designated it Veterans Day.
- Fort Benning will observe Veterans Day at 11 a.m. Monday at Infantry Hall. Congressman Sanford Bishop will be the guest speaker.
- 3rd Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, and Outpost 60 of the Society of the 3rd Inf. Div. will conduct a 2 p.m. ceremony at the National Infantry Museum.
- Golden Corral Restaurant will host its second annual Military Appreciation Night from 5 to 9 p.m. Monday. Restaurants nationwide will offer U.S. military veterans, active duty soldiers, reservists and guardsman a free dinner buffet and beverage.

VETERANS DAY

How to say thank you

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COMMENTARY

"How do you honor the people who served as our (soldiers) served? How do you honor the people who made … our land the land of the free? How do we show our appreciation? Is it in the monuments, the scholarships, the buildings or gardens?"

I read those words just the other day, an excerpt from a sermon delivered by retired Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Reese. (You can read more about him on page B-1.) It wasn't a Veterans Day sermon, but it might well have been. The words he wrote are entirely appropriate for this occasion. Read on:

"Frankly, I think the very best we can do is … be the kind of citizens that fulfill the highest ideals they served and died for. Our comrades have not died in vain. They've left us a challenge. They've called us to something greater and nobler than we've ever experienced.

"I hear so much talk today about how bad our world is … about corruption and deceit. I know you're thinking about the things we've all been reading about, crime in our cities, snipers, the dangers that have risen the last few months.

"Yes, we're living in a time when there is a lot of bad in our world, but do you



realize that we are living in a time when we have the greatest opportunity to do good, to leave a better world for our children and grandchildren?

"We can do a little bit, right where we live. We can start with our next door neighbor, the people we work with … We can begin by talking about terms like honesty, integrity, responsibility. Instead of erecting a marble statue or a building, we can strike at the very heart of our troubles (by exemplifying) loyalty, respect, devotion and commitment."

Perhaps it sounds like a lot of speeches you'll be hearing this Veterans Day, but it's worth noting that Chaplian Reese delivered this sermon in 1967 at a memorial for Georgia's fallen firemen.

Ironic, isn't it?

More than 30 years later, we're still eulogizing the firemen, policemen and soldiers killed in the terrorist attacks and the war that ensued. We're once again reading headlines about snipers. We feel danger in our own streets. To borrow from the good book, there truly is nothing new under the sun.

Reese is 94 years old, a veteran of World War II. His regiment was nearly obliterated in the Battle of the Bulge. It was Reese's job to comfort the dying and console those who survived. The worst, he said, was supervising the loading of bodies, one right after another. His friends.

Reese tells the story about a young soldier he came upon in Mecklenburg, shortly after the Germans surrendered. The soldier was standing with his back to the chaplain, his shoulders heaving, staring up at the hill where the American flag flew atop the Temple of Justice.

When he heard the chaplain's footsteps, the young man turned, and with tears streaming down his face, a Purple Heart on his lapel, he pointed toward the flag.

"Chaplain, ain't it beautiful?" he cried.

I can't even begin to comprehend what soldiers go through in combat. I can't fathom what they go through afterward. But I appreciate it, truly I do. How do I show my gratitude? How do I pay tribute?

I figure I'll take my cue from one who's been there.

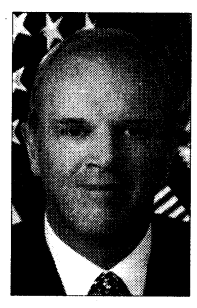
If Chaplain Reese says my life can be a tribute to the men and women who made this land the land of the free, I'll see to it that it is. I'll do my best to be the kind of citizen who fulfills the highest ideals they served and died for. Care to join me?

Remember veterans sacrifices

On Veterans Day, we pay tribute to the American men and women who have served in our nation's armed forces.

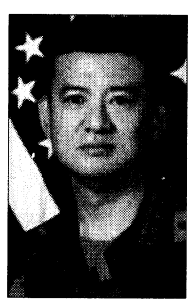
Through their sacrifices, they have purchased for us the privileges of freedom, democracy, and unmatched opportunity that we enjoy in the United States today, and they have set the conditions for the United States' place as global leader, with the world's strongest economy, and the most respected and feared military in the world.

And as we celebrate the contributions of our veterans, we also take this opportunity to salute and to honor you, the soldiers serving in the Army today.



Your determination and your readiness to go where you are needed whenever you are called are potent symbols of liberty, justice, and hope for freedom-loving people the world over.

Today, soldiers build upon the 227-year legacy established by veterans who have gone before. From the first battle of the American Revolution to our ongoing war against terrorism, in conflicts around the globe and in humanitarian missions at home and abroad that have saved countless lives, soldiers have provided the sword and shield that protects our nation. And they are doing so today- over 190,000 soldiers deployed and forward stationed in 120 countries around the world.



Each day you serve, you voluntarily forego comfort and wealth, willingly facing hardships and deployments away from family and loved ones. Sometimes you confront danger and face death in defending the nation's security. To all of you on point for the nation, whether far from home or here in the United States, thank you for your contributions and your countless sacrifices. It is an honor to serve with you.

And so on Nov. 11, a day of reflection and tribute, we salute you, and we pledge to you our tireless efforts to ensure that the Army remains the world's preeminent warfighting land force — the most esteemed institution in the nation, and the most respected Army in the world.

Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army
Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff

The story behind *Taps*

It all began in 1862 during the War Between the States, when Union Army Capt. Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land.

During the night, Capt. Ellicombe heard the moan of a soldier who lay mortally wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention.

Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment. When the captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The captain lighted a lantern.

Suddenly, he caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his son. The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out. Without telling his father, he enlisted in the Confederate Army.

The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial despite his enemy status. His request was partially granted. The captain had asked if he could have a group of the Army band members play a funeral dirge for the son at the funeral. That request was turned down since the soldier was Confederate.

Out of respect for the father, they could give him only one musician. The captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of his dead son's uniform. This wish was granted. This music was the haunting melody we now know as *Taps* that is used at all military funerals.

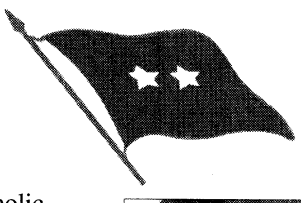
In case you are interested, these are the words to *Taps*:

Day is done, Gone the sun.
From the lakes, From the hills,
From the sky. All is well.
Safely rest. God is nigh.

— Submitted by the USAIC Chaplains Office

Stay safe

With two national holidays this month, now is the time to alert our soldiers to the very real threat of motor vehicle accidents and instill in them a general sense of safety awareness.



The most common causes of traffic fatalities are: speeding, not wearing seat belts, driving after drinking beer or other alcoholic beverages and fatigue.



Commanders and directors will ensure:

- All vehicles are in safe operating condition, insured and registered;
- All drivers receive a personal safety briefing to include the serious penalties for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs;
- Motorcyclists attend a motorcycle rider training course and wear a high visibility reflective jacket or vest, a Department of Transportation approved helmet, leather gloves, leather boots or over-the-ankle shoes, long-legged pants, long-sleeved shirt or jacket and eye protection (shatter resistant glasses, goggles or face shield).

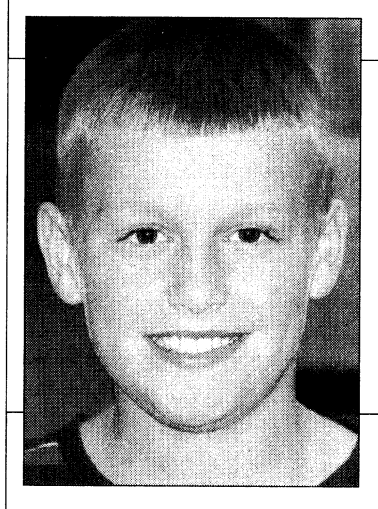
Our soldiers, families and civilians deserve no less than your best effort in preventing accidents.

Identify the high risk soldiers and work to help them understand their value to us.

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton
Commanding General

VARIOUS VOICES

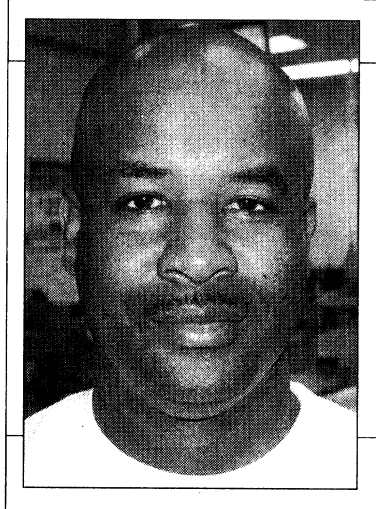
How can we show our respect for veterans on Veterans Day?



Will Fuller, 10 — "We can go up to them and thank them personally for all they did for our country."



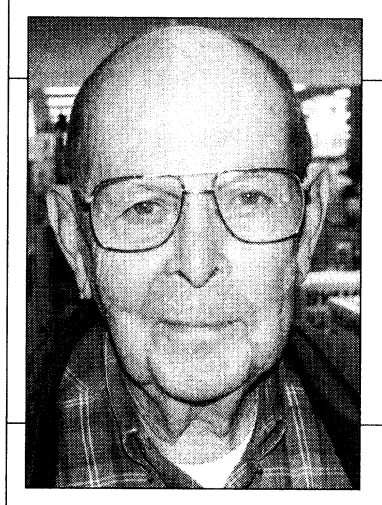
Natalie Harvey, family member — "We shouldn't just show our respect on Veterans Day. We should be showing them our respect and appreciation every day of the year."



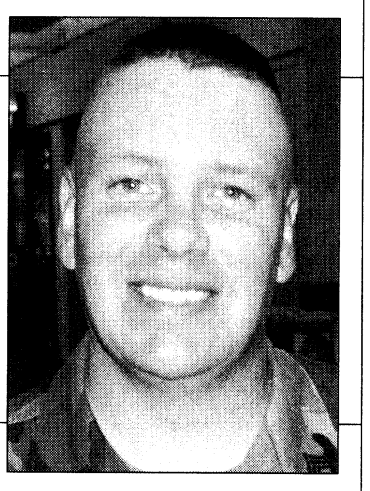
1st Sgt. Karl Roberts, Headquarters Company, 35th Signal Battalion — "We can spend time with a veteran and listen to his stories of what he went through while in the military. Veterans have paved the way for our country."



Staff Sgt. Katheren Kittell, CONUS Replacement Center — "We can show our respect by holding parades in their honor and having a moment of silence to remember those who served our country galliently."



Retired Lt. Col. James Davis, Rome, Ga. — "By sitting down to talk with them and attend some of the veterans marches."



Staff Sgt. Kurtis Nygaard, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "By going up to shake their hands and thank them for what they did."

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Eye surgery available for soldiers

Laser surgery is combat multiplier

Melissa House
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Laser eye surgery, the newest type of refractive eye surgery, is now available to soldiers through Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Clinic policy gives top priority to combat arms soldiers or soldiers assigned to combat units. Other soldiers can get on a waiting list to have the procedure done.

According to the MCG Eye Care Associates in Augusta, Ga., LASIK, or laser-assisted situ keratomilleusis, has become the procedure of choice for individuals wanting to rid themselves of glasses or contact lenses.

Bill Swisher, Walter Reed public affairs officer, said that the goal is to have 1,000 LASIK or PRK (photorefractive kerotectomy) patients a year at Walter Reed, which translates to 2,000 surgeries.

"About 20 soldiers from Fort Benning have had either LASIK or PRK done at Walter Reed," Swisher said. "We expect a group of 15 the first week of Dec."

The 15 are cadre from the 6th Ranger Training Battalion at Eglin Air Force Base.

LASIK uses a "cold" laser to change the shape of the cornea and correct the eye's focusing power. The procedure can be used to treat both near- and far-sightedness and even astigmatism.

Among the benefits of this type of procedure, eye care associates said, is that healing begins almost immediately. Patients experience little or no discomfort during or after the procedure.

> "I had confidence in the laser. It's all programmed into the laser. It's not somebody sitting there with a scalpel."
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> **Staff Sgt. Shane Pospisil**
> NCO for 4th Ranger Training Battalion

Staff Sgt. Shane Pospisil, schools NCO for 4th Ranger Training Battalion, had a variation of the LASIK procedure done at Walter Reed in August.

His unit was given several slots for the procedures, and he was able to take advantage of the opportunity.

"It was definitely something I had thought about doing," Pospisil said. "But it costs a lot of money. (Through the Army), I only had to pay my own temporary duty costs."

After going through a screening process here at Fort Benning, Pospisil went through screening at Walter Reed before the surgery to make sure that he was a suitable candidate.

"I was nervous about it," he said. "I had confidence in the laser. It's all programmed into the laser. It's not somebody sitting there with a scalpel."

Patients are awake through the procedure, which generally only takes 10 minutes per eye. In less than 10 percent of cases, an enhancement, or further reshaping, is needed.

Pospisil is experiencing one of the possible side effects of the procedure.

"I'm fine during the daytime, but I have trouble with the lights when I'm driving into work in the dark," he said. "The doctors said that it might take six months for it to clear up."

Col. Mike Beasock, TRADOC System Manager for Close Combat Misile Systems. just went in for his 30-day checkup after undergoing the LASIK procedure at Walter Reed. Beasock, whose vision was 20/400, needed contacts to correct his distance vision as well as reading glasses. Now, with his vision corrected to 20/15, he needs neither.

"I'm very pleased with the surgery, Beasock said. "No, I'm elated."

Beasock did a great deal of research on the advantages and disadvantages of LASIK refractive surgery. In the end, he asked his doctor.

"My doctor told me that it is an individual decision," he said.

The end results of LASIK are identical to PRK, or hotorefractive kerotectomy, he said. Both procedures are discretionary, not cosmetic, but hava great benefits to military readiness.

Beasock attended the annual Association of the U.S. Army meeting last month and had the opportunity to meet Lt. Gen. James Peake. Peake, the Army Surgeon General, is the man who signed off on the the program and who allocated the resources to make the procedures available at Walter Reed and five other centers throughout the Army.

"I thanked him," Beasock said. "This program makes our soldiers better."

Credit card misuse leads to UCMJ

Government charge cards can be costly

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The U.S. Army has entrusted many soldiers and Army civilian employees with government charge cards to make it easier for them to pay for travel expenses while on official government business.

However, people are misusing the credit cards. Some people are using the cards for personal expenses and failing to repay their debts.

"Most of the problems with government credit card bills occur when people use the cards when they aren't on TDY, and there is no reimbursement," said Bobby King, director of Resource Management. "Problems also occur when people use the cards correctly but spend the reimbursement money instead of paying the credit card bills."

Although the Army is not responsible for paying back the money to American Express or Bank of America for unpaid debts, it does pay a monetary penalty, in the form of lost rebates, for maintaining negative charge-card balances, King said.

In an effort to reduce the unnecessary loss of funds, the Army is cracking down on these credit card abusers. People who continue to abuse government travel cards and are delinquent on paying their credit card bills can ruin their credit and their careers, according to a press release from the Department of Defense Inspector General's office.

After Feb. 1, military and civilian employees who misused their cards were subject to disciplinary action, according to a Military District of Washington resource management information paper.

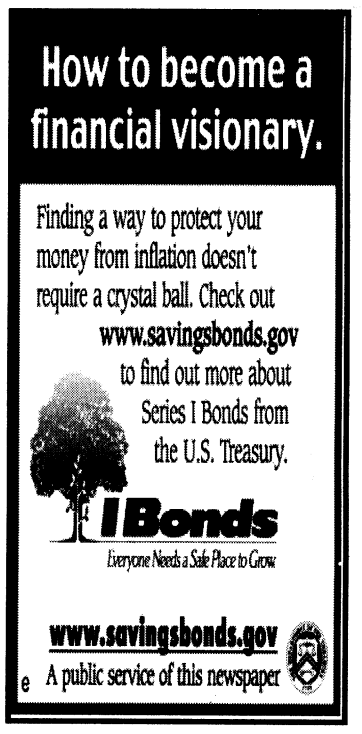
Those who became 60 or more days delinquent in paying their government card accounts had their cards suspended, causing them to apply for an advance of TDY entitlement or pay for all travel expenses out of their own pockets.

Soldiers who were 120 days delinquent in their payments had the money for their debts removed directly from their pay accounts.

"When soldiers used their cards for something other than travel expenses they may have been punished for dereliction of duty under the Uniform Code of Military Justice, even if the soldiers paid their bill on time," said Maj. Amilcar A. Hernandez, chief of Criminal Law, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate.

"If a soldier fails to pay their debt, they can face a dishonorable discharge, forfeiture of their pay and up to 10 years confinement.

"It's just not worth giving into temptation."



Operation uplink helps troops phone home

Wal-Mart to give away phone cards

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army news service

Troops stationed overseas will be provided free phone cards during the holiday season thanks to a partnership between Veterans of Foreign Wars, Wal-Mart and other multi-million dollar corporations.

Wal-Mart has promised to furnish all military personnel serving overseas with a 60-minute AT&T phone card between Thanksgiving and Christmas, said Mike Meyer, the administrator of corporate development for VFW Foundation.

Each phone card will be enclosed inside a Hallmark greeting card and transported free of charge by Federal Express, Meyer added.

Through Operation Uplink, the phone-card project that began three years ago, 500,000 cards will be delivered this holiday season, Meyer said.

"Since the inception of Operation Uplink, one million cards have reached military personnel worldwide and hospitalized veterans," Meyer said.

"We want to show our men and women in uniform that we support them," Meyer said. "So Operation Uplink is to boost morale and relieve the burden that expensive phone calls can cause."

This year the VFW is receiving support from corporate sponsors, but in the past, funding has come from donations raised mainly by its ladies auxiliary and VFW members, Meyer said.

Those interested in contributing to the fund, or who would like to request phone cards, visit the VFW Web site at http://www.vfw.org/





MPs take 5-month detour on way home

Soldiers leave Guantanamo for Benning ACPs

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The work of the military police never ends, especially when they do double deployments.

The 414th Military Police Company, from Joplin, Mo., will take home nearly a year of real-world experience from Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and Fort Benning when they leave post Nov. 20.

"We didn't know we were coming to Fort Benning until 10 or 12 days before we were scheduled to go home," said Capt. Adina Sanchez, platoon leader, 414th MP Company.

The unit started their deployment Feb. 8 in Guantanamo Bay, at Camp X-Ray.

It was an important mission for the unit and an interesting experience, Sanchez said.

During off time in Cuba, several soldiers became scuba certified.

"I already had my certification, so I had my gear sent down to me and had the chance to log 25 dives," said Staff Sgt. Robert Hogue.

A number of soldiers even started college while there, but no one could escape the tropical weather or the animals.

"Everywhere you went there were iguanas and lizards," Sanchez said. "There was one three-legged iguana that used to hang around the mess tent who we called Stumpy."

With their reptilian encounters and deployment winding down, everyone packed their bags to return home. Then just days before leaving Cuba, the unit learned they were doing a follow-on mission at Fort Benning.

"When we found out there was a follow-on mission, it was tough for many of us with families and children at home," Sanchez said.

"I have a 3 and a 5-year-old, and they didn't really understand why I couldn't come home. While I was in Cuba, I made a little storybook to help explain it to them."

After the company arrived in Fort Benning, they were granted two-weeks block leave to return home.

Everyone was happy to be back in the U.S. and be able to have better telephone access, television and current newspapers, Sanchez said.

After the break, the soldiers performed their new force-protection mission at Fort Benning.



Pfc. Brian Trapp
Sgt. Wesley A. Shultz, 414th MP Company, checks IDs at the Benning Boulevard gate.

"It's important we maintain diligence in the fight against terrorism," Hogue said. "Right now we are one of Fort Benning's best defenses against terrorism."

The unit has made Fort Benning safe by taking drunken drivers off the road, Hogue said. Many soldiers benefited from time at the gates with increased experience in detecting drunken drivers.

With the experience gained from the deployment, the soldiers with 414th MP Co. are preparing to go home, again, hopefully this time for a long while, he said.

"Fort Benning has been really nice, but we are ready to go," Sanchez said.

New training doctrine to hit streets

Manual updates 1998 doctrine

Melissa House
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The Army has a new field manual designed to help units meet the challenge of a wider range of threats.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki announced the new manual Oct. 22 at the annual meeting of the Association of the U.S. Army. The manual, "FM 7-0 Training the Force" updates the old training doctrine from FM 25-100.

When FM 25-100 was first published in 1988, it represented a revolution in the way the Army trained. Now, 14 years later, the new doctrine integrates lessons learned from recent military operations and synchronizes Army training doctrine across all segments of the Army, from civilians to reserves, to active-duty soldiers.

In his speech, Shinseki said that interviews with commanders and soldiers showed the old training doctrine could be improved. FM 7-0 retains all of the fundamentally sound tenets of FM 25-100, but updates them to reflect the current Army operating environment as well as Army transformation and technology.

According to FM 7-0, "All leaders are trainers. This manual is designed for leaders at every level and in every type of organization in the Army."

FM 7-0 is not an infantry-specific manual, but senior infantry leadership had the opportunity to read the document and then submit their observations and suggestions on it, said Lt. Col. E.J. Herald, deputy Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate.

"This is essentially the manual by which we will conduct our training for years to come," he said. "It has absolute relevance to soldiers here at Fort Benning."

Herald said FM 7-0 is one of three key manuals that serve as commanders' references for development of mission essential task lists and training plans for those essential tasks.

"It needs everyone's buy-in," he said.

The manual is broken down into six chapters that cover the spectrum of Army training from training at the Army and Joint level, to planning, execution and assessment of unit training.

"This tells us how to organize and execute training whether we're infantry, field artillery or armor," Herald said. "This is the doctrine by which we will train."

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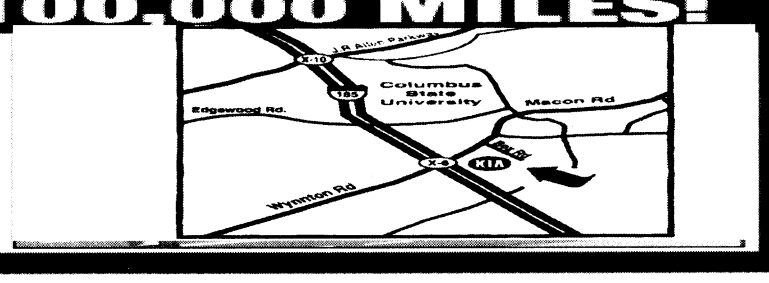
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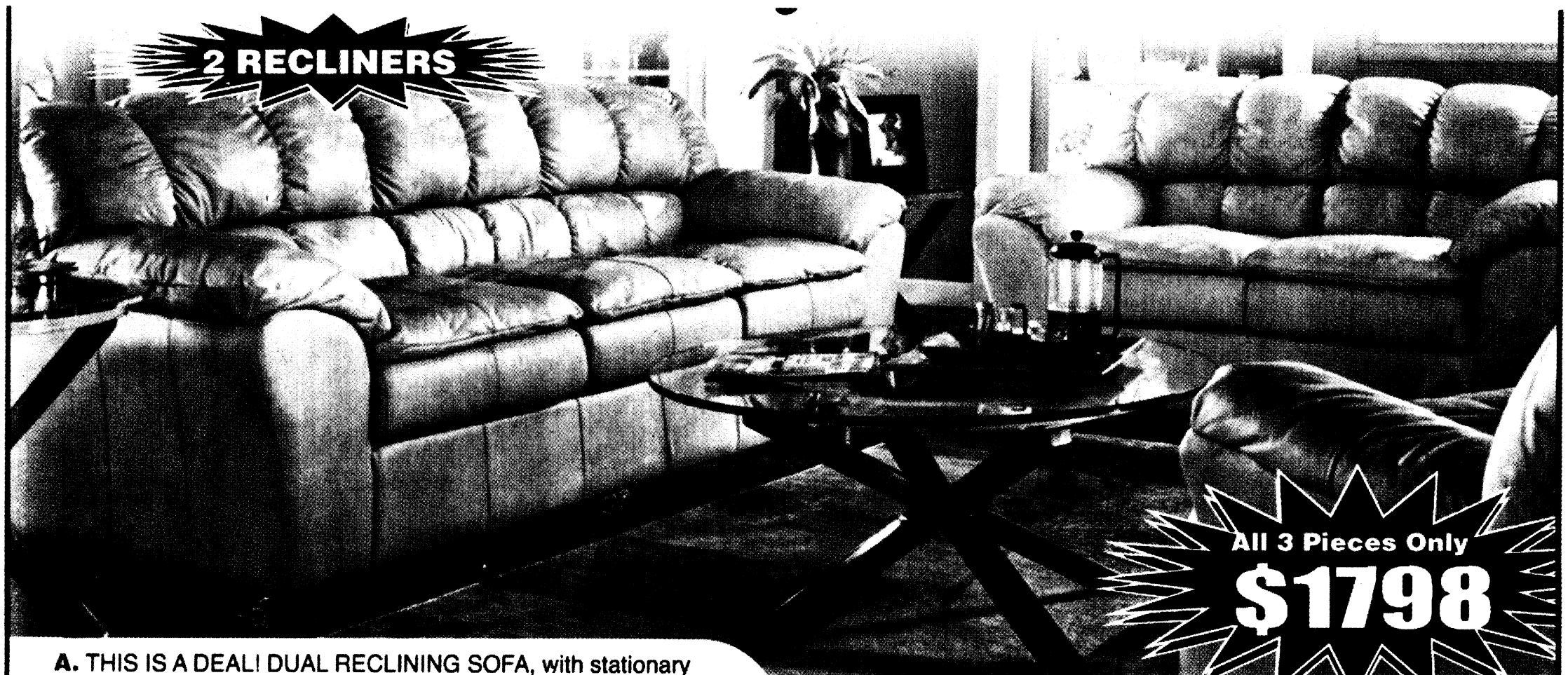
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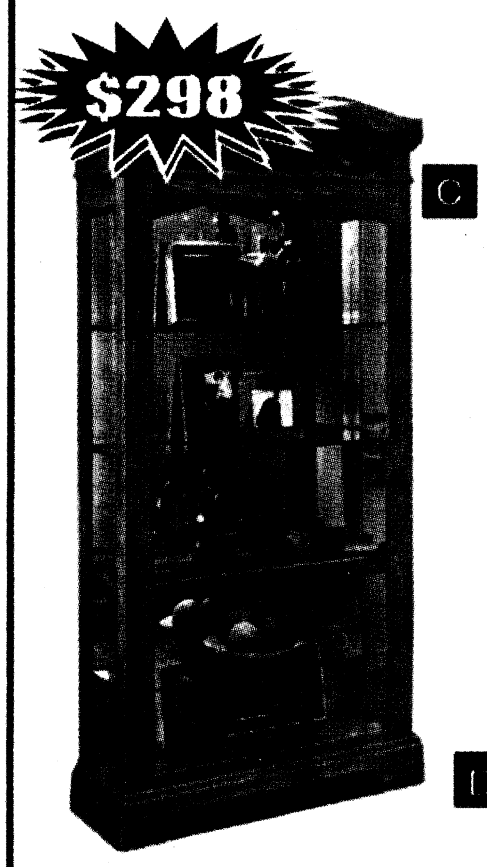
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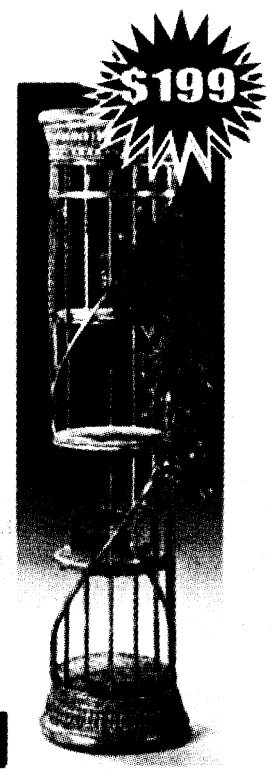


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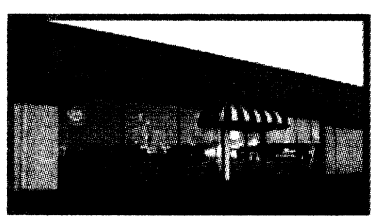
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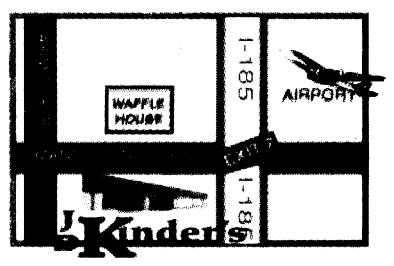
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29th Infantry Division veterans unveil the division's monument at the National Infantry Museum.

"Now future generations will know how we served and suffered and died. It's a legacy carved in stone."

Donald Van Roosen

29th Infantry Division veteran



29th Infantry Division veterans place sand from Omaha Beach on the memorial.

Blue, Gray Division unveils monument

World War II veterans recount 'costly mission'

Bridgett Siter

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"The rifleman fights without promise of either reward or relief. Behind every river there's another hill — and behind that hill, another river. After weeks or months in the line, only a wound can offer him the comfort of safety, shelter and a bed. Those who are left to fight, fight on, evading death but knowing that with each day of evasion they have exhausted one more chance for survival. Sooner or later, unless victory comes, this chase must end on the litter or in the grave."

— Gen. Omar Bradley

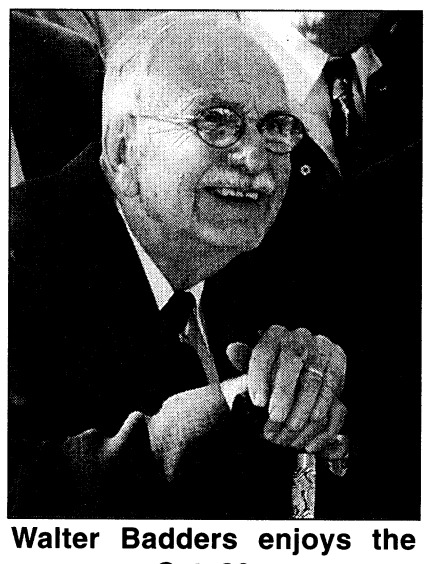
"All those cities and towns, all those hedgerows and fields and muddy moors, in that awful, awful fall and winter — the coldest in 50 odd years. In all that time we just kept going."

Donald Van Roosen recounted the relentless assault of German fire, the unending hedgerows — 6 feet deep — and subzero temperatures during the seven weeks it took his division to advance from Omaha Beach to St. Lo, a mission they expected to complete in seven days — a mission that cost them 10,000 men.

"We thought we were ready for combat. It was a profound shock to all of us. And costly," said Van Roosen, who joined 30 of his cohorts, World War II veterans of the 29th Infantry Division Oct. 30 at Fort Benning's National Infantry Museum to dedicate a monument to their fallen comrades.

By the war's end, the 29th Division suffered more than 20,000 casualties, the greatest loss of any American division in the war. More than 5,000 were killed.

Despite their losses, 29th Division. soldiers kept up their battle cry, "Let's go!" Van Roosen said. They successfully crossed the Rhine and captured Munchen-Gladbach, the largest German city taken by the Allies at that time, and in doing so, they were awarded a Presidential Unit Citation — only one of seven garnered by the 43 infantry divisions who served — and left a legacy of determination and triumph for their successors.



Walter Badders enjoys the ceremony Oct. 30.

"Now future generations will know how we served and suffered and died. It's a legacy carved in stone," he said, as the granite monument was unveiled. "It's a costly legacy, one that was burnished in fire in the hell that was Omaha Beach."

When elements of the 29th Division landed on the beach alongside the 1st Division on June 6, 1944, the "Blue and Gray Division" had already established itself as a war ready force, comprised of National Guard units from New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

The division, which was federalized shortly after the onset of World War I, chose to wear the colors of the North and South to symbolize the unity of the states from which it was birthed. Indeed, the 29th Division units that fought together in World War I had been divided during the Civil War.

Though elements of the 29th were among the first to land on Omaha Beach, others came later — hours and days later.

Pvt. Walter Badders, a 24-year-old Maryland native who'd been drafted into the division's 75th Regiment, landed after sunset.

"I don't remember a lot. I'm 84," Badders said, explaining what he called a faulty memory.

"But it was dark, and there were all these bodies stacked against the wall," he said, shaking his head.

Badders traveled from Maryland to attend the ceremony, but he recognized very few faces. Most of his friends have gone.

"They're all upstairs now," he said, pointing his cane toward the sky.

The 29th Division is now a 10,000 man mobile division, under the command of Brig. Gen. Daniel Long, who traveled from Virginia to participate in the ceremony.

"You're looking at history here today," he told the 300 soldiers, veterans and family members in attendance. "There's no stone or grand gesture that can equal their sacrifice, their commitment to country and duty."

Long came to Fort Benning on a mission, he said, to deliver a handful of sand from Omaha Beach and to thank his predecessors for their "legacy, the gift they've given this generation."

"Certainly times have changed," he said, noting various improvements in combat weaponry. "But one thing hasn't. There's still danger. You had your Stalin and Hitler. We have our Hussein and Bin Laden.

"I hope my men never have to make the sacrifice you did, but if need be, we're ready to follow your lead," Long said. "And I promise you we will not squander your legacy."

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Soldiers: Receive Javelin, become more combat ready

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associated with the Javelin.

Students also learned basic gunner skills related to the firing of the weapon.

"We're giving soldiers the knowledge they will need to use the weapon properly and the understanding to train their soldiers correctly," said Staff Sgt. Richard Funke, Javelin instructor and New Equipment Training Team NCOIC.

"The Javelin is a combat multiplier," said Jerry Niggemann, Directorate of Operations and Training. "It gives infantry squads the confidence and ability to defend against all known armor."

Once soldiers are properly trained on the devices associated with the Command Launch Unit, a target acquisition system, and the missile, which combined to form the Javelin, it's about 98 percent accurate on a locked target, Niggemann said.

"If I were an enemy in a tank, it would make me nervous," the special forces student said.

With a maximum effective range of 2,000 meters and the ability to search for a target rather than being guided to the target, the Javelin allows soldiers to avoid enemy detection because it's not wire-guided like the Dragon.

"Anytime you can fire a weapon and leave so the enemy can't identify your position, you have unmatched capabilities and an advantage over the enemy," the special forces instructor said.

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"The best thing about the Javelin is its fire and forget capabilities," said Sgt. Dustin Hawkins, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. "It's good for us because it gets us a great distance from the enemy."

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In 1998, at Fort Greely, Alaska soldiers fired six Javelin missiles at stationary tanks during a three-day testing. The result was a perfect six-for-six.

"It's just as easy to hit a moving target as a still target," Niggemann said.



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Sgt. Steven Logston, 317th Engineer Battalion, checks out the Javelin, as fellow engineer, Sgt. Kenneth Prust, looks on.

Veterans: Keep parachuting, war memories alive

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Known historically as "The Sweet Sixteen," those soldiers paved the way for the 555th Battalion, and four years later, the 505th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division.

Since 1984, members of the 555th Parachute Infantry Association have been conducting Veteran's Day memorial services on Fort Benning.

In the early years, it flourished, Estell said, and when inclement weather drove the ceremony indoors, it was standing room only in the National Infantry Museum's auditorium.

Attendance has dropped drastically the last few years, as more and more aging members — vestiges of "the greatest generation" — pass on.

With today's Army embracing soldiers of every race, Estell said young soldiers are no longer interested in preserving the history of black soldiers.

"And that's a real sad thing for everyone, black, white, male or female," he said. "The association is about camaraderie. It's about history. It's about soldiers helping soldiers. Color doesn't matter."

The Triple Nickel memorial ceremony is "down but not out," Estell said. "God willing, We'll be back. We just can't let it go."

Toward that end, the association will begin actively recruiting members this month. Veterans, active-duty soldiers of all races, male and female, are encouraged to join, Estell said.

The ceremony is only one of many activities the association sponsors. The national chapter offers annual scholarships, and the local chapter supports the Boys and Girls Clubs of America.

For more information about the 555th Parachute Infantry Association, call Estell at 689-0149 or 689-7408.

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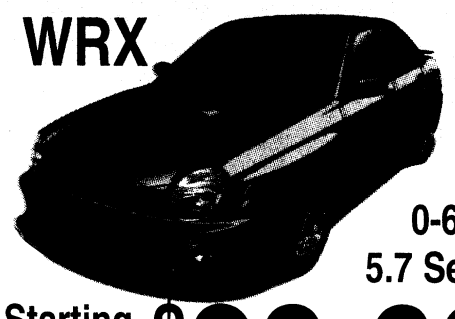
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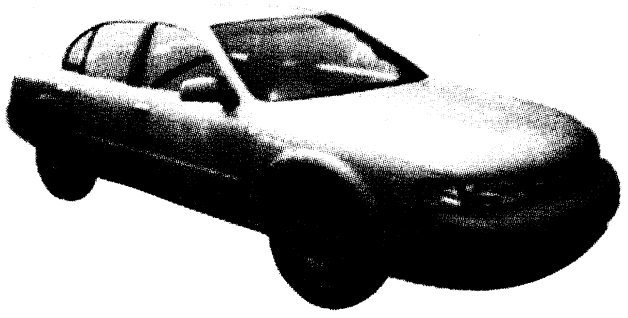
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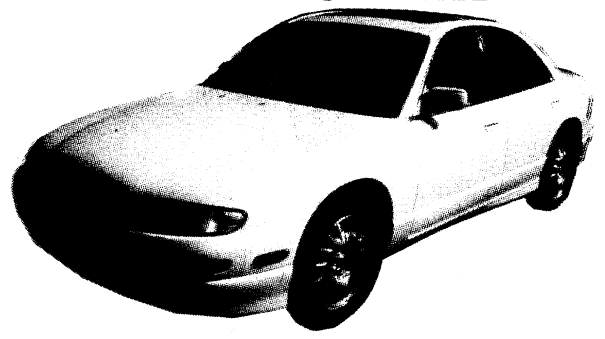
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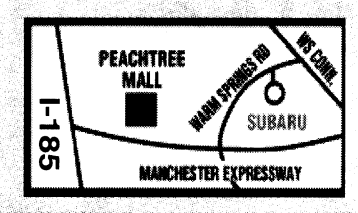


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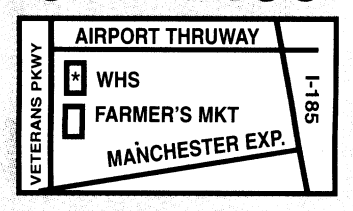
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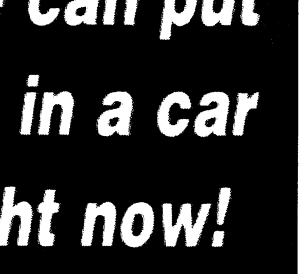
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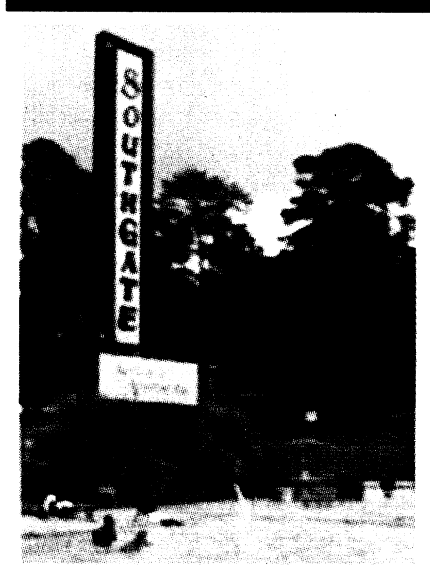
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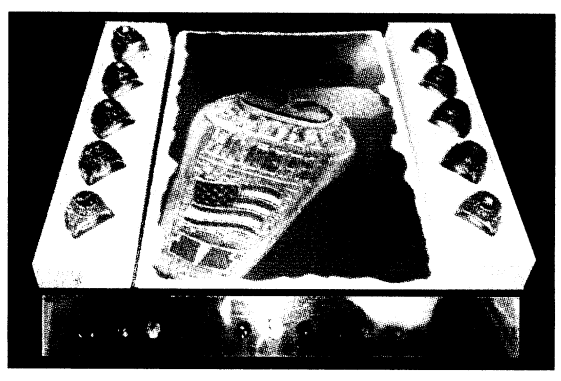
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Comanche to speak on tribe's military role

Luncheon to discuss contributions

Angela Sachitano
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It's tough enough for veterans to get respect from the average citizen, and even more so for the Native American veteran, said Comanche descendent and nephew to several World War II veterans, Eugene Mowatt.

"Very few people realize the significance of the Native American Indians in World War II and the Vietnam War," Mowatt said. "My uncles still have physical and mental wounds from war. Their role in keeping our country safe was an important one."

American Indians across the United States have been recruited by the American Armed Forces in almost every war since the 1940's, Mowatt said. Commanders would often assign American Indians to teach their native tongue to soldiers, and in turn communicate messages in their language across the airwaves.

"They would describe enemy tanks and where they were located," said Sgt. 1st Class Andrea Pratt, Equal Opportunity advisor for Fort Benning. "Those messages would be almost impossible for the Japanese to crack. The enemy was not familiar with the Native American language."

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> Comanche descendent, nephew to several WWII veterans

These and other American Indian contributions will be the focus of a luncheon Nov. 20 at the Officers' Club to celebrate Native American Heritage Month.

"It's an honor to come to Fort Benning where my uncles were stationed back in 1941," said Mowatt, who will be speaking at the event. "My family is very proud of our link to the military, and I'm excited to share those stories with soldiers and their families."

Tribes including Comanche, Cherokee, Apache and Choctaw tribes have all played important roles in the history of the military, and Mowatt said he is looking forward to further spreading the word. Along with his presentation, there will be American Indian dancing and costumes, and relatives of Native Americans who served in the Army will speak.

"Soldiers, whether they have a Native American heritage or not, will be intrigued by these stories" said Master Sgt. Kevin Ellitot, NCOIC of Fort Benning's Equal Opportunity Office. "It's an important part of our military history and our military present."

Many American Indians are still being recruited from their reservations, Mowatt said. Members of the Navajo tribe are already stationed in Kuwait, helping fight terrorism.

"The country doesn't know a lot about us, especially in the south," Mowatt said. "Believe it or not, some people I've run into in this part of the country don't even know we still exist."

The cost to attend the Native American Heritage luncheon is $7.50, which includes lunch.

For more information call 545-6665.

History project captures veterans' stories

Organizers encourage participation

Courtney Brooks
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The great wars are usually remembered for their bloodiest battles, most decorated brass and historic treaties — rarely do the soldiers and civilians on the home front have an opportunity to voice their individual experiences.

The Veterans History Project is giving soldiers a chance to relay these personal stories. Project organizers are encouraging Americans of all ages to participate in a mission to capture and chronicle oral histories from America's war veterans. The stories will become a collection in the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center, located in Washington, D.C.

Volunteers interview veterans, collect letters, photographs and journals from former service members of World War I, World War II, and the Korean, Vietnam and Persian Gulf Wars, as well as the civilians who supported them.

Most importantly, the project seeks to honor the individual's experience, said Ellen McCulloch-Lovell, director of the Veterans History Project at the Library of Congress.

"We're not attempting to patch together a complete history of every war," said McCulloch-Lovell. "We're trying to let people talk about their experiences and what meant the most to them."

The personal wartime accounts have preserved history that may have otherwise been forgotten, said Charlie Mendoza, vice president of membership and member services for the American Association of Retired Persons, a founding sponsor of the project.

"In New York, I witnessed an interview with a young man from a college interviewing a man who used to use Navajo code (a Navajo code talker) with the Marine Corps in World War II," Mendoza said. "I thought, 'That's terrific.' That's something that might have been lost."

Mendoza said that the U.S. is losing 1,600 veterans a day and before long, there won't be any memory to collect. Wartime accounts are an important part of America's history, he said.

"Not only does war change a lot of countries; it changes nations, it changes people," Mendoza said. "With every war that has taken place, changes take place on the home front."

Mendoza not only encourages members of the AARP, but all Americans to become involved with interviewing veterans. He believes everyone, particularly youth, have a lot to benefit from the project.

Eleven-year old Edward Litten has taken it upon himself to interview some 20 veterans since April. He said that young Americans should participate in this program because they don't know what they're missing.

The "Young Marine" has conducted the interviews at the Southeastern Michigan Veterans Service Center near his home in Monroe, Mi. Litten volunteered three days per week the entire summer and after school every day during the school year, hoping to catch a veteran to interview.

"I think it's really cool to hear all the veteran's stories and just know the fact that they're not going to be forgotten," Litten said. "Some of the stories are really sad because not everything in the war was really cool. There were a lot of sad parts."

Veterans have also gleaned new understanding from interviews by a younger generation.

A Korean and Vietnam veteran himself, Mendoza was interviewed by his youngest daughter. He said that the experience helped bridge generational gaps, which he said is one of the goals of the project.

"It has gotten us a lot closer, honestly," said Mendoza. "They wanted to know, 'Why was dad gone so much?' and 'Why wasn't dad around?' when they were younger."

Capturing civilians' stories from the wartime eras are also important, Mendoza added.

"Even though this project is concentrating on veterans themselves, I think another important part is working with the veterans who stayed at home," Mendoza said. "That's an important part of our collective memory ... not just the people who went off to service."

Authorized by Congress through the enactment of Public Law 106-380 and signed into law by President Clinton on Oct. 27, 2000, the Veterans History Project has chronicled histories of approximately 1,500 veterans to date.

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> **Edward Litten**
> 11-year-old

McCulloch-Lovell hopes to reach much larger masses for the historical collection. The project will be ongoing with goals of reaching literally millions of people, she said.

Although she missed out on the opportunity to interview her own father, who served in the Navy in World War II, she was able to help her mother make 1,800 copies of his letters to her. She realized how precious this opportunity was and invites others to share in the experience.

"You can do it (interview)," McCulloch-Lovell said. "It's a wonderful experience. I've done a number of these interviews myself and they're unforgettable."

Litten agreed that the experience has been worthwhile, even though he has spent quite a bit of time going to Michigan's Flat Rock Speedway picking up deposit bottles to pay for the postage and videotapes for the interviews being sent to the project's headquarters.

"I just feel like I'm doing my part in history and making sure that people remember all the stories and all the wars," Litten said. "There are only two wars in my history book anymore — the Revolutionary War and the Civil War — and there's not too much on those wars at all."

McCulloch-Lovell said that other youth and adults can get involved in the ongoing project by accessing the Veterans History Project Web site or calling a toll-free number, which provides guidelines for partners and volunteers. A project kit, with instructions, for people who would like to interview veterans is available on the Web site.

The oral histories and documents collected will be part of the national Veterans History Project Collection at the Library of Congress and other recognized repositories, McCulloch-Lovell said. Eventually, portions of the material will be available digitally on the Library of Congress Web site, she added.

For more information, visit the Veterans History Project Web site at www.loc.gov/veterans or call the toll-free number at 1-888-371-5848.

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CID Reward

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a $300 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for the larceny of a Dell Optiplex GX240 desktop computer, one Dell 1900FP flat panel 19-inch monitor, one keyboard and one mouse from Room 409, Building 6 (Meloy Hall) between 7:15 p.m. Aug. 20 and 7:15 a.m. Aug. 21.

The assistance of the local community is being requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s).

Call 545-0222 or the Military Police at 545-5222 if you have information.

Prescribed burning

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place Monday through Nov. 17. If weather permits, the following areas will be affected: B-1, B-3, CC-1, Main Post cantonment, Harmony Church cantonment and the Sand Hill cantonment areas.

Burning will occur in pine stands within these compartments to enhance endangered species habitat, prepare sites for seedling plantings and improve training areas. People proposing to use these areas for recreational purposes must vacate these areas prior to 9:30 a.m. daily. Training units using compartments adjacent to those listed above may experience drift or residual smoke and are reminded to exercise caution while traveling in these areas due to the potential for reduced visibility.

Units using ranges and training areas are reminded to remove flammable debris such as pinestraw, leaves and trash from around structures in accordance with U.S. Army Infantry Center regulations.

For more information, call Jack Greenlee, Land Management Branch, at 544-6120.

Master Sergeant board

The selection board to consider soldiers for master sergeant will be Feb. 4. The board will also review for possible elimination under the Qualitative Management Program.

Zones of consideration are all sergeants first class with date of rank of Feb. 3, 1995, and earlier with a basic active service date between Feb. 3, 1980, and Feb. 3, 1995. For QMP, all sergeants first class with date of rank of Feb. 3, 2001, and earlier and a basic active service date between Feb. 3, 1980, or later.

NCOs need to immediately update their ERB.

Soldiers must have a DoD photo. Call 545-1381 for an appointment.

Call 545-5642 for an appointment.

German Memorial Day

A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at the Fort Benning Post Cemetery in honor of German Memorial Day.

The public is invited.

MLK planning meeting

The post Equal Opportunity Office will conduct a planning meeting for the 2003 Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration and the Black History Month Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 14 in Building 2509.

Have any ideas?

For more information, see your EO advisor or call 545-6665.

Green to gold brief

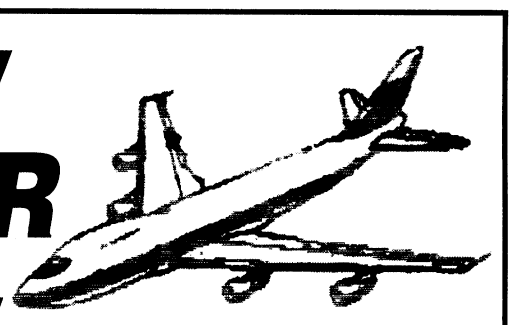
Capt. Dean Shackelford, the enrollment and scholarship officer from Jacksonville State University will meet with potential students and give a Green to Gold brief 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Nov. 20 in Infantry Hall's Classroom 32B.

Native American Heritage Luncheon

The Native American Heritage Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 20 at the Fort Benning Officer's Club. Tickets for the event cost $7.50.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3200.

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Army to promote fewer NCOs this month

Soldiers stay in, slow down promotion process

Dan Hassett
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Army will promote fewer mid-level noncommissioned officers in November than it did in the last two months because more sergeants first class chose to stay in the Army.

The Army projects 2,541 promotions to the ranks of sergeant through sergeant major Nov. 1, down from nearly 4,800 in October and more than 5,100 in September.

"Promotions are down because we are retaining more E-7s," said Lt. Col. Jenelle Roberts, chief of the Enlisted Professional Development Branch at the Pentagon.

"The enlisted strength is up at that grade, so we don't need to promote into that grade," Roberts said. "When that happens, we don't get the 'pull-through' effect on the next lower grades."

Roberts said the "pull-through" effect is the creation of promotion slots at lower levels by promotions to higher ranks. A slowdown at one of the higher grades suppresses advancements in lower grades.

"We strictly promote to requirements," Roberts said. "That's why we have the roller coaster effect from month to month."

"December also looks low (for promotions)," Roberts said, "but as we go into the new year, they start to creep up. We'll be back on track by mid- to late winter."

Promotion projections are made on an annual basis, Roberts said, based on loss projections of the previous year. The annual rate of promotions is about on target despite monthly fluctuations.

Reserve, active mix to change

Courtney Brooks
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The Department of Defense is looking at changing the reserve- and active-component mix, according to its top civilian leader.

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld made that observation Monday to the Pentagon press corps amid questions of reports that Reserve and National Guard soldiers were being overtaxed with mobilization requirements since last year's terrorist attacks on this nation.

"There's no question that there a number of things that the United States is asking its forces to do," Rumsfeld said. "And when one looks at what those things are, we find that some of the things that are necessary, in the course of executing those orders, are things that are found only in the Reserves."

Within the Army, the Selected Reserve elements of the Army National Guard and Army Reserve comprise 54 percent of the force, as of September, according to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. These units provide essential combat, combat support, and combat service support to the Army.

For example, by percentage of the Army, the Reserve provides the following capabilities: chemical brigades (100 percent), water supply battalions (100 percent), public affairs (82 percent), civil affairs (97 percent), medical brigades (85 percent), psychological operations units (81 percent), engineering battalions (70 percent), and military police battalions (66 percent).

Rumsfeld said that the DoD is considering how it might migrate some active activities that are not always going to be needed into the Guard or the Reserve and vice-versa.

Concerning the opinion that the Total Force Concept is at risk due to repeatedly calling back reservists, the secretary said soldiers would still have a Total Force Concept with a certain amount of active soldiers and a certain amount in the National Guard and Reserve.

"But you'd have it better allocated between the two so there would be less stress on Guard and Reserve on a continuing basis, since we now ought to be smart enough to be better able to see what those things are," Rumsfeld said.

Currently, 57,721 men and women have been called up in the National Guard and Reserve, according to Department of Defense statistics.

Classroom saves money, opens soon

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The U.S. Army Infantry School's new video-teletraining 200-seat classroom is completed and will enable other posts to broadcast blocks of instruction live to Infantry Hall.

"A unit can link to another post to get instruction from a subject matter expert and save thousands of dollars on TDY expenses and keep families together," said Staff Sgt. Aaron Prowell, Nuclear Biological Chemical instructor with the Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate.

"The classroom will eventually pay for itself."

The room features equipment to transmit and receive blocks of instruction from other service schools under Training and Doctrine Command, said Lee Capraro, multimedia integration manager, chief of Training Support Center.

This makes subject matter experts from all over the Army available to Fort Benning, she said.

"Students will be able to interact with the telecast instructors, ask questions and get an immediate response, similar to video conferencing," Capraro said.

The classroom is the first of its size and is a test classroom for TRADOC's distance learning program, which started in 1996.

"The project was needed to fill the gaps for instructors in some (military occupational specialties), like NBC," said Capt. Donald Patterson, former CATD NBC officer who spearheaded the classroom project. "Now, the NBC class will be able to receive blocks of instruction straight from the subject matter experts at Fort Leonardwood, the NBC mother school."

The first class is scheduled to begin late November.

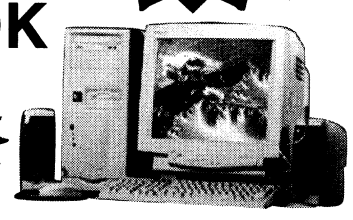
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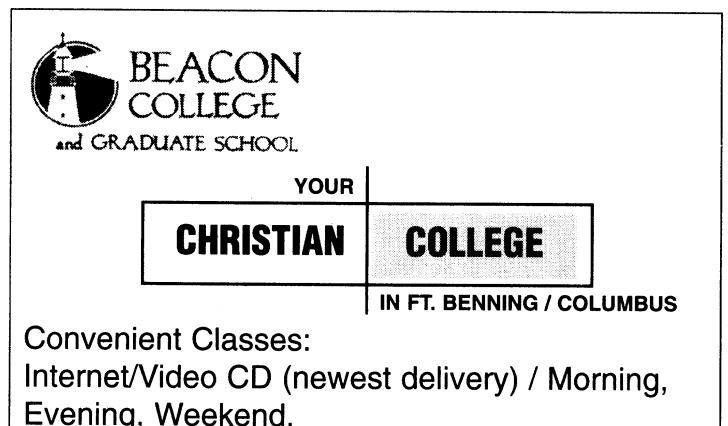
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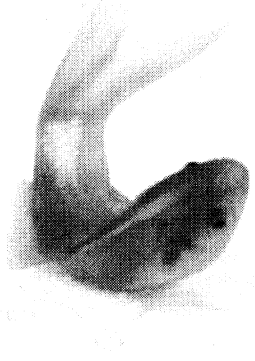
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The pugil stick event is the last competition in the Pioneer Challenge. Cpl. David Gray, black helmet, and Spc. Jose Matthews battle it out in front of Building 5500 to acquire points. Matthews' squad from A Co., 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., won the challenge.



Spc. Aven Polk crab walks through a culvert before advancing to the finish line during the obstacle course competition.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Two soldiers slide down ropes and are timed during the obstacle events. A Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, posted the best time at the obstacle course. They finished the course in six minutes, 15 seconds.

Squad victorious in Pioneer Challenge

29th Regiment champions repeat

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

More than five squads from the 29th Regiment competed in the Pioneer Challenge, a biannual event established in 1998 designed to build esprit de corp, Oct. 29-31 to stake their claim as the best infantry squad in the regiment.

A squad from 1st Battalion's A Company dominated the competition to walk away the winner of the Command Sgt. Maj. Frank C. Plass Award for the second time this year.

"My whole squad is filled with studs," said Staff Sgt. Robert Allen, A Company's squad leader. "They're completely professional soldiers who are young and eager to learn.

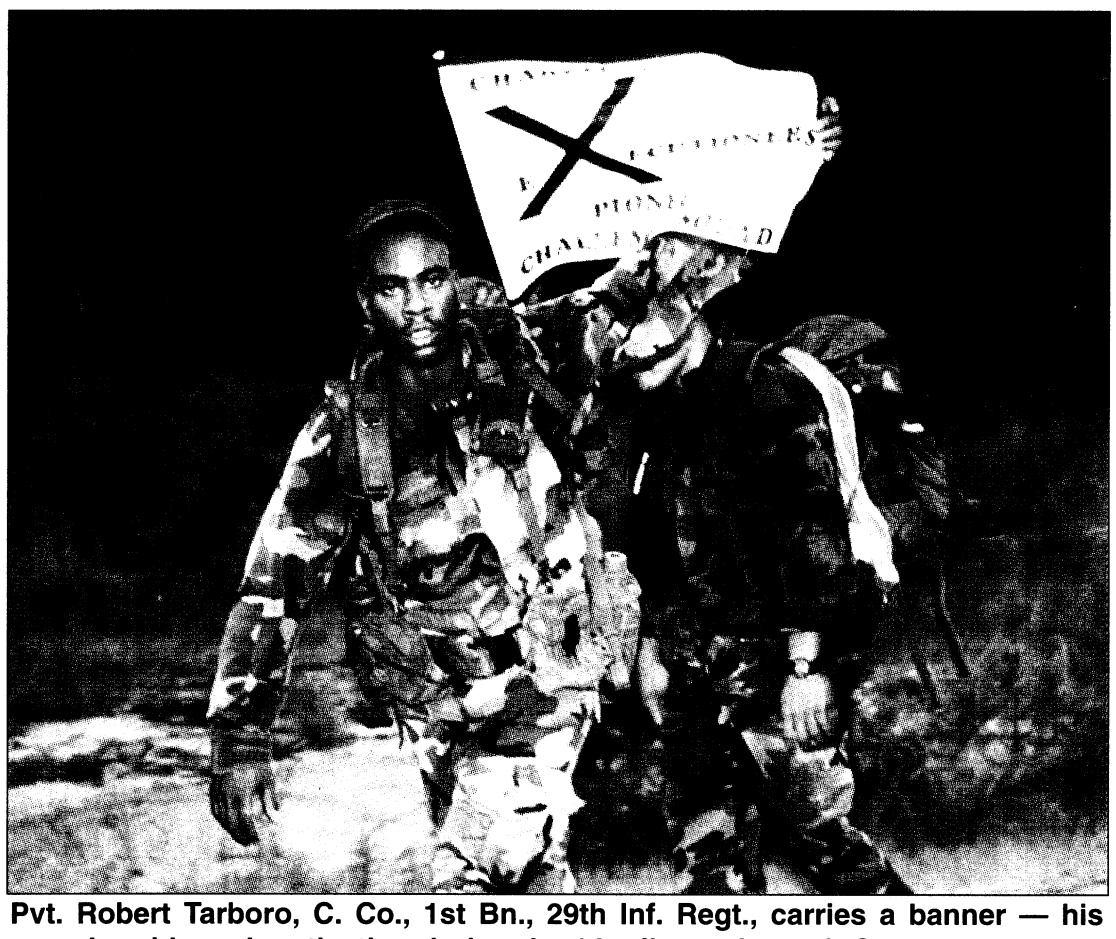
"We dominated the competition and gave 110 percent in each event."

Squad members participated in events such as the Army physical fitness test, day and night land navigation, pugil sticks battles and a 14-mile road march.

While some teams chose to march together as a squad, other teams preferred to separate and march either individually or in buddy teams.

"We're only as fast as our slowest man," said Spc. Mario Wootan, B Co., 1st Bn. "Once all nine get across the finish line, the time stops."

Yet what works for some may not work for others, Allen said.



Pvt. Robert Tarboro, C. Co., 1st Bn., 29th Inf. Regt., carries a banner — his squads pride and motivation during the 14-mile road march Oct.30.

Of the first 12 soldiers to finish the march, more than half of them were A Co. soldiers.

"I just have to be the best," said A Company's Spc. Jose Matthews, who averaged a little more than 10-minute miles on the march.

Twice a year, events are switched around, added or dropped depending on the criteria the organizers wish to meet for the challenge, said Staff Sgt. Michael Ettman, training NCO.

Alternating the route of the road march and changing the PT test is part of the planning process, Ettman said.

"We do it so it doesn't become monotonous," he said.

"We identify the toughness of the competition," said Master Sgt. Franklyn Sterling, 1st Bn. operations sergeant. "It's our job to make the challenge safe but tough and demanding."

The Pioneer Challenge is planned, prepared and executed by NCOs, and the competition brings soldiers in the regiment together, said Lt. Col. Chris Lockhart, 1st Bn. commander.

"It's a great motivator for younger enlisted soldiers," Lockhart said. "It allows them to showcase their skills."

For the most part, the regiment supports the U.S. Army Infantry Center, so the soldiers rarely have the opportunity to train together, said Sgt. Maj. Anthony Johnson, 1st Bn.

"This takes them out of the Bradleys and lets them do the things they would as infantry foot soldiers," Johnson said. "It allows them to go through the physical rigors of infantry training."

The whole idea of the Pioneer Challenge is to pull soldiers together and be a family, Johnson said.

"Everyone had an excellent time and came together for the spirit of competition," Johnson said. "The regiment is a more cohesive unit than when the challenge started, and I'm proud of the men's performance."



Pfc. Angel Valles negotiates a rope during the Confidence Course event so he and his squad can move on to the next obstacle.

OCS fights with double vision

Soldiers learn both sides through OPFOR

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Soldiers experienced a different perspective and "maximum realism" when they became the Cortinian Liberation Front, the opposing force for the Officer Candidate School field problem.

"An internalized (opposing force) makes training more fun and realistic," said Capt. William Moncrief, OPFOR commander. "With different weapons and uniforms, we're really playing the part. To achieve maximum realism, you need to do more than just flip BDU tops inside out."

A platoon, detached from D Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, played the OPFOR as part of the OCS 11-day field problem. They operated as a separate company, with different uniforms, weapons, rules of engagement and tactical operations center.

"I think the OPFOR mission is every bit as important as the U.S. force's mission," said Capt. Scottie Moore, D Company commander. "Anywhere the soldiers go in the Army, they will be expected to fight a savvy and capable OPFOR, and this gives them the chance to see both sides."

With continual missions and both sides adjusting to constantly changing conditions, the officer candidates seemed to react well, Moncrief said.

"It's total submersion — everything in our world revolves around this mission," said Officer Candidate Chris Distifeno. "The intensity level is higher than most of us are used to, but we've been looking forward to being OPFOR for a long time. We heard it was really good training," and it was, he said.

The only thing that changes for the OPFOR is some tactical differences, Moncrief said. The candidates still go through the standard doctrine, which is there to maintain realism and enforce good habits.

"Being on the OPFOR gave us a chance to hunt instead of being hunted, but it also helped me to see our weak points," said Officer Candidate Jason Hulsey.

The Cortinian Liberation Front's mission was to probe the U.S. force's gate, try different scenarios to see how the U.S. forces react and find weaknesses. The scenarios were drawn from training and real-world situations similar to what is given to units in the Balkans.

"Captain Moncrief just spent six months in Kosovo as a company commander," Moore said. "He has a tremendous amount of experience, and he knows how to play OPFOR. He knows what it looks like."

The U.S. forces had to handle a series of encounters with civilians, some speaking foreign languages, and Cortinian Liberation Front soldiers.

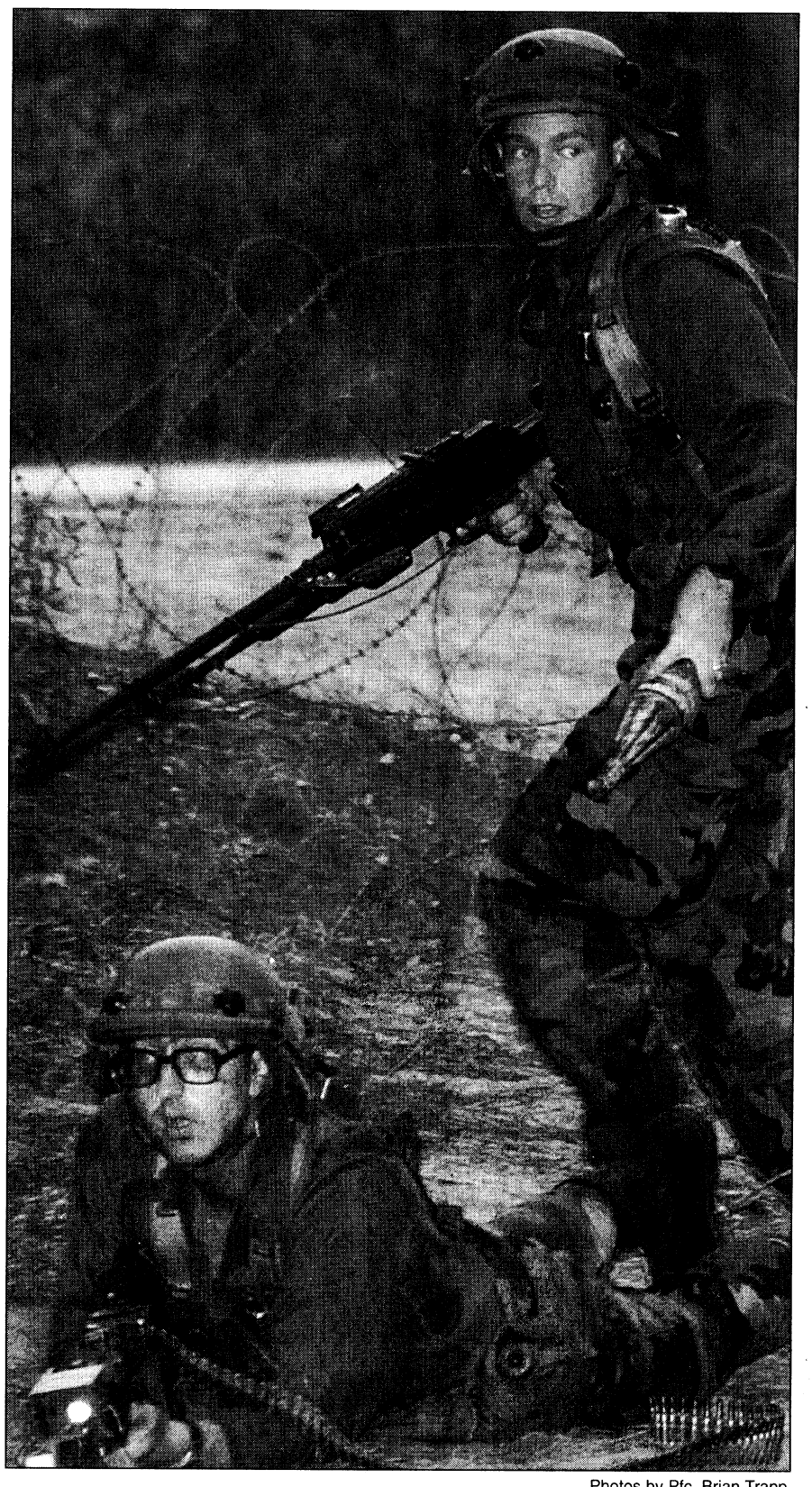
"This is a normal deployment peace-keeping vignette using real-world situations, but we add our own little flare," Moncrief said.

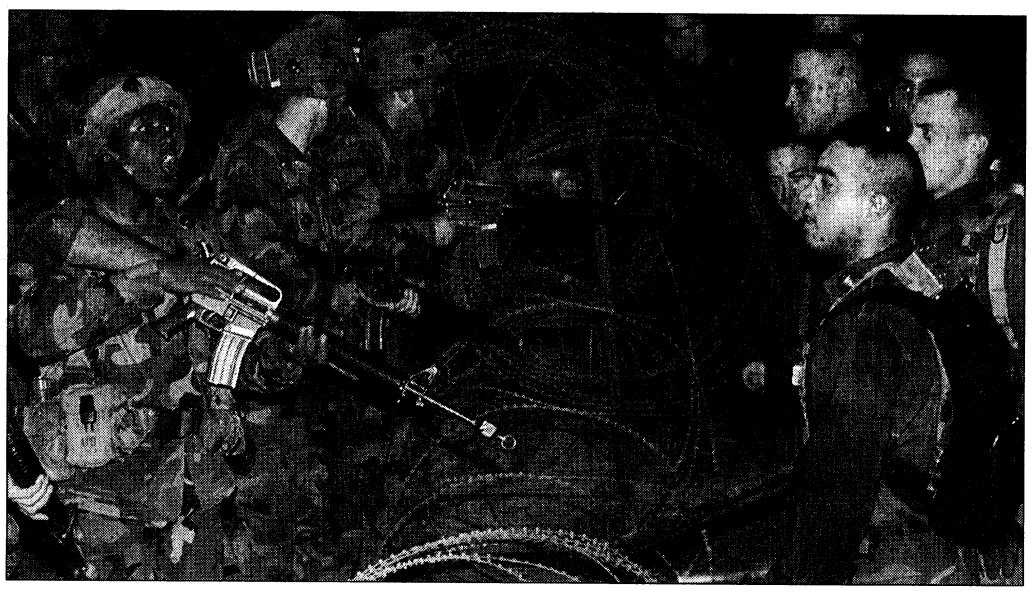
During one of the missions, a group of Cortinian civilians came to the U.S. forces gate as part of a mob protest, where the soldiers learned a vital lesson: "You have to control the situation or it will control you," he said.

"I learned things are never going to go as planned," Distifeno said. "I wouldn't want to be on the receiving end."

"The field problem is going really well," Moore said. "The continuous engagement uncertainty about whom the enemy is and the lack of sleep taught the officer candidates to adapt to a generally unpleasant field problem."

"Training in these conditions and testing our leadership abilities is harder than anything I've ever had to do," Distifeno said. "This is separating the proverbial wheat from the shaft."





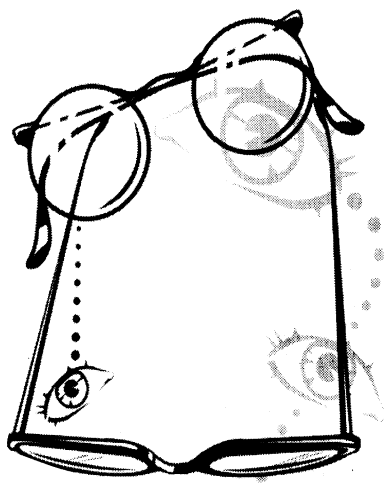
The U.S. forces were at a standoff with a group of Cortinian civilians as a mob of protesters forced their way past the gate, during the OCS field problem.

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Officer Candidates Michael Shardinger and Brian Stiller ran in against the U.S. forces during an assault on their encampment.

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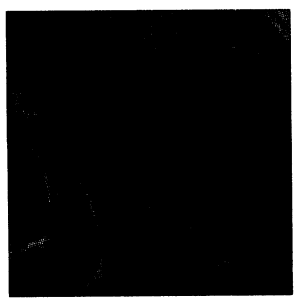
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Post prepares for protesters

Demonstration results in gate closing

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

"We want this to be a non-event, but make no mistake, if they come on post, they will be detained and processed."

Lt. Col. Laurel Wilkerson
Deputy staff judge advocate

Around 5,000 protesters are expected to gather at the Benning Boulevard Main Gate for the annual SOA-Watch protest that is scheduled for this weekend.

As a result of the protest, Benning Boulevard will be closed from 7 p.m. Saturday until 12:01 a.m. Monday, and there will be increased vehicle inspections so motorists should anticipate longer waits at the access points. People using the Riverwalk this weekend are recommended to have their ID card with them to get back on post.

The new 1,000-foot fence, which was completed last year, kept most of the protesters from breaking the federal law that prohibits partisan protests on military reservations.

All who violate the law will have to take responsibility for their actions.

"We want this to be a non-event, but make no mistake, if they come on post, they will be detained and processed," said Lt. Col. Laurel Wilkerson, deputy staff judge advocate.

Regardless, 80 to 100 protesters are anticipated to enter post illegally, said a Fort Benning official.

Last year, fewer than 100 protesters crossed onto federal

See **PROTEST**, A-8

Post honors veterans

Ceremony honors veterans

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning leaders, soldiers and civilians gathered with the rest of the tri-community on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month Monday at Marshall Auditorium for Veterans Day.

Veterans Day is a holiday that honors the sacrifices soldiers made to ensure our country's freedom.

"On this day, we express our thanks to those who kept us free," said Congressman Sanford Bishop, of Georgia's 2nd District. "They made the sacrifice so that we could live the ideal life of today."

To celebrate the life Americans have today, the ceremony included patriotic songs like *The Star Spangled Banner*, *God Bless America* and *God Bless the U.S.A.*

There were also comments from Bishop and an interpretive reading by Lauren O'Neill, 14, entitled, "A Night of War."

In 1954, Congress designated a day for veterans to remember those who survived our nation's conflicts and those who didn't.

"We honor those veterans who passed the torch to us," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general. "Now it is our turn to preserve our way of life for those who will follow us, so that we too can pass the torch to them."

The ceremony concluded with an Armed Forces Medley played by the Infantry Band.

"The price of freedom is paid everyday," Bishop said. "Freedom isn't free."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Lauren O'Neill, 14, performs her interpretive reading entitled, "A Night of War," during the Veterans Day ceremony Nov. 11.

Army to review jobs' functions

Third Wave to outsource jobs in less time

Lori Egan
Bayonet editor

After nearly a monthlong delay, reduction in force letters are being distributed today since post officials received word that congressional notification occurred Thursday.

Meanwhile Secretary of the Army Thomas White wants a plan to streamline more than 210,000 non-core military and civilian positions.

Non-core positions are those not relating directly to a unit's mission or ones that are potentially eligible for private sector performance.

The reason for the study is threefold, said Dr. John Anderson, assistant deputy assistant secretary of the Army, Manpower. It will:

- Free resources for the global war on terrorism;
- Obtain non-core products and services from the private sector to help Army leaders focus their energies and talents on the Army's core competencies; and,
- Support President Bush's management agenda.

This effort to streamline government is called "The Third Wave" because of the first two waves of public-private competitions that preceded it.

The first wave in the '80s looked at 25,000 positions and the second, which began in fiscal 1997, looked at 33,000 positions, of which 375 people lost their jobs, said Jim

See **ARMY**, A-5

WHINSEC faces off with SOA Watch

Debate precedes annual protest on Benning Blvd.

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In a calm prelude of things to come, Col. Robert Downie and Father Roy Bourgeois faced off Nov. 6 in a debate sponsored by Columbus State University's Student Political Awareness Association.

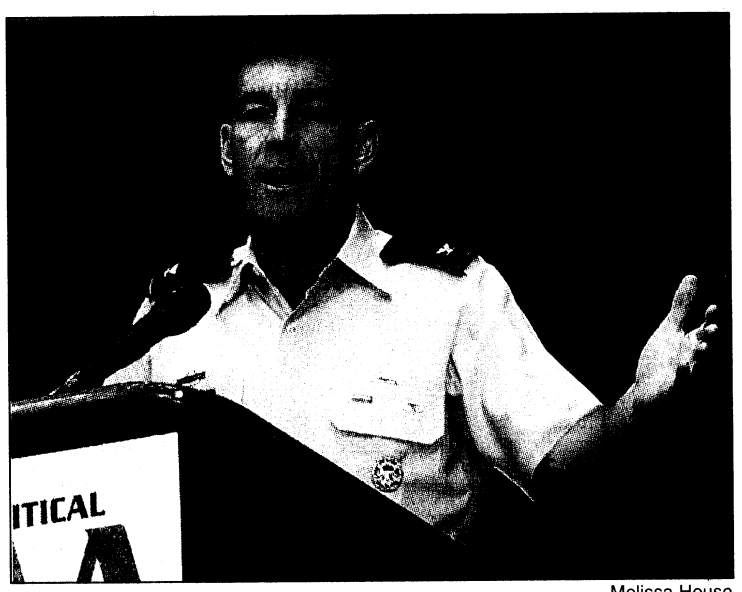
The debate represented the first time that Downie, commandant of the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, and Bourgeois, founder of the School of Americas Watch, had met publicly to discuss the institute. At the heart of the debate was the SOA-Watch assertion that WHINSEC is connected to terror in Latin America, teaching from manuals that advocate torture.

The crowd of nearly 400 was decidedly in Downie's camp, giving him a standing ovation following his opening statement in which he presented facts about the institute, its courses and its goals.

Downie said WHINSEC provides education and training to civilian and military students throughout the hemisphere to promote security cooperation and democratic values.

The first pillar, Downie said, is to

See **DEBATE**, A-5



Melissa House

Col. Robert Downie, commandant of WHINSEC, speaks to the crowd at the debate.

SOA-Watch propaganda machine well-oiled

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

Joseph Goebbels, Nazi propaganda minister, believed that if you told a big enough lie, often enough, people would believe you.

SOA-Watch leadership has been practicing this for 12 years and is proving Goebbels right. Every year, more and more gullible people fall for their story, hook line and sinker.

Why the annual protests? They claim they want the School of Americas closed. What they really want is a change in U.S. foreign policy.

But SOA-Watch leaders are smart. They know if they tell the public to protest against American foreign policy, they'd get nowhere. So they picked on the U.S. Army School of Americas as their whipping boy.

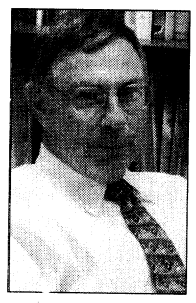
They claimed the school taught torture and murder. They cited atrocities that Latin American soldiers committed. And yes, some of those were graduates of the School of Americas.

What they don't tell their followers is what courses those soldiers attended and how long ago they attended them.

How can attending a two-week radio repairman's course equate with committing an atrocity 20 years later?

If we closed every institution of higher learning that had a graduate who committed a serious crime, we'd have very few institutions.

Also, what the leadership doesn't tell the followers is that they don't believe torture and murder were taught there either, but why confuse a good story with facts.



Instead, they continue to besmirch the names and reputations of the outstanding men and women who teach at the school.

And guess what else they don't tell their followers — that the U.S. Army School of Americas closed two years ago — major news flash to some college students protesting here last year.

The protesters chant, "you can't teach democracy from the barrel of a gun," while bemoaning the fact the citizens of Latin America fear their armies.

What better way to improve a country's military and instill in them a value system that respects civil control of the military and respects the citizens of that country, than putting them in a setting where the finest, most respected army in the world provides that instruction?

The protesters say, "Close the school, let them learn at our colleges."

Who is a soldier going to listen to, some college professor who never served in the military or a soldier who's been there, done that?

I think if the protesters were to be honest with themselves, they would admit that the situation in Latin America is improving, not getting worse.

Can the School of Americas take credit? If the answer is, "No, 60,000 graduates who have gone on to serve honorably couldn't make a difference," then how can they think that a few hundred bad apples spread out over 50 years can ruin a military?

Now we have a new institute for a new century. It's the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation. Its curriculum reflects the realities of the 21st Century. It will strive to teach soldiers, police and civil servants about nation building, civilian control of the military, human rights, war against terrorism and drugs and disaster relief — exactly the same thing the protesters claim they want for those nations.

As the protesters line up like sheep to beat their drums and chant their mantras, I leave them with this thought from Father Dennis Edward O'Brien, USMC:

"It is the soldier, not the reporter, who has given us the freedom of the press. It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the campus organizer, who gives us the freedom to demonstrate. It is the soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag, who allows the protester to burn the flag."

This is what we are teaching at WHINSEC.

Be a great American, stop smoking

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COMMENTARY

Did you know 10 million Americans will take up smoking this year? Unbelievable. Ten million.

I suspect 999,000 of them will eventually regret it. And statistics say at least one third of them will die from it.

How many will stop before it's too late? No one can say for sure, but the American Cancer Society is doing everything it can to encourage and assist those who want to kick the habit.

Thursday, Nov. 21 is the American Cancer Society's Great American Smoke Out.



The Smoke Out, now in its 20th year, is credited with helping thousands of smokers kick the habit.

My stepdad is one of them.

After nearly 60 years of smoking, Paul quit four years ago. Just like that. He simply decided to give it a try and succeeded in a big way. I believe it saved his life.

Within weeks of quitting, Paul was hospitalized with viral pneumonia. It looked really bad, so Mom called the kids home. I didn't even recognize Paul when I walked into that critical care ward. He was comatose, swollen beyond recognition, and fighting for his life.

But Paul had one thing going for him. His lungs had already begun to recover from years and years of abuse. He fought the good fight for 10 weeks and came out kicking. We've had four years with him that we'd likely not have had if Paul hadn't quit smoking. And it all started with the Great American Smoke Out.

So what's that cigarette worth to you? Would you give it up for four more years? Can you give it up for a day?

Go ahead, give it a try. Be a quitter. What have you got to gain?

NATIONAL RECYCLING DAY

Just do it — recycle

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COMMENTARY

Finally, an event I can embrace wholeheartedly. Today is National Recycling Day, and I'm all for it.

I admit it. I am a recycling fiend. My husband uses another, less flattering word to describe my commitment to making the world a better place.

I recycle everything that the recycling truck will pick up, and even some things that the truck won't pick up, like plastic grocery bags.

I have a bin for cans, bottles and jars, one for newspaper, corrugated cardboard, non-corrugated cardboard, and household paper. At least I'm organized about it.

Thankfully, I have a large enough house this move that my recycling efforts don't take place in the kitchen. This has been a major bone of contention in the House house. And those of you who know my husband understand exactly why. You see, he's a neat freak, and any additional clutter is not to be tolerated.

You'd think that a man whose birthday coincides with the annual Earth Day observances would be more appreciative of my recycling, but that is one of my pipe dreams.



Our, well, my recycling efforts hit a bit of a snag this week. I recycled my fourth-grader's math homework. Once we figured out what had happened, I quickly retrieved the bin from the curb. Naturally, it was recycling morning, so anxiety was high. To complicate things, the bin had been rained on all night, so the contents were a bit soggy.

We eventually found the homework, and after a few minutes with the hair dryer, it was as good as new ... almost.

In defense of my compulsive recycling, I've reduced the amount of trash that our family of five has every week to a mere two 13-gallon bags.

And thankfully, I didn't have to dig through one of those to try to find the math homework.

Recycling. If you don't already, give it a try starting today. And I bet once you get started, you'll be hooked.

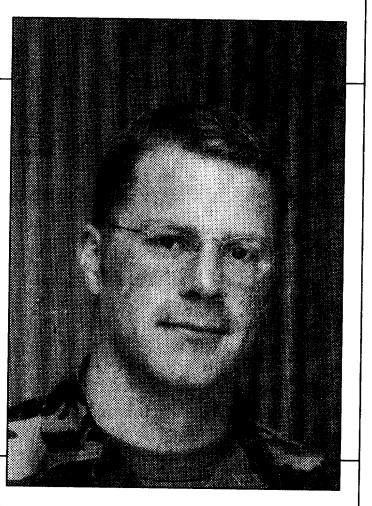
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VARIOUS VOICES

Thursday is the Great American Smokeout. Why did you start smoking and have you ever tried to quit?



Sgt. Julius Marmito, BNCOC — "I started smoking in high school. Being around others, I picked up the habit. I stopped smoking in basic training and never started again."



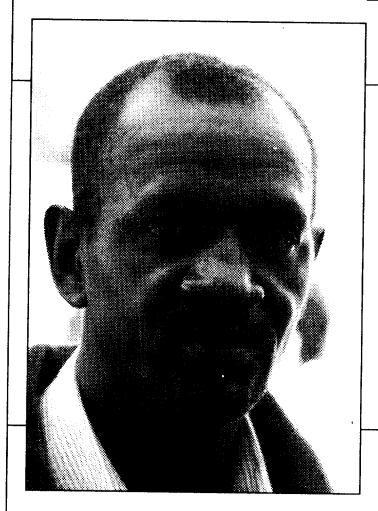
Capt. William Byrd, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I started in high school. I worked around others who smoked. Then there's the Army and ranger training. I quit for two months when I was in Kosovo, then I went to Bulgaria and the cigarettes were cheap."



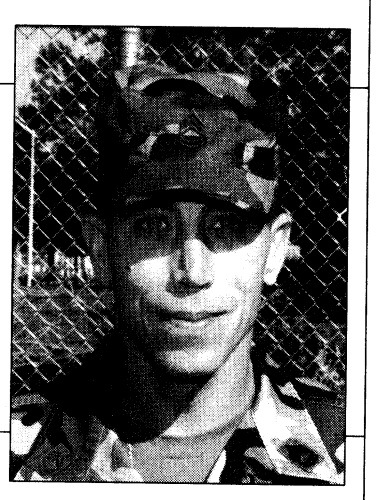
Jamie Shoup, family member — "I started smoking because of stress. I quit numerous times but was only successful when I was pregnant."



Sgt. 1st Class Yvonne Hicks, 14th Field Hospital — "I started smoking because my peers smoked. I quit in 1994. I quit cold turkey. But I tried three times before I was successful."



Leon Burns, Fort Benning Lodging — "I started smoking in 1980 when I joined the Army. I've quit a couple of times — the longest time was for six months. I'm hanging out with the wrong crowd."



Sgt. 1st Class Bill Bailey, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I started smoking because everyone else was. I quit once for three weeks. I had to for surgery. I started smoking again when I was playing golf."

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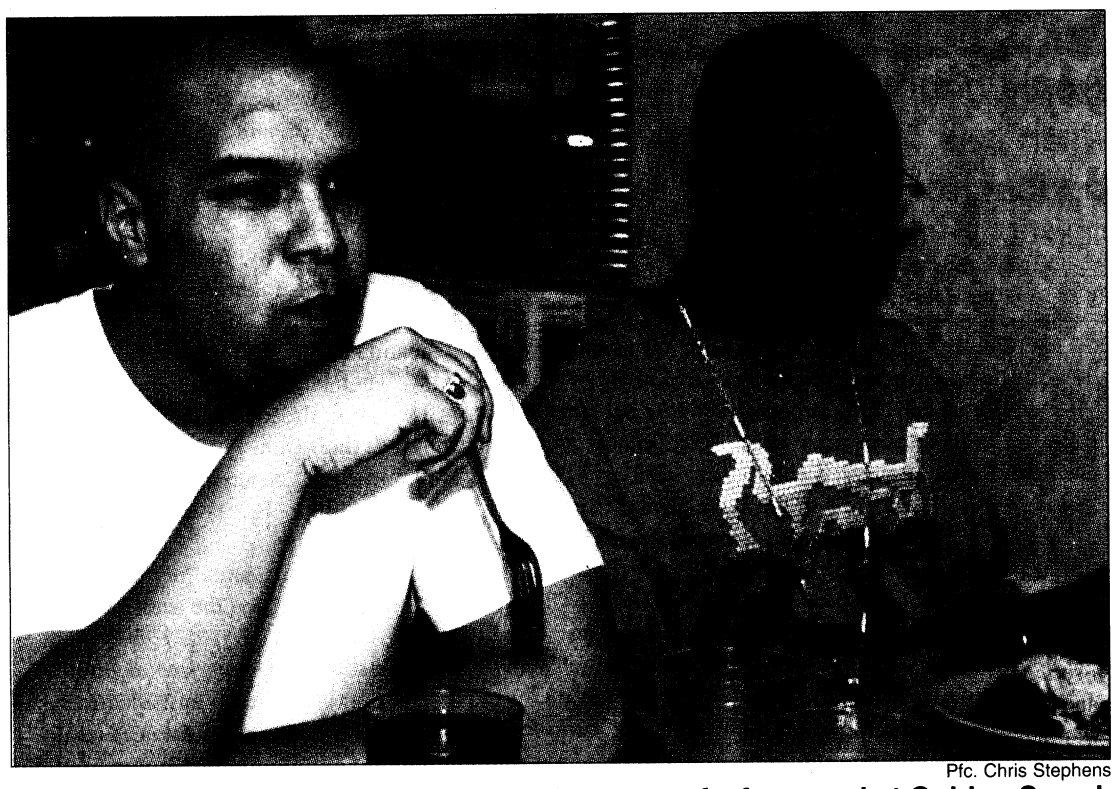
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Service members get free meal



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Spc. Daniel Cariker and a friend take advantage of a free meal at Golden Corral.

Golden Corral says thanks with food

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Golden Corral had its second annual Military Appreciation Night Monday evening at all restaurant locations.

More than 2,200 veterans, active-duty, reserve and National Guard soldiers showed up at the Golden Corral on Manchester Expressway for a free dinner buffet and beverage.

"We offered this to show our thanks and appreciation for the job the military has done in the past and the job they're doing now," said Greg McNally, associate manager of the Manchester Expressway Golden Corral.

As the night began, the parking lot filled with cars, and the line to get into the restaurant weaved its way around the parking lot.

"It's a great turnout by all past and present military," McNally said. "It was great to see everyone come out and support each other."

Inside the restaurant was a lively atmosphere. Soldiers and families sat next to people they didn't know and carried on conversations about their time in service.

Golden Corral management thought last year's Military Appreciation Night was a major success and felt it appropriate to do it again.

"Being retired military, I know what it is like to be in their shoes," McNally said. "It's nice to feel appreciated and our goal here is to say "thank you" to all of the men and women who serve or have served in our military."

People waited up to 30 minutes to be seated. But once inside, guests piled their plates high with their favorite foods.

From macaroni and cheese to sirloin steaks, it didn't stay at the food bar very long.

"The food was outstanding and was worth the wait," said Spc. Daniel Cariker, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. "Golden Corral did a great job putting this together. They took the time to put together a great meal. They just didn't slap everything together and say, 'here's dinner.'"

Retirees attend appreciation events

Attendees visit with soldiers, get information

Melissa House
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More than 200 retirees and family members traveled to Fort Benning Nov. 7 to take part in the 20th annual Military Retiree Appreciation Day activities. A broken pipe and chilly weather did not dampen the spirits of those attending.

Following breakfast with the soldiers of 3rd Battalion, 47th Regiment, attendees had the opportunity to tour Roush Barracks to see how today's trainees live. For the battalion's cadre, this was a last minute mission they received after a broken pipe forced the closure of the Leonard Barracks' dining facility.

"We got total support from the unit," said retired Maj. Bud Sikes, a member of the Retiree Council and host for the day's events. "That's what I like about our Army. Flexibility. They just drive on like nothing happened."

Edward Bell and his wife, Helen, traveled from Cumming, Ga., to attend their first appreciation day. Bell served as a senior drill sergeant at Sand Hill in 1967, and for him, the trip was all about bringing back memories.

"We've really had a great tour," Helen said.

Command Sgt. Maj. Larry Conley handed out regimental pins as the retirees waited for buses to take them to the D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, graduation ceremony. He invited them to come back and visit the battalion anytime.

"I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for you," he said, referring to the retirees' dedicated service to our nation.

After lunch at the Officers' Club, attendees browsed booths in the Supper Club.

The 50 booths had representatives from a variety of organizations both on and off post that were of interest to the retirees.

Roger Cortney, who retired in 1995, was among the large number of retirees attending the appreciation day for the first time.

He traveled from Montgomery, Ala., and took advantage of the vision screening and other services offered by Martin Army Community Hospital.

"I felt like I needed to come in," he said. "I miss the military, and I wanted to find out where we stood with benefits."

Cecil Harmon, from the Disabled American Veterans, was on hand to provide information for retirees.

Harmon takes disability claims and works with those transitioning from active duty.

"We're here to let people know who we are and what we do," he said.

Retirees walked away from the event with bags filled with pamphlets and free items from the commissary, hospital and other booths.

"This is our first (Retiree Appreciation Day)," Helen said, "but it won't be our last."



Melissa House

Juanita Abney has her blood pressure checked by Joan Hornung at the Retiree Health Fair.



DENTAC helps kick smoking habit

Soldiers get dental check-up, drugs in one stop

Angela Sachitano
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Most people will admit that trying to kick the nicotine habit isn't the easiest thing in the world.

For soldiers working long hours with many sleepless nights, the tobacco "high" can be a crutch.

"I've been smoking for the past year I've been in the Army," said Pfc Tremaine Price, 1st Battalion, 10th Field Artillery Regiment. "Almost everyone in my unit is addicted to some form of tobacco."

Those addictions on Fort Benning became a little easier to target and possibly cure Tuesday, when the Fort Benning U.S. Army Dental Activity initiated a new Tobacco and Use Cessation Program, said Col. Lawrence Breault, chief of Periodontics at the Love Dental Clinic. For the first time, dentists at the Love Dental Clinic will be able to issue prescription drugs and other medications to help soldiers kick the habit.

"We've always counseled soldiers if we knew they were tobacco users, but this is kicking it up a notch," Breault said. "We can now give them the medication they need right then and there."

In the past, soldiers were referred to Martin Army Community Hospital for help to kick their habit.

Seeing a doctor could take weeks or months, and by that time, many soldiers would reconsider their decision to quit, Breault said.

> "We are the only dental clinic in the Army right now which has the authority to write prescriptions for tobacco use."
>
> **Col. Lawrence Breault**
> Love Dental Clinic

"I never really thought about taking any medication for my habit," said Price, who arrived at the Love Dental Clinic Tuesday for a follow up to his wisdom teeth surgery. "I walked in today and someone asked me if I used tobacco, and if so, did I want to try to quit.

"I said I would give it a try."

Price was counseled for a few minutes by the dentist and watched a 15-minute video on tips to kick the habit. He then walked out with a prescription for the drug Zyban, which is known to help kill tobacco cravings.

"I know a guy in my unit who took Zyban, and he doesn't smoke anymore," Price said. "I'm interested to see how it works for me."

The process Price went through takes less than 30 minutes and is typically what any soldier who is assigned to the Love Dental Clinic can do if they are interested in kicking their habit, Breault said.

Fort Benning's Love Dental Clinic is spearheading the Tobacco Use Cessation (TUC) program, which will eventually make its way to all of the DENTAC clinics by the summer, Breault said.

"We are the only dental clinic in the Army right now which has the authority to write prescriptions for tobacco use," Breault said. "We are responsible for keeping accurate records on the program to determine its effect on soldiers.

By the looks of the first week of the program, many soldiers are already taking advantage of prescription medication to kill their cravings.

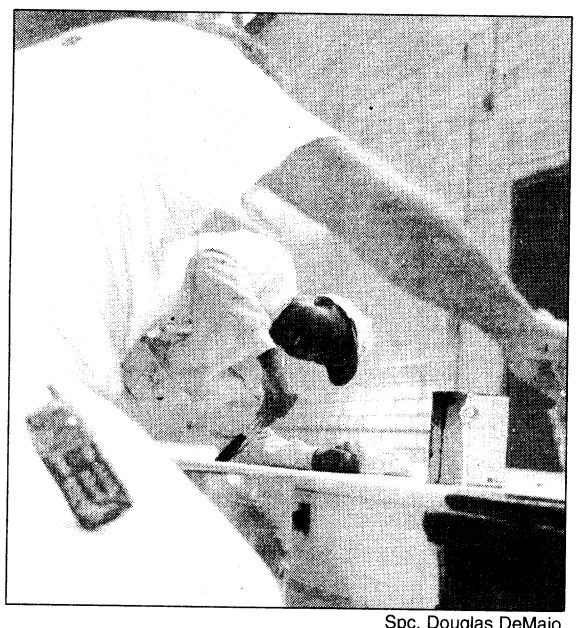
"We've had several soldiers walk out of here already with hopes of changing their lives," Breault said. "We hope to only reach more."

Soldiers like Price are already thankful for the help.

"My girlfriend hates my habit," Price said. "To tell you the truth, I hate it, too."

Dentists may also prescribe nicotine patches and other anti-nicotine products. All of the medication is free through the Martin Army Community Hospital Pharmacy.

Face lift



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Mikal Muhammad, right, and Rick Scarborough, of Columbus, paint a new platform during renovation of the gym at Briant Well Field House.

AROUND POST

Prescribed burning

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place Monday through Sunday. If weather permits, the following areas will be affected: B-1, B-3, CC-1, Main Post Cantonment, Harmony Church Cantonment and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

Personnel proposing to use these areas for recreational purposes must vacate these areas prior to 9:30 a.m. daily.

For more information, call 544-6120.

Records Section Provost Marshal Office change hours

Effective Monday, the new hours for the Records Section at the Provost Marshal Office will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For more information, call 545-8087.

Native American Heritage Luncheon

The Native American Heritage Luncheon will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Fort Benning Officer's Club.

The guest speaker for the event is Eugene Mowatt, who is a Comanche Indian and a drumkeeper of the Plainsmen drum.

Tickets for the event cost $7.50, and can be purchased through your Battalion Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Post Equal Opportunity Office.

For more information, call 545-6665 or 545-3200.

Graduation

B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, F Co., 2nd Bn., 58th Inf. Regt. and C Company, 1st Bn., 19th Infantry Regiment will conduct a graduation ceremony at 10 a.m. Nov. 27 at Kanell Field on Sand Hill.

Green to gold brief

Capt. Dean Shackelford, the enrollment and scholarship officer from Jacksonville State University will meet with potential students and give a Green to Gold brief 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 32B.

AUSA membership meeting

There will be an Association of the U.S. Army general membership meeting at 11:30 Thursday at the Officers' Club's Regimental Room

The guest speaker will be Gen. Gordon Sullivan, former Army Chief of Staff and current national president of AUSA.

Cost is $5 for soldiers and DA civilians.

For reservations, call 327-7228.

ID Card section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 11:30 a.m. Nov. 25 to perform student ID Card processing. It will also close at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 8.

Normal hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Nov. 26 and Jan. 9.

For more information, call 545-1411.

Blood drive

Martin Army Community Hospital will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Santiago Gym located on Sand Hill.

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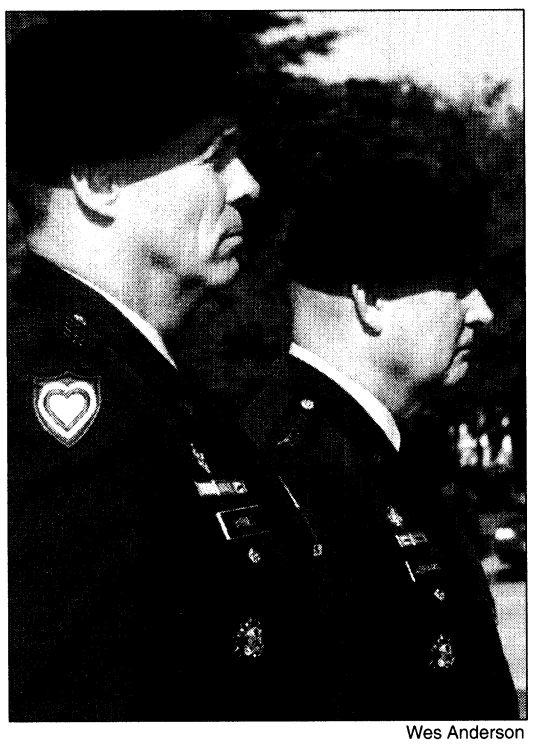
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New CO



Wes Anderson

Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, left, assumed command of Training and Doctrine Command Nov. 7 from Gen. John N. Abrams, right, who retired from the Army with more than 35 years of service.

Debate: Explains truth about institute

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strengthen democracy by making institutions that make democracies stronger and ultimately more viable.

"Father Roy will tell you that the military and police can't teach democracy," he said. "I disagree.

"Who better than fellow professionals who understand the situations?

"We don't just teach respect for civilian authority. We live it every day."

According to Bourgeois, the institute is bringing shame upon the country and causing untold suffering and death in Latin America. He hoped the debate would help the audience gain a better understanding of why thousands of people gather outside the gates of Fort Benning every year.

Following opening remarks by both sides, the moderator, Dr. Ray Gonzalez, professor of political science at CSU, opened the floor for questions from the audience. While questions to Bourgeois outnumbered those to Downie, neither side got off easily.

Individuals lined the aisles for a chance to pose their questions, wanting to know if anything short of closing the Institute would satisfy the SOA Watch and if the Institute had responded to the connection between its graduates and some of the atrocities in Latin America.

For Bourgeois, nothing short of closing the institute is satisfactory.

Students should instead be sent to universities.

"They need agronomics and health care," Bourgeois said, "not commando training and psychological operations.

"It is important to try to understand the implications of our country's foreign policy, to try to put ourselves in the shoes of our sisters and brothers in Latin America. The reason this school is so important is to provide muscle for large corporations who live off of the backs of the poor."

Downie countered by saying that the Institute teaches values the students can take with them back to their countries at the end of the course. Students learn respect for the rules for law.

"We are a tremendous impact in the region," Downie said. "We're making sure that the ones with the guns … respect the rights of everyone."

He said the courses in human rights help the students understand that in a democracy, the way to gain and maintain respect is by treating everyone fairly.

Downie categorically rejected the heinous crimes committed in Latin America, including the 1989 massacre of Jesuit priests in El Salvador that was the inspiration for the founding of the SOA Watch in 1990.

"We don't teach that," said Downie. "I don't believe we ever taught that."

Downie said the atrocities were committed by a small portion of graduates from the now defunct School of Americas.

"Those individuals did things in spite of their training," he said. "They took one, two, and three-week courses decades before they committed their acts. We can't guarantee anything."

Former School of Americas chief of staff John Bastone stood up to comment on the "chainsaw massacre" referred to in the SOA Watch leaflet. He took personal offense.

"I never taught anyone to use a chainsaw or a garrotte during my time," he said. "Why don't you go to Washington where real change should happen?"

A WHINSEC instructor was no easier on Bourgeois, asking him how he makes his living. SOA-Watch finances were of interest to several other audience members, but those pointed financial questions did not receive answers.

At the end of the evening, CSU students pronounced the debate a success.

"It went well," said freshman Jonathan Chapman. "We accomplished what we wanted. We got both sides out in the public.

Downie had kind words for the opposition.

"I believe that the SOA Watch is sincere and committed to its goal of improving the lives of the poor and disenfranchised in Latin America," Downie said. "I hope that one of these days, we'll be working together to achieve an objective we both share."

Army: Looks to trim jobs

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Wakefield, deputy chair, Non-core Competencies Working Group, during a media roundtable Oct. 10 at the Pentagon.

"The Third Wave will differ from the previous two waves of public and private competitions in several key respects," Anderson said. "It will be bigger and faster, and it will involve for the first time functions other than base operations."

In a memo last month, White directed principal Department of the Army officials and major commanders to "develop and present to me your implementation plans for privatizing, divesting, competing using A-76, outsourcing using 'alternatives to A-76,' converting military spaces to civilian or contract, or transferring to other government agencies, non-core functions that fall under your purview."

White wrote, "Non-core functions, although important to the Army mission, must be reviewed for the best mix and provider, focusing on the total work force (military, civilian, contract) in the operating forces and infrastructure."

In a Pentagon press conference Oct. 31, White explained the Third Wave as an extension of the president's management initiative.

"We look at everything the Army does, decide the things that are core to the Army, set out the things that are not core, and for all the non-core activities see if there's a better way to do it," White said. "There may not be. There's a whole gamut of options of what might be a better way."

An example of alternatives to A-76 is partnering with a community to provide municipal services, like fire and police support, said Dr. Craig College, chairman, Department of Defense Business Initiatives Council executive directors.

"Out at (the Presidio of Monterey, Calif.) we're saving something on the order of $6 million a year," College said. "So our proposal was to expand that kind of process to other posts, camps and stations around the country."



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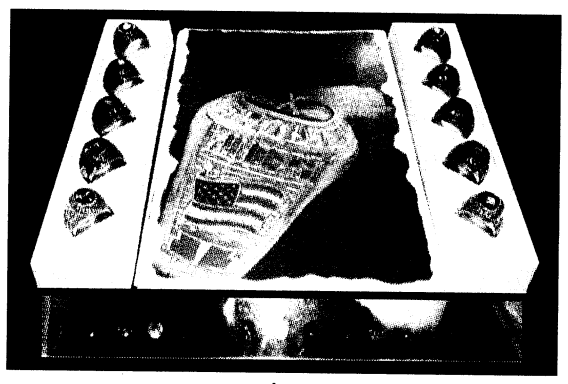
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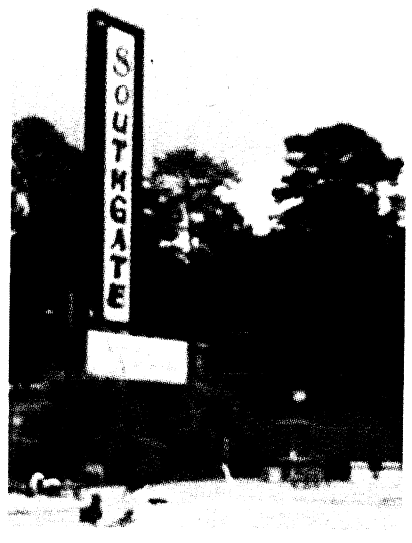
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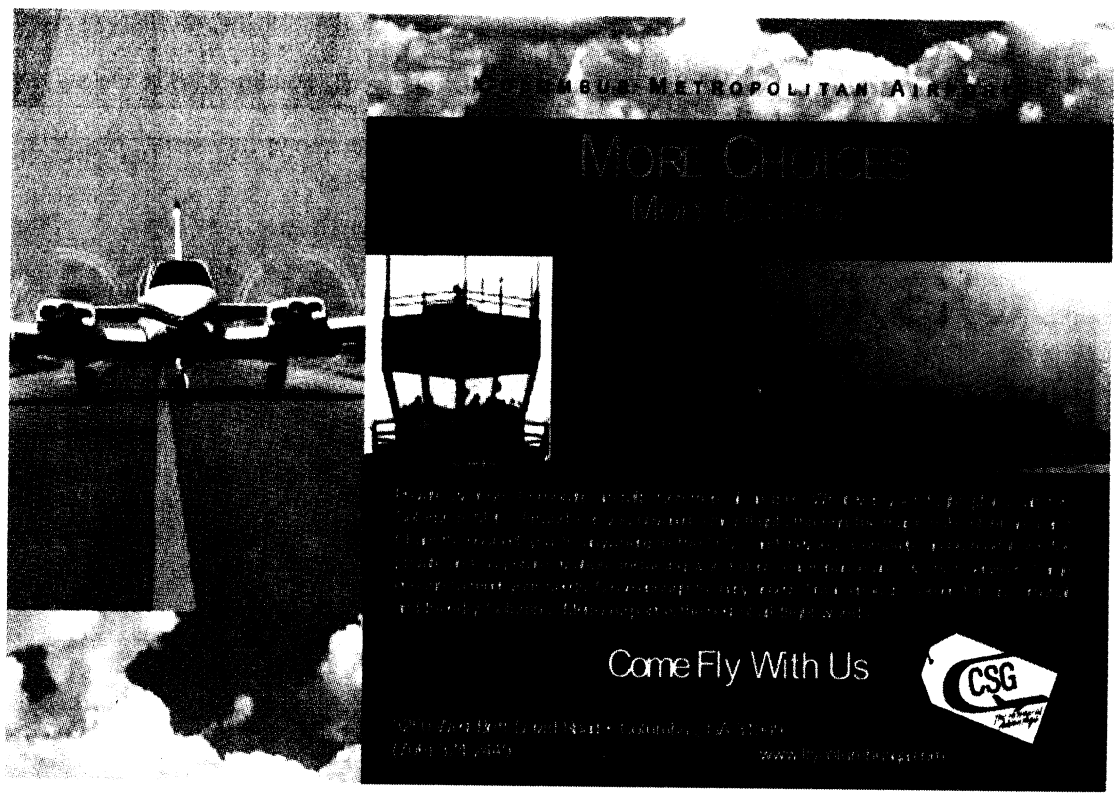
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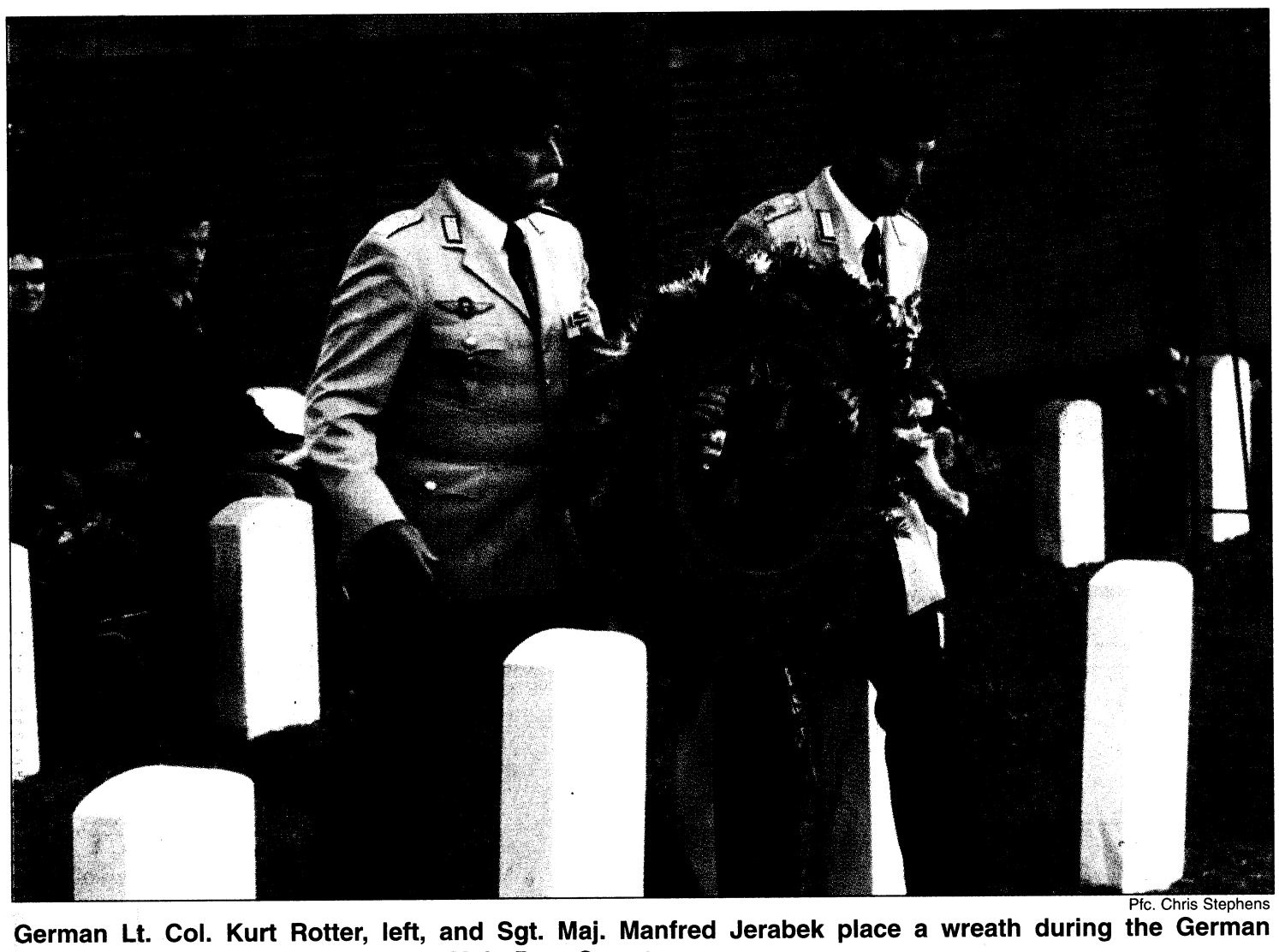
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Post remembers soldiers' sacrifice



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German Lt. Col. Kurt Rotter, left, and Sgt. Maj. Manfred Jerabek place a wreath during the German Memorial Day Ceremony held at the Main Post Cemetery.

German Memorial Day remembered

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Soldiers and civilians gathered Wednesday to pay respects to fallen soldiers during a wreath-laying ceremony at the Main Post Cemetery.

Lt. Col. Kurt Rotter and Sgt. Maj. Manfred Jerabek, German army liaison staff, held the annual memorial service in an effort to show recognition to not only fallen German soldiers, but soldiers from all countries.

The Fort Benning community, which included post leaders, German club members and representatives of POW and MIA organizations, stood together and remembered the sacrifices.

"Traditionally in November, people in Germany pause to remember and honor their soldiers, all victims of wars and those who lost their lives because of race, religion, ideology or their political convictions," Rotter said. "Celebrating a combination of Memorial Day and Veterans Day, called Volkstrauertag, we remember all soldiers and civilians who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country."

During the ceremony, Jerabek read off the names of the 44 German soldiers whose final resting place is on Fort Benning. The soldiers died while prisoners of war from 1944 to 1946.

"We read the names because we want to remove the soldiers from the anonymity of grave yard numbers and remember their names," Rotter said.

Michael Batholomey, guest speaker from the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Atlanta, Ga., spoke after Rotter.

"The legacy of the dead is a constant reminder for those who preserve peace," Batholomey said. "Their legacy is not lost and will never be forgotten."

After a wreath was laid in the middle of the German graves, a lone bugler played "Taps" at the conclusion of the ceremony.

Hoax e-mail promises big bucks for retirement

Retirees fall prey to false information

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

There is a hoax e-mail circulating about civil service retirement system plans; some things are too good to be true because they are just that.

According to the e-mail, *News of Interest: Two bills currently moving through Congress both have a common goal; insure all CSRS employees are retired by the end of fiscal 2003. The Senate version is the long awaited "50-50" bill, which includes five years no penalty time added to tenure and age with a $50,000 incentive bonus. The House version is a new approach, which includes the same five years addition to tenure and age but will include a 75 percent of basic pay plan that will be hard to refuse for most workers. The final draft is considered in House and Senate negotiations.*

"There is no truth to the 50-50 portion of the e-mail," said Mike Slackman communications director for Representative Neil Abercrombie of Hawaii who introduced the bill to Congress HR2012. "It is a complete fabrication and also refers to nonexistent members of Congress."

The bill that Abercrombie introduced applies to dual status technicians in the Army Reserve and National Guard, not all federal employees, and doesn't have a $50,000 incentive.

CSRS won't be phased out anytime soon, like the e-mail said, according to the Office of Personnel Management's own projections.

There will be more than a million federal workers retiring between now and 2010, according to the National Association of Retired Federal Employees Web site. More than 68 percent of those retiring will be CSRS employees.

In 2000, 76,827 people retired from federal service, of which 83 percent were CSRS employees.

In 2004, they project 92,931 retirements, 75 percent will be CSRS workers, even in 2010, CSRS will make up more than half of the retirees.

"When you get information that sounds too good to be true you have to check it, and make sure it's factual," Slackman said.

"There are a number of Internet rumors out there and anyone can say anything. It gives a great free flow of information that's what makes this country great, but the downside is there's no guarantee the information is accurate.

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Murphy inductees epitomize Army

Soldiers say award motivates

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Two soldiers from Fort Benning were inducted into the Sergeant Audie Murphy Club at a ceremony in Marshall Auditorium Wednesday.

Sgts. 1st Class Randolph Fulcher, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, and James Carter, 2nd Bn., 19th Inf. Regt., were recognized for their professionalism and leadership.

"These men have proven to their peers and superiors that they're absolute professionals," said post Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Kelso. "They embody the spirit and standards set forth by Murphy, who is considered the last American hero and the greatest combat soldier in U.S. history."

"It's a great honor to be inducted into such a prestigious organization," Fulcher said.

Inductees in the club stand for the total-leadership concept, said Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Bergman, 11th Regt. Being recognized and inducted into the club is more than just an award, it's a belief of being a teacher, coach and mentor to fellow NCOs and younger enlisted.

"It's everything we expect of a soldier," said Bergman, who was a member on the board the soldiers attended. It's about the caring, willingness and ability to go the extra mile for soldiers. They provide an example for others to emulate."

These men are highly professional and have shown qualities that represent the club, he said. The purpose of the club is to further the cause of NCOs developing professionalism in the corps.

"(The board) took a lot of preparation," Fulcher said. "You have to know the subject matter well."

In some cases during the selection board, the soldiers needed to recite the history of Murphy, he said.

"It's a challenging board," Fulcher said.

Being in the corps built a knowledge base from which he benefited during the board.

> "It's a great honor to be inducted into such a prestigious organization."
>
> **Sgt. 1st Class Randolph Fulcher**
> 1st Battalion, (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment

"The 14 years I've been in the military carried me to the top," Fulcher said.

Fulcher feels being inducted into the club will help him advance like Murphy did during his time in the service.

"It puts you a cut above your peers to make that next rank for promotion," he said.

Audie Murphy and the inductees epitomize what the Army looks for in a soldier, Bergman said.

"I know there are others like these men out there, and I encourage them to put their best foot forward, and join the club," Bergman said. "It is my challenge to them."

Carter was unavailable for comment due to his PCS.

Black Hat Competition to begin Monday

Trainers evaluate performance

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Instructors from the Airborne School will step up their performance a notch as the annual Black Hat Competition gets underway Monday.

The competition, spread out over a four-week period, will determine the best airborne instructors in the unit.

"Competition is always good," said Command Sgt. Maj. Jim Pickering. "It raises the level of performance because it makes people more conscious of their peers' performance."

Black Hats who volunteer to compete in the contest will be evaluated in the areas of fitness, professionalism, job performance and their knowledge of airborne training.

Knowing the material and mentoring students to earn their wings allows the battalion to single out the best instructor, Pickering said.

> "(I look for) confidence, poise, maturity and how well the instructor communicates with the students."
>
> **Sgt. 1st Class John Styron**
> master trainer and tower branch NCOIC

"There are people I would like to see compete, but they must have the initiative to compete," said Sgt. 1st Class John Styron, master trainer and tower branch NCOIC. "There are NCOs we have in this battalion who are by far some of the most professional instructors I've seen."

Traditionally, someone who's known by his peers as an outstanding individual wins the competition, said Capt. Christian Graff, battalion S-1.

"The primary character I see in a likely candidate is duty, that is, doing what he's suppose to do even in the absence of orders," Pickering said.

They're the instructors who take the time and effort to train soldiers who are having a difficult time during training, Styron said. They're the ones who genuinely care about the young 17- and 18-year-old soldier.

"What I look for in a candidate is confidence, poise, maturity and how well the instructor communicates with his students," Styron said. "When I look for an individual to represent me as a Black Hat and NCO, I want the best — the ultimate professional, one who's a technical expert."

And technically proficient is what competitors will have to be, Styron said. Contestants will select to be graded on a period of instruction in either ground, tower or jump training. They will take an Army Physical Fitness Test and a written and verbal exam to acquire points.

Master trainers will grade the events, and Pickering will declare the winner.

The winner will be announced at a 4 p.m. award ceremony Dec. 13 at the battalion.

Protest: To come

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property. Most of the protesters were issued installation bar letters, taken off post and released. However, 36 protesters were convicted of criminal trespassing, they drew sentences ranging from probation to six months imprisonment and fines.

Imprisonment aside, people are demonstrating against more than just the SOA Watch. The protesters' causes vary from globalization, U.S. foreign policy and even a call for animal rights, Wilkerson said.

"This is a perfect example of why it shouldn't be on post — Fort Benning is not a public forum," said Capt. David Anglin, special assistant U.S. attorney. "They're not getting anything from marching on post, and we are constitutionally obligated to be neutral."

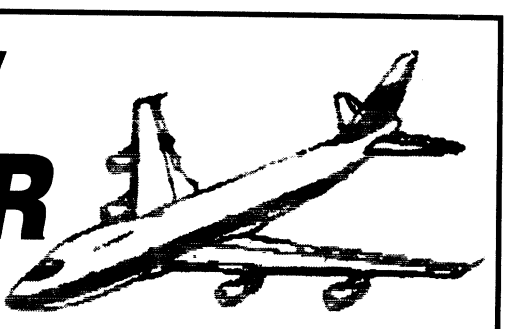
"They can protest all they want as long as they stay outside the gate," said Capt. Troy Brannon, operations officer with Military Police Activity.

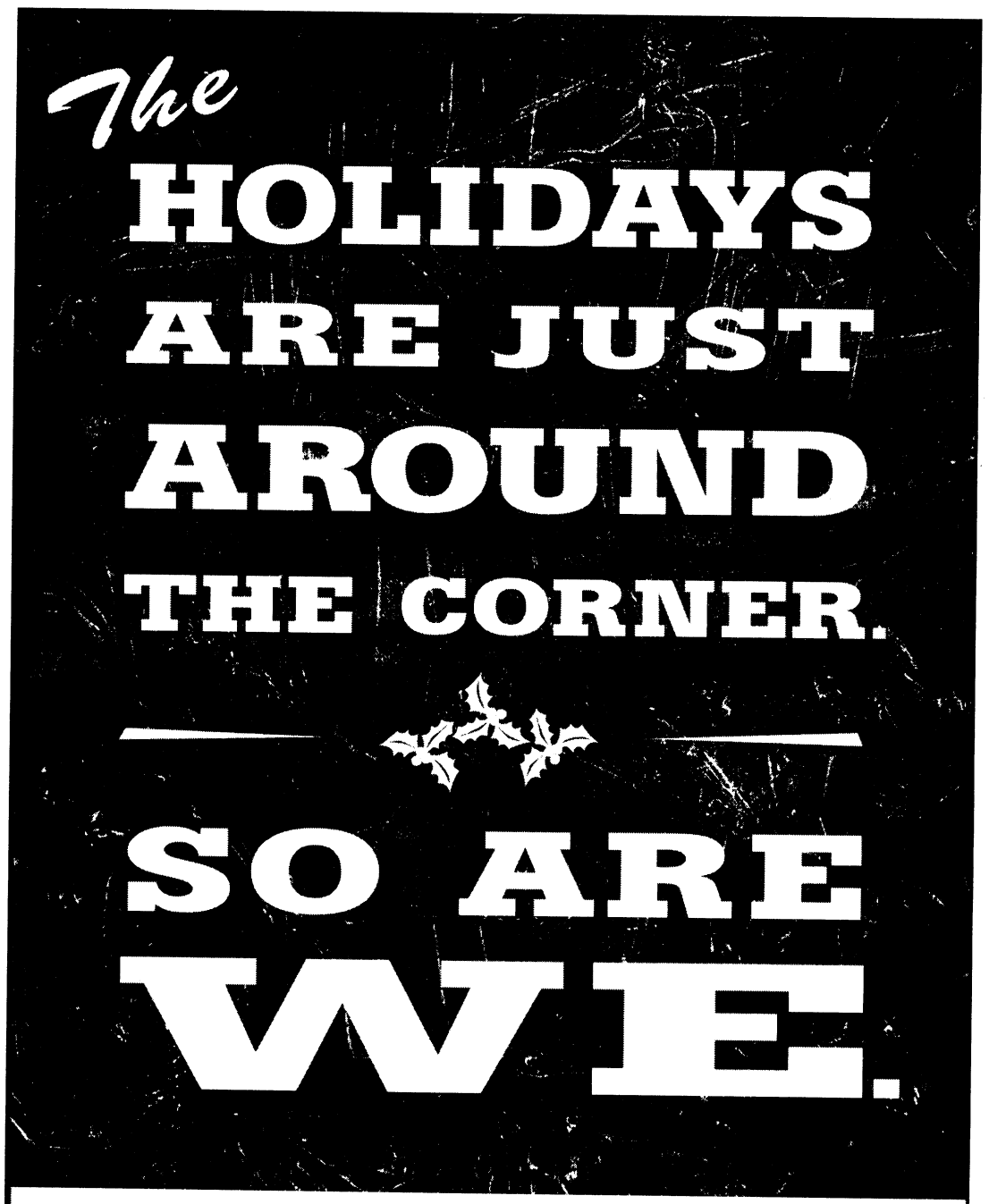
SOA Watch, created by Father Roy Bourgeois, a Maryknoll priest and former missionary in South America, began demonstrating against the School of the Americas at Fort Benning in 1990. The school was closed in December 2000.

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HAVING OUR SAY

Supporters speak out on protest

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"Me thinks thou doest protest too much."

— Hamlet

I confess, after three years of covering The Annual Protest, I'm frustrated. Like everyone else, I'm frustrated by the long lines at the checkpoints and the general disruption of daily routine for anyone who's accustomed to using Benning Boulevard. Each year I attend Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation "open house," in which several hundred protesters, mostly college students, visit the institute and meet with instructors and students.

I've grown tired of listening to the constant onslaught of verbal attacks on our soldiers, our policies and our way of life in general, all in the name of free speech and civil disobedience. I'm frustrated.

From the beginning, SOA Watch has made it its mission to close the School of the Americas.

But since the school closed nearly two years ago, the protesters keep coming, spewing the same tired rhetoric over and over.

They're good at asking questions, but they certainly don't want honest answers. That would undermine their real purpose, which is protesting for the sake of protesting.

"We're here to close the School of the Americas," one protester told a TV reporter last year.

"The School of the Americas closed last year," the reporter replied.

"Oh," said the befuddled co-ed, who then turned to her friends and asked, "Then why are we here?"

Shakespeare said it best, I'm sure, but up home we have a saying of our own — "Shuck it right down to the cob." In corn country, that means give it to me straight, don't doctor the facts, something SOA Watch officials have been doing ad nauseum.

One look at their Web site is oh so revealing. It's full of so much spin doctoring it should be sanctioned by the AMA.

Last week I attended the debate at Columbus State University, starring Col. Richard Downie, WHINSEC's commandant, and Father Roy Bourgeois, founder of the SOA Watch.

To my delight, Downie showed his teeth, albeit with a smile.

For every one of Bourgeois' accusations, Downie countered with a truth.

Two "SOA graduates" led a coup to oust Venezuela's President Chavez last spring, one SOA Watch lackey said.

Three WHINSEC graduates were instrumental in reinstating Chavez, Downie pointed out.

The institute's human rights courses are a farce, Bourgeois claimed.

WHINSEC students are required to pass a human rights course the equivalent of one college semester, Downie explained.

Yeah, well give us an in-depth course syllabus, Bourgeois said.

Better yet, come sit in on our classes, Downie offered. To which Bourgeois replied with a resounding, "No."

Everyone knows Manuel Noriega graduated from the School of the Americas, Bourgeois said.

Noriega attended one two-week course at the School of the Americas more than 30 years ago, Downie countered.

Truth be told, the number of former SOA students linked to human rights violations in Latin America is less than 1 percent of the institute's 60,000 graduates. The term "graduate" is, in fact, a misnomer, since the vast majority of the institute's students attend courses between two weeks and six months long. Like its predecessor, WHINSEC is not a degree-granting institution.

"The people of Latin America don't want our help, Bourgeois said. If we'll only listen, they're sending us a message.

"He never said what that message might be. I suspect it would be something like, "Send more boats."

"But those who attended the debate, the American soldiers who served in Latin America and the men and women who, like me, have become frustrated at the SOA Watch's bogus accusations and exaggerations delivered a message of their own Wednesday night.

"Rather than paraphrase here, I'll let them have their say:

"SOA Watch literature is peppered with statements that literally hold WHINSEC and the former SOA responsible for atrocities against civilians committed by members of the Latin American militaries who were SOA or WHINSEC graduates. One statement referred to a chain saw being used to commit brutal crimes against people.

"I served in the former SOA for three years as the director of the Department of Tactics and Combined Arms and as the chief of staff.

"I was directly involved in the training of nearly 1800 Latin American soldiers and policemen and never taught them, nor did personnel under my supervision teach them, how to use a chainsaw, garrote, stiletto, poisons, or any other type of weapon or device associated with murder or assassination.

"The statement that SOA and WHINSEC are responsible for the atrocities means, by implication, that I, and American soldiers like me, are responsible for training foreigners to commit those atrocities. I find such statements personally offensive to veterans who have served their country honorably.

"This rationale is preposterous and any clearly thinking human being realizes as much.

"The right to protest is guaranteed by the First Amendment and protected by our military.

"However, SOA no longer exists and WHINSEC is a Department of Defense School sanctioned by Congress.

"Col. Downie complies with policy. He does not establish it.

"Does it not therefore stand to reason that Bourgeois and his ilk are better advised to go to the source of policy, i.e. Washington, D.C., and protest, instead of bringing their '60s vintage carnival to Columbus and disrupting our community year after year?"

— John Bastone
Directorate of Operations and Training

"I to am for the movement to help Latin America, which is why I asked to be assigned to WHINSEC.

"I've worked in several Latin American countries during my service to the U.S. and have just returned from a two-year assignment to Venezuela as the infantry exchange officer.

"While assigned to the Venezuelan Infantry School, I worked with several SOA graduates. My immediate supervisor was a graduate of SOA.

"On many occasions I witnessed conversations among military officers regarding the state of the country and government.

"Not once did any SOA graduate even table the idea of a coup as a viable, plausible or legitimate course. However, let me assure you I overheard plenty of anti-government comments from non-SOA graduates.

"While I was in Venezuela, I volunteered and gave money to an orphanage, a church and a the Venezuelan branch of Youth for Christ.

"I asked how they would use my time and my money.

"Each offered some type of official financial report and a breakdown of activities in which they were engaged.

"Where can I find this information on SOA Watch? If I give my money to support SOA Watch, how will it be used? Besides protesting at the gate of Fort Benning, what activities is SOA Watch involved in? How do these affect people in Latin America?

"I'm confident WHINSEC affects Latin America in a positive way.

"We're doing the right thing, and everything we do is open for public exam.

"The mystery is what is SOA Watch doing and why?"

— Lt. Col. Boe Barinowski
Chief of Tactics
WHINSEC

"I respect the law and the people who enforce it. I've always been amazed at the respectful way the police and military have treated the protesters. Personally, I want to throttle them.

"When the protesters came to Columbus last year, after the terrorist attacks in September, I was angry and ashamed that our city didn't stand up for Fort Benning.

"But my husband said the solders at Fort Benning know we are on their side, and this is a wonderful lesson for the students at WHINSEC who come from countries where demonstrations are not tolerated. Here they watch civil disobedience in action and see the way it is handled.

"I choose to believe the best about WHINSEC.

"We are a society of checks and balances. We've had bad people and good people. Unfortunately it sometimes takes the bad to highlight the good.

"After hearing some of Father Roy's allegations, I visited the Institute to find out for myself the truth about what is being taught there. I questioned Col. Downie and heard enough to know I don't trust Father Roy and I don't believe him.

"He's marketing for the next video sale, and I'm sure the movie rights are something he thinks about every time someone from Hollywood comes to his protest.

"Who will play Father Roy?"

— Miriam Tidwell
owner, *Miriam's*

"Ana Isabel Casanova was murdered by the communist Farabundo Marti National Liberation front in El Salvador on Oct. 17, 1989. Ana's crime was that she was the daughter of Col. Oscar Casanova. Family members of Salvadoran servicemen were regularly murdered in the 'Cold War Hot Spot.'

"Six weeks after Ana's murder, a young American woman named Jennifer Casolo was arrested and charged.

"More than 2,000 pounds of explosives and munitions were unearthed in the 'safe house' Casalo was managing. Casalo was an American church lay worker associated with a group called Christian Education Seminars.

"The American Embassy pressured officials and won Casalo's release, but that was not unusual. During the course of the 12-year guerrilla war in El Salvador, many FMLA operatives were arrested and, despite overwhelming evidence, released for political reasons or hostage exchanges.

"Bourgeois stated in his debate with Col. Downie that insurrections like the one in El Salvador start with the poor and disenfranchised. El Salvador is not the poorest country in Central America.

"In fact, the leaders of the FMLN came from the upper strata of society. Their top comandante attended a prestigious prep school.

"The transplanted Nicaraguan, Comandante Jesus Rojas (real name: Antonio Cardenal) was from a very wealthy and politically powerful family.

"Communist combatants arrived from all over the world, including the U.S., Japan, Columbia and Bulgaria. Their strategy was to concentrate on El Salvador and continue the momentum of the Leftist victory in Nicaragua that occurred immediately before the Salvadoran conflict.

"The common people of El Salvador didn't flock to the banner of the FMLA. Instead they served in the security forces of their country.

"They came from the lower-middle class of the cities, the cowboys of the hills and the peasants of the fields.

"They faced the final offensive of the international communist world and broke the teeth of the communist momentum.

"In internationally supervised elections in 1989, Salvadorans rejected the extreme Left and the U.S. supported Socialist Left and gave a resounding victory to the conservative Republican National Alliance. The election results represented the will of the people but not the Maryknoll Order of Father Bourgeois.

"The Maryknolls prefer to get their information concerning the will of the people from the non-governmental Human Rights Commission and other FMLN front groups rather than the Salvadoran nation speaking at the ballot box."

— Robert Meachum

"For the past decade, Roy Bourgeois has been rallying good hearted and peaceful individuals at the gates of Fort Benning to protest the former SOA and now WHINSEC.

"Over the decade, his accusations against the Institute have changed, but he remains dedicated to severing the beneficial relationships that effective U.S. foreign policy is built upon.

"To try and distance the Institute from the U.S. military and the people of the U.S., Roy's rehabilitated accusation is that the Institute is a shame to the U.S. Army and a stain on the military's stellar reputation.

"The good people of the U.S. should oppose such a bad apple in the barrel of foreign policy, he says.

"This accusation should put fire in the bellies of all U.S. service members.

"It's ludicrous to believe, as Roy would have his followers believe, that the same professional military men and women who defend this nation can be assigned to this Army unit, change the patch on their shoulder, and somehow lose all values, morals and ethics, forget their training, civilian education and upbringing —many in a religious atmosphere — to teach torture to our guest students.

"As a 15-year civilian employee of the Institute, I would like to personalize the shame I supposedly have caused the defenders and citizens of this nation.

"I hold a masters degree in international relations and have taught as an adjunct professor of political science in the universities of Georgia and Alabama.

"Many of my former students are now serving as police and other public servants in the tricommunity area.

"Yet, Roy's message to me is clear; I'm a teacher of torture, untrustworthy, and of despicable character.

"I studied and earned a baccalaureate of science degree under the watchful eyes of the Catholic Benedictines at St. John's University. I lived in Latin America for many years as a dependent and again as a Peace Corps Volunteer serving alongside the poor of Guatemala. I have been a student of Latin American affairs since 1979 and understand well both the ills and goodness of Latin America.

"My wife is Guatemalan, and we have three lovely boys whose grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins live in Guatemala. "For novice Latin Americanists, like those visiting Columbus during the protest, I like to point out that this is where the Central American Peace Accords were created and signed.

"In all my years visiting there, I have yet to see bus loads of U.S. peace activists worshiping at the monument built by the Central Americans to celebrate their peaceful solution to their protracted and vicious conflicts.

"Yet, I see thousands of them here at the gates of Fort Benning blaming the U.S. military as the primary factor in causing all the hurt and grief during those Cold War conflicts — folks who have traveled to the region on two-week junkets and now claim to represent the Latin American people. They decry the U.S. for destroying the region and repressing its poor.

"When asked to come onto Fort Benning and dialog, they stutter and stammer that they already know the 'truth.'

"Many of these "open- minded" folks are good individuals, but are swept up into believing a myth that the U.S. Army teaches torture to our allies or that our foreign policy is a dastardly scheme to impoverish the world. Others are part of organized groups with varying special interests. Some simply want to believe in a conspiracy.

"As a thinking, moral person, if I ever thought this organization was doing anything that would make the lives of my relatives harder or jeopardize their freedom, I would be the first to denounce it.

"I am not a shame to the U.S. or the uniformed members of this nation. I am WHINSEC; just as are all my workmates that make up this great and noble institution.

"So, Roy, I say that you are the shame and disgrace to this nation as you use myths, half-truths and outright lies to manipulate good and honest individuals to follow your hate-filled rhetoric against the people of WHINSEC and this nation and all it stands for.

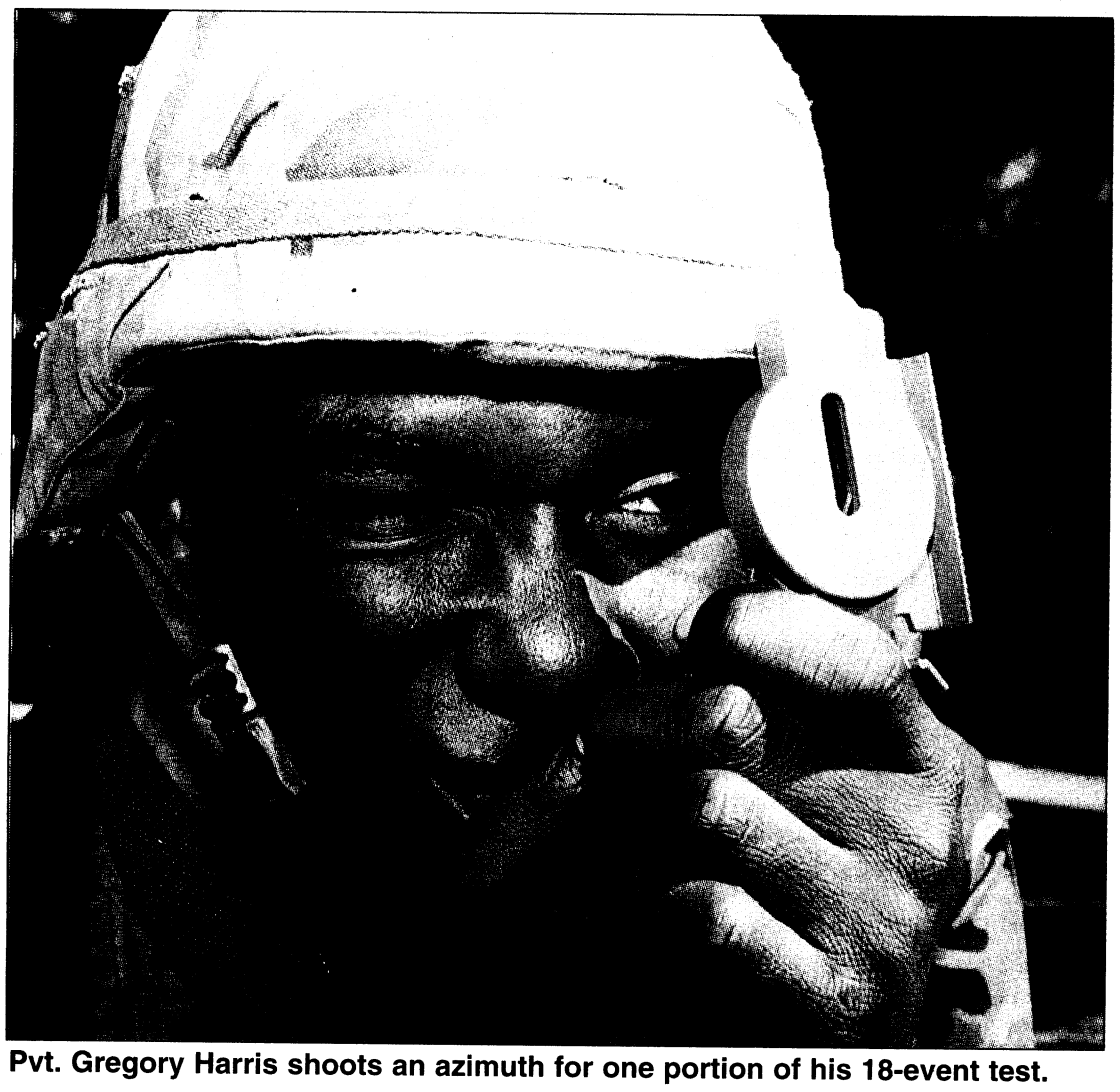
"I'm ashamed of you, Roy."

— Joseph C. Leuer
WHINSEC employee

He said it himself ...

"We have so much to learn when we set our feet in another country."

— Father Roy Bougeois



Pvt. Gregory Harris shoots an azimuth for one portion of his 18-event test.

Soldiers take test

End of cycle testing shows skills

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The soldiers of B Co. 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment were tested on their retention of military knowledge during end of cycle testing recently.

End of cycle testing is composed of 18 events, ranging from first aid to the set up and discharge of a claymore mine.

"This is like a final exam for the soldiers," said 1st Lt. Robert Hittenburg, commander of B Co. "The testing certifies that they are proficient in all the skills required to graduate Basic Combat Training and ensures they are prepared to go to the various schools they will attend for Advanced Individual Training.

"We don't want them to leave unprepared."

During the testing soldiers moved from station to station, having their military knowledge pushed to the limit at every check-point.

"It's a little stressful, but I just apply everything I learned in Basic and it comes easier," said Pvt. Algin Poteet. "I've really learned a lot here, and I know a lot more about weapons than I ever did before."

With only 14 days left until graduation, morale was high.

"It feels like I've won the lottery," said Pvt. Eric Clemons. "I can't believe training is almost over."

"I am ready to go to war," said Pvt. Gregory Harris, who wants to become a ranger. "I'm taking all that I can from this training so I can become a better soldier."

"This is a good group of soldiers, but we always get good soldiers," Hittenburg said. "They are all dedicated, and they are always eager to learn.

"The drill sergeants really work hard and the command climate gives us the latitude to train the soldiers the way we need to.

"All the soldiers will continue their individual training over the next few months on posts all over the country, and they know the training gets more intense, but they are ready."



Photos by Pfc. David Foley

Pvt. Shawn Corbett, B Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, performs tasks needed to pass a test covering setting up and discharging the claymore mine.

High school cadets practice first aid

MEDDAC soldier trains JROTC

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Cadet Major Dominique Doyle never thought she'd have to use the first aid skills she learned in JROTC. But when a fellow student collapsed in front of her last spring, the Columbus High School senior was grateful for the training.

"I never thought I'd have to do it myself, so I was nervous at first," Doyle said. "But then the training kicked in and I calmed down and kept him calm and just did what I knew to do."

Doyle shared her story with more than 65 of her JROTC classmates last week, just before the cadets entered their biannual basic first aid and emergency response training with Sgt. 1st Class Guy Rex, operations NCOIC with the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity.

Doyle's story, and others like it, made the cadets sit up and take notice, Rex said.

"They realize these situations are not something you just see in combat," he said. "They may be the first one to arrive at the scene of a traffic accident. Their younger brother or sister may get hurt on the playground or start to choke. These are real-life scenarios."

Rex led the two-day classroom instruction on evaluating and treating casualties before taking the cadets to Weracoba Park, where they practiced their skills in litter relays.



JROTC cadets administer first aid to a "victim."

Two students were the "victims," wearing moulage wounds to simulate snake bites, fractures and head injuries. The cadets were separated into teams and timed on their response and effectiveness in treating and transporting the victims.

The course and relay was much the same as the one soldiers are required to pass to earn their Expert Field Medical Badge, Rex said.

"The idea is to teach them in the classroom, then bring them out here where they have to apply what they've learned under stress." he said. "It's easy to reel out the answers in class, but it's different when you're faced with a bloody wound in the field."

Emergency response and basic first aid have been a part of Columbus High's JROTC curriculum for as long as Sgt. Maj. Richard Pimental can remember, and "it's always been one of the classes they enjoy the most — one they know they may have to apply any day."

Pimental, a JROTC instructor, said the curriculum is designed to teach cadets CPR and the Heimlich Maneuver as well as the basic skills needed to treat burns, cuts, fractures, bites and hot and cold weather injuries.

"They enjoy this class. They have a lot of fun," he said. "But they get real serious and real competitive when it comes to the relays.

That kind of hands-on experience will help them retain what they learned. The idea is to give them the confidence they need to save a life, if necessary, or keep someone alive until help arrives."



Photos by Bridgett Siter

Sgt. 1st Class Guy Rex preps a student "victim" in Weracoba Park.



Cadets participate in a litter relay last week.

Weather station helps post stay 'in the know' with vital updates

Airmen help Fort Benning mission

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Thousands of soldiers may deploy from Fort Benning if the U.S. declares war against Iraq.

Part of the post's Weather Station's mission is to help give those soldiers' pilots and Army leaders up-to-the-minute weather updates, said Air Force Lt. Col. Neill Fuller, director of Operations with the 17th Air Support Operations Squadron.

"Fort Benning is a designated force-projection platform for short-notice deployment of soldiers and units worldwide. Our weather folks play an important role in ensuring the flight crews, the deploying commanders and their staffs have the most complete weather and weather effects' picture possible," Fuller said. "The information they brief is necessary for all kinds of decisions that will need to be made in the employment of combat forces."

Three weather forecasters, Air Force Tech Sgt. Wallace Tumblin, Air Force Staff Sgt. William Malcomb and Jim Blossfield, and one weather maintenance man, Dave Helms, are the heart and soul of the Weather Station.

"We have the right people at the airfield to handle weather issues if a conflict breaks out initially," Fuller said. "They would need to be augmented after about a week with more personnel in order to keep up the increased taskings that I am sure would start to arise."

Major conflict or not, the forecasters have a vital mission here, Malcomb said.

For instance, if Fort Benning had been in the path of last weekend's storms that left many dead, injured and homeless, the post's Weather Station personnel would have been recalled and played a key role in disseminating warnings to post commanders, he said. When the station is closed and recalls are not necessary, forecasters at Shaw Air Force Base, S.C., keep staff duty at Infantry Hall informed of severe weather.

Helms said he enjoys working with the professional forecasters.

"Just watching these guys is awesome," Helms said. "The weather man on TV may say when and where it's going to rain, but (the forecasters here) will say when it's going to start and stop and give a storm's exact location."

For instance, when Hurricane Opal came through here in 1995, the station did an outstanding job helping to keep community members safe by providing key updates to post leaders.

"They nailed the times of the storm just like clockwork," Helms said. "It's probably the most impressive thing I've seen here."

Tumblin has been at Army posts for seven years and at Air Force Bases for four and half years. He has been here for three months.

"I enjoy working with the Army a lot more," he said. "There's more job satisfaction.

"There's not a big difference between the two (services). The Army gets out there and does it forward. I'm a more hands-on, get-your-boots-dirty kind of guy."



AP photo

A tornado touches down in Ohio. Georgia averages 23.5 tornados a year.

While Tumblin doesn't go to the field here, he enjoys learning more about how the Air Force's sister service operates, he said.

"In the time of war, you could be working with everyone," Tumblin said. "By learning the limitations and strengths of each service, we are able to tailor our service to what our customers need, and the overall mission accomplishment will be greater."

The interoperability between the airmen and soldiers on Fort Benning boils down to communications, especially since tens of thousands of soldiers train in the field here every year, Fuller said.

"The communications between us and the soldiers in the field has improved dramatically," Fuller said. "This is especially important during the change of seasons when this area is susceptible to the effects of tornadoes and thunderstorms. We then put out weather advisories to all commanders and their leaders in the fields. We also look for feedback from the soldiers in the field for inputs to our weather observations."

Observing afternoon thunderstorms is one of the most exciting parts of the weathermen's position, Tumblin said.

"Weather changes every second," Tumblin said. "You have to sit there and constantly keep up on it."

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Retired Sgt. Maj. Gary G. Beylickjian
Office of the Chief of Public Affairs

He was our leader, a soldier we respected and admired, the kind of person we would have followed into hell. And on Hill 395, we did just that, and we made it back, thanks to him.

He earned our loyalty and trust the hard way; in the face of the enemy, he never flinched or looked back.

That's what we thought of Lt. William F. Strobridge, a former enlisted man who took a battlefield commission and became a second lieutenant, leading the heavy machinegun platoon, H Company, 2nd Bn., 7th Inf. Regt. 3rd Inf. Div., in battle.

Strobridge, a lean six-footer, was from my part of the country, New England. He came from New Hampshire and I from Massachusetts. When I joined the platoon in August 1951, the lieutenant was among the first to greet me and to lay out the facts of life in combat. He pulled no punches, and I didn't expect him to. I asked for a combat assignment as a machine gunner, and I was ready for anything.

By early September the platoon moved out of Reserve, an area behind the lines used for brief rests and replacements, to positions several hundred yards north of a railhead known as Chor'won. We were at the southern end of Chor'won Valley, a fairly level area dotted with rice paddies and farms.

About a half-mile in front lay three small hills and several miles further north, Hill 395, an imposing piece of terrain with steep slopes on its southern face. Unknown to us, Hill 395 was our objective.

We later occupied the three hills we dubbed the Three Sisters, and came under several nightly enemy probes, some heavy, including a few aerial shootouts with an enemy plane we called Bed Check Charlie, then the word: Next stop, Hill 395.

We moved to the hill before sunrise. Almost every move we made on the front lines was either in the middle of the night or in early morning before the sun's rays hit the ground.

Getting to positions on 395 was a major undertaking, heavy equipment and steep slopes made the move up extremely difficult. Men fell, many slipped and slid down to the foot of the hill, faces were covered with dirt and sweat and pain; bodies were exhausted.

We were carrying a weapon whose gun alone weighted more than 42 pounds and a tripod more than 50 pounds. Add belts of machinegun ammo wrapped around our necks, a can of ammo in each hand. And, of course, our personal weapons, grenades and weapon's belts packed with small-arms ammo and C-rations.

The trip up took several hours and once in location, Strobridge assigned each gun a sector of fire. Fields of fire set, our next task was digging a gun emplacement And after that, our personal positions: slit trenches. Nearly 13 hours passed since we left the Three Sisters, and now more hell.

The enemy spotted activity and began shelling us mercifully. For most of us, there was no shelter. We lay flat on the open ground trying to push ourselves into it while praying the incoming wouldn't find us.

And through all this chaos, Strobridge ran from position to position checking up on his men. Always the men. Thankfully, we suffered no casualties.

Amidst the shelling and trying to find adequate shelter, several men spoke about the beer we would win in the competition.

Strobridge had promised beer to the squad that could disassemble and assemble the machine gun the fastest while blindfolded. Imagine, beer! We craved just for a sip, but we'd have to wait. We'd get the chance to compete the next time we went in reserve. You'd think we would have had more pressing things to think about such as staying alive and safe from the shelling. Several rounds came close enough to lift us off the ground and cover us with dirt. And we were thinking about beer?

Later that day, while Strobridge was in F Company, a messenger brought him news from battalion that the machine gun platoon would support G Company clear enemy forces still occupying northern sectors of Hill 395, the very hill we were on. Once that mission finished, our platoon was to provide fire support during assaults on two nearby hills heavily occupied by Chinese troops. That mission was given to the machine gun platoon's second section, of which I was a member. The lieutenant prepared the platoon's battle plans and oriented us; we'd jump off early the next morning.

At 4:30 a.m. our section journeyed nearly a hundred yards in darkness to the staging area just a few feet from our firing positions. The attack, set at 6 a.m., went as planned. Objectives were taken, but again, the enemy's heavy guns found us and let us have it. The horrific pounding was so heavy some soldiers complained about difficulty breathing. The lieutenant was there as usual and encouraged everyone to stay the course, to hang in. And suggested we pray even harder, out loud if need be.

The incoming slacked off just briefly enough for us to make a quick withdrawal to an area on the southern slope of Hill 395, behind a huge mound. The lieutenant led the way as always.

Strobridge and I spoke many times about our hometowns, the war and the Army. Like him, I joined to fight in the war. I wanted to be like the men of World War II who were my heroes when I was a teen-ager. The lieutenant and I became friends and my respect and admiration for him grew even more. He taught me how to be a combat leader.

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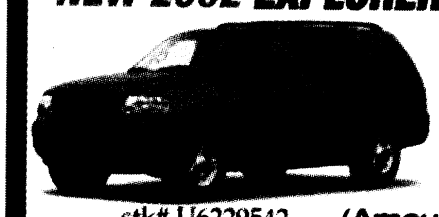
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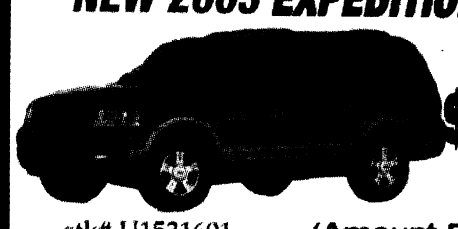
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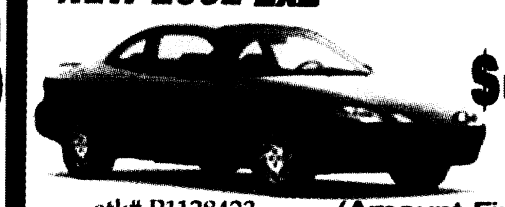
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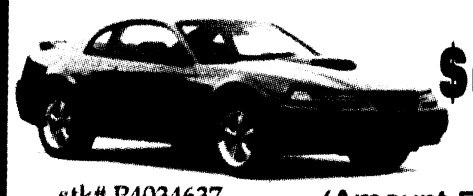
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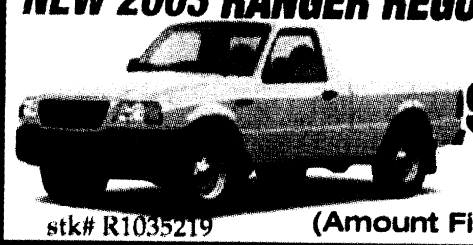
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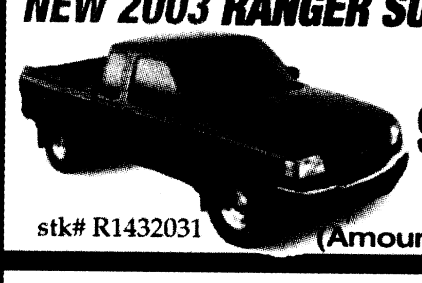
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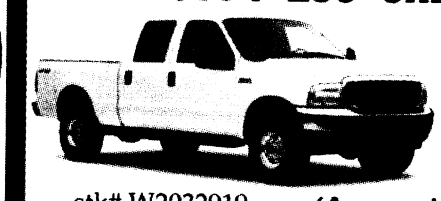
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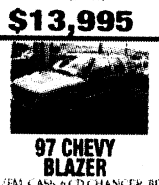
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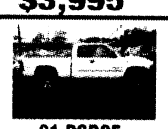
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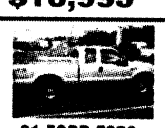
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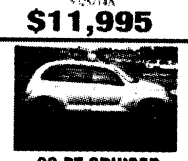
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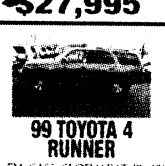
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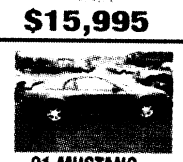
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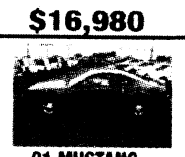


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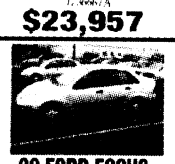
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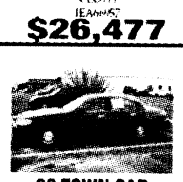
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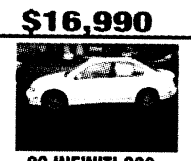
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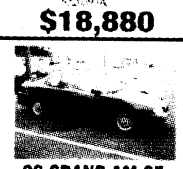
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Santa's Castle helps post families

Organization looking for donations

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Christmas can be a stressful time for families, especially when funds are tight and there is more than one child in the house.

But when soldiers help soldiers, Christmas can be bigger and better than ever.

Fort Benning's Santa's Castle has been collecting toys for post families for more than 15 years, and this year won't be any different.

"We have quite an inventory already," said Sharon Torres, chairwoman of Santa's Castle. "We have toy ovens, dolls and trucks. We are really trying to keep the castle current so we have the toys kids like."

Santa's Castle spends all season collecting toys for children whose families may need a little help when the holidays roll around. As Christmas approaches, chosen parents will tour the castle and pick out three toys for each child in the family. On Christmas, the toys are wrapped and placed under the tree for kids to enjoy.

"My husband and I were dreading the holidays because we were financially broke," said Lisa, a Fort Benning spouse who shopped at Santa's Castle last year and wishes to remain anonymous. "Our first sergeant came to us and told us he was signing us up to shop in Santa's Castle. I was surprised to see how many people cared."

Volunteers at Santa's Castle do care and are determined to make sure each family in need has a special Christmas, Torres said.

"When I was growing up, my family went through hard times just like many families are going through right now," Torres said. "Families on Fort Benning can feel good knowing they can turn to their fellow soldiers."

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>
> **Lisa**
> Family member

Just about every unit on post

See **CASTLE,** B-2

American Quilt



Pvt. David Foley

Spc. Takisha Green views "An American Quilt," a memorial quilt to remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and military members who died in Operation Enduring Freedom. The quilt is on display in Infantry Hall until Nov. 11. The visit was sponsored by Lockheed Martin, CB&T, Greg Camp, Cardinal Management Company, Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

Wilson parents talk values

Tools help tackle tough subjects

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Parents at Wilson Elementary school had the dreaded "sex" talk Nov. 1 as part of the First Friday parents program.

Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Frederich from the Family Life Chaplain Training Center spoke with parents about "Sex, Drugs, and You: Passing on Your Values to Your Children."

"Things are simple at 5 and 6," Frederich said. "But our most important work (as parents) happens between 8 and 12 years."

During that significant window, he said, parental influence is decreasing as peer influence increases. The elementary school years are the time when parents need to really get to work to influence values.

Frederich gave parents four steps:

1. Know your own values.
2. Talk about your values.
3. Make rules to support the values.
4. Get outside help if needed.

Frederich presented some issues in role playing scenarios with one of the parents that had the group involved in some frank discussions about talking to their kids about sex and drugs. The scenarios involved a relative introducing a child to alcohol, a young child singing along with a suggestive pop

See **WILSON,** B-2

Fort Benning units support camp out

Boy Scouts learn about military

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

As the band Kidd Blue played *Born in the USA*, a fireworks display lit up the sky to end an eventful Saturday for Boy Scouts at Camp Lumpkin in LaGrange, Ga.

"The concert and the fireworks were awesome," said Jeremy Kirby, 13. "Everyone was having a great time."

The Boy Scouts' Fall Encampment was Nov. 1 through Sunday, and featured public safety groups like the U.S. Army, LaGrange Police, the F.B.I. and the Forestry Service Commission.

"It was rewarding to see them discover new things they had never been exposed to. Some of them have never seen a soldier and this really opened their eyes to who protects our nation," said Staff Sgt. Ken Caruthers, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, and also a Scoutmaster with Troop 46 in Columbus.

More than 1,000 Scouts, leaders and parents showed up for the weekend.

Among the military exhibits was a military working dog demonstration. The demonstration showed the Scouts what dogs do to suspects who ignore a military policeman's orders.

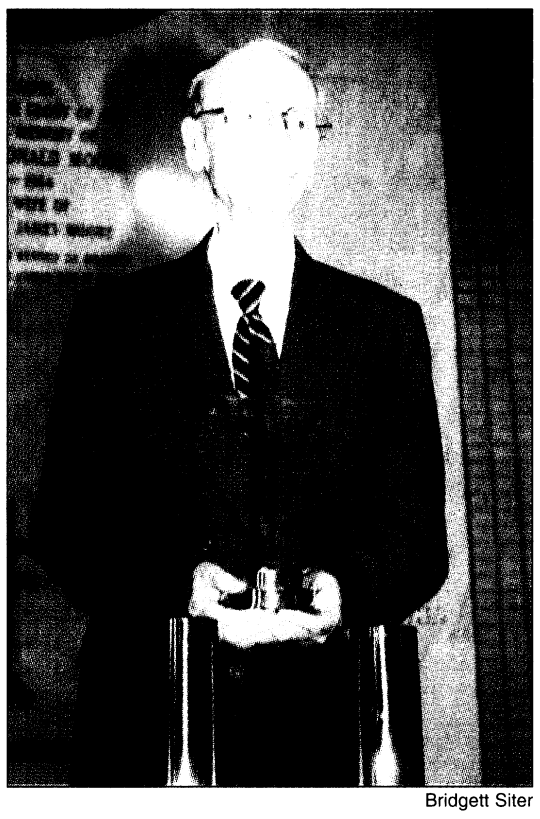


Pfc. Chris Stephens

Spc. Joanna Frisby, 1177th Military Police Company, Georgia National Guard, applies camouflage to Robert Hanvy during activities Nov. 2.

There were also humvees, nuclear, biological, chemical equipment, past and present

See **CAMP OUT,** B-2



Bridgett Siter

Retired Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Reese presented the cross to Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor, Fort Benning's garrison chaplain. Reese carried the cross in WW II during the Battle of the Bulge with 8th Infantry Division.

WW II cross returns to active duty

Army relic forged from shell casings

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In a most unlikely setting, the Magnolia Manor Nursing Home in Americus, Ga., an American patriot was called back to active duty nearly 60 years after leading 8th Infantry Division troops into the Battle of the Bulge.

A brass cross that was forged by American soldiers preparing for combat in July 1944 was welcomed back to service by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Taylor, Fort Benning's garrison chaplain.

In a solemn "Passing of the Cross" ceremony at the nursing home's chapel, Taylor accepted the cross and two urns from retired Chaplain (Lt. Col.) James Reese and his family Nov. 1.

"This cross will serve as a symbol of the life and ministry of James Reese," Taylor told the four generations of Reeses who traveled from Maryland, Florida and Georgia to attend the ceremony. "But it will also serve as a tribute to the faith of the soldiers who used the rudiments of war to fashion a symbol of hope during perilous times, men who sought inner peace in the midst of battle."

A native of Midland, Ga., Maj. James Reese was a reservist in 1940 when he was called to active duty as the regimental chaplain for the 8th Division's 13th Regiment. He was sent to Europe in 1943, and soon after, his chaplain's kit was destroyed when a mortar shell hit his jeep.

It was in Northern Ireland, as the regiment prepared for the invasion of Normandy, that the men presented Reese with a new cross, its two-tiered base fashioned from 57 mm and 105 mm casings and the cross itself hammered and chiseled from damaged shells. Twin urns were forged from 105 mm casings.

"I was just a kid, but I remember the call to all Americans to bring your scrap metal, anything that could be used for the war effort," said Henry Reese, one of James Reese's five children. "And here the soldiers of Dad's unit were doing a little recycling of their own over there.

"It's not perfect," he said of the cross. "These were shells and casings damaged and unusable. But those men did what God would do. They took the imperfect, the damaged, and they created something

See **CROSS,** B-2

Campout: Educates Boy Scouts

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uniforms and weapons include the M-16 A1 and A2 rifles, an armored personnel carrier and camouflaging.

"When I saw all of the exhibits, I was like, wow," said Ronald Mahea, 12. "I never thought that they would have this much stuff for us to see. I learned about some things I never thought the military had."

The Scouts weren't the only ones having a good time at the encampment — the soldiers who volunteered their time spent the day laughing and joking with the Scouts.

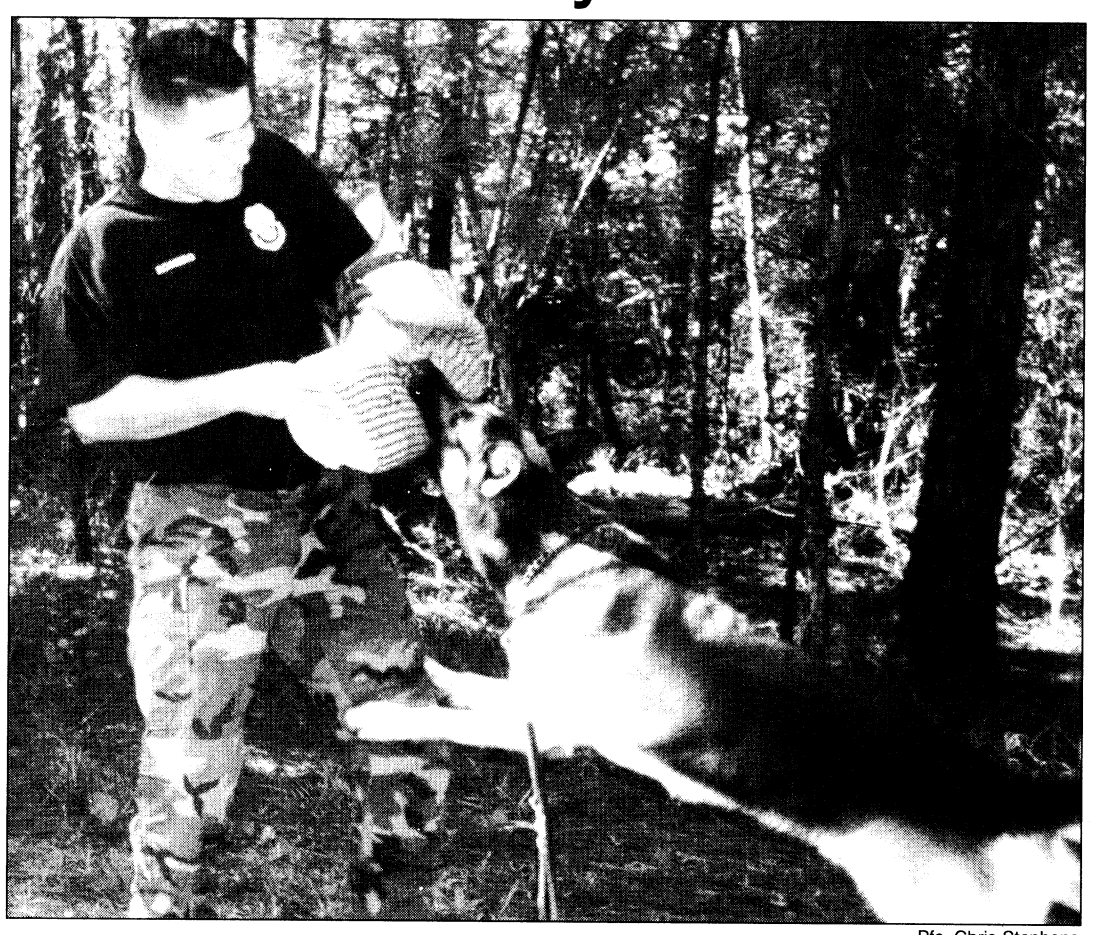
"It was a lot of fun," said Spc. Pepper Eldridge, 988th MP Company. "This is the age where children are impressionable, and you always try to set a good example for them because they look up to you and what you do."

As night fell and a cool breeze came off of West Point Lake Saturday, Scouts filed into the amphitheater for a concert.

Kidd Blue played songs ranging from *Jailhouse Rock* to *Sweet Home Alabama*.

After the concert ended and the fireworks display was over, the Scouts returned to their campsites for their last night of camping before heading home the next day.

"I didn't want to go home," Mahea said. "I had a lot of fun during all of the activities and didn't want it to end."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Bak, a military working dog, demonstrates what he does to a suspect, Spc. Howard Horn, who tries to escape from an MP during an arrest.

Castle: Helps with holiday spirit

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has contributed something to the castle, Torres said. The Chaplains' Fund the Field Artillery Association and the Officers' Spouses Club are just a few who have made donations in the past few months.

But the Castle is still in need of gifts.

"We accept any price range as long as it is a new toy," Torres said. "We need gifts for infants all the way up to 18 years old."

Gift cards are also a good idea, as well as a monetary donation, she said.

Volunteers have also received help from the local community.

"Stores like Toys R Us have given us a 20 percent discount when we told them what we were shopping for," Torres said. "It's been a great start to the season."

Last year, the castle served more than 1,100 children and 500 families. This year, the Castle wants to be ready to help just as many.

"It was nice to go in there and see exactly what was on your child's list," said a Fort Benning spouse who shopped at the castle last year. "This year, we are definitely in a better position and won't be shopping at the castle. Instead, we'll be repaying the favor and donating."

Soldiers helping soldiers is what the castle is all about, Torres said.

"It's heartwarming to see parents walk through the castle and realize their tree will be filled a little more than expected," Torres said. "In the end, it's all about the kids."

For information on signing up to shop in Santa's Castle, contact your unit.

For information on donating to Santa's Castle, call 685-4422.

Wilson: Teaches families to talk

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song, and a parent discovering an adult magazine.

"Most often, you're going to face these issues with no notice," he said. "These situations provide opportunities to talk."

Frederich said one of the biggest barriers to talk between parents and children is anxiety. Parents need to reduce their anxiety about having important discussions with their children. By reducing anxiety, they break the barrier.

"A non-anxious answer at 5 leads to open conversation and questions at 7," Frederich said.

"Talk works like a vaccine," he said.

Parents are able to give their children correct information about issues like sex, drugs and alcohol. Later, when the subjects come up among the children and their peers, the children have already been exposed and aren't ignorant of the truth.

Frederich said the best families are those run by adults and not by the children. The parents then set the rules the family will live by.

> "If you feel good about something, stand on it. Don't assume that you are going to fail."
>
> **Chaplain (Maj.) Peter Frederich**
> Family Life Chaplain Training Center

"I have a lot of values rolling around inside," he said. "Sometimes I feel my values more in my stomach. I need to be able to take them from my stomach to my head, and then they will finally end up in my mouth."

Once they go from gut feeling to mouth, he said, you can begin to communicate those values to your children.

"It's good for parents to trust themselves," he said. "If you feel good about something, stand on it. Don't assume that you are going to fail."

Frederich said values are dynamic and are not always the same values the parents grew up with. Parents should state their values with their actions, and if they find they aren't living up to what they want, then they should step back and reassess those values. That statement struck a chord with many of the parents in the room.

"Keep it honest, keep it real," said Katina Harris, whose three daughters attend Wilson. "It's important. As a parent, you don't want to be a hypocrite."

As the session ended, parents filled out comment sheets for Wilson Principal Phyllis Parker. The consensus among the parents was that the morning's presentation was just what parents needed.

Parker said the First Friday program began in August with ideas for parents on how to help their children get started in the school year. Parents then suggested topics they would like to discuss.

"I want to get Chaplain Frederich back for a night session," Parker said. "This was great. It's the parents' opportunity to learn. In doing so, they help their children and they help themselves."

Sgt. Mark Hammer, formerly with the 209th Military Police Detachment, took the opportunity to attend the parent session while on leave en route to Korea.

Hammer and his wife recently adopted their nephew and plan to use the tips to help talk with the five children in the family, ranging in age from 2 to 16.

"I wish more parents would come to these events," he said. "From an MP point of view, if parents instill the right things in their children, we don't have to deal with them later out on the street."

Cross: To be displayed in chapel

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beautiful for Dad to carry for the troops."

Henry and his twin brother Harry were 7 when their father returned from Europe, and the cross became an integral part of their lives. When Reese returned to reserve status and resumed his ministry in the Methodist Church, the cross accompanied the family from home to home.

"It was always there," Harry said. "Sometimes it was in Daddy's office, sometimes on a bookcase in the house or on the mantel. Wherever it was, we admired it, but we knew better than to play with it or get our fingerprints on it. It's a sacred thing, very special, very sentimental."

Reese often told his children stories of the cross, its creation and its trek across Europe, the battles it saw and the men whose lives it touched. Later he told his grandchildren and their children.

Now, at 94, Reese is frail and has a difficult time hearing and talking. Just three weeks ago he buried his wife, Clifford. It's time to return the cross to active duty, he said. After all, "it's always belonged to the U.S. government."

But to the Reese children and grandchildren, the cross has always been a family treasure, one they never thought to part with.

"I remember the first time I saw it," Henry said. "Daddy was unpacking his footlocker, and he pulled it out and I fell in love with it. I said, 'I want it, Dad.' And I've always wanted it. I always thought it would be mine.

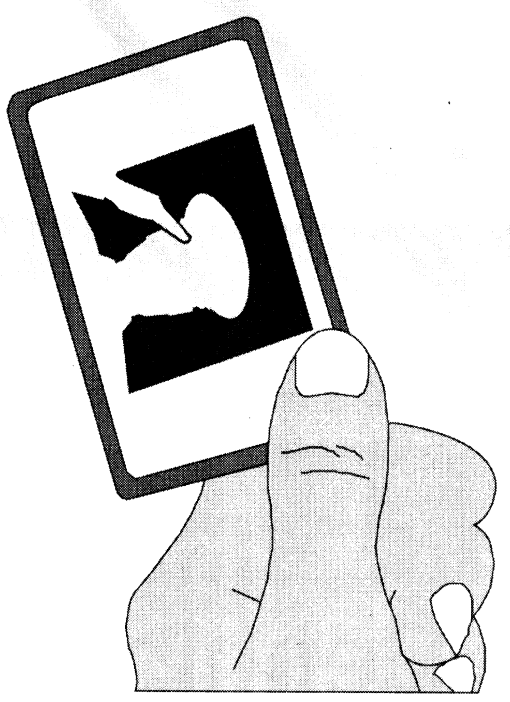
"Even though I knew it was Daddy's wish for it to go back to the Army, I just kind of ignored it," he said, a tear spilling from his eye.

It was a sermon, not unlike the thousands he'd heard from his father, that changed Henry's mind.

"The gist of it was, 'The first generation earns it, the second generation enjoys it, and the third generation loses it,'" he said. "I thought, this cross has changed too many lives to be forgotten, to become a knick-knack in someone's closet, or God forbid, be sold at a yard sale. When Daddy's gone, and we're gone, it'll eventually lose its significance, even in the family. Better for it to go back to active duty the way he wanted it to."

Toward that end, the cross and the urns will be displayed, probably in The Infantry Chapel, Taylor said, where they can "be used as they were designed to be used."

"They'll serve as a reminder that men like Chaplain Reese have served their God and their country faithfully for many, many years," Taylor said. "And they'll serve as inspiration to the young soldiers and trainees who pass through Fort Benning, a challenge to serve faithfully and to put their hope in God, just as Chaplain Reese and the men who made this cross did, no matter what comes their way."

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Jaime Lamar German Jr. — born Oct. 20 to Naddious and Spc. Jaime German.

Dalyn Thomas Stewart — born Oct. 21 to Shondel and Staff Sgt. Bryan Stewart.

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Samuel Ian Hudson — born Oct. 23 to Maj. Julie and John Hudson.

Gerald Anthony Temeyer II — born Oct. 23 to Stacy and Spc. Timothy Temeyer.

Joshua Allen Cureton — born Oct. 24 to Dorie and Sgt. Frederic Cureton.

Andrew William Sincere — born Oct. 24 to Catherine and 2nd Lt. Joseph Sincere.

Konata Boropa Mumpfield — born Oct. 24 to Chenita and Staff Sgt. Ceeprian Mumpfield.

Girls

Alexia Leigh Anderson — born Oct. 18 to Kristyn and Pfc. Patrick Anderson.

Madison Rayan Coates — born Oct. 23 to Darcie and Pfc. Tracy Coates.

Melissa Barbara Jones — born Oct. 24 to Claudia and Staff Sgt. Jervis Jones.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Hospital posts holiday hours — Martin Army Community Hospital's clinics will be open today, but will be closed Monday for Veterans Day. However, the emergency room will be open. Patients with health-related questions can call the 544-CARE (2273) line and speak to an advice nurse. For more information, call 544-2041 or 544-2042.

Veterans Day garbage schedule — There will be no garbage or yard waste pick up in Family Housing areas Veterans Day. Garbage normally picked up on Mondays will be picked up Tuesday. Yard waste will be picked up the following Monday, Nov. 18.

Investment class — The Army Community Service Financial Readiness Program and Sayers Library present *Investing for Your Future*, a six-session lunch and learn series 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesdays through Dec. 17 in Building 359. Registration is required, call 545-5485 for reservations.

PX and commissary meeting — The PX and commissary council meeting is 9 to 11 a.m. Nov. 20 in the Corregidor Room in the Officers' Club. For more information, call Brian Smith at 545-3328 or 682-7599.

Red Cross classes — The American Red Cross, Fort Benning Station, will offer the following classes:

- Community First Aid and Safety — Dec. 7; $38.
- Babysitting Training — Nov. 16 and Dec. 14; $38, must be 11 years old to participate.

Classes are limited to 10 participants and must be paid for prior to starting date.

For more information or to register, call 545-5194.

Educational Center — Need help with financial aid? Contact the Education Center. The services are free. We are located at Soldiers' Plaza, Building 2609, and are open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are available to assist servicemen, women and their families.

We electronically file the Pell Grant application and do scholarship searches, so you can find the funds you need for school.

We are a clearing house of information on post-secondary educational institutions and also assist with post secondary school admission forms and provide career counseling, matching your aptitude to thousands of jobs with the assistance of computer generated data.

You choose the school, and we provide application and information you need on admission and financial aid. Services will be provided on a first come- first serve basis. Call 545-7387 or 653-4531.

off post

Free coin — USAA is offering a free patriotic coin for soldiers' commitment to the nation. USAA membership is not required to receive this coin. Call 1-888-558-8825 and give the promotional code ASCN to the representative when asked.

The front of the coin shows an eagle with wings and talons spread with a flag in the background. The words "Proud Member" United States Armed Forces" are printed around the outside circle. The back shows a five point star identifying each of the five services. The words "United We Stand" and "Defenders of Freedom" are printed around the outside circle.

Flu shots — Publix Super Markets Inc. and Maxim Health Systems are teaming up to offer immunizations for this year's flu season.

All Publix stores in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Alabama and Tennessee are offering flu shots for $20, pneumonia shots for $25 and tetanus shots for $25.

For information on flu clinic locations and schedules, call the Publix Touch-Map Flu Locator Line at (877) 629-3580.

All Airborne Chapter Meeting — Georgia's only all Airborne chapter, the Atlanta Airborne Chapter, will hold it's monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Nov. 13, at the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Blue Room.

Attendees are welcome to arrive around 6 p.m. to have dinner with the group. All personnel who are of the Airborne Legacy are encouraged to attend.

The Blue Room is located at Post 665, 1824 Victory Drive.

For more information call George Whitten at (770) 460-5642 or 545-4212.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** Veterans Day holiday
- **Tuesday:** hamburger steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, fresh fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** chicken filet sandwich, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, fresh fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad with dressing, mixed vegetables, yeast roll, fresh fruit, milk
- **Friday:** steak nuggets with dip, tater tots, broccoli with cheese sauce, garlic toast, fresh fruit, milk

AER scholarship applications now available online

Eligible students can apply for help for 2003-2004 school year

Army Emergency Relief

Active-duty soldiers and Army retirees with college or university bound children often wonder how to afford the costs of higher education.

Many people don't realize that part of the answer may be found with the Army Emergency Relief Scholarship.

The Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund administered by AER has a secondary mission to help Army families with the cost of undergraduate level education, post secondary vocational training and preparation for acceptance by service academies for their dependent children.

Scholarship Program Eligibility

Applicant must be:

- Children, stepchildren or legally adopted children of soldiers on active duty, retired or deceased while on active duty or after retirement.
- Must be registered in the Defense Eligibility Enrollment System (DEERS).
- Unmarried for entire academic year.
- U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident.
- Under the age of 22 on June 1, 2003 based on 2003-2004 academic year.

All eligible persons are encouraged to apply.

AER Scholarships

- Applicant must be enrolled, accepted or pending acceptance as a full-time student for the entire academic year in post-secondary educational institutions approved by the U.S. Department of Education for Title IV funds.
- Scholarship applicants must maintain at least a cumulative 2.0 grade point average on a 4.0 grading scale for funds to be awarded or disbursed.

Scholarship Applications

- Form (AER 9R) for applications will be available for pickup at the installation AER Office, Building 2624, Soldiers' Plaza, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday beginning Nov. 1. Forms will be available until supplies have been exhausted.
- The actual application is also available by mail from HQ AER from Nov. 1 through March 3, 2003 for the 2003–2004 academic year.
- Applications may also be printed from the Web site www.aerhq.org.
- Completed applications with supporting documents must be mailed to HQ AER and postmarked not later than March 3, 2003.
- To be considered, the scholarship application must be complete, accurate and contain all required documents.
- New applications must be submitted for each academic year.

Scholarship Fund Uses

- The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, books and supplies, and school room and board, either on or off campus.

Scholarship Awards

- Scholarship awards range from $700 to $1,800 per academic year.
- Primarily based on relative financial need, as evidenced by income, assets, family size, special financial obligations and circumstances.
- Academic achievements and individual accomplishment are considered.
- Scholarship funds awarded will not be disbursed if cumulative GPA falls below 2.0.
- Scholarships are awarded on an annual basis for up to a maximum of four years of undergraduate study.
- The student must attend as a full-time student for the entire academic year.
- Students must apply each year.

For more information, call the installation AER Office at 545-2536, 545-4043or 545-7517, or access the Web site at www.aerhq.org.

Scholarships for military children available

Bonnie Powell

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FORT LEE, Va. — The 2003 Scholarships for Military Children program opens for business Nov. 1 and the burning question is "how has being the child of a military service member influenced your educational goals?" That's the essay topic for 2003 and if the two previous years are any indication, it's a question applicants should consider carefully when applying for the $1,500 scholarships.

"According to program administrators, the essay has been a key factor in deciding recipients," said Edna Hoogewind, program liaison for the Defense Commissary Agency.

"Although the minimum grade point average to apply for these scholarships is 3.0, the average recipient has a 3.8 or better. The grades of the applicants are so high that factors such as community involvement, activities and the essay become extremely important."

In 2002, three students won scholarships through the Fort Benning Commissary, and they also received an unexpected bonus. "Commissary industry donations used to fund scholarships were up this year," said Gary Hensley, store director. "So each of the scholarship recipients received an extra $400 in his or her check."

The nonprofit Fisher House Foundation administers the Scholarships for Military Children program. They are best known for building family comfort homes near military medical facilities.

"We're certainly pleased to administer this program as it serves the military community exclusively and is rapidly becoming one of the premiere scholarship programs worldwide," said Jim Weiskopf of Fisher House Foundation. "We use the services of Scholarship Managers, a professional firm that has handled more than 400 programs. They do everything relating to the process of deciding who is awarded a scholarship and it's a very painstaking process when you have more than 5,000 applicants."

The Scholarships for Military Children program has awarded 920 scholarships and nearly $1.5 million in its first two years. All funds for scholarships are donated by the various manufacturers, brokers and suppliers that provide products for sale in military commissaries, which are recognized as a valuable quality of life benefit and an integral part of the military community. "Most of the scholarship recipients also participate in formal recognition ceremonies, which take place each spring and summer at local commissaries," says Hoogewind. Fort Benning Commissary's ceremony this year was held on May 30.

Applications for the 2003 program can be downloaded from http://www.commissaries.com or http://www.fisherhouse.org starting Nov. 1. They can also be picked up at any commissary. The deadline for returning applications by hand or mail to a commissary is Feb. 21, 2003. "That's in the store, not postmarked," Hoogewind said.

"There are very few changes from last year," said Hoogewind. "The essay topic is new and we have a two-page instruction sheet to make things easier for the applicants. The application can also be filled out on a computer, then printed and mailed or delivered to the nearest commissary. It should be an improvement over handwritten applications for both the student and Scholarship Managers."

The scholarship program is open to dependent unmarried children (under the age of 23) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military. Eligibility will be determined using the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current ID card. All applicants must be citizens of the United States.

The applicant must be planning to attend, or already attending, an accredited college or university full-time in the fall term of 2003. Students attending a community or junior college must be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. See instruction sheets for additional criteria.

The Defense Commissary Agency operates nearly 280 commissaries worldwide, providing groceries to military personnel, retirees and their families. Authorized commissary patrons purchase items at cost plus a 5-percent surcharge, which covers costs of building new commissaries and modernizing existing ones. Shoppers save an average of more than 30 percent on their purchases compared to commercial prices — savings worth more than $2,400 annually for a family of four.

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Students learn about weather

McBride Elementary School

When you wake up each morning and wonder if you need to take an umbrella or wear a jacket, you could ask one of the second-grade students from McBride.

Second-graders at McBride School recently completed a unit on weather. During this unit, they were able to use various tools to help them become "self-made" weather boys and weather girls.

From using the Internet to watching weather forecasts on T.V. to reading the weather page in the newspaper to creating weather vanes, these students got plenty of hands-on experience during this unit of study.

They observed the weather daily and checked the weather forecasts using the Internet and by watching T.V.

They used the weather site to compare and contrast Fort Benning's weather with other locations in the United States and around the world.

They watched weather forecasts on television and read the weather page in the newspaper to give them a total look at the various ways that people find out about the weather in the area they in live and around the world.

As they learned to look for weather patterns, they began to make their own predictions about what kind of weather the Fort Benning area could expect.

Sharon Martz, second-grade teacher, said the children need to realize that the weather and its changes are important to people in everyday life.

"We discussed severe weather events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, floods and typhoons and the effects they can have on people and on the land," she said.

She said the students came to realize the importance of understanding the many aspects of weather from sunny all the way to the seriousness of severe weather patterns in all areas of the world.

Overall the students enjoyed studying the weather and the effects it has on us.

"We don't want the same weather everyday because if it rained every day there would be a big flood," said P.J. Larkin.

"But if it never rained we wouldn't have flowers to pick or food to eat," said Akin Yates.

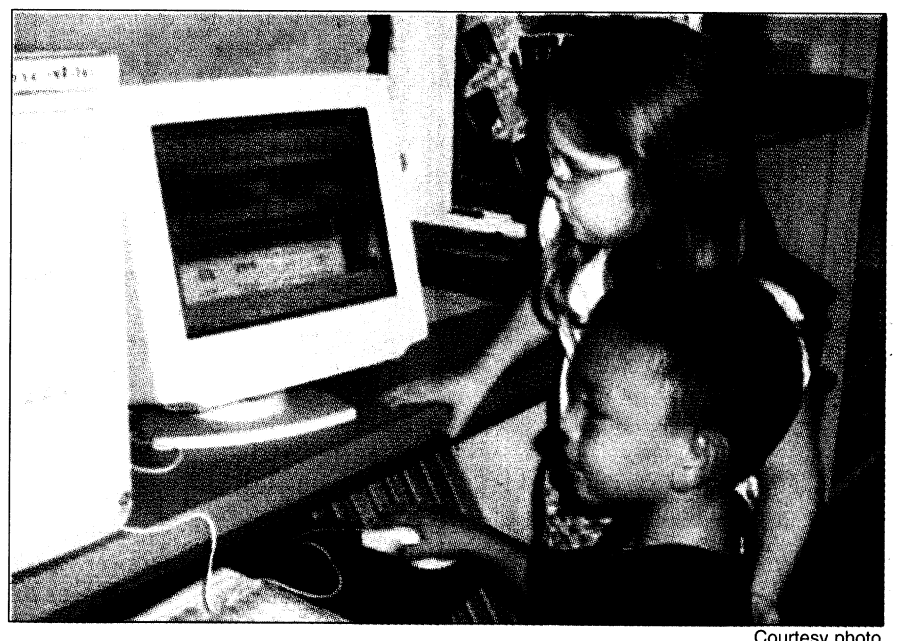
Yet some students feel the weather effects other things they value.

"Weather is important to us because we need to know the kind of weather so we can decide what to wear when we go outside," said Jennifer Fussell.

Students also learned how the weather can effect teachers lesson plans.

"Weather is interesting because we need to be prepared when we go outside," said Emily Temeyer.

"You need to know what the weather will be so you know if you can play some games outside or not," said Alex Natal.



Courtesy photo

Emily Temeyer and Kain Yates, in red, second graders from McBride Elementary school, check the weather on the Internet.



Courtesy photo

Marcel Malcolm, left, and Abbi Dobson from McBride work on their quadrat activity.

Students observe natural surroundings

McBride Elementary School

The Woodlands program at McBride School offers many wonderful opportunities for students to engage in activities that enrich the areas of language arts and science.

Using their natural surroundings, second-graders recently practiced the skill of observation.

Students completed a quadrat activity that focused on the skills of observation, prediction and data collection.

A quadrat is a marked rectangular area that is used for close observation. This lesson was designed to reinforce observation skills by getting students to focus on one small area, with that area being a representation of what is found in the surrounding area.

Before beginning the activity, students made predictions about the types of things that they would see on the ground in their quadrat. Students, working in pairs, created their quadrats using yarn.

The students then listed and counted what they saw and recorded the information on a data sheet. They also used the data sheet to draw what they observed.

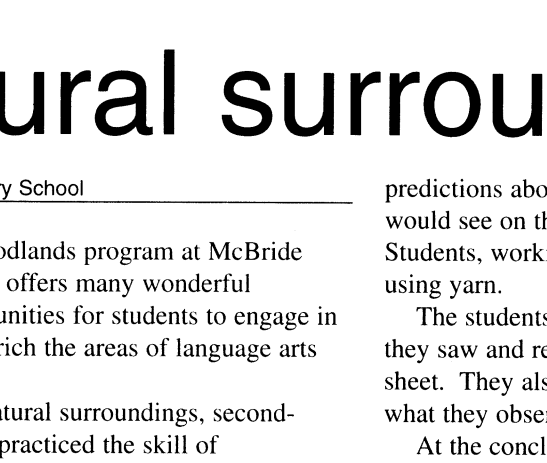
At the conclusion of the activity, the students discussed the outcome of their predictions.

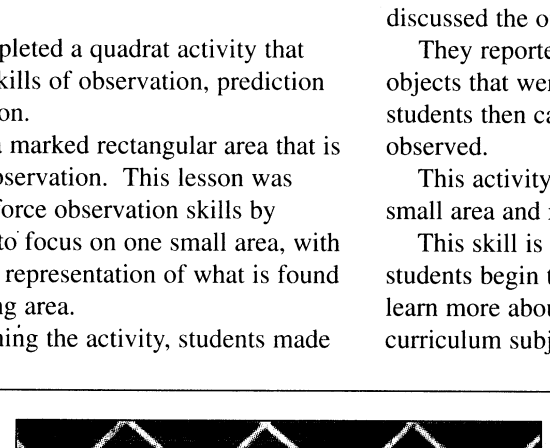
They reported the similarity and differences of objects that were observed and recorded. The students then categorized the objects they observed.

This activity required students to focus on a small area and reinforced the skill of observation.

This skill is an important one as McBride students begin to use their Woodlands area to learn more about nature and enrich the curriculum subjects.

PETS OF THE WEEK





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This dog and cat are available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information on adopting a pet, call the clinic at 545-4444.

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Jesus had 'one of those days' in life, too

Scriptures teach of both valleys, summits

Chaplain (Capt.) Raymond E. Moore Jr.
Martin Army Community Hospital

Have you ever had "one of those days?" You know what I mean.

You're where you're supposed to be, doing the thing you're supposed to be doing.

It's the same thing you do most every day, have done the past several days and nothing has changed.

Then it happens!

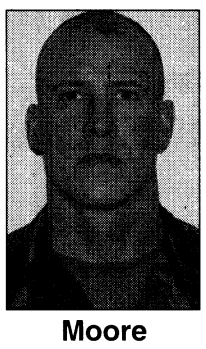
Things are going well and then right out of nowhere you are under attack. It seems like everything that can go wrong is going wrong.

You say, "Why me, Lord?" yet it appears that no one cares or is even concerned.

Did you know that in the Gospel of Luke that Jesus had one of those days? In Luke 20:1-8, we are told, "Now it happened, 'on one of those days,' as he taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted him and spoke to him, saying, 'Tell us, by what authority are you doing these things?

REFLECTIONS

Or who is he who gave you this authority?'"


Moore

Here Jesus is just preaching and teaching the gospel in the temple as he had been doing before, when he is confronted by the religious leaders questioning his authority or anything else they can.

It doesn't matter who you are or where you are. Everyone at one time or another will have "one of those days." That is just normal.

So here is some food for thought from a Christian perspective.

First, realize that going through the valleys helps us to appreciate the mountaintops.

"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience," reads James 1:2-3.

Secondly, the people or problems will almost always, "reason among themselves," Luke 20:5, for justification of the confrontation.

In this case, to realize that they have just lost this battle and begin to fade away.

Finally, always remember what scripture teaches, no matter what the circumstances might be, to "draw near to God and he will draw near to you," reads James 4:8.

No matter what a day brings forth or how bad you might have it, there is always hope — hope in the mist of a stormy life and hope in the mist of a stormy day.

No matter how sudden storms come up, no matter how severe they may be, they are all submissive to the savior. I close with this passage from Psalms 91. "He who dwells in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty."

I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in him I will trust." Especially on one of those days.

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Club Beyond — The Chapel youth group sponsored by the Protestant Chapels meets from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sundays at the chapel youth center.

All teens are invited to the programs which include group study, recreation and worship. Many special activities are provided on other days.

The youth center is beside Gowdy Baseball Stadium.

For more information, call Bruce at 545-2359.

Sunday School — Protestant religious education classes for children and adults have resumed at White Elementary School at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings.

Transportation from the housing areas is available and watch care is provided. For more information, call 545-4715.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel.

Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 687-0925 or 544-1382.

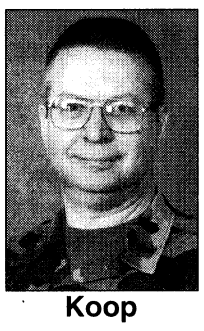
Marriage includes sensuality

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

According to Scripture, God designed marriage for oneness, which includes sensuality and physical union (Genesis 2:18-25). Couples should not deprive each other of marital intimacy (1 Corinthians 7:3-5).

Sensuality grows and blossoms in the warmth of emotional caring and from the fertile ground of safety, security, shelter, sustenance and health. A wise husband will both care for his mate and provide for his mate.

Sensuality includes, but is not limited to, touch. Kissing, hugging, caressing, massaging, cuddling and fondling are just one aspect of sensuality.


Koop

All the senses are involved to include sight, sound, taste and smell. So, "dim the lights, pour the wine, start the music," apply your favorite fragrance, and give flowers and chocolate. Be romantic.

Learn what brings pleasure to your mate and give of yourself to please your spouse. Communicate your desires.

Do what you both feel comfortable doing. Don't force your wishes on your mate. Be sensual simply to enjoy each other, rather than only as a means to have sex.

Make time to be sensual. Insure privacy by having a lock on the master bedroom, or ta-+king the kids over to a relative's or to a friend's house.

Anxiety and fear can destroy sensuality. Sensuality should never cause humiliation, fear or pain.

Would you like to be more sensual in your marriage? Free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop@benning.army.mil.

Do not deprive each other except for mutual consent and for a time, so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of lack of self control. — ***1 Corinthians 7:5***

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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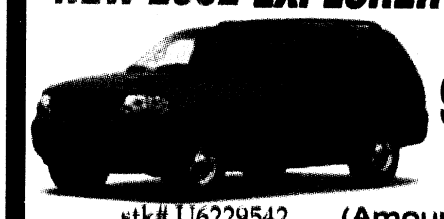
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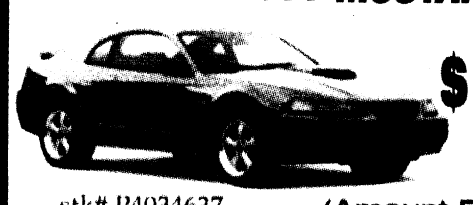
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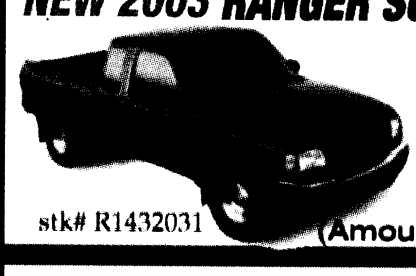
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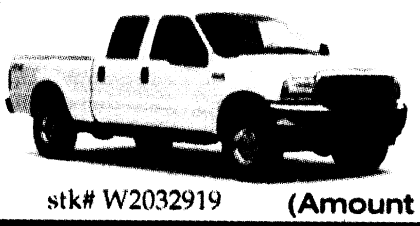
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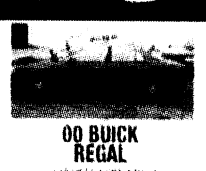
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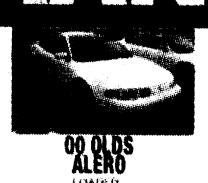
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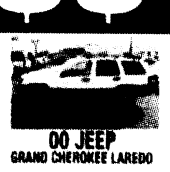
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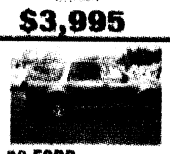
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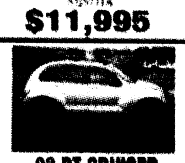
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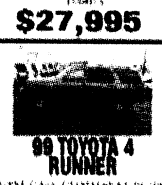
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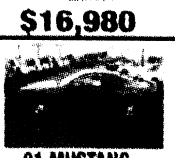
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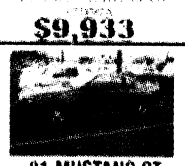
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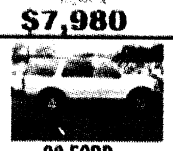
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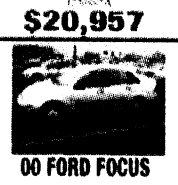
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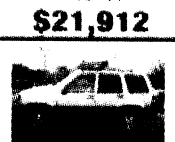
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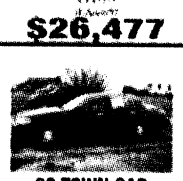
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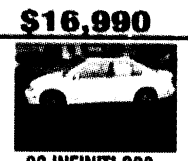
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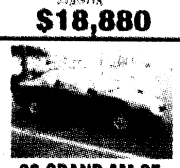
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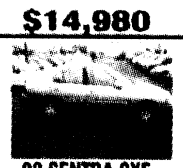
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SPORTS

Greenwaves pummel Red Jackets

Spencer gets first win of season

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Spencer High School changed the number in their win column from zero to one Nov. 1 with a 19-13 win over Jordan H.S. at Kinnett Stadium.

"I was happy the kids won," said Spencer coach Collins Jones. "It was very rewarding to see them pull together and pull off the victory.

"It was a team effort."

The Greenwaves running game looked like the Energizer Bunny as it kept going, and going, and going.

Spencers' Shamon Smith broke off a 69-yard run for a touchdown in the third quarter to secure a 16-0 lead.

"Smith can do anything on the field," Jones said. "He can catch, run, return and block.

"He's very coachable," he said.

Smith turned in a 315-yard rushing performance and is leading the region in rushing.

"I have to give credit to my offensive line," Smith said. "They make the hole, and I just run through them.

"It's a great feeling."

Smith scored two touchdowns and gave the Greenwaves a promising lead by the end of the third quarter, and the lead looked even better in the fourth.

When Spencer's kicker Doug Sparrow booted in a 29-yard field goal with 9:40 left, the game looked out of reach for the Red Jackets, but as the saying goes, it's not over until ...

It didn't take the Red Jackets long before they were right back in the game.

Jordan scored a touchdown at the 6:36 mark and took advantage of a Spencer turnover with 4:19 left in the game.

"We made a few mistakes," Jones said.

Forty-two seconds later, Jordan's Chris Wojciechowski caught the ball in the end zone, and the Red Jackets trailed by a mere six points.

As time elapsed and desperation became apparent for the Red Jackets, Spencer coughed up the football and Jordan had the opportunity they were waiting for, but Jordan must have caught a cold as they coughed the football right back to Spencer with a fumble of their own.

Spencer ran the clock down to zero and had their first win of the season.

The Greenwaves learned a valuable lesson, Smith said.

"As long as we play hard and stick together, we can win."

Fort Benning runs for drug awareness

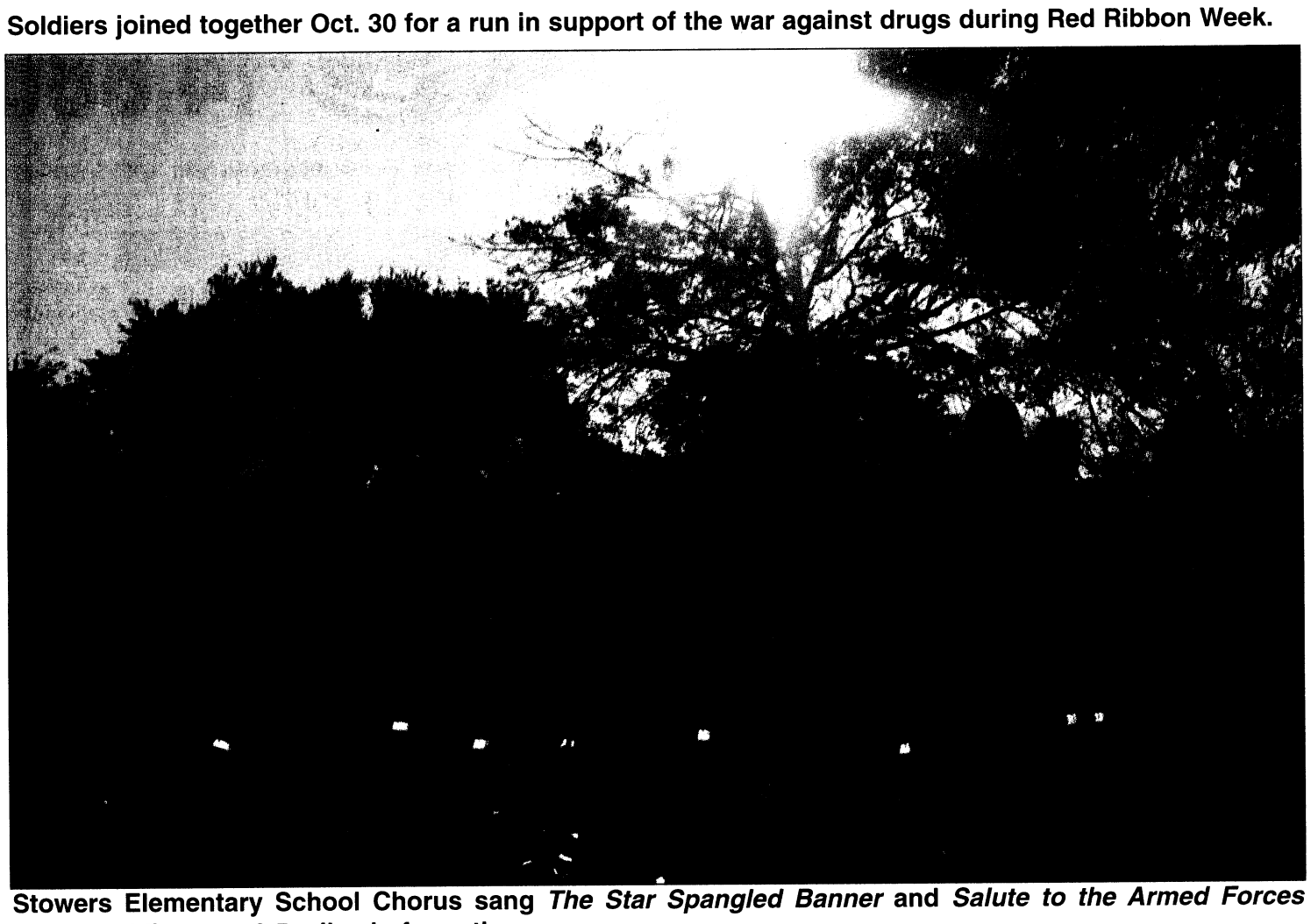
Red Ribbon week ends with run

Pvt. David Foley
Bayonet staff



Photos by Pvt. David Foley

Soldiers joined together Oct. 30 for a run in support of the war against drugs during Red Ribbon Week.



Stowers Elementary School Chorus sang *The Star Spangled Banner* and *Salute to the Armed Forces* before soldiers ran 2.5 miles in formation.

Maj. Gen. Paul D Eaton, commanding general of Fort Benning, lead three regiments and many guests on the first ever Red Ribbon Fun Run Nov. 1 in observance of Red Ribbon Week.

"The Fun Run was a good way to make the post aware that the command does not take drug use lightly", said Col Steve Sifers, 11th Infantry Regiment commander.

Before the run, Stowers Elementary School Chorus sang *The Star Spangled Banner* and *Salute to the Armed Forces*. Then Scott Bush, a volunteer from Phenix City, sang *God Bless the U.S.A.* as the sun peeked over the Ranger Memorial.

After the musical guests finished their performances, Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, presented awards to several units for outstanding leadership in drug prevention.

Eaton then gave a short speech about Red Ribbon Week and its importance to the military community before starting the run.

The Red Ribbon Fun Run was a 2.5-mile jog around Main Post.

Red Ribbon week began as a grass roots movement in honor of Enrique Camarena, Federal Drug Enforcement Agency agent, who was killed in 1985 while investigating Mexican drug traffickers.

Today, the Red Ribbon celebration has grown to affect more than 120 million people and offers a positive influence for drug-free lifestyles.

"We've been celebrating Red Ribbon Week for 20 years, and over the last 10, we've had tremendous success," said Yvonne Wilbanks, alcohol and drug control officer for the Army Substance Abuse Program. "We give soldiers the tools and education to prevent drug abuse and stress the power of choice.

"We strongly encourage soldiers to make the right choice."

National Red Ribbon Week offers an opportunity for educators, military leaders, parents, students and others to focus on the work being done to stop the spread of illegal drugs, she said.

Many of the funds that come from drug trafficking are spent on international terrorism, Eaton said.

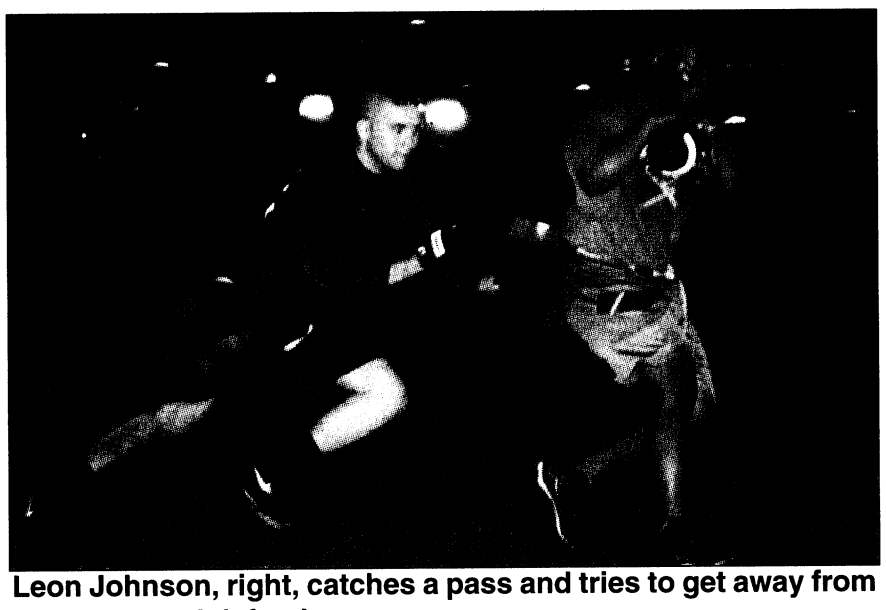
"The Army must continue to do our part to defeat this scourge," he said.

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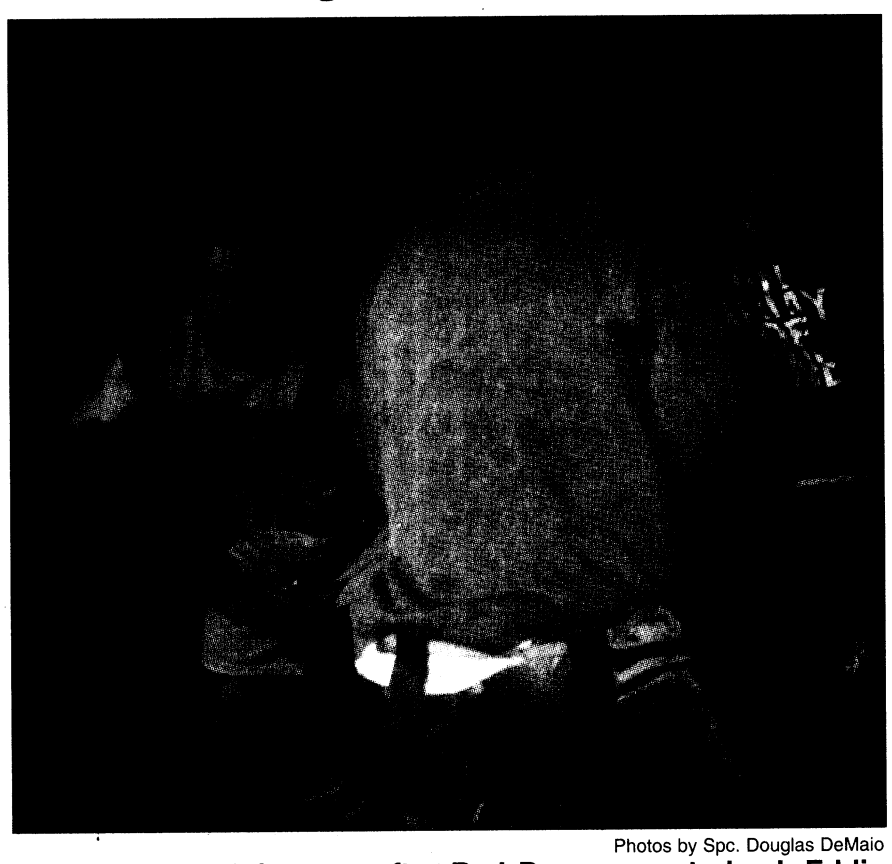
Infantrymen pound field artillery, 8-0

Teams penalized, only Bulls capitalize

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff



Leon Johnson, right, catches a pass and tries to get away from a Red Dawgs' defender.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Duane Stelzik, left, goes after Red Dawgs quarterback Eddie Holland during 2nd half action at Engineer Field Wednesday.

As the clock is winding down in the first half, the Bulls have the ball just past the midfield stripe. Then, a simple screen pass from Felipe Blanding to Leon Johnson turns into the games only score.

The Bulls of B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, defeated the 1st Bn., 10th Field Artillery Regiment, Red Dawgs, 8-0, Tuesday at Engineer Field in Post Intramural Flag Football action.

"We just got back from a 30-day deployment to Fort Stewart, and we haven't practiced or played in that time frame," Blanding said. "So we wanted to come out and play aggressively and put ourselves in position to win the game."

During the first half, the two teams fought for field position.

However, everytime either team would have a good play, the referees called penalties for celebration, movement, offsides and language.

"We have to work on our discipline," said Keith Heath, Red Dawgs' receiver. "We had so many stupid penalties that should've been avoided."

Toward the end of the first half, the Bulls drove down to the Red Dawgs' 20-yard line, but a 15-yard penalty took them back to the 35-yard line.

"We had to score on that opportunity," said Kenny Thompson, Bulls' receiver. "So we called our bread-and-butter play, the Atlanta pass, and we scored on it. It's just a simple screen pass and it always gets us a lot of yards."

After scoring the touchdown, the Bulls ran a revers with Derek Hood and scored a two-point conversion, making the score 8-0 with three seconds left in the first half.

In the second half, it was again a battle of field position, with neither team gaining the advantage due to penalties.

"The penalties just didn't stop," Blanding said. "But with each game, we learn more and more, and by the time the end of the season comes around, we shouldn't have anymore dumb penalties."

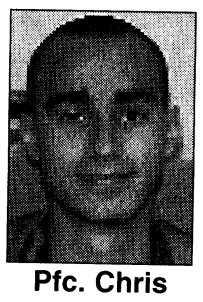
The Red Dawgs could not capitalize on field position given to them by the Bulls in the second half. With each spectacular play, there would be a penalty that would push them back.

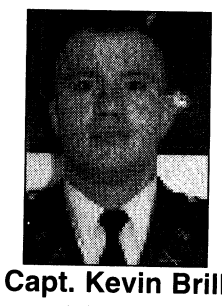
"We killed ourselves in this game by not remaining disciplined and not taking advantage of the opportunities we had," Heath said.

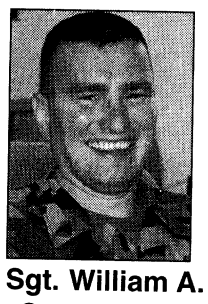
With the win, the Bulls moved to 3-0. However, because of being deployed, the Bulls have games they have to make up.

"The key is staying undefeated," Thompson said. "We're back on track and on the prowl to win the post championship."

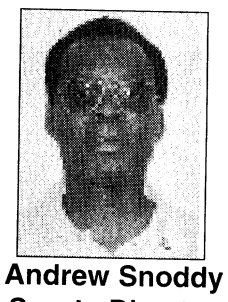
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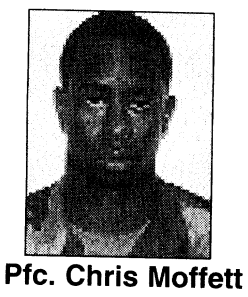

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note: Picks are made by Thursday morning.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Aerobics classes — The Officers' Club Fitness Center is offering fitness classes that include step aerobics, toning, abdominal exercises and circuit training. Enrollment is open to active duty, family members, retired military and Department of Defense civilians.

Classes are 5 to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday. Classes are $25 a month for members and $30 nonmembers.

For more information, call 687-0871.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun. The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Hunter Safety — The next two Georgia Hunter Safety Courses will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and Dec. 18 in Classroom 8 at Infantry Hall. Persons who wish to attend will have to preregister by calling the Central Reservation System at (800) 864-7275. There is a $4 call in registration fee, but, online registration is free at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or www.georgiawildlife.com. No walk-ins are allowed.

For more information, call 545-4812.

Self-defense classes —Youth Services Tae Kwon Do classes have begun. The classes will be held in the Youth Services Gym, Building 1055 and will be open to youth family members ages 6 to 18, of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

All students must be registered with the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, located on Custer Road in Building 11304, prior to signing up for classes at YS Building 1056.

For more information on class days and times, call 545-3070.

Riding lessons — The Fort Benning Hunt Club now offers riding lessons to children 6 and older. The riding styles are English and western. The lessons are 30 minutes for $15.

For more information, call 689-3945 or 687-6937.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@ usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Historic run — The 25th annual Historic District Preservation run will be Nov. 16. The 5K run will begin at 9 a.m. next to the Coca-Cola Space Center on Front Avenue. Military members are encouraged to participate.

For more information, call 324-6963.

Club banquet — Ducks Unlimited will have its annual dinner banquet at 8 p.m. at the Columbus Shiner's Club in Columbus Wednesday.

The cost is $55. Money raised will support local wildlife in the Fort Benning area.

For more information, call 545-8207.

Sport shooting — Chattahoochee Clays, of Phenix City, is sponsoring Military Appreciation Day at their shooting range. Active-duty military will receive a free membership valued at $150. Discount prices for clay shooting are available.

For more information, call (334) 297-1910.

Riverdragons — Season tickets for the National Basketball Development League's Columbus Riverdragons are now on sale. Special prices are available.

For more information, visit www.nba.com/nbdl/colubus/tickets.html or call 225-1100.

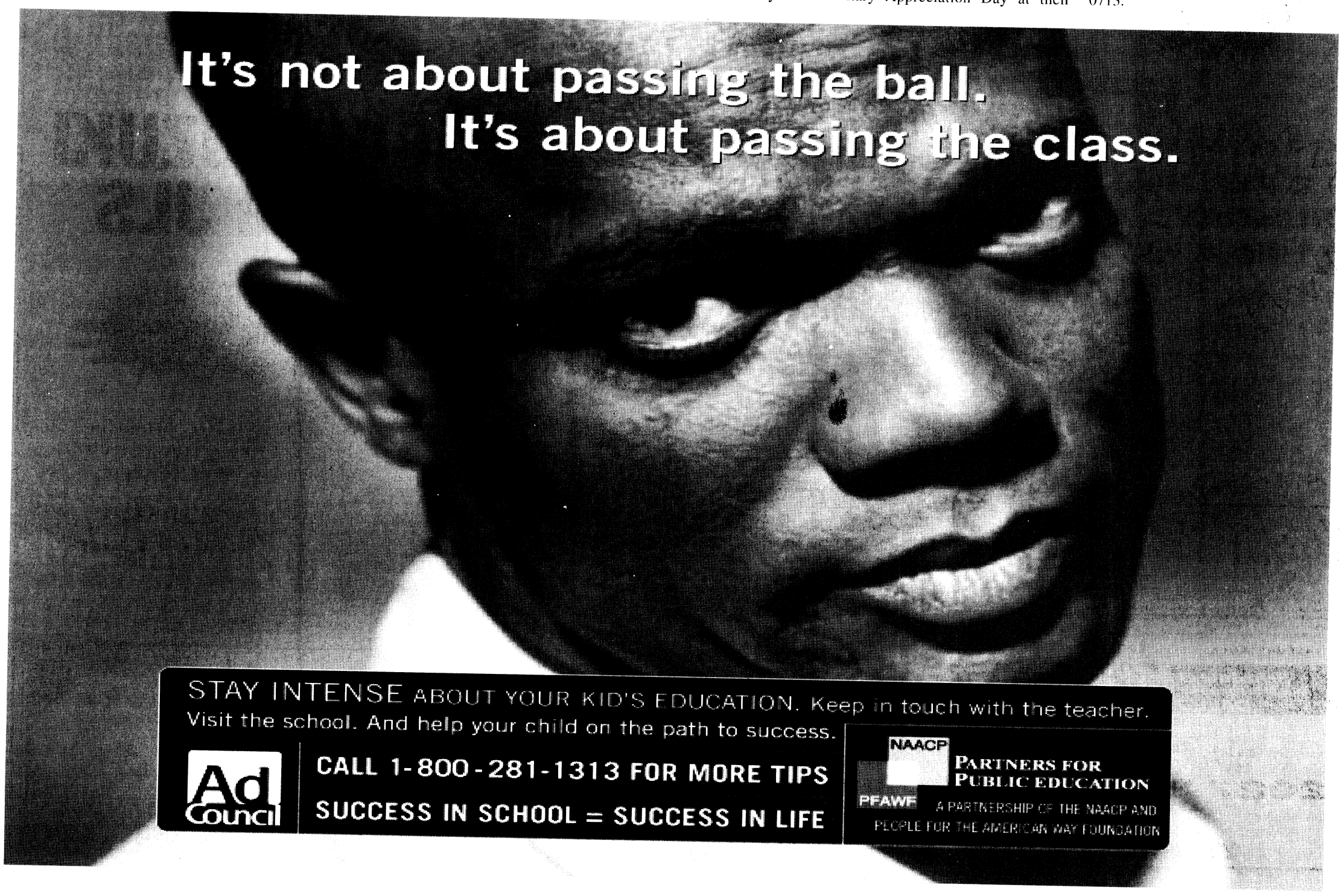
Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

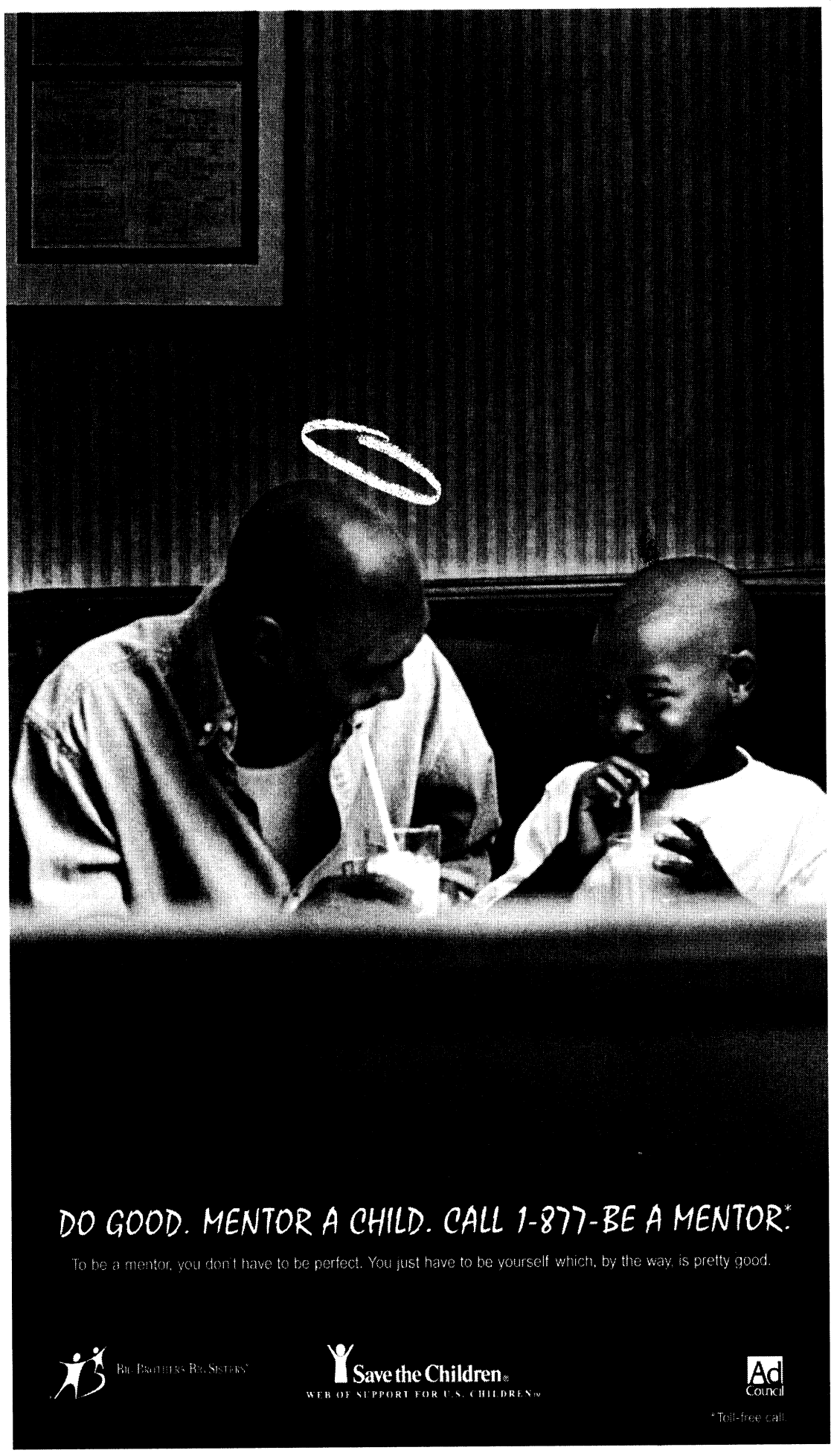
The tournament rounds begin at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

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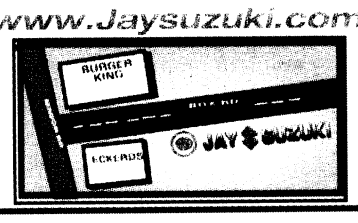
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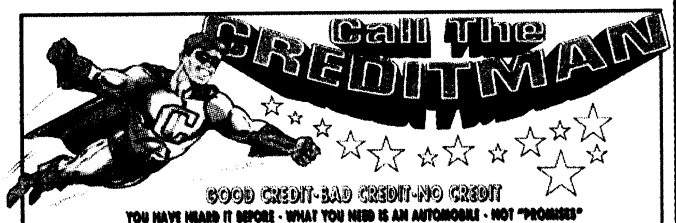
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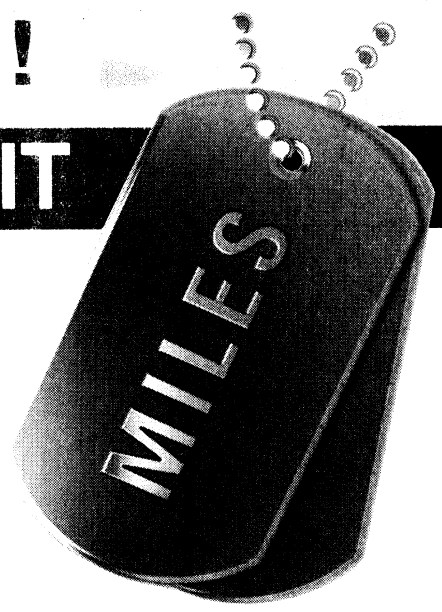
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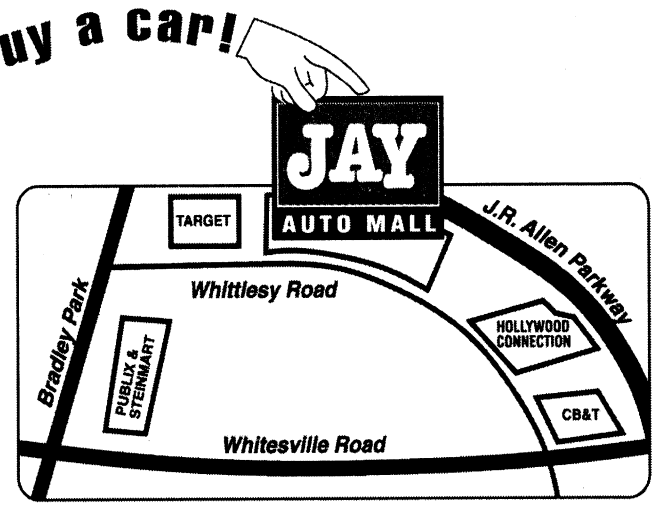
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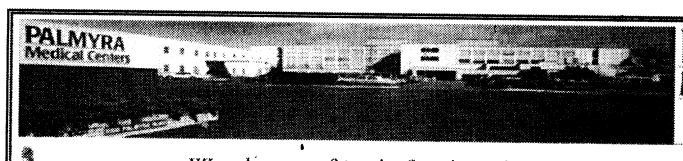
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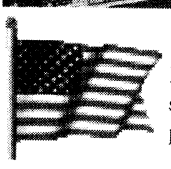
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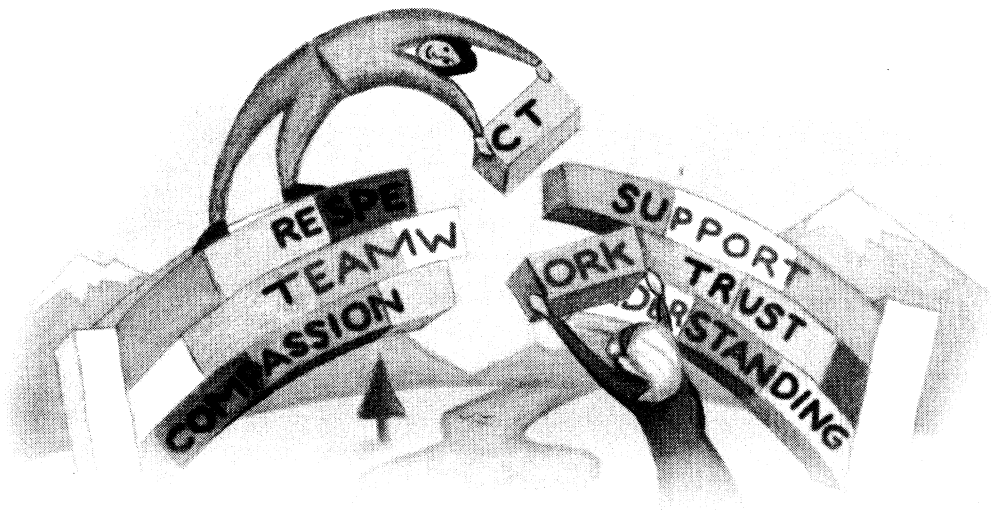
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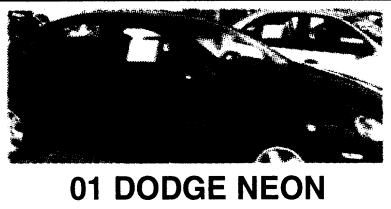

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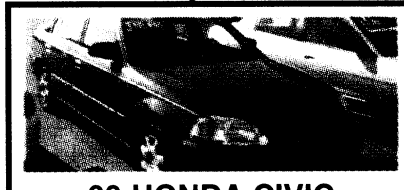

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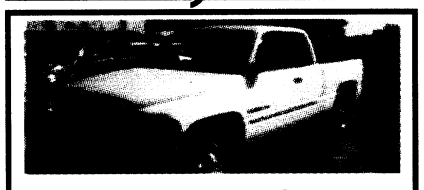

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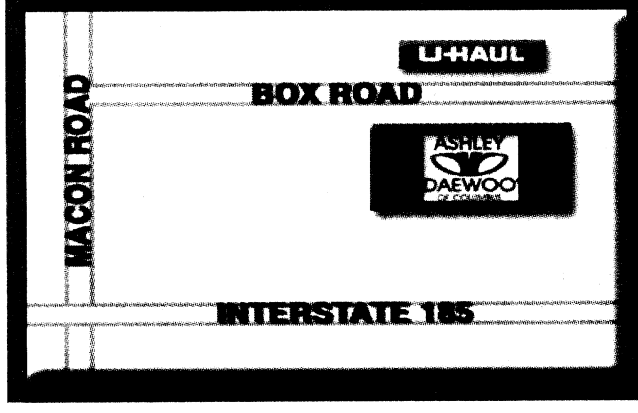

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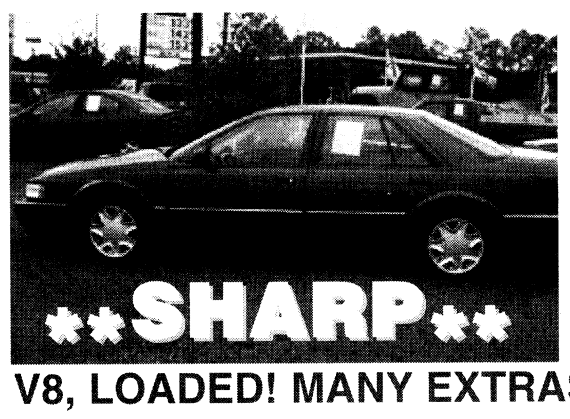
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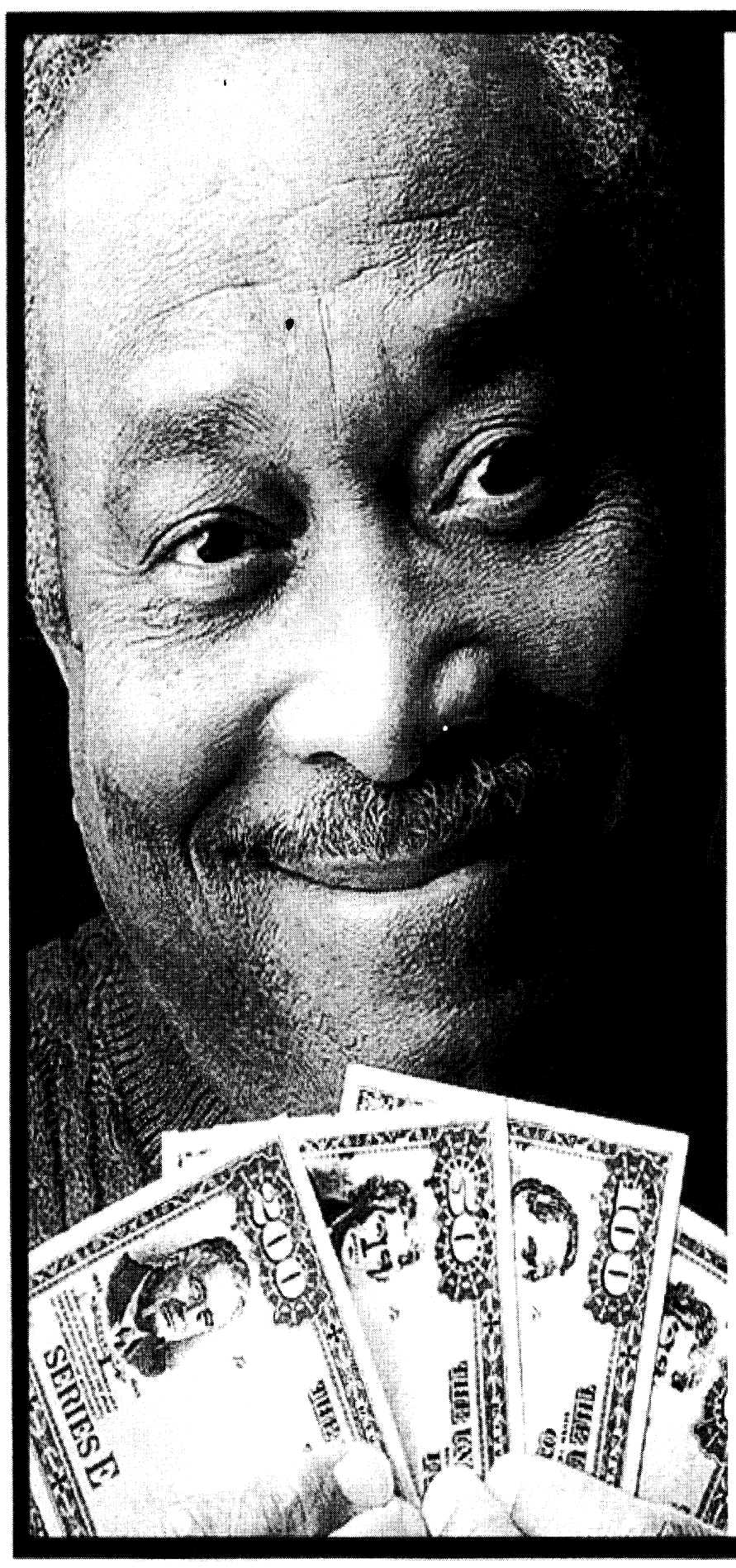


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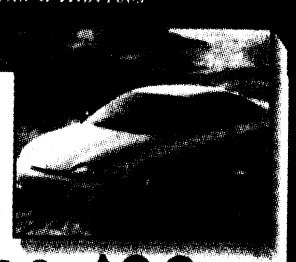
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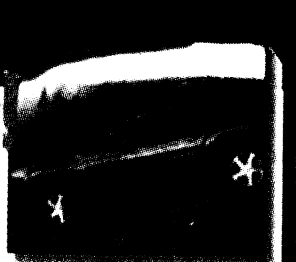
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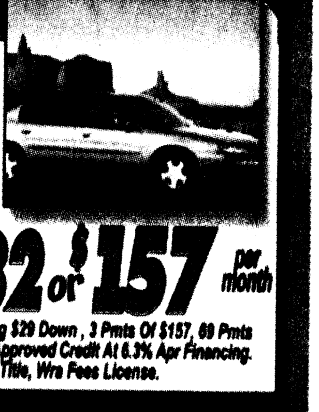
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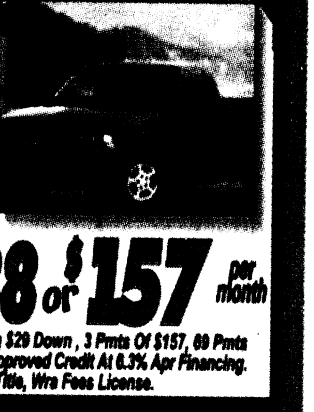
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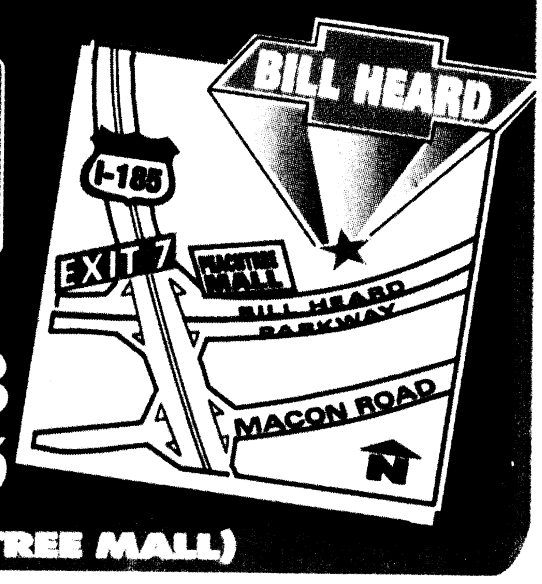
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SECTION B

Event to honor families

Locals plan walk along Riverwalk

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"Strong families are at the center of strong communities," said Columbus Mayor-elect Bob Poydasheff, a member of One Columbus, Inc., the organization sponsoring a local celebration of National Family Week Nov. 24-30.

For more than 30 years, National Family Week has focused on honoring and supporting the American family through awareness programs and family celebrations, such as the Family Walk on the River, a community walk along the Riverwalk Nov. 26.

The walk, between 6 and 8 p.m., is free and open to anyone. Participants are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items to donate to the Second Harvest Food Bank. The donations will be distributed to local needy families in time for Thanksgiving.

These kind of activities help "everyone in Columbus feel connected with the entire community," Poydasheff said. And that "makes for a stronger community."

The theme of this year's National Family Week is *Connection Counts*, and Fort Benning families are encouraged to reach out to the people and organizations that

See **FAMILIES**, B-2

OSC gets ready for annual sale

Benning Bazaar boasts best buys

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

The Fort Benning Officers' Spouses' Club is making the final preparations for the Benning Bazaar scheduled for 10 a.m. Dec. 7 at the Officers' Club.

Last year's bazaar had 75 vendors, said Renee Doyle, event coordinator. There are currently 47 vendors signed up to participate.

"Our deadline was Oct. 31," Doyle said, "but we still have space available, and we will continue to accept vendors."

The bazaar is the main fund-raising event for the OSC scholarship and welfare fund. Proceeds from the $2 admission fee and vendor registration will go into the fund.

After a poorly attended event at Spencer High School in 2000, the Bazaar moved to the Officers' Club last year, said Stacy Miller, OSC treasurer. The 2001 bazaar raised more than $5,000 for the fund. Miller estimated that more than 1,200 people shopped at the bazaar.

Among the items available to shoppers are woodcrafts, silver

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A BOY AND HIS DOG

Veteran shares tales of dog days

Scout dog handler visits post

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You can't put a price on friendship. That's the message retired Sgt. 1st Class Ray Eckel delivered to Stowers Elementary School students during their fourth annual Veterans Day celebration Nov. 8.

The Vietnam veteran and former dog handler told the students a tale of two dogs — scout dogs, whose dedication to service and companionship proved invaluable in the jungles of Vietnam.

Eckel was introduced to a German Shepherd named Rolf in 1967, when as a 17-year-old specialist he was sent to Vietnam to serve as a dog handler with the 1st Cavalry Division.

The Army valued Rolf at nearly $15,000. Eckel said he was priceless.

"Being a dog handler was a lonely, scary job. You were pretty much by yourself," Eckel told the students.

"Handlers and dogs go out in front of soldiers to spot the enemy, so we spent a great deal of time just the two of us. I relied on him. He relied on me. He became my best friend. I loved him."

Rolf and Eckel were inseparable. They shared C-Rations and water. Eckel tossed rocks for Rolf to fetch, and Rolf, in turn, curled up at the head of Eckel's mattress each night and offered himself as a pillow.

But it was in the jungle, where Rolf led Eckel in search of trip wires and snipers that the two bonded, Eckel said.

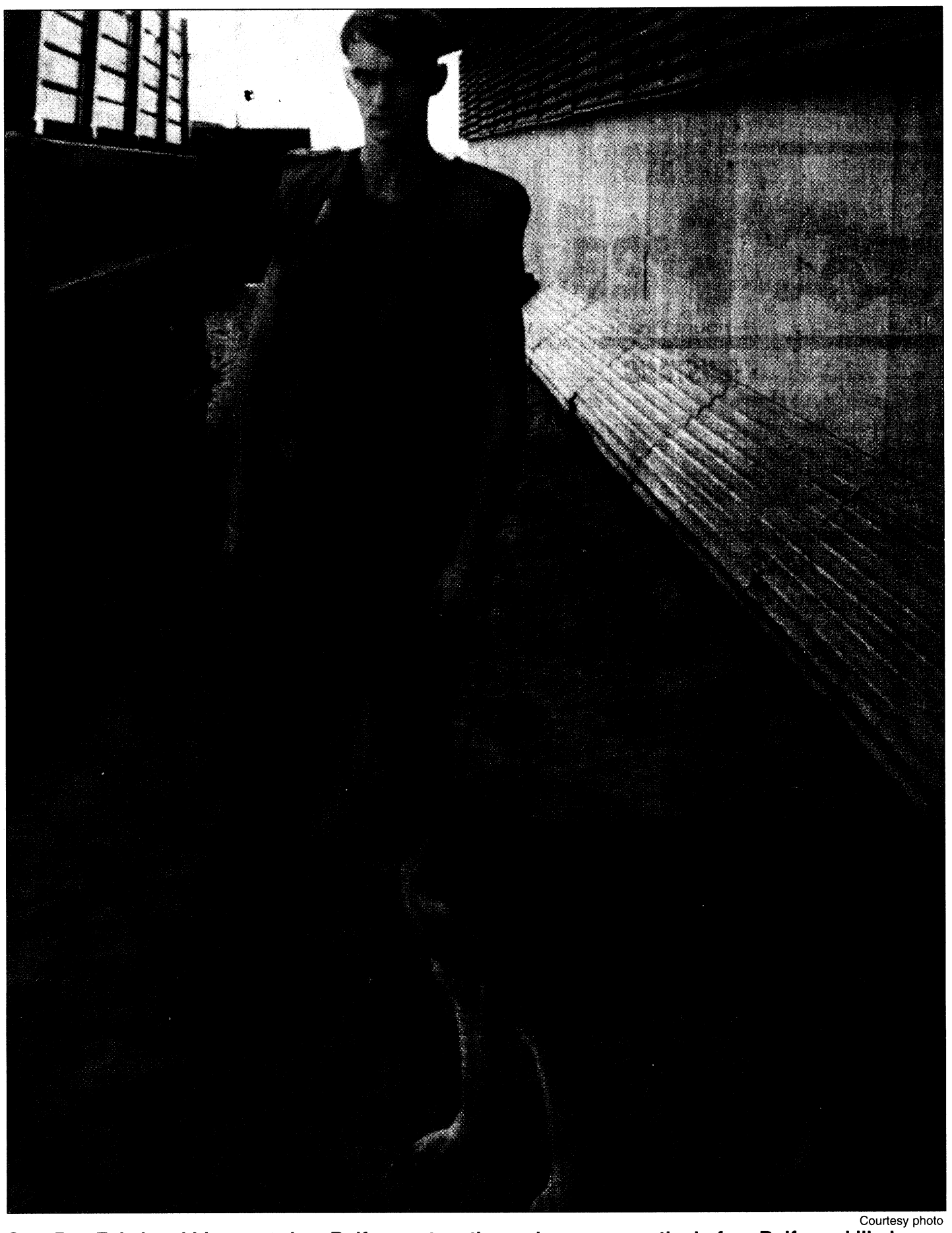
"There were 14 of us (handlers) that went over there together," he said.

"Only four returned. If they didn't believe in their dog, they paid for it with their lives.

"A dog's senses are so much better than a human's," he explained. "Rolf was my early warning system. I learned to read him and I trusted him completely. He could see movement a hundred times better than me, and he could actually hear a trip wire."

But Rolf's keen senses couldn't save him from the hand grenade a North

See **VET**, B-2



Courtesy photo

Spc. Ray Eckel and his scout dog, Rolf, were together only seven months before Rolf was killed.

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>
> **Retired Sgt. 1st Class Ray Eckel**
> Vietnam veteran



Bridgett Siter

Officer Ray Eckel shows his military awards and ribbons to fourth-graders at Stowers Elementary School Nov. 8. during the school's annual Veterans Day celebration. Eckel is married to the school's secretary, Ilona Eckel.

Children to model character, clothes

Fashion show to highlight good character

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

If how you look says a lot about you, the Fort Benning Children and Youth Services Middle School group is getting a lesson in dressing.

"It's important for kids to take pride in their appearance," said Quin Thorn, a recreation specialist at Youth Services.

As part of an ongoing lesson on character education, the Fort Benning YS Middle School group will hold a Fall Fashion Show Nov. 22 following the theme "Character in the Way I Dress."

During the show, children will strut the catwalk to display their unique fashions while messages about character will be delivered over the microphone.

"The clothing is respectable and not revealing," said Kim Rowland, a mother of three children involved in the fashion show. "My kids are seeing you can still be cool and not have to dress like a hoochie."

The idea behind the fashion show is to help kids form good habits about dressing appropriate and feel confident about who they, Thorn said.

The six pillars of character the fashion show will focus on are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

Children have been studying the importance of the different pillars of character all year long, Thorn said.

"We've performed plays and welcomed guest speakers to talk about the habits which lead to a strong character," Thorn said. "The children are learning valuable lessons."

Some of the outfits kids will be showing off include sportswear, formal wear and casual wear.

"The girls are having a blast playing dress up, and even my son is enjoying being on stage," Rowland said.

"This is the right idea to motivate them."

Motivating children to be more responsible is exactly the message behind the performance, Thorn said.

"We are hoping even more children will come and watch the show," Thorn said. "The performers will get the audience's attention and teach them a lesson they can take home with them."

The fashion show begins at 6 p.m. at the Youth Services Center.

For information, call YS at 545-3070.

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>
> **Kim Rowland**
> mother

Families: Spend time together

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have made a difference in their lives.

Here are some ways One Columbus, Inc., encourages families to celebrate National Family Week:

• Write a letter to thank someone who has made a difference in the life of your family.

• Discover different ways to spend quality time together, such as volunteering.

• Hold a "family supper" with your neighbors or the families of your childrens' friends.

• Visit a local community or youth center and learn what kinds of family activities are available.

The Family Center of Columbus offers these suggestions for reaffirming your family's commitment to one another:

• Start a family tree.

• Take on a family project, such as adopting a needy family for the holidays.

• Adopt a senior citizen.

• Make a family prayer or affirmation and say it before a meal.

• Take your kids on a tour of your workplace.

• Visit your local library.

• Care enough to show it. Try a hug of approval, a pat on the back, or say, "You did a great job."

• Plan your Thanksgiving meal together.

• Limit TV and Internet use. Spend more time together.

Vet: Shares dog stories with kids

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Vietnamese soldier lobbed into the trench where he and Eckel lay sleeping. Eckel escaped serious injury, but Rolf died four days later.

"It was real hard," Eckel told the students. "I lost my best friend."

After a brief ceremony and burial, Eckel returned to duty, this time with a dog named Duke, who was less inclined to mix business with pleasure.

"He bit me six times the first day. It didn't look like we were going to be friends," Eckel said. "But he was always ready to work. He took his responsibility very seriously. He was just naturally suspicious. That's what made him such a good scout."

Though Duke was never as affectionate as Rolf, he was very loyal and dedicated, Eckel said. The two forged a friendship in a very short time, hastened by the intensity of combat.

Duke was assigned to another handler when Eckel returned to the states in 1969.

The 55-year-old Illinois native, who was awarded a Purple Heart after being shot in the leg, said he still thinks about his dogs from time to time.

"I loved working with them. I'd do it again in a minute, but I'd wear a different kind of uniform now."

Eckel is an officer with the Columbus Police Department.

Bazaar: Raises scholarship funds

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jewelry, handmade cards and baskets, and a variety of Christmas items.

"Our focus is on handcrafted items," Doyle said, although several commercial vendors will also have booths.

Kathy Bolar is one of two vendors offering handmade woven baskets.

Bolar recently learned basket making from a neighbor and will offer baskets in different sizes and shapes, both stained and unstained.

"My first was a patriotic basket," Bolar said, "and I just tried to create a basket to hold a 9 by 13 dish.

"It didn't quite work, but it's cute."

Bolar will offer a basket making class through the Bit of Benning shop Dec. 11.

A recent addition is a table for donations for Santa's Castle, where shoppers can drop off new, unwrapped toys or make cash contributions.

"Last year's bazaar was a big success," Miller said, "and it should be even better this year."

For more information call 682-6212.

CPAC will provide two orientation sessions for employees affected by the RIF at 1 p.m. Nov. 18 and 8:30 a.m. Nov. 19 in Classroom 6, Infantry Hall. Shaw will conduct a briefing for employees interested in employment with Shaw, ITT or Sikorsky at 1 p.m. Nov. 20 in Marshall Auditorium.

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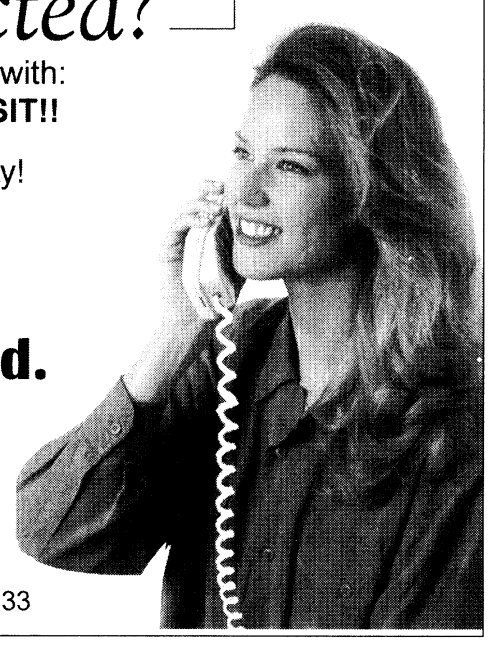
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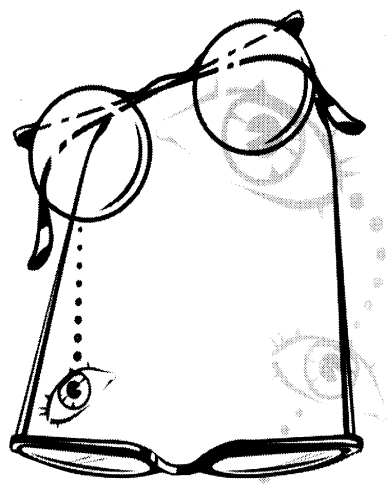
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Fort Benning recycles today

Recycling saves energy, resources landfill space

Danielle Foershler
Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

Georgians will join in the sixth annual observance of America Recycles Day today.

The national event is held to raise consumer awareness of the need to recycle and to "close the loop" by purchasing recycled content products and packaging.

Events will be held in local communities throughout the state and nation asking people to pledge to renew their commitment to recycling.

Fort Benning's Material Recycling Facility is asking that the Fort Benning community take part in this nationwide recycling day.

The MRF is placing several recycling bins throughout the Fort Benning Housing areas today.

The recycling bins will be located at the following locations: Indianhead Housing Area on Lavoie Street by Wilson School; White Elephants on 1st Division Road by TOT Town Day Care; Kelley Hill located by Building 9070, 36th Engineer Group between Buildings 2883 and 2882 in front of the ball field; Custer Terrace at the end of the Post Office building; and Davis Hills in front of building 9608.

The average Georgian throws away 6.6 pounds of household garbage a day, which adds up to nearly 9.4 million tons a year.

By recycling, we save energy and conserve natural resources and landfill space.

"Every citizen in our state should take this time to evaluate opportunities for recycling in their community and take action to reduce waste and conserve resources," said Gloria Hardegreestate, ARD coordinator.

Fort Benning's MRF is asking the community to help in the recycling efforts by taking five minutes out of your day today to drop off your recyclable items.

Fort Benning offers free finance class

Six part class teaches families to save

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

This is the first in a six part series that explores what soldiers learn at the financial readiness course.

The first session in a six class financial readiness course, *Investing in your future,* covered topics that include retirement planning, investing and overcoming debt.

The classes are designed to help people become debt free and stay that way while building a solid financial platform.

"I'd rather help people before they have a problem, but most people wait too long before getting help," said Ann Pratcher, manager of the Financial Readiness Program. "Even if they do get into trouble before they contact us, we can still help them though."

Tuesday's class offered tips on debt control and building a financial base through cash and credit management, budgeting, financial checkups and focusing on the financial management pyramid.

The financial management pyramid outlines the steps required for wealth protection, wealth accumulation and wealth distribution.

Wealth protection can be obtained by budgeting, building an emergency cash reserve, insuring personal assets and understanding tax laws.

Wealth accumulation is derived by setting smart financial goals, lowering the total amount of debt and choosing good investments.

Wealth distribution gives people an opportunity to pass on their wealth to loved ones or favorite causes at the end of their lives.

One method of reaching a financial goal is to place a reminder somewhere it will be seen on a daily basis, Pratcher said.

"It's the same as putting a picture of yourself on the refrigerator as a reminder to diet.

"People need to stay focused on their goals, and that is what the financial readiness class is all about. It is also important to set attainable goals so you don't get frustrated," Pratcher said.

"There are many factors that can affect financial stability and cause success or ruin," Pratcher said. "The most important thing, however, is building a solid base. With a solid base, you have something to build on."

"This is a great class," said Spc. Kyle Neller, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. "I'm glad the sergeants in the office suggested I go. I learned a lot about money management and investment strategies.

"I now see the importance of searching for the best deal possible by comparing apples to apples and oranges to oranges. I also learned that if something is on sale, and I wouldn't buy it otherwise, it's not really worth buying.

"I am looking forward to the next class."

The second class in the series will be Tuesday in Building 359 and will focus on equity investments, fixed income investments and mutual funds.

For more information, call the Army Community Service at 545-7517.

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PX and commissary meeting — The PX and commissary council meeting is 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesday in the Corregidor Room in the Officers' Club. For more information, call Brian Smith at 545-3328 or 682-7599.

Thanksgiving holiday garbage schedule — There will be no Monday yard waste pick up in Family Housing Nov. 25. Garbage normally picked up on Thursdays will be picked up Dec. 2. Garbage pick ups will occur as normally scheduled for Nov. 25, 26, 27 and 29. For more information, call 545-4232.

Red Cross classes — The American Red Cross, Fort Benning Station, will offer the following classes:

- Community First Aid and Safety — Dec. 7; $38.
- Babysitting Training — Saturday and Dec. 14; $38, must be 11 years old to participate.

Classes are limited to 10 participants and must be paid for prior to starting date.

For more information or to register, call 545-5194.

Exceptional Family Member Program — The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program offers respite care for military families enrolled in the EFMP.

Respite care can provide temporary relief for caretakers of special needs children. You may qualify for services through this program.

For more information, call the ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

Have you been trying to cope with the responsibility of caring for a person with special needs? Do you feel overwhelmed, as if you are all alone? Do you need support from others who understand?

The ACS Exceptional Family Member Program would like to form a support groups geared to the needs of military families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

If you have any interest in forming a group, call ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

Hepatitis clinic — Hepatitis Clinic provides counseling, education twice a month at Community Health Nursing section, Department of Preventive Medicine in Building 2631, Soldier's Plaza. Call 545-4041 for appointment.

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Night of Lights — The annual tricommunity "Night of Lights" celebration for Fort Benning, Columbus and Phenix City will kick off the holiday season at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Phenix City Ampitheatre. Admission to the event is free and concessions will be available. The Infantry Band and school groups from all three communities will provide music for the evening. The first 1,000 children (12 and younger) will receive a free Christmas ornament.

Scholarship Pageants — Young women in the Columbus area will have a chance to compete in the Miss Columbus Scholarship and the Teen Miss Columbus Pageants Dec. 7. Both pageants will be held in Legacy Hall at the River Center for the Performing Arts beginning at 7 p.m.

Competition will include talent, evening gown, swimsuit and interview. Those who wish to compete must be between the ages of 17 and 24 and reside or work in Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Chattahoochee, Taylor, Troup, Meriwether, Stewart, Quitman, Marion and Randolph Counties, Fort Benning or attend school at Columbus State University or Andrew College.

There is no entrance fee to compete. The winner will go on to compete in the Miss Georgia Pageant held in June.

General admission is $12 and the public is invited to attend.

For more information or an application to participate, call Mike Owens at 718-2414, Hugh Gregory at (404) 378-7141 or e-mail misscolumbusga@aol.com.

Free coin — USAA is offering a free patriotic coin for soldiers' commitment to the nation. USAA membership is not required to receive this coin. Call 1-888-558-8825 and give the promotional code ASCN to the representative when asked.

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Columbus Reads — Be a volunteer with Columbus Reads Kindergarten Readiness Program Jan. 13 through May 16.

Volunteers need just spend 20 minutes, one day a week with a 4 year old.

For more information, call Deborah Tainsh at 649-1895.

Volunteers needed — Volunteers are needed for the 2002 C.C.S.C., Inc. School Tutorial Program.

Teachers are needed in Reading, Math and other areas each Saturday during the school term from 10 a.m. to noon at Eddy Middle School at 2100 South Lumpkin Road and Rothschild Middle, Eastway Elementary School at 1136 Hunt Avenue.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357, Daisy Honor at 687-8808, the office at 321-9596 or go to Eddy Middle School.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation.

The 72-page guide will help people identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S.

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- **Monday:** stuffed crust pizza, pasta salad, mixed vegetables, fresh fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** hot dog, oven fries, cole slaw, fresh fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** hamburger, tater tots, buttered carrots, fresh fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** ham and cheese sandwich, carrot and celery sticks with dip, early peas, fresh fruit, milk
- **Friday:** oven roasted turkey and gravy, dressing or mashed potatoes, green beans, cranberry sauce, sweet potato souffle or fresh fruit, hot yeast roll, milk

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Stowers School has book character parade

Stowers Elementary School

Amelia Bedelia, Viola Swamp, Dr. Doolittle and Harry Potter were alive and well at Stowers Elementary School Oct. 31.

As a part of Stowers Reads, the faculty, staff and students held a Book Character Parade in which everyone in the school dressed as a character from a favorite book.

Students and teachers, led by the principal and assistant principal — Dr. Doolittle and a grown-up Harry Potter — marched in a circle inside the school holding their book and viewing the other students in costume.

Students marched through the media center where judges selected the students in each grade who best represented their book character.

Winners included Belle from Beauty and the Beast, A Wizard from Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone, the Croc Hunter from The Crocodile Hunter, Amelia Bedelia from Amelia Bedelia, Dorothy from *The Wizard of Oz*, the daughter from Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter, Alice the witch from Alice and Greta, Harry Potter from Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, and Viola Swamp from Miss Nelson is Missing.



Courtesy photo

From left to right, students Nicole Florian (Dorothy), Christian DeMarzo (Crocodile Hunter), Katie Rahill (wizard), Devin Downer (Harry Potter), Megan Braida (Alice the Witch), Kaylan Gerdes (Amelia Bedelia), KaDeja White (Mufaro's Beautiful Daughter) won Stowers' grade-level contest for best character costume. Fann Woody won the faculty competition as Viola Swamp.

Stowers' students use fun to stay in shape

Stowers Elementary School

Thirty-eight students from the third, fourth, and fifth grades at Stowers School spend an hour after school two days a week keeping in shape and having fun. The Walking/Fitness Club, directed by fifth-grade teacher David Murray, is a fun way to help kids keep in shape and have a great time doing it. After stretching exercises each day, the club hits the trails or walking paths around the school for an hour of fun and fitness. Parents and other teachers often join in.

"I like our walking club because it helps me exercise and that's my hobby," said fifth-grader Hasani Brown.

Students at Stowers have parents that stress fitness, and this is a fun way for them to keep in shape as well. Students earn tiny florescent feet that are added to a neck chain each time they complete five miles. After 25 miles they earn a medal for their chain as well.

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Kenyatta Ervin, center, her mother, Johnita, and second-grade teacher Kris Clemons, dissect owl pellets during Very Involved Parents Day at Stowers Elementary School.

Second graders, parents dissect owl pellets

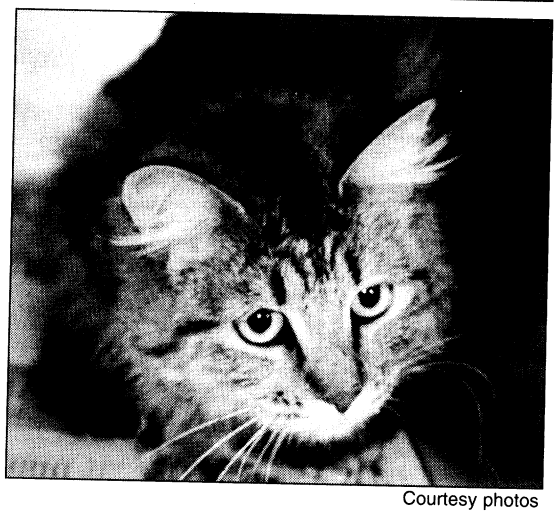
Stowers Elementary School

What can be exciting, enlightening and educational? Second graders and their parents in Kris. Clemons' and Susan Lapp's classrooms at Stowers School found out during V.I.P. (Very Involved Parents) this week. As a culminating activity for their study of animals, the students and their parents dissected an owl pellet. Owl pellets are indigestible bones and fur that are regurgitated.

By dissecting the pellets, the students discovered fascinating information about an owl's diet.

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Elections put new focus on spiritual things

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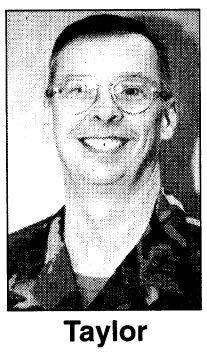
The elections are finally over, unless you happen to live in Louisiana. I am certainly happy to see the campaigns end.

This year it seemed that the number of negative ads, the mudslinging, was more pronounced than ever. The political pundits debate the effectiveness of those ads but most people I talk with say that kind of campaigning really turns them off. The credibility of the candidates becomes a focus of the debates instead of anything positive.

In some areas of the country, voter turnout was greater than in others. Some candidates surmise they lost their elections because of low voter turnout. I guess that is true at least as far as the voters who supported the positions of the losing candidate. Many people stayed home. Many did not mail in their ballots.

For whatever reason, many citizens just did not exercise one of the fundamental rights we have in this country. Even though the choices may not always have been very good, at least we had choices. Compare ours with the recent elections in Iraq.

REFLECTIONS


Taylor

We delight in the freedoms we have, but sometimes exercising our rights to those freedoms is something we take for granted. We tend to be comfortable with the reasons for not using those freedoms. It is easier not to vote than to take the time to stand in line at a polling place. Despite the narrow margins of victory in many elections, we still feel our contribution won't make a difference.

Most Americans look at the freedom to worship in much the same way.

There are usually more reasons available for not going to church than for taking the time to exercise that right. Some reasons sound legitimate enough: resting, spending time with the family, doing necessary chores.

Those, like most of the weaker ones, are really just excuses. If meeting the spiritual needs in our own lives and the lives of those close to us was really a priority, we would be in church at the appointed hour.

It is often said that if you don't vote, don't complain about the performance of those in office. Maybe the same could apply to those who seem to have little interest in spiritual growth.

If you are not willing to take the time to meet with God in the company of others, then don't complain when he brings things into your life that you don't like!

We all like the idea of preserving the freedoms we have. But it is all too easy to not take advantage of those same freedoms.

Make time to vote, we are told. Good idea. Make time for church also! It is a precious right that nearly half the people of the world don't have. Exercise it!

CHAPEL NOTES

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Club Beyond — The Chapel youth group sponsored by the Protestant Chapels meets from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Sundays at the chapel youth center. All teens are invited to the programs, which include group study, recreation and worship. Many special activities are provided on other days.

The youth center is beside Gowdy Baseball Stadium. For more information, call Bruce at 545-2359.

Sunday School — Protestant Religious Education classes for children and adults has resumed at White Elementary School at 9 a.m. Sunday mornings. Transportation from the housing areas is available and watch care is provided.

For more information, call 545-4715.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 687-0925 or 544-1382.

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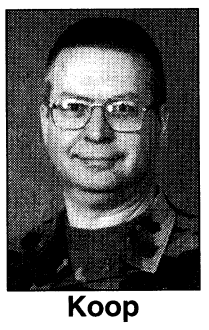
Foster spirituality in marriage

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Reflect on this: A single strand is easily snapped. Two twisted strands are better. "A cord of three strands in not easily broken," (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).

In a similar fashion, the husband and wife team is considerably strengthened when both invite God to join forces with them. In a Psalm attributed to Solomon, King of Israel, Solomon observed, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain," (Psalm 127:1).

The frame of a house is built with vertical studs and horizontal joists and rafters. Likewise, the essential elements of spirituality in marriage consist of being in a right relationship with God (the vertical) and in a right relationship with one another (the horizontal).


Koop

Scripture sums up the whole law of God in the same way, to love the Lord our God and our neighbor (Mark 12:28-31 and Leviticus 19:18).

Spiritual couples read and apply God's word to their lives. They pray. They worship together, and they minister together.

The Bible implores us to "act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8). Moses exclaimed, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down, and when you get up," (Deuteronomy 6:5-7).

Strengthen your relationship and your home. Make God a part of your lives.

Free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop@benning. army.mil.

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.— *Acts 2:46*

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

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Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

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1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
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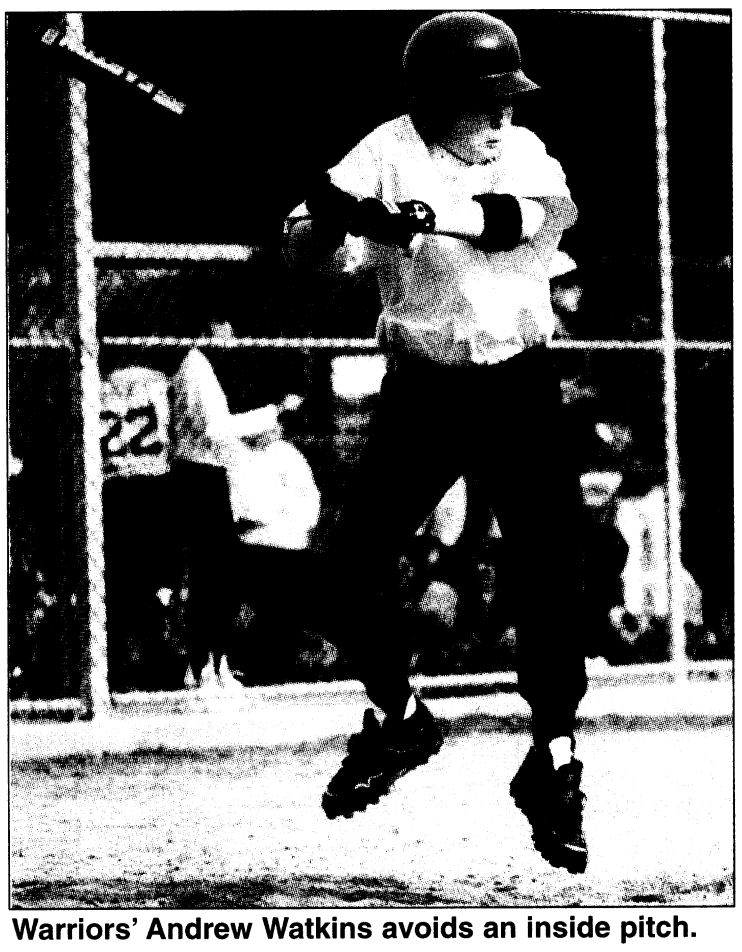
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YS season opener showcases skill



Warriors' Andrew Watkins avoids an inside pitch.



Warriors' Mike Cantrell avoids the tag at second base by Tigers' shortstop Brian Coronado.

Warriors defeat Tigers in 8-3 victory

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Practice may not always make perfect, but it does wonders for Youth Services baseball teams.

The Warriors drew upon what they learned in their three weeks of practice to defeat the Tigers, 8-3, in 12- to 15-year-old, winter-league action Saturday at the YS Baseball Complex.

"Everyone loves to win, but there can be only one winner," said Tigers' coach Leroy Coronado, who inherited the team Nov. 7 after two coaches left and did not have a chance for a team practice. "The thing is, we had a good time today and learned from our mistakes. Let it show for the record, I'm confident we'll be 6-1 this season."

Both teams looked a bit rusty to start the game. There were many passed balls, errant throws and indecisive at bats. The difference was that the Warriors' sloppy play stopped after pitcher Michael Cantrell allowed Jay May and Brian Coronado to score in the first. Tigers' pitcher Jonathan Moore and his team didn't settle down until after allowing 8 runs in the first two innings.

Warriors' Jon McGhee, Mike Cantrell and Josh Taylor scored two runs for the Warriors, and Andrew Gerber and Aubrey Harris scored once. Taylor also added two singles, two runs batted in and five stolen bases.

The Tigers' Joshua Toole scored in the fifth inning, but the referees called the game due to the hour-and-a-half time limit.

Moore throws hard and couldn't throw his hardest until Coronado made a catcher change in the third inning, Coronado said.

"He couldn't let her rip, and that cost us," he said.

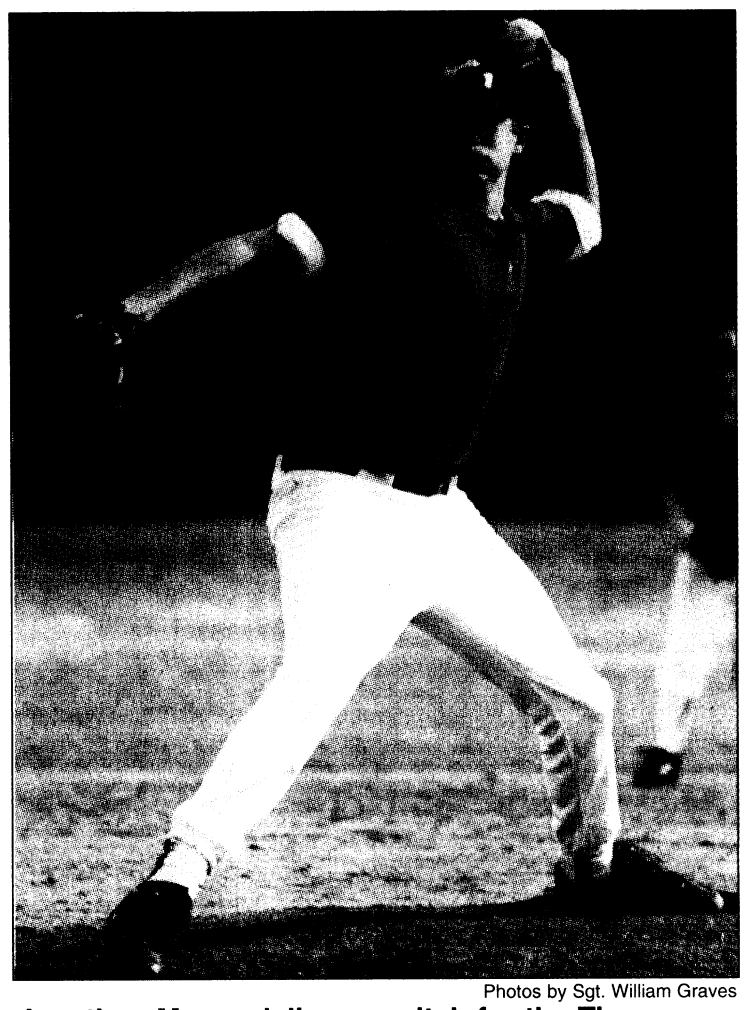
The game seemed to be a learning experience for both teams.

"We need to focus on where the ball is at all times to avoid constant steals by the other team," he said. "Also, we have to throw to the person, not at the person."

"I feel pretty good," said Jermie Gardner, Warriors' coach. "The kids started to pick up on a lot of the fundamentals. This was a great confidence boost for them."

His team has a few first-year players, but some of their teammates served as mentors in teaching fundamentals like setting their feet when throwing, keeping the ball in front of their body, and turning to run for balls in the outfield, not shuffling backward, Gardner said.

"Our communication improved as the game went along," Gardner said. "The kids started slapping each other on the back and encouraging each other more."



Photos by Sgt. William Graves

Jonathan Moore delivers a pitch for the Tigers.

The games mean a great deal to the children, he said.

"It builds team and school pride," Gardner said. "When Spring ball comes around, they'll be gelled and ready to play."

Until then, the Warriors are confident they'll play well, said Cantrell, 12.

"We have a good team," he said. "We work together and have a lot of hustle."

Still, the shutout he pitched in the second, third and fourth innings was a surprise.

"I didn't think I'd pitch that well," he said. "I pitched my fastest and got the ball in the strike zone. Even though I did well, I still have to improve my accuracy."

McGee, 13, gave much of the credit for the victory to the Warriors' coaches.

"They really want us to win, and they push us hard," McGee said. "They prepared us well in practice and helped us build the confidence we need to win."

Blue Devils crush Red Jackets

Running back attacks Jordan defense

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Columbus High School Blue Devils defeated the Jordan H.S. Red Jackets, 60-36, in high school football action Nov. 8 at Columbus' homecoming game.

From the opening kickoff, the Blue Devils defense enveloped the Red Jackets, and didn't allow them any breathing room the whole game.

Columbus sustained a long drive after a Jordan punt to take the lead, 7-0, on a Doug Hardman 1-yard touchdown carry.

"The first drive was very important to us," said junior quarterback Ric Bishop. "We had to set the tone for the game."

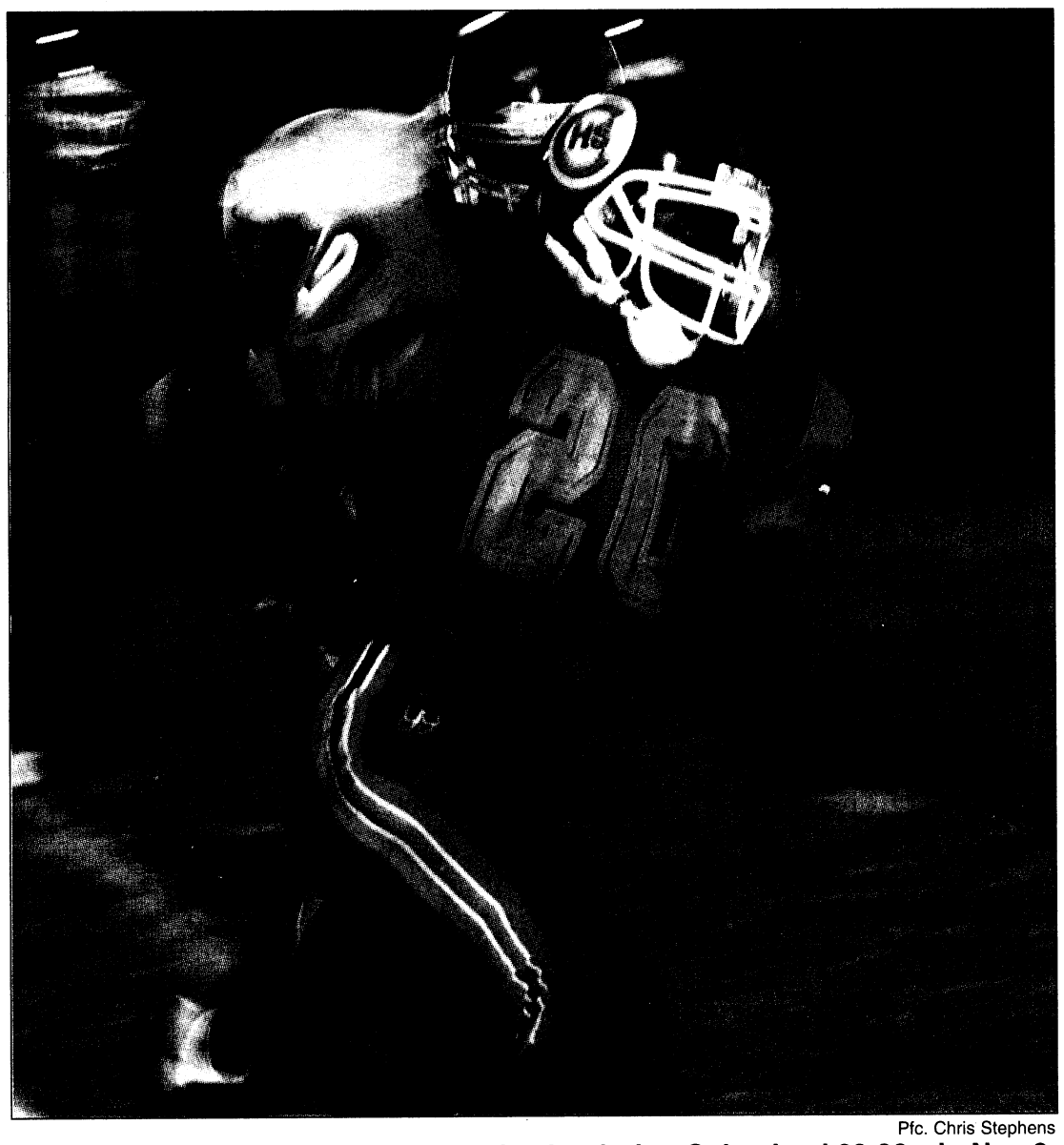
However, Jordan answered right back on their next drive with a six-play, 50-yard touchdown drive of their own, with junior tailback Dantrell Savage taking it in from two-yards out.

Columbus didn't let Jordan's drive outdo them though. Columbus responded with another long drive to take a 14-7 lead.

The scoring didn't stop there. Once again, Columbus made Jordan punt, and on the second play of the Blue Devils' drive, Bishop found junior wide receiver Andreas Wright downfield for a 50-yard touchdown pass.

From then on, Columbus poured on the offense and defense.

Jordan earned one more trip to the endzone on a Savage 64-yard touchdown run, but it was not until midway through the fourth quarter that the Red Jackets hit paydirt again.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Trey McCants runs past a Jordan defender during Columbus' 60-36 win Nov 8.

Columbus capped off a 70-yard drive with junior tailback Trey McCants taking it to the house.

"It was kind of discouraging that I would break for a big gain, and they would stop me a few yards before the endzone," McCants said. "The important thing is that I get in for the touchdown, whether it be on a 20-yard run or a four-yard run."

Just before the end of the first half, junior defensive lineman Robert Isabel blocked the Jordan punt.

McCants took it to the house on the next play for a 12-yard touchdown to bring the score to 33-14 by half.

The romp didn't stop at halftime though.

The Blue Devils came out of the locker room with the idea of putting more points on the board, and the points were falling like rain for the Blue Devils.

After scoring on their first possession of the second half, the Blue Devils senior defensive back Bradley Clark recovered a fumble on defense, of which the offense in turn took advantage midway through the third quarter.

With the score 47-14 and the game way out of reach for Jordan, Columbus put in their junior varsity squad to give them some playing experience.

"We had a lot of motivation coming into this game, being it was our homecoming game," said junior offensive lineman Andy Young. "Usually teams will put us as their homecoming game, thinking they're going to beat us. Now, it's our turn to do that.

"We're proving we're not a stepover team. You better come to play when you play the Blue Devils. We're back, and we're on the attack."

Arizona going down 'Sooner or later'

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Ah! Winter is in the air, football season is close to ending and the rich, whiney baseball players are relaxing in their million-dollar mansions, wondering how they can get more money the next year.

But on the college side of things, college basketball season is starting with some non-traditional powerhouses at the top.

No longer are Duke, North Carolina, Kentucky and UCLA at the top. It's Oklahoma, Texas and Arizona.

This year, there are many strong teams. But, the question is, who is going to get hot at the right time and make their run into the Big Dance? And, who can keep that momentum through the tournament and earn the right to be called the best team in all the land?

Last year's NCAA champion, Maryland, lost key players in Juan Dixon, Byron Mouton, Chris Wilcox and Lonny Baxter, and will not likely find themselves going far this year.

Arizona is ranked number one in the preseason polls. With all five starters back, they look to be the team to beat.

But, hold it right there! Let's not go ahead and give them the championship. The last team to be ranked number one in the preseason polls and to win the championship was Kentucky in the 95-96 season.

Personally, I don't see Arizona getting past the Elite Eight, much less the National Championship Game.

This year, I foresee two teams contending for the national title.

Oklahoma and Alabama show promise with their core group of unknowns returning.

Oklahoma has what it takes to win the championship. With stars like Hollis Price and Ebi Ere, they have the look of a champion. Can they back it up though?

Of course they can. They not only surprised people by coming out of nowhere last year, but they beat up on their Big 12 competition.

They're hungry to show people that last year was no fluke, and they look to be the team that will come out on top.

Alabama is another team that looks strong. However, coming out of the SEC is not an easy task.

With five teams ranked in the top 25, the SEC looks to take over the dominance of college basketball. Look for Georgia, Florida, Kentucky and Mississippi State to give them trouble. If anyone in the SEC is going to stop them, it will be either Kentucky or Georgia.

Kentucky is a team that is always poised and ready to make a run for the championship, and this year is no different. Tubby Smith has his Wildcats ready to go.

Then there's them Bulldogs — the school that everyone loves to hate. You've gotta give it up to them though. They can really pound it inside and shoot the ball outside.

With the false charges placed on Steve Thomas and Tony Cole exposed, Georgia looks to put all of that behind them and go far this season. But the Bulldogs will only get as far as Jarvis Hayes, N.C. State transfer Damien Wilkens, and Ezra Williams will take them.

So as the season starts, I predict Oklahoma will win the NCAA championship, bringing the Big 12 their first title in more than a decade.

Major shoots perfectly in competition

Unit takes advantage of home turf

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning have scored some major victories recently. The following results are some of their accomplishments:

Fall 3200 Conventional Prone Classic, Fort Benning Nov. 2-3 — USAMU international rifle shooter Maj. Michael E. Anti won the Gold Medal as he shot a perfect score of 3,200 points with 272 Xs out of a possible 3,200 points and 320 Xs — an X is a bull's eye used in tie breaking.

Sgt. 1st Class Thomas A. Tamas took the Silver Medal with a score of 3,200 points and 266 Xs and Spc. Shane M. Barnhart got the Bronze Medal with 3,197 points and 264 Xs.

Tall Pines Skeet Championships, Fort Benning Oct. 24-Nov. 3 — Shotgun shooter Sgt. 1st Class Shawn C. Dulohery received the Silver Medal in the men's Skeet Championship.

Sgt. 1st Class Bret E. Erickson won the Gold Medal in the men's Double Trap Championship, followed by Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves with the Silver Medal and Pvt. Matthew T. Wallace with the Bronze.

Staff Sgt. Joetta R. Dement won the Gold Medal in the women's Double Trap Championship.

Wallace also received the Silver Medal in the men's Trap Championship and Sgt. 1st Class Theresa E. DeWitt won the Gold Medal in the women's Trap Championship.

Monthly Open Pistol Tournament, Columbia, Tenn., Oct. 27 — USAMU service pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose won the overall competition with a personal high score of 2,660 points out of a possible 2,700 points.

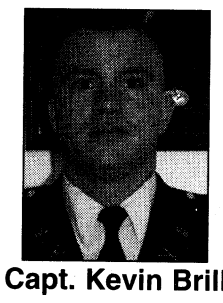
Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson took second place overall with a score of 2,650 points and Staff Sgt.

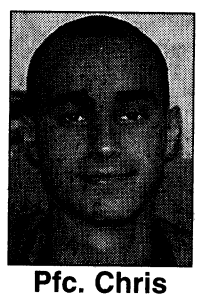
Gregory S. Wilson finished in third place with 2,641 points. Rose also won the .22-Caliber match, in which Wilson took second place, and the Center Fire competition, in which Jacobson was second and Wilson third. Jacobson won the .45-Caliber match, followed by Rose in second place and Sgt. Adam E. Sokolowski in third.

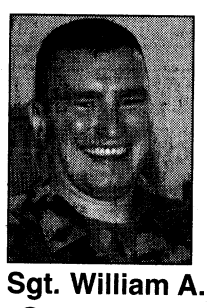
Georgia State Championships, Conyers, Ga., Oct. 19-20 — Action pistol shooter Spc. Maxient J. Michel beat 215 other competitors to win the Georgia State Championship. He also won the Military Division and Junior Division.

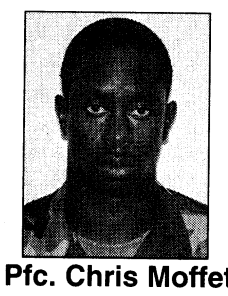
U.S. Infinity Open Championships, Las Vegas, Nev., Oct. 17-21 — Action pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Julie A. Goloski took the Silver Medal in the Military Division and finished fourth in the Women's Division.

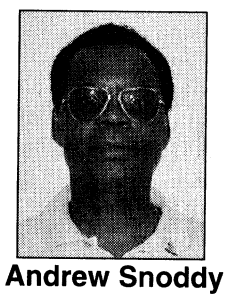
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BIO 124	GENERAL BIOLOGY II	T/TH	6	5:30 - 8:15 P.M.
CRJ 103	CRIMINAL PROCEDURES*	M/W	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
ECO 201	MACROECONOMICS	T/TH	5	8:20 - 10:35 P.M.
ENG 097	LSS ENGLISH I	T/TH	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
ENG 101	ENGLISH COMP I	M/W	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
ENG 102	ENGLISH COMP II	M/W	5	8:20 - 10:35 P.M.
ENG 261	PUBLIC SPEAKING I	M/W	5	8:20 - 10:35 P.M.
HIS 102	WORLD CIVILIZATION II	T/TH	5	8:20 - 10:35 P.M.
HIS 122	AMERICAN HISTORY II	T/TH	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
MAT 096	PRE-ALGEBRA	T/TH	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
MAT 099	LSS MATH II	M/W	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
PED 141	BEGINING WEIGHT TRNG**	T/TH	2	6:00 - 6:50 P.M.
PLS 101	INTRO TO AMERICAN GOVERNMENT	W ONLY	5	6:00 - 10:35 P.M.
RDG 099	LSS READING	T/TH	5	8:20 - 10:35 P.M.

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BIO 105	ENVIROMENTAL STUDIES	JAN 31-FEB 2 FEB 14-16	5	FRI 6-9:30 P.M. SAT 8-5:30 SUN 8-5:30
CRJ 104	JUVENILE DELINQUENCY*	FEB 28-MAR 2 MAR 14-16	5	FRI 6-9:30 P.M. SAT 8-5:30 SUN 8-5:30
EDN 206/ PSY 203	HUMAN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT	JAN 10-12 JAN 24-26	5	FRI 6-9:30 P.M. SAT 8-5:30 SUN 8-5:30
HIS 121	AMERICAN ISTORY I	FEB 21-23 MAR 7-9	5	FRI 6-9:30 P.M. SAT 8-5:30 SUN 8-5:30
SOC 207	THE FAMILY	JAN 24-26 FEB 7-9	5	FRI 6-9:30 P.M. SAT 8-5:30 SUN 8-5:30
WEL 154	WELLNESS	FEB 1-2 FEB 16	5	FRI 6-9:30 P.M. SAT 8-5:30

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ART 194	ART APPRECIATION	M ONLY	5	6:00 - 10:35 P.M.
CIS 200	COMPUTER CONCEPTS & APP.	T/TH	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
ENG 099	LSS ENG II	M/W DAY	5	9:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.
ENG 201	WESTERN WORLD LIT. I	T/TH	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.
HIS 121	AMERICAN HISTORY I	T/TH	5	9:00 A.M. - 11:15 A.M.
MAT 097	LSS MATH II	T/TH	5	8:20 - 10:35
MAT 109	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	M/W DAY	5	11:20 A.M. - 1:35 P.M.
MAT 109	COLLEGE ALGEBRA	T/TH	5	6:00 - 8:15 P.M.

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CIS 100	COMPUTER LITERACY	JAN 10-11 JAN 18	2	FRI 6-10:00 P.M. SAT 8-2:45
CIS 200	COMPUTER CONCEPTS & APP.	JAN 24-25 JAN 31-FEB 1 FEB 7-8	5	FRI 6-10:00 P.M. SAT 8-6:30
GMC 100A	PREPARING FOR SUCCESS	JAN 10-11 JAN 25	2	FRI 6-10:00 P.M. SAT 8-2:45
GMC 105	SUCCESS IN ALGEBRA	FEB 14-15 MAR 1	2	FRI 6-10:00 P.M. SAT 8-2:45
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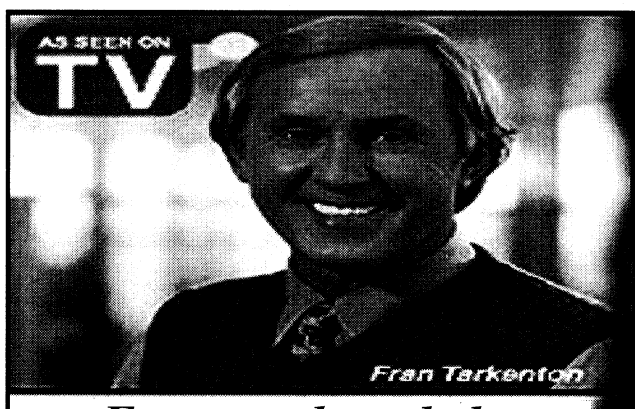
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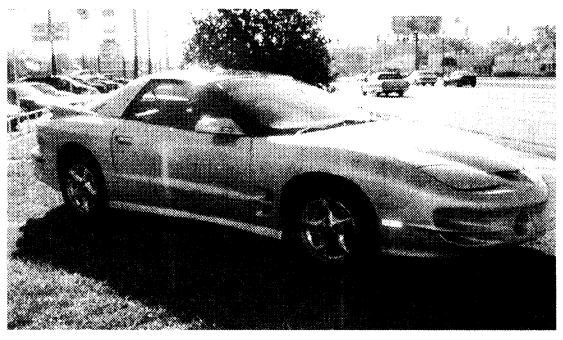
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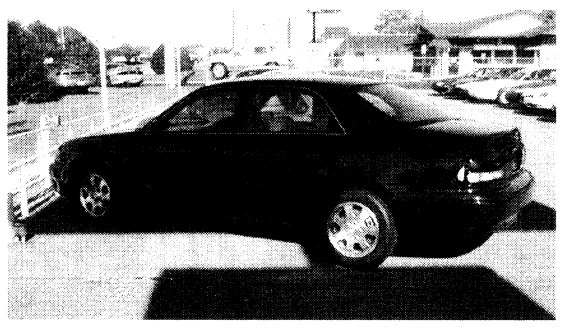


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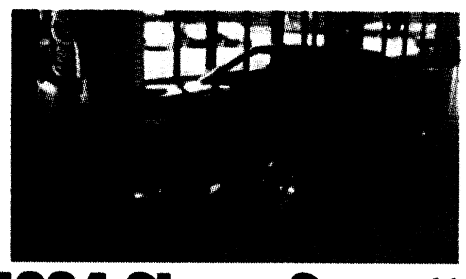
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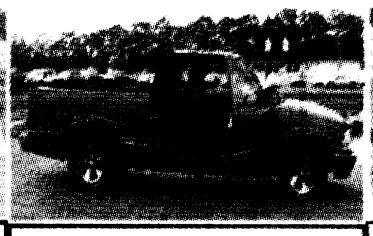
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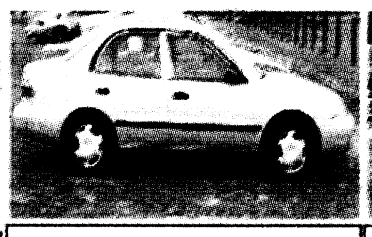
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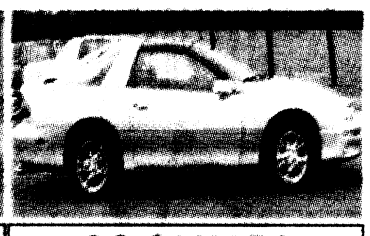
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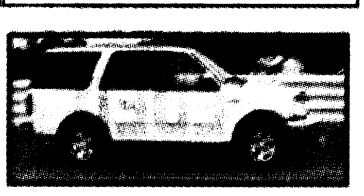
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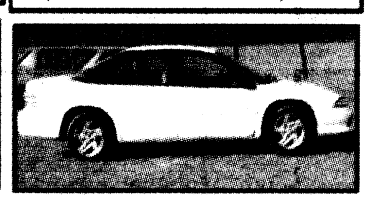
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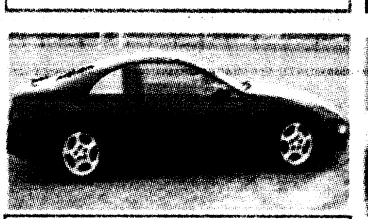
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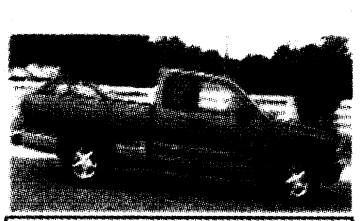
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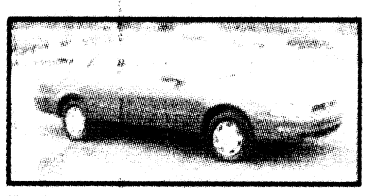
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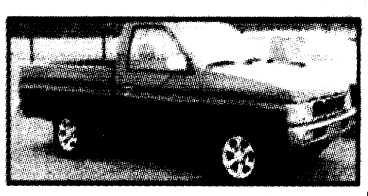
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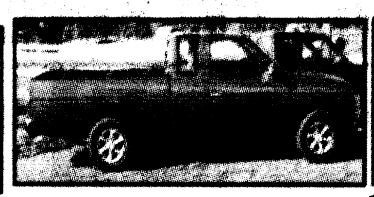
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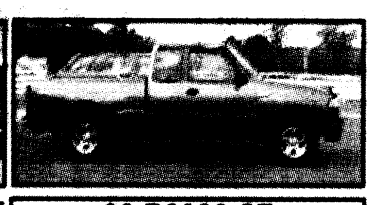
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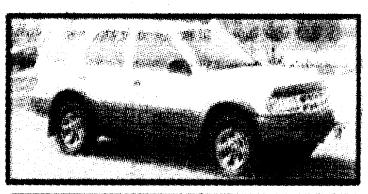
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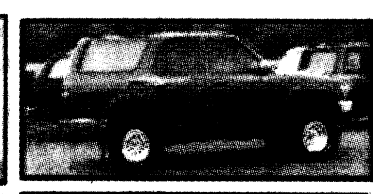
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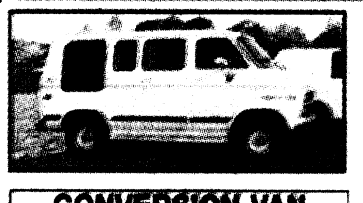
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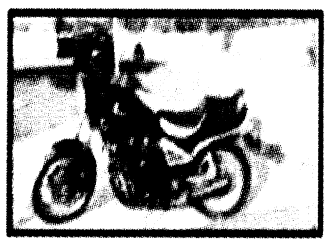
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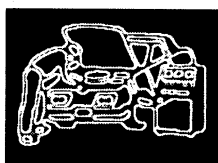
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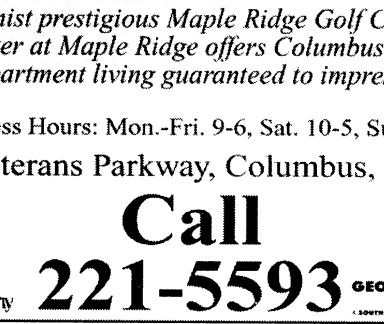
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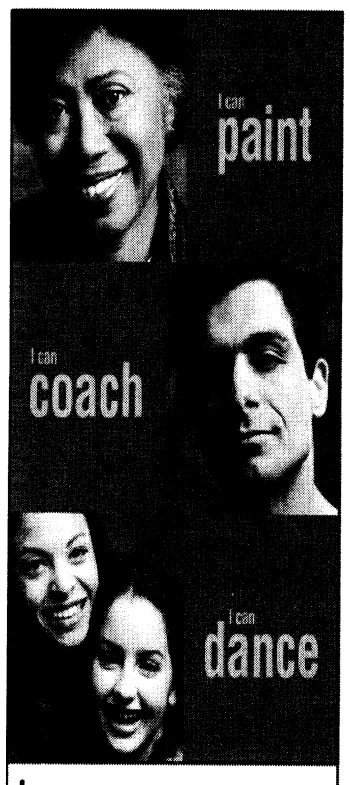
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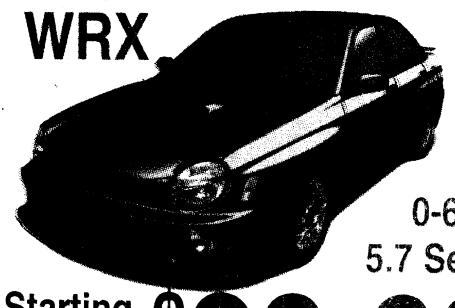
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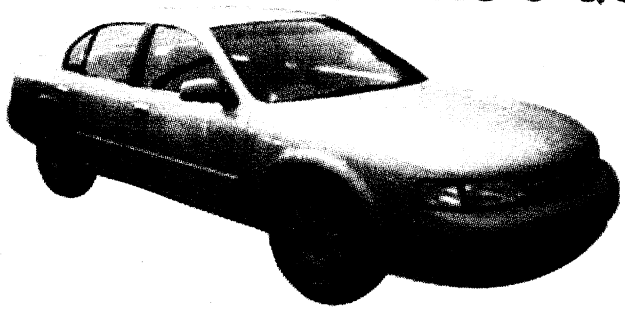
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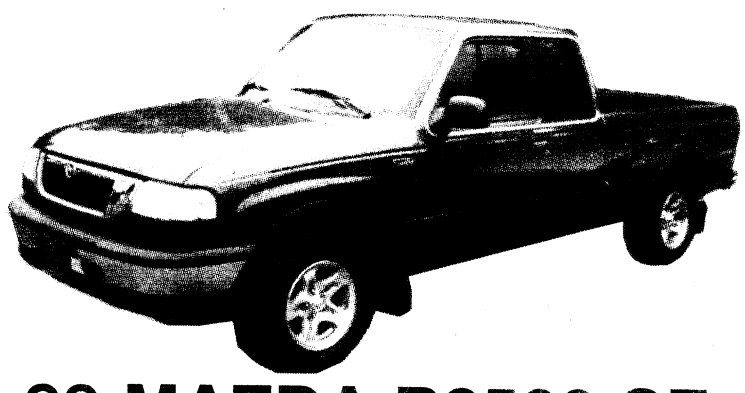
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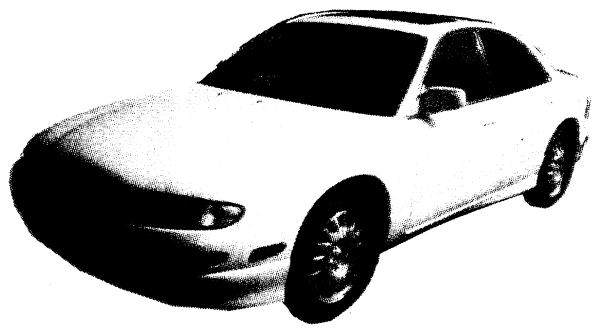
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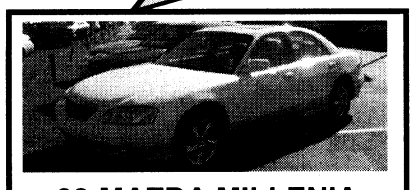
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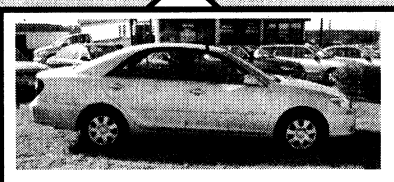
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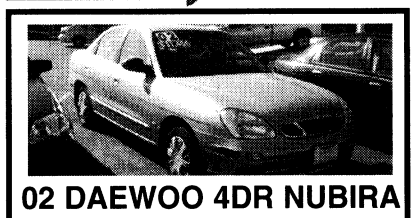

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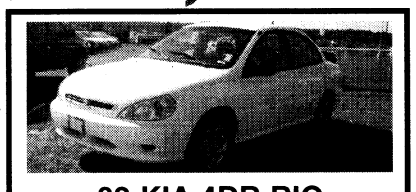

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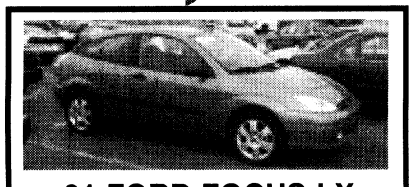

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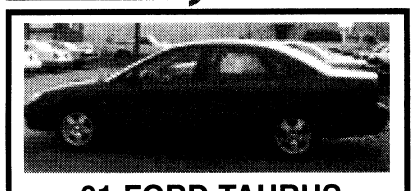

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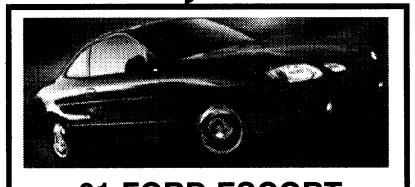

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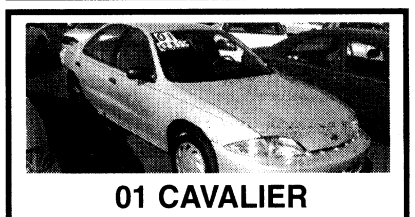

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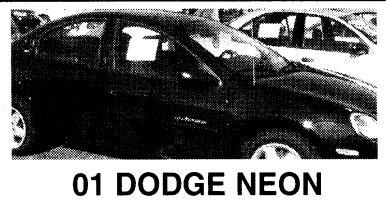

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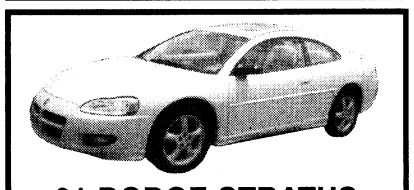

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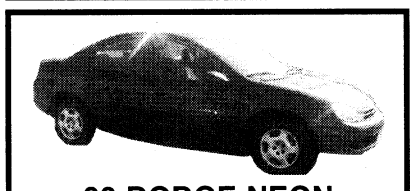

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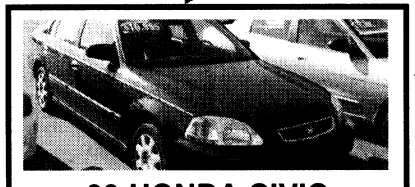

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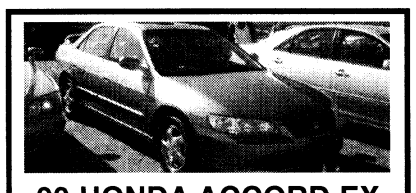

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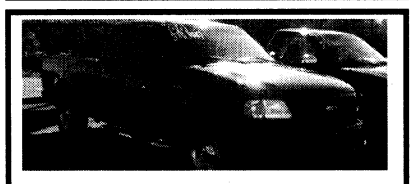

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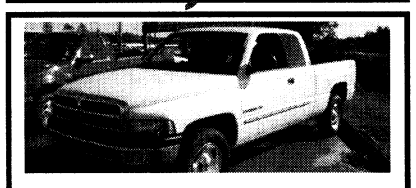

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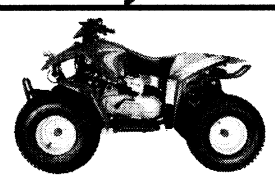

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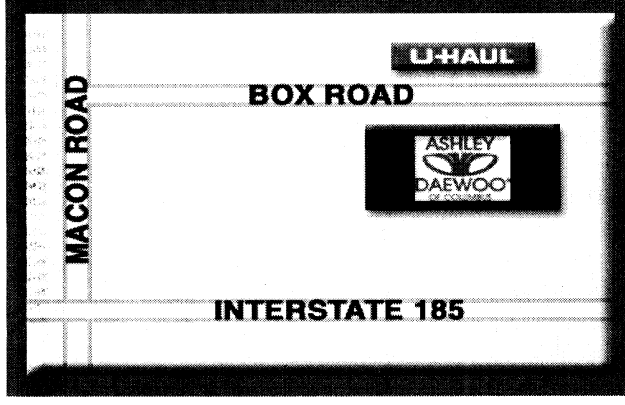

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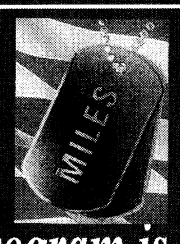

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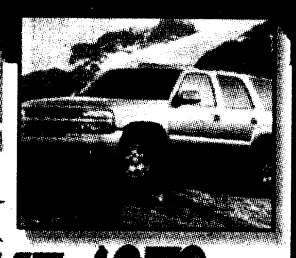
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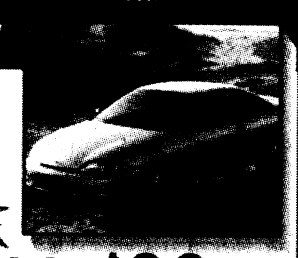
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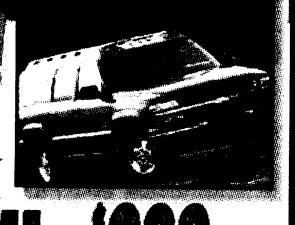
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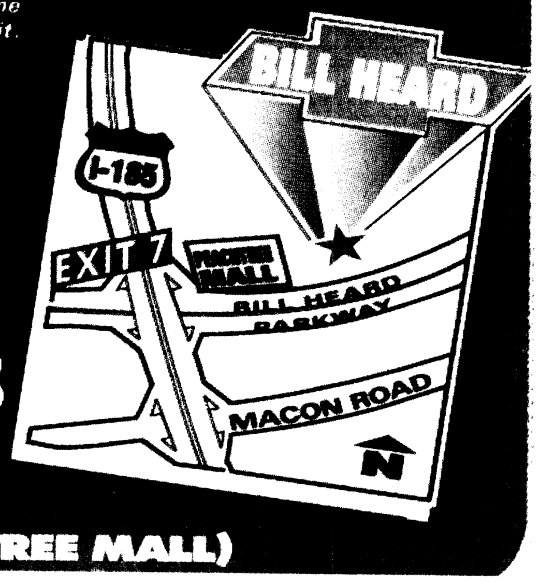
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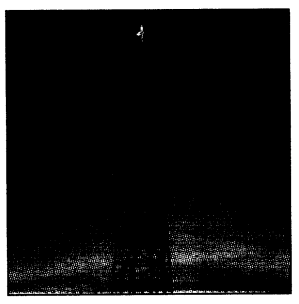
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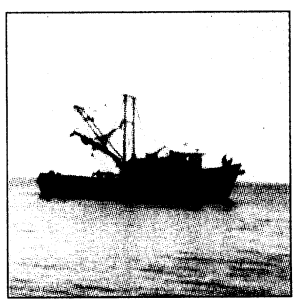
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Infantry tests new weapons

Crew weapons have air burst capabilities

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

"You can rain steel down on the enemy. You get first round hit capabilities with this weapon."

Maj. Stuart Meyer
Chief small arms division, DCD

The chief of infantry was the first soldier in history to fire the XM307, a prototype machine gun.

During a training exercise designed to demonstrate the revolutionary capabilities of the future Army weapon, Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton fired the XM307 at Red Cloud Range Nov. 14.

He also fired the MK47, a possible replacement to the MK19. He hit 100 percent of his targets with the 25 mm ammunition he sent 1,500 meters down range with the XM307.

"It was a very positive experience," Eaton said. "I'm privileged to be able to have fired the XM307 and the Striker 40 (MK47)."

The objective crew-served weapon, XM307, is an early prototype weapon of Army transformation, and the Army will integrate it as part of the future combat system, said Maj. Stuart Meyer, chief, Small Arms Division, Directorate of Combat Development.

"The plan is to field it with objective force warrior and the FCS," said Maj. Roy Manauis, Assistant Project Manager, Soldier Weapons.

The new integrated weapons system offers soldiers more firepower and accuracy, Meyer said.

The XM307 high-explosive airburst ammunition will provide more lethality and precision effects on targets, Manauis said.

"You can rain steel down on the enemy," he said. "You get first round hit capabilities with this weapon."

The use of airburst ammunitions

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Many gather to protest

MPs arrest nearly 90 protesters

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Department of Defense police stand watch Sunday.

The School of Americas closed two years ago; apparently, the estimated crowd of 6,000 Sunday outside Fort Benning's main gate didn't get that message.

Thousands crowded the street Saturday and Sunday for the 13th annual SOA-Watch protest. The 12-foot high fence didn't stop nearly 90 people from coming on post and being arrested by DoD and military police. The protesters were restrained with heavy cable ties, loaded on a bus and processed, after breaking the federal law that prohibits protests on military installations.

The crowd cheered each time someone was taken into custody, and the speakers solicited the audience to commit the crime of trespassing on post, praising those who were detained and challenging the crowd to have more people cross than the previous year. People were in the crowd to assist and show the way across the fence.

Part of the draw for the protest was a publicized performance by the Indigo Girls, a progressive folk rock band, and a number of other musicians and

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Shaw to hire 500

Applications for right of first refusal in soon

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Fort Benning announced Nov. 15 that the Army will cut 900 civilian jobs on post, but Shaw Infrastructure Inc. plans to hire 500.

"Now that the letters are out, we're excited to start hiring," said Pat Kenny, project manager for Shaw Inc. "We need individuals in order to perform the contract work."

About 180 people have already submitted applications for the first right of refusal. To gain that right, applications must be submitted by Dec. 1. Workers can drop them off in a box in Infantry Hall, Room 111.

The cuts are part of the privatization of the Army's civilian work force.

"We've been anticipating this for some time, and the letters arrived (Nov. 15)," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "Fort Benning will make every effort to help those affected by the reduction in force."

"I plan on using some of the programs offered," said Harold Alexander, aircraft repairmen with Directorate of Engineering Facilities and Logistics. "I was looking for other positions around the country, and I'm hoping the priority placement program will help me find a job."

Out of the 900 positions being cut, 181 will be eliminated, 131 will be assigned to other jobs at the same pay level, 57 will receive positions at lower grades and 289 people have accepted an early retirement package.

BCTB prepares for more soldiers

Possible 'plus up' for January classes

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

January may bring a little more business than usual to the Basic Combat Training Brigade at Sand Hill.

Earlier this month, Training and Doctrine Command officials requested that Fort Benning provide input concerning costs and other issues associated with a possible BCTB "plus up." The plus up would consist of an additional 1,000 BCTB soldiers who would report for training beginning Jan. 10.

If the plan is implemented, the first 500 soldiers will arrive Jan. 10 and the second 500 arrive Jan. 17, said A.J. Luke, senior scheduler in the Directorate of Operations and Training.

The 1,000 soldiers have already been identified, Luke said. They will be from low density military occupational specialties who go on to other installations to receive their advanced individual training.

"The plus up affects all of TRADOC, not just Fort Benning,"

See **BCTB**, A-6



File photo

Basic combat training soldiers practice bayonet techniques.

FAMILY VALUES

Similaties to Army

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COMMENTARY



One of the best things I've done recently is sit in on the Wilson Elementary School First Friday Program.

I was there just to listen, take notes and write an article on Chaplain (Maj.) Pete Frederich's presentation on values. Within a few minutes, I found myself right in the middle of the discussion with parents who all had children the same ages as my own. By the end of the session, my head and my notebook were filled with thoughts and ideas to help me identify my own family values and how to communicate them with my kids.

And then, when I was sitting in a waiting room, idly reading the posters on the walls, I discovered that our family values are actually a lot like the Army values. So much for thinking that anything we're trying to do is original or even revolutionary. Since my husband and I are Navy and Army brats, I guess I'm really not surprised.

If you're a parent wanting to start trying to identify your values and trying to define them, you don't have to look very far.

L — We've been working on loyalty by encouraging them to find ways to get along with each other, to stick up for each other when needed. They can't see it right now, because they are too busy sometimes with name-calling and practicing head-lock maneuvers. But there will come a time in their lives when brothers may be all that they have.

D — Duty. Now that's one of the tough ones. It's that mysterious force we hope to see when it comes to doing daily chores and homework. When you're part of the under-10 crowd, it's hard to be a self-starter, to be able to do what needs to be done without being asked.

R — The tough issues of sex, drugs and alcohol can be wrapped up easily in respect. Respect your body by not doing things that will harm it. I'm hoping my kids don't have to tackle these three issues until they are much, much, much older. My most immediate challenge is trying to teach them the tricky aspect of respecting others, and their property. We've worked for years to get them to share; now we have to teach them to respect someone who doesn't particularly want to share the new toy just purchased with their own, hard-earned money. Show respect for the youngest? Ha. Maybe if we step up our efforts and start playing tape recorded reminders while they sleep.

I also have to throw the word "tact" in here with respect. We've been throwing our nonsmoking value at them since, well, since forever. Every now and then we have to reinforce that it isn't polite, respectful, tactful to point to a smoker in public and yell, "Mom, look! That guy's smoking! That's gross!"

S — Service is another toughie, but ... I think most parents are great models of service. We're used to putting the welfare of our children before our own. We show our children through our actions, even in everyday chores like laundry and cooking. We just need to realize that it may be quite a few years before anyone actually "gets" it.

H — Honor is living up to all of the family's values, or at least bringing credit upon yourself for trying your best. We're trying to teach our guys that everyone is going to have times when he falls short. The important part is being able to see where you went wrong, admit it, and start working on it for the future.

I — Integrity is ranked right up there with duty and honor. Do what's right. Be truthful. If you can only be known for one thing, it ought to be your integrity.

P — Personal courage. This is what we hope they will have when it comes to dealing with peer pressure. It's that quality our kids will need to have in order to live up to any of the values at any given time. We need personal courage as parents to put all of these values into action. We may need personal courage just to bring up the subject of sex. We'll need it when it comes time to enforcing the family rules.

ACS takes note of Military Family Week

Rebecca Welch
Army Community Service

COMMENTARY



Celebrated for more than 30 years, National Family Week is the week of Thanksgiving. It provides everyone a chance to honor the connections that support and strengthen families, both within them and throughout their communities.

The Army Community Service Family Advocacy Program wants to remind everyone that Military Family Week is celebrated during the Thanksgiving holiday period. We would like to take this time to express our appreciation for the dedication and sacrifices that are made by service members and their families in our community.

In the daily press of activities, which characterizes our modern lives, we often overlook opportunities to express our appreciation to those who make special contributions. To amend that oversight, we take this opportunity to salute all military families.

Military families, who live in our community — both on post and off — are separated from their hometowns and friends. They are also frequently separated from each other because of military duties.

We, as civilians, should value and commend every soldier's contribution and celebrate during this week. To show our appreciation, ACS Center will display educational materials for soldiers and family members Nov. 24-30 in Building 2624.

Topics will include: Togetherness Tips for Families, a Family Togetherness Test Sheet, Helpful Hints for Healthy Parenting, Building a Successful Marriage, Military Life Style, etc.

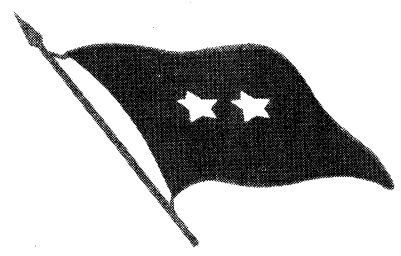
ACS is joining with the Family Counseling Center off post in the Family Walk on the River event Tuesday.

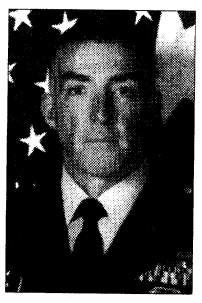
Bring your family to the Riverwalk anytime from 6 and 8 p.m. There will be no registration or sign-in. Just the beauty of the Riverwalk and company of your loving family.

It will be an opportunity to say hello to your neighbors and make a statement that your family is part of this great community. Bring a nonperishable food item and place it in a Second Harvest Food Bank Barrel. The food will help feed many families on Thanksgiving.

For more information, call 545-7517.

CG notes contributions





In recognition of Native Americans and our nation's ethnic and national diversity, Nov. 1-30 was proclaimed "National Native American Indian Heritage Month" by Public Law 102.188, in March 1992.

The theme for this year is "Honoring Life, Honoring Elders, Honoring Heritage."

The strength of our nation comes from its people. As early inhabitants of this great land, the native peoples of North America played a unique role in the shaping of our nation's history and culture. Native Americans have made remarkable contributions to our national identity. Native American soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen have fought heroically in all of this century's wars and armed conflicts. American military leaders as early as the 18th century have recognized the courage, determination and fighting spirit of Native Americans. Today Native Americans continue to carry on their centuries-old warrior tradition-serving with pride, courage and distinction.

National Native American Indian Heritage Month provides the opportunity to learn more about the history and heritage of the Native peoples of this great land. This opportunity will allow us as a nation to show our appreciation and respect for the Native American traditions and way of life and can help to preserve an important part of our culture for generations to come.

I encourage all personnel on Fort Benning and the surrounding community to participate in this observance through the planned activities of units, staffs, directorates and other agencies.

— Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton
Commanding General

HEADS UP!

Several close calls between vehicles and runners have been reported on Dixie Road and on Sightseeing Road. The chances for a serious accident are also increased by darkness and fog.

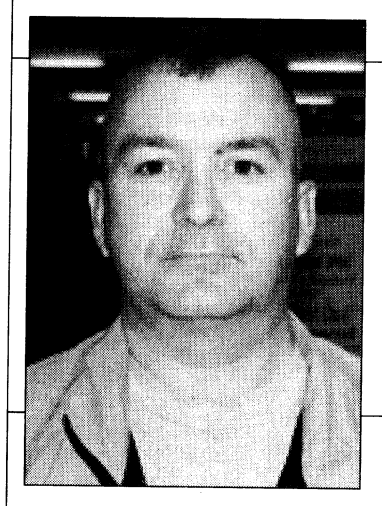
In order to prevent injuries and possible fatalities, commanders are reminded to:

- Select lightly traveled vehicular routes for PT runs.
- Not block more than one traffic lane with troop formations or units. This includes anyone running to the left of the formation.
- Exercise straggler control (use formations and safety gear).
- Have road guards with reflective vests posted 50 meters to the front and rear of formations. During darkness, road guards will carry flashlights. Anyone running to the left of the formation will also wear a reflective waist belt or vest.
- Commanders also need to brief soldiers, family members, and civilian employees on the following:
- Not to exceed 15 miles per hour speed limit during PT hours (6 to 7:30 a.m.) or 10 miles per hour when meeting or passing a troop formation.
- Individual joggers or walkers, at all times, are confined to sidewalks or road shoulders (facing traffic). They must wear reflective waist belts or vests and high visibility clothing, and are prohibited from wearing headphones.

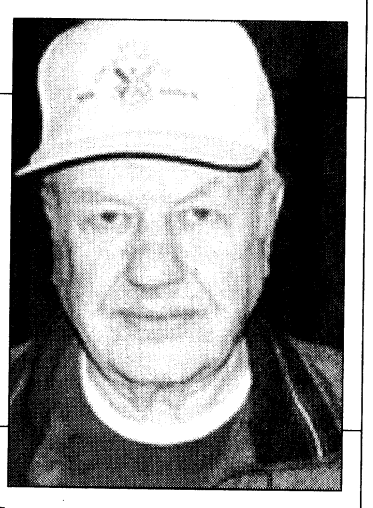
— Col. Charles Cornwell
Chief of Staff

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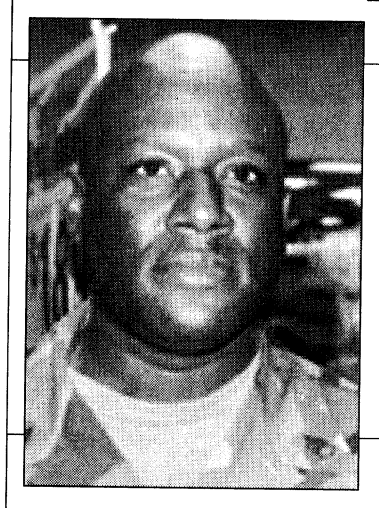
What is the most important value you've received from your family or you've shared with them?



Sgt. 1st Class Douglas Philips, CONUS Replacement Center — "Honesty. It leads to integrity and tells what a person is all about."



Roy G. Von Boker, Columbus — "Respect. If you expect respect from other people, you have to be able to return it."



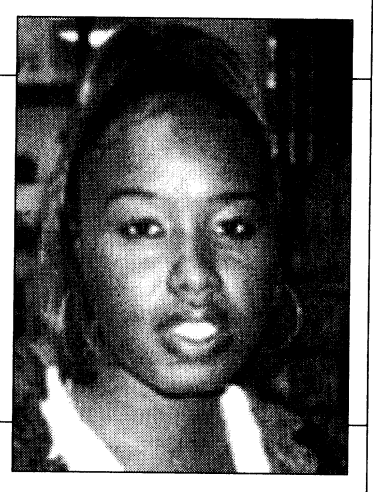
Staff Sgt. Eddie Young, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment — "Take care of others. As long as you take care of others, it comes back to you, and it feels good to do the right thing."



Lois Crawford, family member — "To love one another while you have the chance. You don't have all the time in the world. They can be taken away at any time."



Pfc. Jessica Brown, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — "To be independent. As a female, I shouldn't depend on a man. I should be able to support my family."



Denise Washington, family member — "Perseverance. Keep striving for success so you can do something you are happy with."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Soldier tired of protesters

I am a soldier who puts a uniform on every day to defend Father Bourgeois' right to peaceably assemble and voice different views than my own. However, I don't believe he has the right to disrupt the lives of the soldiers stationed at Fort Benning, which is exactly what continues to do. This weekend's protest caused me grief.

The main gate was closed, which limited my ability to travel freely about my own community. The larger issue was that the entire protest was based on lies and half-truths.

Bourgeois' contention that the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation is the same school as SOA, and that SOA taught torture to Latin Americans, who used that knowledge to oppress their people, is absolute fiction. WHINSEC is a congressionally mandated institute formed with a very specific charter — http://www.benning.army.mil/whinsec/institute_charter.htm.

Not only has Congress required that WHINSEC be formed but also that there be a Board of Visitors to oversee the institute to ensure that it follows the law. I'm quite certain that Col. Richard Downie, WHINSEC commandant, would not do or allow anything to be done that would be in violation of that law. He said at the open house on Saturday, which I noticed Bourgeois did not attend, he was not about to do anything that would put his career or family in jeopardy.

WHINSEC teaches many courses such as the Command and General Staff Officer Course and Captains Career Course, which is identical to the course I am currently in at Fort Benning, with two exceptions: It is taught in Spanish and the Latin American officers receive more human rights instruction than I receive. I most certainly have not been taught torture tactics or anything like it at my career course.

Manuel Noriega was a graduate of SOA and one of the most vicious people in Panama. The fact is, he was there for a short course 15 or 20 years ago, before he became the dictator and drug dealer he is currently in prison for. Bourgeois says that WHINSEC is the exact same school as SOA and there is no difference. Yet he knows that this is not true because I know he has the facts about WHINSEC.

There is only one truth that I know that cannot be denied, although he is welcome to try.

This truth is, Bourgeois' whole movement is based on these lies and that he, a man of the cloth, makes his living off this movement, which is based on lies. The fact is WHINSEC and Downie have bent over backward to present the facts. However, he has steadfastly denied these facts to further his cause.

I would ask Bourgeois to leave this place and take the argument to Washington, D.C., because WHINSEC has a very important job to do, and the protest only hinders the rest of the soldiers and civilians who work and live on Fort Benning, not WHINSEC. Or better yet, Bourgeois should go to WHINSEC and teach what he believes is missing from the curriculum.

— Capt. Ralph Barnes
Fort Benning

Protesters wore out welcome

Without a military, there will be no law and order, and there will be no civil liberties for any nation.

The major purpose of Fort Benning is to provide our nation with a highly skilled force of ground troops, called infantry.

As Secretary of State Colin Powell has said again and again, we can best defend our freedoms by chilling the desires of those who would seek to engage us. A free state can only defend against terrorism, preserve peace and provide security to its people by having a prepared, organized, highly motivated, visible and well-equipped defense capability.

With military training activities, such as are provided by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation, our military goes far beyond merely providing a force of arms.

We indoctrinate military trainees with a moral force of will and with training in the principles and ideals of our democracy that guided those who founded this great nation. This notwithstanding, if we as a nation so proudly purport to have the answer to our world's problems, then we must first get our act together and promote democracy and peace in our hemisphere.

Just as our U.S. citizens cannot feed the world fish, but can teach it to fish that neither starves, so neither can we personally provide military or police controls for every country.

We can, however, share what we have learned about what works and what matters with others, especially our ideals and principles. And that is what WHINSEC is all about.

Father Roy Bourgeois, of the out-of-touch SOA Watch, has refused time and time again to even tour WHINSEC.

The protest is a great expense to the citizens of Columbus — the cost of police protection and local taxpaying businesses having the streets closed to traffic just so these visitors can demonstrate.

There is also another great expense not so immediately visible. And that is the chronic loss of morale of the troops who year after year are at risk of having their faith chiseled away.

The families of deployed soldiers who are back here at home are having their morale assaulted as well by these unappreciative demonstrators, but even more so by their fellow citizens of Columbus, who by their passivity in not coming to their support in the face of this annual invasion are really showing tacit approval of this "cause," irrespective of whether it founded on truth or not. Columbus citizens have been invited by WHINSEC leadership to come and see for themselves what WHINSEC is teaching, and locals can readily go see for themselves.

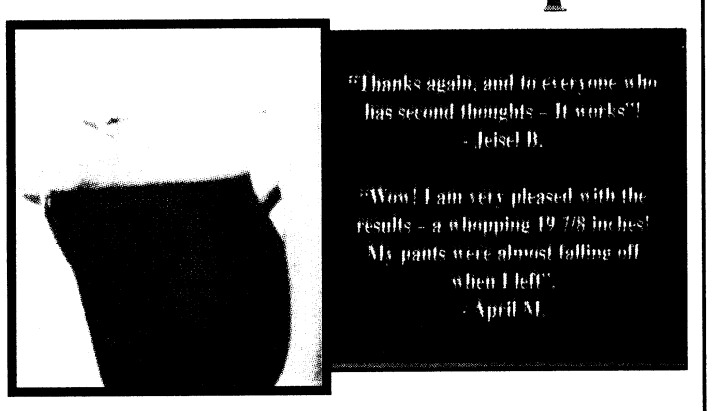
Deal with the truth directly.

I suggest that Bourgeois and his followers do the same with regards to WHINSEC by going out there, touring the facility and getting updated first hand on the real truth. Someone among us must discriminate against ignorance.

— Dr. Jack Tidwell,
Columbus

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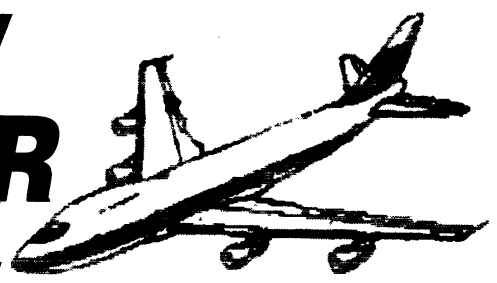
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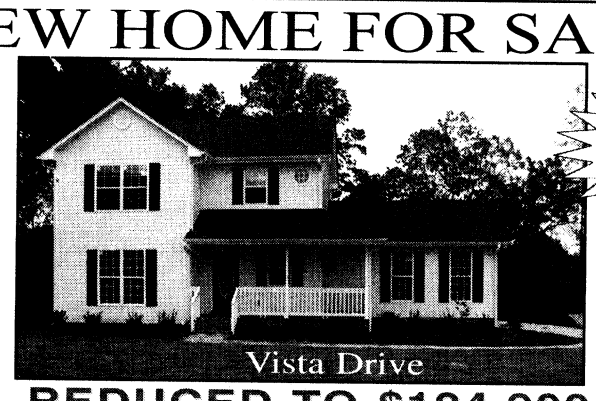
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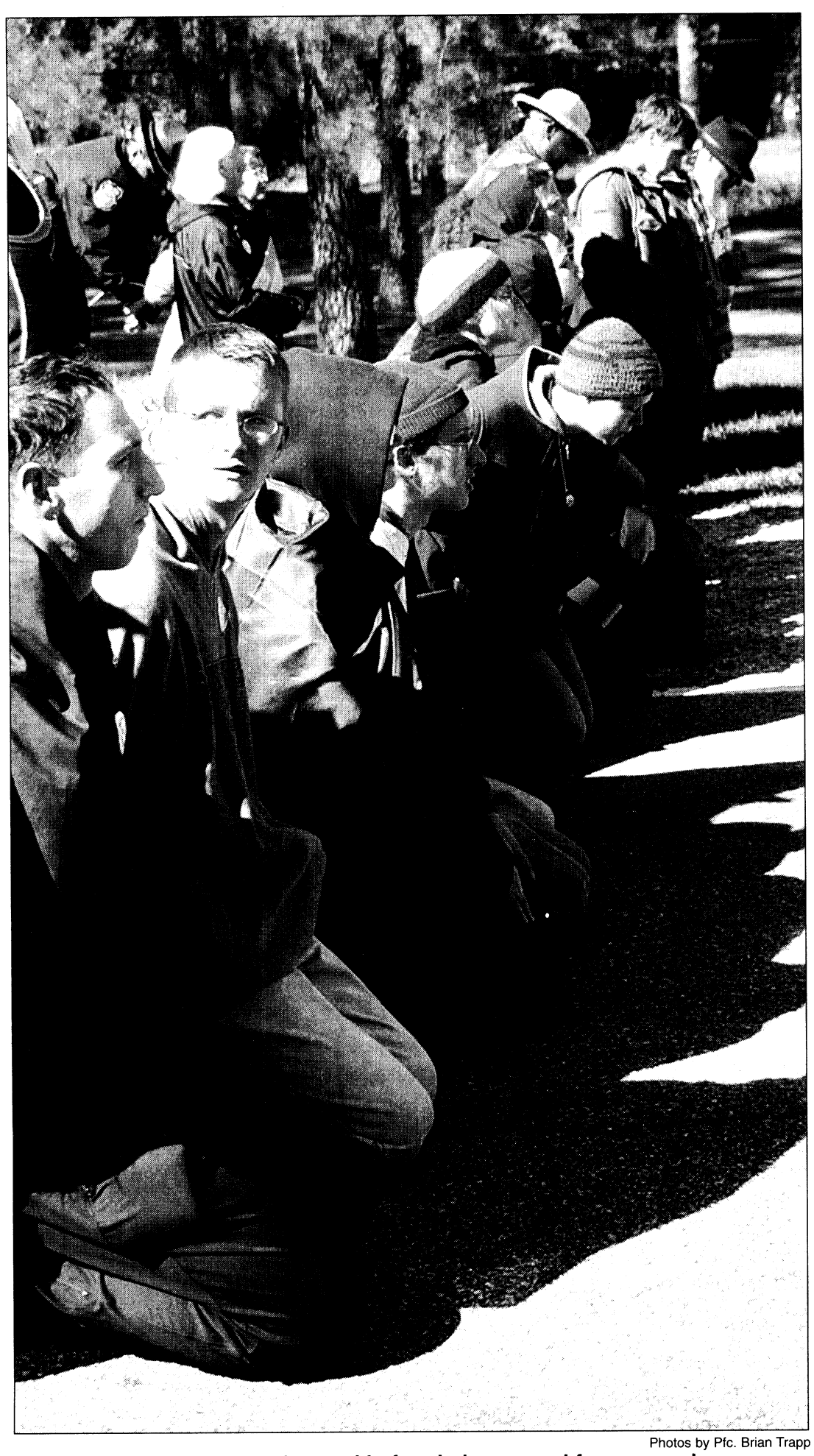
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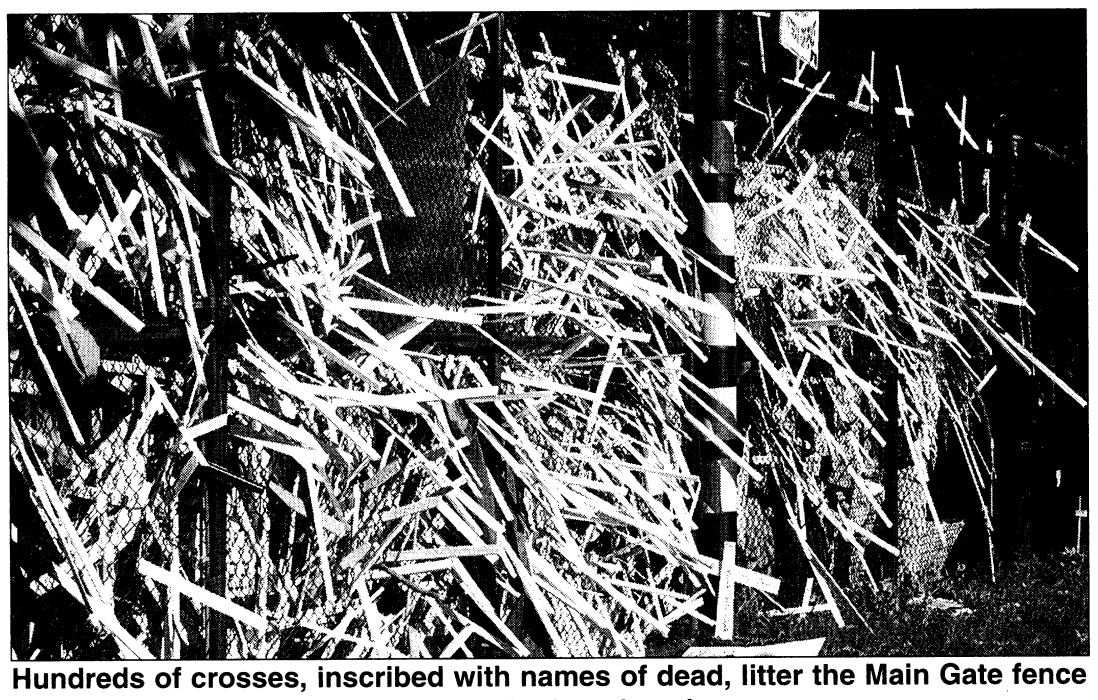
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The trespassers kneel on the road before being moved for processing.



Hundreds of crosses, inscribed with names of dead, litter the Main Gate fence line. Fort Benning soldiers were tasked to clean it.



Protesters trespass onto post while the crowd cheered.

Protest: Results in arrests

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speakers.

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation opened in January 2001 as a Department of Defense organization. Its mission is to educate military, police and civilians from the Western Hemisphere in how democratic governments should be operated.

"We're not their target, we're just their meal ticket," said Lee Rials, WHINSEC public affairs officer. "We don't doubt the sincerity of protesters, but the real issues are something they should be taking up with the government.

"They should be protesting in the appropriate venue, like Washington, D.C., or writing their congressmen, not down here outside an Army post in southwestern Georgia."

"I'm just here doing my job," said Spc. Jamie Wynn, 988th Military Police Company. "I've only heard things about (the protesters) being peaceful, the ones that want to break the law just come on post and sit down."

"We're following the directive of the U.S. magistrate," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "If someone trespasses on post to protest, they are breaking a federal law, and they go downtown under custody of the U.S. marshals."

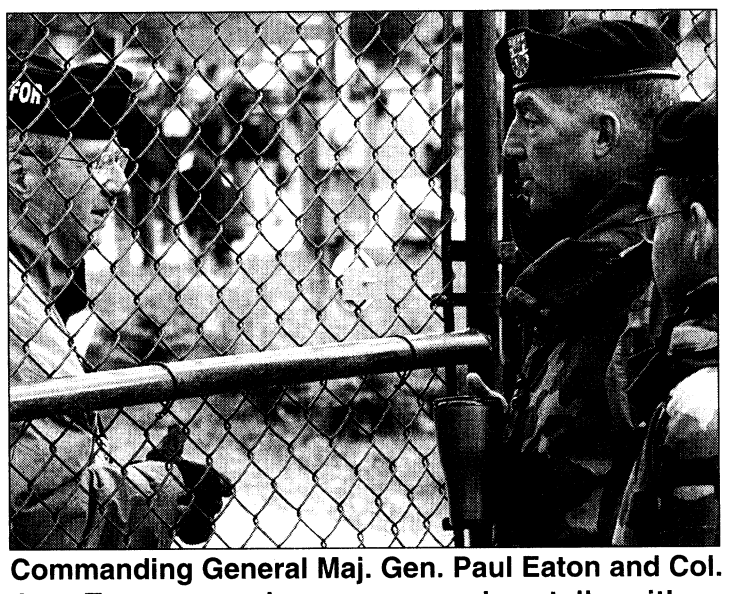
The culminating event of the protest was a funeral procession with people wearing black shrouds, carrying mock coffins and placing white crosses in the fence with the names of people who died during political upheaval.

"This is America at it's finest," said Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general. "Every American has the right to protest, although this movement has been diluted by other organizations."

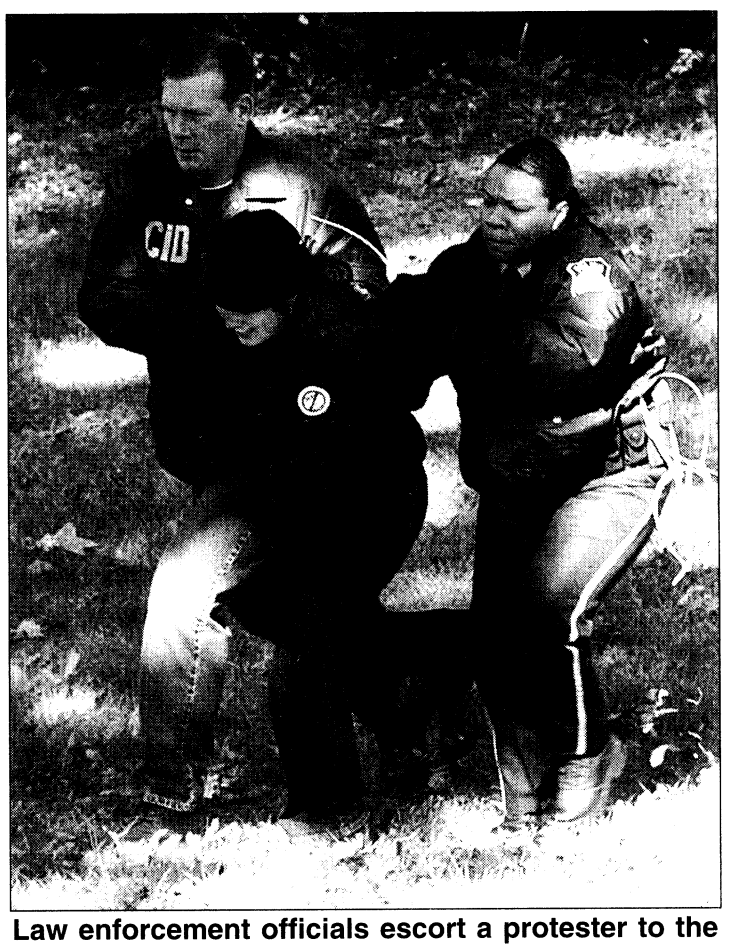
The crowd was promoting more than just closing WHINSEC. They were demonstrating for and against a variety of issues, from the end of all war to the legalization of hemp.

"When the U.S. marshals put the shackles on, it made a big difference in attitude with the protesters," Eaton said. "I asked an elderly nun who was detained how she was being taken care of, and she said everyone was treating her wonderfully."

During the weekend, 89 people in connection with the protest were arrested. Four were juveniles, so they were processed and released. The remaining 85 spent a night at the Muscogee county jail. They were released after posting a $500 bond.



Commanding General Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton and Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, talk with a protester after a press conference Sunday.



Law enforcement officials escort a protester to the road.

Fort Benning rally supports school, soldiers

Protest, rally side-by-side, peacefully

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This year's SOA-Watch protest took a decidedly different turn, as more and more flag-waving Army supporters made a show on both sides of the parade route.

An estimated 300 supporters passed through the "We Love Fort Benning" rally in the parking lot of Express Automotive on the south side of Benning Road, while the Freedom House Christian Service Center quietly served refreshments to law enforcement officials and soldiers on the north side.

"The military is a major part of my business," said Bill Cornelius, owner of Express Automotive. "I've gotten to talk with the soldiers and get to know them, and I'm proud of them. I've always loved the Army. So it's time we show our support."

Cornelius has operated the automotive shop at the Benning Road site for seven years. Business drops drastically during the week of the protest, he said, and that's always been an aggravation.

But this year, he's taking the protest a little more personally. His son, Billy, will join the Army in June.

Billy was 12 when his dad opened the shop. He watched the soldiers come and go and developed an avid interest in the Army.

"He said, from the time he was 12, it was what he was going to do, and there's no changing his mind," Cornelius said. "I'm proud of him. I believe in the Army. You think I'd let him join if I believed the lies they're telling about the school?"

When Miriam Tidwell, wife of Dr. Jack Tidwell, a Columbus physician and former Army doctor, asked Cornelius for permission to rent his parking lot to stage the rally, Cornelius refused to accept money.

"I do it gladly, and wish I could do more," he said.

Law enforcement officers maintained a constant vigil around the rally, encouraging supporters to stay in the parking lot while denying protesters access — a necessary evil they said. But protesters shouted at supporters waving flags and banners and singing patriotic songs.

Just down the road, closer to "ground zero," protesters seemed oblivious to the steady stream of soldiers, mostly in civilian attire, and law enforcement officials who came and went from the Freedom House, "an oasis of support and peace" in the sea of frenzied protesters. The Freedom House, which regularly feeds Fort Benning soldiers, is located in the former SOA-Watch storage building.

"We're pro-military and anti whatever's going on out there," said Bob Ingram, who operates the center with his wife, Becky. "We do support their right to protest, but we have a right to take care of our soldiers."

Pfc. Josh Ost, a 29th Infantry Regiment soldier, took a break at the Freedom House. He and several of his buddies attended the protest out of curiosity.

"A lot of them are oblivious as to why they're here. I went on their Web site to learn what they're about, to hear their side, but when you talk to them, they're not willing to hear your side. They just expect you to listen," he said.

His friend, Spc. Jonathon Alvarez, also of the 29th Inf. Reg., shrugged off any real concern about the SOA-Watch movement.

"They're mostly just young college kids. It won't last. They'll grow up, get a job, dress normal and vote Democrat."



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Melody Gates, a seventh-grader from Columbus, shows her support for the Army.

Institute opens doors

WHINSEC gives tour to protesters

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Fort Benning and Columbus officials speculate the annual SOA Watch protest is losing its focus, if not its momentum.

"It's different this year," said Columbus Mayor Bobby Peters. "It seems to me, the numbers are down and it's losing its emphasis. It's more about foreign policy than WHINSEC."

Though the number of protesters who attended Saturday's open house at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation was up this year — more than 300 — the number who attended Sunday's rally outside the post's main gate was down. A SOA Watch spokesman said more than 10,000 protesters were on hand for the event, but Columbus police officials put the number at nearly half that.

One can't help but wonder if the increase in one has a direct correlation to the decrease in the other, as "more and more of (the protesters) are taking time to educate themselves on both sides of the issue," said the Institute's commandant, Col. Richard Downie.

Downie and Gina DiNicolo, a contractor for the Army Public Affairs Office in Washington, D.C., led a series of four one-hour sessions Saturday, inside the Institute's Pratt Hall. After a brief explanation of the school's mission to prepare leaders for the hemispheric challenges of the 21st century, namely counter-narcotics operations, antiterrorism, natural disaster relief and the interagency cooperation of military, law enforcement and civilian organizations, the protesters were introduced to a panel of school officials, instructors and students.

As the protesters, mostly college students, asked questions and the panel responded, DiNicolo repeatedly directed the discussions back to WHINSEC when it veered into the realm of U.S. foreign policy in general and allegations against the former School of the Americas in particular.

"We're here to talk about WHINSEC," DiNicolo said.

But a high school guidance counselor from Ohio doggedly pursued the subject of SOA.

"How can we clear up the disconnect between the people in here and the thousands of people outside the gate? There has to be a truth telling," he said. "Tell us why SOA has been replaced by WHINSEC. If you really want to cut with the past, admit what the past was so we can believe in what WHINSEC is."

DiNicolo agreed that it's imperative to address the past if the Institute wishes to move forward.

"I think that's the bottom line for a lot of people," she said. "When allegations surfaced, they weren't addressed and they grew and grew until the swell of public opinion demanded answers.

"Yes, we're willing to agree that former SOA graduates were linked with these atrocities in Latin America. But look closely. Of the 63,000 graduates, less than 1 percent were accused. Less than half that were convicted," DiNicolo said.

"So yes, in answer to your questions, we freely admit there were SOA graduates who went on to do bad things. But we deny that there was a connection between their actions and what they learned at the school years and sometimes decades before. One has nothing to do with the other. The problem was we didn't speak up in time."

WHINSEC is a "new Institute for a new century," and it's time to move beyond the SOA Watch's fixation with the past, said Lt. Col. Andy Stewart, dean of Admissions and Student Affairs.

"The SOA had a Cold War mentality, so the decision was made to close it and open an institute that focuses on 21st century issues," Stewart said.

But what about the "smoking gun," the "training manual that taught torture techniques," a student asked.

Downie addressed that question. Of the 11,000 pages in the manual, there were 26 passages that referred to torture, and each one emphasized the use of torture "as illegal and immoral," he said.

The manuals themselves were distributed to 48 students for supplemental reading — they were never required reading — and not one of those students was accused of human rights violations, Downie said.

The manuals were removed from the shelf when school officials deemed them outdated and inappropriate, long before SOA Watch knew they existed.

So how has the curriculum of the Institute changed, a student asked?

Maj. Tony Raimondo, the Institute's chief of Human Rights Division and a former student of the SOA, said there's "a lot more focus on human rights now."

Each student, whether here for two weeks or a year, must have at least eight hours of human rights instruction. Most get much more than that, he said.

"We're now teaching our students to go back to their countries and teach others to teach others," Raimondo said. "I've never seen so many students as interested in learning and applying what they learn. It's always a positive experience because they're committed to doing the right thing."

Most of the protesters remained amiable, even thanking school officials for allowing them to visit, and agreed to disagree about the effectiveness of U.S. involvement in Latin America.

And that, protesters said, more than WHINSEC, is the real issue.

XM307: Uses 'airburst'

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takes away the enemy's ability to hide and delivers killing or incapacitating fire above foxholes, trenches or into buildings, rooms or bunkers, Eaton said.

The XM307 has a laser range finder used to "laze" a target and uses infrared, day, night and thermal optics.

Technological features on the weapon are integrated with a laser range finder that programs a ballistic solution into an ammunition fuse. Then, the soldier re-aims fires, and the ammunition detonates above the target.

After the 25 mm rounds pass the tip of the magnetic barrel, the speed it passed through the barrel is calculated, and the ammunition reprograms its distance to the target and comes up with a solution of when it needs to explode.

"The objective is to give the soldiers the best fighting weapon."

Dave Steimke
Project engineer for General Dynamics

On explosion, it shoots fragments down on targets in covered and concealed positions, Meyer said.

"Airburst allows you to take out a lot of dead space," said Sgt. Denis Rigsby, an antiarmor weapons instructor for 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, who provided General Dynamics feedback on the weapon the following day.

It's important to get information from the people who will be using the weapon, said Dave Steimke, project engineer for General Dynamics.

"That's why we're constantly refining the weapon," Steimke said.

The objective is to give soldiers the best fighting weapon."

Program Manager-Soldier Weapons, from Picatinny Arsenal, N.J., General Dynamics, designed the weapons.

The Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab and Directorate of Combat Development put the demonstration together.

BCTB: Accelerates classes

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he said. "AIT sites will have to accelerate AIT, and some stations will have to accelerate their one station unit training."

Classes will be accelerated to eight weeks from the standard nine weeks by cutting some of the administrative hours and conducting more training on Saturdays and in the evenings.

BCTB leaders are ready to do the mission if the plan is implemented.

"We're prepared to do this next week, if needed," said Cpt. Thomas Rascon, BCTB operations officer.

Three of the four companies needed to train the additional soldiers are already scheduled to begin training on the target dates.

The fourth company will be trained by cadre from a reserve unit, most likely from the 84th Division from Wisconsin, Rascon said.

The 84th Div. was at Fort Benning this summer and conducted three full cycles of basic training.

As part of the plus up, soldiers who were originally scheduled to attend basic training during this time frame will report to Benning and be held until they can be placed into a company conducting the normal nine-week program of instruction.

"We normally fill 235 soldiers per company," Rascon said. "We're going to fill all the other companies at 250 to absorb the folks who get bumped."

AROUND POST

Graduations

The B and C Company of 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, will graduate at 10 a.m. today on Sand Hill's Kannell Field.

F Co. 2nd Bn., 58th Inf. Regt., will graduate at 10 a.m. on Kannell Field Wednesday.

For more information, call 544-8166.

Graduation

The B Company, 2nd Battalion, 19th Infantry Regt., and C Co., 1st Bn., 19th Inf. Regt. will graduate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Kannell Field on Sand Hill. For more information, call 544-8372.

ID Card section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 11:30 a.m. Monday to perform student ID Card processing. It will also close at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 8.

Normal hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Jan. 9.

SJA Office closure

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close at 4 p.m. Wednesday for the holiday. It will reopen at 8 a.m. Dec. 2.

FAST Class

The next Functional Academic Skills Training classes will be from Dec. 2-20 and Jan. 6-28 at Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be an 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. class and a 1 p.m.-4:45 p.m. class.

A mandatory three-hour pretest can be taken at 1 p.m. on a walk-in basis. Testing is available at 8:30 a.m. with an appointment. The FAST class is a review of basic skills geared toward improving a soldier's General Technical score.

For more information, call 544-3689.

Blood drive

Martin Army Community Hospital will conduct a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at Santiago Gym on Sand Hill. For more information, call 544-3354.

Green to Gold briefing

Columbus State University will have a Green to Gold briefing Tuesday for all interested soldiers.

The program identifies enlisted soldiers with officer potential and assists them in transitioning from active duty to college and compete for an officer commission through ROTC. For more information, call 568-2449.

eArmyU brief

The eArmyU will temporarily stop enrollments until Jan. 1 to prepare for expansion to other installations. This does not affect students already enrolled. Briefings will resume in December for the January start up. For more information, call 545-5725 or 545-1774.

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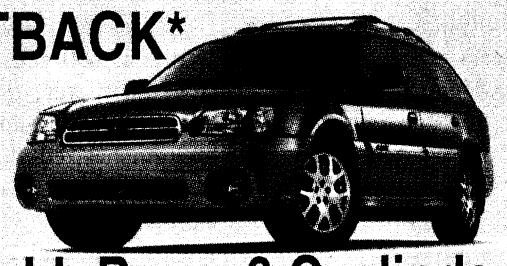
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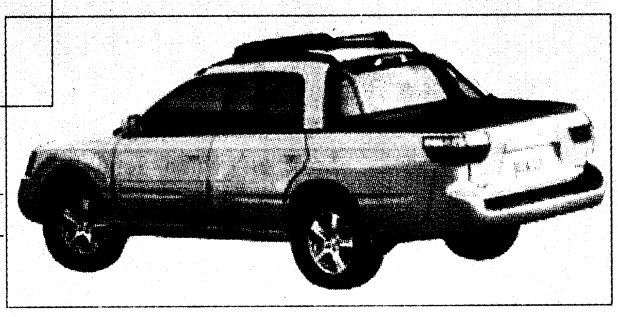
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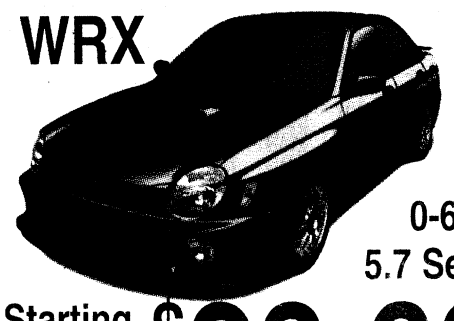
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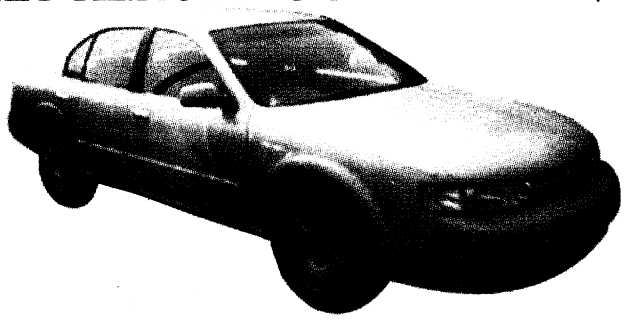
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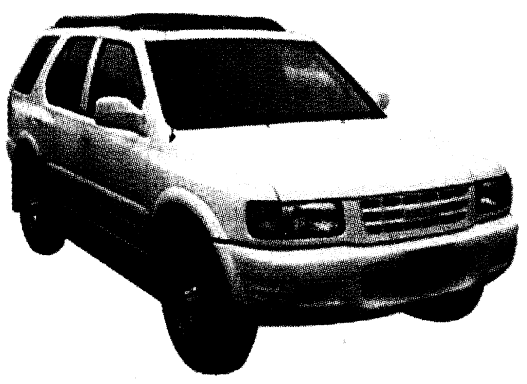
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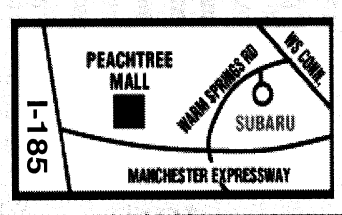


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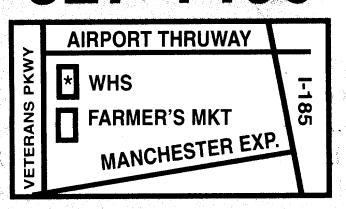
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'Citizen' soldiers meet mission

Soldiers describe trail to citizenship

Cara Aidone
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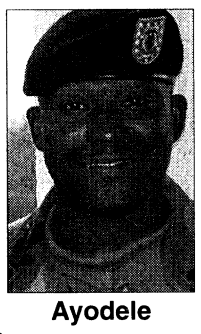
Sitting outside the Main Mall Post Exchange recently, Spc. Erica Kerry Ann Grant and Spc. Tunde Ayodele each had a big grin on their face. After months of paperwork, they — along with 15 other Fort Benning soldiers — became naturalized U.S. citizens at a ceremony at the Immigration and Naturalization Service offices in Atlanta Nov. 8.

"I was ecstatic," said Grant, 23, who was born in Antigua, West Indies, but has lived in the United States since she was 6. "It was unbelievable."

Grant, who works as a radiology technologist at Martin Army Community Hospital, is waiting admission to the Army Medical Department Program to become a commissioned officer — a goal that provided the impetus to finally become a U.S. citizen.

Ayodele, 33, came to the United States from his hometown of Ibadan, Nigeria, in 1997 after winning a so-called "Green Card lottery" there.

Shocked but delighted, Ayodele, a mechanic with 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, decided to take his chances and moved to Brooklyn, N.Y., where he worked as a security guard


Ayodele

while attending the School of Nursing and Physicians there.

"At that time, we were having a political problem in Nigeria," Ayodele said. "So the chances of graduating (from the university) were very slim. I was in college for a good five years but never graduated because of the political problem."

An election that was happening during that time was causing chaos in the entire country.

He joined the Army after talking to a local recruiter and


Grant

reported to Fort Knox in January 1998 for basic training. There, he said, he had no idea what to expect — and even brought all of his belongings with him.

But, "It was a great experience for me," he said.

Yet despite President George Bush's executive order signed July 3 that expedited citizenship applications of noncitizen soldiers, Grant and Ayodele — who submitted their applications in April and September 2001, respectively — both waited anxiously through what they say was a mostly frustrating experience in dealing with the INS.

"My file was sitting in a box somewhere," Grant said.

But when Nancy Guyer, military human resources assistant, stepped in to help, Grant and Ayodele started to see some progress.

Both soldiers' paperwork had problems, Guyer said.

When Grant applied for citizenship, she filed with her parents and not as a soldier, complicating the INS' background check. As for Ayodele, he had somehow obtained two Social Security numbers.

"We made arrangements to expedite the process (for them)," Guyer said.

Guyer worked closely with a contact at the Atlanta INS office to bump up the process.

"They're soldiers," she said. "They serve our country, and they should be citizens. They're entitled to it."

Soldiers' applications can take six to 12 months to be processed, said Sgt. Junea Oates, who works in the Office of the Adjutant General, Directorate of Military Personnel.

"And our record so far is very good," she said. "If their chain of command is behind them, it can be mailed, start to finish, within three days."

But as for Guyer, Grant and Ayodele said they owe her a world of thanks.

"She's awesome," Grant said.

AG employee dies

Cause of death under investigation

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

A Department of the Army civilian died Monday on his way to his routine morning workout at Infantry Hall.

Bob Killingsworth, chief of student officer branch, Adjutant General, lost consciousness around 7 a.m.

Military police responded to a call of a possible cardiac arrest, and CPR was performed on Killingsworth until emergency medical services arrived.

He was transported to Martin Army Community Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 8:23 a.m.

The funeral was Thursday at St. Mark United Methodist Church, Columbus.

Killingsworth was a comical guy, said Angela Cokeley, Trainee and Student Division, AG.

"He was a consummate professional, always ready and willing to help either his fellow employees, or officers who were attending courses at Fort Benning," said Danny Wilson, chief of Most Efficient Organization, AG.

"He stayed involved in the business of taking care of soldiers and his subordinates."

Officers would come by all the time and offer to take him to lunch, said Chief Warrant Officer Kenneth Frech, chief of Trainee and Student Division.

Killingsworth, 55, worked with officers as they went through training at Fort Benning.

He'd make sure their records and certifications were updated, Frech said. He cared for the needs of soldiers.

"Captains and majors who he helped out when they were lieutenants would come by years later just to say hello to him," Frech said.

"He was greatly appreciated by our military establishment."

He will be missed, Cokeley said.

Killingsworth worked at Fort Benning for more than 35 years.

He is survived by his wife, Pat.

The cause of death is under investigation.

Soldiers hunting turkey find feast on post, off

Celebrate day of thanks on post

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We're talking turkey here. Lots and lots of turkey.

James Jenkins, the contracting office representative for Fort Benning's Food Services estimates at least 300 turkeys will be served to more than 14,000 soldiers at the post's 19 dining facilities on Thanksgiving Day.

"At least 15 at each facility, or a whole herd," Jenkins said.

But don't dally and expect to find dinner waiting. Though most facilities will maintain regular hours, between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m., they vary from facility to facility.

And some facilities will be closed Thursday. The Airborne, Follow Me and 36th Engineer Group facilities will serve Thanksgiving dinner a day early.

"It's just best they check with their respective facilities to see when they'll be open," Jenkins said.

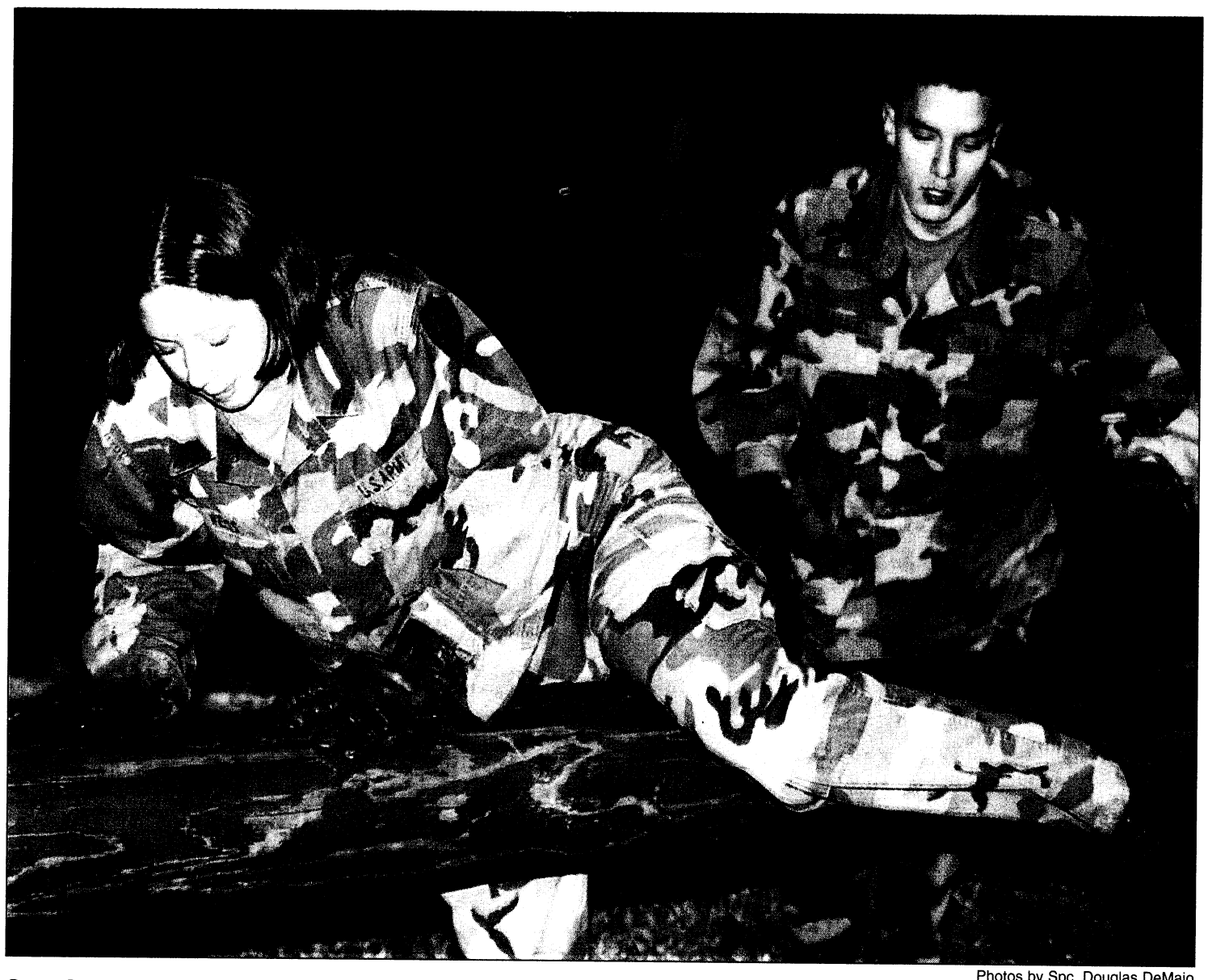
The Freedom House Christian Service Center, just outside the post's Main Gate at 2400 Benning Road, will also be serving up turkey and all the fixin's. The meal will be free to soldiers. Dinner starts at 3 p.m., but the center will open at 10 a.m. for "fellowship and football," said Bob Ingram, who runs the center with his wife, Becky. Ingram offers a free ride to and from the center. Call 221-5730.

The NCO Academy Dining Facility, Building 2760, will be serving soldiers and retirees 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The meal will cost $5.25 for adults and $4.55 for spouses of E-4 and below. Reservations are required. Call 545-7970.

Gibson Dining Facility, will be serving a Thanksgiving meal from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

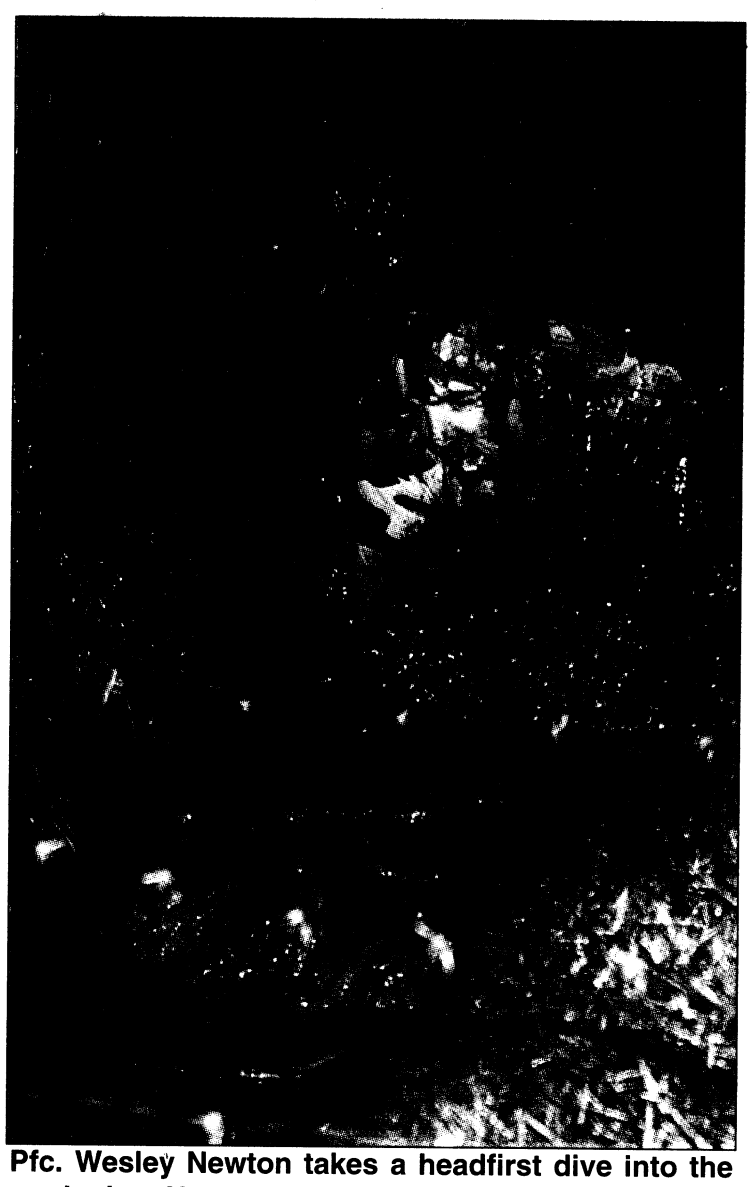






Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Spc. Sarah Weiss, left, and Pfc. James Valesquez, conquer an obstacle during PT.



Pfc. Wesley Newton takes a headfirst dive into the mud pit. Newton and others dove in and high-crawled their way under barbed-wire.

Directorates finish Downing Mile

Variety, mud motivates soldiers

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Every Friday morning, nearly 100 soldiers from 13 directorates of A Company, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, fall in at zero dark thirty for company physical training.

Nov. 15 was no different, except for the BDUs and boots the soldiers were wearing.

"Variety in PT keeps soldiers motivated," said Spc. Derek Snyder, with the Command Group. "I don't feel like so much of a robot when there's change in routine physical training."

Company 1st Sgt. Thaddeus Maholick and 1st Lt. Stacy Picard, company commander, came up with the idea to negotiate the obstacle course and run the Downing Mile, a mile-long dirt path on Main Post filled with obstacles for cross training.

"I believe the training went extremely well," Picard said. "Our soldiers were motivated, challenged, and it gave them a one-of-a-kind experience in A Company."

The objective of the training was to build endurance and esprit de corps and to physically challenge soldiers, Maholick said.

"The only goal we set up front is for everyone to finish," Picard said. "It was incredible to see all of the soldiers motivated and excited to have made it through.

"I'm certain there were a few soldiers who were wary about the training when we began. Still, everyone finished and did a great job."

It wasn't just the soldiers in the directorates who were having fun.

"As infantrymen, we're expected to get dirty," Maholick said. "In this job, we don't get to do it as often as we'd like."

Command Sgt. Maj. Donavon Watts and Maholick led by example when they jumped into a mud pit and high crawled under barbed wire.

"To see those two jump in there was a great motivator," Snyder said. "It shows soldiers the character of our leadership and the uniqueness of our unit."

Soldiers went through the course in buddy teams just like Watts and Maholick did.

"Today we reinforced the importance of working as a team and never to leave another soldier behind," Picard said. "We challenged our soldiers to overcome their insecurities and rely on their battle buddies. It's essential for soldiers to rely on them in battle."

All soldiers must be physically fit to accomplish any mission, at any given time, regardless of their occupational specialty, Maholick said.

"This training caused our soldiers to dig deep and push themselves beyond their normal physical limits, which is a necessity on any battlefield," he said.

The first sergeant and commander came up with a great plan to replicate obstacles and build muscles soldiers would normally use in battle, Snyder said.

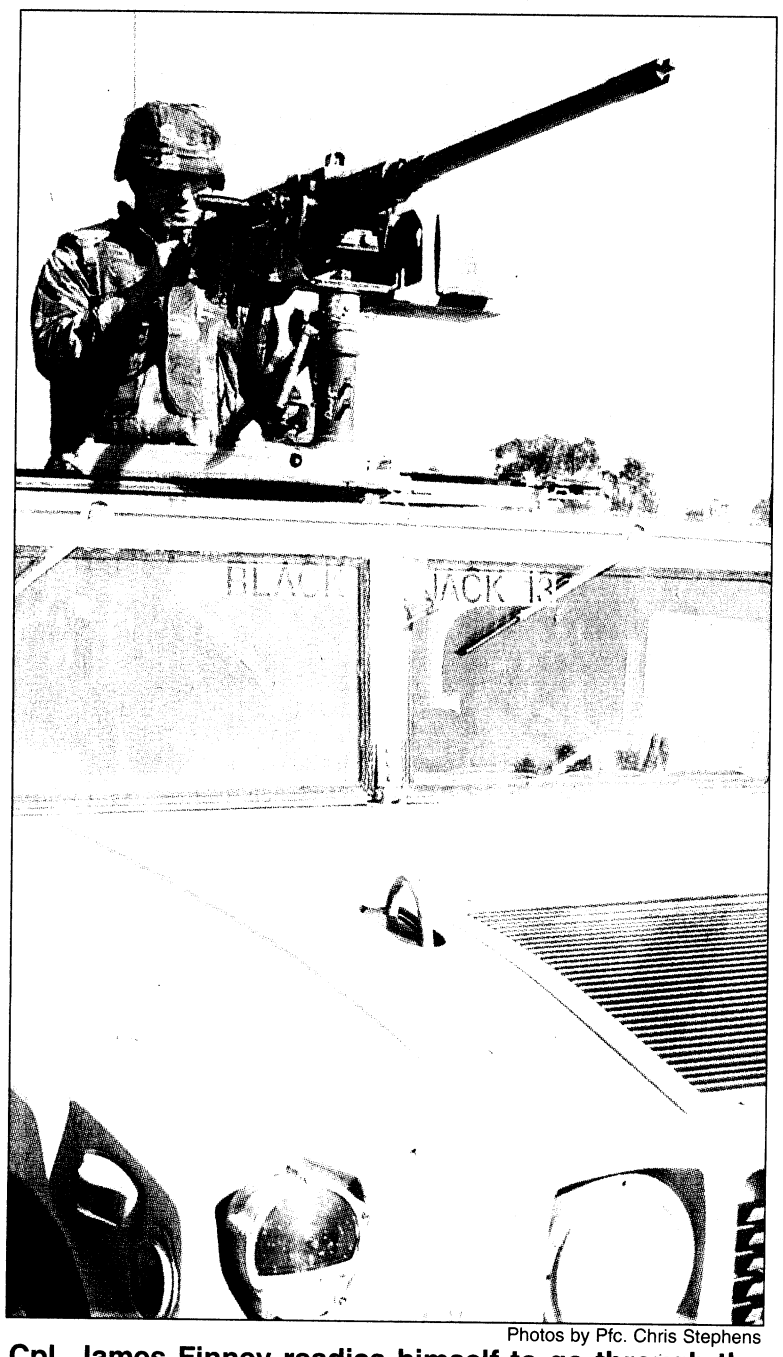
For example, some of the movements that challenged soldiers were climbing, jumping and crawling under obstacles.

"It brought our soldiers together as one unit, which isn't always easy because their directorates are spread out across Main Post," Picard said.



Sgt. Adriane Carrington gives it her all.

Cavalry scouts train during gunnery



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Cpl. James Finney readies himself to go through the qualification course on Hastings Range.

Soldiers qualify on humvees

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

On today's modern battlefield, many different types of weapons are used to destroy the enemy. Whether the weapons are shot from the ground, by remote control or from a vehicle, every soldier wants to be one of the ones with, "one shot, one kill."

Soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment, are no different, although their "one shot, one kill," has a different meaning for them, said Sgt. Sherman Jones.

"As a cavalry scout, our goal is to gain target acquisition and kill the target in the shortest time possible," Jones said. "Our job is not to be seen, so the faster we kill the enemy, the less time we are facing the brunt of their firepower. So in a way, that's our 'one shot, one kill.'"

Soldiers from the unit participated in pre-qualifications on humvees at Hastings Range Monday. The qualification period consists of encountering four engagements during the day and four engagements during the night.

The first two engagements included two targets coming up at the same time. The only difference between the first and the second engagement is that the first is a defensive engagement, and the second is an offensive engagement.



A three-man crew fires rounds down range to qualify.

"The first two (engagements) on the qualification course are the toughest," said Cpl. James Finney, gunner. "It sets the tone for the rest of qualification."

After the first two engagements, the driver receives directions from the truck commander to move forward to the next position to engage the next target.

The third engagement is against moving targets, while the fourth engagement is the same, but it requires the team to don their protective masks.

"It's different firing the .50 cal with the gas mask on," Finney said. "It's harder to be accurate."

After engaging all of the targets, the team, which consists of the truck commander, gunner and driver, returns to home base to learn the results of their score.

"The crews are graded on crew commands, vehicle ID and different drills," Jones said.

"I'm pretty happy with the way we qualified," Finney said. "I only used about 80 of the 125 rounds, and I felt as though I destroyed all of the targets.

"We really worked together as a team and got through it as a team," he said. "The teamwork aspect of it is huge. Each member has a vital role on this three-man team, and we depend on each other to do our job to complete what we hope is a successful mission."

At the end of the qualification day, the soldiers talked about what may happen to them in the very near future as far as being deployed.

"For all we know, we can be sent to the Middle East to blow up some things or many things next week," Jones said. "As cavalry scouts, we need to always expect the unexpected and be ready of it."

"The term, 'one shot, one kill,' may mean something different to us in laymen's terms, but in truth, it all means the same as that of an infantry soldier," Finney said. "Our main goal as a whole is to get rid of the enemy as quickly as possible."



Spc. Donald Edwards, of the 608th Ordnance Company performs a three- to five-second rush during training.



Photos by Pfc. David Foley

Members of the 36th Engineer Group patrol their area of operation before taking on direct fire from a simulated machine gun.

Group trains for possible mission

Conducts predeployment exercise

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

As tensions mount in the Middle East, and the threat of terrorism continues to increase, so does the possibility of deployment for American soldiers.

For many soldiers, the idea of being sent to the dusty streets of some far-off country to fight in the war on terrorism is only a passing thought. However, for the 36th Engineer Group, the possibility of deployment is a constant reality.

"I really don't know if we will be called up, but I'm getting myself ready just in case," said Pvt. Christopher Delavern, 104th Transportation Company. "If they do send me, I want to be prepared."

Preparation was the word of the day Nov. 14 as the group conducted its third predeployment training day of the month.

Soldiers spent the day improving their ability to operate under less than accommodating conditions, such as those experienced in a deployment situation. They traveled from point to point, receiving instruction and some practical training at each station.

The training covered ways to avoid many of the hazards a support unit may face in a deployment situation.

"The 36th Engineer Group is highly diversified and highly deployable, so this sort of training is very important to our mission," said Staff Sgt. Darrell Denson, operations sergeant with Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment. "We conduct this training regularly just to stay familiar with the tasks, but with the possibility of deployment increasing, we've decided to go ahead and knock it out so we will be ready if they call on us for the war effort."

Soldiers searched personnel for weapons, booby traps and sensitive items such as maps and documents. All can be paramount to an operation, said Spc. Derek Neeley, 104th Transportation Company.

They also conducted security checks on civilian vehicles that had weapons planted in them, ranging from a pistol to an antitank weapon.

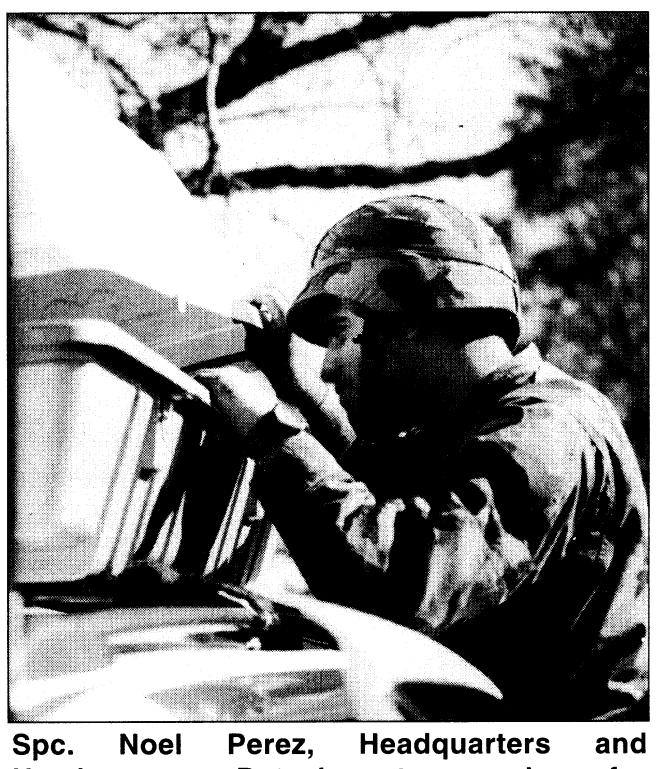
"The soldiers did a good job finding all the weapons," said Staff Sgt. Abraham Abrazado, 104th Transportation Co. "In a deployment situation, the soldiers need to know how to conduct force protection. They need to protect the compound."

The soldiers also got a refresher course in moving under direct and indirect fire as well as reacting to artillery.

"As combat service support, we don't do too many patrols, but if the vehicle breaks down, we could find ourselves in a situation where we need this sort of training," said Sgt. Jermaine Toney, transportation specialist with HHD.

All of the soldiers have had some degree of training in these areas during basic combat training. The monthlong predeployment training program is designed to refresh the knowledge they already have and teach them to work together, said Pvt. Mona Thomas, 608th Ordinance Company.

"We're ready for the call."



Spc. Noel Perez, Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, searches for weapons in the cargo box on a minivan.

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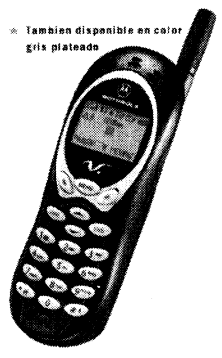
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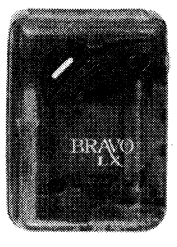
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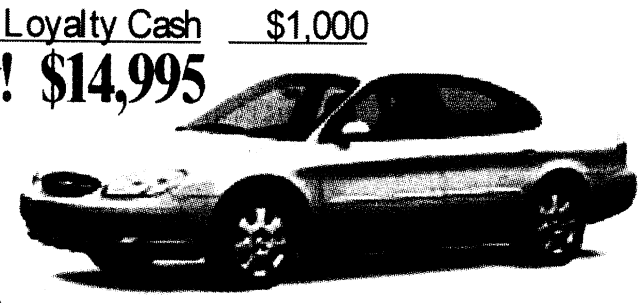
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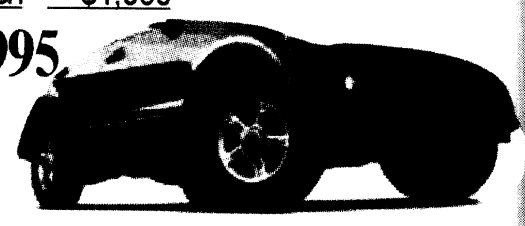
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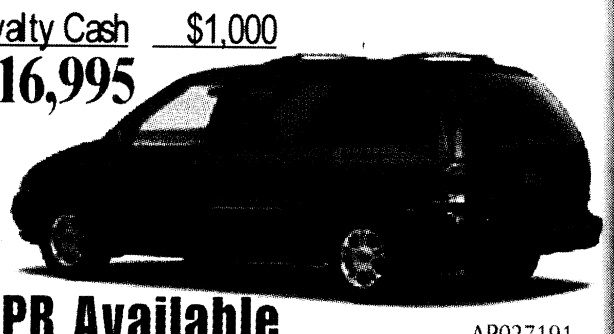
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Pfc. Chris Stephens

Staff Sgt. Julius Williams scans his debit card at the Main Mall Post Exchange Tuesday afternoon. AAFES recently implemented the Debit Card Program.

AAFES gives 'cash back'

Swipe card, get cash fast, easy

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

Have you ever stood in a long line waiting to get your check cashed? Have you ever wondered if there could be an easier way to get money rather than waiting all day in those long lines?

The Army and Air Force Exchange Service implemented a Debit Card Program to provide soldiers a faster, more convenient alternative to writing checks.

"This is an outstanding program," said 2nd Lt. David Williams, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. "It's much easier than to go through the hassle of writing a check."

The program allows soldiers and their families an opportunity to pay their bill more efficiently with a debit card than with a check.

"The main goal is to increase the service to the customers," said Donald O'Reilly, general manager of the Fort Benning Post Exchange.

"Right now, the only way to acquire cash back is through a check. But the debit card program will allow soldiers and their families to get cash back by just swiping a card."

However, there is a limit on how much money can be given back during a transaction.

At the Main Mall Post Exchange, $100 is the maximum amount of cash back people can receive. At the smaller branch exchanges, $50 is the limit.

"This is also on a funding available basis," O'Reilly said. "I foresee no problem with it at the main exchange, but at the smaller exchanges, it could be."

The convenience of the new system will shorten the time a soldier or family member will spend in line trying to get cash back, he said.

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Benning to stop indoor smoking

MWR complies with federal policy

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

All of Fort Benning's Morale Welfare and Recreation buildings will be smoke free Dec. 7 in compliance with federal policy.

In an effort to protect federal employees from exposure to tobacco smoke in the workplace, President Clinton passed a bill stating that smoking would be banned in all federal buildings as of Aug. 9, 1997.

However, the Morale Welfare and Recreation department was granted an extension until Dec. 7 of this year, in light of their unique position.

Many of the MWR buildings were not equipped with outdoor smoking areas and would need time and money to construct separate smoking areas and still provide the smoking patrons with the same hospitality they

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BRAVO cast ready to 'lift up' audiences

Harriet E. Rice
Community and Family Support Center

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Float across a lazy river, watch the sun set from a rooftop, dance the salsa on a starry night.

The Army's Theatre BRAVO will bring these images to life in a 70-minute show called "Lift Up Your Hearts, America" Nov. 29-30 at Fort Benning.

The only show open to the community is 7 p.m. Nov. 30 at the Sand Hill Recreation Center. The show is free.

"The performing arts — theater — is a perfect vehicle to carry the message of hopes, dreams and love," said Tim Higdon, Theatre BRAVO producer for the Army Entertainment program. "We (Army Entertainment staff) feel that, as a country, we are in a period in which we need to focus on our sense of pride and patriotism and what we cherish about America."

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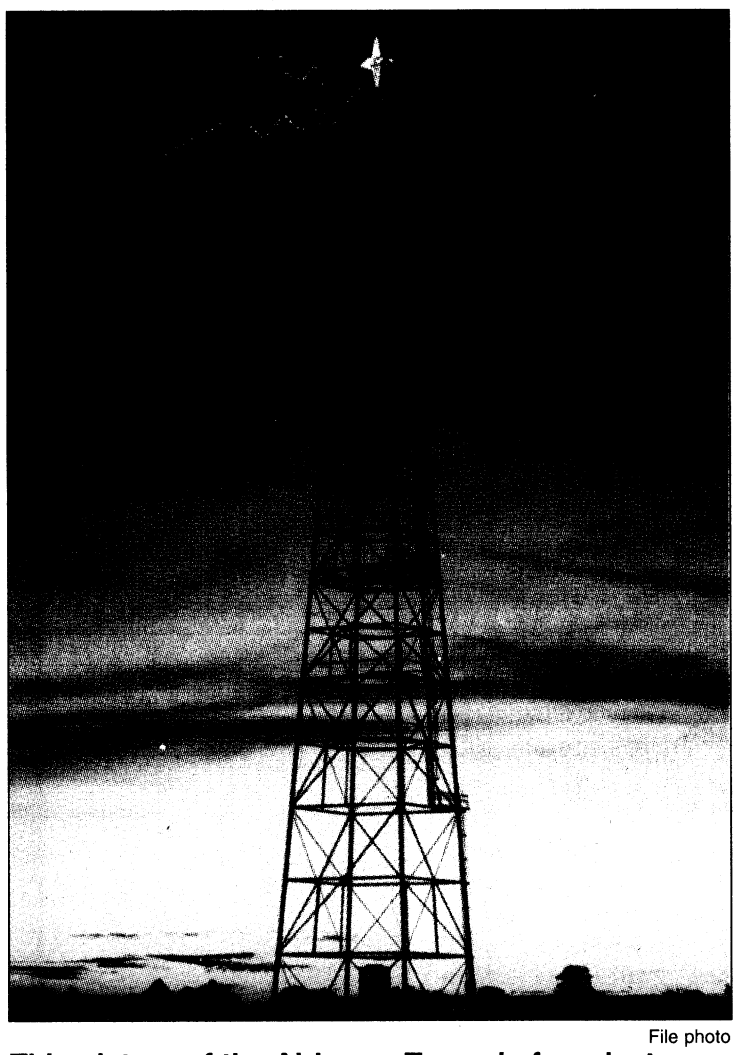
Sinking sensation



Bridgett Siter

Kevin Dellascio, right, president of Kadell Industries, and an employee of Barlovento, Inc., move dirt in a sinkhole created when recent heavy rains caused an underground pipe to collapse in a ravine off Vibbert Street, across from Doughboy Stadium. Dellascio said the huge hole formed in two days and came within 20 feet of underground communication lines. It's expected to take about 30 days to replace the nearly 60-year-old pipes and fill the hole with 400 truck loads of dirt.

Community to celebrate holidays



File photo

This picture of the Airborne Tower is from last year. This year, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, will light the tower Dec. 19.

Infantry Band leading celebrations

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Fort Benning residents who are eager to get into the holiday spirit should not be disappointed with this year's offerings.

The holiday season kicks off at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 3 with the annual tree and menorah lighting ceremony at the Field of Four Chaplains, adjacent to the Infantry Center Chapel. The Infantry Band will provide holiday music followed by a chorus concert by post school children.

At 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4, everyone is invited to a Christmas visit with Santa at Riverside, home of post commander Maj. Gen. Paul and P.J. Eaton. The Fort Benning tradition includes a number of family activities led by volunteers from Faith Middle School and the post Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

The family activities include face painting, Christmas karaoke and a reading corner. Two groups from Faith, the dance team and the choral group, "The Entertainers," will perform twice during the evening.

"It's going to be three hours of fun and games," said Linda Laine, Youth Services director. "We did this last year after a break of about five years, and we had more than 1,000 people attend. We absolutely expect to have that many again this year."

Children will be able to personalize their own link for the festive chain to decorate the Riverside Christmas Tree.

Those interested in venturing off post for holiday activities can participate in the third annual Night of Lights at 6 p.m. Dec. 5. along the Riverwalks of both Columbus and Phenix City.

Sponsored by Keep Columbus Beautiful, the Night of Lights offers a twinkling winter wonderland to capture the magic of the holiday season. As part of the event, the Infantry Band brass quintet will perform holiday music in the Phenix City Ampitheatre.

The Infantry Band is also offering a free concert at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the River Center.

Previously held at the Three Arts Performing Arts Center, this is the first holiday concert held in the new River Center, said 1st Sgt. David Ordway of the Infantry Band

Ordway said the band started practicing holiday music a month ago to get ready for their busy concert schedule.

The band will also march in the Bi-City Parade at 10 a.m. Dec. 14.

Band members will travel around post and perform four Christmas Carol Concerts in the housing areas. Concert times are 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Dec. 10 — McGraw Manor,
- Dec. 12 — Custer Terrace,
- Dec. 17 — Bouton Heights and Davis Hills,
- Dec. 19 — Main Post and Upatoi Terrace.

Rounding out the holiday events is the Airborne Tower Lighting ceremony at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 19. Following a holiday sing-along with the Infantry Band, Santa will jump from the 250-foot tower.

Benning Bazaar taking shape, Dec. 7

Tot Town open for volunteers, shoppers

Melissa House
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Shoppers hoping to find the perfect gift for that special someone won't need to look very far.

The Benning Bazaar will offer a wide variety of items from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Officers' Club. Admission to the bazaar is $2.

The Fort Benning Officers' Spouses Club counts on the proceeds from the bazaar to fund the Scholarship and Welfare Fund.

Shoppers will also be able to purchase tickets for chances to win a quilt or any of more than 50 door prizes

Event coordinator Renee Doyle said the vendor list continues to grow as the date of the bazaar approaches. In the past week, Doyle said, she registered 13 new vendors and sent out information to another five.

"I'm hoping we'll have 80," she said.

Although the main focus for the event is on handcrafted items, the bazaar will also offer items from a small number of commercial vendors as well.

Doyle said the OSC is also looking for volunteers to work the day of the event to help the bazaar run smoothly.

OSC member Jeanna Larsen moved to Fort Benning in May and immediately got involved volunteering at the Bit of Benning shop.

"I like to help out as much as possible," Larsen said. "These events are fun".

Larsen set up the contract with Tot Town that will provide child care for volunteers which will be paid for by the OSC. Volunteers who would like to make reservation for childcare should contact Larsen by Dec. 4 at 494-2777.

Tot Town will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. the day of the bazaar. Prospective shoppers needing child care may also take advantage of Tot Town services.

"Shoppers can make their own reservations with the center by calling Tot Town directly," she said, but they must pay for their own child care based on the arrangements they make.

For more information, call 682-6212.

Free finance class offers soldiers investment advice

Second class investigates equity investing

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

This is the second part of a six part series that explores what soldiers learn at the financial readiness course.

During the first class of the series, soldiers and federal employees were shown the importance of retirement investing and ways to find money to invest by building a sturdy financial base.

The second class offered information about equity investing.

"Before deciding on any particular investment, you have to do your homework," said Patti Herron, finance counselor. "First you have to decide how great of a risk you are willing to take, and then you need to investigate the investment possibilities that fall into that category."

The investing portion of the class was divided into two categories: ownership and loanership.

Ownership focuses on investing in property, such as a house, land, collectibles or a private business, whereas loanership focuses on investing in stocks, bonds, commodities and other business investments.

People use both to help reach financial goals they set.

The next step is to match them with equity investments, then read about those investments and compare them to at least three other specific products. This way investors compare apples to apples.

Another consideration is risk.

People who aren't willing to take a big risk and want to save for retirement should consider investing in the Thrift Savings Plan by dividing their investment among low risk funds such as the government and bond funds, Herron said.

People who are willing to take a chance in order to get a larger return should consider investing in small companies mutual funds or buying individual company's stock, she said, and keep in mind that historically, stocks have out-performed all other investments.

"The two most important things to know about investing are: Start early and keep your investments diverse," she said.

But before investing in any business, investors should actually investigate the company themselves to see if the service they provide is something that people will want, Herron said.

The class also covered ways to learn about stocks by reading magazines, newspapers, Web sites, prospectuses and other written materials.

"When investing in stocks, especially if they are moderate to high risk, diversity is the key to success," Herron said. "If one company goes through a slump or takes a nosedive, you won't lose your entire investment.

"When investing in property, you need to be sure the purchase cost and maintenance fees don't outweigh the value of the property," Herron said. "If you plan on making a profit off the property by renting it out or selling the crops or minerals on the land, be sure the cost of upkeep isn't more than the revenue."

Investing can be complicated, she said. The role of the financial readiness course offers a wider variety of investment advice than any of the classes soldiers are required to take at their first duty station, and it gives the student opportunities to ask questions about anything they don't understand.

"This class has really been an eye opener," said Master Sgt. Carmen Vazquez, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment. "I've been to all the mandatory finance classes and didn't learn nearly as much as I have in this one.

"This course is what younger soldiers need. It should be mandatory," she said. "Someone who joins the Army without too much debt can take this advice and be set for life."

Smoking: To stop in MWR facilities beginning Dec. 7

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had experienced before the transition.

"Rather than look at this as a problem, we decided to take the opportunity to enhance the areas outside the buildings," said Al Gelineau, director of Community Activities. "Instead of building the typical bus stop style smoking area off in the parking lot, we've made decks with tables, which enable the patrons to enjoy a meal, the beverage of their choice and a smoke in a casual, outdoor environment."

Each of the smoking areas cost around $10,000 to construct except for the one at the Benning Brew Pub. "It cost a bit more," Gelineau said.

"At first, we were afraid it would be bad for business and really hurt us, but after talking to other businesses that have made the transition, we are optimistic," Gelineau said. "I think it's a positive thing. I believe a lot more families will come to the bowling centers and restaurants now that they don't have to worry about their children being around all the smoke.

"We've started a marketing campaign to attract more of the family crowd while striving to accommodate the smoking patrons as well."

This is a significant change for the MWR and soldiers will have to adapt, said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander.

"Those who smoke will feel their lives change. In fact, everyone will feel their lives change — some for the better, some for the worse — but it's a federal law that we have to accept."

BIRTHS

Boys

Elijah Malik Outlaw — born Nov. 26 to Sgt. Kimberly Myers and Staff Sgt. Jay Outlaw.

Jadon Thomas Watkins — born Oct. 28 to Raigon and Sgt. James Watkins.

Jacob Matthew Snell — born Oct. 28 to Meredith and Capt. Matthew Snell.

Emmitt Wayne Burdine — born Oct. 28 to Rachelle and Staff Sgt. Riley Burdine Jr.

Lucas Matthew Suggs — born Oct. 29 to Jillian and Pfc. Justin Suggs.

Mark Masato Abdou Jr. — born Oct. 29 to Karen and Pvt. Mark Abdou.

Jaylyn DaQuan Montgomery — born Oct. 31 to Spc. Jennifer Montgomery.

Robert Allen Neal Jr. — born Nov. 1 to Crystal and Sgt. Robert Neal.

Michael Paul Merritt — born Nov. 2 to Pfc. Erica and Hubert Merritt Jr.

Joseph Timothy Reynolds — born Nov. 4 to Donna and Lt. Col. William Reynolds.

Joshua Ethan Griffin — born Nov. 5 to Melissa and Sgt. Timothy Griffin.

Girls

Ja'la LaSha Byers — born Oct. 26 to Tammy and Pfc. Charles Byers.

Michal Rhiannon Davidson — born Oct. 28 to Rhonda and 2nd Lt. Jay Davidson.

Jade Tess LaPlante — born Oct. 31 to Tara and Staff Sgt. Lanny LaPlante.

Cassey Gabriela De Janon Cevallos — born Nov. 1 to Natasha Cevallos Villarreal and Sgt. 1st Class Frank De Janon De Santis.

Gabrielle Marie Mann — born Nov. 1 to Jessica and Pfc. Jonathan Mann.

Katie June Harrington — born Nov. 2 to Emily and Capt. Mark Harrington.

Jamiya Relda Smith — born Nov. 5 to Chiffonda and Staff Sgt. Timothy Smith.

Paulina Alexus Thompson — born Nov. 7 to Cindy and Sgt. Christopher Thompson.

— Martin Army Community Hospital

BRAVO: To put on show Nov. 30

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To that end, Bonnie Daniels and Liz Bell Young, participants in the Army's community theater program, used their playwriting and choreographic talents to assemble a montage of songs, writings and poetry that reflect Americana and is designed to leave audiences uplifted.

The cast members, two signal systems specialists, a tank gunner, a combat medic and a mental health counselor, have set aside their military duties for six months to bring smiles, laughter and maybe even a tear or two to the faces of soldiers, families and deployed troops from Georgia to Germany.

Selected from live auditions in October, sergeants David Yoder, Maylan Thomas, and Hali Joi Picciano, along with Spcs. Vanessa Bradchulis and Armando Correa bring their vocal, dance, theatrical, leadership and soldiering skills to this production with enthusiasm and a new appreciation for the hard work needed to stage a show.

"Our show goes through a variety of emotions," said Bradchulis, from Vilseck, Germany. "It's a rainbow of colors, so I think the biggest challenge was being able to change (characters) quickly."

"You have to have discipline and patience," said Sgt. Kenneth Carden, a Lakeridge, Va., resident assigned to the U.S. Southern Command in Miami, Fla.

"If you don't have discipline and patience in the theater, you're not going to get anywhere, because you have to be able to take criticism from people."

Carden is responsible for the lighting and audio systems that support the show and also serves as an understudy to the performers.

The six soldiers are assigned to the U.S. Army Community and Family Support Center, the agency responsible for more than 200 Morale, Welfare and Recreation programs, of which Army Entertainment and this production is one.

Music in "Lift up Your Hearts, America" includes songs by Billy Joel, James Taylor, Carly Simon, Roger Miller, Woody Guthrie and George M. Cohan. Threads of poetry by Robert Frost and Maya Angelou and the dramatic word by Sam Sheperd, John Steinbeck and Rita Dove are woven into the fabric of the show. Original monologues incorporating the life experiences of cast members alternate with snappy choreography, funny improvisation and tender moments.

"My monologue — that's me, that's from my life," said Picciano of Walter Reed Army Medical Center's dental clinic. "The part about living in a campground for seven months: I really did that. As a soldier, I'm performing for soldiers, reminding people what they're out there fighting for. When we go overseas, we're reminding soldiers what they're doing and why."

"The 'Roadside America' segment is a hoot," said Higdon. "We highlight some of the unique and sometimes bizarre attractions you find along the highways of America, such as the world's largest ball of twine and the Spam Museum."

When soldiers perform music from Big River, they share Huckleberry Finn's thoughts about the mighty Mississippi, bringing the audience along to share what the river means to him. There are familiar patriotic tunes as well as the new rhythms of city life.

CFSC/Army Entertainment staff members Sgt. Tobin Atkinson, stage manager, and Sgt. Robert Anderson, NCOIC, complete the ensemble, which is entirely self-contained, travels light and can set up and perform under any conditions.

They will tour from November through March, staging more than 80 shows at 40 locations in 16 states in the U.S., Germany, Italy, the Balkans, and, if conditions allow, the Middle East. With less than six weeks of rehearsal, the troupe is pumped up and ready to hit the road after opening weekend.

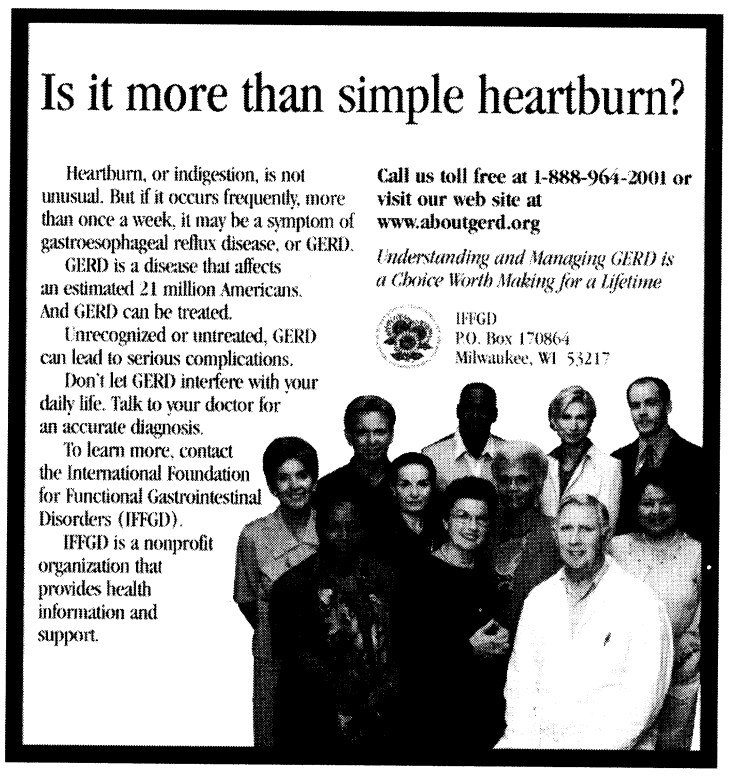
"I hope by being part of this production, I can show soldiers that there are people out there working hard, actually concerned about more than that soldiers just have food and a roof over their heads," said Sgt. David Yoder, whose home is in Breezewood, Pa.

"Soldiers are Americans, and they're important people as well as just being soldiers. I hope I can take that with me and let them know that."

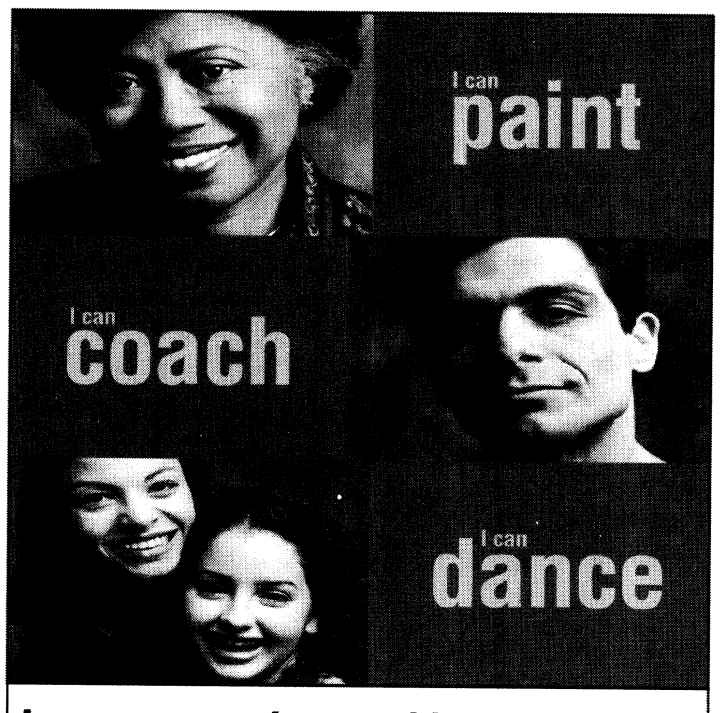












COMMUNITY NEWS

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Thanksgiving holiday garbage schedule — There will be no yard waste pick up in Family Housing Monday. Garbage normally picked up on Thursdays will be picked up Dec. 2. Garbage pick ups will occur as normally scheduled for Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call 545-4232.

Dinner theater auditions — Benning's Backstage will have auditions for a production of *The Odd Couple* (female version) at 7 p.m. Dec. 9-10 at the Main NCO Club. The show is also in need of performers for the talent hour, stagehands, prop designers, painters, make-up and costume artists and experienced light technicians. The show will debut in mid-February.

To volunteer or for more information, call 689-4342.

CSU registration for spring semester — Step into Columbus State University for Spring Semester 2003. Early registration continues through Dec. 20. The completed application deadline is Dec. 13. Freshman orientation is Jan. 2 and classes begin Jan. 6.

CSU offers more than 60 types of degree programs including:

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Come by and visit our admissions counselor at 2613 Soldiers' Plaza. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 568-2035 or 689-8668 or visit the Web site at www.colstate.edu. For information, call the Educational Center at 545-1774.

Exceptional Family Member Program — The Army Community Service Exceptional Family Member Program offers respite care for military families enrolled in the EFMP.

Respite care can provide temporary relief for caretakers of special needs children. You may qualify for services through this program.

For more information, call the ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

Have you been trying to cope with the responsibility of caring for a person with special needs? Do you feel overwhelmed, as if you are all alone? Do you need support from others who understand?

The ACS Exceptional Family Member Program would like to form a support groups geared to the needs of military families enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program.

If you have any interest in forming a group, call ACS EFMP at 545-4043 or 545-7517.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241. The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction. For information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.appointment.

Educational Center — Need help with financial aid? Contact the Education Center. The services are free. The center, which is located at Soldiers' Plaza, Building 2609, is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to assist servicemen, women and their families.

The Education Center can electronically file Pell Grant applications and do scholarship searches, so you can find the funds you need for school.

The center is a clearing house of information on post-secondary educational institutions, assists with post secondary school admission forms and provides career counseling, matching your aptitude to thousands of jobs with the assistance of computer generated data.

You choose the school, and the center provides the application and information you need on admission and financial aid. Services will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis. Call 545-7387 or 653-4531.

off post

Military Appreciation Days at Dillard's — Dillard's recognizes the sacrifices military and their families make daily; therefore, Dillard's is extending a 20 percent discount to military personnel on purchases made at the store Dec. 4-5. Appliances and electronic merchandise may be purchased with a 10 percent discount.

Guests from the military are asked to save their sales receipts. Upon completing their shopping, guests are asked to take receipts for those two days to Dillard's customer service area and show their valid active or full-time I.D. (Immediate family members shopping on behalf of full-time or activated members of the military who are not present will be asked to present their I.D., which notes that they are family of such military personnel.) Dillard's will deduct the discount from participants' total purchases in the same form of payment they chose to use for those purchases.

Night of Lights — The annual tricommunity "Night of Lights" celebration for Fort Benning, Columbus and Phenix City will kick off the holiday season at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Phenix City Ampitheatre. Admission to the event is free and concessions will be available. The Infantry Band and school groups from all three communities will provide music for the evening. The first 1,000 children (12 and younger) will receive a free Christmas ornament.

Scholarship Pageants — Young women in the Columbus area will have a chance to compete in the Miss Columbus Scholarship and the Teen Miss Columbus Pageants Dec. 7. Both pageants will be in Legacy Hall at the River Center for the Performing Arts beginning at 7 p.m.

Competition will include talent, evening gown, swimsuit and interview. Those who wish to compete must be between the ages of 17 and 24 and reside or work in Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Chattahoochee, Taylor, Troup, Meriwether, Stewart, Quitman, Marion or Randolph counties or Fort Benning or attend Columbus State University or Andrew College.

There is no entrance fee to compete. The winner will go on to compete in the Miss Georgia Pageant in June.

General admission is $12 and the public is invited to attend.

For more information or an application, call Mike Owens at 718-2414, Hugh Gregory at (404) 378-7141 or e-mail misscolumbusga@aol.com.

Free coin — USAA is offering a free patriotic coin for soldiers' commitment to the nation. USAA membership is not required to receive this coin. Call (888)558-8825 and give the promotional code ASCN to the representative when asked.

The front of the coin shows an eagle with wings and talons spread with a flag in the background. The words "Proud Member United States Armed Forces" are printed around the outside circle. The back shows a five point star identifying each of the five services. The words "United We Stand" and "Defenders of Freedom" are printed around the outside circle.

Columbus Reads — Be a volunteer with Columbus Reads Kindergarten Readiness Program Jan. 13 through May 16.

Volunteers need just spend 20 minutes, one day a week with a 4 year old. For more information, call Deborah Tainsh at 649-1895.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** soup and sandwich, carrot and celery sticks with dip, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** Manager's Menu
- **Wednesday:** Thanksgiving holidays
- **Thursday:** Thanksgiving holidays
- **Friday:** Thanksgiving holidays

AAFES: Accepts cards

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"It's just like an ATM machine but with someone behind the counter giving you the money," O'Reilly said.

"A simple swipe of the card, and people can have the money directly taken out of their checking account with no worries on a returned check or credit limit on their credit card," O'Reilly said.

"Instead of worrying about sufficient funds in your account, a person will be able to know at the checkout counter, because if it's not there, it will not accept the card and some other means of payment will be needed to complete a transaction."

The program will increase security of soldiers' bank accounts by providing them the security of putting in their pin numbers and the amount of cash they want to receive back.

"It's great to have the security of putting the information in myself," Williams said.

"That way I ensure the information entered is correct."

There is another benefit to the change, O'Reilly said.

"Annually, AAFES contributes $2.4 million to the community," O'Reilly said.

"With the retailer and handling fees being lessened, more money will go back into the community, which will help programs such as Morale, Welfare and Recreation, and Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers."

O'Reilly said AAFES worldwide expect to have the program in effect by Thanksgiving.

"Almost all of the AAFES located on Fort Benning have been implemented with the new system," O'Reilly said.

'There are just a few systems we are still working on, and we should have all AAFES locations, postwide, at full capabilities soon."


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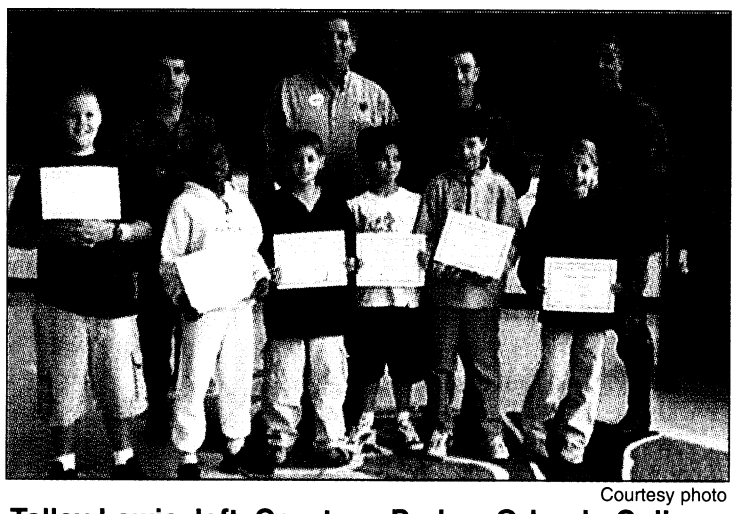
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Students set records

Program emphasizes fitness

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White Elementary School



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Talley Lewis, left, Courtney Parker, Orlando Collazo, Brandon Stephenson, Phillip Nelson and Taylor Bentley were presented fitness awards by WHINSEC representatives during a ceremony.

During the week of Nov. 5-8, the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation and White Elementary School collaborated and implemented the first "Focus on Fitness" week.

WHINSEC volunteers manned four stations as the children rotated through the stations during their regularly scheduled physical education classes.

Events included the standing broad jump, one-lap run, Frisbee disk throw for distance and obstacle course.

Staff Sgt. Giorgiana Williams-Johnson provided the motivation at the broad jump station and produced a school record 6-feet-7-inch long jump by fourth-grader Orlando Collazo and 5-feet-6-inch effort by fourth-grader Cortney Parker.

Sgt. 1st Class Julio Miranda's one-lap station resulted in a tie between fourth-grader Brandon Stephenson and fifth-grader Phillip Nelson. Miranda's guidance and encouragement produced a 41 second lap by both Brandon and Phillip.

Maj. Eric Heberlig and Sgt. Jean-Pierre Lopez directed the Frisbee disk throw for distance and motivated fifth-grader Levi Lewis to a record throw of 100 feet.

The obstacle course produced incredible results with record runs by Phillip Nelson (10.98 seconds) and Taylor Bentley (12.24 seconds). Master Sgt. Michael Valdez's enthusiasm and technique demonstration proved to be a key factor in the children's success and excitement during this activity.

"Focus on Fitness" week culminated with an awards ceremony Friday morning with certificates presented by Col. Richard Downie, WHINSEC commandant, and Dr. Tommy Lee, White School principal.

It was a great week for the children of White and the role models from WHINSEC.

Art, essay contests open to military kids

Community and Family Support Center

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — The Armed Services YMCA seeks both artists and readers for two annual contests.

Art Contest 2003, in its eighth year, seeks artwork from children of military members in kindergarten through sixth grade depicting their active-duty, Reserve or Guard families.

Top prizes are $500 U.S. Savings Bonds and the winners' artwork is used on posters for next year's Military Family Month.

Children of Defense Department and Coast Guard civilians may enter in an honorary category.

The deadline for the contest is Jan. 27.

With the goal of promoting reading among children, the seventh annual Armed Services YMCA Essay Contest is open to first through 12th grades, with prizes up to $1,000 bonds.

Children and teens family members of the armed services — active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired — and civilian employees of the DoD and Coast Guard and families, can enter the contest.

Essays should be on any subject related to reading. Deadline for contest entry is March 17.

Full guidelines for the contests can be obtained from the Armed Services YMCA web site www.asymca.org — or by e-mailing essaycontest@asymca.org ; or by calling (703) 303-9600.

Since the Civil War, the Armed Services YMCA has provided educational, recreational, social and spiritual programs to military members and their families. Celebrating 141 years, the Armed Services YMCA, an affiliate of the YMCA of the USA and headquartered in Alexandria, Va., has more than 80 program locations around the world.



Courtesy photo

Kimberly St. Clair, left, works with Cole Blaney, 5, on his assignment. White School is familiarizing students with newspapers.

Newspaper program starts at White School

White Elementary School

The Newspaper In Education program at the *Columbus Ledger-Enquirer* is partnering with White School to familiarize students with the newspaper and increase test scores on standardized tests.

"Part of my responsibilities are designing appropriate activities for all grade levels that support what the students are already learning," said Kimberly St. Clair, *Ledger-Enquirer.*

"For instance, in Michelle Reasoner's fourth-grade social studies class, we worked on averaging the high and low temperatures of international cities," St. Clair said. "The first-grade classes of Anne Anti and Ann Lucas identified shapes in the comics, and Mel Vaillant's second grade students found compound words.

"It was fun for the students, and it's always rewarding for me when they understand concepts and get excited about reading," St. Clair said. "I've been working with Newspapers In Education programs for about 10 years now, so I've seen and worked with lots of school systems, and Fort Benning is one of my favorites. The children are so attentive, so they learn easily. It reminds me what a really fun job I have."

Newspaper In Education at the *Ledger-Enquirer* is a nonprofit organization that works with school systems in the 28 counties the newspaper serves.

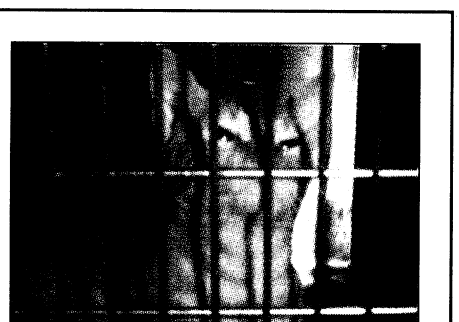
"I was fortunate to be a presenter at the Fort Benning Social Studies University in October, and several teachers from White attended my sessions.

"I was glad to hear from Dr. Tommy Lee that the teachers thought the program would be valuable in the classroom, and that they're willing to share their students with me," St. Clair said.

St. Clair will visit White every month throughout the school year, working with grade levels kindergarten through fifth.

PETS OF THE WEEK





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Jesus taught to give thanks everyday

Chaplain (Maj.) Shawn Connors
29th Infantry Regiment

As the Thanksgiving season is upon us, I look around and ask the question, "Are people truly thankful?"

I feel that as a society, we truly do not take time from our busy schedule to reflect on how good God has been to us during the year. The Psalmist David wrote in Psalm 95:2, "Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto him with psalms of praise."

David is telling us that we should be ever so grateful to God for blessing us.

God does not have to bless us with anything. He does not owe us anything, but because he loves us, he blesses us.

I feel this is the attitude we must have when we come into the presence of God.

REFLECTIONS

We should be forever grateful for the many things God has blessed us with, so as the season approaches, let us let him know. I feel we take so much for granted or do not even consider the many simple things of life.

How many of us thank God for waking us up every morning or even giving us breath to breathe or eyes to see or ears to hear or feet to walk?

There are so many everyday blessings that we are aware of, but for some reason we neglect to thank God for them.

The word "thankful" is used 138 times in the Bible. Why do you think this is so?

It is because the biblical writers realized that God was the "one" that was blessing them everyday.

David wrote in Psalm 69:30, "I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving."

God wants all our praises. He wants us to realize that it is he that is blessing us everyday. God created us to be a blessing to him and to fellowship with him.

What does it mean to fellowship with God?

It simply means to spend time in his presence. This was the reason why you and I were created. God wants to hear from us.

God wants us to be a blessing to him as well as give blessings and thanks back to him.

He wants us to magnify him, which means "to lift him up."

The Apostle Paul writes in Ephesians 5:19, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Have you thought why Paul wrote those words?

I feel he was trying to tell us that as we praise God in spiritual songs, we are making melody in our heart, and if the heart is happy, we are happy because truly God wants us to be happy.

Are you truly thankful? If so, you must let the Lord know by praising, serving and singing spiritual songs in your heart. We must be thankful people today because tomorrow is not promised to us.

CHAPEL NOTES

Carols by Candlelight — The fourth annual Carols by Candlelight will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Infantry Center Chapel.

The program will present music of the holidays. In addition to choral and youth group presentations, Cy Dietrich, music teacher at Dexter Elementary School will sing, as will Joy Dillow of Columbus.

The program will last about an hour and is free to the public.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The program each week includes a time of music and worship, fellowship and study.

Child care is provided. For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Club Beyond — The Chapel youth group sponsored by the Protestant Chapels meets from 4 to 6 p.m. every Sunday. All teens are invited to the programs, which include group study, recreation and worship.

Many special activities are provided on other days. The club meets at the chapel youth center beside Gowdy Baseball Stadium.

For more information, call 545-2359.

Sunday School — Protestant religious education classes for children and adults are at 9 a.m. Sundays at White Elementary School. Transportation from the housing areas is available and watch care is provided.

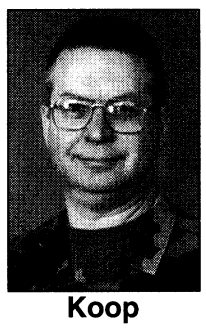
For more information, call 545-4715.

Why buy the cow?

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

Linda wants to get married, but Bob only wants to move in. Linda feels she has to be intimate with Bob, or he will leave. She is contemplating premarital sex in order to keep the relationship.

Bob isn't sure that he wants to be married. Some may say that he has a fear of commitment. Others might say it's the Peter Pan Principle. He doesn't want to grow up. Or it could be that Bob feels women are here on earth to fulfill the sexual appetites of men. Like the song says, "I want you, I need you . . . two out of three, ain't bad."


Koop

Bob's reasoning goes something like this: "Linda, I'm fond of you. I want to be with you. I don't want to go through a divorce if we decide to break up. Let's live together to find out if we are meant for each other."

Why women are willing to accept such incredibly insulting statements as love is beyond me. To think a woman needs to be intimate prior to marriage to keep the relationship is bad thinking. Grandma was right, men won't buy the cow if they can get the milk free.

Good morals protect women from being the prey of selfish men. The Bible helps safeguard women from predatory men by promoting faithful commitment and agape love.

The missing ingredient, the third element of the song, is love. Love is more than sex. Love is devoting yourself to providing safety, security, shelter, sustenance and health for your partner. Without commitment, love becomes self-centered and narcissistic.

Do you feel pressured to give in to the demands of your lover? Free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop@benning. army.mil.

He lifted me up out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire. He set my feet upon a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord. — **Psalm 40: 2-3**

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

JEWISH

Sunday Torah Study

8:30 a.m..	Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill, Building 3420

MUSLIM

Sunday Islamic Study

8:00 a.m.	Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308

DENOMINATIONAL AND SPECIAL EMPHASIS

Saturday Worship Service

6 p.m.	Seventh Day Adventists, Regimental Chapel, Building 2766

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Latter Day Saints, Sand Hill Recreation Center, Building 3308
1 p.m.	Samoan, Kelley Hill Chapel, Building 9023
1:30 p.m.	Apostolic (United Pentecostal), Regimental Chapel, Building 3220
1:30 p.m.	Church of Christ, Soldiers' Chapel, Sand Hill

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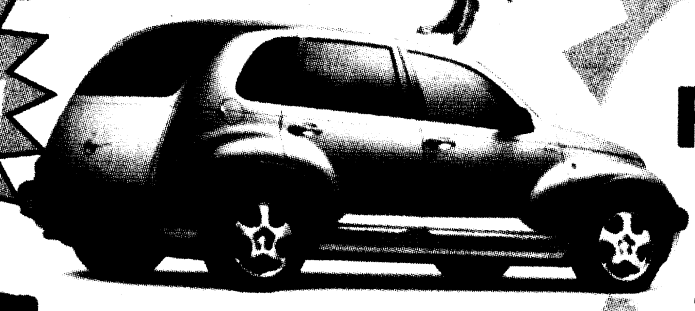
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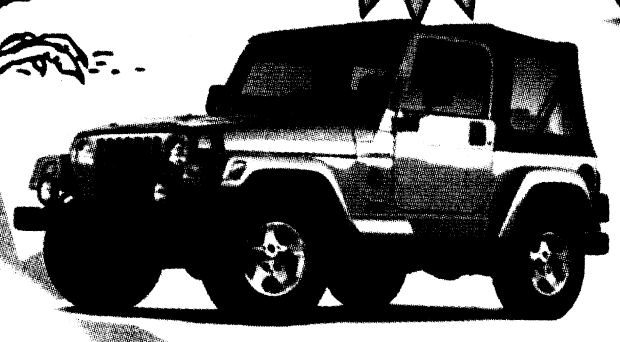


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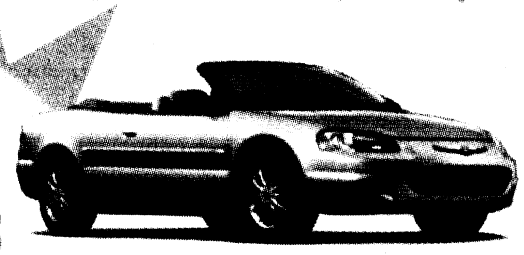
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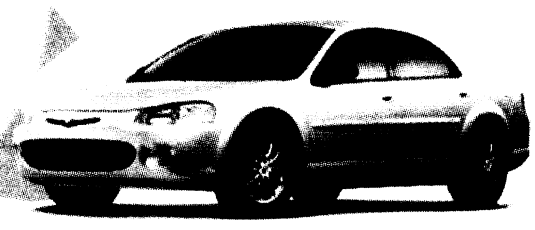
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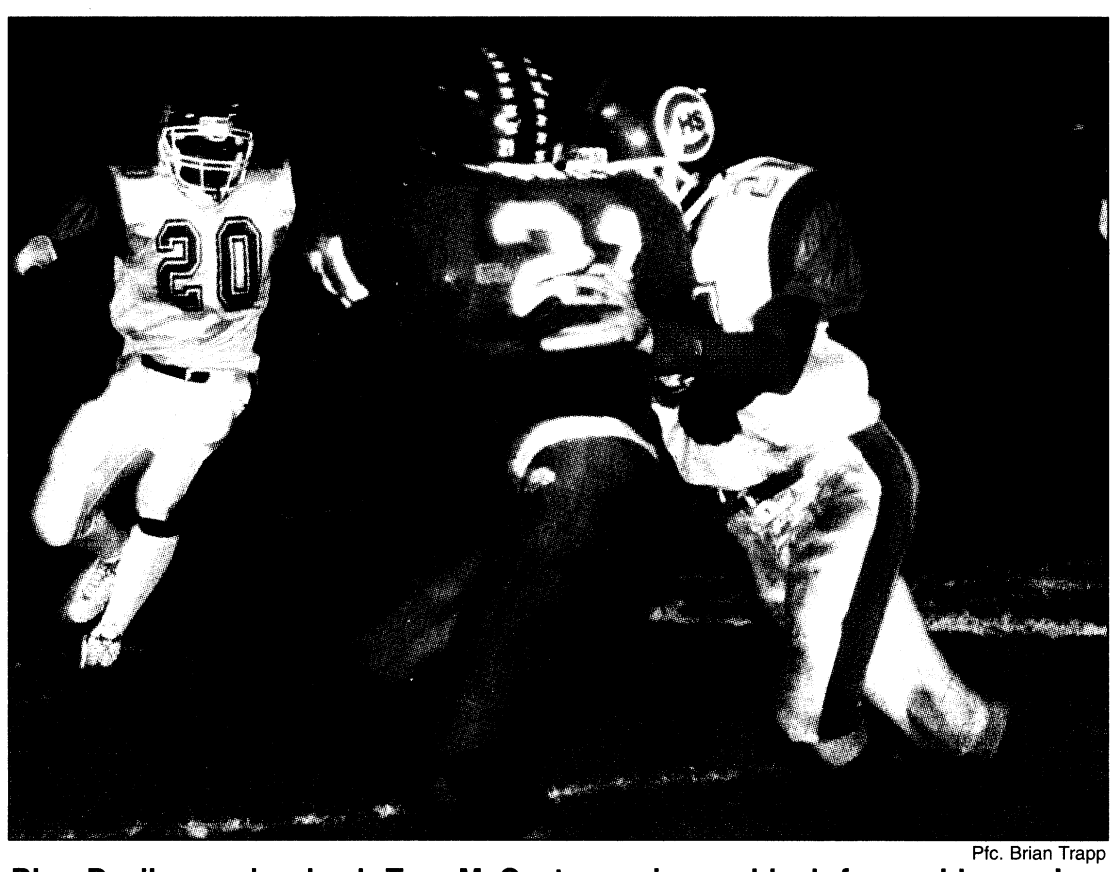
Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Columbus pulled out their fourth win in the final game of the season against Hardaway with a 35-32 victory on a rainy Friday night.

"This game meant a lot to us," said Paul Cates, Columbus head coach. "There's been a big rivalry with Hardaway for a long time, and this is the win we needed to turn the corner for next season. Our record is 4-6 this year, but it's a step in the right direction for this team."

In the final minutes of the fourth quarter, the Columbus Blue Devils drove their way down the field, but Hardaway Hawks' defensive back, Doug Hardman, broke up a pass in the endzone. The Blue Devils gave the ball up on the Hawks' 18-yard line.

"The game turned into an offensive slug fest," Cates said. "We did really well, and the defense came up with some big stops."



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Blue Devils running back Trey McCants receives a block from wide receiver Mike Sims to gain a few extra yards on a running play.

After Columbus forced a fumble and regained possession, they began to work their way back to the endzone when the Hawks were called for roughing the passer, putting Columbus in a first and goal situation. Blue Devils' Ric Bishop pushed his way into the endzone regaining the lead at 35-32.

Then Columbus held the Hawks from making a first down to end the game.

"We caught a couple breaks on defense, and they really stepped up holding the Hawks on their last drive," said Bishop, who rushed for 133 yards and passed for 75.

The game ended with the same quick tempo that was there in the beginning when Columbus scored early with a quick drive down field for 7-0 lead.

"We knew we had to work hard. We did in the last few games, and the talent was there. Now, we have the confidence to come back big next year," Bishop said.

The Columbus defense shut down the Hawks and forced a fumble on the 50-yard line but failed to capitalize on the turn over.

The Hawks pushed their way back down field but had to settle for a field goal.

On a fourth and three situation, Columbus drew an off sides call for a first down, which gave Columbus the chance to drive in for another touchdown.

"We were firing on all cylinders and executing really well," Bishop said. "Everyone played their A game."

Hardaway answered with seemingly unstoppable running back, Kelvin Moore, as he broke away and rushed for nearly 50 yards for a touchdown on the first play of the Hawks position, leaving 14-10 on the scoreboard.

Blue Devils' Bishop came back and rushed for a big gain, and he was dragged down on the 7-yard line. On the next play, he finished what he started when Bishop rushed in for a touchdown with less than a minute left in the half to extend the score to 21-10.

In the start of the second half, the Hawks made a rally for the lead and started it when running back, Johnnie Jackson, rushed in for a touchdown at the end of drive, and snagged a toss for the two-point conversion.

Later, the Hawks' Webster rushed in three yards to score, and Hardaway took the lead for first time in the game 23-21.

"Bishop played outstanding, he did a great job in both passing and rushing," Cates said. "He was a real leader in this game."

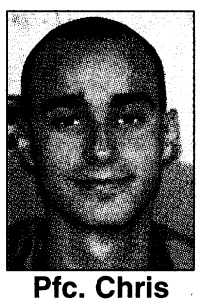
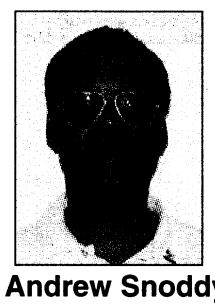
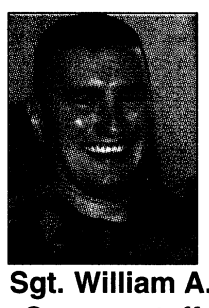
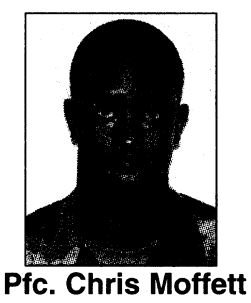
Bishop used his leadership skills to put more points on the board to retake the lead.

Columbus answered back with a touchdown pass to Rory Carter, bringing Columbus back to the top with 28-25.

Then Hardaway took the lead back, only to lose it in the final minutes of the game.

"We showed what we can do," Bishop said. "We're going to be practicing a lot during the off season. It will give us a chance to set a good example for the underclassmen and a good pace for next year."

Fort Benning Pick 12

	 Capt. Kevin Brill 4th RTB 8-4, 75-56-1	 Pfc. Chris Stephens, staff 8-4, 72-59-1	 Andrew Snoddy Sports Director 9-3, 69-62-1	 Sgt. William A. Graves, staff 4-8, 68-63-1	 Pfc. Chris Moffett U.S. DENTAC 5-7, 66-65-1	 Erin Nash Bayonet staff 3-9, 62-69-1
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Auburn at Alabama	Auburn	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	Auburn	Alabama
USC at UCLA	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC	USC

note: Picks are made by Thursday morning.

Smooth stroke



Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Al Bolyard, from Hawaii, tees off at Pineside's 10th hole during the Fort Benning Golf Classic Sunday. The 36-hole tournament was changed to 18 because of rain.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Aerobics classes — The Officers' Club Fitness Center is offering fitness classes that include step aerobics, toning, abdominal exercises and circuit training. Enrollment is open to active duty, family members, retired military and Department of Defense civilians. Classes are 5-6:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9-10 a.m. Saturday. Classes are $25 a month for members and $30 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 687-0871.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Hunter Safety — The next Georgia Hunter Safety Course will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 in Classroom 8 at Infantry Hall. Persons who wish to attend will have to preregister by calling the Central Reservation System at (800) 864-7275. There is a $4 call in registration fee, but, online registration is free at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or www.georgiawildlife.com. No walk-ins are allowed.

For more information, call 545-4812.

Self-defense classes — Youth Services Tae Kwon Do classes have begun. The classes are held in the Youth Services Gym, Building 1055 and are open to family members ages 6 to 18, of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

All students must be registered with the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, located on Custer Road in Building 11304, prior to signing up for classes at YS Building 1056.

For more information on class days and times, call 545-3070.

Riding lessons — The Fort Benning Hunt Club now offers riding lessons to children 6 and older. The riding styles are English and western. The lessons are 30 minutes for $15.

For more information, call 689-3945 or 687-6937.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships for the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

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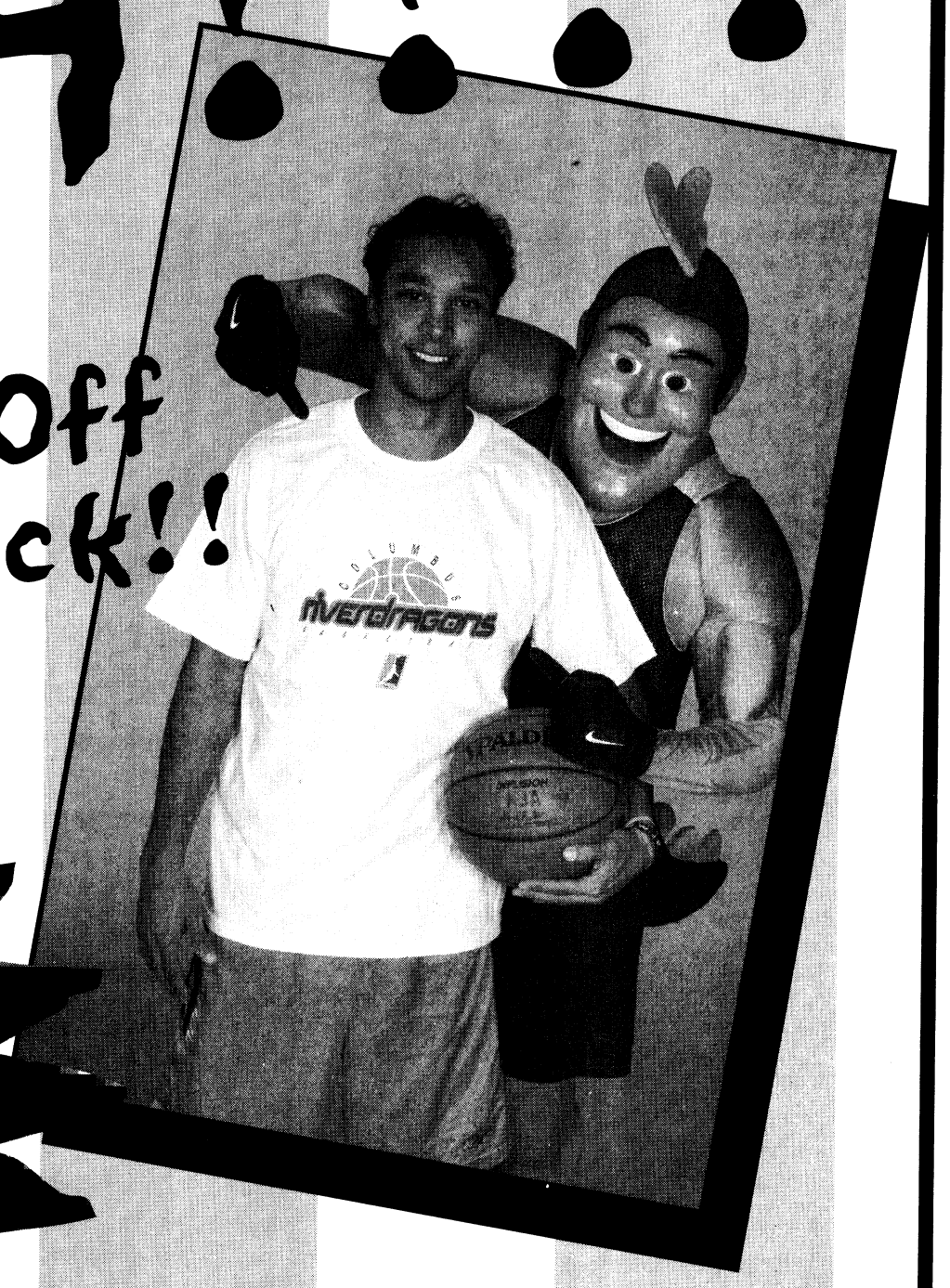
Sport shooting — Chattahoochee Clays, of Phenix City, is sponsoring Military Appreciation Day at their shooting range. Active-duty military will receive a free membership valued at $150. Discount prices for clay shooting are available.

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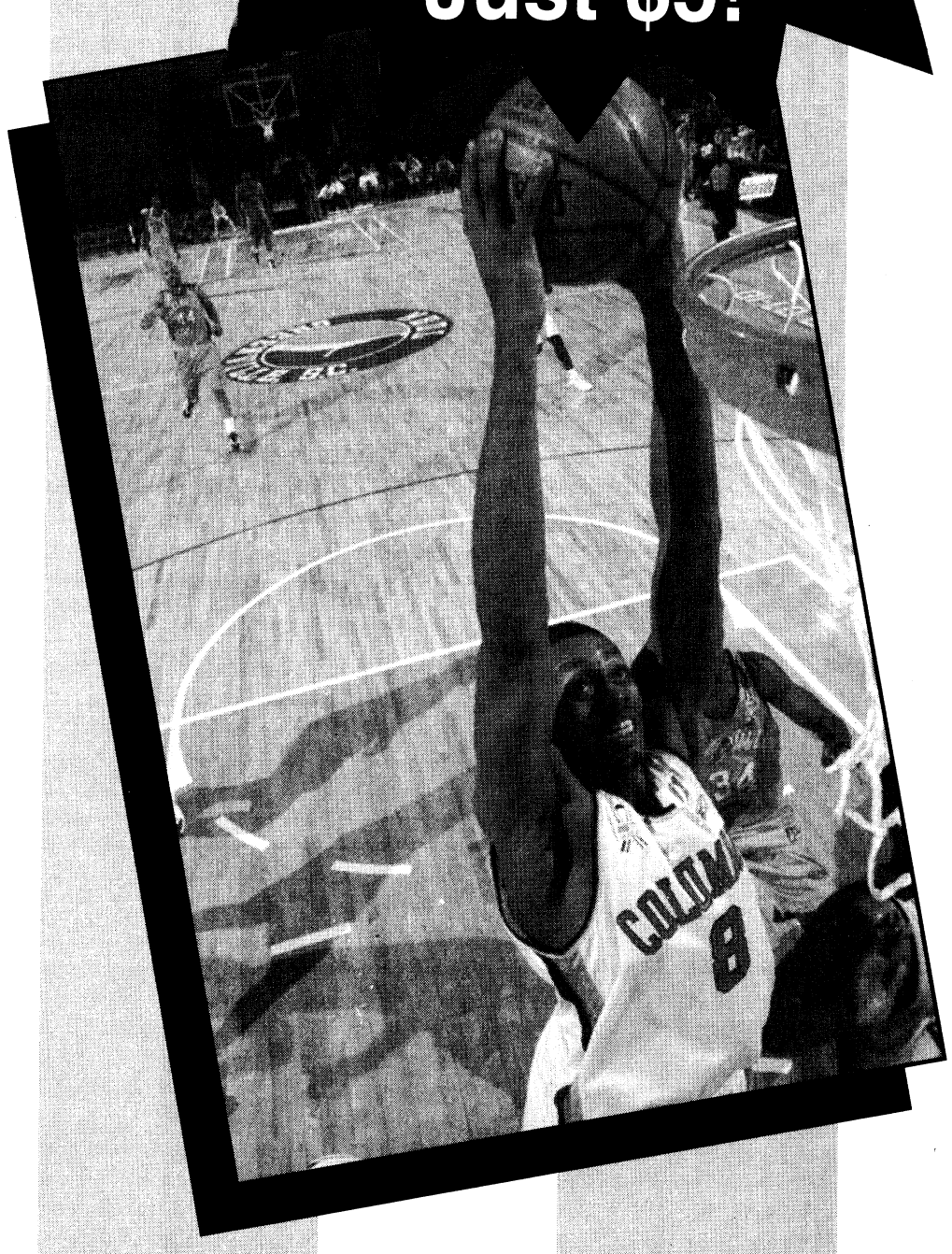
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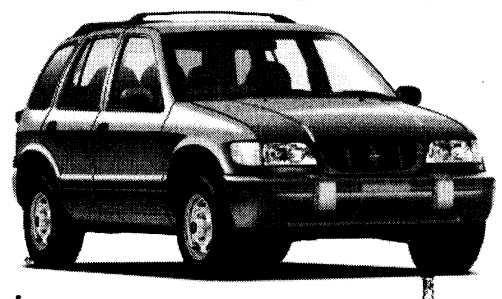
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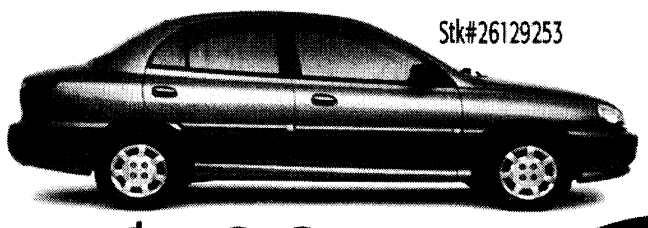


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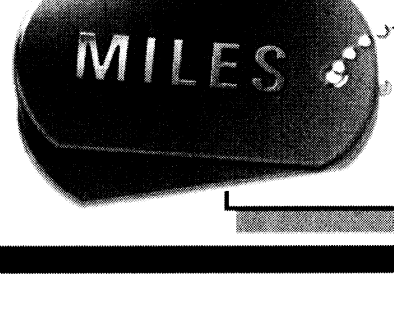
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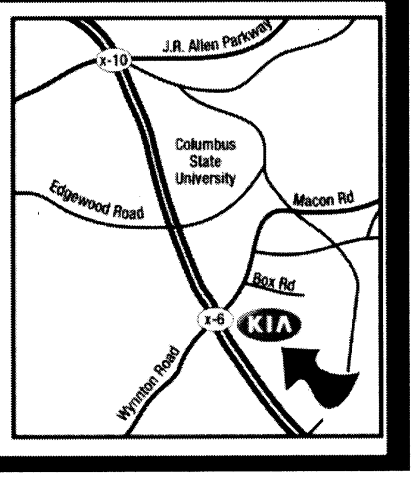
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Obituaries

CSM Ret. William Dalton Bell



July 16, 1935 - November 14, 2002

William Dalton Bell 67, of 1600 Melanie Lane Phenix City, AL died on Nov 14, 2002 at Columbus Regional Hospital. Graveside services were held Monday, 11/18/02, with Full Military Honors at Ft. Mitchell National Cemetery where the Rev. Huey Bridgeman officiated. Mr. Bell was born July 16, 1935 in Vernon, FL, son of the late Edgar Belland Opal Ward. He was retired from the United States Army with 30 years service and his last assignment was as Command Sgt. Major of the 197th Infantry Brigade at Ft. Benning, GA. Mr. Bell is survived by his wife Vern Bell of Phenix City, AL. Daughter - Robbin Sellers and husband Jeff of Columbus, GA, Son - Ric Bell of Santa Fe, TN, Grandson - Shawn Grau and wife Heather of Phenix City, AL, (2) Brothers - Thomas Ward and Raymond Ward both of Panama City, FL, Aunt - Lee VanPoyck of Jacksonville, FL and several nieces and nephews. (P22)

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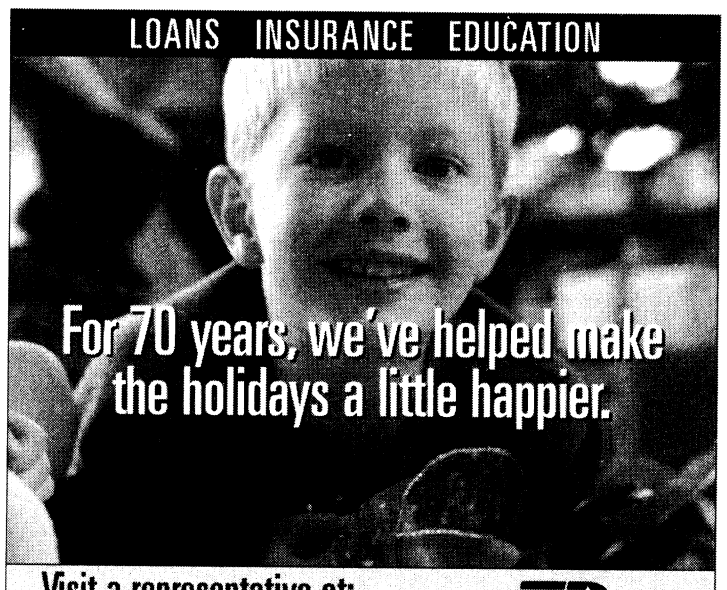
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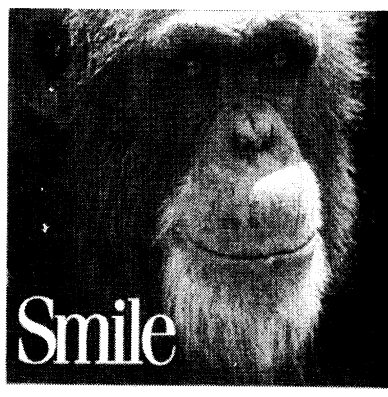
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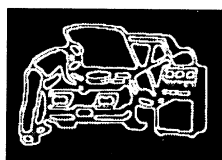
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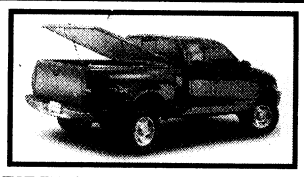
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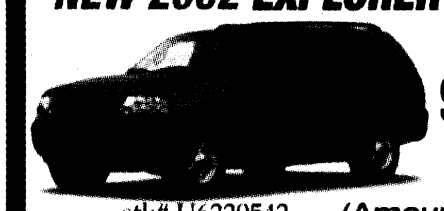
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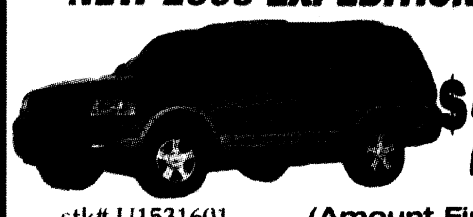
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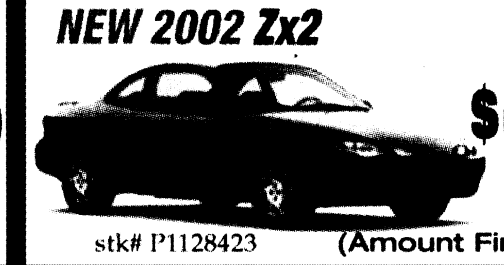
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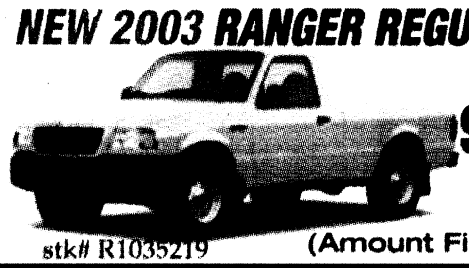
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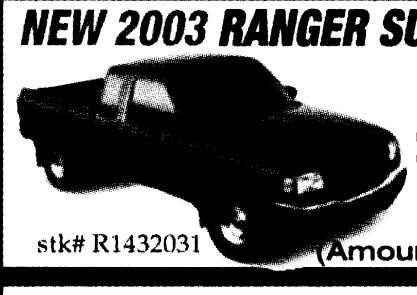
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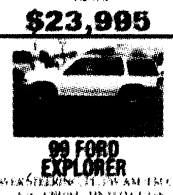
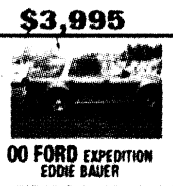
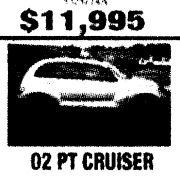
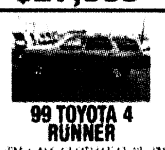
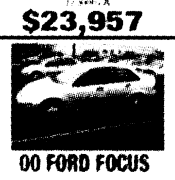
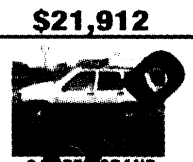
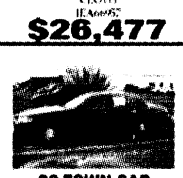
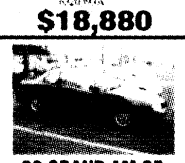
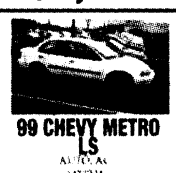


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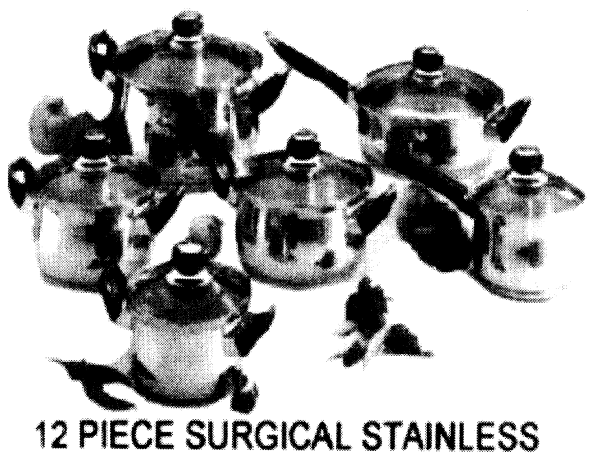
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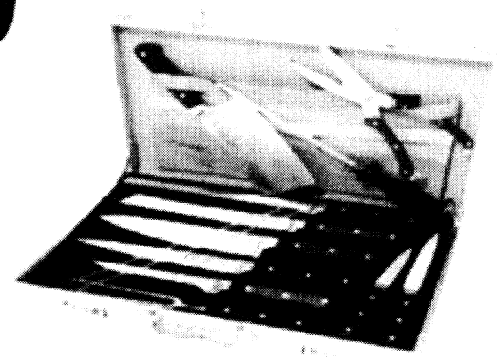
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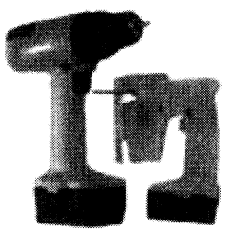
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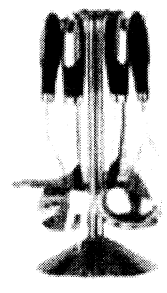
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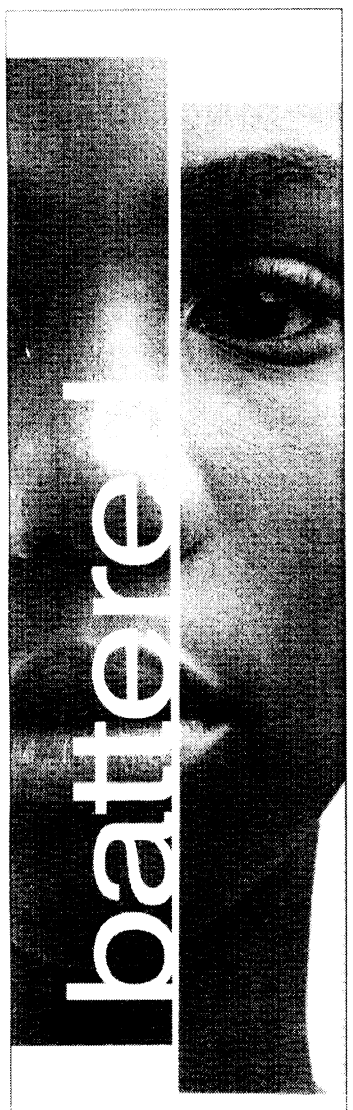
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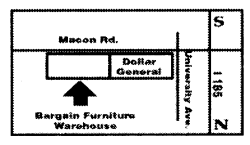
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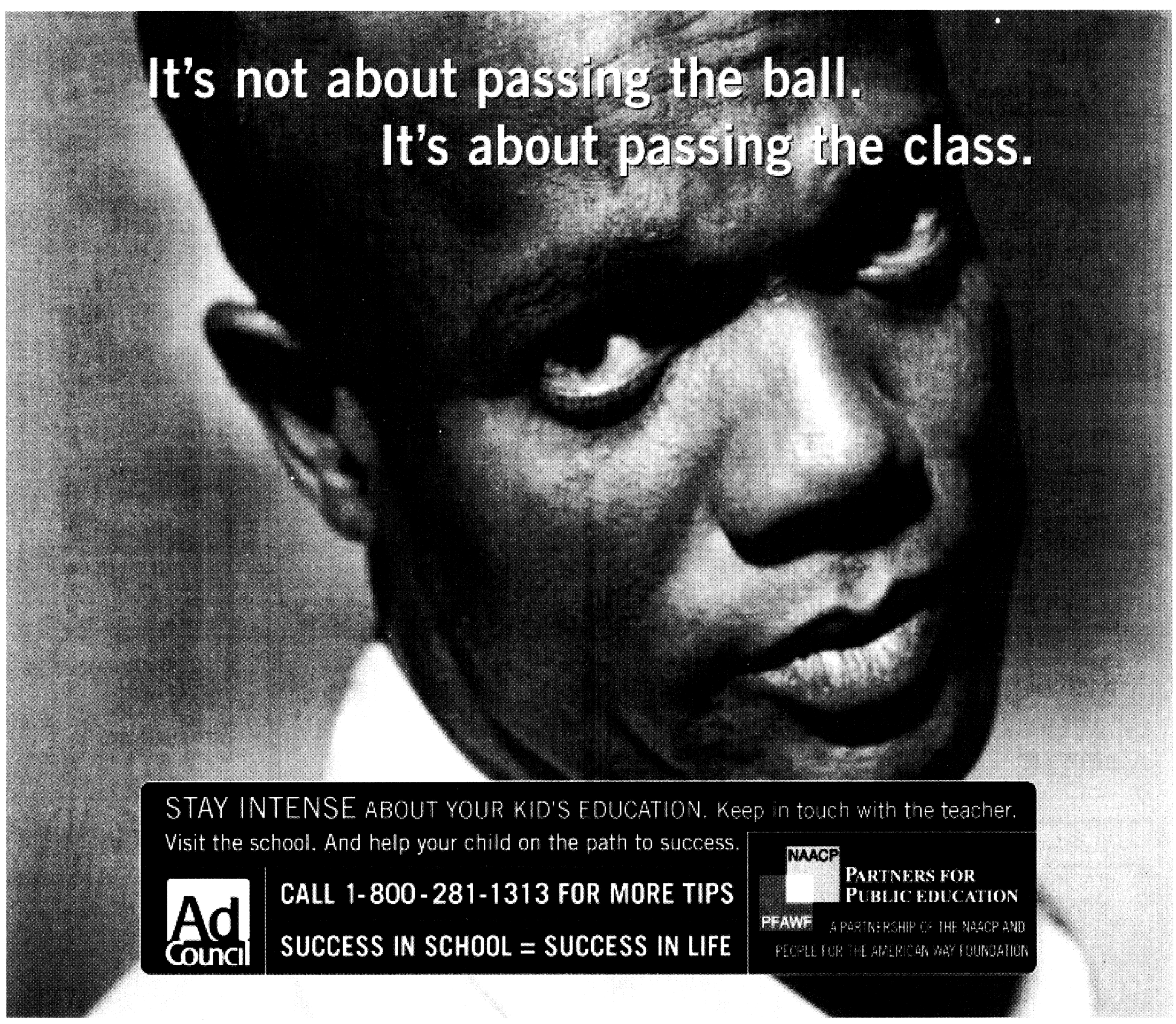
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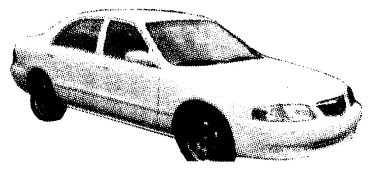
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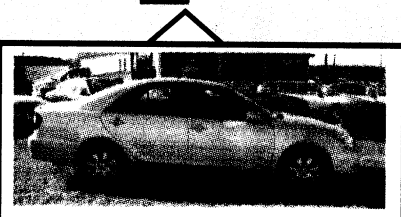
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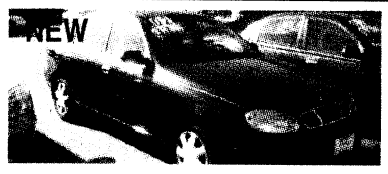

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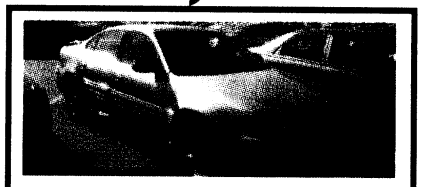

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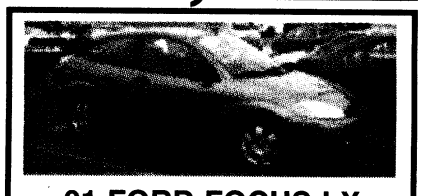
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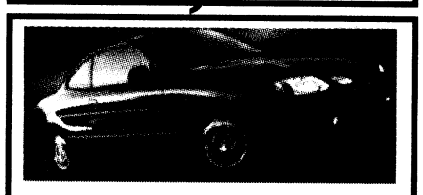

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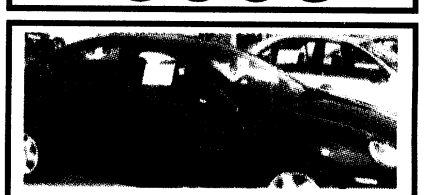

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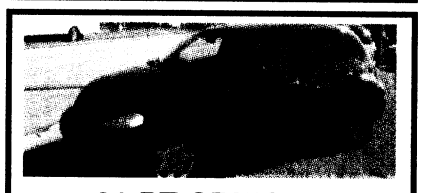

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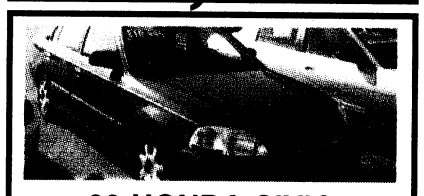

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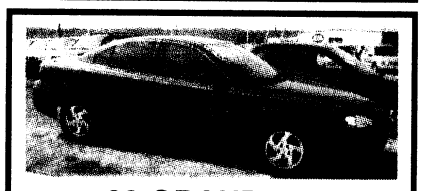

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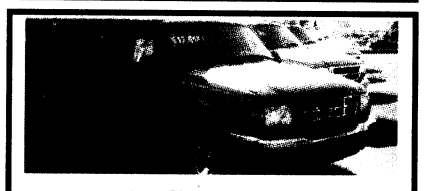

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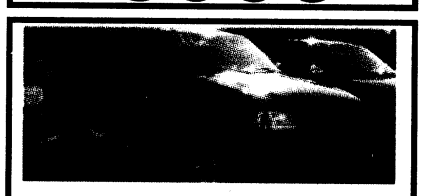

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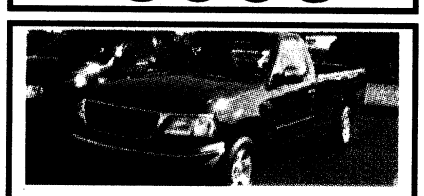

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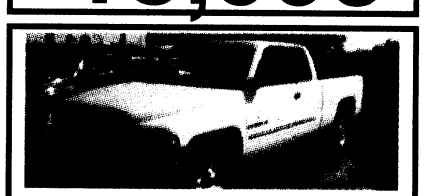

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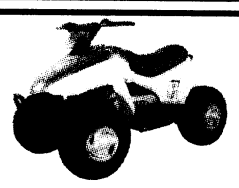

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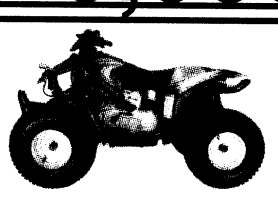

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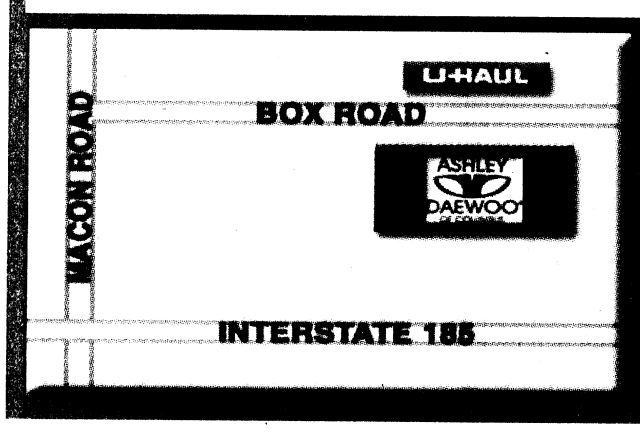

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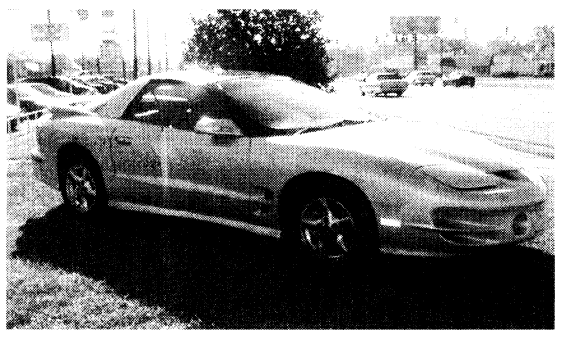
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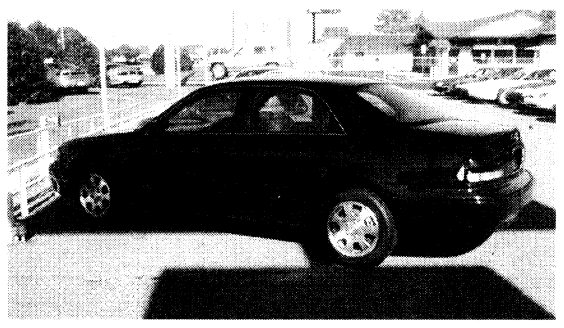
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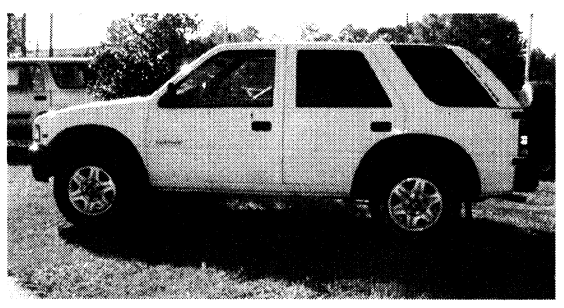
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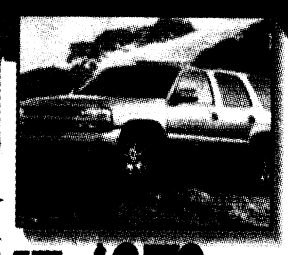
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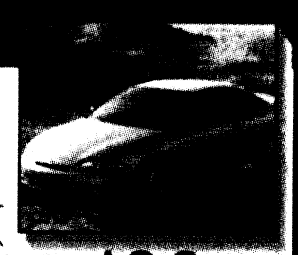
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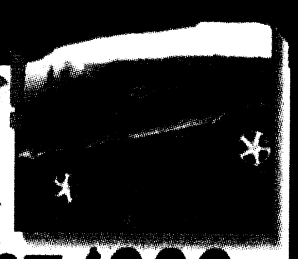
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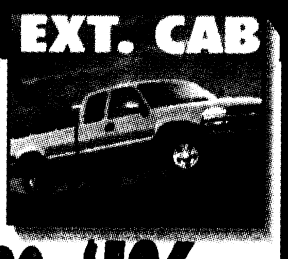
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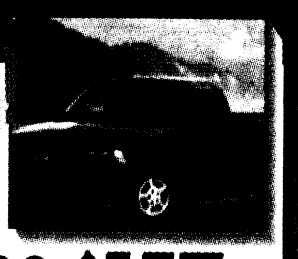
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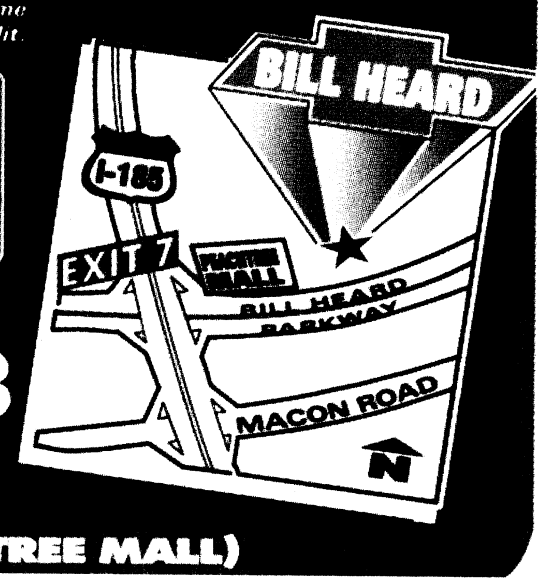
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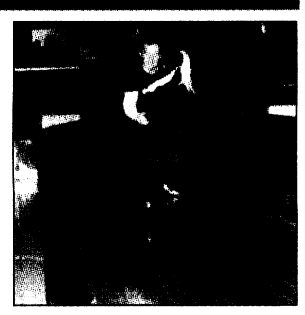
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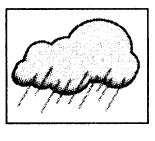
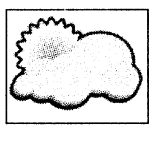
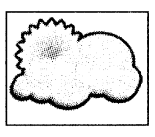
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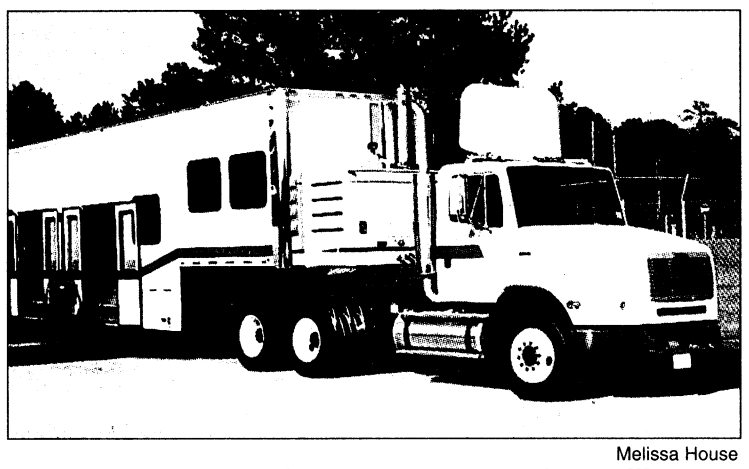
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Big rig to replace 'cattle car'



Melissa House

This is the first of several trucks that will soon transport soldiers training at Sand Hill.

New troop transport offers comfort, safety

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Move over "cattle cars" — there's a new troop-mover in the motor pool.

The new system was developed specifically for the Army to transport soldiers during basic combat training by Lifeline Shelter Systems of Columbus, Ohio.

Called a personnel carrier van, the system consists of a tractor and an 80-passenger trailer that has a climate control system, interior lighting and numerous safety features not found in the old cattle cars.

Fort Benning received the first van earlier this month. Three more are due at the end of January, and the remainder will be filled by fiscal 2006, said Ron Johnson, installation transportation officer. The new vans, at a cost of $283,000 each, replace the aged fleet of cattle cars.

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Welcome home!



Pfc. David Foley

Spc. William Rich gives his daughter, Shanaya, a kiss after the welcome home ceremony Monday. Rich is one of nearly 800 soldiers who composed Task Force 1-15. The soldiers were deployed to Kuwait for six months as part of Operation Desert Spring, a regular rotation to maintain security and stability in the gulf region.

CFC reaches goal

Community members give thousands

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The Combined Federal Campaign exceeded its monetary goal before it ended Friday.

"We reached our goal of $550,000 thanks to all your hard work and dedication," said Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander. "This is an accomplishment we can all be proud of.

"The money we collected these past weeks will provide an invaluable benefit to countless families everywhere."

The mission of the CFC is to support and to promote philanthropy through a program that is employee focused, cost efficient and effective in providing all federal employees the opportunity to improve the quality of life for all.

Fort Benning employees helped the campaign perform its mission well, said Capt. Robert Ashbaugh, post CFC project officer with 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

"I am relieved because I didn't think we'd make it, but as usual Fort Benning continues to surprise me," Ashbaugh said.

He had doubts because numerous unit deployments and reduction in force letters curtailed contributions.

"Still, we did an outstanding job," Ashbaugh said.

"It shows people, down deep inside, are good and willing to help others."

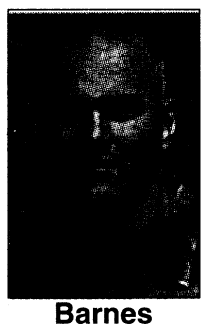
Fort Benning employee saves soldier

Bridgett Siter
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After a brush with death on a Fort Benning back road, one post soldier is grateful for the simple things in life, like a quiet Thanksgiving dinner at home with his wife and kids.

Sgt. 1st Class John Barnes suffered a heat stroke during a routine PT run Oct. 4 on Sightseeing Road by Lawson Army Airfield. He was found unconscious shortly before 7 a.m. by an AAFES employee on her way to work at the exchange headquarters office on Indianhead Road.

"It was pitch black out. I came around the curve, and he was right there lying in the road," said Colleen Belcher, who now works in the Main Mall's visual merchandising department.



Barnes

"I'm just glad we got to him in time. If someone had come around that corner fast, they would've never seen him."

Apparently others did see Barnes. Passersby, including one of Belcher's coworkers, saw him crawling along the side of the road and assumed it was part of his PT.

"I guess that's understandable, the Army does some strange training," Belcher said. "But me, I stop for anything, just to be sure."

Belcher found Barnes unconscious and lying in what she called a "pushup position," with his upper body cradled on his forearms "as if he'd just laid down, not fallen."



Belcher

She was getting out of her van when another vehicle pulled up. Spc. Mark Baldwin, a mechanic with the 498th Medical Company, helped Belcher carry Barnes to her van. The two took Barnes to the Airfield's medical center, where they were met by an ambulance.

Barnes was taken to Martin Army Community Hospital, where his condition — with a body core temperature of 107 degrees — was determined to be critical. He was flown to Eisenhower Medical Center in Fort Gordon, Ga. There he stayed for five days, having developed kidney and gall bladder complications.

Barnes remembers very little about the incident, only showing up for formation feeling a little out of sorts and heading out for a solitary run around the airfield shortly after 6 a.m. He doesn't remember trying to crawl to safety or lying down in the middle of the road.

"I was feeling a little sick the night before, and I probably didn't drink enough water either. I let myself get a little dehydrated," he said.

"The next thing I remember was waking up in the hospital and the chaplain was standing over me."

Today, Barnes is back at work as an equal opportunity counselor with the 75th Ranger Regiment, awaiting

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IF YOU DON'T PICK IT UP

How will it happen?

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

People never cease to amaze me. We sold our house last year and moved out Dec. 21. That day was a recycle day in our neighborhood, so I left our blue bin on the curb, just knowing that the new folks would use it for recycling as I had done.

Guess what? It's still there where I left it 11 months ago. In my mind, it's become an icon for what ails this nation, to include some of the people who live on Fort Benning.

I'm referring to the whiny butts who complain to the Community Life NCOs or at the mayors' meetings about *The Bayonets* stacking up in neighbors' yards.

Sometimes they stack up because there is no one living there. At other times, they stack up because the resident doesn't have the energy or inclination to pick them up.



"I ain't gonna read it, so why pick it up."

The reason we pick things up is to maintain the appearance of our housing area. Now I know it must take a great deal of effort to pick up a newspaper on someone else's yard and carry it to the recycle bin. But I also know that if you are in the Army, there is a minimum fitness standard you must meet and bending over and picking up a newspaper doesn't exceed that standard. I also know that if you've been in the Army long enough to get quarters, you've been on a few police calls during your time, so you know the drill.

Still, I agree you shouldn't have to do this, even though it won't hurt you. We are asking the carriers to not drop off newspapers where others are already on the ground.

But bear in mind that when the carriers come around at oh-dark-thirty, visibility is at a minimum, so they are not always going to see these papers.

One solution is to stop making home deliveries. We'd do a survey to see what people thought about that, but we don't believe we'd get good feedback since filling out a survey and getting it back to us takes energy and initiative. Probably the most effective survey would be to stop delivery and wait to see if anyone complained.

OK, I'm being sarcastic here, but you whiners are making me lose faith in the men and women who serve our nation.

So here's what I'll do. If there are more than two newspapers on your neighbors' lawn, call me — 545-3283 — and I'll come out and pick them up for you.

Season inspires thanksgiving

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

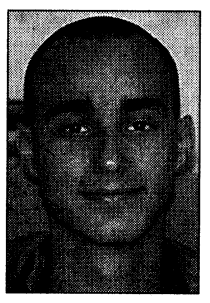
COMMENTARY

It's turkey time again and that question arises once again — what are you thankful for?

There are many people in my life and many things that have happened to me that I am thankful for.

The biggest thing I am thankful for are my parents. Growing up it was never easy on them to support me and my sister. They always made ends meet, but we never lived in luxury. My clothes were usually bought at Sears or Wal-Mart, and they were usually high-water jeans and plain color shirts.

My first car was a hand-me down that my parents bought brand-new in 1988. There I was in 1999 with the same car, after my sister got ahold of it. It looked



like it had been through a demolition derby five times over. Everything on that car, except for the frame and the engine, had been replaced. But it got me where I needed to go during high school. Though it visited the shop every once in a while, overall the engine ran well. I suspect it is still going strong today, with 400,000 miles on it.

Because of not getting expensive stuff and always buying inexpensive stuff, I appreciate a lot of things more in life. It has taught me to save my money and spend conservatively.

The other thing I am really thankful for is my sister.

We always fought as children. What brother and sister don't? But, no matter how much we fought, no matter how much we said we hated each other, we were always there for each other.

My sister is still the only one I can tell anything to. Even though I am really close to my parents, she has always given me the advice I've needed and made sure I got through it OK.

Since I've joined the Army, I've learned not to take what you have for granted. There are soldiers who will celebrate this holiday season without their loved ones for the first time.

I know that no matter what happens to me, where I go or what I am doing, my family will be with me. Maybe not physically, but mentally, spiritually and emotionally.

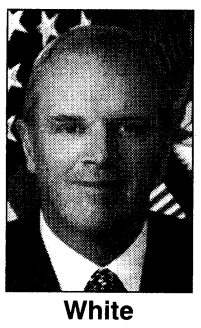
THANKSGIVING

Holiday time to reflect on blessings

Thanksgiving is a time for the Army family to pause and enjoy a day of rest, relaxation and fellowship. As families and friends gather, Thanksgiving also provides an opportunity to show our gratitude for the blessings we enjoy in a free and prosperous nation.

Soldiers, Department of the Army civilians, veterans, retirees and all of their families can take pride in the fact that their service and sacrifices preserve the privilege of living and working in a free society characterized by the highest ideals of liberty.

Almost 140 years ago, Abraham Lincoln reminded Americans, "We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven, we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; We have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown." Those words were spoken in 1863 during the Civil War. Our nation emerged from that conflict stronger than ever before. And today, as the Army fights the war on terrorism as part of the joint team, those words still ring true as we enjoy the privileges and unparalleled freedoms that soldiers have helped secure for more than 227 years.



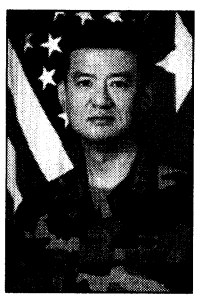
White

And so on this special day, we offer our appreciation to you, the soldiers and civilians of the Army, who serve our nation with a level of devotion and selfless service unequalled in any other profession. As you willingly step forward to defend the American people from all enemies and animate the values and principles that we hold dear — loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity and personal courage.

Thanksgiving is also a time for families to join in celebrations and reunions. Families have long provided strength and values to our soldiers, our Army and our nation.

We know we do not soldier alone. For just as soldiers sacrifice and dedicate themselves to honorable service, their families also sacrifice and make invaluable contributions to the well-being of our Army and our nation. We give you our thanks and a grateful nation thanks you as well.

We are proud of the Army family. And so to all of you,



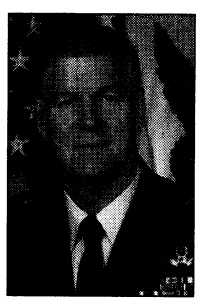
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the dedicated men and women of the U.S. Army — uniformed and civilian — we offer special thanks for the difficult and dangerous work you are doing for the citizens of our great nation.

We wish all of you and your loved ones a safe and happy Thanksgiving holiday.

— Honorable Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army

— Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army Chief of Staff



Myers

Thanksgiving is a uniquely American holiday dating back to colonial times. Each November, Americans gather family and friends to give thanks for the many blessings we enjoy as citizens of this great land.

This past year has been exceptionally poignant in realizing all that America is and will remain. We are blessed to live in a nation that values freedom and the sanctity of life.

And as we rally friends and allies from around the world to eliminate terrorism, we must carry those values with us. We should also give thanks for the brave American men and women — soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, coast guardsmen and DoD civilians — active duty and reservist alike — deployed around the world. Many are spending yet another holiday away from their homes and families. They are protecting the freedoms that every American treasures so dearly. Their dedication to duty and selfless service are truly a blessing to us all.

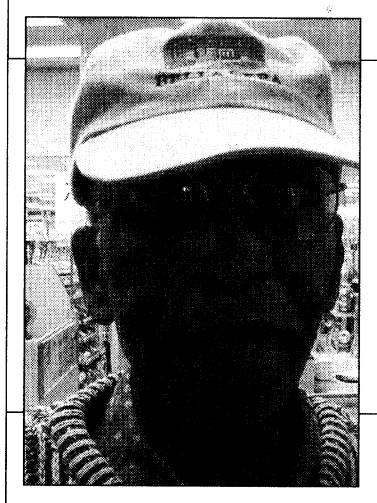
On this special American holiday, the Joint Chiefs of Staff join me in sending you and your families best wishes. You are in our thoughts and prayers and in those of each citizen of our nation as well.

May God bless you and may God bless America.

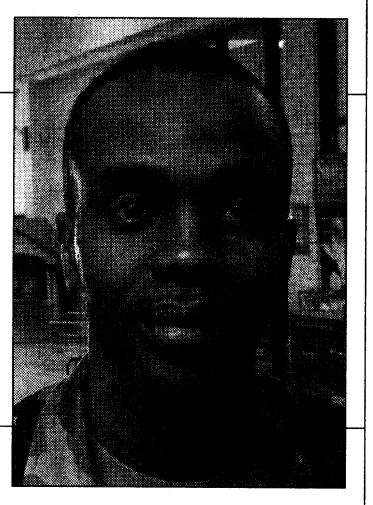
— Gen. Richard B. Myers,
Chairman,
Joint Chiefs of Staff

VARIOUS VOICES

What are you thankful for?



Retired Master Sgt. Bill Allen, Columbus — "I am thankful for my wife. We've been married for 37 years, and I still love her as much as the first day I met her."



Sgt. 1st Class Willard Johnson, 608th Ordnance Company — "I'm thankful for having a great wife and outstanding kids. I'm also thankful for waking up each day."



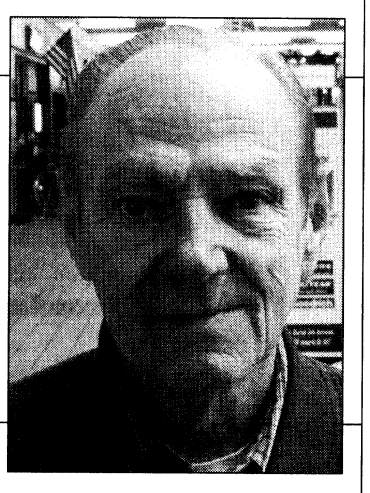
Connie Johnson, family member — "I'm thankful for my country and the American troops that sacrifice their lives to serve this great country."



Tyrell McGraw, 10, family member — "I'm thankful for my family because they help me with my homework and chores, and they give me advice when I am going through tough times."



2nd Lt. Luke Schmidt, 1st Battalion, 145th Aviation Regiment — "I'm thankful for the constant love and support my family has shown me throughout my whole life."



Retired Air Force Tech Sgt. Joe Sparrow, Abbeville, Ala. — "I'm thankful for this great country of ours and the opportunities we have to be free because of the outstanding service our soldiers provide us."

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Soldiers from the Antiarmor Light Leaders Course fire the improved tube-launched, optically tracked, wire guided missile acquisition system.

Course gives infantrymen chance to excel

Students learn doctrine, train to kill armor

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

A new course for officers and NCOs is teaching infantrymen how to employ and engage armor with various weapons used in antiarmor units.

The first class of the Antiarmor Light Leaders Course is underway, and more than 10 to 13 classes are expected annually.

"It's imperative for soldiers to try to enroll in this course," said Sgt. 1st Class Caral Easley, course NCOIC. "It's primarily designed for leaders, E-5 and above."

Infantrymen who learn how to employ the tactics taught in this course will be part of an awesome killing force, Easley said.

During a live-fire exercise Nov. 21 at Coolidge Range, students put their course-acquired knowledge to use.

"There's a lot of information to learn in a short period of time, but it's useful," said 2nd Lt. Carlos Oquendo, student.

"A commander needs to understand how to employ these weapon systems to improve the lethality of his unit and be a more effective commander," Oquendo said. "The course will enable me to better use the equipment in my unit."

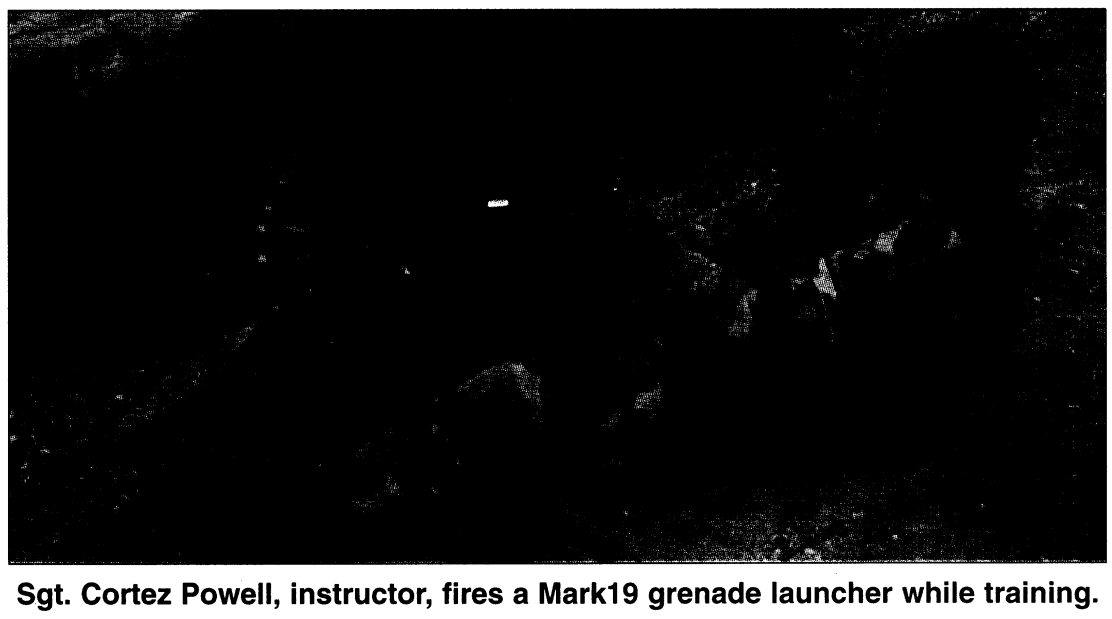
Eighteen students are assigned to the three-week course that teaches leaders how to understand, setup and fire the tubed-launched, optically tracked, wire-guided missile, MK19, .50 caliber machine gun and the Improved TOW Acquisition System.

The course is for soldiers who are transitioning from one assignment to the next, Oquendo said.

Commanders like to have soldiers report to their next assignment trained and ready for war.

With the merger of the 11 series, infantrymen who transfer from light infantry don't have certain tactical and weaponry knowledge they need to cross into a mechanized units, Easley said. This course teaches them about antiarmor units and makes their transition into those units easier.

"For example, a sergeant first class may transfer from light infantry to a mechanized unit and not have the knowledge he needs when he's expected to lead troops," Easley said. "He's being set up for failure."



Sgt. Cortez Powell, instructor, fires a Mark19 grenade launcher while training.

This course eliminates that cause for concern, he said.

Not only is the course important for soldiers transitioning from one side of infantry to the other, it's valuable for infantrymen looking to climb the ladder of success. It has been slotted as professional development for infantrymen and will help them for promotion, Easley said.

Since students who attend the course have to be registered through the Army Training Resource Requirement System, soldiers need to enroll through their operations student section, Easley said.



598th to deploy soon

Mechanics to support war effort

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Soldiers from the 598th Maintenance Company, 13th Corps Support Battalion, are packed and ready to deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The mission is to provide technical support and repair on electronic and automotive equipment.

"Every member is highly motivated and proud to be doing their part to support the fight against terrorism," said Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Esposito, officer in charge.

During the past year, the company has traveled to Fort Polk, La., to train at the Joint Readiness Training Center and to Fort Irwin, Calif., to train at the National Training Center.

"We're going to do what we're trained to do, which is to fix and repair equipment in support of the war on terrorism," said Sgt. 1st Class Ernest Harvey, automotive section NCOIC.

This mission is a chance for the 598th to put their training to use, Harvey said.

"We have the best training and equipment, and our soldiers know that," he said. "Overall, I think we have great soldiers to accomplish our mission."

Of course, the hardest part of performing the mission will be leaving families behind, said Capt. Melissa Eslinger, commander.

"Being away from their families will be one of the most stressful things they go through," she said.

It's going to be hard not being home for the holidays, said Spc. Lonnie Strodtman, a single soldier who has been with the unit for more than 20 months.

"I've been married for 17 years," Esposito said. "We have a typical military family. They're used to me deploying and are well capable of taking care of themselves.

"As a result of being part of an Army family, my daughter is a strong girl. She has always been a straight A student, and I have my wife to thank for having the wonderful daughter I do."

Prior to deploying, soldiers and families prepared for being apart by attending family readiness groups.

"I've been in the military for 19 years," Harvey said. "My family understands my job, and I have their full support."

Spc. Amber Miller, a supply specialist, planned to travel to Illinois for Thanksgiving but was unable to do so because of the deployment.

"I'm doing what I must. It's just another deployment and a place to tell my family and friends about."

The key to deployments is to keep soldiers' spirits up and bring them back home safely, Harvey said.

"I have nothing but faith in my leadership and how they will perform," Strodtman said. "They would do anything they possibly could for us."

"The sooner we deploy, the sooner we'll get back," Miller said.

Miller's family will make Thanksgiving dinner here when she gets back, she said.

'Loaded 45' saves lives

Police help reduce drunk driving

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

With the holiday season beginning, traffic accidents are expected to increase, so Fort Benning police are working to reduce those numbers with a safety campaign, "Loaded 45."

Loaded 45, which begins Friday, increases driver awareness by providing additional traffic patrols and informing the public of the hazards during the holiday season.

"Our goal is to make Fort Benning roads safe for all those who travel on our post roads during the holiday season," said Sgt. Donna Pearce, 71st Military Detachment and traffic accident investigator.

"We're on the roads to protect innocent bystanders from reckless drivers and to let people know if they drink and drive, they are going to get caught", she said.

More than 12,200 police agencies around the country are having similar safety campaigns.

Last year, the safety campaign reduced the number of accidents to 75, which is down from more than 100 the prior year.

"We are going to continue to make a difference," said Capt. Andrew Sullivan, operations OIC. "There's an increased number of parties due to the holiday season, and we need to make soldiers and civilians aware of the dangers involved with drinking and driving."

Driving home while intoxicated is not an option, Sullivan said. People need to be responsible and find a safe, sober ride.

According to Georgia state laws, drivers with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 milligrams of alcohol per 210 milliliters of blood are over the limit to drive and are subject to arrest.

That means if a 180-pound person has five drinks in two hours and drives home, he or she would be subject to arrest.

Sobriety tests will be issued for those suspected of drinking and driving, Pearce said. People convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol are subject to 10 days to 12 months in jail, losing their license for up to one year and a fine of $1,000.

Beginning Dec. 10, soldiers who have been drinking or don't have a safe ride home can get a free cab ride to their residence through Safety Cab.

It's the right thing for everyone, Sullivan said. Not only is Safety Cab helping soldiers get home safe and giving them a cost-free option, it's keeping Fort Benning roads safe.

This year alone, more than 320 service members from around the world have been killed in crashes involving their personal vehicle.

Some tips to reduce traffic accidents are to:

- Drive sober.
- Ensure vehicles are in safe operational condition.
- Buckle up.
- Obey all traffic laws, especially the speed limit.
- During adverse weather, drive slower than normal.
- Drive a safe distance from vehicles when following.

For information about Safety Cab, call 660-6069.

AAFES to create 'all stars'

New program to provide incentives

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Army and Air Forces Exchange Service begins its new customer service All Star program Sunday, which provides a visible means of recognizing associates who provide outstanding service.

"We want AAFES to be the customers' first choice to shop," said Donald O'Reilly, Fort Benning exchange general manager. "We realize the importance of superior customer service, and we'll do our part to ensure that. We ask people for their help to tell us how we are doing."

The program will reward all AAFES employees for excellent service with a point system.

They receive stars for each good customer service report, and the associate receives tokens of appreciation for the more stars they earn. The six-month program will reward the associate who earned the most stars with a dinner from the regional-senior vice president from the Dallas office.

"A lot of our associates are military dependents," O'Reilly said. "When they go to work they are trained in customer service. Sometimes, no one tells them they are doing a good job, and this program gives them the chance to know it.

"If a customer just says a verbal comment to the greeter or a manager how they were helped, the associate will be recognized. The better an associate feels about their job the better their service will be."

Customers will also be able to see the number of stars earned by the associate by their status displayed on their name tag or uniform.

"I have filled out a customer service card before," said Connie Hughley, family member. "I think it's good there's an easier way to recognize someone now. People (at the Main Mall Post Exchange) always help me find products and answer my questions about them. I like the service here."

The program is not the result of poor service, O'Reilly said. The associates do a good job, and this will help them know just how good of a job they do.

"I think the program is a good idea. It will give employees incentive to give better customer service," said Gloria Walker, senior sales associate. "I always try to greet the customer and assist them if they need it, and this program will enforce that."

AUSA president visits Benning

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Association of the U.S. Army president spoke to members of the local chapter about issues before Congress Thursday.

Retired Gen. Gordon Sullivan, Army chief of staff from 1991 to 1995, told soldiers at breakfast and lunch.

"Our main issue at Congress is the pay of the military," Sullivan said.

"Our goal is to significantly close the pay gap between military and their civilian counterparts by 2006.

Starting next year, he said, when soldiers will get a 4.1 percent pay raise.

"It's recognition that is long overdue," Sullivan said.

"The capabilities of soldiers have tripled over the past 15 years," Sullivan said.

"It's a stronger, faster and smarter force than it was in the 80s."

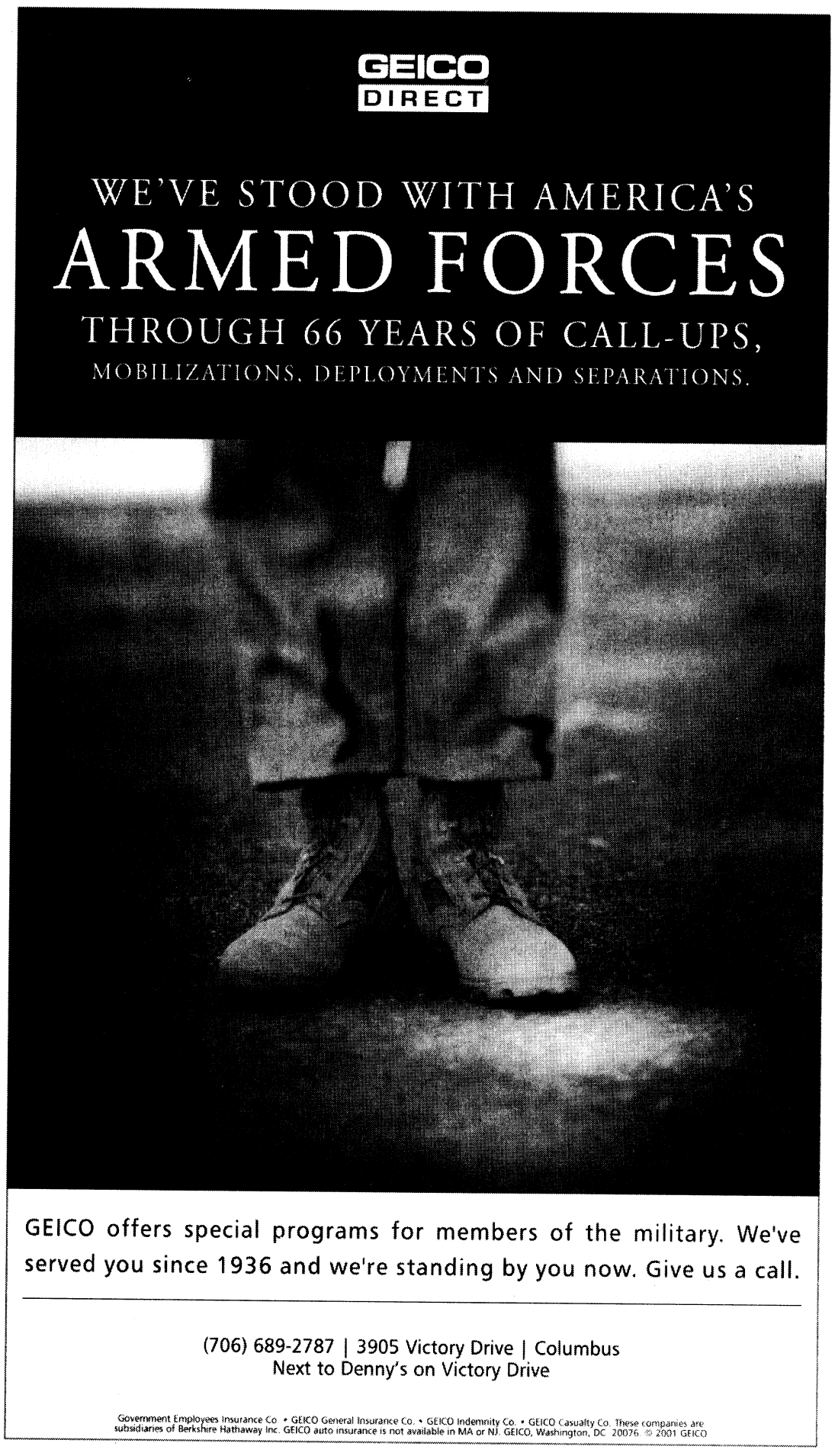
Every service has made a huge contribution to our country, he said.

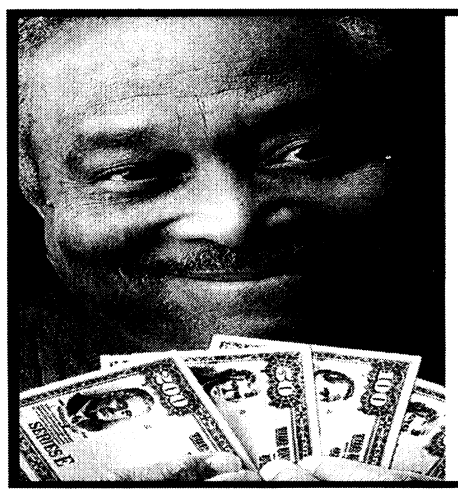
From the seamen who died on the USS Arizona in 1941 to the Marines who fought on the sands of Iwo Jima, and from the airmen who ran a successful Berlin Airlift after World War II to the soldiers who fought valiantly on D-Day at Normandy, Sullivan said.

"The United States would not be where it is today without their contributions.

"It's time for us to pay tribute to them and the cause they fought for," Sullivan said.







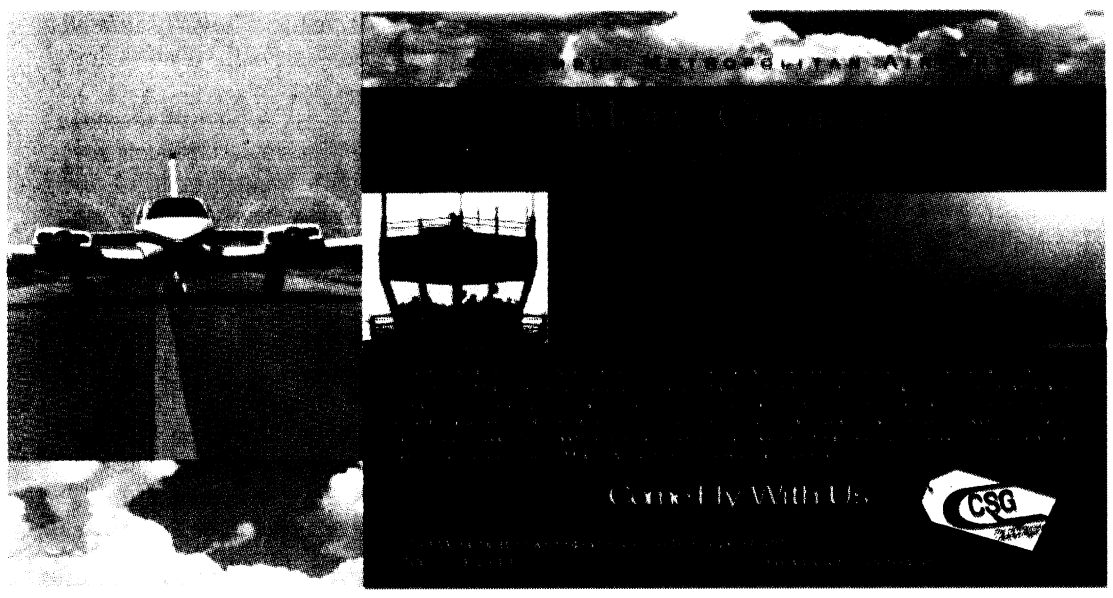
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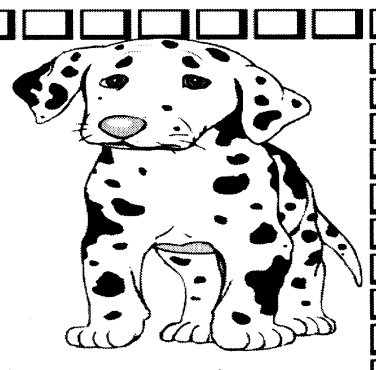
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Engineers share day with JROTC

Students get up-close look at soldier life

"We want them to spend time in our shoes, learn about our responsibilities and what to expect when they get into the Army."

Spc. Warren White
36th Engineer Group BOSS representative

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Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets from Spencer High School traveled to Fort Benning Friday for a day of information-sharing and fun. The 74 students were the guests of soldiers from the 36th Engineer Group's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

Spc. Warren White, group BOSS representative, welcomed the cadets and gave them an overview of what the BOSS program is all about. The students watched two videos that detailed some of the BOSS events and their involvement with the residents at the Franciscan Woods Assisted Living Center.

Before beginning a tour of the group barracks and offices, the group's training Sgt. Maj. Julio Sanchez offered words of encouragement to the cadets and praised them for their involvement in the JROTC program.

"Stay motivated, stay focused," Sanchez said. "You are our replacements."

Throughout the tours of the barracks, offices and motor pools, the cadets asked questions covering all aspects of soldier life.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Darryl Porter, a junior in his third year in the JROTC, thought the BOSS volunteers had put together a good program for the students. The students were able to watch engineer soldiers participating in military stakes training with protective masks.

"This is really worthwhile for people who don't have a military background," Porter said. "They can get an idea of what it is like."

BOSS volunteers took the cadets to the 104th Transportation Company motor pool where soldiers showed the cadets heavy equipment and took them into the bays where mechanics repair military vehicles in support of various units on post.

The majority of the 183 cadets in Spencer's JROTC program come from military families and are interested in military service after high school and college, said retired Lt. Col. Thomas Jones, Spencer's head JROTC instructor.

Partnered with both the 29th Infantry Regiment and the 36th Engineers, Jones said his students "have the best of two worlds." Through the program, Jones and his staff and the soldier volunteers try to help the cadets become better citizens.

Junior Keisha Gibson is one of the JROTC students not from a military family. She credits the program with teaching her a lot about respect and discipline. Both Gibson and senior Serena Thomas said the JROTC program is all about "being the best that you can be."

Thomas, in her third year in JROTC, is getting ready to take her enlistment physical and wants to be an X-ray technician.

"JROTC has really changed some of my friends for the better," she said.

White and the more than 18 volunteers hoped that the day's events would be informative for the students.

"We want to make this an enlightening day," White said. "We want them to spend time in our shoes, learn about our responsibilities and what to expect when they get into the Army."

Before heading off to lunch with the soldiers, ninth-grader Brandeeka Storr gave her stamp of approval on the JROTC program.

"The soldiers seem very experienced," Storr said, "and they're nice."

Free Falcons game open to single soldiers

44 soldiers have chance to visit Atlanta

"The Army can be a lonely place, and BOSS is a great way to get out there and be introduced to new faces."

Sgt. Jessica Pisa
BOSS president

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program is offering a free trip to 44 single soldiers to the Atlanta Falcons-Seattle Seahawks game Dec. 15 at the Georgia Dome. Transportation and tickets will be provided. There is a mandatory meeting for those attending the trip at 6 p.m. Dec. 11 in Infantry Hall's Classroom 2A. Soldiers who volunteer for upcoming BOSS events will have priority for selection to go on the trip.

"I'm thankful for everyone who comes out for the events because that's what we're here for," said Sgt. Jessica Pisa, BOSS president. "The Army can be a lonely place, and BOSS is a great way to get out there and be introduced to new faces." BOSS offers community programs and recreational and leisure events for single soldiers. It needs soldiers to participate to continue the program's success.

"Without soldiers, there is no BOSS program," Pisa said. "We want to get soldiers out there doing something positive for themselves and the community — to keep them away from things that get them in trouble."

One of the programs BOSS set up is the award-winning Fort Benning BOSS ongoing partnership with residents of the Franciscan Woods Assisted Living Community Center.

Soldiers with the program volunteer time with the elderly. On Memorial Day, the center was presented with a flag for all of the veterans, retirees and widows.

"Volunteering is a good experience for soldiers," Pisa said. "The chances to see the reaction from children and adults alike is great — it's a win-win for everybody. Soldiers also have the opportunity to show their support to the community."

The upcoming events for volunteering are:

• Christmas at Riverside — Santa's annual visit to the general's house, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Riverside. BOSS is looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments and dress in costume.

• Tricommunity Night of Lights Celebration — A variety of choral groups will perform Christmas songs. The celebration will be 6 to 7 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Phenix City Amphitheater. The first 1,000 children 12 and younger receive a free ornament. The event is free to the community. BOSS is looking for volunteers to pass out refreshments.

• Free Infantry Band concert — The concert starts at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the RiverCenter. BOSS is looking for volunteers to act as ushers. Uniform is dress greens.

For more information about upcoming events or to volunteer, call 545-6800.

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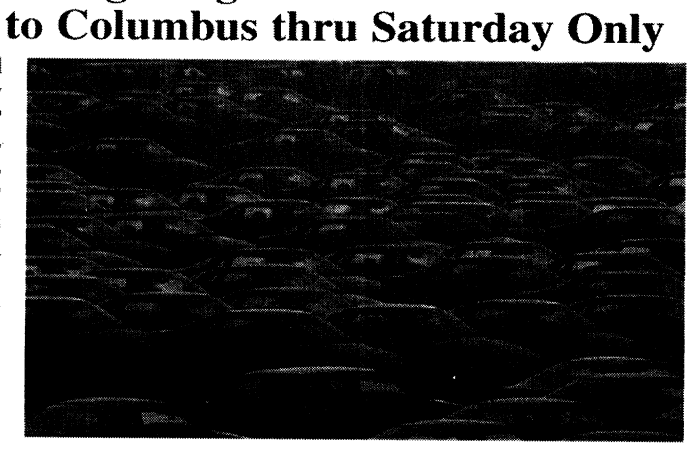
"We're really, *really* pinched for space," Williams explained further. "New car sales are the best they've ever been. Plus, the last couple of years have seen a huge increase in leases. Now, those leases are expiring and they're coming back by the dozen. We have literally run out of room for all the used cars."

This desperation has prompted Williams to fly in a team of professionals to assist his managers to prepare for this weekend sales event. This weekend only, the "Price Slicer" team will be at Rivertown Ford evaluating the prices on a record number of preowned vehicles to be drastically sliced to move them out...right before the customer's eyes.

This is the "Price Slicer" sales event that has been written about in newspapers across the country. While other local dealers have hosted lesser knock-offs of the "Price Slicer" concept, Williams is the first to bring the "real deal" to Columbus.

"These guys are serious," Williams says. "We've instructed the Price Slicer Team to determine the best prices to move the most vehicles in just one day."

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Customers can come get a "sneak peak" preview Friday, November 30th from 3-9pm Saturday, the fun begins. Pre-registration begins at 9AM and Williams recommends customers arrive early for the best selection. In fact, the public can register even faster by visiting www.priceslicersale.com. After a brief registration, customers simply choose the vehicle they want. Then the "Price Slicer" begins slicing the price on the windshield thousands of dollars. And, it is true, new and used cars that normally sell from $5000 to $20,000 will be marked down thousands below MSRP, with some perfectly good used cars to be sold for as low as $99. **Even brand new 2002 model Ford are included.**

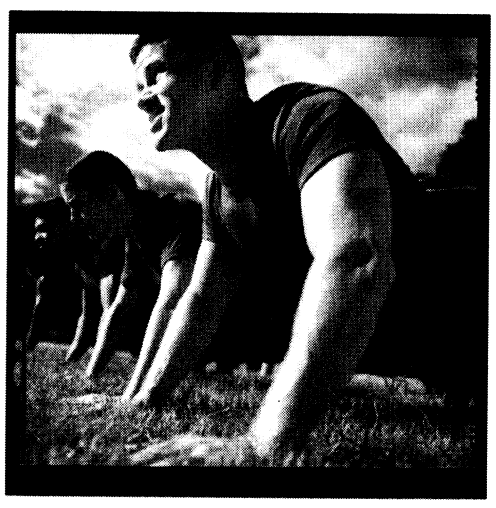
All the cars that will be offered during this event will be on display for customer inspection. You can also pre-register for the sale by going to **www.priceslicersale.com**.

"If credit problems have been in your past, that's no problem," Williams said. "During the 'Price Slicer' sale you can get financing for the car you want with no hassle. Just bring in a valid drivers license, a payroll stub, and a bill from your utilities." Bank representatives will be on hand to assist all credit customers needs.

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Post celebrates Native American heritage

Post honors code talkers role in war

Pfc. Chris Stephens
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Americans suffered many casualties during World War II. Many tactics were used by U.S. intelligence to throw off Japanese surveillance. Some succeeded and some failed.

An operation by Native American code talkers succeeded so well that the U.S. carried it over to the Vietnam War.

"Very few people realize the significance of the Native American Indians in World War II and the Vietnam War," said Eugene Mowatt, Comanche descendent and nephew of several WWII veterans. "My uncles still have physical and mental wounds from war. Their role in keeping our country safe was an important one."

The annual Native American Heritage Luncheon was Nov. 20.

The ceremony celebrated the contributions Native Americans have made to the U.S. military.

"Our tribes still talk about the service other tribe members gave to the country during the wars," Mowatt said. "The stories our uncles told us of their experiences will be passed down by word of mouth so that our descendants can know about and remember their contributions to this great country."

> "Native Americans and Alaskan native cultures have made remarkable contributions to our national identity."
>
> **Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton**
> Commanding General

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton spoke of contributions Native Americans have made to the U.S.

"The strength of our nation comes from its people," Eaton said. "As early inhabitants of this great land, the native peoples of North America played a unique role in the shaping of our nation's history and culture."

After Mowatt spoke about what his family went through during the wars, he introduced his uncle, Berkey Monoessy, who in turn spoke about code talkers and how the government tried to oust their language.

"Back in the 1920s, the government tried to force us to learn English and to get rid of our native language," Monoessy said. "Boy are they glad they didn't.

"When the Japanese were breaking all of the codes the Americans were using, the government called on us to use our language as a means of communication," he said. "It really threw off the Japanese. They couldn't figure out what we were saying because they had never been exposed to our native language."

After speaking, Monoessy and a group called the Plainsmen showed the audience a few traditional dances.

The dances included a Women's Traditional Dance, Southern Straight Dance and the Eagle Dance.

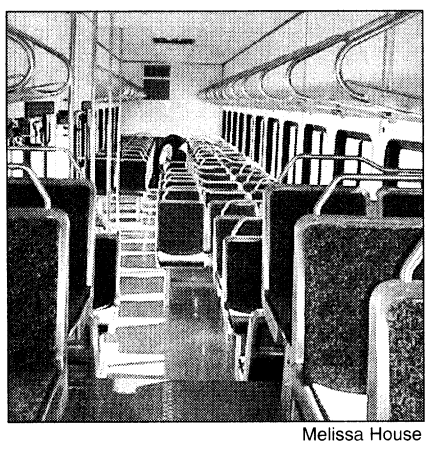
"The eagle is held in high regard by the Native American people," Mowatt said. "Every time an eagle feather touches the ground, we believe a Native American veteran has passed into the next world."

The ceremony ended with 1st Lt. Ludia Welch, 13th Corps Support Battalion, singing *Colors of the Wind*.

"Native Americans and Alaskan native cultures have made remarkable contributions to our national identity," Eaton said. "Native American soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen have fought heroically in all of this century's wars and armed conflicts.

"American military leaders as early as the 18th century have recognized the courage, determination and fighting spirit of Native Americans," he said. "Today Native Americans continue to carry on their centuries-old warrior tradition — serving with pride, courage and distinction."

Soldiers: To receive more comfortable rides to, fro



Melissa House

The interior of the big rig fits scores of soldiers comfortably and easily.

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"The cattle cars served their purpose, but this is one of those things that you just have to see to believe," Johnson said.

The interior of the van is stainless steel with indestructible "monster board" panels and space-age fabric seat covers. Each trainee has a seat in the new van, where most had to stand in the cattle car.

Among the safety features are a steel frame with roll bars, two ceiling escape hatches and window escapes. The driver cannot move the rig unless the doors in the passenger trailer are closed, and a two-way communications system gives cadre riding in the trailer the ability to talk with the driver. The van is also equipped with carbon monoxide and smoke detectors.

Johnson is certain the new system will hold up to the demands of hauling trainees and their personal equipment to and from the field.

A group of transportation officers went to see the prototype at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., Johnson said.

"We were like a bunch of monkeys," he said. "We were hanging from the equipment racks, banging the walls with hammers and trying to cut the seats. Nothing happened."

Soldiers will not begin riding in the new van until it is presented to the command group and until the transportation motor pool completes driver training.

The carrier took a "spin around the block" at Sand Hill Friday, turning heads left and right, and making seemingly impossible turns. As it pulled to a stop alongside a group of Basic Combat Training Brigade cadre, they tried to peer into the tinted windows.

Driver Marty Worley, one of two drivers currently trained on the new van, opened the doors to give the drill sergeants a better look at the inside of the trailer.

"Wow," was the common reaction.

The drill sergeants stood in the two doorways and commented that loading and unloading would be much quicker than a cattle car. Reaction was mixed on whether or not trainees should be able to enjoy such comfort.

Three vans will transport a company of trainees comfortably and safely. Since the van has been approved for use on the highway, it can safely transport the same amount of soldiers as two buses.

"We just took a bunch of soldiers up to Callaway Gardens by bus," Worley said. "The van would have made it easier."

Hero: Finds soldier unconscious on post back road

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the go-ahead from his doctor to resume moderate PT. Last week he met Belcher for the first time when he dropped in at her office to say thank you.

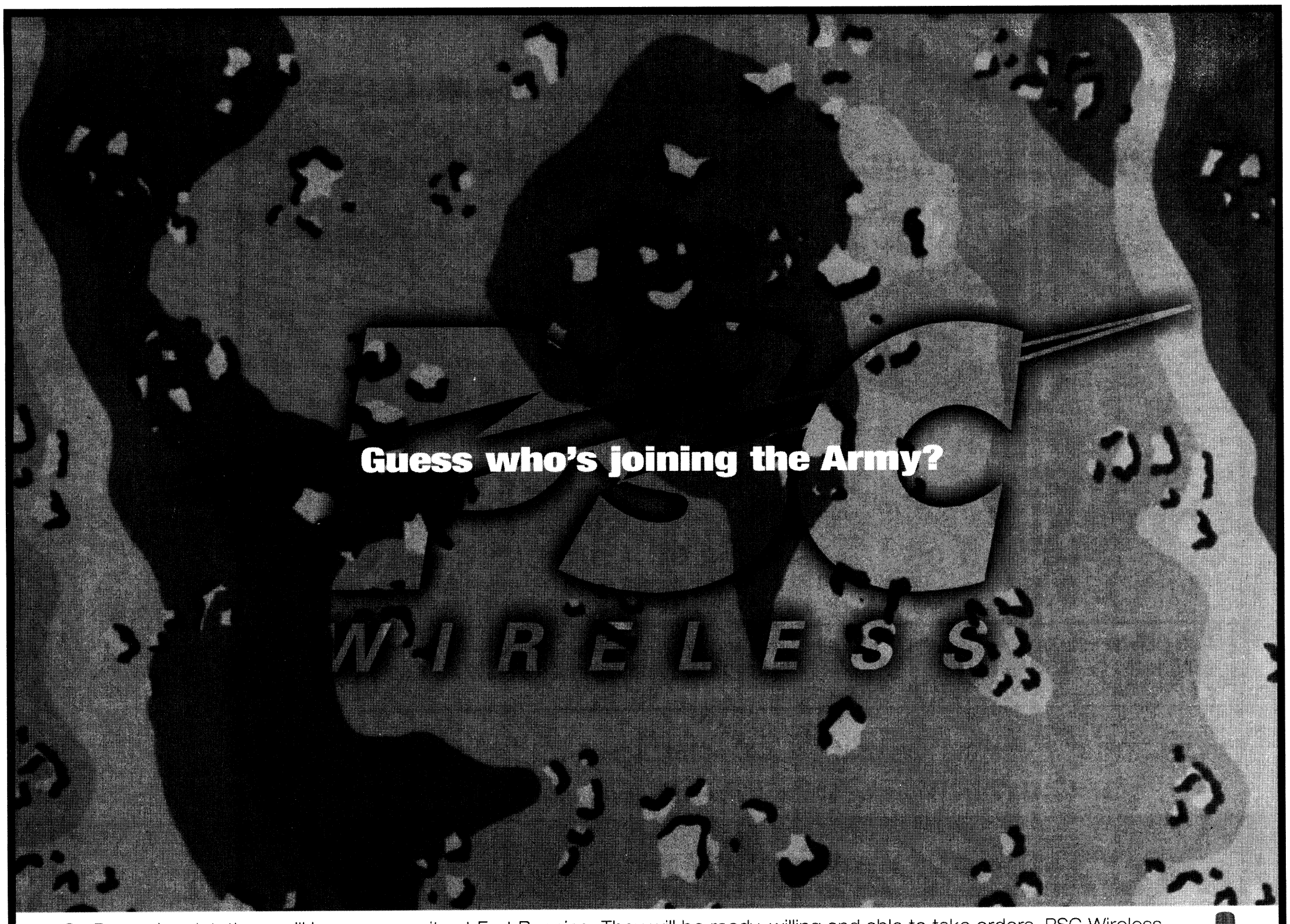
"He said 'I just want to thank you. I'm so grateful to have more time with my daughters.'

"I didn't do anything anybody else wouldn't have done," she said with a shrug. "My husband was a soldier for 22 years. I just did what I'd hope someone else would do if it were him."

But Barnes isn't taking Belcher's actions quite so lightly.

The father of two, a 6-year-old and an 11-month-old, said he thanks Belcher for giving him the opportunity "to stay in their lives, to watch them grow."

"My doctor said it was that serious. If she hadn't stopped when she did, I probably wouldn't be here," he said. "Everything's pretty much back to normal now, or getting there anyway, but everyday I'm a little more thankful to be alive."



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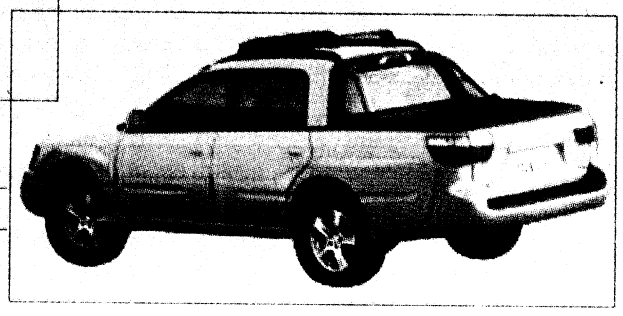
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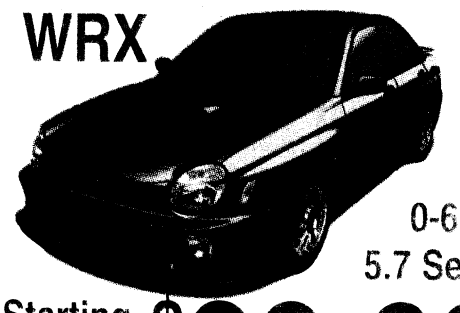
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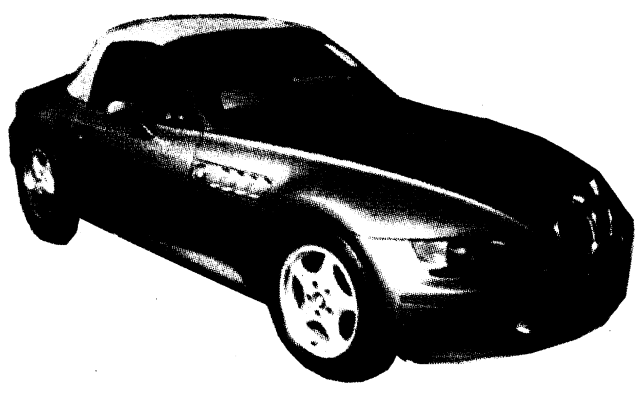
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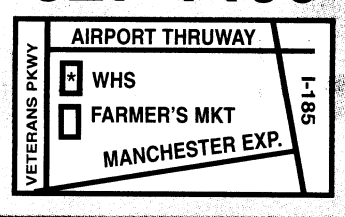
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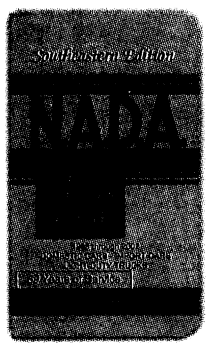
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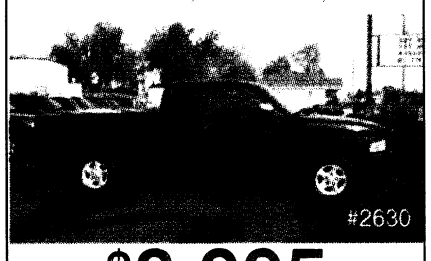
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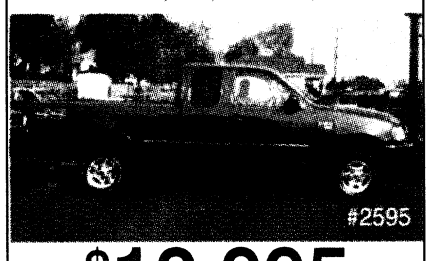
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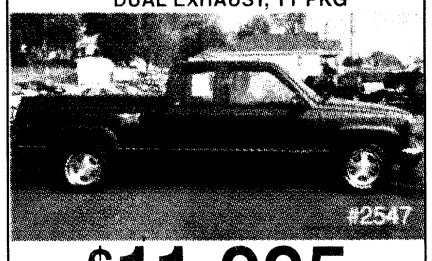
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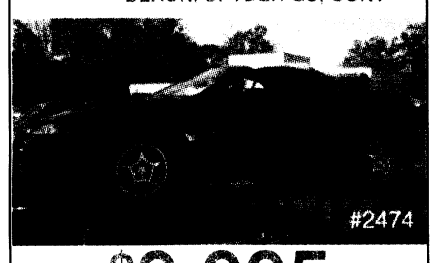
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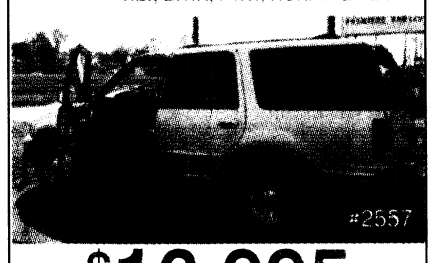
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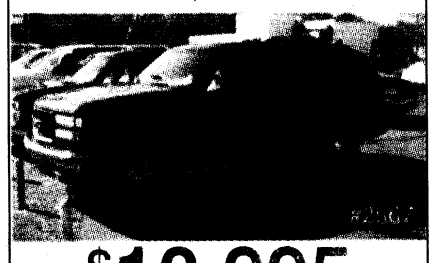
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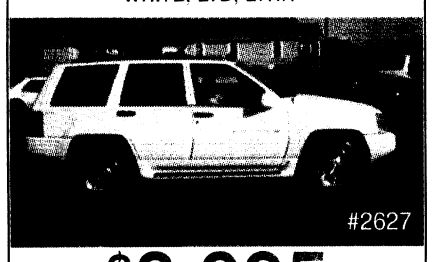
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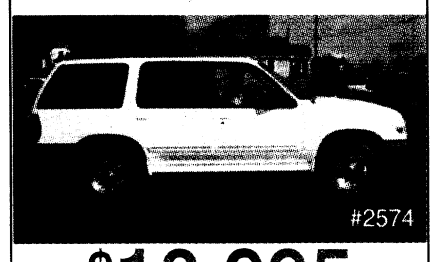
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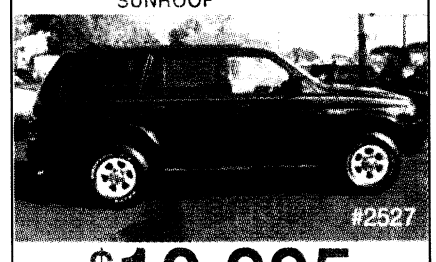
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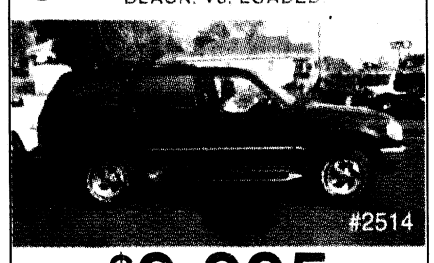
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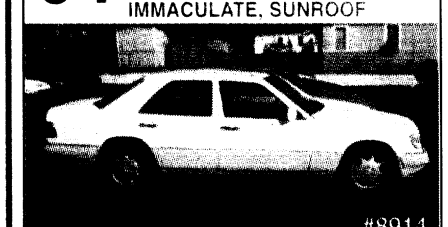
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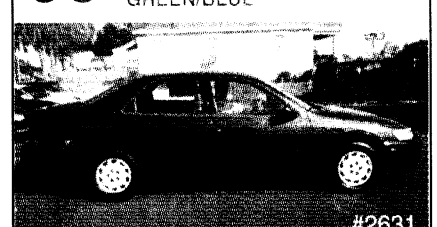
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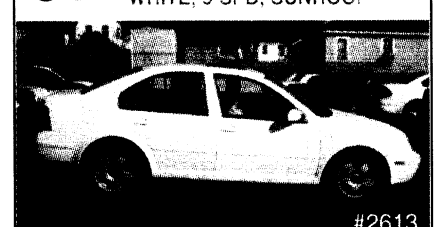
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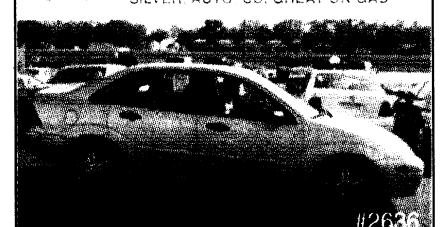
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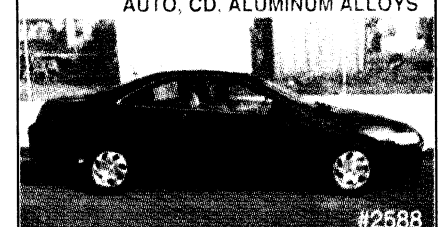
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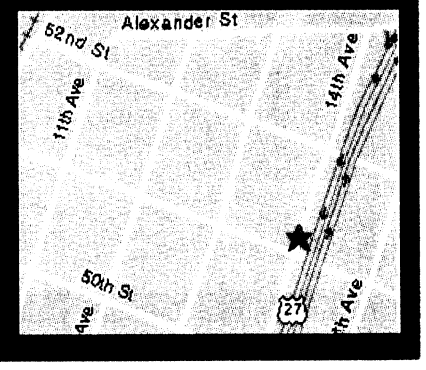
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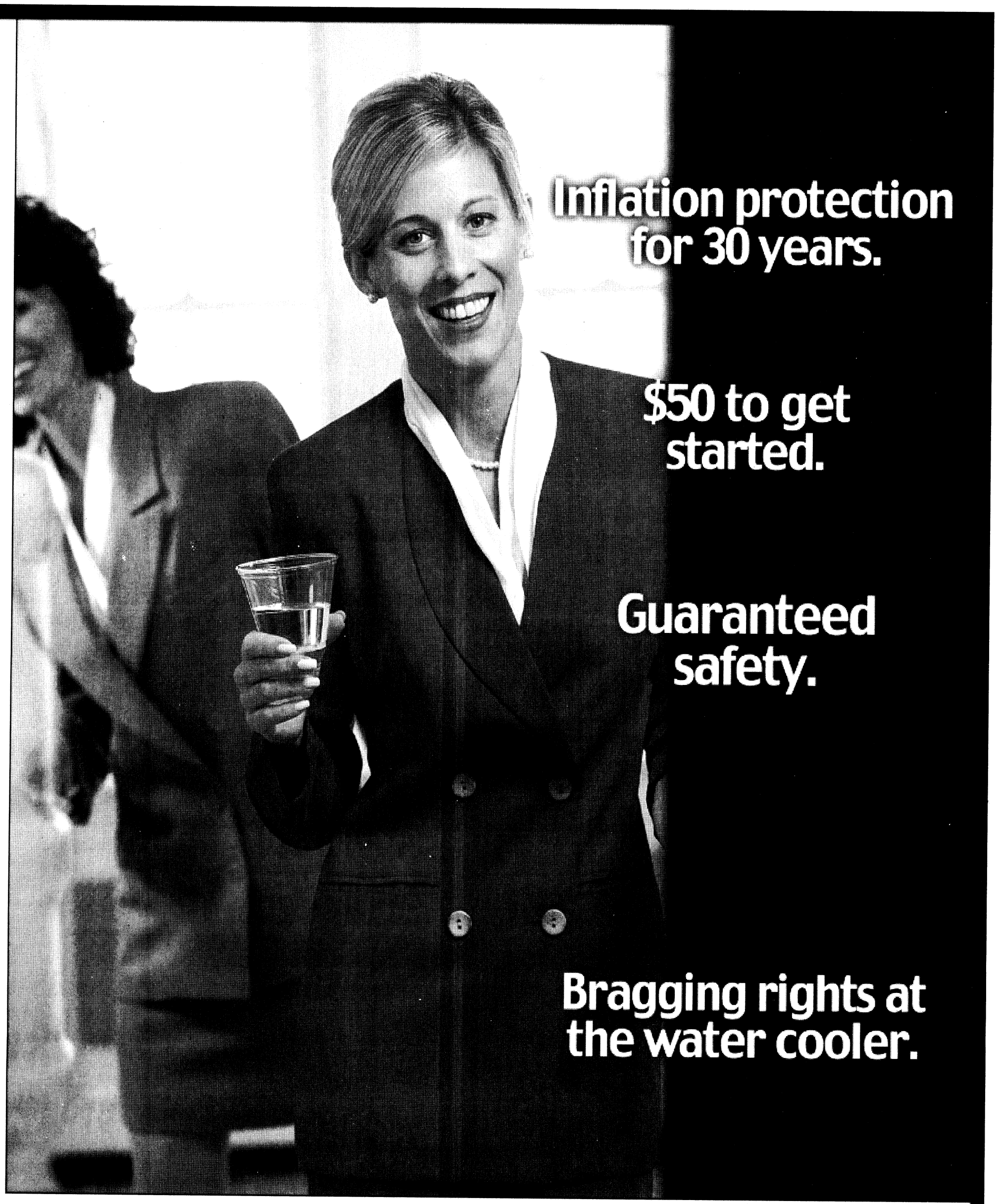
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One Team gives soldiers an edge

New program focuses on education

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The soldiers at Martin Army Community Hospital are blazing new trails in military excellence through a program known as *One Team.*

"This is the best program I've seen in all of my assignments," said Col. Gale S. Pollock, commander of MACH. "It's an honor to work with a sergeant major who cares so much about soldiers. The training they are receiving now will pay dividends for years to come."

Sgt. Maj. Ronnie P. Borel, sergeant major of MACH, came up with the program that ensures the education of soldiers through the use of the Noncommissioned Officer Development and Junior Leader Development Programs, preparing them for success in the Army and the civilian world.

All 256 soldiers assigned to the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity are required to attend college classes or Army correspondence courses in addition to regular common-task training.

"The goal of the program is to drive the soldiers to excellence while combining all three aspects of the hospital: civilian employees, Army officers and enlisted personnel," Borel said. "All three aspects need to work together like a football team, each playing its own part."

The idea came to Borel when he attended the Sergeant Major Academy. He received a different sort of training than he had ever experienced in his Army career.

At the Sergeant Major Academy, the soldiers were given assignments that required a higher level of intellect than any of his previous military schools, such as book reports, country briefs and thought papers.

Once Borel graduated from the academy, he continued to pass on the training and knowledge he received by exposing the soldiers of Martin Army Community Hospital to the same sort of training.

"I couldn't understand why soldiers weren't getting this training earlier on in their careers," Borel said "It's an excellent way to help the soldiers get a head start in life. That's why we started the program.

"We did make a few modifications to the original program by allowing them to do reports on different topics, such as capital punishment, women in the military and other topics that appear in the news."

The soldier who produces the best thought paper gets a trophy to display for the month.

The unit purchased a set of comprehensive study manuals the soldiers can borrow to study for their board reviews.

"We are taking a step forward in education," Borel said. "We also invest in the education of children through a program called Visit Your Child At School. We've asked the supervisors to allow soldiers to take time off to visit their children at school because the most important aspect of child development is parental involvement. Furthermore, we have an excellence in education program that recognizes the two soldiers who excel the most in their academic endeavors. Those soldiers receive awards at the holiday ball.

"I think it's great what the soldiers have done with this program because the NCOs are the ones who mentor the soldiers," Borel said. "I only gave them the guidance. They took the ball and ran with it.

"The soldiers are responsible for the success of the program because they are the ones who actually make it work. The NCOs give the classes, and the lower enlisted are performing well."

"It's a lot of hard work, doing the reports, but it benefits us in the long run," said Spc. Luther Coleman, MEDDAC.

"You learn a lot from the book reports, and sometimes you even go buy the book," said Spc. Toni Stevenson, MEDDAC. "I think it's great he wants us to advance and become better NCOs."

Moving pets overseas can be daunting mission

Local shelters overpopulated with animals

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

Many families moving overseas may run into obstacles when deciding whether they should take their pet with them or adopt them out before they leave.

Soldiers looking for homes for their animals will find that local shelters are overpopulated, and many are not accepting pets this time of year.

The Fort Benning Veterinary Clinic also has limited space and can only guarantee an animal a place to stay for three days before euthanizing the pet.

"We have soldiers who call us stressed out because they are heading overseas and don't know what to do with their pet," said Melissa Locke, an employee with the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. "A lot of the time , they only have a few weeks to find them a home."

Families like Jill Zweibelson and her husband, Capt. Ben Zweibelson, a student in the Infantry Captains' Career Course, were given orders to the 173rd Brigade in Italy this month and are debating on what to do with their dogs and cat.

"The brigade commander over there told us that many Italian landlords don't allow pets," Zweibelson said. "The problem is our animals are adults, and it's been tough finding them a home. We only have a few months to figure this out."

Zweibelson called local animal shelters and searched animal rescue sites with little luck. She's even resorted to standing at the local Petsmart store with the dogs to see if there is any interest in them.

"Deciding on what to do with a pet is a very emotional time for families moving overseas," said Renate West, an assistant with Fort Benning Transportation. "We try to give soldiers all options before they make a decision on what to do with them."

Moving a pet overseas with a family can often be just as complicated as trying to find the pet a home, West said. The cost to fly a pet is about $90. Any pet weighing over 70 pounds can cost double that price.

"Germany and Italy both require pets to be up to date on all of their vaccines," West said. "The shots must be given at least 30 days prior to leaving."

Hawaii is an even bigger nuisance, requiring all pets to be quarantined for at least 30 days.

"Each country has its own set of rules when it comes to animals," West said. "Germany and Italy have eliminated the quarantine requirement, which eases a lot of families concerns."

Germany does, however, have restrictions on what kinds of dogs are allowed in the country. Families with pit bulls and other bull terrier mixes may not even have the option to bring their pets with them.

"Many soldiers wait until the last minute to tell transportation they want to bring pets with them," West said. "We need to know immediately when they receive their orders so we can help plan the best course of action for them."

The Zweibelsons are doing everything they can to find their pets a good home before they leave.

Four hours standing out front of Petsmart has paid off for them, as one of their dogs already has a home. But the options for the other animals are slim.

"I don't want to leave our pets with anyone," Zweibelson said. "They are like part of the family. If we can't secure them a good home, we may end up taking them with us."

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Free lecture

Jerry Crews, deputy director of the Officer Placement Service for The Retired Officers Association, will be at Infantry Hall, Room 4A from 9 to 11:30 a.m Dec. 4 to talk to officers, senior NCOs, civilians and spouses on "Marketing Yourself for a Second Career."

For more information, call Bud Sikes at 545-1353.

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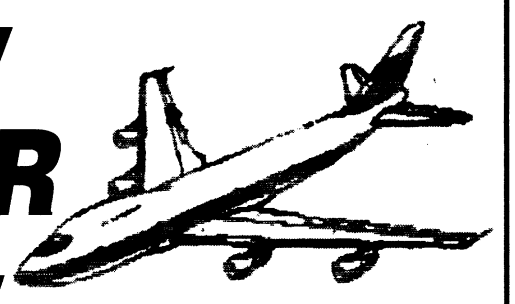
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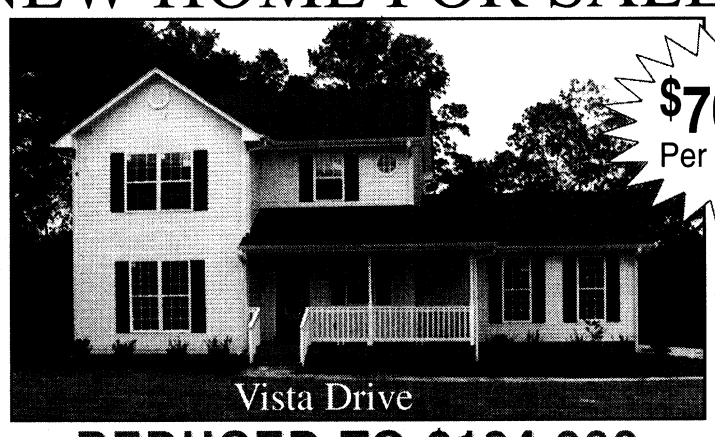
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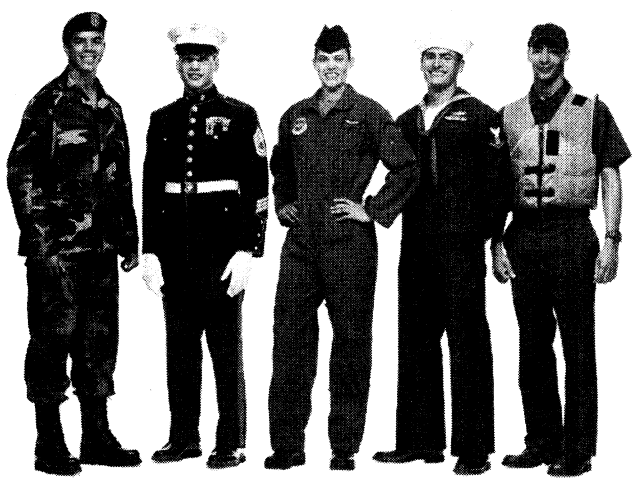
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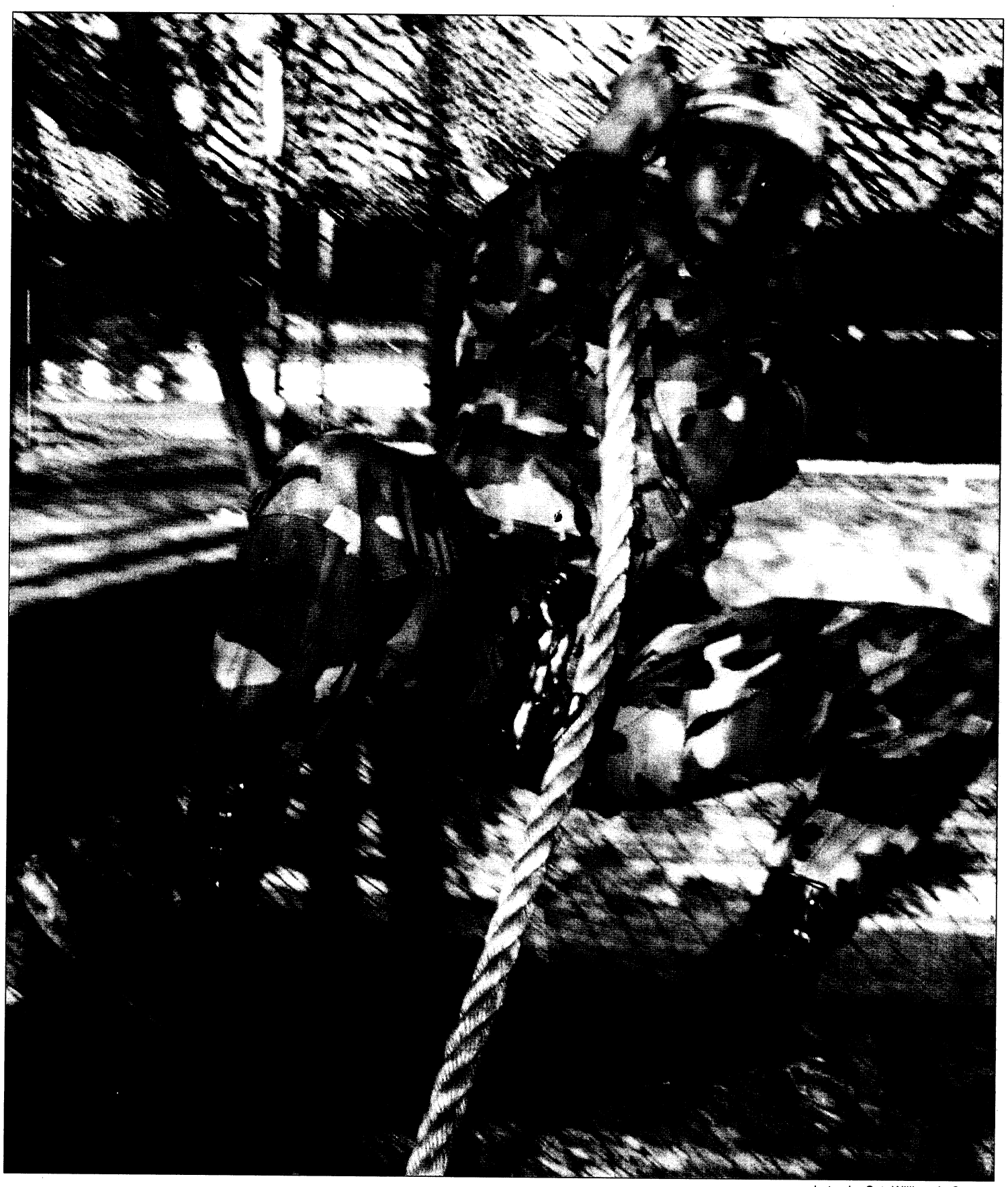

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Pvt. Jonathan Gray
1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment



Pvt. Joshua Thorner negotiates the one-rope bridge at Eagle Tower. Soldiers consider it more challenging than the two- and three-rope bridges.



photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Pvt. Terrance Coletrain, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, swings across an obstacle Nov. 18.

Soldiers gain confidence to fight war

New infantrymen tackle tower, overcome fears

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

"People sleep peacefully in their beds at night because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf."
— George Orwell

Rough men from all across Sand Hill may soon battle terrorists in the mountains of Afghanistan or help overthrow an evil president in the streets of Baghdad, and they will need personal courage to overcome their fear.

Soldiers from 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, built upon that necessary courage at Eagle Tower Monday, said Sgt. 1st Class James Kates, senior drill sergeant with 1st Platoon, A Company.

"If I report to my next unit as their platoon sergeant, I have confidence they'll do well, and that's what this training today is all about — it helps give them the basic skills they need to function well at their first duty station," Kates said.

Soldiers, who first visited the tower 10 weeks ago and graduate Dec. 6, seemed to develop more confidence with each facet of the course — the one-, two- and three-rope bridges, rope climb, cargo net climb, rope swing and rappel tower.

"I find it pretty fun — not too hard," said Pvt. Jonathan Gray, a 19-year-old from Greenville, S.C. "It's a challenge on a mental and physical level, and it lets the other soldiers know — if they are afraid of heights — that nothing is impossible."

That will be key when they enter combat.

"What I learn here will help me remember to relax and not tighten up — just conquer another mission the Army throws at me," Gray said.

Not only was the tower fun, it was safe, he said.

Kates agreed the Infantry Training Brigade makes safety a priority.

For example, the figure eight rappel gear the soldiers used while rappelling is much safer than the snap link, or D ring, other more experienced soldiers use. It applies more tension on the rope as soldiers rappel and slows their descent.



Pvt. Matthew Rhoades, begins his descent at Eagle Tower, as Sgt. 1st Class James Kates, senior drill sergeant for A Company's 1st Platoon, helps provide motivation and safety.

Furthermore, all the safety nets on the tower are double netted, and range personnel check them routinely. Soldiers also have to stay on all fours — not near the edges — and there is a drill sergeant at every obstacle who gives encouragement.

"It's usually a thankless job for the drill sergeants," said Capt. Carlos Lago, A Company commander. "They work long, hard hours. They throw their hearts into their jobs to help these soldiers play an important part in their (future platoon).

"Even though our country is at war, being here training the soldiers like the drill sergeants are doing today at the tower is the most important place to be because they're training the soldiers who will be on the front line and in the trenches — beside their fellow NCOs in line units who need quality soldiers to accomplish missions to standard."

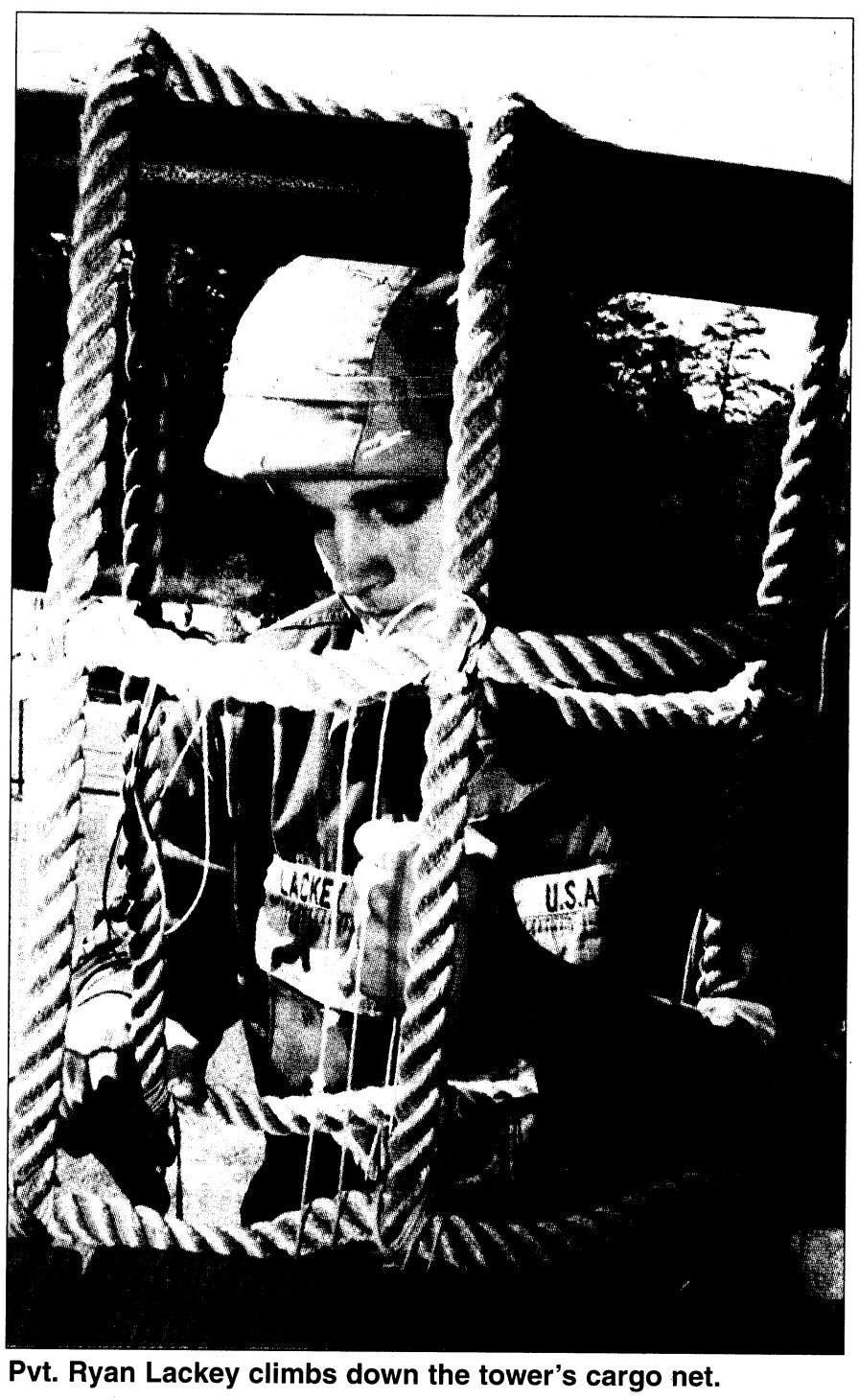
Infantrymen reflect back on difficult missions they overcame to help them accomplish what lies ahead of them, Kates said.

"If it's miserable and cold, we'll say, 'I remember when it was 10 times colder than this,' suck it up and drive on," Kates said.

Eagle Tower is a positive reflection and motivator, he said. Soldiers may have to move from a covered position to another covered position under direct fire. They'll subconsciously call upon the confidence they gained at the tower and use it to help kill the enemy.

The tower training will pay other dividends, too, Kates said.

"In a (Military Operation in Urbanized Terrain environment like the soldiers may face in Iraq), they'll usually be flown in and enter from a higher position and go down in order to give the enemy a way to run away," he said. "This is opposed to entering from the bottom, going to the top and having to face a trapped enemy who has nothing to lose. One of the things on which the former hinges is the soldiers' rappelling skills, and (the tower) gives them a small taste of what that may be like."



Pvt. Ryan Lackey climbs down the tower's cargo net.

Another dividend will be the soldiers' trust in teamwork, he said.

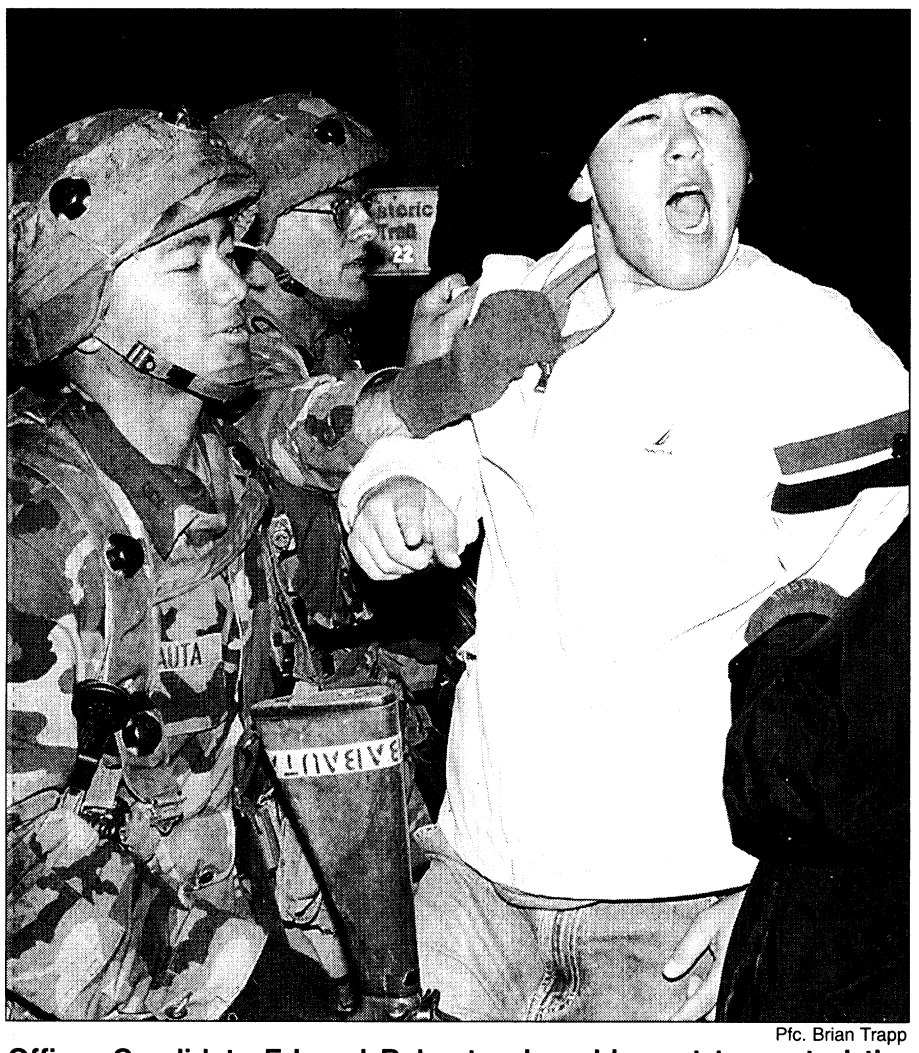
"The soldiers say, 'Come on, you can do it,' or, 'If I can do it, you can do it.' They need that encouragement."

Trust in the team inevitably strengthens, too, Kates said. For example, a soldier relies on his belay man if he makes a mistake to pull the rope tight and stop his fall.

Adding all the benefits of making soldiers negotiate the tower together will help develop them into what America expects them to be — warriors who will handle any enemy in Afghanistan, Iraq or other country around the world, he said.

"When they leave here, they will do what they're supposed to do," Kates said. "They will help support our way of life."

OCS quells mock riot for evacuation



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Officer Candidate Edward Babauta, does his part to control the crowd during a noncombatant evacuation exercise.

Candidates train in their own backyard

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Soldiers from the Officer Candidate School came back from the field to find their barracks converted into a hospital and 130 people rioting outside early Friday morning in the final mission of their 11-day field exercise.

"Just because you don't have the resources doesn't mean you can't have excellent training," said Capt. Timothy Hill, A Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment commander. "We didn't have any ammunition or a training area in which to do the mission. The props, music, people and the transportation didn't cost us anything — it was all imagination."

The company's mission was to evacuate casualties and personnel from the Doctors Without Borders program because of growing terrorist activity and crowds inciting riots in the area.

The site was converted to simulate third-world conditions with huts, tiki torches, fires and even blaring Latin music to make communication more difficult. Inside the barracks were stretchers and hospital beds, and cadre made good use of their moulage kits.

"It was a big surprise to see that many (opposing forces)," said Officer Candidate Lonnie Johnston, D Co. 3rd Bn., 11th Inf. Regt. "When we were told they were inciting riots, I was expecting just a handful of people. The props and loud music made it even more realistic."

"It turned out really well — everything went just as the cadre described," said Senior Officer Candidate Matt Barger, opposition force.

The OPFOR was there to distract and stress the candidates. At one point, the soldiers even set up a human chain in front of the transportation to stop the evacuation, but the soldiers worked around it.

The soldiers sealed the area off quicker than their leaders expected. They completed the evacuation in 15 minutes and looked like professionals doing it, Hill said.

"We had a week of squad stakes with an emphasis on (nuclear, biological and chemical) and medical evacuation, and when we were evacuating the casualties, I saw people evaluating them and using the proper carries, so our training paid off," Johnston said.

"This type of mission causes people to rely more on their head instead of the end of their barrel," said Officer Candidate Chris Eidman. "Not knowing what course of action to take forces a leader to think on his feet and make decisions on the spot. It's a dance out there, and you have to work to keep balance."

Doing a mission with civilians on the battlefield is a lot different than what is normally encountered. Usually it's done while hunting an enemy in a uniform. With this exercise there was no telling who the hostiles were, Johnston said. There weren't field manuals or SOPs to teach these things. It's good for soldiers to get exposure to this. Until now, the only time they would get this is on the job.

"The soldiers were pretty motivated and did a good job," Hill said. "Hopefully, this will teach the soldiers, once they get their own platoon, they can train in their own barracks without the traditional resources. I think we will continue to do missions like this because the candidates and the cadre get more into the mission."

ITB soldiers build defensive fighting positions

Sand Hill men learn art of foxhole digs

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

In the infantry, a defensive position can be the soldier's most important weapon. Without it, he's an open target to enemies and their deadly firepower.

Soldiers with D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, were given hands-on experience in digging effective fox holes during a three-phase training exercise on Sand Hill recently.

"We're trying to get them to understand the basic principles of building a defensive fighting position," said instructor Staff Sgt. David Minchew, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.

"We're having them build two-man fighting positions with built-up overhead cover so they can grasp the basic principles of digging a position while in combat."

The soldiers performed the task to standard in accordance with Field Manuals 7-8 and 5-34, Minchew said.

"We first discussed what the fighting position was, the tools and equipment that needed to be used, and how to build it during a war-time situation," Minchew said.

"Then, we walked through it with them, showing them how to build a good, protected foxhole."

After the walk through, the soldiers split into eight-man teams and dug the defensive fighting positions.

However, not all soldiers dug in the foxhole or filled sandbags at the same time.

Half of the soldiers in the team pulled security while their teammates were digging.

"There always needs to be protection when building a foxhole," said Pvt. Michael Victorino.

"It's so easy for the enemy to walk by and take out all of the members of the team," he said.

"So, providing security ensures the safety and well-being of the team during the task and the mission itself," Victorino said.

"This is, without a doubt, one of the most essential tasks of a soldier," Minchew said. "The defensive position is a stronghold for not only the soldiers, but their equipment and property.

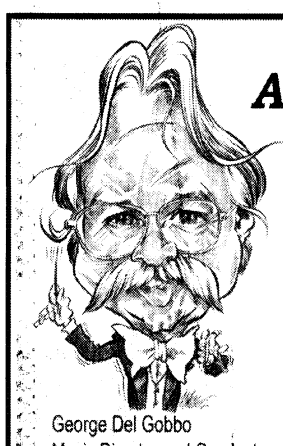
"If the basic techniques are done properly, the enemy can't take advantage of them or their equipment for their own use, and it increases the survivability of the soldiers," he said.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Pvt. Tim Taylor, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, digs a fox hole. The soldiers performed the task in accordance with Field Manuals 7-8 and 5-34, said Staff Sgt. David Minchew, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment.

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SECTION B

Holiday events kick off next week

Tree, menorah lighting set for Tuesday

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Next week marks the beginning of holiday celebrations across Fort Benning and the tricommunity.

The annual tree and menorah lighting ceremony will take place at the Field of Four Chaplains adjacent to the Infantry Center Chapel, at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday. The multifaith ceremony will feature holiday music by the Infantry Band and songs by post school children.

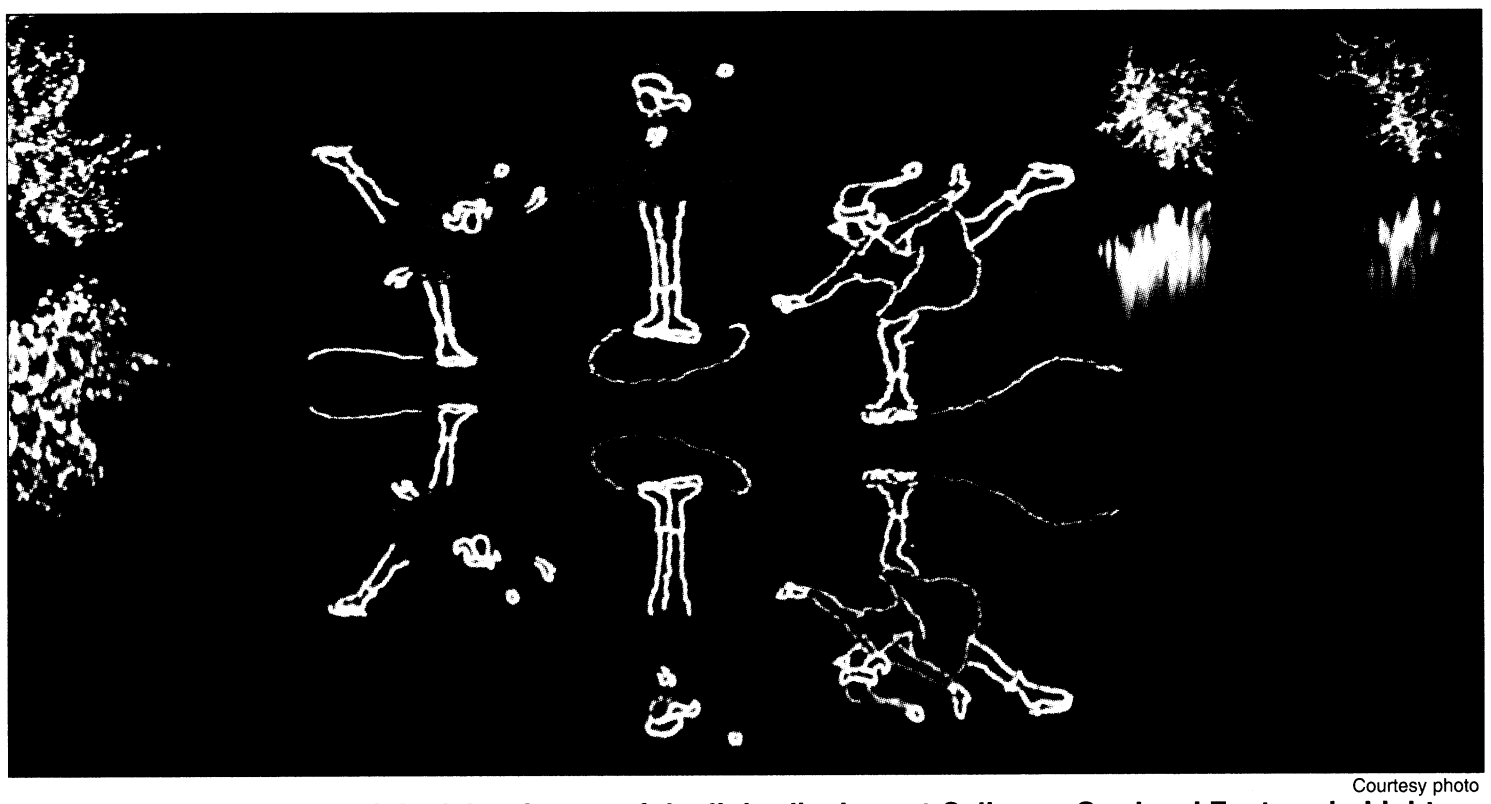
"Last year's ceremony was very emotional," said Chaplain (Maj.) Timothy Bedsole, 36th Engineer Group chaplain.

At 5:30 p.m. Dec. 4, Santa will make his Christmas visit to Riverside, home of post commander Maj. Gen. Paul and P.J. Eaton. The Fort Benning tradition includes a number of family activities led by volunteers from Faith Middle School and the post Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program.

BOSS volunteers will dress as Scrooge, elves and other holiday characters, said Sgt. Jessica Pisa, installation BOSS representative. Soldiers will

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Fantasy in Lights



Courtesy photo

Skaters glide along one of the lakes in one of the light displays at Callaway Gardens' Fantasy in Lights.

Callaway's Fantasy is trip through winter wonderland

Light display includes holiday music

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Callaway Gardens' Fantasy In Lights is, in a word, delightful.

Named one of the South's top 20 events by the Southeastern Tourism Society, Fantasy In Lights features a six-mile trolley tour through five acres of wooded wonderland. Here in the South, where dreams of snow go unrequited, it's truly a venture into Christmas fantasy.

Located 30 minutes north of Columbus, on U.S. Highway 27 in Pine Mountain, Callaway Gardens' 11th annual "light fantastic," which boasts 8 million lights, give or take a few, is a must for Fort Benning families who run the risk of letting Georgia's tepid temperatures put a ho, ho, hum in their holiday. But hey, it's a real crowd pleaser, even if snow isn't on your wish list.

Be sure to arrive early — the park opens at 4 p.m. — to explore Callaway's Christmas Village, an indoor arena of vendors offering handmade wares of various sorts, including ornaments, jewelry, artwork, clothing, books and music.

The Village has a bevy of Christmas characters-come-to-life, like the Gingerbread Man and the Wooden Soldier, who're always willing to pause for a hug and a photo with the little ones.

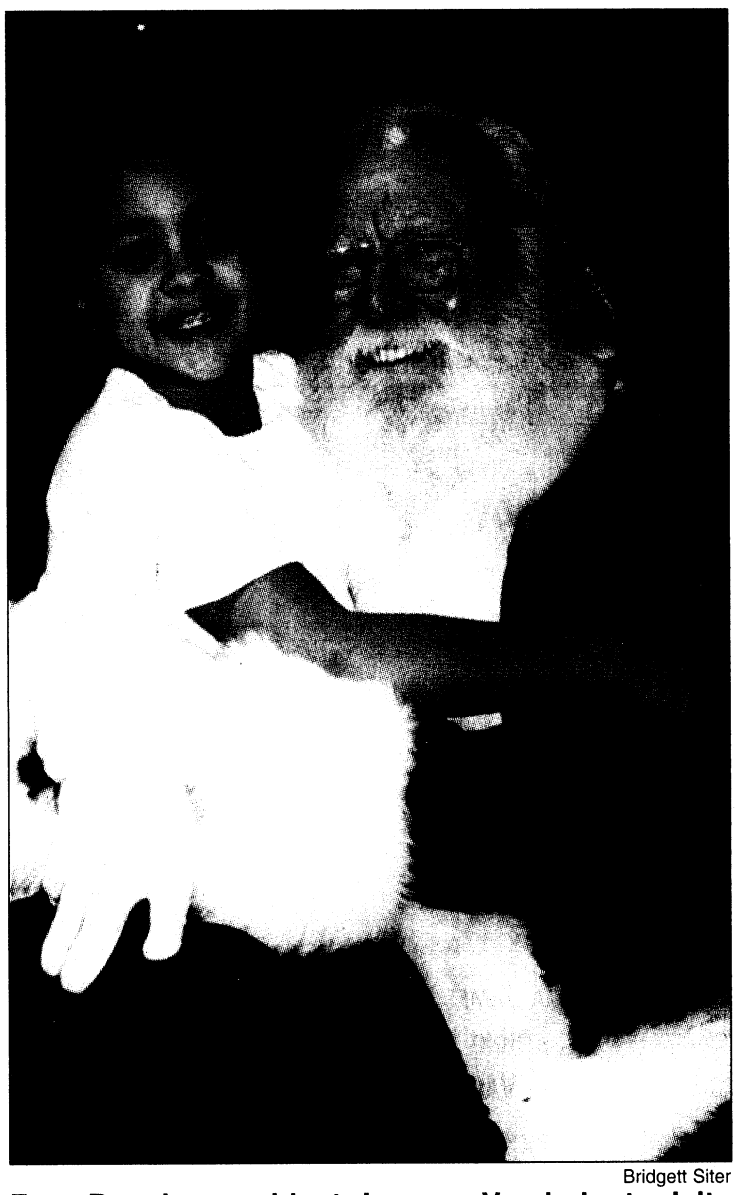
There's a food court offering the usual fare — pizza and sandwiches — and the fairly unusual, like a mammoth Flintstone-size turkey leg that, pound-for-pound, is probably worth every bit of $5. Just try wrapping your mouth around it.

And yes, Virginia, there's even a Santa Claus — *the* Santa Claus, I might add. Where he finds time in his schedule to put in a personal appearance is anybody's guess, but let me assure you, this is the real McCoy. I swear his eyes twinkled. Be sure to bring your camera.

The Village also features various kids' craft centers. The wee ones can decorate cookies at Mrs. Claus' Kitchen, paint their own ornaments or make someone (preferably someone *else*) a sandscape in a bottle.

OK, food, photos with Santa, sand in a bottle for Grandma and a souvenir ornament for the tree. Time to head outside for the main event.

En route, between the Village and the trolley stop, there's plenty to enjoy. Grab a toasty funnel cake and wander over to the beach to watch Callaway's orchestrated light shows, *The Nativity* and *The Night Before Christmas,* which alternate throughout the evening.



Bridgett Siter

Fort Benning resident Lauren Vanderlugt visits Santa at Callaway Gardens' Christmas Village.

Then queue up for a ride on the Jolly Trolley, or take your own vehicle, on an hourlong excursion into an awesome land of lights. Travel through mile after mile of holiday magic, like Toyland, The

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Benning Bazaar approaches

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The Fort Benning Bazaar will offer something for everyone from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Officers' Club.

This year's bazaar features more than 70 vendors and crafters from Fort Benning and the surrounding area. Shoppers will find military jewelry, antiques, Christmas decorations of all kinds, food items, baskets, coin holders — and a variety of other woodcrafts and handcrafted items.

There will be regular drawings for door prizes as well as the opportunity to win a handmade, full-sized quilt.

The quilt drawing has become a featured part of the annual bazaar.

CB&T donated the materials for the 2002 quilt, said event coordinator Renee Doyle, and the quilt was assembled and finished by volunteers Karen Cook and Ann Bingham.

Alabama resident Evelyn Ecton won last year's quilt, a throw-size log cabin design.

"I was very pleased to win it," she said.

Ecton, who took up quilting when she retired 15 years ago, decided to donate a quilt to the Officers' Spouses' Club. She made a Christmas tree wall-hanging that will be one of the door prizes given away at the bazaar. After attending numerous quilting classes and seminars, she now teaches quilting at the Phenix City Senior Center and is a member of the Georgia and Alabama Quilt Guild.

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Two Rooms



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Michael C. Rogers, and Jennifer Trippe perform a scene from *Two Rooms*, a play about the plight of a prisoner of war and his wife's struggle to deal with the situation at home. Shows are 8 p.m. Friday, Saturday, Dec. 6 and 7. There is a 2 p.m. matinee Sunday at the Human Experience Theatre. Call 323-3689 for ticket information.

BCTB cadre deliver letters to students

Families praise 'incredibly terrific kids' with program

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The Wilson Elementary School media center was filled with cadre from the Basic Combat Training Brigade waiting for their assignments.

Eighteen soldiers volunteered to visit Wilson Friday as part of the second annual "Incredibly Terrific Kid Day" to read letters. Once the soldiers received the packets, they delivered them to the classrooms; everyone watched the Veterans Day video produced by Wilson students.

The video, dedicated to U.S. veterans from all branches of the military, featured student interviews with veterans who spoke of the hardships of war and the emotional aspect of returning home without some of their friends.

The veterans illustrated ways students could show their patriotism through learning, community awareness and preparing themselves to serve the nation.

At the end of the video, post commander Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton told the children they too could serve the nation "in any capacity, whatever your skills, whatever your interests."

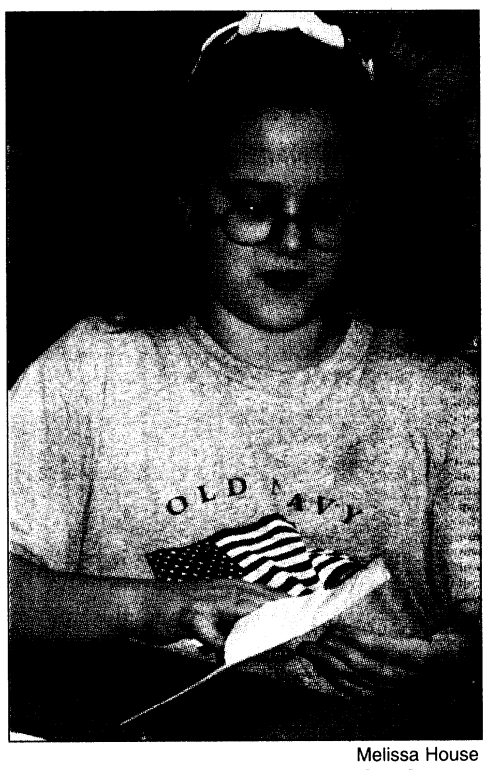
All of the veterans spoke of responding to the call of duty and of having a strong sense of being a part of history and of wanting to do their part right.

After the video, the students waited anxiously to hear the letters written by their parents, grandparents and siblings. No child was without a letter.

In Kim Barrera's third-grade class, the children clapped and cheered as their classmates were called up to hear the letters read by Lt. Col. Brian Dyer, deputy brigade commander. The letters praised the children for their hard work at school and at home for helping with younger siblings and for doing chores.

Dyer gave each student a pencil commemorating the Wilson-BCTB

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Melissa House

Fifth-grader Desireay Anthony opens a letter from her parents Friday as part of Wilson's "Incredibly Terrific Kid Day."

Lawyer shares car buying tips

Read warranty before signing all contracts

Anthony R. Tempesta
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Before you buy a car, remember the two Ws: warranty and written terms of the contract.

Most automobiles come with a warranty, which is a contract that sets out the seller's liability in the event that any mechanical problems develop. An example of warranty coverage might be that the car's transmission will be repaired or replaced if problems occur during the vehicle's first 36,000 miles or 36 months of ownership, whichever occurs first.

A new car will always have a warranty. A buyer of a new car needs to read the warranty carefully before purchasing the vehicle to ensure that it provides significant protection.

Buyers often also purchase an "extended warranty," which is an additional contract that will extend the period of protection on covered repairs. For example, an extended warranty might extend coverage on the vehicle's transmission from 36,000 miles or 36 months of ownership to 60,000 miles or 60 months of ownership.

A used car may not have a warranty. If there is no written warranty, the vehicle is presumed to be sold "as is." "As is" means the vehicle comes with no guarantees. If it breaks down a month later, or a week later, or even on the way home from the used car lot, the seller is not responsible.

As a result, buyers must be extremely careful when purchasing a used car. Most consumer advocates recommend that an interested buyer have an independent mechanic check any used vehicle before signing the sales contract.

This leads to the second point, which is that the written terms of the contract that govern the transaction.

While an oral, or verbal, contract can be binding, the law of contracts states that any writing takes priority over anything spoken. This means that if you verbally agree to something with the salesperson, such as a sales price of $5,500, but the terms of the written contract differ, such as a sales price of $6,000, the written terms control.

It also means that any oral promises that are not in the written contract may not be enforceable. An oral promise by a new car salesman for 10 free oil changes, but a written contract stating one free oil change, means that only one free oil change is guaranteed. For this reason it is extremely important that the terms of the final, written contract are accurate and complete.

A common myth among car buyers is that there is a "three day" or "72-hour rule," meaning that you can return the vehicle to the dealer within 72 hours and have the contract set aside.

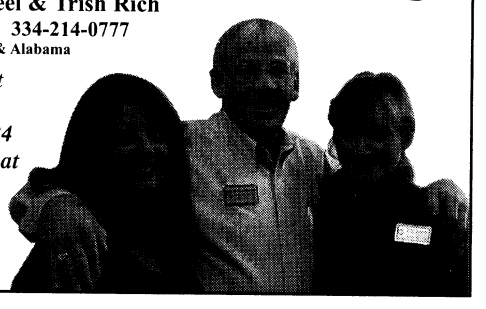
This is not true, however: there is no "three day" or "72-hour rule" on car sales. Once you sign the contract, you are obligated by its terms.

Another common myth among car buyers is that there is some sort of hardship protection if an unexpected event occurs. Suppose the buyer's spouse loses her job, and the family income is cut in half. Or suppose the buyer has a baby, and her ability to pay on her car note is reduced due to the increase in family spending. Isn't that a hardship that can justify canceling the contract? The answer is no. Since contracts are drafted by the seller or finance company, language that would protect the buyer's interests is almost certain not to appear in a standard contract.

Make sure that before you sign the final contract on a car sale, you fully understand the vehicle's warranty, and that the terms of the contract are accurate and contain all of the agreements between the buyer and seller.

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Thanksgiving holiday garbage schedule — Garbage normally picked up on Thursday will be picked up Monday. Garbage pick up will occur as normally scheduled Friday.

For more information, call 545-4232.

Dinner theater auditions — Benning's Backstage will hold auditions for a production of *The Odd Couple* (female version) at 7 p.m. Dec. 9 and 10 at the Main NCO Club. The show is also in need of performers for the talent hour, stagehands, prop designers, painters, make-up and costume artists and experienced light technicians. The show will debut in mid-February.

To volunteer or for more information, call 689-4342.

OSC Holiday Tour of Homes — The Officers' Spouses Club annual Holiday Tour of Homes is Dec. 12. The evening will begin at 5:30 with a social hour at the Officers' Club, featuring entertainment and hors d'oeuvres, followed by the tour of homes at 6:30. There will be 12 homes featured this year, including Riverside, home of the commanding general.

Tickets are required and may be purchased at the OSC Thrift Shop, Bit of Benning Gift Shop or the Officers' Club. Tickets are $12.

For more information, call Brenda Donlin at 685-0642 or Rhonda Ward at 683-9006.

CSU registration for spring semester — Step up to Columbus State University for Spring Semester 2003. Early registration continues through Dec. 20. The completed application deadline is Dec. 13. Freshman orientation is Jan. 2 and classes begin Jan. 6.

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For more information, call the Educational Center at 545-1774.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

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Night of Lights — The annual tricommunity "Night of Lights" celebration for Fort Benning, Columbus and Phenix City will kick off the holiday season at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 at the Phenix City Ampitheatre. Admission to the event is free and concessions will be available. The Infantry Band and school groups from all three communities will provide music for the evening. The first 1,000 children (12 and younger) will receive a free Christmas ornament.

Military Appreciation Days at Dillard's — Dillard's recognizes the sacrifices military and their families make daily; therefore, Dillard's is extending a 20 percent discount to military personnel on purchases made at the store Dec. 4-5. Appliances and electronic merchandise may be purchased with a 10 percent discount.

Guests from the military are asked to save their sales receipts. Upon completing their shopping, guests are asked to take receipts for those two days to Dillard's customer service area and show their valid active or full-time I.D. (Immediate family members shopping on behalf of full-time or activated members of the military who are not present will be asked to present their I.D., which notes they are family of such military personnel.)

Dillard's will deduct the discount from participants' total purchases in the same form of payment they chose to use for those purchases.

Scholarship Pageants — Young women in the Columbus area will have a chance to compete in the Miss Columbus Scholarship and the Teen Miss Columbus Pageants Dec. 7. Both pageants will be held in Legacy Hall at the River Center for the Performing Arts beginning at 7 p.m.

Competition will include talent, evening gown, swimsuit and interview. Those who wish to compete must be between the ages of 17 and 24 and reside or work in Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Chattahoochee, Taylor, Troup, Meriwether, Stewart, Quitman, Marion and Randolph Counties, Fort Benning or attend school at Columbus State University or Andrew College.

There is no entrance fee to compete. The winner will go on to compete in the Miss Georgia Pageant held in June.

General admission is $12 and the public is invited to attend.

For more information or an application to participate, call Mike Owens at 718-2414, Hugh Gregory at (404) 378-7141 or e-mail misscolumbusga@aol.com.

Columbus Reads — Be a volunteer with Columbus Reads Kindergarten Readiness Program Jan. 13 through May 16.

Volunteers need just spend 20 minutes, one day a week with a 4 year old.

For more information, call Deborah Tainsh at 649-1895.

Volunteers needed — Volunteers are needed for the 2002 C.C.S.C., Inc. School Tutorial Program.

Teachers are needed in reading, math and other areas each Saturday during the school term from 10 a.m. to noon at Eddy Middle School at 2100 South Lumpkin Road and Rothschild Middle, Eastway Elementary School at 1136 Hunt Avenue.

For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357, Daisy Honor at 687-8808, the office at 321-9596 or go to Eddy Middle School.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation. The 72-page guide will help people identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S. Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods and other identifying features.

To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** pepperoni pizza, garden salad with dressing, peas and carrots, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** cheeseburger, oven fries, carrot and celery sticks with dip, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** tacos, mexicali corn, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** baked chicken, whipped potatoes, broccoli with cheese sauce, fresh roll, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** ham and cheese wrap, potato wedges, mixed vegetables, fruit, milk, cookie

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Curator to deliver exhibit lecture

National archives expert to discuss documents Dec. 5

Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum

The public is invited to learn more about the landmark documents in "American Originals — Treasures from the National Archives," the major traveling exhibition now on display at the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum.

Stacey Bredhoff, the curator of the exhibition, will deliver a special lecture at the Carter Library and Museum at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 5.

Admission to the lecture is included in the museum admission fee.

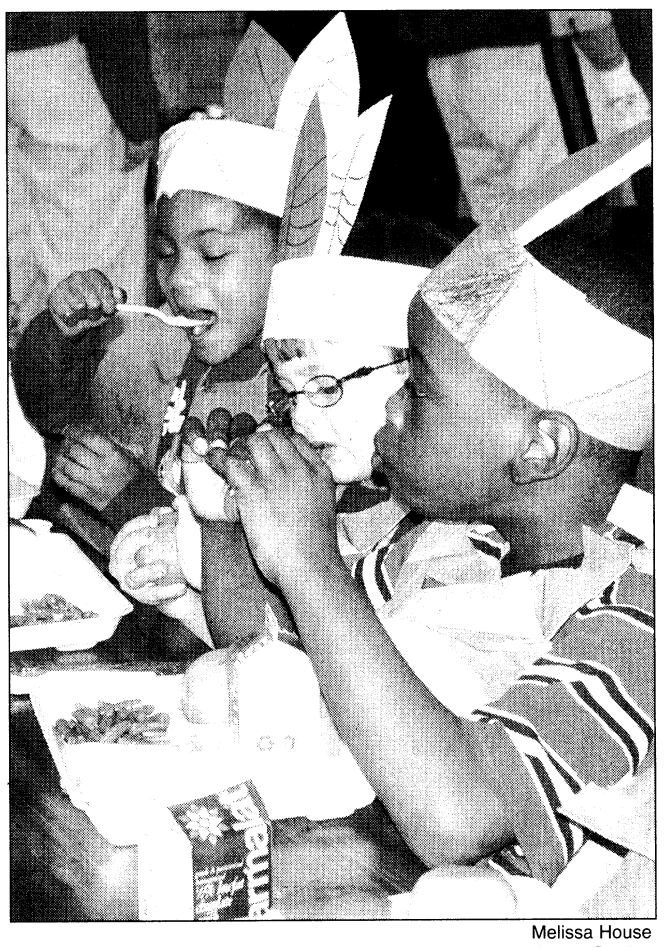
As a curator on the exhibits staff at the National Archives in Washington, D.C., Bredhoff has sifted through the vast holdings of the National Archives to select some of the most compelling and significant documents from American history.

The result is a traveling exhibition of more than 20 of America's most notable documents. Bredhoff will relate the personal and sometimes surprising stories behind such documents as the Louisiana Purchase, the Preliminary Emancipation Proclamation, Thomas Edison's patent for the light bulb, the German Military Surrender from World War II and John F. Kennedy's notes on his inaugural address.

"American Originals" will be on display through Jan. 5. Atlanta is the only venue in the Southeast for this major exhibition. The Jimmy Carter Presidential Library and Museum, one of 10 Presidential Libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration, is located at 441 Freedom Parkway in Atlanta. The Museum is open from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4:45 p.m. on Sunday. Admission to the Carter Library is $5 for adults, $4 for senior citizens and free for children 16 and under. Parking is free. Additional information is available online at www.jimmycarter library.org.

"American Originals" was created by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D.C., and The Foundation for the National Archives.

Mmm



Melissa House

Kindergartners Kamila Latson, left, Cole Blaney and Jeffrey Okeke eat Thanksgiving lunch at White Elementary School Friday. The schools served more than 4,600 Thanksgiving meals to students and their families.

Prepare chitlins properly to prevent pain

Bacteria can cause diarrhea

Georgia Department of Human Resources

If you, like many Georgians, enjoy chitterlings (also called chitlins) at holiday time, you know that cooked chitterlings are safe to eat — but you may not know that bacteria from raw chitterlings can cause severe diarrhea, especially in infants.

Every year in Georgia, children get sick in homes where chitterlings are prepared, even if they didn't actually eat them.

"Although most people know that chitterlings must be carefully cleaned, few realize that the bacteria from raw chitterlings can cause illness by spreading to other foods and to baby bottles, pacifiers and toys.

Infants and small children are at greatest risk of becoming infected," said Kathleen E. Toomey, M.D., M.P.H., director of the Georgia Department of Human Resources Division of Public Health.

"You can prevent this very easily by boiling the chitterlings for five minutes before you clean them, and then by washing everything that touched the chitterlings while they were raw."

Raw chitterlings may contain bacteria such as salmonella or yersinia.

Unlike most bacteria, yersinia survives cold temperatures and can grow inside the refrigerator.

Even those chitterlings sold as "pre-cleaned" need more rinsing and cleaning at home before they are cooked.

While raw chitterlings are being cleaned, bacteria can easily spread to refrigerators, sinks, counter tops, cooking utensils other objects and other foods, either directly or from the hands of the person who is cleaning the chitterlings.

Infection with bacteria from raw chitterlings can cause a disease called enterocolitis, whose symptoms are fever, appendicitis-like stomach pain and bloody diarrhea.

Infants and children with enterocolitis can become severely dehydrated and may need to be hospitalized. The symptoms usually begin three to seven days after contact with the bacteria.

Here are five easy steps to prevent illness from bacteria in raw chitterlings:

Step 1: Boil raw chitterlings for five minutes before cleaning them. This does not affect the taste and will kill harmful bacteria, preventing them from spreading around the kitchen.

Step 2: Always wash hands after touching raw chitterlings and before touching anything or anyone else.

Step 3: While the chitterlings are boiling, wash everything in the kitchen that the raw chitterlings have touched. For cleaning the kitchen, use one tablespoon of bleach mixed in a gallon of water.

Step 4: Clean the chitterlings only after they have been boiled for five minutes. Boiling for five minutes will also make it easier to clean them.

Step 5: Cook cleaned chitterlings as always, and enjoy.

Bazaar: Nears

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Doyle said shoppers must be present to win the door prizes, which will be drawn at regular intervals throughout the bazaar. With more than 100 door prizes, many shoppers will go home with free items.

Serious shoppers can take advantage of child care services available at Tot Town by calling 698-2772 or 698-8698 for reservations. Child care for volunteers is free.

All proceeds from the bazaar go into the OSC Scholarship and Welfare Fund, which provides scholarships for military family members and donations to various organizations on Fort Benning and in the local community.

Santa's Castle will have volunteers manning a table where they can accept donations of new, unwrapped toys. The Bit of Benning Gift Shop will also be open during the bazaar.

For more information, call 682-6212.

Events: Include band concerts

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also serve refreshments to the guests at Riverside.

The family activities include face painting, Christmas karaoke and a reading corner. Two groups from Faith, the dance team and the choral group, "The Entertainers," will perform twice during the evening.

Families can support the BOSS program by purchasing photos of their children with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

Events in the tricommunity area begin with the third annual Night of Lights at 6 p.m. Dec. 5 along the Riverwalks of both Columbus and Phenix City.

The Night of Lights offers a twinkling winter wonderland to capture the magic of the holiday season.

As part of the event, a brass quintet from the Infantry Band will perform holiday music in the Phenix City Ampitheatre.

The Infantry Band is also offering a free concert at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8 at the RiverCenter. Concert goers must have tickets for the event. Tickets are available at the RiverCenter box office and at the Omega Travel Office at the Main Mall Post Exchange.

The band will march in the Bi-City parade at 10 a.m. Dec. 14.

Band members will also perform four Christmas Carol Concerts in the housing areas.

Concert times are 6 to 7:30 p.m. on the following dates:

- Dec. 10 — McGraw Manor,
- Dec. 12 — Custer Terrace,
- Dec. 17 — Bouton Heights and Davis Hills,
- Dec. 19 — Main Post (includes East and West Main Post, Indianhead and Upatoi Terrace).

Lights: Sparkle

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Twelve Days of Christmas, Nature's Wonderland and Callaway's newest scene, The Enchanted Rainbow Forest, where pixies sprinkle magic dust and transform a winter landscape into a springtime flower garden.

Over the river and through the woods, the tour winds through 18 animated light displays, rivaling anything Disney ever produced.

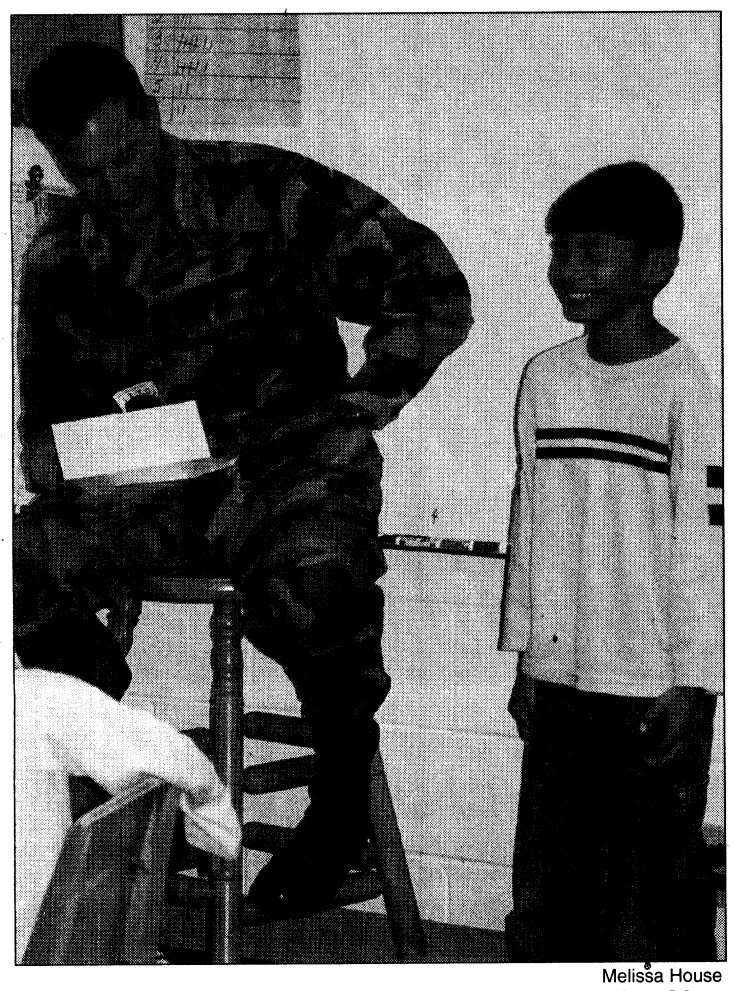
In between scenes, trolley riders join in rousing rounds of Christmas carols. For just an hour, all the world is a stage, and you're right smack-dab in the middle of it. It's take-you-back-to-your-childhood fun.

Even here in the South, where the weather's mostly mild, it can bit a bit nippy on the open air trolley. Be sure to bundle up accordingly and take along a lap blanket.

Callaway's Fantasy In Lights is open through Dec. 28. Tickets to tour in your own vehicle are $12 plus tax for adults and $6 plus tax for children 6-12. Trolley tickets are $14 plus tax for adults, $7 plus tax for children. Children 5 and younger are admitted free but require a "free child" ticket. Group rates are available.

Though Fantasy In Lights is open all week, reservations are required Friday through Sunday and Dec. 13-28. Call (800) CALLAWAY.

For more information, visit Fantasy In Lights at www.callawaygardens.com.



Melissa House

Lt. Col. Brian Dyer reads a letter to third-grader Alex Gusman in Kim Barrera's class Friday.

Partnership: Earns award

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partnership as he handed them their letters and gave the students a short pep talk.

"You are great kids," he said, "and you can all be patriotic by doing well in school and by being respectful to your parents and teachers."

Back in the media center, the cadre members shared their feelings about the video and the letters.

"I was touched," said Sgt. 1st Class Paul Oden, the brigade security manager and partnership in education coordinator.

"These kids put together an awesome video. It's the best one I've seen, and the kids did it."

The soldiers shared experiences from the classrooms they visited. The children expressed their gratitude to the soldiers by saluting them, offering nickels, hugs and even presenting one reader with a toy car.

"This is a good thing for the kids," said Margaret Koger, Wilson's gifted education teacher.

"Even the toughest of boys were touched by what their parents wrote to them."

Oden said that the BCTB volunteers have some form of contact with the students monthly.

The cadre adopt individual classes, he said, and work on building a good soldier-child relationship.

The Wilson-BCTB partnership earned a gold award at last year's regional Partnership in Education meeting.

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Video honors veterans

Wilson Elementary School

Gifted education students from Wilson School presented a video to their Partners in Education, the Basic Combat Training Brigade, in honor of Veterans Day. The video, entitled, "What Is This Thing We Call Patriotism — Lessons In Valor," included interviews with veterans and active-duty soldiers.

"We have wanted to do a special tribute to our veterans for several years," said Margaret Koger, gifted education teacher. "This year, the timing was right. The students have learned so much from our Partners through our Army Values emphasis, and they have come to an appreciation of what our veterans did for us in the past.."

Students began their work on the project by interviewing soldiers, including Major Gen. Paul Eaton, post commanding general and Col. Tom Cole, BCTB commander, as well as many members of BCTB.

The students asked these soldiers three basic questions: What is patriotism? How can children demonstrate patriotism? In what ways are children today more or less patriotic than in the past?

This observation led students to question whether people who had served in the military still felt patriotic after having been exposed to dangerous, combat experiences.

The next step was to gather film footage of veterans who shared their thoughts about having to leave their families.

Students were impressed with the comments of World War II veterans Jack Gill and John Hagler. Gill said that while combat had been rough, seeing the flag waving "still brings tears to my eyes.

Hagler spoke of love of country and went on to say that, "Even now, if another nation threatened us, I wouldn't mind at all — even though I'm a lot older — doing my part again, doing whatever I could to harass the enemy."

Through interviews with Jan Beer and Wayne Andrews, Vietnam veterans, and John Mitchell, veteran of Grenada, students learned that duty enhances patriotic spirit and is a sign of maturity.

Through his interview, Eaton explained how students can demonstrate their patriotism.

"I want our students to be ready," Eaton said. "I want you to be physically fit, morally straight, and I want you to get the most out of school that you can."

This will help students, when they become adults, Eaton said. To be prepared for service to their country through whatever capacity they may be called.

"I am very pleased with the outcome of the project," said Wanda Person, media specialist.

"The video brings together a lot of things that have been happening in our school. It ties together our work with Lynn Cheney's book, *America, A Patriotic Primer*, with regard to ideas of patriotism, valor, and heroes; and it demonstrates that our students have internalized the messages that they get from the soldiers of BCTB who talk with them monthly about Army values."

PETS OF THE WEEK





Courtesy photos

This cat and dog are available for adoption at the Fort Benning Vet Clinic. For more information on adopting a pet, call the clinic at 545-4444.

Student dreams of being astronaut

Wilson Elementary School

Wilson Elementary School fifth-grade student Brittany Bullock, daughter of Sgt. Joe and Patricia Fieldings, was recently selected to participate in the Young Astronaut Program at Columbus State University's Coca-Cola Space Science Center.

The Young Astronaut Program, which is part of the Young Astronaut Council, is the largest youth aerospace organization in the world. Formed by the White House in 1984, the mission of the program is to help youth experience the fun and adventure of learning.

The Coca-Cola Space Science Center currently has two Young Astronaut Chapters, a pilot chapter for grades five and six and a commander chapter for grades seven and eight. There are 25 students in each chapter and groups meet once a month. Selection for the Coca-Cola Space Science Center YAP chapters is based on answering questions related to space topics and essay writing.

Brittany is excited about being the first student from Wilson to participate in the program.



Courtesy photo

Brittany Bullock, left, receives an award from Principal Phyllis Parker.

"I can't wait to find out what we'll be doing at our monthly meetings. I think it's great that we'll have connections with real astronauts at NASA."

Brittany is also excited about meeting other fifth-graders around the area.

The Young Astronaut Program is not Brittany's only honor. She is also the first student at Wilson to be awarded a grant from the school's Horace Williams Memorial Scholarship Fund. Named for Fort Benning School Superintendent Dell McMullen's late father, the fund was established to provide awards for academic excellence to deserving students.

Brittany's teachers agree that the hard-working fifth-grader was an excellent choice to be the first recipient.

"Brittany certainly meets the criteria for the scholarship fund," said science teacher Brooke Plemmons. "She always goes the extra mile in all of her work."

Fourth-graders create businesses

Wilson Elementary School

Running a successful business requires a balance between hard work and fun. Just ask the students in Jennifer Brown's fourth-grade social studies classes. For the past several weeks, the students have studied economics and its relationship to the free enterprise system.

After learning basic economic terms and how they connect to our economy, students were given the task of creating an imaginary product and designing an eye-catching advertisement.

In the process, students were introduced to many aspects of business, including what a business is, the different jobs within a business, how to obtain funding to start a business and how to design a cost effective product while maintaining quality.

Brown believes students get excited about learning in this type of environment.

"Teaching the basics of entrepreneurship and economics helps to engage students in activities that reinforce math, science, art and language skills," Brown said. "It is also a great way to encourage cooperation."

Because the project involved hands-on learning, students were able to make connections between what they were learning in school and what happens in the business world. They were able to engage in problem-solving and decision-making skills.

"I think this type of project is important because it exposes students to real-world information through a hands-on experience," Brown said. "Students experienced what it was like to start up a business; they didn't just learn it."

Fourth-grader Sadie Sabatino agrees.

"I liked doing the project because it was fun," Sabatino said. "Coming up with ideas and creating my advertisement was challenging. My mom helped, and she enjoyed it too."

Lauren Gerber enjoyed doing the background work for her project.

"I liked using the computer to help with the research," Gerber said. "I would really like to make and sell my Karaoke Party Machine."

Auditions for adults and children 10 and older for the Human Experience Children's Theatre production of "The Little Mermaid," will be held Dec 2-3 at 6 p.m. at the Human Experience Theatre. For more information, call 323-3689

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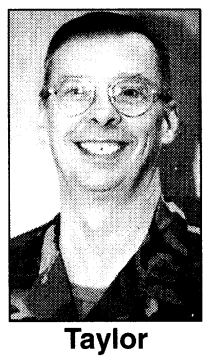
Don't we have a lot to be thankful for? This holiday most of us will eat too much, spend time with those we love, relax and just have a good time. It is pretty easy to be thankful for all the good things we're blessed to enjoy, but it is quite different to be thankful in all things.

Those pilgrim families that we think about this time of year were very thankful that November 1621. (Actually it was October, but that doesn't matter here.)

They had food to eat, were at peace with their neighbors and had survived the first difficult year in their new world.

But times were tough. Crops were meager. Disease had taken its toll.

REFLECTIONS


Taylor

Fresh supplies from England had not arrived. Many had died from disease and starvation.

Just a few years before, in 1607, Martin Reinkardht, a pastor in a small town in Germany, was having a tough time finding things to be thankful for.

The Thirty Years War was raging in Europe and his area of the country had suffered greatly.

Famine had swept the land, and in one year, 6,000 people died of a plague. Reinkardht buried his own wife and children.

Yet, in the midst of great personal suffering he wrote these words:

Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love
and still is ours today.
O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

The Christian faith affirms that in the midst of all sorts of difficulties, we can turn to our God in praise, being thankful in all things.

CHAPEL NOTES

Carols by Candlelight — The fourth annual Carols by Candlelight will at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at the Infantry Center Chapel.

The program will present music of the holidays. In addition to choral and youth group presentations, Cy Dietrich, music teacher at Dexter Elementary School, will sing, as will Joy Dillow of Columbus.

The program will last about an hour and is free to the public.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The program each week includes a time of music and worship, fellowship and study.

Child care is provided.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Club Beyond — The chapel youth group sponsored by the Protestant chapels meets from 4 to 6 p.m. every Sunday. All teens are invited to the programs, which include group study, recreation and worship.

Many special activities are provided on other days. The club meets at the chapel youth center beside Gowdy Baseball Stadium.

For more information, call 545-2359.

Sunday School — Protestant religious education classes for children and adults are at 9 a.m. Sundays at White Elementary School.

Transportation from the housing areas is available and child care is provided.

For more information, call 545-4715.

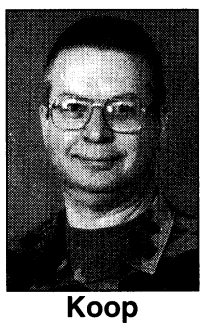
Matchmaking leaves much to be desired

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

The concept is intriguing. Singles get together to meet and assess each other for three minutes at a time before moving to another potential date.

What are the benefits? Singles can quickly meet others from outside their normal social groups. They aren't restricted to personal ads or online dating services with dated photographs and inflated resumes.

They can quickly screen through those they don't want to know better. If the person makes a good initial impression, they can make further contact and go out for coffee or a date. If they don't generate a "spark," they can move on to the next potential relationship. Unlike a blind date that doesn't "click," they don't have to waste the rest of the evening.


Koop

Structured round-robin introductions aren't for everyone. Some people find it difficult to "sell" themselves in just three minutes. They feel like they are on an assembly line or on display in a meat market.

Looks, jobs and goals are a small part of a relationship. Emotional maturity, caring and kindness, personal values, loyalty and trust, and wisdom are not easily assessed in three minutes.

For me, today's "fast-food" approach to life leaves a lot to be desired. Old-fashioned socials and parties still afford opportunities to meet new people without being on an assembly line. People are free to move on to someone else if the person they've met isn't interesting.

Do you feel that you're on the sidelines watching life pass you by? Free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop@benning.army.mil.

Then Jesus said to his disciples; "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes."
Luke 12: 22-23

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

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Weekday Mass

Noon Monday- Thursday	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

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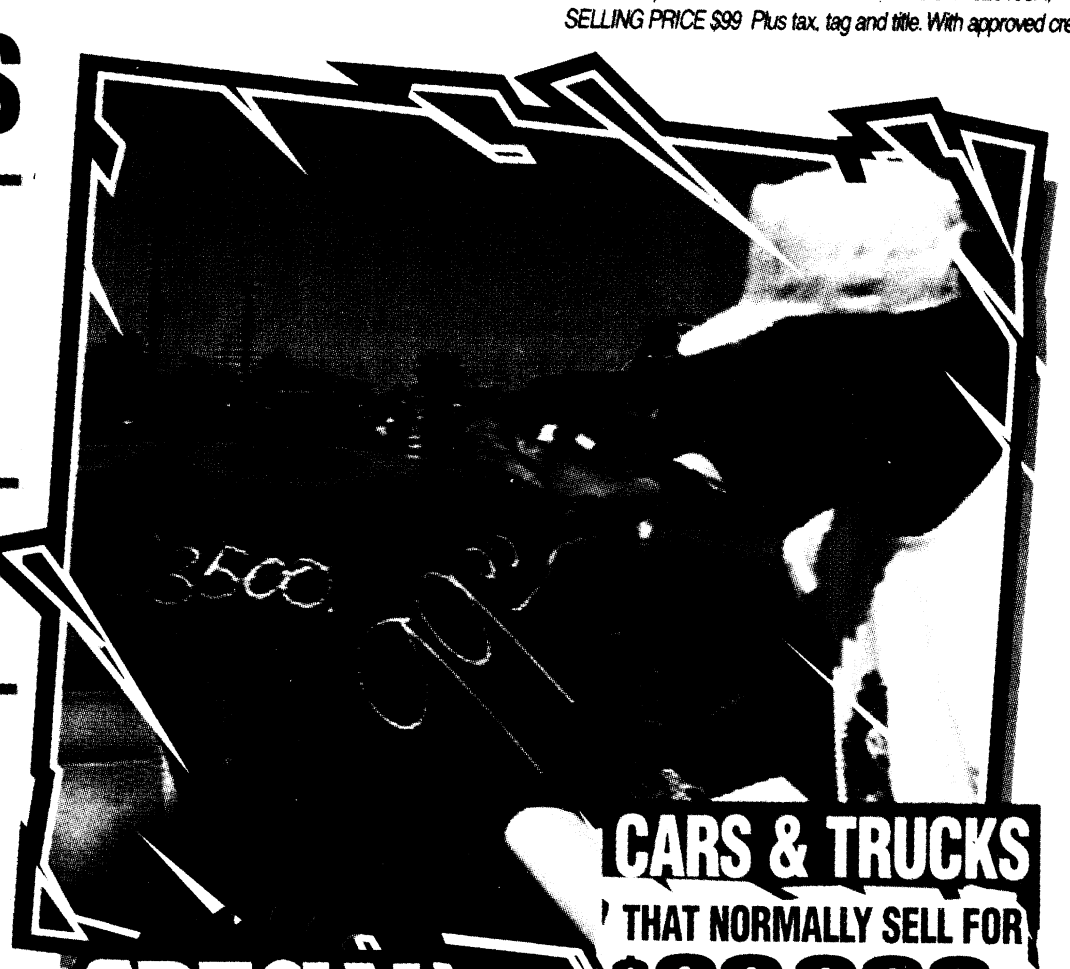
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SPORTS

SECTION C

Road Dogs sneak past Head Hunters

104th soldiers take victory in overtime

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The 104th Transportation Company Road Dogs clawed their way to a 14-13 victory over the Head Hunters, pushing their record to 11-1 and making them a favorite for the post intramural football playoffs.

Numerous blunders and an abundance of penalties for both teams left the game scoreless at halftime.

"We made a lot of critical mistakes in the first half," said Carlton T. Glenn, Road Dogs' coach. "Our biggest problem was poor execution."

Both teams came out of halftime like gladiators. The energy levels hit the roof, and the players started hitting the ground.

The Head Hunters quarterback threw a javelin to the endzone, giving them a 6-0 lead.

The Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Head Hunters met little resistance as they slipped across the line for the extra point.

Tempers began to swell as the Road Dogs drove their way down field. Officials had to separate two of the players to avoid a scuffle. The game was on after both teams got a brief lecture on football etiquette.

As the clock ran down, the Road Dogs slipped into the endzone and matched the Head Hunters with an easy extra point.

"We just stuck to the fundamentals and ran the ball," Glenn said. "We did what we had to do and took care of business."

With the score tied at 7-7, the game was forced into overtime, with the Road Dogs in possession.

They slipped by the Head Hunters' defense, reaching the goal line on a fourth down. Dorinzo Walters plowed his way through the Head Hunters defense for the extra point in the game winning play.

Once the Head Hunters got their hands on the ball, Donte Brown pushed his way to the endzone on a second down.

With the outcome of the game riding on one last play, both teams squared off in silence.

The Head Hunters tried for a pass to the endzone, and it was easily smacked down by the Road Dogs.

"This was a motivational game," Glenn said. "We were able to capitalize on the plays we wanted to run, and we used everything the Head Hunters defense gave us.

"I was never worried. I know the team will always come through."

"I feel really good about the win," said Fred Hamilton, Road Dogs' quarterback. "No one person is responsible for this. The credit goes to the whole team."

Special Olympians compete at Peach Lanes

Winter Games build character, work motor skills

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The Muscogee County Special Olympics 2002 Winter Games were held at Peach Lanes Bowling Alley Friday.

The bowlathon-type competition filled the building with Special Olympians and volunteers from Georgia and Alabama. Most of the volunteers came from Glenwood High School's Partners Club, with more than 100 students who volunteer their time in the community.

Other schools in the area also provided help with the event. Students from Dexter Elementary partnered with athletes from Loyd Elementary.

"I think it's important for the students to have a community service project," said Marge Brasfield, gifted teacher at Dexter Elementary. "We discussed several projects, and the students chose this one. I've been impressed with the progress of their interaction and the things they've been able to do together. All you have to do is watch their faces, and you'll understand."

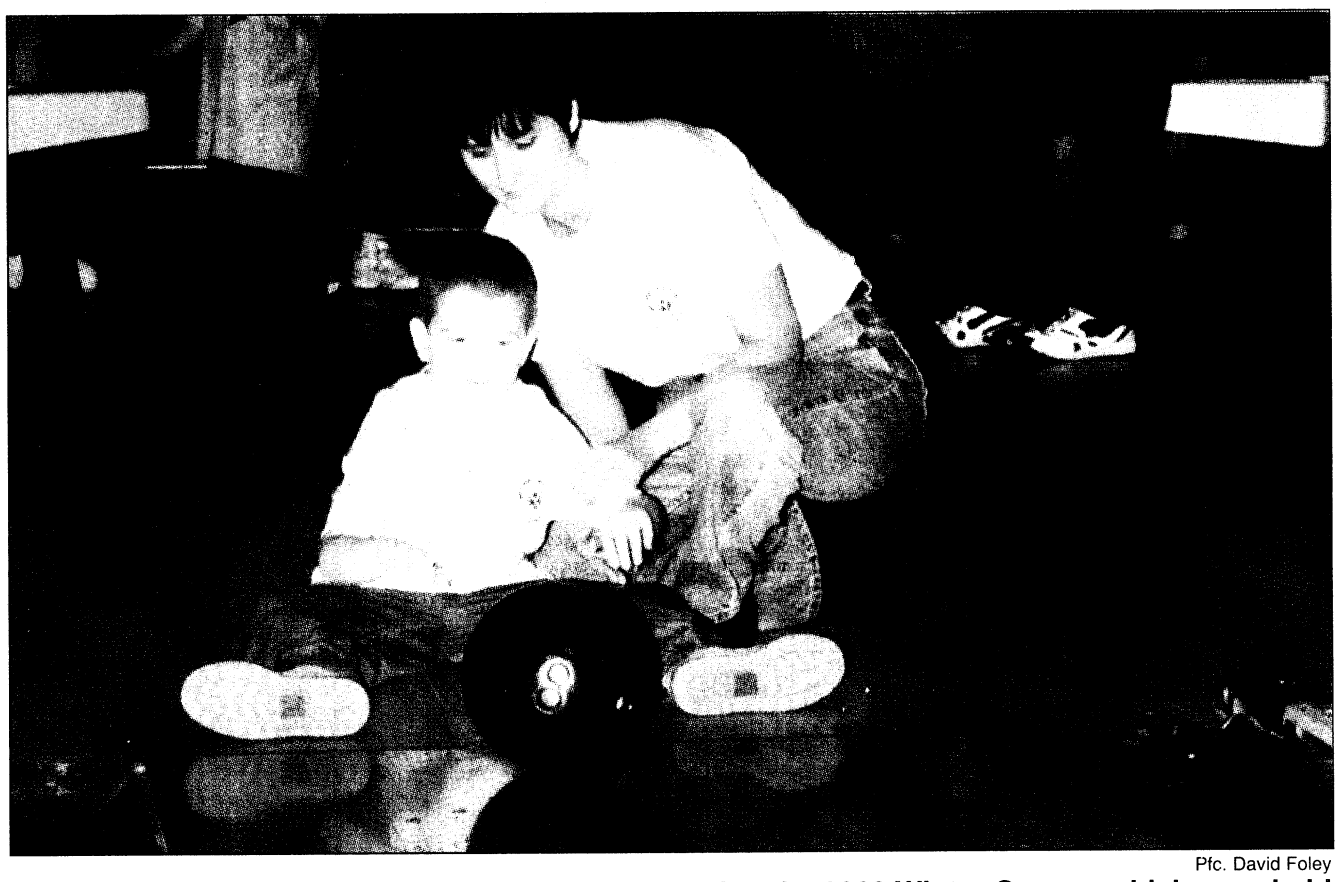
Many of the athletes and volunteers made new friends during the event.

"It made me feel good to see them being happy," said Hillary Hare, a fifth-grade volunteer from Dexter. "It just feels good to see someone who is so happy. They just burst out in laughter. Every part of this is great."

"The Special Olympics is an excellent opportunity for everyone involved," said Mable Wilson, special education teacher at Loyd. "It builds character, gets the children out in the community, works on their motor skills and makes them a part of what's going on around them."

One athlete who has been involved with the Special Olympics for the last 16 years has pushed his limits and reaped the rewards.

Michael Cureton, a Columbus High School graduate, was on hand to tell his success story with the Special Olympics. Cureton was in ROTC at high school and always wanted to be a soldier. He started going to the Special Olympics track and field competitions because he liked to see the color guard. He later went on to compete in the Special Olympics World Games in 1999 and spent a day in basic combat training. Cureton received a certificate of graduation from 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, and was invited to the Ranger Ball.



Pfc. David Foley

Libby Campos, right, helps Joshua Payne bowl during the 2002 Winter Games, which were held at Peach Lanes Bowling Alley Friday.

"The military has really helped me out a lot," Cureton said. "The Army is great."

"Soldier involvement is a good thing, and the athletes really enjoy it," said Staff Sgt. Steve Tinney, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 29th Infantry Regiment, and a volunteer coordinator for Fort Benning. "The military is really a big deal to the athletes, and it gives us a chance to do something for the community.

"We expect to get about 300 volunteers from the Army for the Spring Games, and we encourage all soldiers to volunteer. It can really make a difference in somebody's life," Tinney said.

For more information about volunteering call Staff Sgt. Steve Tinney at 544-6319.

Soldiers travel west, find gold, silver in Colorado

Paula J. Randall Pagán
USAMU Public Affairs

Shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit of Fort Benning have scored some major victories recently.

The following results are some of their accomplishments over the past month:

• Olympic Training Center Smallbore Elite Finals, Colorado Springs, Colo., Nov. 14-17 — USAMU international rifle shooter Spc. Mary K. Elsass took the Gold Medal in the Stand Finale, which Maj. Michael E. Anti got the Bronze. Spc. Trevor D. Gathman brought home the Gold Medal in the Stand Final II, with Elsass taking the Bronze. Gathman also got the Silver Medal in the Stand Final III match and the Bronze Medal in the Stand Final I match. Anti received the Silver Medal and Gathman the Bronze in the Prone Final I.

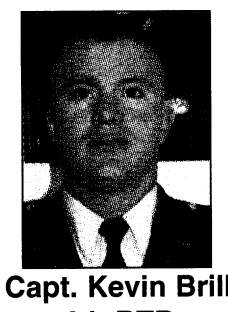
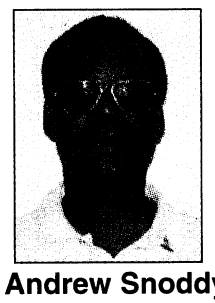
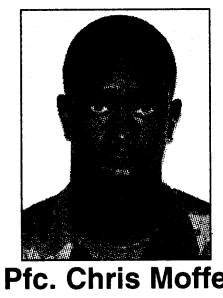
• National Rifle Association 2700 Regional Championship, Phoenix, Ariz., Nov. 15-17 — Service pistol shooter Staff Sgt. Thomas A. Rose won the overall Grand Aggregate; he also won the Center Fire and .45-Caliber Matches and took second place in the .22-Caliber Match.

Sgt. 1st Class Roger C. Jacobson finished in third place in the Grand Aggregate and placed second in the Center Fire Match. Staff Sgt. Gregory S. Wilson won the .22-Caliber Match, in which Sgt. Adam E. Sokolowski was third.

• U.S. Practical Shooting Association Area 2 Championships, Mesa, Ariz., Nov. 7-10 — Action pistol shooter Spc. Maxient J. Michel beat 370 other competitors to win the Area 2 Championship; he was also the winner in the Military Division and Junior Division.

Staff Sgt. Julie A. Goloski took second place in the Women's Division and the Military Division.

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note: Picks are made by Tuesday morning.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Aerobics classes — The Officers' Club Fitness Center is offering fitness classes that include step aerobics, toning, abdominal exercises and circuit training.

Enrollment is open to active-duty, family members, retired military and Department of Defense civilians.

Classes are 5-6:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9-10 a.m. Saturday. Classes are $25 a month for members and $30 nonmembers.

For more information, call 687-0871.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Hunter Safety — The next Georgia Hunter Safety Course will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 in Classroom 8 at Infantry Hall. Persons who wish to attend will have to preregister by calling the Central Reservation System at (800) 864-7275. There is a $4 call in registration fee. Online registration is available free at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or www.georgiawildlife.com. No walk-ins are allowed.

For more information, call 545-4812.

Self-defense classes — Youth Services Tae Kwon Do classes have begun.

The classes will be held in the Youth Services Gym, Building 1055 and will be open to youth family members ages 6 to 18, of active duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

All students must be registered with the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, located on Custer Road in Building 11304, prior to signing up for classes at YS Building 1056.

For more information on class days and times, call 545-3070.

Riding lessons — The Fort Benning Hunt Club now offers riding lessons to children 6 and older.

The riding styles are English and western. The lessons are 30 minutes for $15.

For more information, call 689-3945 or 687-6937.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@ usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road.

The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range.

Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Basketball camp — Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

The camp is invitation only.

Boys and girls ages 10 to 19 are eligible to apply. Camp locations include Atlanta.

For a free brochure, call (704) 373-0873 or access the Web site www.tenstarcamp.com.

Sport shooting — Chattahoochee Clays, of Phenix City, is sponsoring Military Appreciation Day at their shooting range. Active-duty military will receive a free membership valued at $150. Discount prices for clay shooting are available.

For more information, call (334) 297-1910.

Riverdragons — Season tickets for the National Basketball Development League's Columbus Riverdragons are now on sale. Special prices are available.

For more information, visit www.nba.com/nbdl/columbus/tickets.html or call 225-1100.

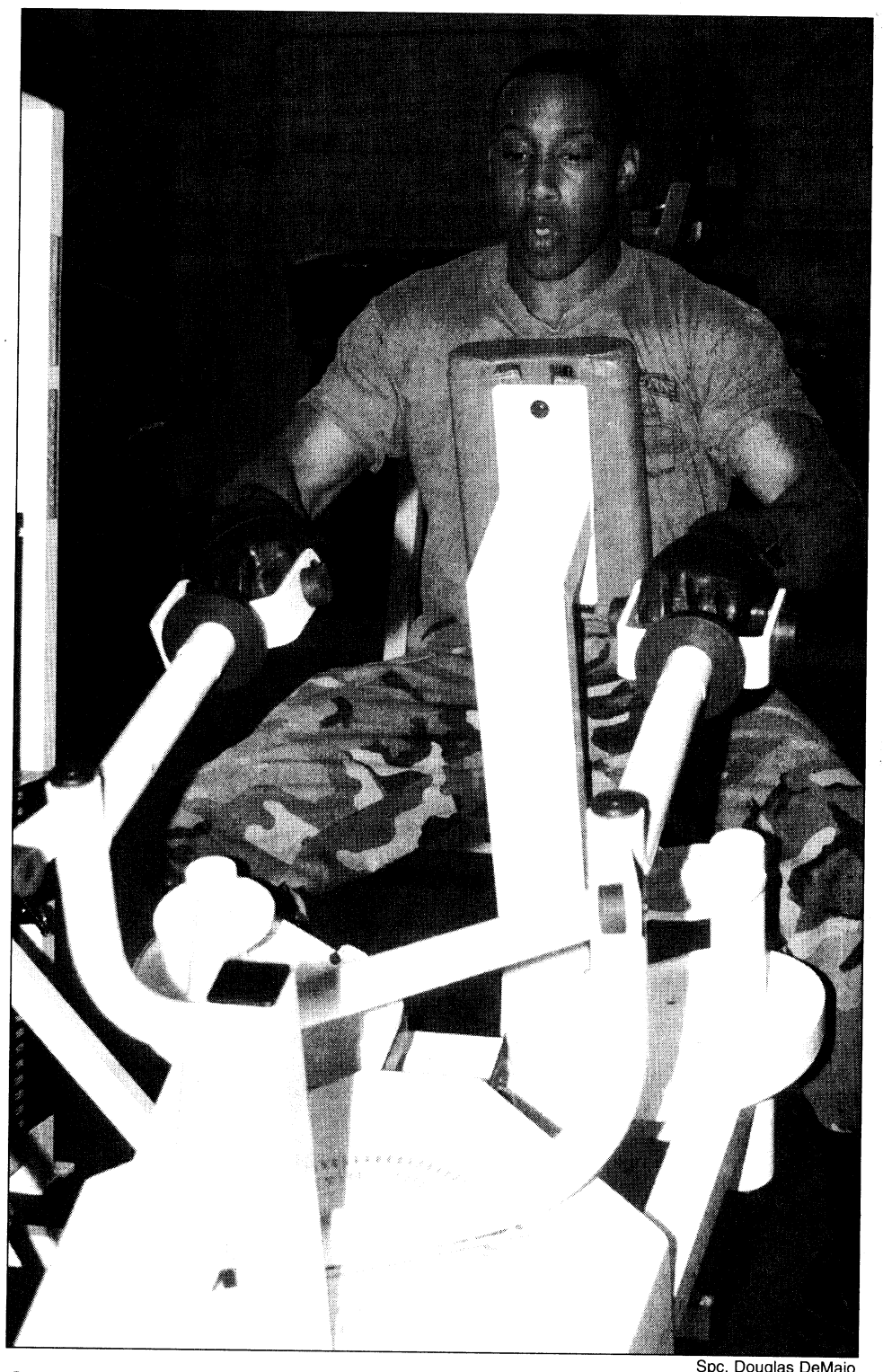
Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tourneys at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament rounds begin at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

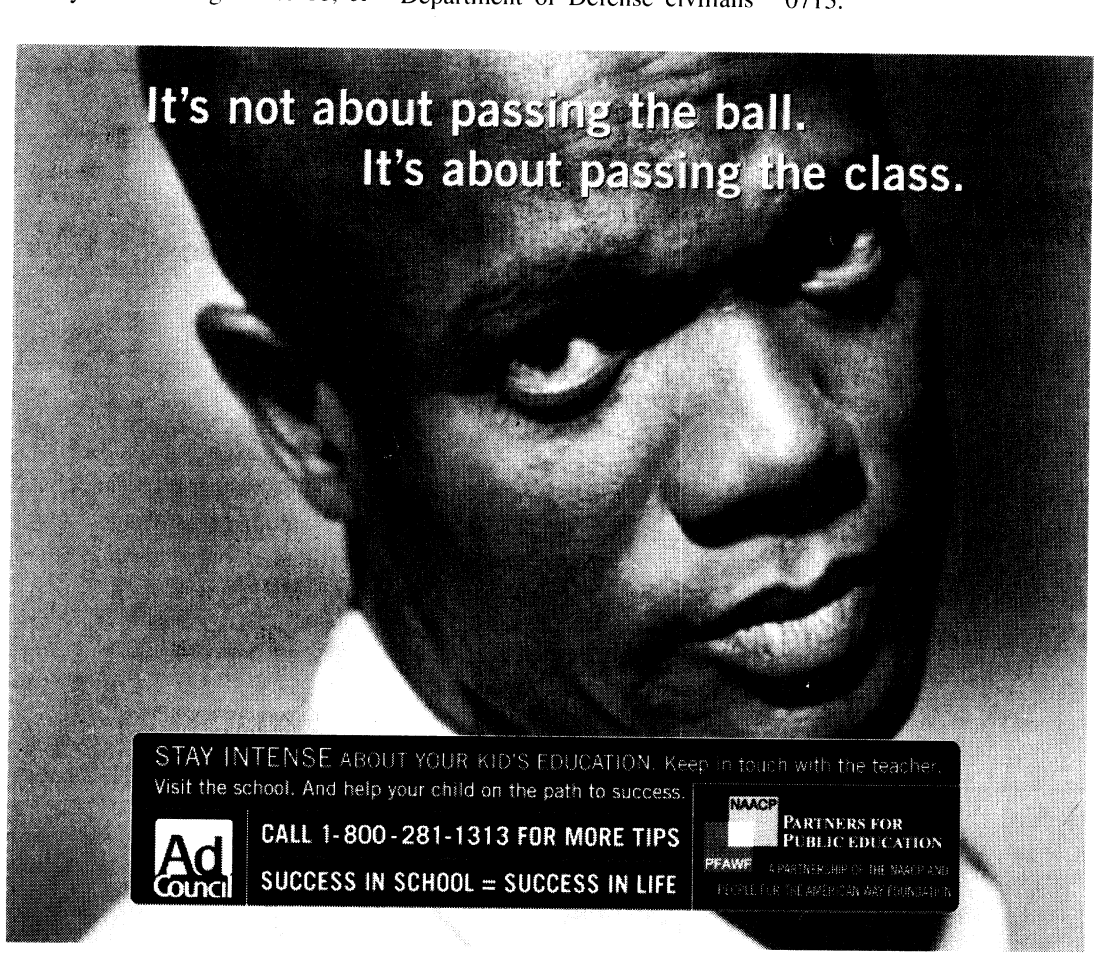
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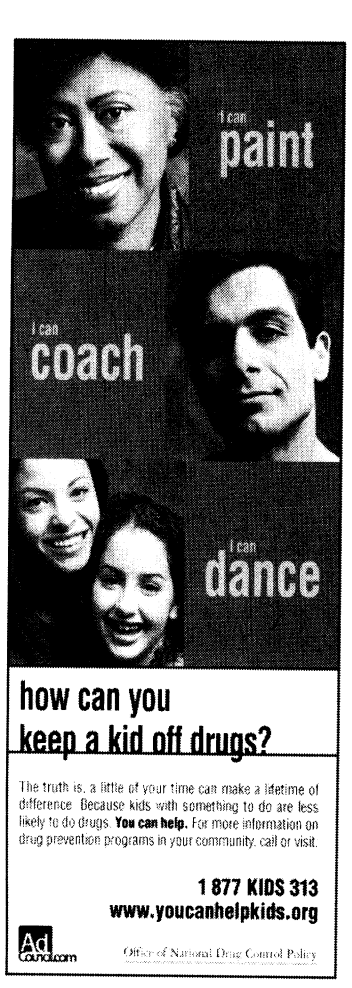
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Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Sgt. Xavier Butler, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment, works out at the newly renovated Briant Wells Field House. The new equipment was moved in Nov. 14. Butler said he likes the layout of the gym and believes the new equipment will offers soldiers more variety in their workouts.





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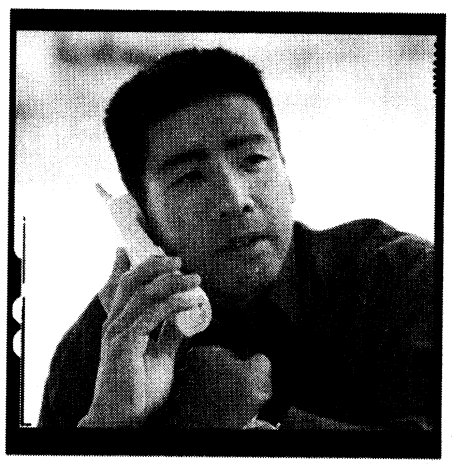
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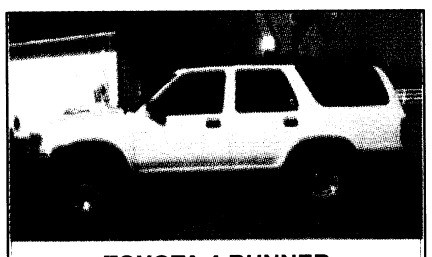
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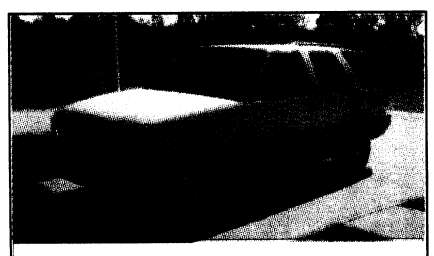


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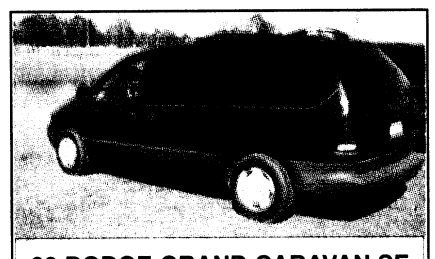
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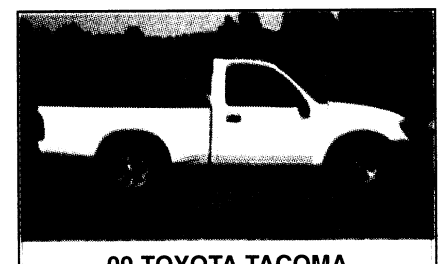
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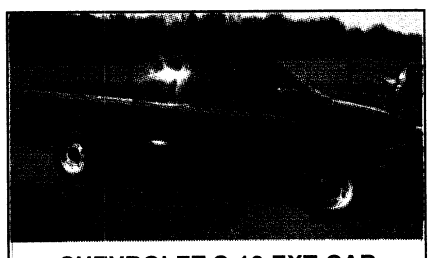


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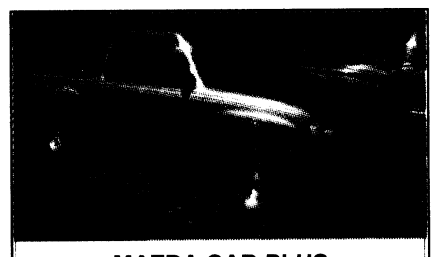
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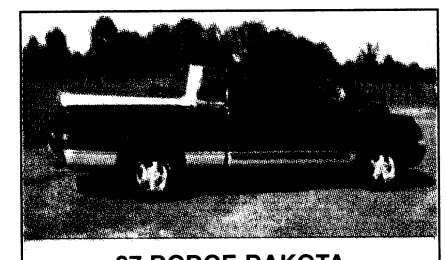
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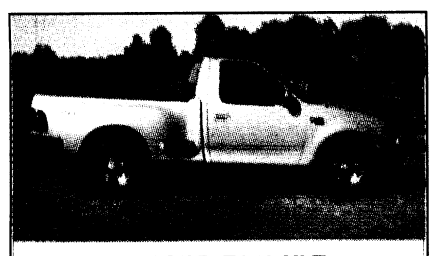


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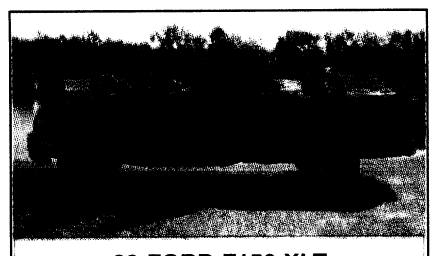


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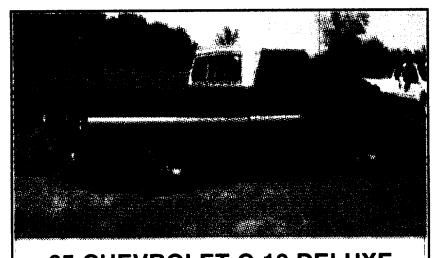
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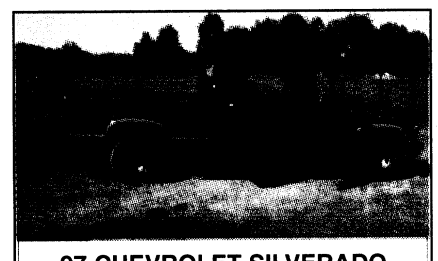
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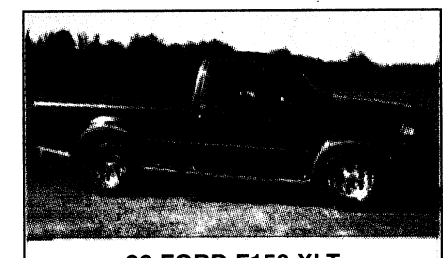
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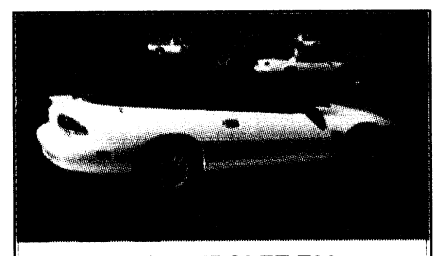
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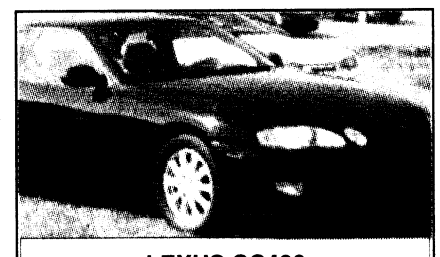
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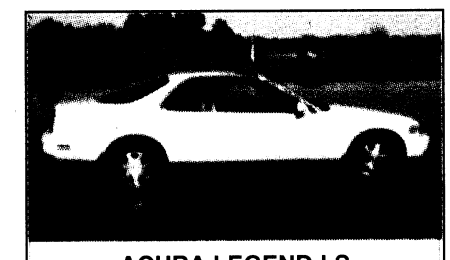
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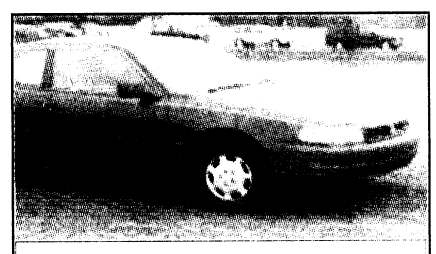


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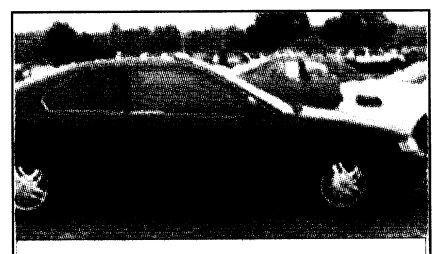


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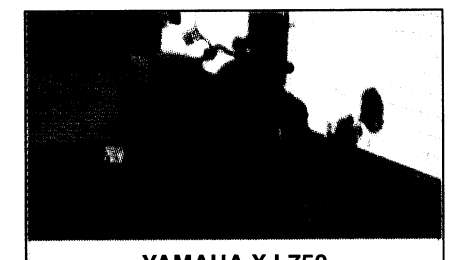


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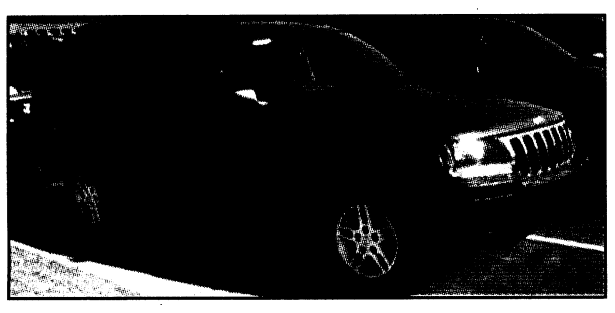
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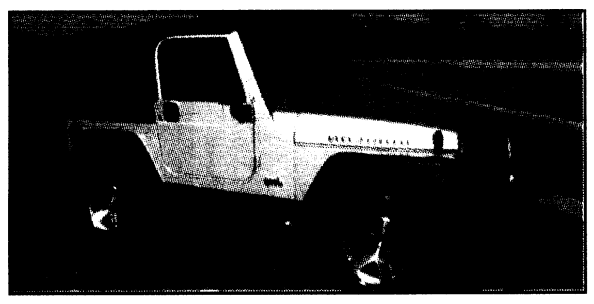
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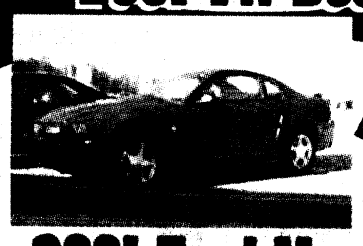
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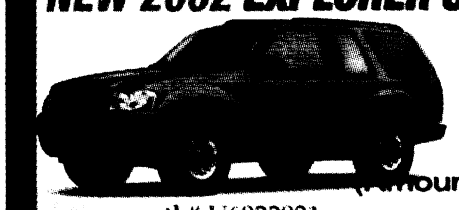
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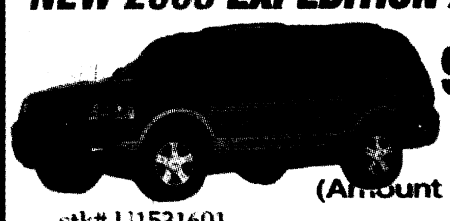
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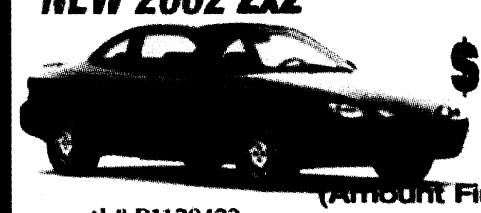
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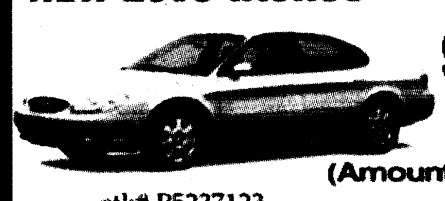
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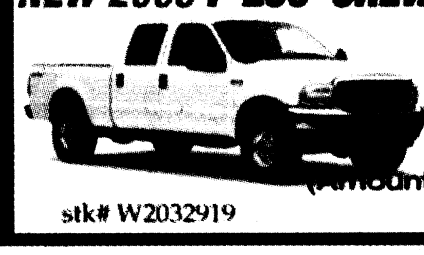
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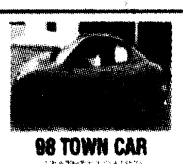
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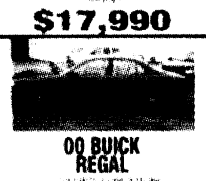
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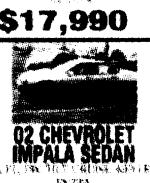
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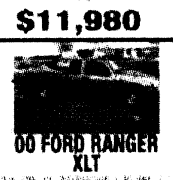
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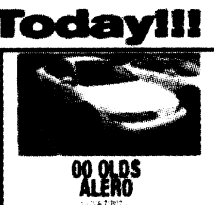
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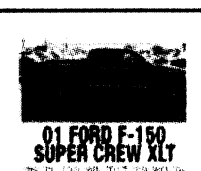
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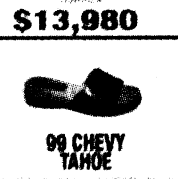
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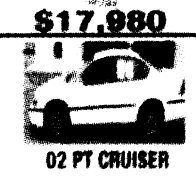
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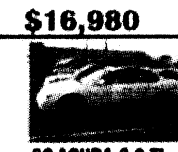
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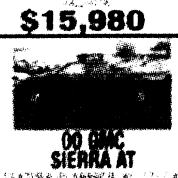
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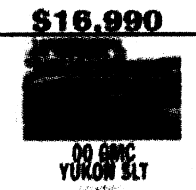
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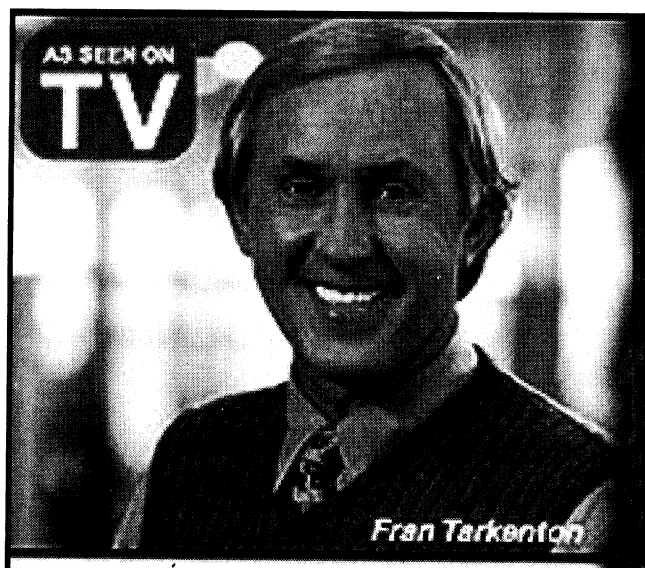
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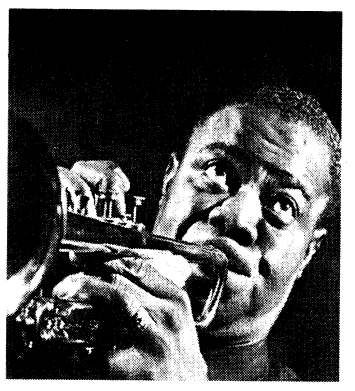
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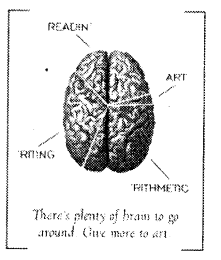


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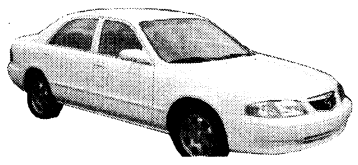
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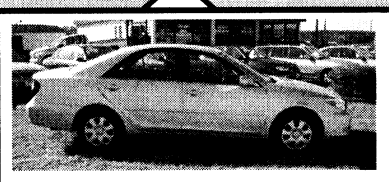
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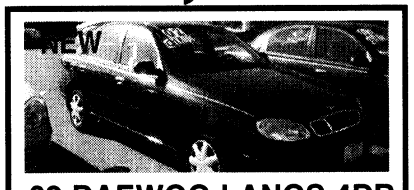
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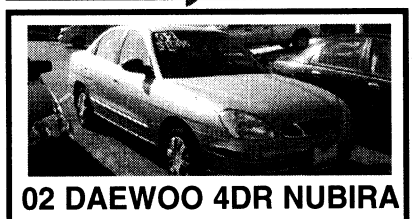
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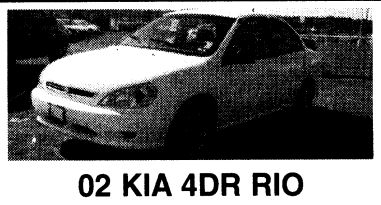
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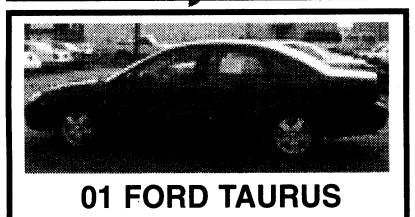
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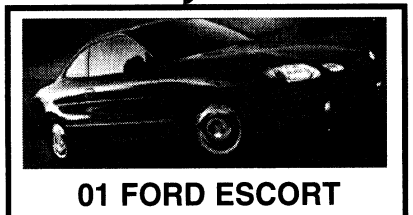
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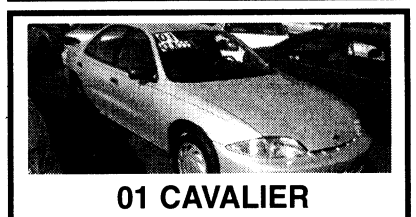
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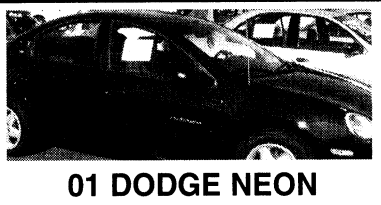
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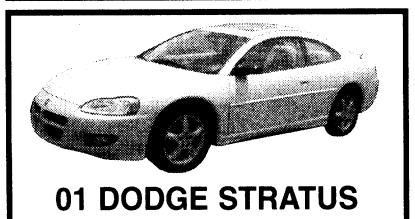
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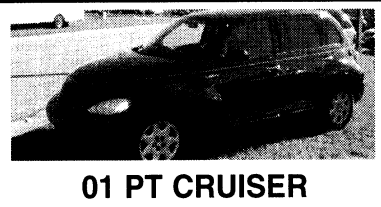
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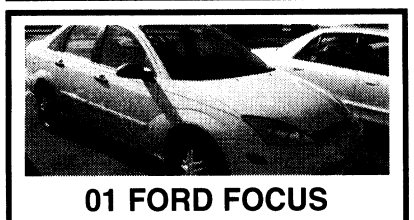
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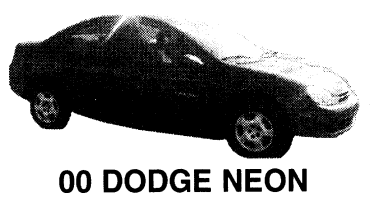
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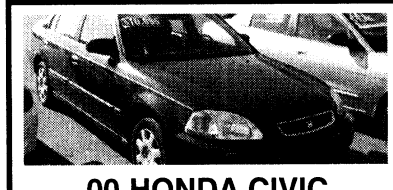
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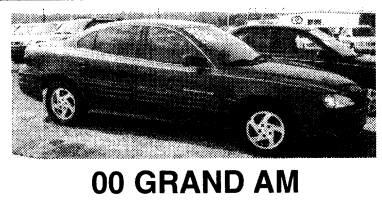
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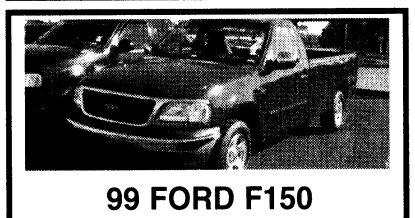
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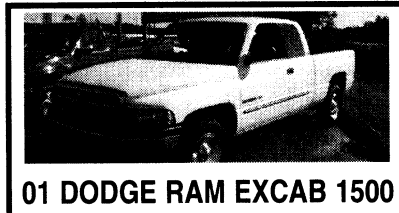
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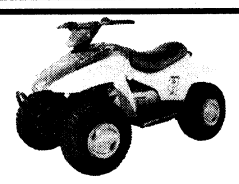
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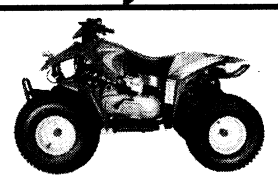
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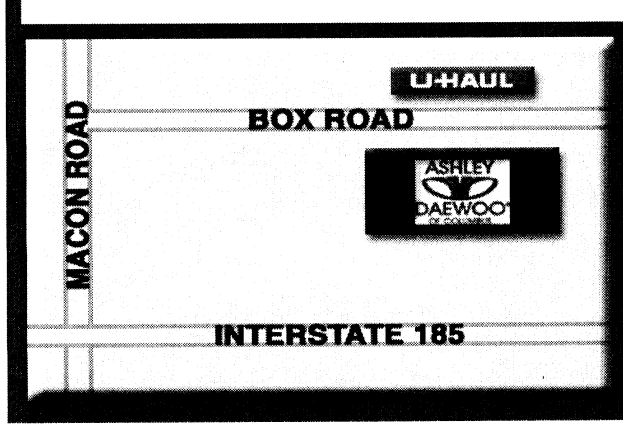
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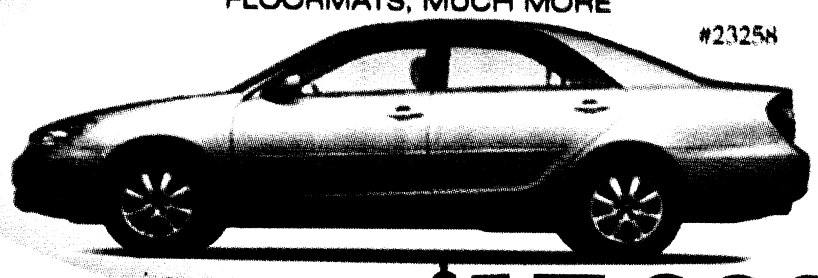
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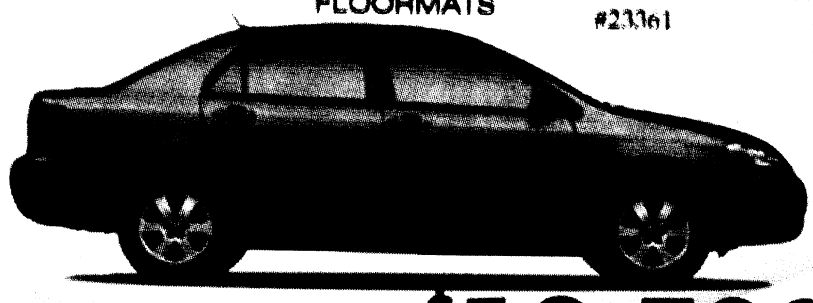
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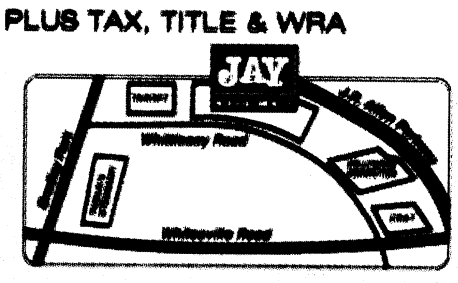
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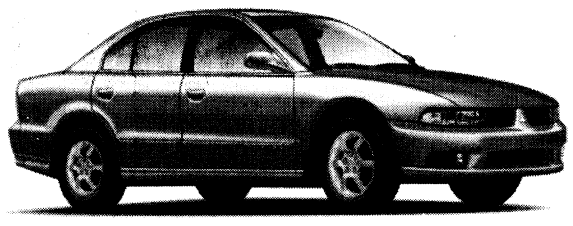
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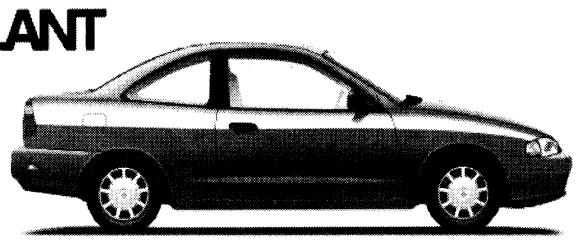
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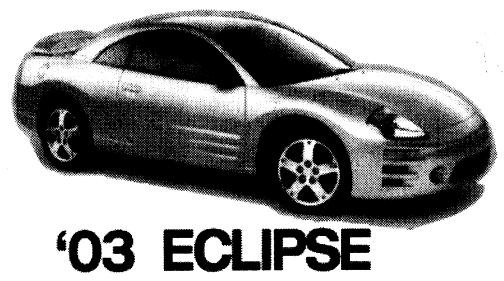


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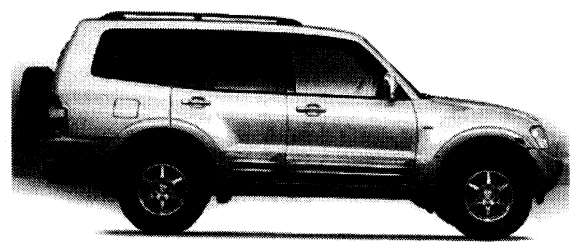


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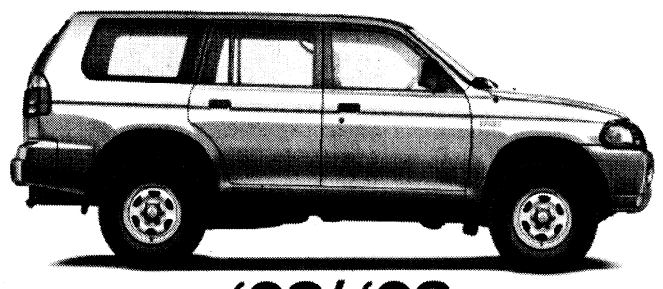
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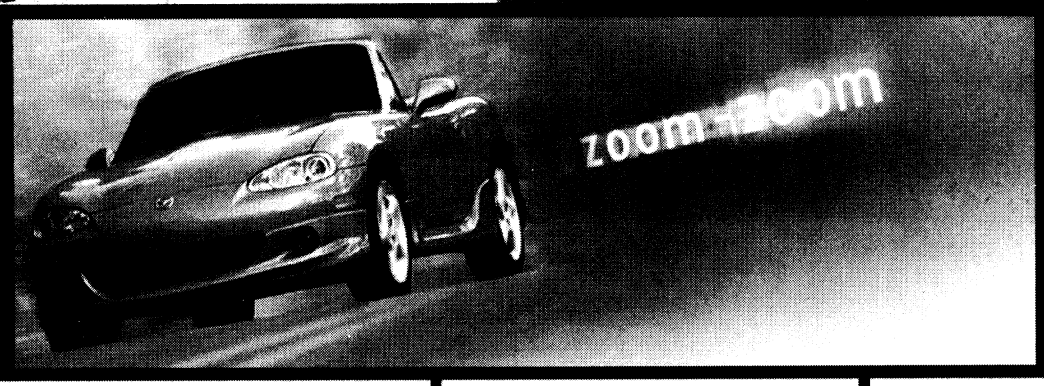
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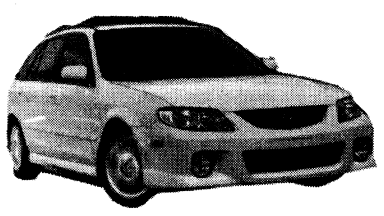
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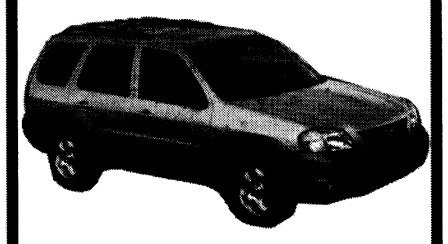
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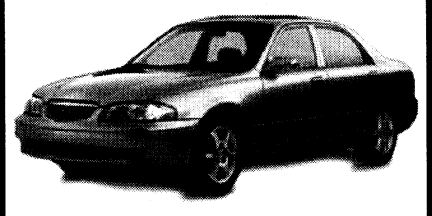
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Soldiers to get pay raise

Act increases pay at least 4.1 percent Jan. 1

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — The National Defense Authorization Act for 2003 funds the military portion of the global war on terrorism and the continuing transformation of the U.S. military to face the threats of the 21st century.

President Bush signed the bill into law Monday during a ceremony at the Pentagon. The act actually allows DoD to spend money released under the 2003 National Defense Appropriations Act, which Bush signed Oct. 23.

Under the two bills, service members will receive at least a 4.1 percent pay raise beginning Jan. 1. Many mid-level NCOs and officers will receive a pay jump of between 5.5 percent to 6.5 percent.

The bills call for an increase in the basic allowance for housing to cut out-of-pocket expenses to 7.5 percent. The bill puts elimination of this financial inequity to service members on course for fiscal 2005.

The act also deals with the hot button issue of concurrent receipt. Currently, military retirees who receive Department of Veterans Affairs disability payments have their retired pay reduced dollar-for-dollar by the VA payment.

The act authorizes an enhanced special compensation for military retirees who "incurred a qualifying combat-related disability." The retiree must have received the Purple Heart for the injury or have a service-connected disability of 60 percent or higher incurred as a direct result of combat or training for combat.

Other personnel portions of the act include a National Service Plan. The new program encourages volunteers to enlist in the military and serve 15 months on active duty, followed by either an additional active-duty period or 24 months in

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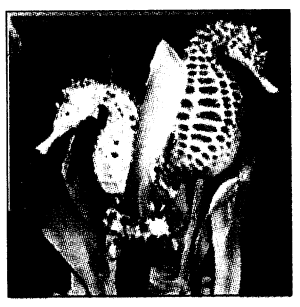
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Friday — high 49, low 24

Saturday — high 57, low 30

Sunday — high 58, low 46

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598th deploys

Soldiers to help fight war on terror

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

Soldiers from the 598th Maintenance Company, 13th Corps Support Battalion, deployed Wednesday in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The mission is to provide technical support and perform repairs on electronic and automotive equipment.

"All members are highly motivated and proud to be doing their part to support the fight against terrorism," said Chief Warrant Officer Thomas Esposito, officer in charge.

During the past year, the company has traveled to Fort Polk, La., to train at the Joint Readiness Training Center and to Fort Irwin, Calif., to train at the National Training Center.

"This is an exciting capstone mission for them," said Capt. Melissa Eslinger, company commander. "They will have an excellent opportunity to reap the dividends of all the training they have received."

Many family members and friends were on hand at the farewell.

"I wish I could go with him because we just got married in May," said fellow soldier and wife of Sgt. Justin Barr, Sgt. Ann Marie Johnson. "We have to try to make the best of it. I plan on sending him a lot of care packages."

She said she was proud of

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Santa's helper



Melissa House

David Jewett, 4, showed no shortage of holiday spirit Wednesday at the Christmas at Riverside festivities.

Post seeks award

ACOE team to visit Fort Benning

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

The words, "Army Community of Excellence Winner," painted across the Custer Road bridge over I-185 may soon have an even broader meaning.

Fort Benning is a finalist for the Commander in Chief's award.

"The Army Communities of Excellence program is designed to change the thinking from minimal essential to maximum possible when it comes to providing support to soldiers," said Gen. Kevin P. Byrnes, former director of the Army staff for Army Chief of Staff Gen. Erik Shinseki and now the commanding general for the Training and Doctrine Command. "The award measures the performance and productivity in the entire military community."

As part of the competition, Fort Benning spent months preparing a 50-page document analyzing the strong points and the weak points of the installation. By using the Army Performance Improvement Criteria, the installation targeted needed improvements and recorded the changes that had been made from previous years. The results of the self assessment were then forwarded to TRADOC and later to the Department of the Army for

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Post can expect ripple from media blast

M-1 A1 live fire part of class for journalists

Bridgett Siter
Special to the Bayonet©

As media movers and shakers converge on Fort Benning Dec. 16-20, officials warn post residents they'll likely feel the fall-out.

A live-fire demonstration on Red Cloud Range is one of many classes television, print and radio journalists will attend during the second of a series of Department of Defense-sponsored media predeployment training.

The demonstration will include an M-1 A1 tank, which is "very loud," said Monica Manganaro, spokesperson for Fort Benning's Public Affairs Office. In fact, residents may be startled by just how loud it is.

"We're used to having live fires at the ranges, but this one may surprise people," Manganaro said.

"We don't want neighbors to be alarmed."

The rehearsal is Dec. 18 and the live fire is Dec. 19. Dixie Road will be closed intermittently 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 18 and 9 a.m. until noon and 2:30 to 6 p.m. Dec. 19.

Live-fire 120 mm mortar "rehearsal" demonstrations are scheduled for the 12, 13, 16 and 19.

The demonstrations are among several classes that media professionals will attend, including basic battlefield first aid skills, reaction to direct and indirect fire, NBC protection, mine awareness and counter measures, helicopter safety, camouflage and proper battlefield conduct.

The training is designed to teach journalists the basic skills they'll need if they accompany U.S. troops into combat, said Lt. Col. Gary Keck, spokesman for the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense.

"It's not a requirement for journalists to cover the military, but it's certainly a good opportunity for those who need to understand the military way of life," Keck said. "It will help them feel more comfortable in our environment and reduce the risk to them and the unit they're accompanying."

The journalists will come from major radio and TV stations, including CNN, FOX, CBS, NBC and ABC, various wire services and publications such as *USA Today* and the *LA Times*.

The first round of media training took place in November at Quantico Marine Corps Combat Development Command in Virginia.

"We put out a request to all the services to conduct training," Keck said.

"Fort Benning was the first Army site to respond. We appreciate it. We believe this kind of training will enhance the protection of journalists *and* the force. The Department of Defense sees this as a win-win situation."

I'm dreaming of a (trendy shade 'tween brown and green) Christmas

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COMMENTARY

It sounded so simple, really, but then nothing ever is. I just thought the Christmas tree would look good in the corner of the dining room this year. Something different, you know?

Of course, the arrangement of black and white family photos would have to come down for the time being. They just didn't make a good backdrop for a tree.

So shortly before dark, I shuffled a few small pieces of furniture and removed the photos, all 10 of them. Down they came, with bits and chunks of plaster, leaving pock marks and gaping wounds in these ancient walls.

No big deal — a little spackle here and there, a little sanding, a little touch up paint, and we're in business.

I grabbed the half-empty can of paint from the basement. "Brass Tack" I think it was called, a trendy shade somewhere between brown and green. I slapped it on in great big brush strokes, because there were a lot of holes, and watched in horror as it dried darker and darker.

Too late it dawned on me, Brass Tack was the color of the living room walls, not the dining room. Back to the basement I went and emerged with "Dried Grass," which is, of course, a trendy shade somewhere between brown and green. And again I slapped in on the walls, this time in GREAT BIG brush strokes to cover the other, darker brush strokes.



And "Whew," I said as I cleaned up my mess, toted the cans back to the basement and returned to survey my handiwork. It was rapidly drying to a shade much lighter than the one before the one before.

There are no more trendy shades of green-brown in the basement, so I figured I'd have to repaint the entire room, and that was way more than I could deal with at 11 p.m. Like Scarlet O'Hara, I'll think about it another day.

I woke the next morning, staggered toward the kitchen by way of the dining room, and cringed at the two giant mottled paint splotches in the corner. Much too big for the tree to cover.

I toyed with the idea of passing it off as intentional. I could call it "Brass Grass." I've seen much worse on HGTV. But, no, I couldn't live with it, even if everybody else could.

So, before my first cup of coffee, I set about mixing paint. Again and again and again, until I achieved what I believe is a fairly good match to the original paint color, whatever that was. Close enough that I only had to paint the two walls, instead of all four. If you don't look too close — and I'm sure you won't — you'll never know the difference.

I'd just finished the trimwork and started painting the walls when my son came bounding down the stairs. Entirely too perky.

"Uh, Mom, what're you doing?"

"What does it look like I'm doing? I'm painting the dining room so I can put up the Christmas tree."

To his credit, he didn't bat an eye, didn't miss a step on his way to the kitchen.

"Wow, you don't do anything halfway, do you Mom?"

There I stood in my paint spattered pajamas, wondering why I ever thought the tree should go someplace different this year, when the phone rang. Of course.

It was my editor, wondering if I could write a commentary about holiday stress.

Hmm, I think I can come up with something. Just let me finish painting the dining room and get the tree up.

Lack of light leaves some longing for sun

Elsie Jackson
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

When the powers that be arranged for me to grow up in Hawaii, they knew exactly what they were doing. That close to the equator, the days are almost equally long, and there's always plenty of sunshine to go around. Life was good.

Then I moved.

The Fort Bragg, N.C., unit I was assigned to did PT in the afternoon all year long, and I got a dose of rays daily. But halfway through my tour there, when I hit my mid-twenties, the end of daylight saving each fall kicked off the start of a period of unease that rarely lifted until spring.

At about the same time, coincidentally, the large glass windows in my office were covered with an "energy saving" reflective film to keep the office cooler. Instead of an office that was flooded with sunlight, the room turned gray and it always looked as if it was about to rain cats and dogs.

Looking back, that was the year I was initiated in to the Seasonal Affective Disorder club. Most of its members are women who are first affected by this winter depression in their 20s.

It's estimated that six of every 100 Americans suffer from winter depression, and another 10 to 20 percent suffer from mild cases of SAD. I have lots of company.

Common symptoms of winter SAD include cravings for sweet or starchy foods, drops in energy levels, fatigue and a tendency to oversleep, irritability, difficulty concentrating, an increased sensitivity to social rejection and an avoidance of social situations.



A less common form of SAD affects people in the late spring and summer. Symptoms of summer depression include poor appetite, weight loss and insomnia.

Poor appetite and weight loss? Not me. Sometime in October, I would start craving breads, pastas, potatoes and junk food, packing away calories like a bear prepping for a long winter nap. A waist is a terrible thing to mind, but every year, by Thanksgiving, I was a carbohydrate junkie and beyond caring.

I came to dread the fall, winter and the holidays that come with them, blaming the irritability, low energy levels and desire to cocoon myself at home that came with them to the drop in temperature and poor weather.

Some falls were better than others. Blessed with a warm winter I would almost feel like myself.

During the years that I kept a small flock of exotic birds, I was hardly affected at all. My little flock lived in a room illuminated with full spectrum lights. As I tended the birds every day, I was working under the same kind of lights that are often prescribed for treatment of SAD. No wonder the members of my bird club were such happy campers all year long.

Like Superman and red Kryptonite, I can't predict exactly how, or how much I will be affected from year to year, I just know that the odds are pretty good that I will be.

This year the edginess started earlier than usual. I put warning flags out to my family and friends. SAD is not an excuse for boorish behavior, but forewarned is forearmed.

I managed to keep the carbohydrate cravings in check, but had trouble focusing because I was always tired. A cup of coffee would pick me up, but concentration was still a struggle. When the caffeine kicked in, I would shift into warp speed. And it was exhausting, which compounded the drop in my energy level when the caffeine wore off.

If I could have, I would have only been seen at home, the office or on the Riverwalk, where I've learned that a long bike ride can drag a demon or two down to manageable size.

I gave up trying to gut it out the way I usually do and talked to our family doctor. He confirmed what I have suspected for years and prescribed some medication, which I now take daily.

I prescribed a full spectrum light, which has been clinically proven as a treatment for SAD, but which I haven't installed yet. I make it a point to eat right and exercise regularly, which helps me sleep and keeps "lethargic" out of my dictionary.

And things are looking up. Spring isn't as far off as it looked a month ago.

Get out and get some holiday spirit

Melissa House
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COMMENTARY

If you're like me, you might be having a bit of trouble coming to terms with the fact that the holiday season is officially here.

So, to help things along, I jumped at the chance to go and see the annual tree and menorah lighting ceremony at the Field of Four Chaplains. My boys grumbled and complained all the way up until Santa made his grand entrance on a neon yellow fire truck. My eyes actually got a little misty after the lights went on and the crowd started singing *Santa Claus is Coming to Town*. But hey, at that moment, it was really beginning to feel a lot like Christmas to me.

I'm going to continue to ride the wave of holiday spirit by trying to see all of the events around post and in Columbus in the next few weeks. Hopefully, I'll be motivated to drag out the decorations and get to work this weekend.



You can bet that proverbial bottom dollar that I'll be at the Officer Spouses' Club Bazaar bright and early tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. I'm way behind the power curve on my Christmas shopping, and I'll be trying to find some unique gifts to send to my friends. If you're lucky, I won't buy out all of the door prize tickets!

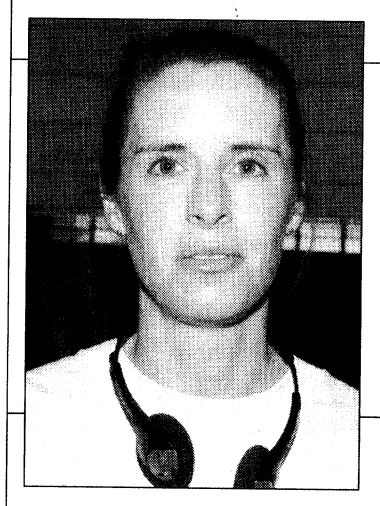
One of the easiest ways to get into the holiday spirit is by listening to some good holiday music. And I mean the well rehearsed, well performed variety-not some country singer on the radio butchering *Silent Night*.

I'm picking up my free tickets for the Infantry Center Band concert at the RiverCenter at 5:30 p.m. Dec. 8, and I'll drag my grumpy sons along because I know the band will give a most excellent concert that will warm their little hearts.

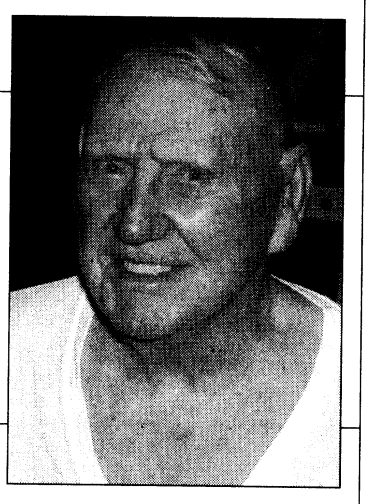
Those of you who can't make it to the concert can wait until the concert comes to you in McGraw Manor Dec. 10, Custer Terrace Dec. 12, Bouton Heights and Davis Hills Dec. 17 and Main Post Dec. 19. All of those concerts will begin at 6 p.m.

VARIOUS VOICES

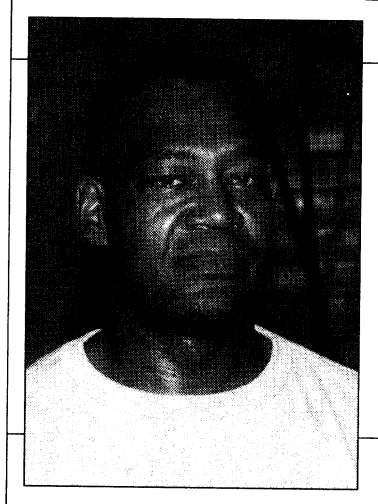
What do you think about the changes at Briant Wells Field House?



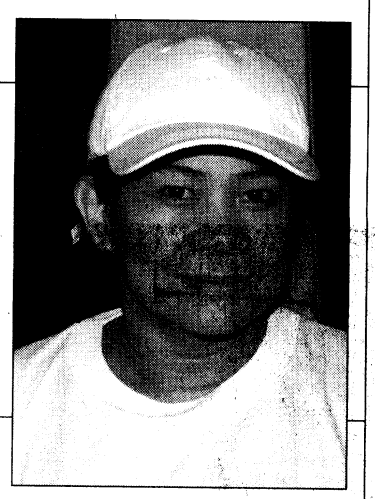
Cheri Meyer, family member — "It's great. There's plenty of new equipment, and you don't have to wait to use it."



Finas Harris, Columbus — "It's very inspiring. It provides more variety for your everyday workout, and since it's been improved, it's given me more desire to workout."



Sgt. 1st Class Wade Capers, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment — "I think they did a fine job. It's sort of upsetting they had to take the basketball court away, but sometimes you have to give up something to get something."



Delia Weber, family member — "I really like it. There's more equipment to use and room to move around in to enjoy your workout."



Orlando Valentin, Columbus — "They've added more variety to working out. They made good use of the space they have. Whatever they took away from this facility, there are other facilities on post that can compensate for it."



Capt. Stacy Picard, 1st Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment — "I think it's great because it allows soldiers an alternative method of doing PT. Also, there are other places on post to play basketball. The overall change affects the majority for the better."

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Soldiers raise cash for Santa's Castle

Rangers, candidates donate toys

Bridgett Siter
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When the soldiers from the 75th Ranger Regiment's 3rd Battalion returned from Afghanistan last December, the deadline for submitting nominations for assistance from Santa's Castle had come and gone, and several dozen families faced a very bleak Christmas.

But castle "elves" came through in the eleventh hour, much like Santa himself. They restocked shelves with toys and opened the castle on Christmas Eve so the rangers could select free gifts for their children.

So impressed was Michelle Votel, wife of the regiment's commander, with the Castle's kindness, she vowed to make certain the rangers returned the favor this year. The regimental headquarters family readiness group made good on that promise Monday, delivering more than $400 and a truckload of toys to the Castle.

"We were so thankful for what they did for us. There was just no question that we'd help out this year," Votel said. "Fort Benning always supports the Ranger Regiment. We wanted to give something back. It's a kind of thank you."

The FRG raised money, and collected more than 100 toys with the help of a local radio station, Sunny 100, which sponsored a toy drive via live broadcast Saturday.

Brenda Donlin, inventory manager for Santa's Castle, said the toys and money will go a long way toward helping Fort Benning families who can't afford Christmas this year.

"These are our crunch days," Donlin said, noting the Dec. 16 deadline for donations. "We hope to provide gifts for between 1,200 and 1,400 kids. Fortunately we've had a couple of surprises recently, like this one."

> "We wanted to do something timely, something that would really make a difference at Christmas."
>
> **Senior Officer Candidate Mark Vanhanehan**
> 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment

The other "surprise," Donlin said, was a major contribution, in time and money, from the Officer Candidate School's senior officer candidates.

Senior Officer Candidate Jay Figurski rallied his 133 classmates to the cause. They raised more than $2,000 to purchase toys for the Castle and spent two days stocking shelves and repairing the exterior of the castle.

A handful of senior officer candidates spent Saturday morning shopping for toys, a task Figurski said was "a dream come true."

"Most of us haven't been in a toy store in years. Have you seen the G.I. Joe selection? It's incredible," he said. "We had a lot of fun, but we felt it was really worthwhile, too."

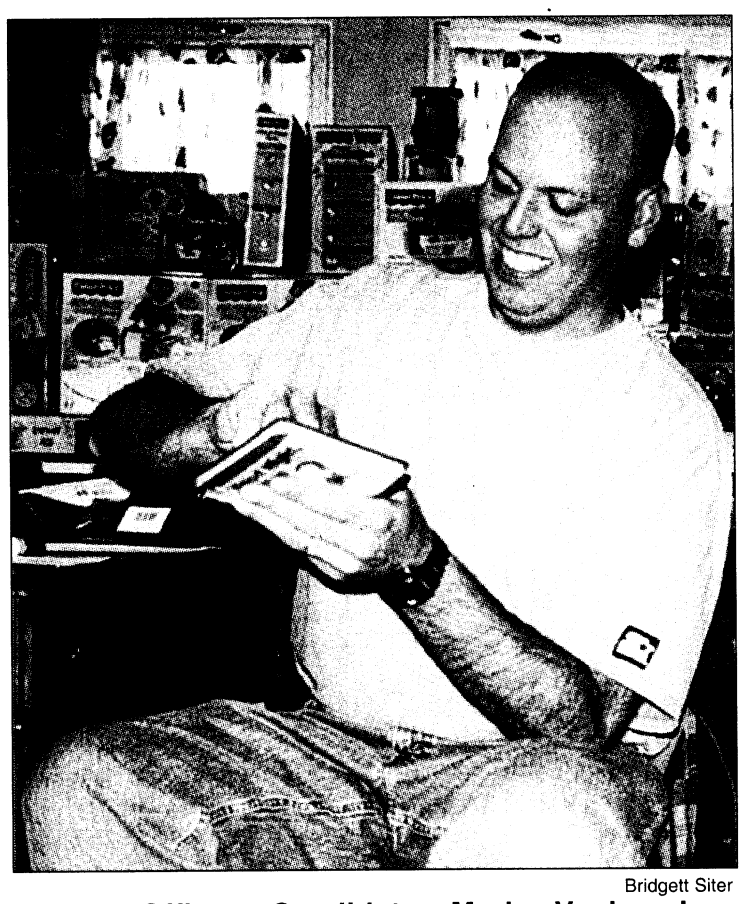
Worthwhile and educational, said Senior Officer Candidate Mark Vanhanehan.

"We had absolutely no concept of how much toys cost," he said. "I don't have kids, but I used to be enlisted, and I knew guys who had difficulties with finances. With the price of toys, I can see how it might be hard for someone to afford (Christmas)."

Figurski said he believes the classes contribution will "make an impact" on Fort Benning where it's most needed.

"We wanted to do something timely, something that would really make a difference at Christmas," he said. "I know class's usually build monuments or fix buildings, but we wanted to do something that would touch lives, especially children's."

Anyone interested in touching the life of a child this Christmas by donating toys, time or money can call Santa's Castle at 545-1938.



Bridgett Siter

Senior Officer Candidate Mark Vanhanehan prepares toys for Santa's castle Monday.

Task Force 1-15 returns from Kuwait

> "If we go to war with Iraq, there is no doubt we would win."
>
> **Lt. Col. John W. Charlton**
> Task Force 1-15 commander

Soldiers spend six months in desert

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

Nearly 800 soldiers returned to Fort Benning Nov. 26 after a six-month rotation in Kuwait as part of Operation Desert Spring.

The soldiers of 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, spent the six months in the desert training for a possible war with Iraq.

"It was an excellent opportunity for the soldiers to hone their skills and a great opportunity for leaders to apply their knowledge," said Lt. Col. John W. Charlton, Task Force 1-15 commander. "The soldiers had to overcome many obstacles, including blowing sand and temperatures that reached 150 degrees.

"The weather was very hard on the troops and the equipment, but they were able to handle it, and that tells me they are able to handle anything.

"If we were to go to war with Iraq, there is no doubt we would win," Charlton said.

During the rotation, the soldiers learned to rely on each other on a whole new level, said Spc. Jessie Jones.

"Any time someone got something from home, we all shared it," he said. "If somebody got cookies or something, they usually made sure everyone got some.

"We don't realize what we have until it is gone," Jones said. "Something as simple as looking at green grass and trees is often taken for granted, but I think we all see things in another way now."

The soldiers had plenty to be thankful for, arriving home just before the holidays.

"It is great getting to see my family, and I can't wait to get some real food," said Spc. William Rich. "I really had a good time over there.

"I was able to train my soldiers and learn new equipment.

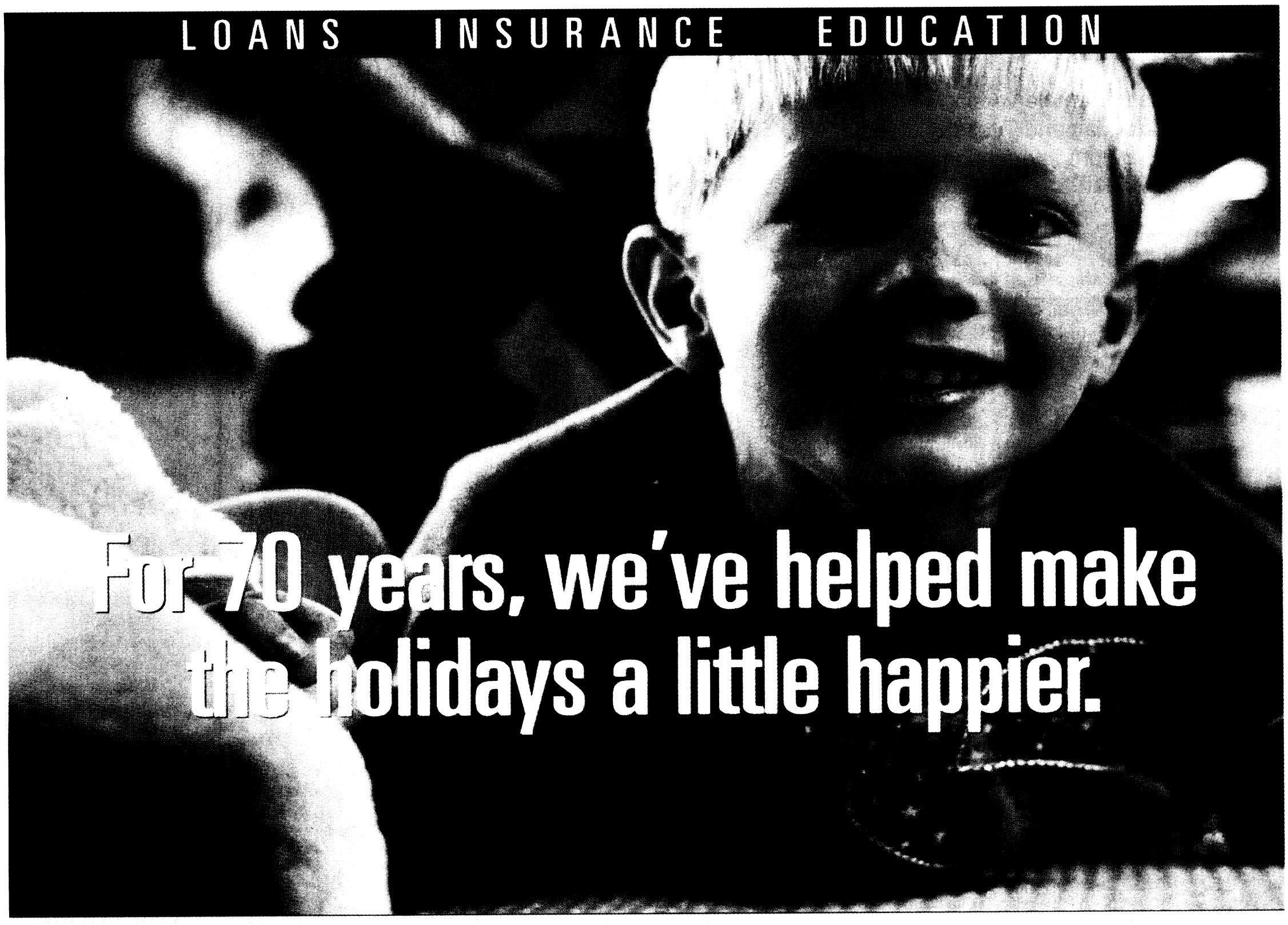
"I learned a lot of new battle drills and worked with tankers.

"I am glad I got this training," Rich said. "I know we are ready for whatever happens now. Any obstacle we came up against, we overcame it."

Safety and force protection were paramount, Charlton said.

"I am glad we went the whole six months with no major injuries," he said. "That shows well-disciplined performance.

"I am proud of all the great work these soldiers did. They trained hard and performed superbly."



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Post prepares for annual Exodus

Soldiers heading home for holidays

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A number of units and agencies across post are making final preparations for a large troop movement.

This is no deployment, but rather the precisely orchestrated operation of sending Fort Benning soldiers home for the holidays.

"It represents a lot of efforts on the part of the (training brigade) units," said Basic Combat Training Brigade Commander Lt. Col. Tom Cole. After several rounds of briefings for cadre and soldiers, the Exodus plan is ready for implementation.

The plan is carefully synchronized to lessen traffic congestion.

The first small wave begins Dec. 17 following a BCTB graduation ceremony. Cole said that graduates will be allowed to leave that afternoon. The next wave occurs Dec. 18, when families within driving distance can take their trainees home.

In the early morning hours of Dec. 19, the first set of approximately 22 buses will depart for Greyhound bus terminals in Columbus and Atlanta and Hartsfield International Airport in Atlanta, and then returns to Fort Benning for another load.

> "People at the airport always want to talk to the soldiers and thank them."
>
> **Lt. Col. Tom Cole**
> Basic Combat Training Brigade commander

The Fort Benning troop movement is coordinated with other training posts in the area. The cadre from 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, will run the Atlanta operation, Cole said. The drill sergeants supervise the trainees at the airport.

"We have them there to put out fires and assist the soldiers," Cole said.

"Inevitably, someone loses a ticket or an identification card."

Cole said the cadre also make sure the trainees, traveling in the Class B uniform, conduct themselves properly.

"People at the airport always want to talk to the soldiers and thank them," he said.

Soldiers at the airports will also be able to get coffee and donuts at the USO facility and at the soldier reception center in the Delta "B" concourse.

Cole said the soldiers are highly encouraged to leave for the holidays.

Those staying behind are consolidated into one barracks, participate in regular physical training, and are not allowed to leave post unescorted.

Dick Nurnberg, from the Fort Benning-Columbus chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army, said his organization is working with Fort Benning's Directorate of Community Activities to plan some events for trainees remaining here for the holidays.

Called "Operation Holiday," the AUSA-DCA partnership hopes to sponsor a pizza party and movie night as well as obtain tickets for Columbus Cottonmouths and Riverdragons sporting events.

Soldiers who leave for the holidays are not forgotten, Cole said. Drill sergeants call each of the trainees at home while they are on leave to check up on them and also remind them that it is their duty to return to finish training.

"Our biggest concerns are drug use, physical fitness and AWOL," Cole said.

The trainees leave with the understanding that they will have a urinalysis when they return, and that positive testing for an illegal substance will mean an immediate discharge from the Army.

The holiday Exodus ends with the return of the majority of the soldiers on Jan. 2, when cadre will conduct the entire operation in reverse.

Some soldiers will not return until Jan. 7 following the Festival of the Three Kings.

Soldiers 'PT scores' can fall after holidays

Training break affects fitness status

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

"All winning teams are goal oriented. Teams like these win consistently because everyone connected with them concentrates on specific objectives. They go about their business with blinders on; nothing will distract them from achieving their aims."

— Lou Holtz
Former Notre Dame head football coach

Throughout the Army, soldiers are required to take physical training tests at least twice a year. Sand Hill basic trainees are required to pass at least four to graduate.

Soldiers typically set a goal for a PT score and work hard to meet it.

However, there lies a problem for some soldiers ... Exodus — the time soldiers go home for two weeks during the holidays and get out of the daily routine of training and PT.

"For the most part, soldiers come back to the training environment and do horrible on their PT tests or with PT in general," said 1st Sgt. T.A. Graves, A Company 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment.

"We know when the soldiers are released for Exodus, most of them won't do PT at home," Graves said. "The soldiers get back into the extra curricular activities that they were doing at home before they joined the Army, that is smoking, drinking and not taking care of their body, and it really hurts them.

"Most of the PT scores go down because of this. There are a few who maintain the standard and a slim few that do much better after Exodus," Graves said.

"They come back stronger and more fit because they trained before they came in the Army.

"Those people are generally athletes from high school who know the importance of not losing what they've gained, and they don't let anything distract them from their goal."

The U.S. Army Physical Fitness School suggests a few

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> **1st Sgt. T.A. Graves**
> A Company, 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment

exercises for soldiers home for the holidays.

"They can be in their home and work on pushups, situps and running," said Staff Sgt. Steven Saenz, instructor at the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School.

• To improve pushups, Saenz suggests soldiers use the 15 to 30 seconds during commercials to "get down and push."

"It's a good workout and you hardly break a sweat doing it," Saenz said. "Plus, you don't miss your show, and both sides win."

• To improve on situps, soldiers can do leg raises, knee tucks or sit up and tighten abs.

"It's easy, and you can lay down while doing the exercises too," Saenz said.

• To improve the run, soldiers can jog in place or chase the dog around the house.

• Stretching is the key.

"It will keep your muscles loose and will help avoid injuries after coming back from Exodus," Saenz said.

For many soldiers, there's a lot of motivation to maintain PT standards while on Exodus.

"I'm motivated because I know I have to pass an end-of-cycle test after I get back to graduate," said Pvt. Matthew Charland, A Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment. "I want to be on that field graduation day and see how proud my family is of me."

As for working out during the break, Charland plans to do a lot of pushups, situps and running.

"Just because I go on Exodus, doesn't mean I stop doing PT. I have a responsibility to the Army to stay healthy and stay fit to fight," Charland said.

Benning Backstage

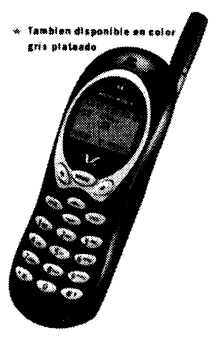
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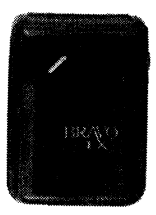
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Army combats 'silent killer'

Suicide ranks second after accidents

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

After accidental deaths, suicide is the second largest killer of American military personnel, according to a Department of Defense press release.

Suicide was the cause of death for six Fort Benning soldiers this year alone, said Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop, chief of Family Life Ministries.

The post has a number of courses to help soldiers recognize signs of at risk people and refer them for help.

"Even though we're dealing with a higher stress environment, the military has a lower suicide rate than civilians," Koop said. "That shows our programs are working."

Fort Benning has trained more than 260 soldiers with the Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training program and plans to train the Infantry Training Brigade's drill sergeants in January.

The ASIST class trains soldiers to take immediate life-saving actions when they come into contact with someone who is potentially suicidal, giving them the confidence to help an individual until a mental health care professional can take over, said Lt. Col. Jerry Swanner, Army suicide prevention program manager at the Pentagon.

The Gatekeeper Program is for people in leadership positions like platoon leaders or first sergeants to help them understand the signs and symptoms of depression or suicidal tendencies, Koop said.

The Army is developing a "virtual person" computer simulation that allows people to practice the skills they have learned in suicide prevention training. The program's progress was discussed at the Department of Defense's first Suicide Prevention Forum in November as part of Suicide Prevention week.

"If someone is talking about suicide, tell someone," Koop said. "The worst thing you can do is keep it a secret. You may be the very last person to have a chance to help."

The forum named 2003 the Year for Suicide Prevention, said Dr. David Tornberg, deputy assistant secretary of defense for clinical and program policy.

"This is a devastating and silent killer both in the military and civilian populations, and one which we must strive to conquer through enhanced scientific understanding and intervention," Tornberg said.

A CLOSER LOOK

Following is a list of counseling resources in the community:

- MACH Community Mental Health, 544-3690
- MACH Department of Psychiatry, 544-3521
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Control, 545-4415
- Family Life Chaplain, 545-1760
- Duty Chaplain (after hours), 545-2218
- Contact 24-hour crisis line (Columbus), 327-3999
- Emergency room, 545-1502

Javelin program focuses on improving system

Soldiers give feedback on system

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Future development for the Javelin system was the reason a group of instructors from the Javelin course visited Lockheed Martin's Missile and Fire Control Operations plant in Troy, Ala., Nov. 26.

The group, which included the Training and Doctrine Systems Manager for Close Combat Missile Systems, learned how the Javelin is assembled and talked with engineers about possible upgrades for the missile system.

"The reason for bringing the Javelin instructors is because they're our subject matter experts," said Col. Mike Beasock, TSM-CCMS. "This small group of instructors is our front line for this weapon."

They understand the weapon's capabilities and are a key component for the progress of the system, he said. Their feedback on this matter is invaluable.

"Our purpose is to have an exchange of ideas," said Steve Hesler, Lockheed Martin's manager of corporate business development in Columbus.

"We would like to hear feedback on how we can make the system better," said Dan Rice, engineer.

Adding more lethality, improving the range, installing locks on targets and getting the missile to hit the target more quickly are just a few ideas the engineers are looking to improve upon, he said.

The Javelin, a man-portable, "fire and forget" antitank weapon, is an outstanding system, Beasock said. Its fire and forget capabilities are truly unmatched.

"It's things like that that give our Army overwhelming capabilities over our adversaries," he said.

Learning how the Javelin is made increases the instructors' knowledge base and gives them more credibility, said Staff Sgt. Marvin Wideman, Javelin NCOIC.

"Our instructors came back with a better view of how the components work together to deliver that lethal blow to the enemy," Wideman said.

The trip gave the instructors the opportunity to speak with the factory workers who make the Javelin and increases the expertise of the entire Javelin program, he said.

"Being able to speak with the workers of Lockheed Martin gives us an appreciation for their hard work and patriotism," Wideman said.

"This is a side of America that we rarely see," Beasock said. "These are great Americans performing a service for the country."

The visit puts a face with the people who are using it, Rice said.

Seeing soldiers lets the workers know their job is important.

"When we deliver a missile, we're confident it's going to work," Rice said.

The most important part of this visit is for the soldiers to learn what makes the Javelin successful and, with their feedback, how the company can make the missile better, Wideman said.



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Above, Frances Riley assembles components used to make the inner parts missiles like the one below.



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Stop-Loss list gets shorter

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Army News Service

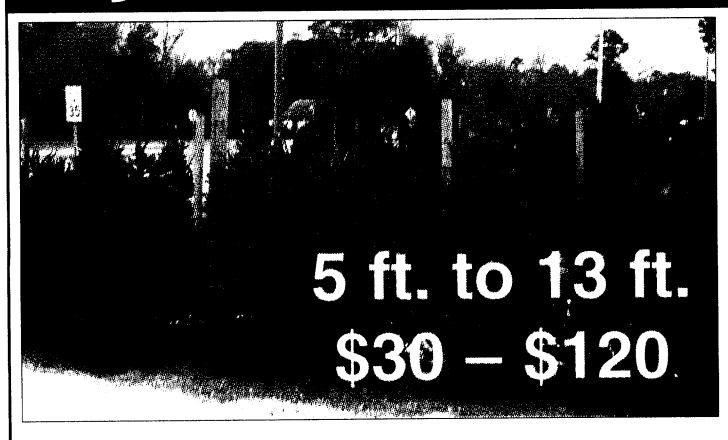
WASHINGTON — The Army recently removed Stop-Loss restrictions that impacted two warrant officer specialties and seven enlisted military occupational specialties.

Approved by Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs Reginald J. Brown, the Total Army Personnel Command announced the second partial Stop-Loss lift via Military Personnel Message 03-044 Nov. 27.

Warrant officers with the 350D imagery intelligence technician specialties or 352G voice intercept technician (Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese-Mandarin, Czech, French, German, Hebrew-Modern, Hungarian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Polish, Spanish, Russian, Serbo-Croat, Tagalog, Thai, and Vietnamese language only) specialties may now retire or otherwise separate from the Army under normal procedures.

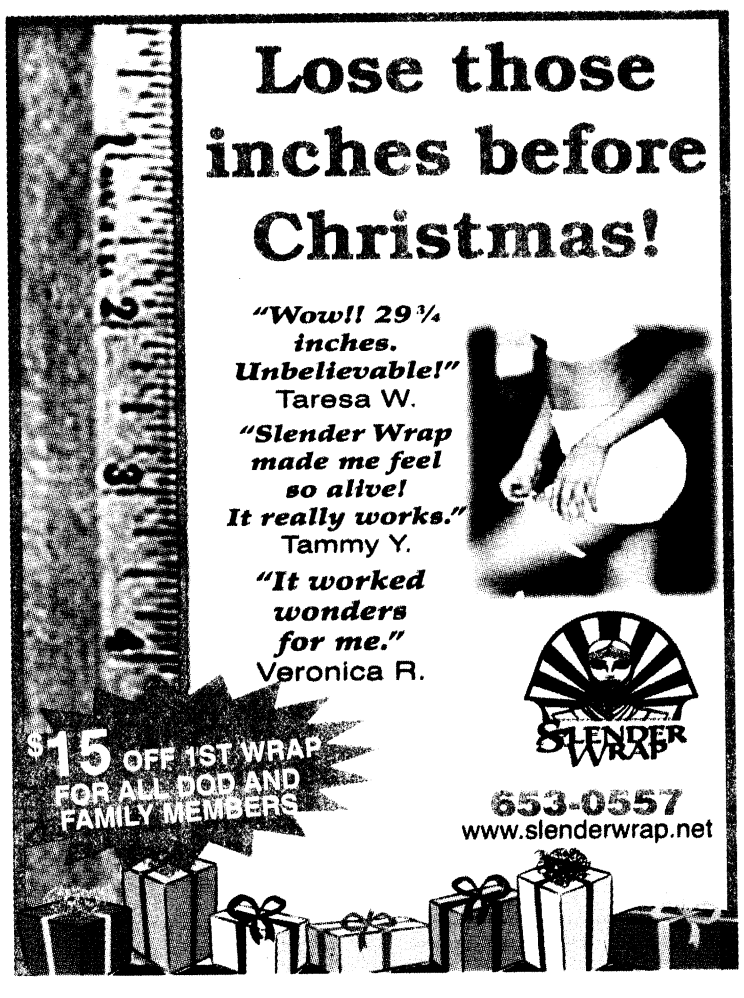
The latest enlisted MOSs off the Stop-Loss list include: 13C field artillery automation fire support specialist; 13D field artillery tactical data systems specialist; 13E cannon fire direction specialist; 14E patriot fire control specialist; 33W intelligence electronic warfare repairman; 96R ground surveillance systems specialist; and 98G voice interceptor (only those with the same languages covered by the warrant voice intercept technician lift.)

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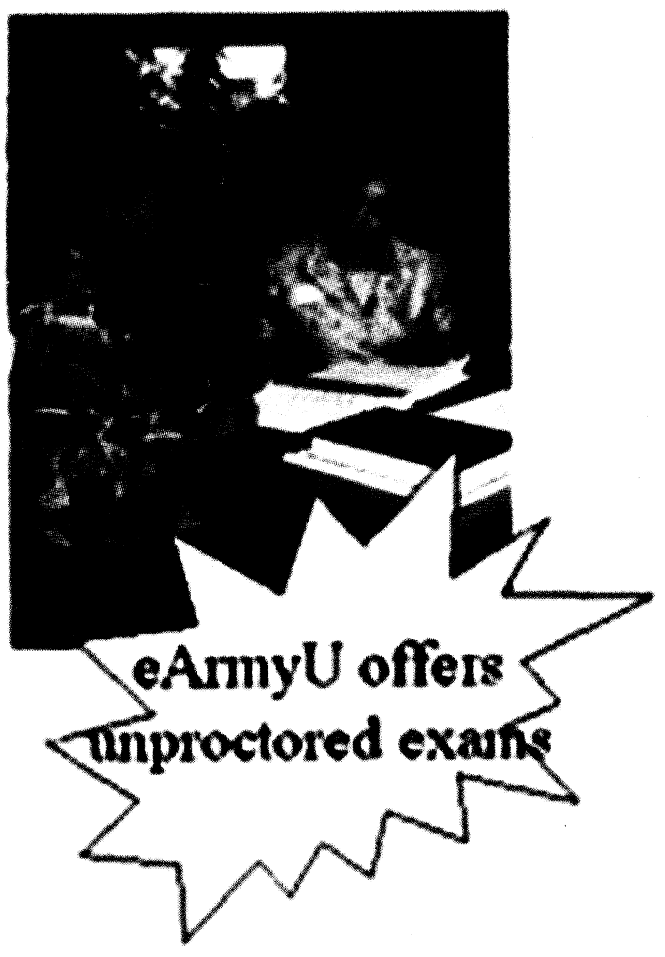


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Program helps schools, soldiers

State program pays soldiers to teach

Angela Sachitano
Special to the Bayonet©

When Sgt. 1st Class Michael Nunez began thinking about life after the military, he wondered if it was possible to find another profession that would bring him as much satisfaction and enjoyment as the Army.

"I wanted to continue to do something meaningful with my life," said Nunez, a Fort Benning dental specialist with more than 20 years of active service under his belt. "I wanted to continue to make a difference."

When Nunez heard of the Georgia Troops to Teachers program, a military initiative to help soldiers transition into the teaching profession, he believed he had the opportunity he was looking for.

Through the program, soldiers can receive up to $5,000 to pay for the cost of teacher certification, attend classes on the weekends and be ready for a teaching internship within a semester.

"This program is designed for the soldier who is planning on leaving the Army in less than a year," said Charles Cumiskey, director of the Intern Teaching Program at Columbus State University.

"Georgia classrooms can benefit from the wealth of knowledge of someone who has served our country. The state wants to make the transition to teacher as seamless as possible for them. "

The transition calls for soldiers to attend classes twice a week, and then study another three courses over the Internet during the course of a semester. When the seven-week semester is over, candidates are qualified to begin a teaching internship at one of Georgia's schools.

"Interns will be assigned to a classroom of their own immediately after finishing that first semester," Cumiskey said. "But they aren't left on their own. Our department watches over them by sending mentors out to their classroom regularly."

The internship lasts two years, ending when the student completes their teacher certification requirements.

The idea is to find individuals who have what it takes to be great teachers and give them the tools to bring their expertise to a classroom, while at the same time completing the requirements needed for a teaching certificate, Cumiskey said.

"Military professionals tend to transition extremely well into teaching positions because many of them have already been instructors," Cumiskey said. "They know how to deal with a classroom."

For Nunez, a former instructor at the Army Medical Department School in San Antonio, Texas, the Georgia Troops to Teachers Program is going to allow him to continue doing something he loves.

"I feel very comfortable teaching in front of a classroom," said Nunez, who hopes to be assigned to one of Georgia's middle schools after finishing his semester of classes. "I hope to make an impact on our youth. I think classrooms need more male teachers and I'm excited to eventually be one of them."

Now soldiers don't have to wait until they leave the military to begin the transition. They can begin taking classes before their time is up through Columbus State University and they don't have to shell out any of their own cash if they go through the Troops to Teachers Program.

Applicants must have an undergraduate degree from an accredited university, a 2.5 grade point average, and must pass the PRAXIS 1, a national standardized education test, which is offered weekly at CSU and Fort Benning's education center.

Columbus State University had considered holding classes for the teaching program on Fort Benning beginning in January, but the time crunch kept many applicants from getting the needed paperwork and tests out of the way. CSU will instead hold classes for soldiers beginning in June.

"Soldiers who are interested in beginning the program this summer need to get with our department as soon as possible," Cumiskey said. "We don't want any delays when next semester rolls around."

For information, call 568-2255.

People sending troops greetings

Web sites offer chance to say thanks

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — With the click of a mouse, heartfelt messages have been sent to thousands of deployed troops this holiday season.

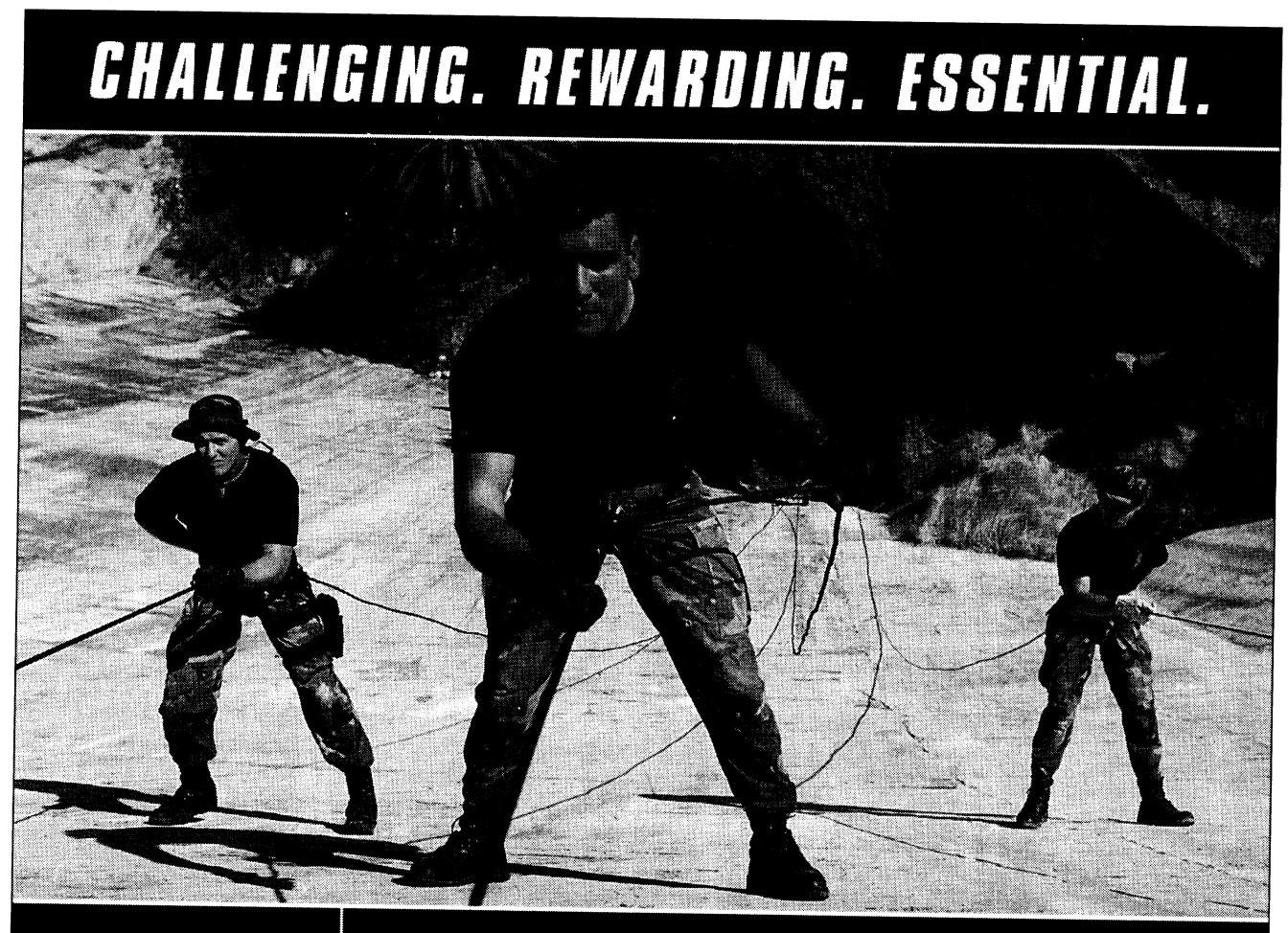
"Your bravery and sacrifices are deeply appreciated by this American family, and our flag and the flags of hundreds of other families in our community are flying proudly in your honor," wrote Steve and Ellie Earnhart from Vandalia, Ohio.

The Earnharts posted that message using http://anyservicemember.navy.mil, which is the online version of the holiday letter-campaign dubbed "Operation Dear Abby."

When the "Dear Abby" and "Any Servicemember" mail programs were suspended last year because of the anthrax mail attacks, Web sites sprung up to give an alternative to people who want to show support to troops during the holiday season, officials said.

The Web site http://www.anyservicemember.org/ is another place where greetings can be read. Even though "Any Servicemember" mail was suspended, family members and friends can still send loved ones letters and packages overseas by using name, rank and APO address

The Christmas mailing deadline is Dec. 4 for parcel airlift mail and Dec. 11 for first-class and priority mail, letters and cards.



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Soldiers:

Deploy for war

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her husband.

"It's not often you get to go defend your country," Johnson said. "The situation around the world is tense, and he'll be at the forefront of helping keep the world safe."

"This is an extremely important mission upon which they are about to embark," said Command Sgt. Maj. Rickey Talley, 13th Corps Support Battalion. "They were hand selected because of their field of expertise, and we are proud they have this opportunity to showcase their knowledge, professionalism and efficiency."

He reminded them to be safe and use their established buddy system. He also assured the soldiers and families that the company and battalion leadership will be their life line, taking care of whatever needs arise.

"The FRG will help keep the soldiers' minds focused on the mission instead of on what's happening back here," Eslinger said. "It will enhance their morale and the overall mission."

Two soldiers' wives will especially need the group's support, she said. Pfc. Sean Hawkins and Spc. Chad Corey just married Sally and Dana, respectively.

"I'm glad I'm going, but I'm concerned about her because she's pregnant," Hawkins said. "I'm glad she went to (an FRG meeting) after we got married. That way if she needs anything or needs someone to talk to, she can get together with people who understand what she is going through and are willing to help. She'll be well taken care of."

He said he was ready to go.

"It will be a good experience," he said. "I'll be making a lot more money, which will help take care of the baby. I've been through a lot of training, and now I'll have a chance to perform a vital wartime mission. This is why I joined the Army. This is what it's all about."

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MOUT battlefield future of Army

Training sites help soldiers fight terrorism

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — Americans believe that the next conflict will take place on urban terrain, which is the most challenging environment to fight, officials said.

However, doctrine and training over the last decade have increased soldiers' level of preparedness, officials at the Army's Infantry School said at a Pentagon press briefing Nov. 25.

In 1993, 18 Rangers from 3rd Battalion, 75th Regiment, were killed in Mogadishu, Somalia, during what they described as a fight against an entire town. Now with an evolving doctrine and training at sites like the fictional Shugart-Gordon, at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk La., named after two soldiers killed in Mogadishu trying to rescue a down pilot, soldiers can practice for the unexpected, said Col. Paul Melody, the director of the Infantry School Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate.

In the past, troops fighting in urban terrain had little knowledge of who they were going to fight and what the nature of the terrain was going to be, Melody said.

"That's different now, we make a point to know the terrain almost as good as the people that live there. We know what is valuable to defend and what to attack."

Field Manual 34-06.11 Combined Arms Operations in Urban Terrain was approved in March 2001 and can be found at http://www.adtdl.army.mil/cgi-bin/atdl.dll/fm/3-06.11/toc.htm. Just the name change from its predecessor, FM 90-10-1 Infantry's Guide to Military Operations in Urban Terrain, is significant, Melody said.

"If we don't fight in a combined or joint way with our sister services and coalition forces, the level of success decreases," Melody said. "Other significant changes include the depth the manual goes into.

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> Director of Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate

"The first chapter of both manuals is the same. But the current manual analyzes and assesses eight different city patterns and seven different categories of terrain to help us gain insights on the best way to approach the mission to a degree that hadn't existed in the past."

The tasks, conditions and standards in the current manual elaborate on scenarios like how to move a tank or armored vehicle in a town; how to engage a certain part of a building, and when and where to shoot, Melody said. That way units can train and practice before the rubber meets the road, he added.

There are four principles that guide FM 34-06.11 — assess, shape, dominate and transition. Before troops go into an operation, the situation has been assessed, Melody said.

To a novelist looking at an urban area, he can be misled into thinking that it is all the same, he said.

For someone who sees the terrain for fighting, he realizes that there are a lot of areas that can lead to destruction and attack, he said.

Shape means setting conditions prior to the offensive and defensive meeting, which includes putting civil affairs, information and psychological operations into play, Melody said.

Taking away the enemy's options and collapsing their ability to resist or attack is to dominate, and when the focus of the operation changes, soldiers can transition from offense or defense to stability and support, he said.

A doctrine that leads to realistic training for a modern fight gives troops an advantage, but it doesn't give them an over-manageable confidence. MOUT training is designed to produce well-trained soldiers, but it's also a very humbling experience, said Maj. Perry Beissel, the MOUT Team officer-in-charge.

"We don't want units thinking that seizing control of Shugart-Gordon was easy. We want them to know that as much as they think they know about urban warfare, dilemmas such as sleep deprivation, lack of time to prepare can be life threatening," Beissel said.

To increase the level of realism on urban terrain, JRTC places civilians on the mock battlefield.

"It's too easy to land on foreign ground and just level a town," Beissel said. "We don't tell soldiers that under no conditions are civilians not to be harmed.

"We know that in the course of a battle there will be unavoidable casualties. We needed to use civilians as a way of introducing another level of sophistication and thought processes for leaders and soldiers to think about."

About 4,500 soldiers a month go against JRTC's opposing forces to seize Shugart-Gordon. Part of their mission after taking control of the town is to transition control of the town back to the host nation government.

Training in mock towns is also conducted at Hohenfels, Germany.

"Our training and doctrine is unprecedented," Melody said. "However, our young soldiers fighting in Afghanistan have proven that they are aware of the risks over there and they are confident — not cocky."

Post: To compete for ACOE award

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evaluation.

"Fort Benning is such a complex post because we have so many missions," said Pat Porter, senior management analyst for the Quality Management Division. "The criteria we use to assess ourselves involves the entire community. It's how we take care of our customers, soldiers and families."

Fort Benning is evaluated in seven areas:

- Leadership,
- Strategic Planning,
- Customer Focus,
- Information and Analysis,
- Human Resource Focus,
- Process Management,
- Business Results.

Fort Benning has been a TRADOC finalist for nine years and has taken home the Commander in Chief award four times. However, Fort Benning was overlooked as a winner in 2001 and 2002, making this year all the more important, Porter said.

"We are proud of our post, and we set the example for other installations with our quality of life," Porter said. "Winning the award shows the commander in chief that we are successful in constantly striving to improve our environment."

As part of the finalist competition, a team of Department of Army ACOE evaluators will visit Fort Benning Feb. 2-7 to interview employees and soldiers. The visits are an important aspect of the competition and give the ACOE evaluators an up close and personal view of what Fort Benning has to offer its soldiers and employees.

"The team will be clarifying and verifying the information they have received in the self assessment," said Janie Pearson, Management analyst for Quality Management Division.

If Fort Benning is designated as the ACOE winner, the post could receive a $3 million award for quality of life funding, such as updating gyms and library equipment, among other things, Porter said.

"It really is an honor to be nominated for this award," Porter said. "It is one of the highest honors an installation can receive for continuous improvement."

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Post names Instructors of Year

Officers, NCO teach soldiers to succeed

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

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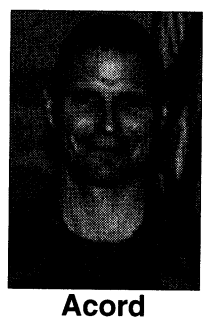
— Winston Churchill
Former British Prime Minister

Three soldiers were named Fort Benning Instructors of the Year Tuesday at a ceremony at Infantry Hall.

The Officer Instructor of the Year is Capt. Michael D. Acord, Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate.

Acord is an instructor for the Infantry Captain's Career Course.

"This award is a reflection of the type of officer and instructor he is," said Maj. Bill Carty, team chief for ICCC. "He deserved the award, and it couldn't have happened to a better soldier."


Acord

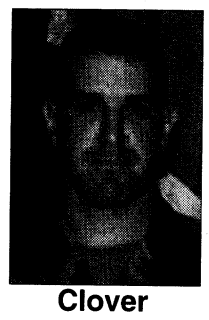
Acord, who said he tries to instill the importance of planning to his soldiers, has served in a variety of assignments, to include Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Drum, N.Y.; and Fort Benning.

"He is unwilling to accept less than his best and it really shows in the classroom," Carty said. "He goes above and beyond the standard as an instructor."

The Senior Enlisted Instructor of the Year is Sgt. 1st Class Robert Clover, A Company, 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

Clover is an instructor in the Benning phase of Ranger School.

"Clover is a great example of a ranger," said Capt. Enrique Torres, commander, A Company, 4th RTB. "He emphasizes training beyond the standard."

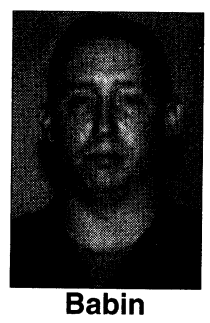

Clover

Clover has been stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.; Erlangen Barracks, Germany; and was deployed to Saudi Arabia and Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm.

"Working with the professional noncommissioned officers, officers, and students at the 4th RTB has allowed me to hone my skills and become a better NCO," Clover said. "I will, in turn, give back to my soldiers this knowledge as I continue with my career."

The Junior Enlisted Instructor of the Year is Staff Sgt. Patrick Babin Jr.

Babin, who is one of five finalists for the Training and Doctrine Command's NCO of the Year, instructs Sand Hill soldiers in Basic Rifle Marksmanship period two and Advanced Infantry Marksmanship Strategy and Standards.


Babin

"Staff Sergeant. Babin takes pride in his work," said Capt. Jason Kostal, commander of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment. "His dedication and willingness to go the extra step really pays dividends for the basic trainees."

Babin has been stationed at Lee Barracks, Germany; and Fort Campbell, Ky.

"These soldiers demonstrated principles and techniques of military instruction, subject matter expertise and outstanding communication with their students," said Elaine Livingston, chief, Staff Education and Training Division. "Fort Benning has always been known for outstanding instructors, not only on the post level, but also TRADOC level, too."

Turkey please


Sgt. William Graves

Staff Sgt. Scott Hord, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, gives dessert to Pfc. Nicholas Machelski during the battalion's Thanksgiving feast.

CASA volunteers ready to help children

Post residents complete training

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

Three Fort Benning residents joined the ranks of volunteers across the country working to help children placed in the foster care system.

Autumn Cyler, Susan Peters, and Ronald Vinson graduated Nov. 15 from the Court Appointed Special Advocate training program in a ceremony at the Columbus Public Safety Building.

The three, along with 10 others completed 40 hours of training that covered family relationships, drugs and dependency, socio-economic and cultural issues.

"The training was aimed at getting us to see things from different views," said Susan Peters, whose background is not in social work, but education.

The students attended eight hours of classes on Saturdays and four hours of classes one night each week. Peters said the training represented a big time commitment for all. Students had to read material ahead of time so they were prepared for the classroom instruction. In addition, students visited courtrooms so they would be familiar with the proceedings.

Reginald Pugh, president of the Urban League of Greater Columbus, praised the volunteers for being willing to volunteer their time to families having problems.

"There is a lot going on with our country's families and young people," he said.

The basic role of the CASA volunteer is to work hand-in-hand with the children, families, social workers, judges and attorneys, everyone involved.

"We provide an extra set of eyes and ears for the children," Peters said. During their training, volunteers learned that the average load is about 40 cases, making it difficult for social workers to personally do all of the research for each case. The volunteers provide a critical service.

"The volunteers are looked at as truly unbiased, because we're not paid for what we do," Peters said.

CASA program director Ken Washington said that only one-third of children in the Columbus area are currently represented by CASA volunteers. The Georgia state goal is to have 100 percent of children represented by 2005, Washington said.

Following the official swearing-in ceremony, guardian ad litem Robert Wilson offered words of encouragement for the graduates.

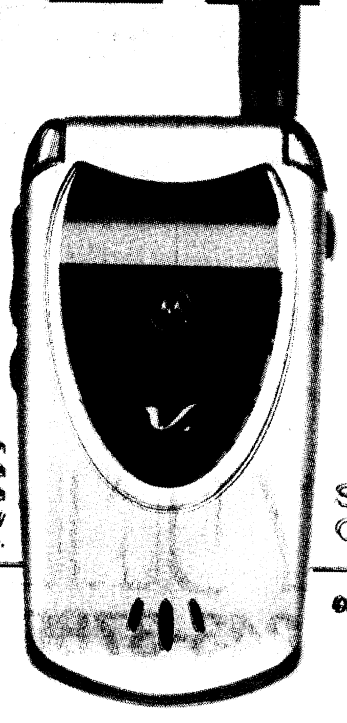
"It is frustrating when you try to connect, but fail," Wilson said. "Keep trying, don't give up. Eventually, you will connect."

CASA volunteer coordinator Barbara Shehane said they are currently matching new volunteers with experienced volunteers before they start working on their first case.

"We're trying to match volunteers with cases and put (all 13 volunteers) to work," Shehane said.

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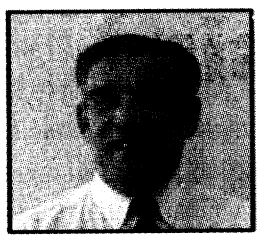
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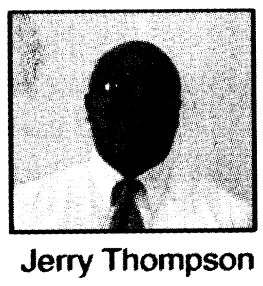
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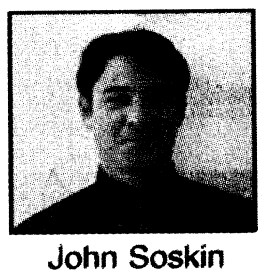
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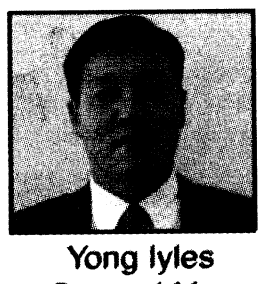
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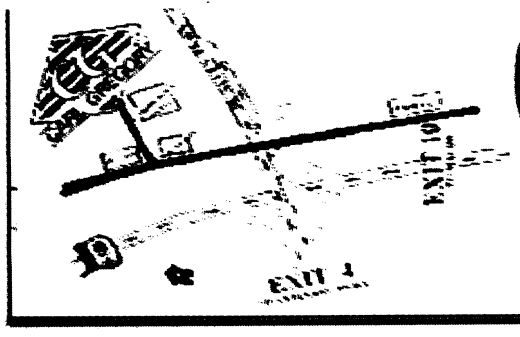
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RTB recognizes distinguished service

Seven rangers continue mentorship

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Barring any unforeseen disasters or undiagnosed ailments, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Don Purdy figures he'll be around a while. But when he leaves this world for the next, he's hoping God has a job waiting for him.

"I sincerely hope in heaven, he has a battalion of rangers — one or two at least, so I can be the sergeant major of one," said Purdy. "Being a ranger is a gift from God, and I miss it. I miss it terribly."

Purdy and six of his fellow retired rangers were honored during the 2002 Distinguished Member of the Ranger Training Brigade ceremony Tuesday at the Ranger Hall of Fame.

"Very human threads," the brigade's commander, Col. William Kidd, called them — "threads that bind us to our past."

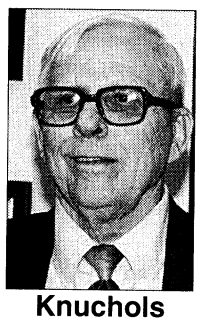
"They embody all that we think is good and right in a ranger," Kidd said. "They define our role. They remind us from whence we came, the hazards of our chosen profession and the standards by which all rangers must live by."

The seven former ranger instructors and commanders were selected because they continue to serve as role models for today's rangers, Kidd said.

"The ranger community is really a closed circle," he said. "Nothing new ever happens in Ranger School, nothing (our predecessors) haven't experienced before.

"So we've found it best to go back to our history for guidance, for lessons learned the hard way the first time. They've beared the burden and paid the price."

Retired 1st Sgt. Bill Knuchols agreed with Kidd. The more things change in the ranger community, the more they stay the same.


Knuchols

"You know, people talk about 'the old soldiers,' like they were different. We're all the same," he said, gesturing toward the younger soldiers.

"There's a special bond, and coming here brings back a lot of wonderful history. Being a ranger instructor is the best job in the Army."

The seven inductees were:

• Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Thomas Cruise, a 30-year veteran, served as an advisor to Vietnam rangers during his two tours there.

Cruise began his career as a ranger instructor at the 6th Ranger Training Battalion in Florida in 1967. He returned to serve as the battalion's command sergeant major until his retirement in 1991.


Purdy

• Retired 1st Sgt. Bill Knuchols received commendations from three presidents for superior performance as a hand-to-hand combat instructor with the Ranger Training Department.

Knuchols was responsible for developing much of the doctrine and training for what is now the Movement to Contact and Search and Attack.

• Retired Lt. Col. Brian Pentecost served with the rangers in various capacities. He served as the deputy commander of the Ranger Training Brigade, commander of the 5th Ranger Training Battalion in Dahlonega, Ga., and commander of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

• Purdy enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1968 after three years in the Canadian Army.


Cruise

Purdy participated in more than 35 missions with the rangers in Vietnam. He served with Delta Force before being named command sergeant major of the 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

• Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Sam Spears served as the command sergeant major for 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment, 3rd Battalion, 504th parachute Infantry Regiment, the 11th Infantry Regiment and the 4th Ranger Training Battalion.

• Retired 1st Sergeant Earl Singletary was an advisor to three battalions of Vietnamese rangers. He served as ranger instructor at various times during his 28-year career.

Singletary retired as the chief deputy of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office last year.

• Retired Col. Tom Terrell helped create the Best Ranger Competition and helped develop the desert phase of Ranger School. He was the first to simultaneously command both the mountain and desert phases of Ranger School.

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> Ranger Hall of Fame inductee

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Foreign Language Proficiency Pay

FLPP is monthly monetary special pay paid to officers, warrant officers, and enlisted personnel who qualify for and maintain the required proficiency in a designated foreign language. Until April 1, 2000, only professional linguists, (language dependent MOSs, or duty positions requiring language capability) were eligible for FLPP. FLPP II (for soldiers with proficiency in critical languages but not in linguist positions) was created to fill critical needs in all testable languages. Presently, the Army has met its needs in many languages. These languages will no longer be eligible for FLPP I payments. Soldiers who tested prior to April 9, 2002 will continue to be paid for the full 12 months of their eligibility. HQ DA message DTG R091641 April 2002, lists those languages that are critical under FLPP II. To qualify for FLPP, language specific Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT) must be taken and passed annually. The DLPT is administered at the Military Testing Section, Bldg. 2612, Soldiers' Plaza.

To schedule testing, call 545-3708 or 545-2911.

CATD Luncheon

Combined Arms and Tactics Directorate December lunchtime presentation will be on Thursday in Infantry Hall's Classroom 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. Retired Lt. Col. Joseph R. Finch will be the speaker. The author of a Vietnam War memoir entitled Angel's Wing: A Year in the Skies of Vietnam, Finch will talk on his experiences as a helicopter pilot in that conflict. Commissioned in 1967, he switched to aviation and went onto have a distinguished flying career during which he earned the Silver Star, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal (28 times), and the Meritorious Service Medal (four times).

Finch will also sign his book at the Infantry Hall Bookstore.

For more information, call 545-5610.

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Act: Rewards service members with more benefits

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the Selected Reserve. If time remains on service commitments, it may be spent on active duty, in the reserves or serving in organizations such as the Peace Corps or Americorps.

Those who qualify may receive one of the following incentives: $5,000 payable after completing the initial 15 months of active duty; repayment of student loans up to $18,000; an education allowance at the Montgomery GI Bill monthly rate for one year; or an educational allowance of one-half the Montgomery GI Bill rate for three years.

The act continues special pays and bonuses for active duty and reserve personnel and expands special pays for high-demand military specialties. The bonus for prior-service soldiers will also increase.

The act makes medical improvements a high priority. The legislation calls on the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs to share assets, especially in regards to pharmacy benefits.

Congress continues to improve the Tricare program. The legislation expands Tricare Prime Remote to cover family members who remain in remote locations when they cannot accompany sponsors. An example of this is a family members who stays in a remote location while a spouse is assigned to Korea on an unaccompanied tour.

Congress also expressed concern over the stability of the Tricare provider networks. Many providers complain that claim processing takes too long. Under the legislation, the requirements for Tricare and Medicare will be the same.

The budget supports an active-duty end strength of 1,389,700 with the Army set at 480,000, the Navy at 375,700, the Marines up slightly to 175,000 and the Air Force pegged at 359,000. The overall strength of the reserve components is unchanged from fiscal 2002 at 864,558.

The legislation expands the size of the service academies from 4,000 to 4,400 students beginning in the 2003-2004 school years.

In the authorization act, the legislators say they "believe that active-duty end strength needs to be increased in the long term."

The act authorizes $7.3 billion for counterterrorism programs.

Much of this is channeled into biological warfare defense and chemical and biological detection, protection and decontamination.

The programs also cover the Nunn-Lugar Cooperative Threat Reduction program. The Senate and House approved $417 million for this counterproliferation activity.

The act directs DoD to set up National Guard civil support teams in all states and territories.

The teams provide medical and technical advice in the event of a terrorist attack involving weapons of mass destruction.

In readiness accounts, the act fully funds President Bush's request of $78.4 billion. This covers such items as flying hours, tank miles and depot maintenance.

The Army's Comanche helicopter program will receive $910 million for engineering and manufacturing development.

Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld canceled the Army's Crusader artillery system.

The act authorizes DoD to shift funding from that program to other indirect fire programs. A total of $673 million will be split among six promising technologies.

Also included is authorization to create the new positions of undersecretary of defense for intelligence and assistant secretary of defense for homeland security.

It also exempts the military from portions of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Provisions allow service members to train more realistically at their stations while expanding buffer zones around training areas.

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The National Defense Authorization Act calls for:

- Service members will receive at least a 4.1 percent pay raise beginning Jan. 1.
- Mid-level NCOs and officers will receive a pay jump between 5.5 percent and 6.5 percent.
- High-demand military specialties pay will expand.
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Finally, the 2003 budget buys the Army's last Abrams tanks and Bradley fighting vehicles. The request funds $376.3 million for 103 tanks and $397 million for 138 Bradleys. In a sign of things to come, the budget authorizes $788 million for the Stryker Armored Vehicle and $759 million for research on the Army's Future Combat System.

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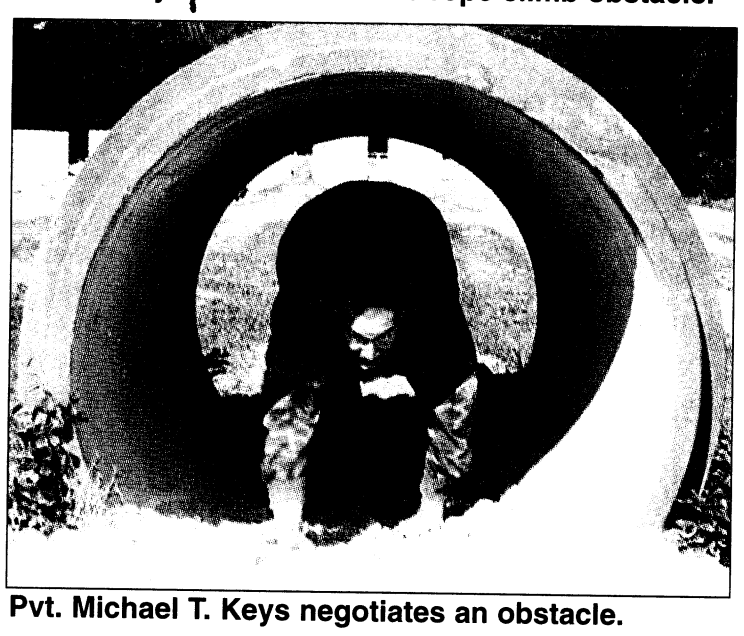
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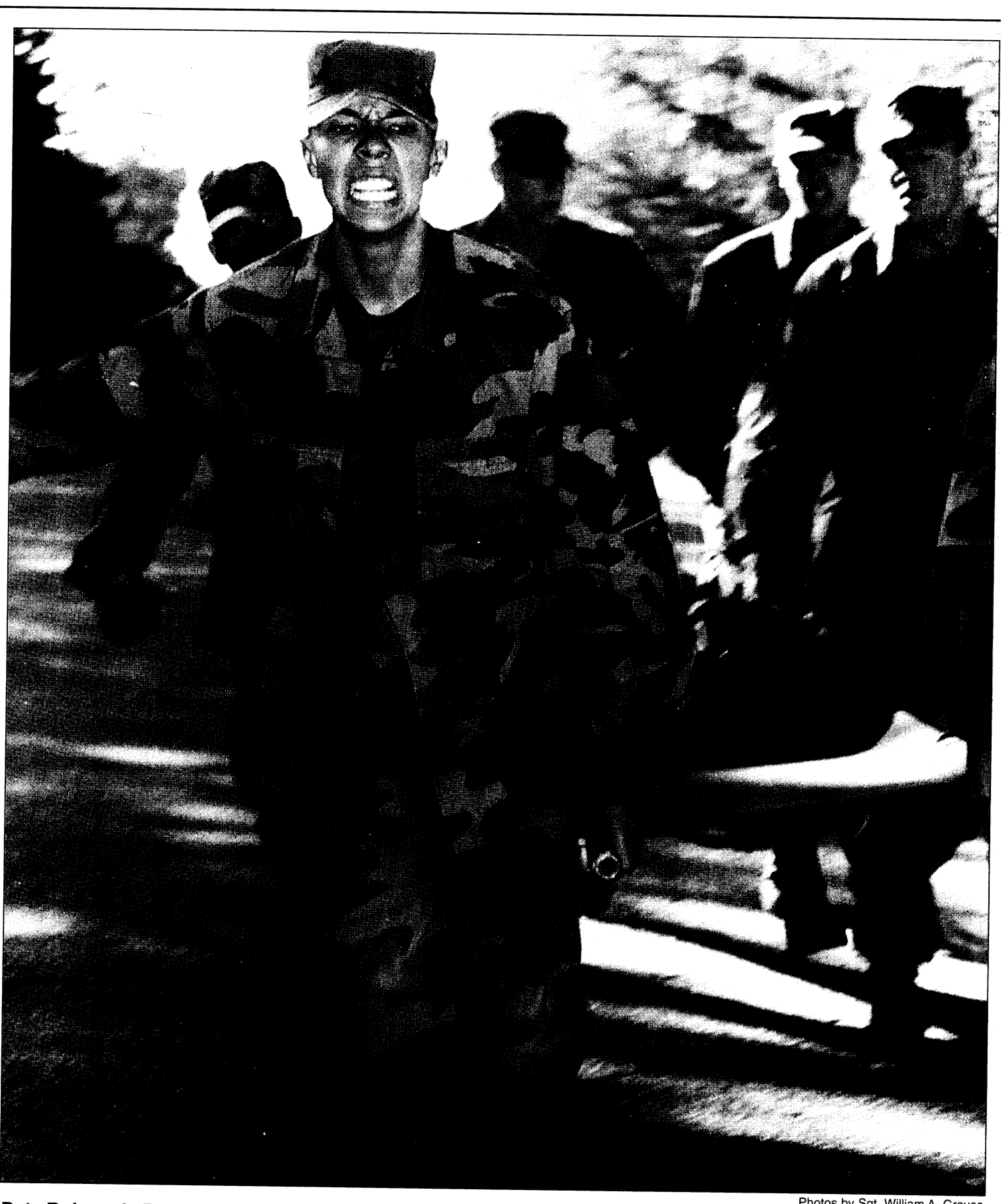
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Pvt. Kenny Hill descends the rope climb obstacle.



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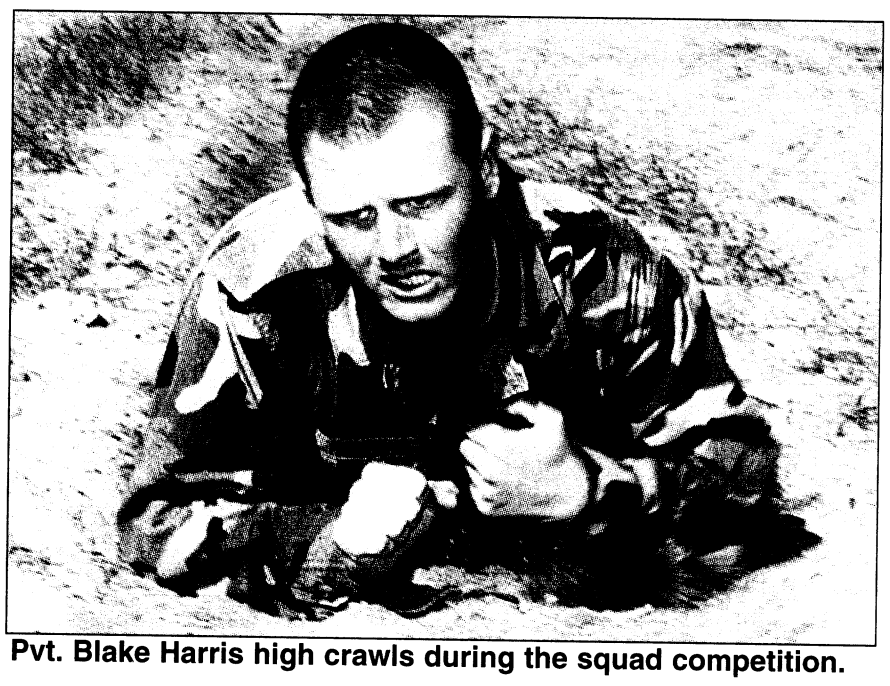
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Pvt. Ruben J. Barraza pushes himself to the limit during the half-mile litter carry Nov. 22 during the D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, squad competition on Sand Hill.

Soldiers compete for best squad title

Victorious squad uses teamwork to win challenge

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor



Pvt. Blake Harris high crawls during the squad competition.

Sand Hill drill sergeants may not be able to offer actual combat to new infantrymen, but they are able to give them a daily dose of what they'll find on any battlefield — stress.

Cadre from D Company, 1st Battalion, 50th Infantry Regiment, used the stress of a timed-squad competition to help motivate and train its infantrymen Nov. 22.

"When you put someone on the clock, his stress level escalates," said Staff Sgt. Danny Dicaire, 3rd Platoon drill sergeant, of the 14-squad competition. "As with all their training, we try to give them a small taste of what combat will be like so they'll have the confidence to perform when their moment of truth does come."

The order of events was: a push up and sit up event, a written exam, the assembly and disassembly of a M-16, an obstacle course, splint a fracture, a half-mile litter carry, mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, and load and unload and correct a malfunction of an M-16. Drill sergeants timed each event and assigned a point value from 1 to 14.

Pvt. Kane Tangiegak, a 20-year-old National Guardsman from Chevak, Alaska, led the winning squad.

"I didn't even feel like I was leading," Tangiegak said. "Everyone knew what it took to win, so we put our heads together and did what all good teams do — become one."

No place was that concept more important than when the soldiers broke into two teams and carried litters, that sergeants weighed down with 200 pounds, for what seemed to be an eternity, he said.

"It was pretty tough," Tangiegak said. "Like everyone else, we were struggling."

Given the clock stopped after the second team crossed the finish line, the squad had a plan. When one of their teams fell back, they replaced the weaker men in the trailing team with stronger men from the leading team. The result of the men's teamwork? The fastest squad time.

"It was a lot of fun," Tangiegak said. "We knew we had a strong squad going into the competition, and we communicated well. That was the main thing — working together."

Members of his squad agreed.

"I fell in with a good group of guys," said Pvt. Robert Walker, a 26-year-old active-duty soldier from High Point, N.C. "I don't think I brought anything unique to the squad. We had a cohesive group, and we placed the talent we had in the right place on each event."

The litter carry was a highlight of the day for him, too.

"It took all of our strength and all of our willpower to complete," Walker said.

"I had a ball," he said. "My favorite part was the PT test. I surprised myself. The 250 I earned was my personal best — up from 160 when I got here — and it was the competition that drove me. All for the squad."

The big dividends soldiers receive may come during war, he said.

"Everything we learned today we can apply to real-world combat situations," Walker said. "For instance, we may have to break contact with the enemy and negotiate obstacles to stay alive. Another would be the rescue breathing — obviously very applicable in combat if we come upon a fallen comrade in arms."

Dicaire said he was glad the soldiers realized the mission's intent — to reiterate the common skill tasks so that they will become second nature to them once they reach their unit and, more importantly, combat.

"They might find themselves in Afghanistan or Iraq, and it's not going to be a problem for them to execute the mission their leaders give them," Dicaire said.

"If they ever need to help carry one of their buddies out on a litter, they'll have the confidence to get the patient from one point to the next in a relatively quick manner," he said. "On the battlefield, you can end up moving some distance. Today's training reminded them of that.

"Correcting a malfunction is another crucial task. They may find themselves in the middle of a fire fight, and they'll need to (correct a malfunction) in a matter of seconds — the very reason why the time element played such an important role today."

The competition was a success, he said.

"It was an excellent way to evaluate whether or not they are working as a team, and at this point (finishing week 11), they are. It reminded them the importance of teamwork — a squad is only as strong as its weakest link. If one soldier messes up, he'll hurt the team. If everyone is on the same page and performing to standard, the team will excel."



Pvt. Justin Grosinsky swings on the monkey-bar obstacle.

The latter rendered a sweet victory for Tangiegak's squad, he said. The squad received a day pass to Main Post Nov. 24 and earned a guidon streamer — which the cadre presented in front of the entire company — for winning the competition.

What did Tangiegak do to relieve the pent up stress caused by weeks of drill sergeants' screaming? He went to watch *The Ring* — the scariest movie to come out in a long time, he said.

"It made me jump a lot," Tangiegak said. "The drill sergeants didn't seem so bad after that."



Pvt. Ira Matthias splints a battle buddy's leg fracture.

36th Engineer Group soldiers battle at NBC Stakes

'Skill to Build' soldiers win group's event

1st Lt. Mamie Murphy
36th Engineer Group

The Rugged Seahorses from the 36th Engineer Group set out to test their Nuclear, Biological and Chemical readiness and physical fitness levels Nov. 22. The all-day, groupwide event incorporated physical training and basic NBC skills into four events, and the soldiers seemed to enjoy it.

"It was fun, challenging and motivating," said Pfc. Nathaniel Stepp, 63rd Engineer Company. "I really liked it a lot."

Thirty squads with 8-10 members per squad participated. The rest of the group was present to cheer on their coworkers.

Taking first, second and fourth place in the event were squads representing the 63rd Engineer Company. Squad leader Sgt. Michael Smith led the first place team, which included: Sgt. Corey Durham; Spc. Shareasa Buckley; Spc. Jason Hamilton; Spc. Patrick Roublow; Spc. Theresa Smith; Pfc. Matthew Graffanino; Stepp; Pvt. Kennie Ervin; and, 2nd Lt. Oswaldo Maxwell.

The first event of the day was a 2.3-mile NBC run. At the sound of the air horn, teams donned their protective masks and took off running. The "all-clear" sign to remove the protective mask was given 1.5 miles into the race. The squad members had to reassemble at the all-clear area, then remove and properly stow their masks before continuing on with the final leg of the race. Time didn't stop until all members of the squad crossed the finish line, and penalties were assessed to teams who did not finish together.

The winning squad, also the overall winners, clocked in a time of 23:08.

"Running in the mask is very tough. You really have to focus on your breathing," Buckley said. "It was hard, but it felt really good to win the first event."

The second event, Humvee push, was also won by a squad from the 63rd Engineer Co., led by Staff Sgt. Al Britton.

The event required the squad to load 75 sandbags into the back of a Humvee, push it 50 yards, don protective masks, unload 25 sandbags, push another 50 yards, turn around, push 50 yards, remove protective masks, re-load 25 sandbags and push the vehicle 50 yards to the finish line.

Britton's team came in at 6:39.

"This was definitely the hardest event," Stepp said. "It just took so much endurance with the gas mask on."

The third event of the day was the most technically demanding. Squads were required to deploy the M-22 chemical system alarm, while in full Mission Oriented Protective Posture gear.

The relay required all members of the squad to correctly use M-9 paper and the M-42 alarm. An additional graded task during the event was drinking from a canteen while in the protective mask.

"It was really hard to do," Buckley said. "I had a hard time getting the little straw from the mask in the canteen and making it stick."

"Ripping the tape for the M-9 paper was tough," Maxwell said. "It kept sticking to the gloves."

This event was won by a squad from the 598th Maintenance Company, led by Sgt. Michael Barton, the only event not won by a squad representing the 63rd. They came in at 7:07.

"This was a tough event," Stepp said. "It's hard to do delicate tasks with the chemical gloves on. They really restrict your movements."

The fourth and final event of the day was the NBC litter relay. Teams not only had to quickly don all of their own protective gear, but the protective gear for an unconscious casualty as well. The overall winners from the 63rd also won this event.

"Putting a mask on someone else isn't really all that difficult," Stepp said. "It's already adjusted to fit and ready to go, but it is tough to get it to seal. You don't know when they're breathing in and out."

The winning squad said they owed their win to the amount of practice put in prior to the event.

"We placed in every single event," Maxwell said. "The reason we were so successful was because we really practiced hard on all the events. We practiced getting in and out of the MOPP suit, getting a casualty in and out of the MOPP gear, and we worked a lot with the chemical alarm. Our NBC NCO, Sgt. Scott Mays, made sure we were really squared away and knew what we were doing. This isn't even his MOS, but he stepped right up when the job became his. He's shown a lot of initiative and has really done a great job. We owe winning this competition to him."

"We ran in our gas masks everyday for a week prior," Stepp said. "We also did circuit training in our masks and practiced all the tasks for the event. The practice was what really did it for us. We were just so much faster than everyone else."

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The following were the NBC Stakes events, the winning squads and their leaders:

- 2.3-mile NBC run — 63rd Engineer Company, Sgt. Michael Smith (He and his squad won the NBC Stakes title)
- Humvee push — 63rd Engineer Co., Staff Sgt. Al Britton.
- Deployment of M-22 chemical system alarm — 598th Maintenance Company, Sgt. Michael Barton.
- NBC litter relay — 63rd Engineer Co., Smith.

FIGHT



Pvt. Matt Taylor readies himself to put a choke on Pvt. Dan Wehr. Soldiers from D Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, worked on their hand-to-hand combat techniques Monday on Goodyear Field. "This is what I joined the Army for — to learn how to kill the enemy," Taylor said.

Pfc. Chris Stephens

Carols by Candlelight

The program starts at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at The Infantry Center Chapel

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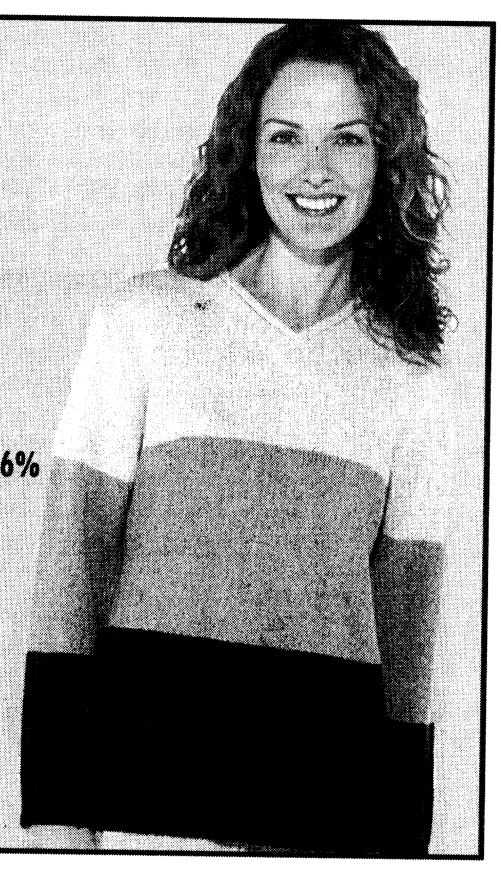
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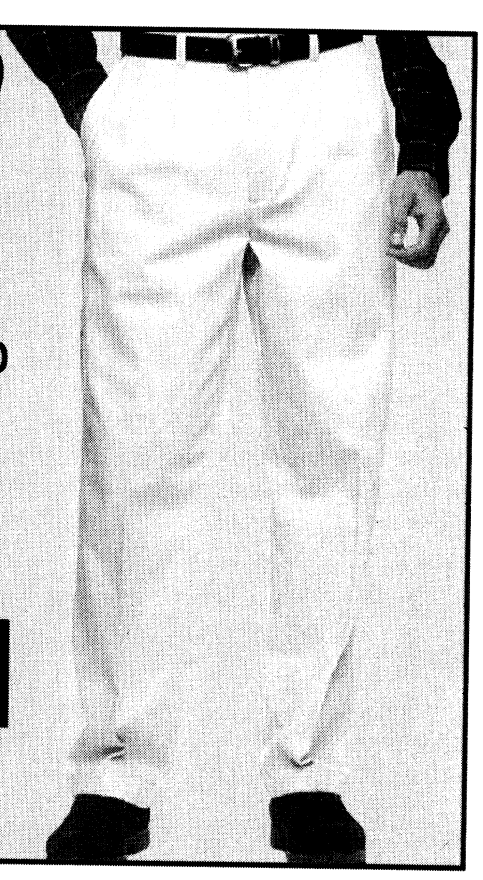


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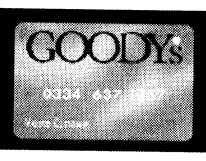
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COMMUNITY

SECTION B

BSI bails on maintenance contract

Leaves post scrambling on service orders

Melissa House
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Last week's notice that BSI would cease maintenance operations effective Sunday came as a surprise to everyone.

BSI provided general maintenance support for roughly half of the 4,000 sets of family quarters and did repairs on all appliances on post.

The company, which had been working on Fort Benning for the last seven years was apparently having financial difficulties and did not have the money to continue operations. The previous three-year contract officially ended in September, but the company agreed to an extension through Jan. 25. BSI's parent company is located in Moriches, N.Y.

Once the Directorate of Contracting received the faxed notification, they had a quick meeting with their lawyer, said Ken Hankins, Family Housing chief.

"My guys stepped up to the plate and said they could do it," Hankins said. The maintenance team from the Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics will pick up the slack caused by BSI backing out of their contract.

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>
> **Ken Hankins,**
> chief of family housing

Hankins said Housing will try to pick up some part-time workers to ease the increased workload and work overtime and weekends. The workers will not be able to make routine repairs to screens and the like, instead focusing their efforts on the real emergencies involving heat, stoves and refrigerators.

"We'll have to issue some houses that are less than perfect with a promise that the new contractor will fix the deficiencies in January," Hankins said. Painting orders for vacant quarters will not be affected.

See **BSI**, B-2

Funny First Friday

Club gets ready for stand-up routines

Comedians to tell jokes at NCO Club

Bridgett Siter
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Did you hear the one about the two comedians who go into a bar? Well, not a bar actually, a club —the NCO Club, I mean. Now, stop me if you've heard it.

Fort Benning's Main NCO Club will present Funny First Friday tonight at 9 p.m. Comedians Alex Ortiz and "Big" Sean Larkin will perform the stand up routines that have garnered them praise — and laughs — from Black Entertainment Television audiences who tune in to watch both performers regularly on *Showtime At The Apollo.*

The show will be emceed by Daran Howard, a veteran comedian and actor, and a friend of Maj. Terrance Manns, of Fort Benning's Directorate of Combat Developments.

Howard and Manns met several years ago through a mutual friend, and Howard called Manns last year after Sept. 11 to ask what he could do for U.S. military troops. Manns suggested Howard take his show overseas to Korea and Germany.

After a yearlong tour in both countries, Howard turned his attention to soldiers stateside.

See **CLUB**, B-2

Symbols shine on post

Children flip switches to kick off celebrations

Melissa House
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Mother Nature finally came through for the Fort Benning chaplains. After one year of bitter cold and another ceremony marred by rain, Tuesday's mild temperatures made for a pleasant start for holiday events.

Chaplain (Col.) Mike Hartsell welcomed the crowd gathered on the Field of Four Chaplains alongside The Infantry Center chapel for the annual tree and menorah lighting ceremony.

Hartsell recalled a long list of holiday movies watched again and again by many in the audience. In each of the movies, someone had a problem, and then built a relationship with another person that helped them resolve the problem.

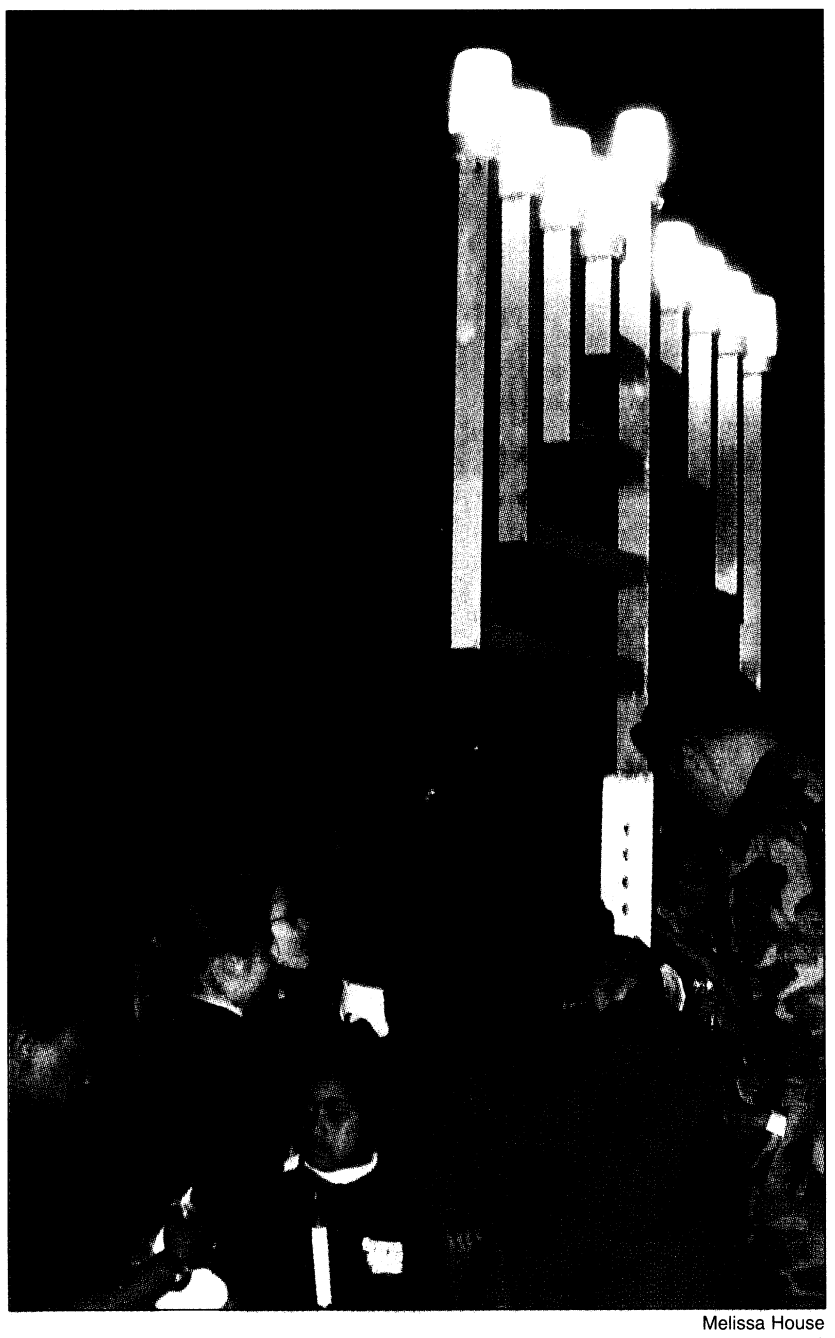
"Don't let stress steal your joy," he said. "Now is the time to focus on memories and holiday traditions. Focus on giving, faith and reaching out to others."

Post Commander Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton encouraged the families to go back to the fundamentals of what is important to humanity.

"This is our season," Eaton said. "Focus on goodness and on what makes our country wonderful."

Following Eaton's remarks, the families were treated to a concert by the Stowers Elementary School choir, directed by chorus teacher Lorri Blanchard. Along with an assortment of traditional holiday songs was *Just One Candle*, featuring solos by several Stowers students.

Fort Benning residents Marie and Johnny Knowles, and son Johnny Jr., attended the tree lighting ceremony for the first time.



Melissa House

Children help flip the switches to light the menorah and Christmas tree on the Field of the Four Chaplains Tuesday.

"We came because our daughter was singing in the choir," said Marie. "We really enjoyed the performance."

Johnny Jr., 4, wasn't outwardly excited about listening to sister Jennifer sing.

"He was really interested in the Nativity scene," his father said. "He kept asking me questions about it."

Col. Joe Torres, garrison commander, gave the crowd a brief history of the significance of each of the three symbols at the edge of the field. The tradition of the Christmas tree, started in Germany, was believed to have been introduced by

See **SEASON**, B-2

Scholarships available for families

Soldiers, spouses, children eligible for college money

Angela Sachitano
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Several college scholarships are ready and available for military personnel and their family members, regardless of rank, ethnicity or military background.

At least four separate scholarship organizations are targeting Army families, looking for candidates to take home anywhere from $500 to $1,500 in college money.

"The scholarships are relatively simple to enroll for," said Gary Hensley, director of the Fort Benning commissary and organizer of the Scholarship for Military Children Program funded by the commissary. "We're making the applications available through the schools, on the Internet and they can pick up information at the commissary. Anyone who is interested in college should go for it."

Applications for the commissary scholarship have been available since November but Hensley said only a handful of people have applied.

"The more people apply, the more money we can hand out," Hensley said. "We hope to have enough applicants to choose at least three students from Fort Benning. Right now we barely have three applications."

With all of the college-bound family members out there, there is no need for scholarship money to go to waste, said Army Emergency Relief director Al Dean. AER is administering the Maj. Gen. James Ursano Scholarship Fund. Active-duty soldiers and Army retirees with college-bound children or stepchildren are eligible, Dean said.

"The AER scholarship is for applicants based on financial need and academic achievements," Dean said. "This is our way of paying back our armed forces."

The AER scholarship ranges from $600 to

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Courtesy photo

Jo Payne decorates one of the Leyland cypress trees she and her husband, Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Payne, Basic Combat Training Brigade, grow on their 17-acre farm.

Chaplain operates tree farm

Success means children's smiling faces, chaplain says

Angela Sachitano
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Picking the right Christmas tree to shine bright in the living room all season long can be complicated. Just ask Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dan Payne, Basic Combat Training Brigade chaplain.

When he's not busy ministering to soldiers, Payne is on his land, planting more than 3,200 Christmas trees at his home in LaGrange, Ga.

"We've put a lot of hard work into our tree farm," Payne said. "This year the trees are large enough for families to take them home. We can't wait to see the kids faces when they come to pick them out."

Payne and his wife began planting Leyland Cypress trees on 17 acres of their land, located about an hour north of Columbus, four years ago.

"I come from a long line of farmers and so does my wife," he said. "Trees are a great way to use the land because they produce oxygen and clean the air."

They don't use fancy equipment; in fact they plant and shear the trees by hand.

"I plant twice a year, usually during my leave time," Payne said. "My wife does a lot of work as well. When I was in Kuwait for a year, she took care of the farm herself. We are both outdoors people and love our land, so it doesn't seem like a job to us."

And the trees don't exactly grow overnight. An average Leyland Cypress grows only a few feet a year. This is the first year the Paynes are able to sell the trees because it's taken this long to get them to the right height, about eight feet.

Families tend to flock toward the Leyland Cypress, said Linnea Wieland, president of the Georgia Christmas Tree Association. The trees rarely shed needles and tend to stay fresh longer than most other trees.

"The Leyland Cypress is a beautiful dark green with featherlike branches," Wieland said. "It's always a favorite for families."

The Paynes officially opened their farm the day after Thanksgiving. They've invited local schools and churches to the farm to teach kids about the art of growing a Christmas tree.

"We look at this as a ministry of sorts," Payne said. "Success for us is seeing the smiles on the kids faces."

Leyland Cypress trees sell for $3.50 a foot. For directions to the Payne's farm, call (706) 882-6892.

Post offers finance classes

Six-part course teaches families to save money

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

This is the third part of a five part series that explores what soldiers learn at the financial readiness course.

The first two parts of the financial readiness course explored ways to find money to invest and the importance of diversity in investment strategies.

The third class focused on ways to invest money that will provide fixed-income supplements.

Fixed-income investing is a good way for people who have already retired and would like to increase their income by collecting dividends on a regular basis, said Ann Pratcher, manager of the Financial Readiness Program.

Fixed income investments add diversification to a portfolio, and have a lower volatility than stocks. They provide predictability of investment returns. Some even offer tax advantages.

There are several choices to make when choosing a fixed-income investment, and shopping around is very important, Pratcher said. Investors should consider the length of time they can invest the money before it is needed, the stability of the investment and the total return.

Certificates of Deposit and U.S. Treasury Securities are the most secure because the government insures them. CDs are federally insured up to $100,000 while U.S. Treasury Securities are backed by the full faith and credit of the U.S. government.

Other fixed-income investments can provide a larger payoff, but they require more risk. Money market mutual funds are more conservative than a lot of other investments, Pratcher said. However, they are not insured like the CDs or the U.S. Treasury Securities.

Fixed-income investments can also be purchased in the form of bonds. There are several types of bonds, all of which have unique advantages, disadvantages and levels of risk.

As with most investments, the risk and the return balance each other out, meaning the higher the risk, the greater the potential for return.

"When deciding which investments to pursue, the most important things to consider are whether or not you are comfortable with the risk involved, and does the investment match your goals," Pratcher said.

The third class in the series explored investing in mutual funds and the importance of doing research before investing.

A mutual fund is a portfolio of stocks, bonds or other securities that are collectively owned by many investors and managed by a professional investment company.

Mutual funds make money in two ways: current income, which pays dividends or interest earned on the portfolio investments and capital gains, which involve selling the securities after they have gone up in value. Therefore, mutual funds can be tailored to fit the needs of the investor, Pratcher said.

"There are many advantages to investing in mutual funds," Pratcher said. "They earn competitive returns, they have full-time professional management, and they reduce risk through diversity. They can be bought for small amounts of money. However, there is no guaranteed rate of return, and record keeping for tax purposes can be difficult.

One of the factors to consider when purchasing a mutual fund is the cost of expenses. Since they are managed by professional organizations, there are charges for investing.

There are four types of funds based on sales charges; no-load, low-load, load and back-end-loaded funds

The load represents the percentage of sales commission. A no-load fund has no sales commission. A low-load fund has a sales charge between one and three percent. A loaded fund has a sales charge between four and eight percent, and a back-end-loaded fund has a declining sales charge that can start at about six percent if the investors sell their shares within the first year and slides down to one percent for the last year of a potential load.

"As with any major investment, research is very important," Pratcher said.

There are many ways to research specific funds. Some of the more popular ways to research funds are through newspapers and magazines. Research can also be conducted by contacting mutual fund-trade associations and professional advisors.

"No matter what your goals may be, it is vital that you shop around and compare apples to apples before investing in any type of fund, and be sure to get the right one for you," Pratcher said.

The students seemed to enjoy the class.

"I thought the classes were very informative. I feel more comfortable about where I will invest my money, and I'm sure I'll have a better retirement as a result," said Marie Brooks, battalion commander's assistant for 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

For more information, call 545-7517.

BSI: Surprises post by shutting down

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"Be patient with us," he said. "We promise to fix things as soon as we can."

Contract officer Bob Koger is working on a new multi-million dollar contract for the services previously performed by BSI.

"We should have the solicitation out on the street within the next 10 days," Koger said. "We'll evaluate the applicants and award the contract."

Koger said that BSI originally had the option to extend their current contract past the Jan. 25 date.

BSI maintenance superintendent Don Dearing was no less surprised by his company's announcement.

"This was a total surprise," Dearing said. "Needless to say, none of us are really happy about this."

Dearing has been at Fort Benning since June 1996 when the company brought him from another location. He received the same faxed notification letter sent to Fort Benning officials.

The BSI walkout dealt a tough blow to the post housing maintenance effort. Dearing said his company had a great deal of knowledge about things like locations of water and power lines that would have eased the transition when Shaw takes over DFEL maintenance activities on Jan. 25.

Dearing said he hopes the BSI employees might have the opportunity to work with the new contract company.

"All of our employees felt they had done as good as they could do," Dearing said. "We have no regrets."

Dearing and project manager Nancy Sears were asked to stay on for a few weeks to try to get things straightened out.

"We basically have what amounts to a small construction company here," Dearing said. "It all has to be put in order and disposed of."

BSI equipment consisted of a fleet of 26 vehicles as well as all the tools and materials needed for housing maintenance.

Dearing and Sears will spend the next several weeks updating maintenance records and getting them into the computer.

"We hope that we can give the Fort Benning staff the information that they need."

Family housing residents are reminded to call DFEL at 545-2135 for all service orders.

Club: Brings comedians to post

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"So I figured, why not start right here at Fort Benning," Manns said. "These guys are caliber comedians. They're at the top of their game. You'll recognize them from TV. So this is a fantastic opportunity for Fort Benning."

Manns said the first in a series of Funny First Fridays took place Nov. 1, and Howard and his band of traveling comics drew more than 200 soldiers to the Main NCO Club.

"Surprised everyone," he said. "I knew it could be successful. I just wasn't expecting such a great turnout for the first one."

With that in mind, club officials are planning to seat 500 guests tonight. The doors open at 8 p.m., show starts at 9 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at the club, Fort Benning's Follow Me Golf Course and Alfie's African Treasures, 2901 University Ave., in Columbus.

For more information, call 687-1232 or visit www.stellaandboodad.com.

Scholarships: Fill out applications

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$1,700 a year and is awarded on an annual basis for up to four years.

"I don't think parents are aware of the kind of money that is out there for our military kids," Hensley said. I've seen available money go unused in past years because of a lack of knowledge by military families. This year we don't want that to happen."

Since the beginning of the school year AAFES has also been putting the word out about its "You Made the Grade" scholarship fund.

The program provides $50 coupon books to middle school children with a B+ grade average each quarter. Children can fill out a form in the back of the book and be eligible for up to $10,000 in scholarship money.

"AAFES picks three military children a quarter for the scholarship," said Donald O'Reilly, AAFES general manager. "It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for families."

Another scholarship available is offered by the Ranger Memorial Foundation. Fifteen scholarships of $500 each will be awarded to rangers or ranger family members with a 3.0 average or higher.

"All of the scholarships are ready and waiting for people to take advantage of," Dean said. "There will be a lot of happy Fort Benning families this year if people get the ball rolling and apply."

Deadlines for some scholarships are as early as February 2003. Information and eligibility criteria are:

Scholarship for Military Children Program: visit commissary or log to www.commissaries.com

MG James Ursano Scholarship Fund: visit AER office, Soldier's Plaza or go to www.aerhq.com.

AAFES scholarship: talk with administrators at Faith Middle School or speak with AAFES administration office.

Ranger Memorial Foundation Scholarship: www.rangermemorial.org.

The Retired Officers Association American Patriot Scholarship, in its second year, was prompted by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Eligible applicants can apply and receive more information online at www.troa.org/education. Beginning Jan. 1, the site changes to www.moaa.org/education.

Students may also look into other local opportunities available, like chapters of the Association of the U.S. Army, the Officers' Spouses Club and the Enlisted Wives Club.

Season: Lights Fort Benning tradition

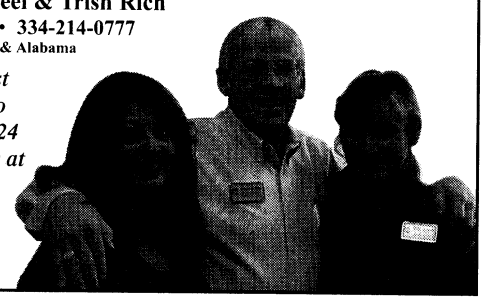
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Hessian soldiers who fought alongside the colonists in the Revolutionary War. The menorah, from old Jewish tradition, represented the hope that all people could enjoy religious freedom, and the Nativity, represented the story of Jesus.

Torres wished everyone a season of happiness, hope, generosity and good will as he, Hartsell and Eaton headed into the crowd to gather children. One by one, the tree, menorah and Nativity were lit.

Torres led the crowd in a rousing chorus of "Santa Claus is coming to town" as Santa made his first appearance of the season riding on a fire engine.

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Wills ensure property goes where deceased wants it to go

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Who needs a will? Some people say everyone does, while others say that you only need a will if you are married. There is no one answer, however, that fits all people in all circumstances, and each person's situation must be considered in determining what is necessary in his or her case.

In consideration of this issue, it is important to examine some of the myths and realities regarding wills.

To begin with, a will is a legal document that disposes of your property upon your death. This is the primary purpose of a will, to determine who will get your car, VCR, CD and DVD collection, and so on. Collectively, the property you own at the time of your death is referred to as your "estate." A secondary purpose of a will is to express your desires regarding the guardianship of any minor children you may leave behind.

Statistically, most people die "intestate," which means they pass away without a will. Because of this, all states have "intestacy laws," which are laws that set out who receives a person's property if he or she dies without a will.

Many people incorrectly believe they do not need a will because state law automatically gives everything to their spouse, and if not all to their spouse, then all to their children.

Let's look at an example of an intestacy law. Under Georgia law, if a Georgia resident dies without a will, his entire estate does not automatically go to his spouse. Georgia law first looks to see if there are any surviving children.

If there are surviving children, the children may receive up to one-half of the estate, which means that the spouse might only receive one-half.

A 50-50 split between the spouse and the children might be considered fair to some, but considered unfair to others.

Suppose a single Georgia resident with no children passed away without a will. Who would receive her estate? Under Georgia's intestacy laws, her parents would receive her estate in equal shares. Is it possible for the person's estate to be divided equally between one parent who reared her, and another parent who left the family before the person was even born? Under intestacy laws, yes.

Would it matter that the absent parent failed to pay child support, never wrote and never called? Under intestacy laws, no. This is one of the disadvantages of relying on state intestacy laws.

Anyone who disagrees with the intestate order of succession in his or her state needs a will. Otherwise, his or her estate will be distributed in an unsatisfactory manner.

As stated earlier, wills do more than distribute property. They can also be used to indicate a preference for guardianship of a minor child. Because children are not property, and because the judge is required to act according to "the best interests of the child," a will cannot automatically appoint a guardian. The will is an extremely strong indicator as to the parent's preference however, and it is only overridden in unusual circumstances.

The commonly-heard statement that "single soldiers don't need a will" is incorrect in two instances.

First, if a single soldier has a minor child, a will is needed to express a preference regarding guardianship.

Second, if a single soldier does not want her estate to pass by her state's intestacy laws, and wants her estate to be given all to her mother and none to her father for example, then she needs a will.

In conclusion, everyone should consider his or her own circumstances in deciding whether or not to have a will. More often than not, having a will is better than not having one, because ensures your property is distributed the way you want it to go, and if you have a minor child it indicates whom you want to serve as guardian.

Cost is not a factor, since wills prepared by the Legal Assistance Division are free to eligible clients.

In fact, military will preparation saves money, as wills drafted by private civilian attorneys cost $100 on average. Wills prepared by Army attorneys are valid in all fifty states.

For more information, call the Fort Benning Legal Assistance Division at 545-3281.

COMMUNITY NEWS

on post

Dinner theater auditions — Benning's Backstage will have auditions for a production of *The Odd Couple* (female version) at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at the Main NCO Club. The show is also in need of performers for the talent hour, stagehands, prop designers, painters, make-up and costume artists and experienced light technicians. The show will debut in mid-February.

To volunteer or for more information, call 689-4342.

OSC Holiday Tour of Homes — The Officers' Spouses Club annual Holiday Tour of Homes is Thursday. The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a social hour at the Officers' Club, featuring entertainment and hors d'oeuvres, followed by the tour of homes at 6:30 p.m. There will be 12 homes featured this year, including Riverside, home of the commanding general.

Tickets are required and may be purchased at the OSC Thrift Shop, Bit of Benning Gift Shop or the Officers' Club. Tickets are $12.

For more information, call Brenda Donlin at 685-0642 or Rhonda Ward at 683-9006.

CSU registration for spring semester — Step up to Columbus State University for Spring Semester 2003. Early registration continues through Dec. 20. The completed application deadline is Dec. 13. Freshman orientation is Jan. 2 and classes begin Jan. 6.

CSU offers more than 60 types of degree programs including:

- Graduate degrees,
- Baccalaureate degrees,
- Associate degrees,
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CSU caters to the non-traditional college student by offering:

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- Evening classes,
- Free advising and tutorial services,
- Adult re-entry program.

Come by and visit the admissions counselor at 2613 Soldiers' Plaza. For more information, call the Admissions Office at 568-2035 or 689-8668 or visit the Web site at www.colstate.edu.

For more information, call the Educational Center at 545-1774.

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

Scholarship Pageants — Young women in the Columbus area will have a chance to compete in the Miss Columbus Scholarship and the Teen Miss Columbus Pageants. Both will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in Legacy Hall at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts.

Competition will include talent, evening gown, swimsuit and interview. Those who wish to compete must be between the ages of 17 and 24 and reside or work in Muscogee, Harris, Talbot, Chattahoochee, Taylor, Troup, Meriwether, Stewart, Quitman, Marion and Randolph Counties, Fort Benning or attend school at Columbus State University or Andrew College.

There is no entrance fee to compete. The winner will go on to compete in the Miss Georgia Pageant held in June.

General admission is $12 and the public is invited to attend.

For more information or an application to participate, call Mike Owens at 718-2414, Hugh Gregory at (404) 378-7141 or e-mail misscolumbusga@aol.com .

Columbus Reads — Be a volunteer with Columbus Reads Kindergarten Readiness Program Jan. 13 through May 16.

Volunteers only need to spend 20 minutes, one day a week with a 4-year-old.

For more information, call Deborah Tainsh at 649-1895.

Volunteers needed — Volunteers are needed for the 2002 C.C.S.C., Inc. School Tutorial Program.

Teachers are needed in reading, math and other areas each Saturday during the school term from 10 a.m. to noon at Eddy Middle School at 2100 South Lumpkin Road and Rothschild Middle, Eastway Elementary School at 1136 Hunt Avenue.

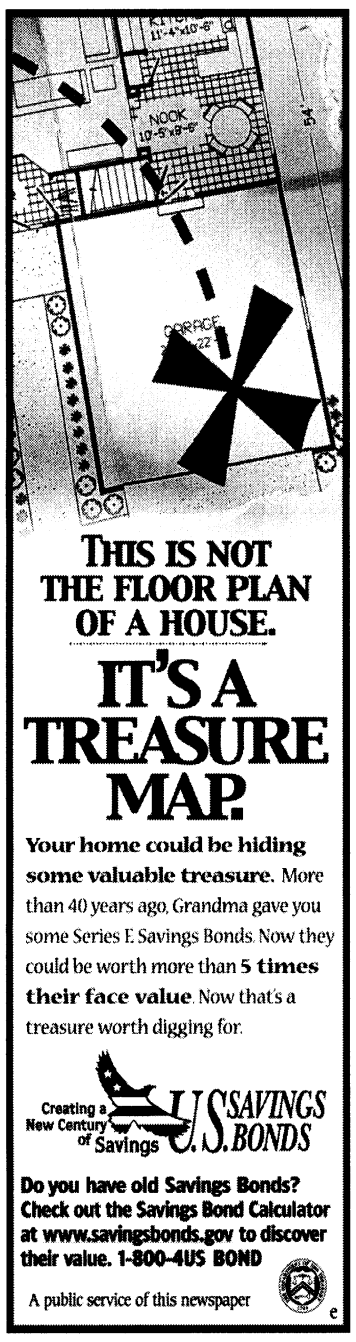
For more information, call Lonnie Jackson at 687-5357, Daisy Honor at 687-8808, the office at 321-9596 or go to Eddy Middle School.

Tree book — "What Tree Is That?," a pocket guide for identifying trees, is available from The National Arbor Day Foundation. The 72-page guide will help people identify 135 different trees found in the eastern and central U.S. Dozens of drawings illustrate the trees' leaves or needles and their acorns, berries, seed pods and other identifying features.

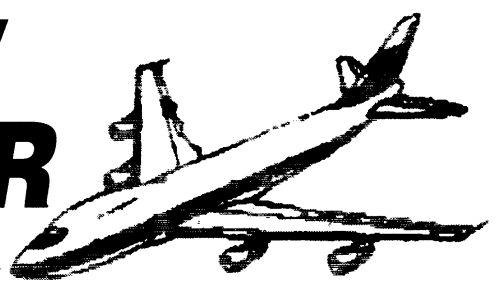
To obtain your tree ID guide, send your name and address and $3 to "What Tree Is That?" The National Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** corn dog, tater tots, cole slaw, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** chicken fajitas, spanish rice, glazed carrots, fruit, milk, cake
- **Wednesday:** steak sandwich, oven fries, green beans, fruit, milk
- **Thursday:** sloppy joe, baked beans, carrot and celery sticks with dip, fruit, milk
- **Friday:** glazed ham, sweet potatoes, turnip greens, black-eyed peas, cornbread or roll, milk



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Students write about home

Faith Middle School

Seventh-graders from Faith Middle School participated in a project about what home means to them, and wrote their ideas down.

Home to me is a lot of things. My home is special to me because all of my things are there.

I always know where to find a certain pair of shoes, or where the DVDs are supposed to go.

If someone were to blindfold me, I could find anything in the house. It's also where my pets are, and I love my pets.

My home also gives me privacy, and it's a place where I can just go and relax.

A lot of the time, I won't go somewhere after school because I just want to go home.

I can be really mad or sad, and once I'm home, I'm fine.

My home means a lot to me, and I feel sorry for anyone who doesn't have one.

Emily Toon

To me, home means a place you can come home to and relax, and share quality time with your family.

It means a place where you rest and get ready for school in the morning, and get together for dinner every night.

Home is a place where you go when you're in trouble, or want to get away from the world around you. It is a place where you celebrate your good times, and hide from all of your bad times.

Katelyn Schrader

Home. Just saying the word makes me feel whole and grateful. When I go home and open the door to my room, I feel that it's a place to call my own.

Even when my brother comes in and messes it up on occasion I try not to get angry because there are some people who don't have a well-built house.

I can remember one time when my mom and I went shopping and we saw a middle-aged man sitting on the sidewalk with dirty clothes on.

When we were in the car and about to leave, my mom drove the car over to the man and told me to give him $5.

I handed him the money, and I can still remember the words he said to me, "God Bless you, young lady."

Those words were words of gratitude.

Sometimes when I go home and have to wash the dishes or clean the kitchen, I think of the man on the sidewalk and feel glad that I have a place to clean-up and call my own.

Kierra Stockton

Self portraits



Clara Langdon



Sergio Rolon

Langdon and Rolon are the Artists of the Month for Faith Middle School for their self-portraits.

Holiday decoration must conform to post regulations

Directorate of Facilities Engineering and Logistics

With the approach of the holidays, many wish to decorate their residence in celebration of the season. Doing so requires prudence in the interest of safety, facility upkeep and energy conservation. Holiday decorations will conform to the following:

Family Housing

No decorations, lighted or unlighted, are allowed on roofs because installing them can be dangerous. Decorations may be affixed to walls, the underside of eaves and displayed elsewhere in adjoining yards. When attaching decorations, use the smallest possible fasteners.

Do not overload electrical circuits. Do not leave tree lights and candles unattended while burning.

Barracks

Exterior lighting is not permitted in the barracks. Inside, do not overload electrical circuits. Do not leave tree lights and candles unattended while burning.

Offices

Nonelectric decorations will be used in office and operational facilities throughout the installation.

Energy conservation is important. Be judicious in family housing and barrack areas when using electrical decorations. Do not turn outside electrical decorations on until dusk and turn them off prior to midnight. Moderation in the use of electrical decorations will allow everyone to enjoy the holiday season.

Holiday Safety Tips

Here are some safety tips that will hopefully make this a safer holiday period:

• Do not overload the electrical circuits. Maximum capacity of a 15 amp circuit is 1,800 watts and a 20 amp circuit is 2,400 watts. Check the breaker or fuse controlling the circuit to determine the amperage. Be sure to include house lamps, appliances and other electrical equipment on the circuit.

• Before decorating, check light for frayed wires, damaged sockets or cracked insulation.

• Hot bulbs can ignite dry branches. Avoid fire by keeping natural trees well watered and keeping extension cords and light sets away from the water. Light the tree when at home and awake to enjoy it. Always unplug the Christmas tree when not at home.

• For outdoor lighting, use a ground fault circuit interrupter on each circuit. If current leaks through frayed or damaged wires, the interrupter shuts it off.

• Don't use more than one extension cord per outlet, and never hide cords under carpets or rugs.

• Buy a tree that is fresh. If the needles are already falling off, the tree is too dry and it should not be purchased. Leave the tree outside until time to decorate. Keep a live tree watered. Trees commonly use up to, a gallon of water every day.

• Never use candles to decorate a Christmas tree.

• Keep Christmas trees away from fireplaces, heating registers and space heaters.

• Keep a working smoke detector in the room above the Christmas tree. Consider purchasing a "tree-detector."

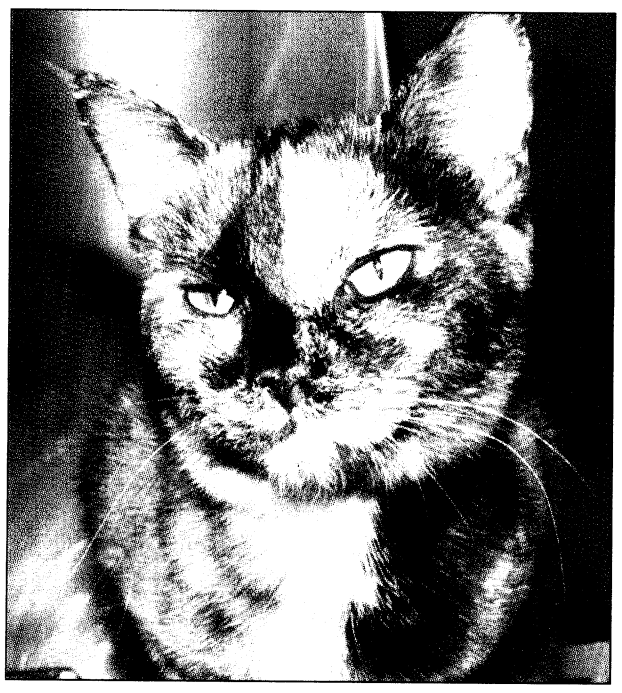
• Remember holly, mistletoe and poinsettias are all poisonous plants to people and pets.

• Be careful of ornaments and decorations that include ribbons or garlands that can easily become snagged on a passing child. This alone could cause a full-sized tree to fall on a child.

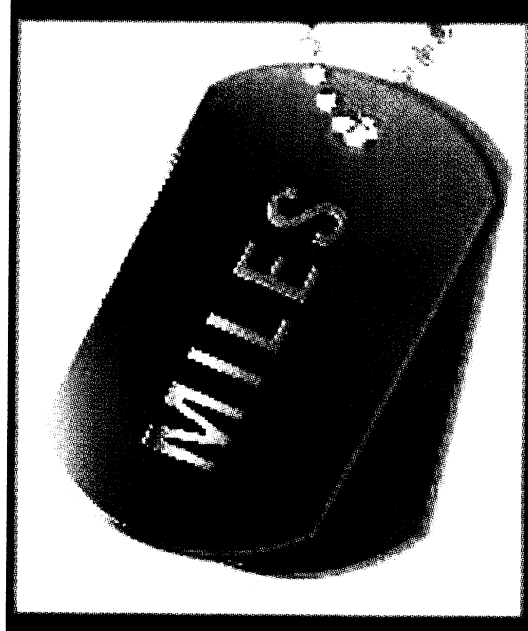
PETS OF THE WEEK



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens



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Chaplain (Maj.) Tom Sohljem
75th Ranger Regiment

If someone were to ask you, "who had the greatest impact on your life," how would you answer? In his book, *Tested By Time*, James Garlow writes:

"The most effective leaders are those who lead from the front lines, where the action is, in the trenches wherever the soldiers are. It is about connecting with your people.

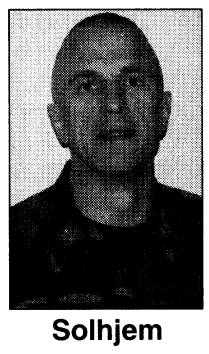
"Connectivity is about authenticity. If you touch their hearts, they will follow you anywhere!

"If you touch only their minds, you have their respect, but if you touch their hearts, you have their lives!"

As I look back, those who have had the greatest impact were those who were able to connect with me. The list includes my wife, family, an NCO, a chaplain when I was a young specialist years ago in Germany, a select group of commanders, officers, NCOs and peers.

How did they connect? They led from the front. They demonstrated their concern in leadership by: 1) assuming risk, 2) believing in me, 3) expecting the best from me and 4) providing encouragement that moved me from what I was to what I was intended to be and do.

REFLECTIONS


Solhjem

They were not looking to advance their own self-interests. They set those aside to connect with me. In essence, their leadership was authentic, inspiring and motivating.

The privilege of serving in the 75th Ranger Regiment a second time has renewed my resolve and commitment as a chaplain and soldier. Every day I am surrounded by unsung heroes who connect with their soldiers and lead from the front. I see their families sacrificing in support of the war on terrorism, dealing with the problems that separation can bring and operating at 50 percent strength in the parental leadership team.

I see them give and then give some more without complaining or whining. Since this is happening across the installation, the Army and all branches of service, it is not unique, but it is inspiring to be a part of. It makes me want to commit my heart afresh everyday to serving such a congregation.

I must confess that Jesus has not only touched my mind, but my heart and my life. I will follow him because he leads from the front of daily life in the trenches, wherever soldiers or their families are.

Christ leads from the front. How about you? Are you connecting with those around you? Would they follow you anywhere? Are you willing to accept the risk of leadership, to pick up those who falter, to inspire the hearts of those you lead at home or at duty?

During this advent season, it is important to remember Christ came and lived with us on earth.

Jesus connected with us by taking on flesh and blood. He touched our hearts through his birth, life, death and resurrection.

Christ was his troops. What his follower's lack, he supplies. He leads from the front!

CHAPEL NOTES

Holiday Service Schedule
Protestant

• Carols by Candlelight — 7 p.m. Sunday at TIC Chapel.

• Christmas Musical -– 10:30 a.m. Dec. 15 at TIC Chapel.

• Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at TIC Chapel.

• New Year's Eve Watch Night Service — 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic

• Reconciliation Service — 7 p.m. Dec. 9 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Family Christmas Mass — 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Bilingual Christmas Mass — 11 a.m. Dec. 25 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Holy Day Vigil Mass — 5 p.m. Dec. 31 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Bilingual Holy Day Mass — 11 a.m. Jan. 1 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Carols by Candlight — The Fourth annual Carols by Candlelight will be presented at 7 p.m. Dec. 8 at The Infantry Center Chapel.

This program presents music of the holidays in the setting of the beautifully decorated chapel. In addition to choral and youth group presentations, Cy Dietrich, music teacher at Dexter Elementary School will sing as will Joy Dillow of Columbus. The program will last about one hour and is free to the public.

Catholic Women of the Chapel — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Pete Hardman at 687-0925 or 544-1382.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Sunday School — Protestant Religious Education classes for children and adults meets at 9 a.m. Sundays at White Elementary School. Transportation from the housing areas is available and watch care is provided.

For more information, call 545-4715.

Catholic religious education programs — Religious education classes for preK (age 3) through eighth grade, RCIC and adult faith formation are 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sundays at White School. High school Bible study, followed by youth ministry meets on at 6 p.m. Sundays at Sightseeing Road Chapel. RCIA will meet on Wednesday evenings at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Cathie Wampler at 545-5508.

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

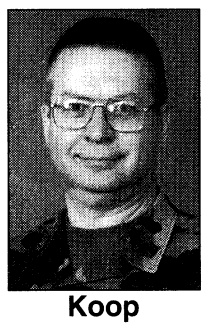
God works even on lousy mornings

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

What a night. My wife couldn't sleep. She had worried about our daughter not arriving home from work when expected. Not able to fall asleep, she decided to do some word processing.

The mouse didn't cooperate. The cursor skipped around like a bouncing ball and rarely landed on the icon or button she wanted to push. She grunted and groaned and muttered aloud her frustrations while I tried to sleep.

Awake, I got up and cleaned the inside of the mouse, hoping that would take care of it. It didn't. Throughout the night I was periodically awakened. The printer ran low on ink, and she couldn't finish her project.


Koop

When I was informed about the printer, I admit I didn't respond with empathy. I was tired and terse. I left the house a lot earlier than usual, with the situation still smoldering.

I went out for breakfast to cool down and reflect. I decided to purchase a new mouse and get plenty of ink cartridges for the printer.

I wanted to resolve the problems and to surprise her by how quickly I took care of her concerns.

When I arrived home, I was the one who was surprised. She had cleaned the track ball of the mouse with rubbing alcohol. Now it was working fine. I replaced the ink cartridge, but we still were cool and distant with each other when I left for work.

At lunch I went home and apologized for being curt with her. We made up.

This afternoon is already better as a result. Doing good does work (Titus 3:1-2).

Do you feel that you can't get beyond arguing? Free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop@benning.army.mil.

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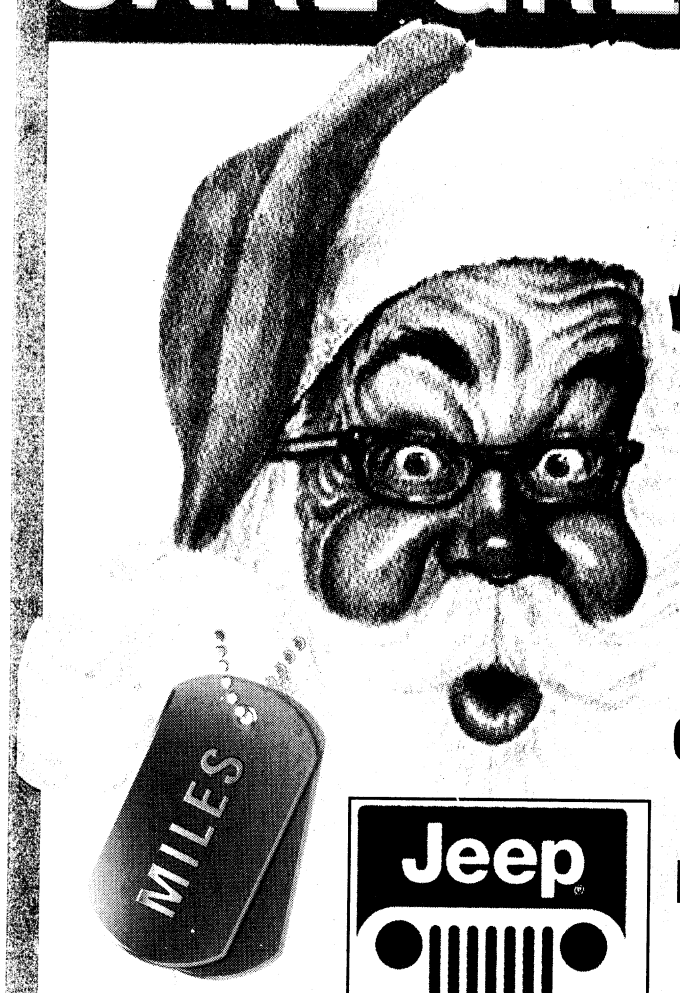
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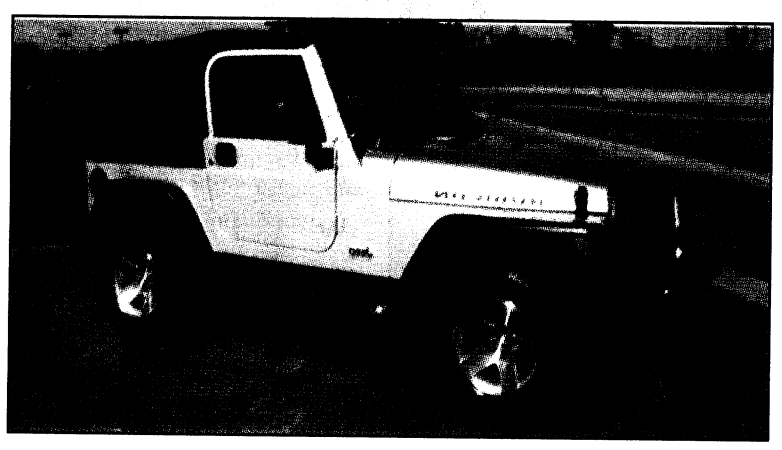


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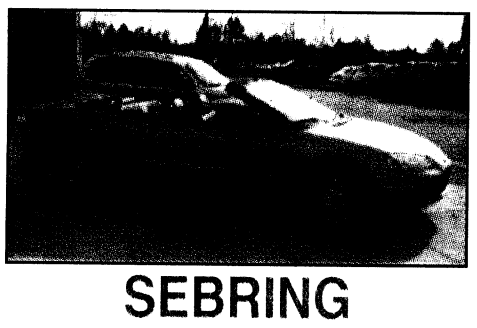
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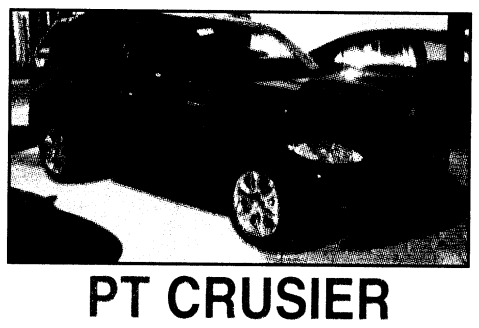
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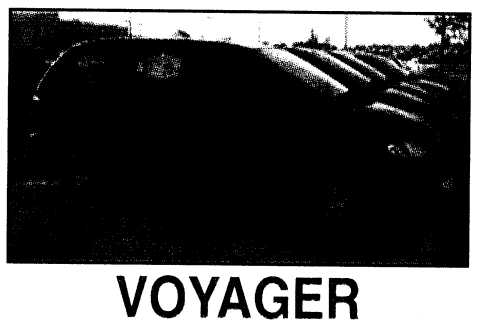
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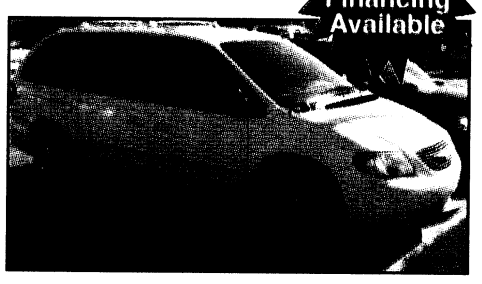
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SPORTS

Turkey Bowl champs give up gobbler

Soldiers, families get together for games, food

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The annual 317th Engineer Battalion Turkey Bowl was Nov. 17 on Essebagger Field.

"This event brings the soldiers and their families together for the holiday season," said Command Sgt. Maj. Nelson Slaughter, battalion command sergeant major. "It also gives a chance for soldiers to display the spirit of competition. At the end of the day, someone takes home the trophy and gets bragging rights for the year."

The 317th Turkey Bowl is a tradition with more than 10 years of history. Soldiers and family members gather for a grill-out and watch the game each year.

"It's fun to come out here," said Carmen Capeles, family member. "We can enjoy time with family, and it's a nice opportunity to see the soldiers doing something different than work. If we have the chance, we'll be coming back for this next year."

The soldiers battled on the gridiron to build espirit de corps, said Chaplain (Capt.) David Trogdon.

"This is a chance for the battalion and family members to all come together like a big family. That's the spirit of the Turkey Bowl," Trogdon said. "The games are a great morale builder and some good spirited competition."

The B Company Bulldogs took the Turkey Bowl, turkey head on a plaque, from last year's champs, A Co. Knights, in a 16-0 victory.

The Bulldogs scored early in the game by pushing the Knights back into their end zone like a playground bully for a safety.

Then the Bulldogs pulled down an interception that started a drive that ended in a touchdown by Clint York, Bulldogs' quarterback, with a rush down field.

"Everyone played a big role. If it wasn't for everyone on the line, we couldn't have taken the championship," York said. "Our defense played really well, and their interceptions helped us get the win."

Shortly after, the Bulldogs added the games final points.

The second half was a battle of defenses, but both teams were hindered by penalties and turnovers and couldn't make it to the end zone, brining an end to the tournament.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

A Company quarterback, Jason Ashurst, tries to elude a sack by a Bulldog defender.

Turnovers plague 11th Regiment Turkey Bowl



Photos by Spc. Douglas DeMaio

Officers' Scott Spieth intercepts a tipped ball in the first half of the Officers 14-0 victory over the NCOs during the 11th Regiments Turkey Bowl Nov. 27.

Officers battle senior NCOs in football

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

Officers from 11th Infantry Regiment crushed the regiment's senior NCOs, 14-0, during the fourth annual Turkey Bowl at Doughboy Stadium Nov. 27.

The NCOs established their running game early, yet penalties and the Officers' stifling defense forced the NCOs into long third-down situations.

"We kept the defense simple," said Officers' player coach Eric Hare.

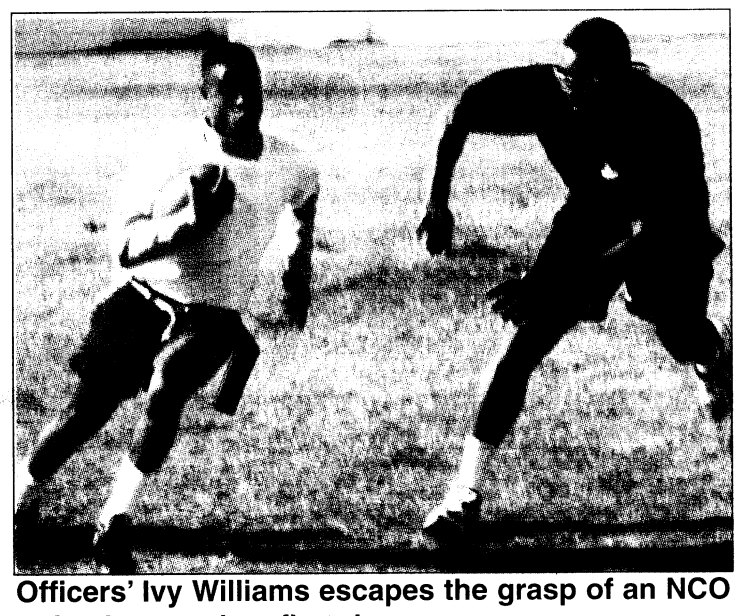
But it was the Officers' offense that was simplified.

"We were about a 75 percent passing team and a 25 percent running team," said Officers' quarterback Jason Caldwell. "Once our running back went down, we became a 100 percent passing team."

And going to the air wasn't a place either team wanted to be in the first half. The teams combined for more than six first-half turnovers, all of which were interceptions.

In fact, the two teams looked like they were playing catch with one another for the first 15 minutes.

Then, when the NCOs finally found themselves in a scoring position, Jason Wingeart intercepted a pass on the goal line, and he returned it to the Officers' 15.



Officers' Ivy Williams escapes the grasp of an NCO defender to gain a first down.

From that point, the momentum shifted to the Officers, and their offense began moving the ball down the field.

"Our offense was built on fundamentals and misdirection," Hare said.

Overcoming a fourth and 10 to keep their drive alive, the Officers maneuvered their way to the NCOs' 20.

It was then the NCOs gave the Officers a push toward their own end zone.

A roughing-the-passer call gave the Officers a first-and-goal opportunity, which they used to their advantage.

Caldwell tossed a pass to Larry Balcher for the game's first points, and the Officers led, 8-0, at the half.

In the second half, Caldwell hooked up with Wingeart for a 64-yard touchdown reception, and the Officers began to celebrate their victory.

"It was a hard fought game for both teams," Caldwell said. "I was really happy with the sportsmanship.

There was a lot of camaraderie between the soldiers, said NCO's Jim Pickering. The Turkey Bowl is a great team building experience.

"Even though we're facing each other across the line of scrimmage, we're working together to build cohesion and espirt de corps within the unit," Pickering said.

In addition, the game gives soldiers a time to relax from rigorous training, he said. Families and soldiers get to enjoy a day of entertainment and competition.

With the win, the Officers tied the overall series at two piece.

More people use Briant Wells since renovation

New equipment increases workout usage

Spc. Douglas DeMaio
Bayonet staff

The renovation of Briant Wells Field House is well underway, and with the addition of new equipment in the world-class fitness center, the number of customers is increasing.

"Usage of the facility has increased by 500 to 1,000 percent," said Lt. Col. Bill Rieger, fitness school commander.

People are enjoying more opportunities to get a total-fitness workout, said Andrew Snoddy, post sports director. The equipment is providing a variety of exercises for those interested in long-term commitments to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Based on customer feedback, people seem pleased with the outcome of the facility and are excited about working out, Snoddy said.

It's important to meet the needs of the customer base, Rieger said. Having an equal balance of cardiovascular and strength training equipment provides customers with more options to achieve their fitness goals.

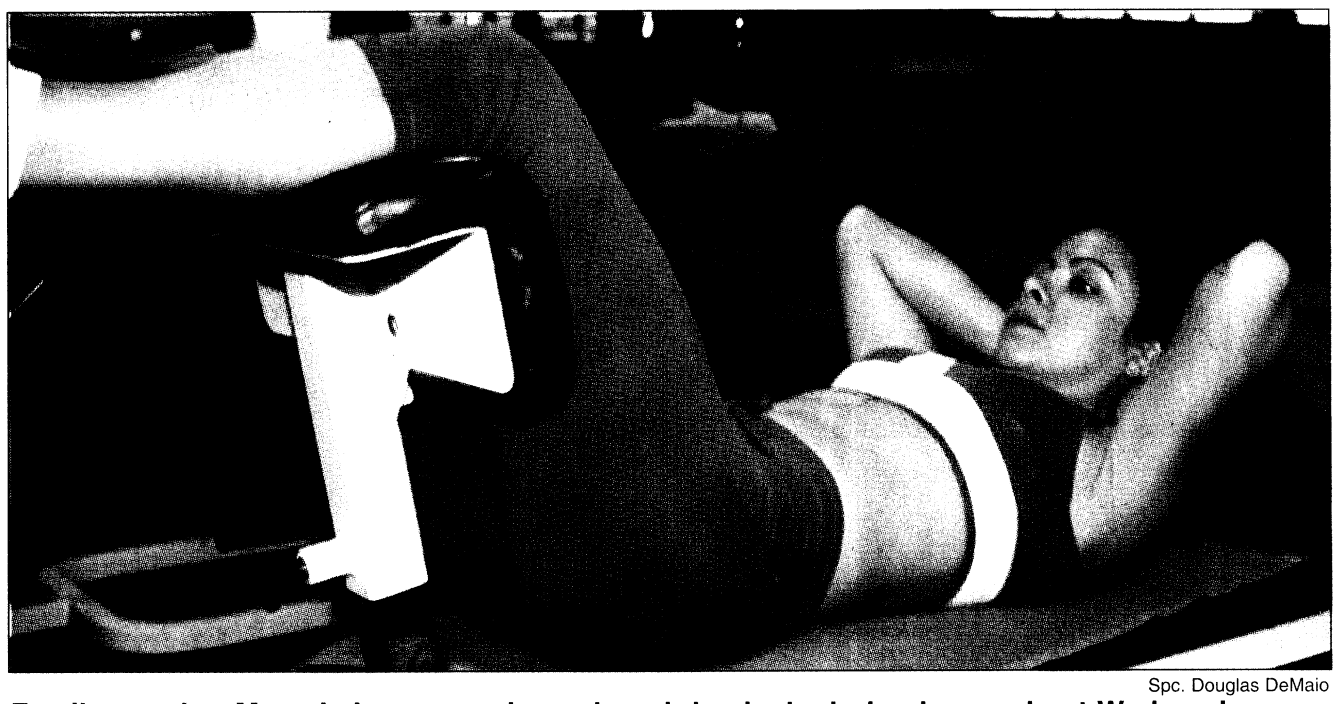
"The top five sport and fitness activities are aerobic equipment exercise, strength training, walking, cycling and swimming," Rieger said.

Although the facility had equipment for those activities, it didn't have enough equipment or capacity to fulfill the need of the installation's large population, Snoddy said.

In response to that demand, the U.S. Army Physical Fitness School, Directorate of Community Activities and Martin Army Community Hospital, which formed a wellness team to address the post's fitness needs, decided renovating the facility was necessary to accomplish the team's goals, he said.

By maximizing the available space in the gym, the team accomplished many goals, Rieger said.

For instance, "the layout of the facility was intentional," Snoddy said. "It gave the fitness center space it needs to reduce waiting time for equipment and raises the level of capacity we have to accommodate our customers."



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Family member Marcela Lopez works on her abdominals during her workout Wednesday.

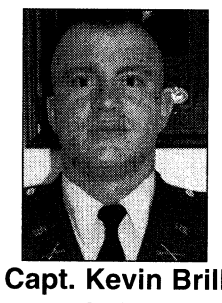
With the purchasing of additional cardiovascular equipment and new strength equipment, the team is focused on meeting the Army chief of staff's well-being initiative, Rieger said.

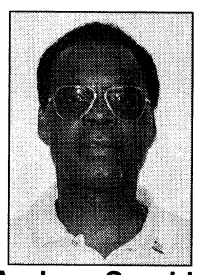
Remodeling the facility and adding world-class equipment has given the Fort Benning Community the resources it needs to maintain and promote a healthy, active lifestyle, he said.

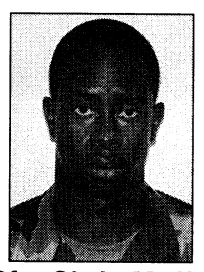
"The fitness school is teaching our staff about the proper uses of the equipment, so they are fully capable of meeting the needs of our customers," Snoddy said.

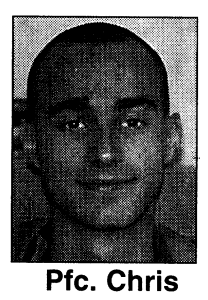
With the addition of an aerobics room and personal fitness programs designed to meet the needs of customers still to come, Fort Benning is helping people live strong, healthy lives, Rieger said.

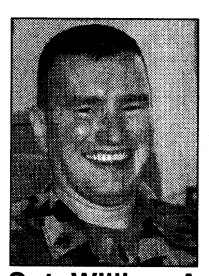
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note: Picks are made by Thursday morning.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Aerobics classes — The Officers' Club Fitness Center is offering fitness classes that include step aerobics, toning, abdominal exercises and circuit training. Enrollment is open to active duty, family members, retired military and Department of Defense civilians. Classes are 5 to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday. Classes are $25 a month for members and $30 nonmembers.

For more information, call 687-0871.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Hunter Safety — The next Georgia Hunter Safety Course will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Dec. 18 in Classroom 8 at Infantry Hall. Persons who wish to attend have to preregister by calling the Central Reservation System at (800) 864-7275. There is a $4 call in registration fee, but online registration is free at www.gohuntgeorgia.com.

For more information, call 545-4812.

Self-defense classes — Youth Services Tae Kwon Do classes have begun. The classes are in the Youth Services Gym, Building 1055 and are open to youth family members ages 6 to 18.

All students must be registered with the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, located on Custer Road in Building 11304, prior to signing up for classes.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

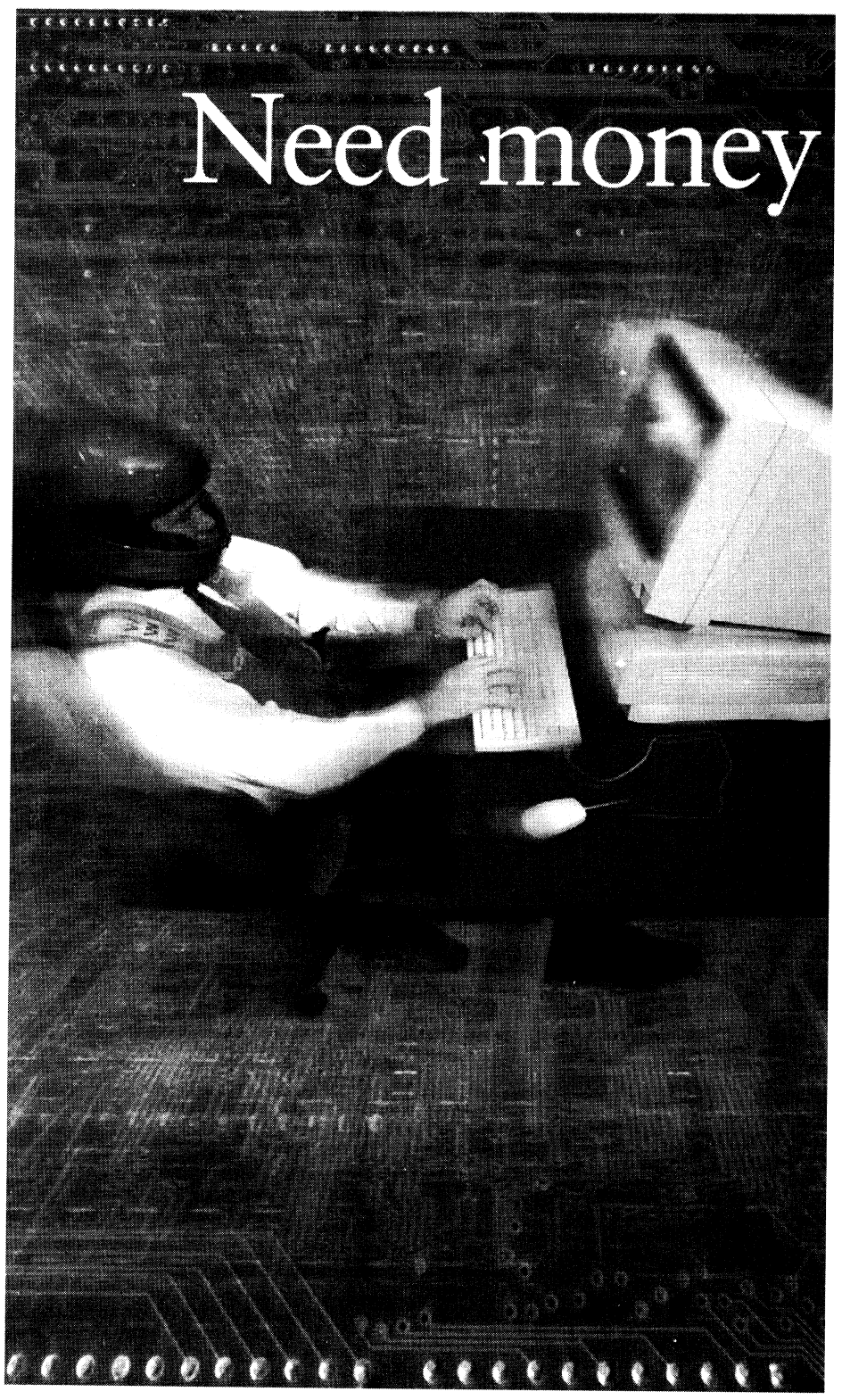
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Basketball Camp — Applications are now being evaluated for the Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp.

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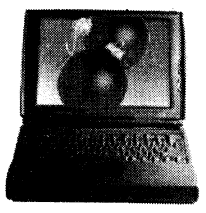
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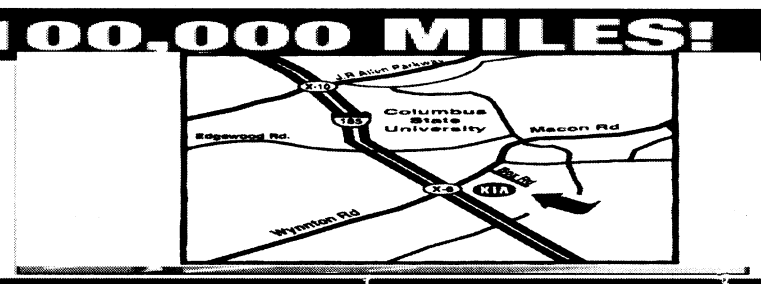
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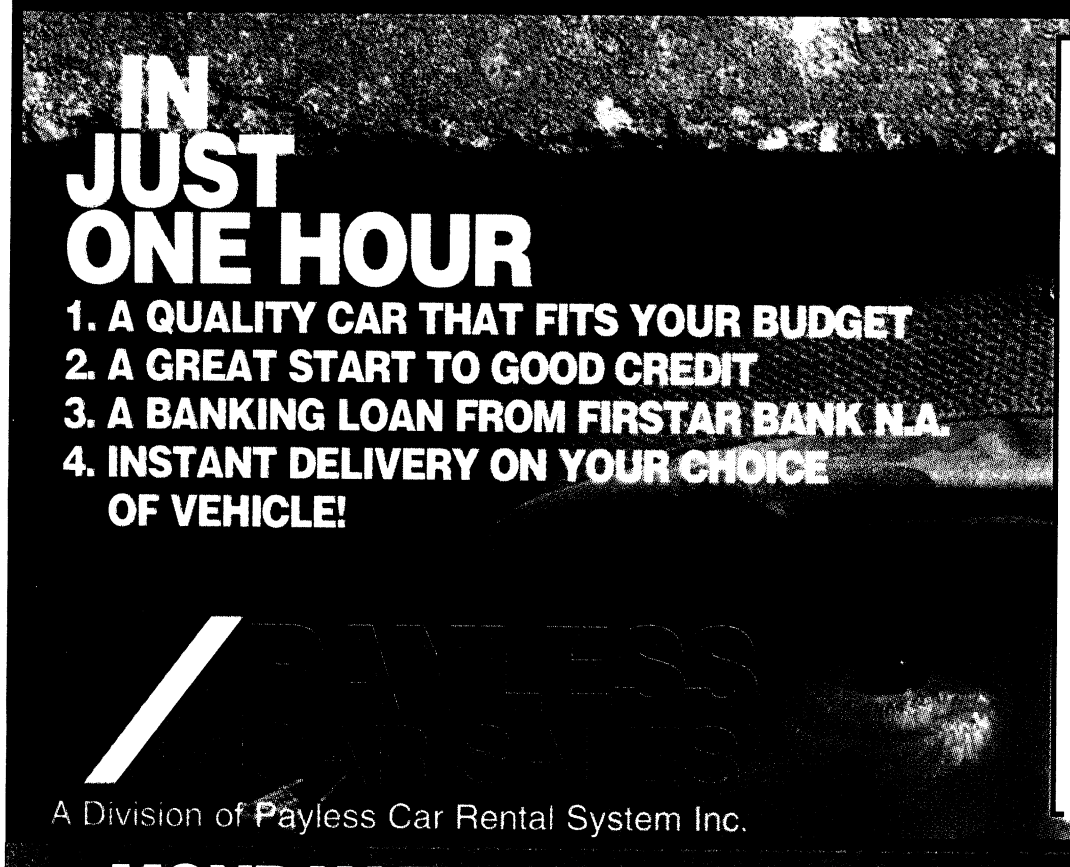
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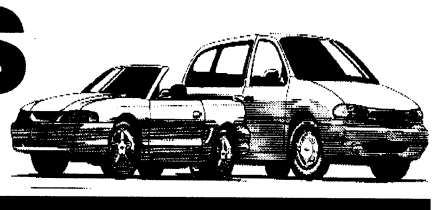
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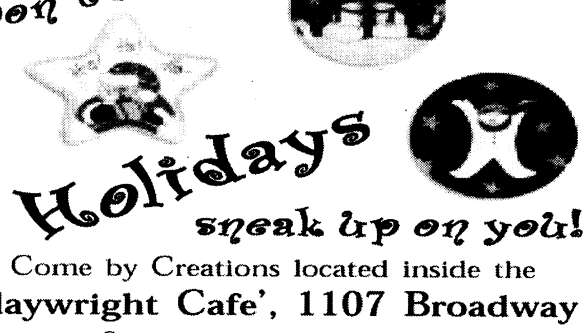
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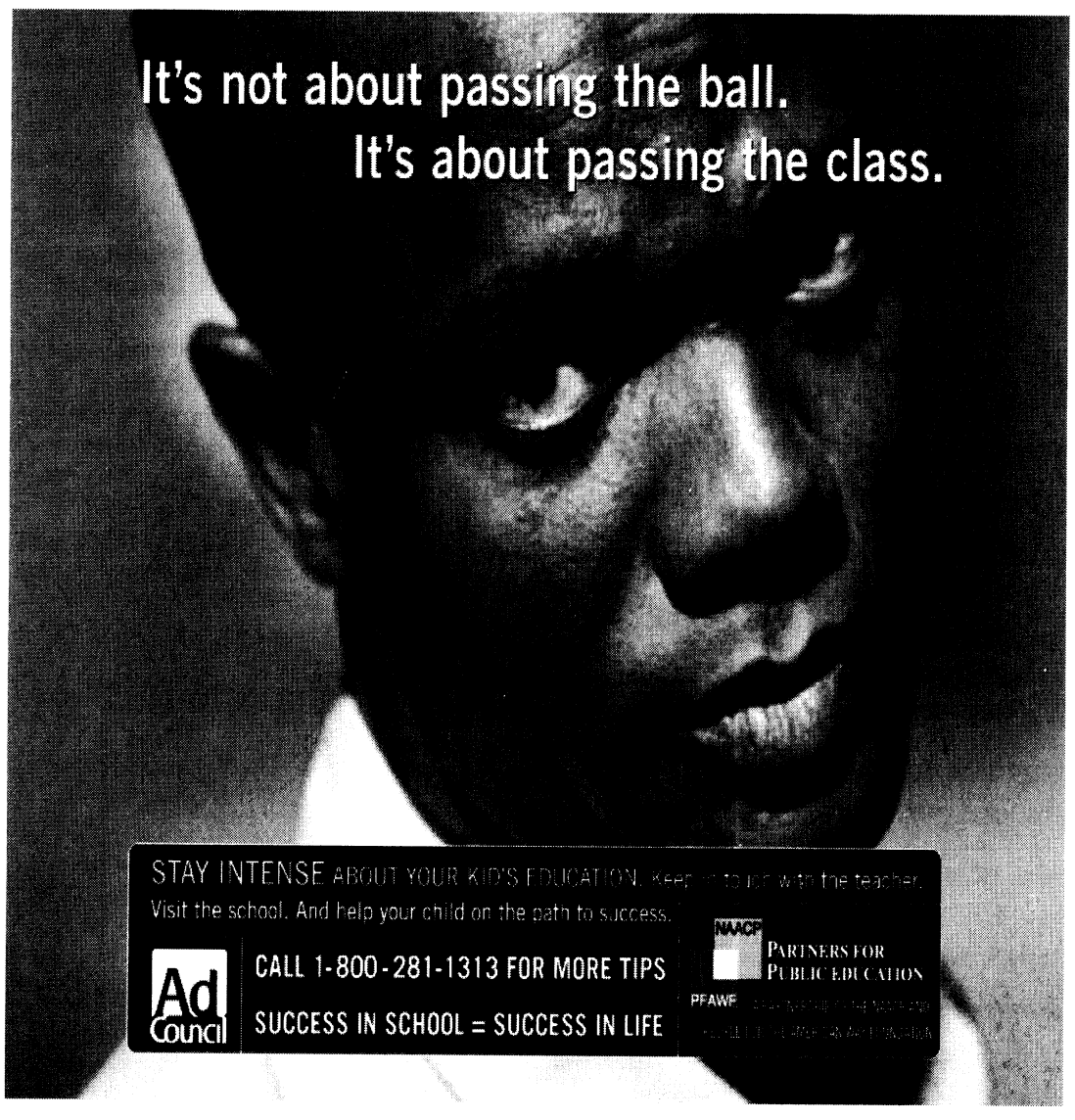
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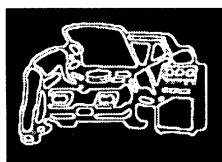
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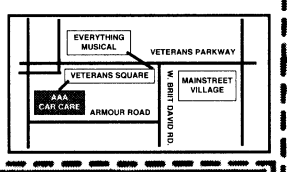
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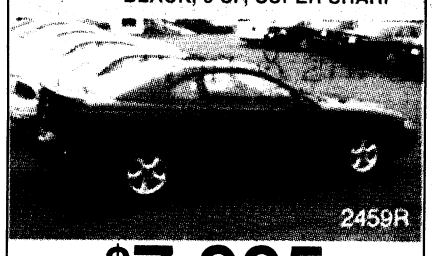
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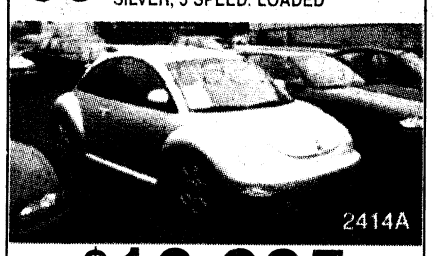
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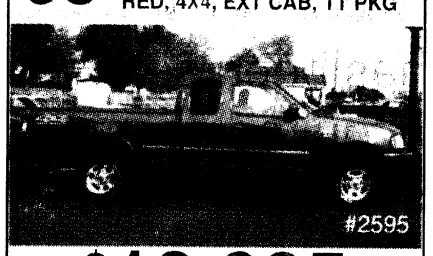
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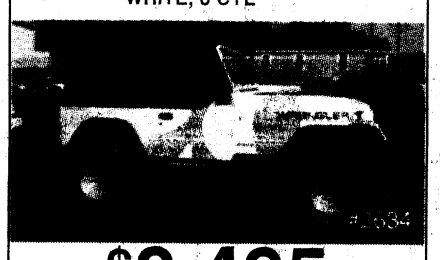
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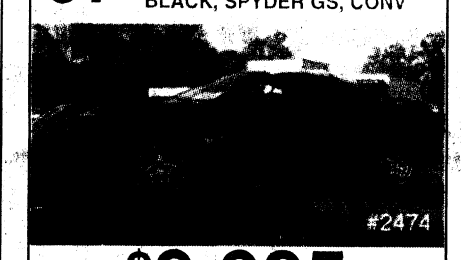
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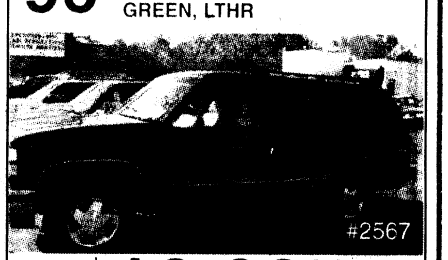
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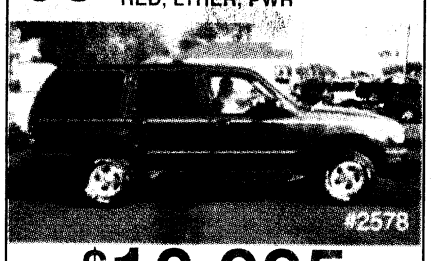
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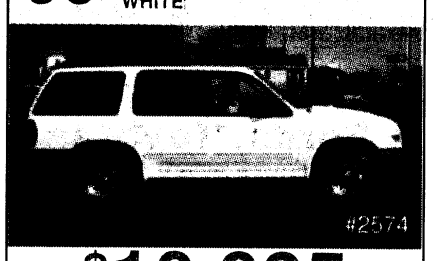
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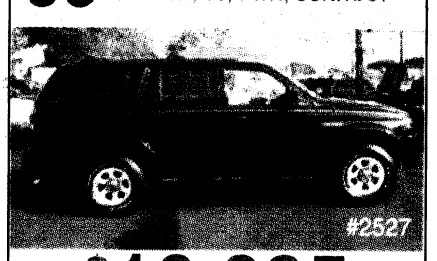
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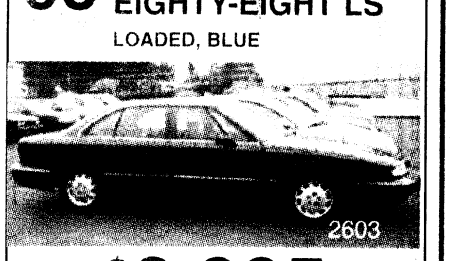
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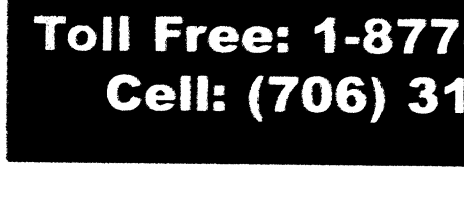
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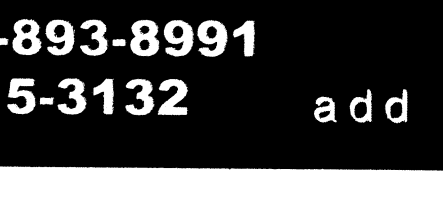
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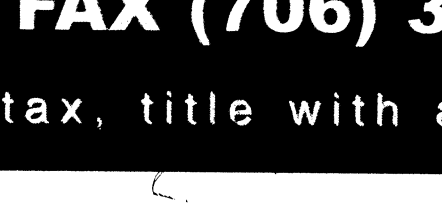
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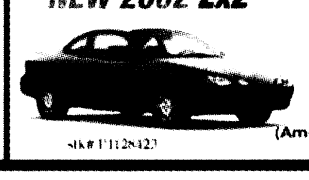
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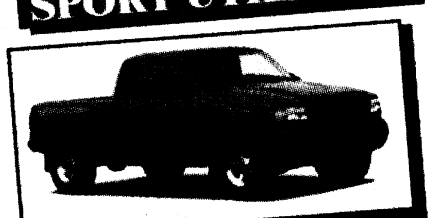
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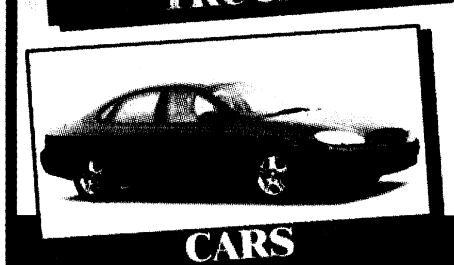
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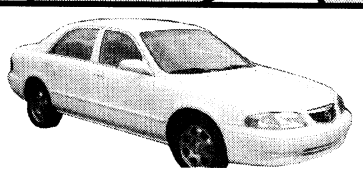
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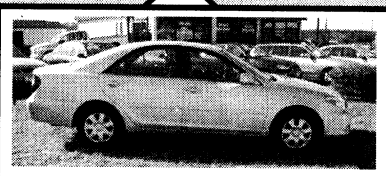
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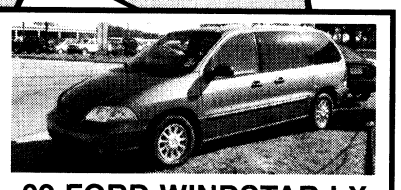
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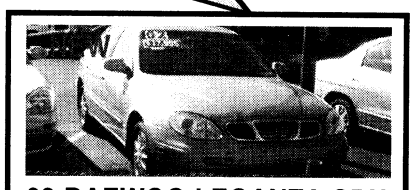
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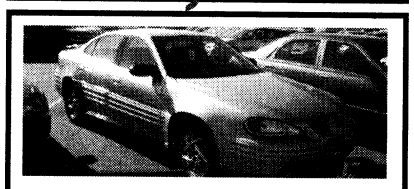
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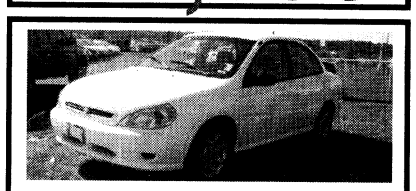
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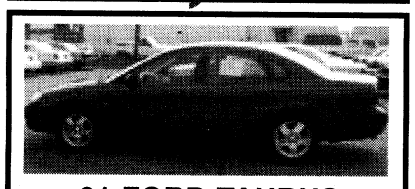
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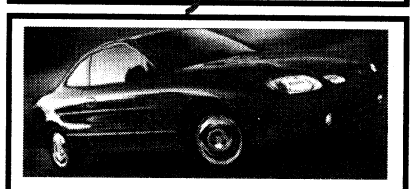
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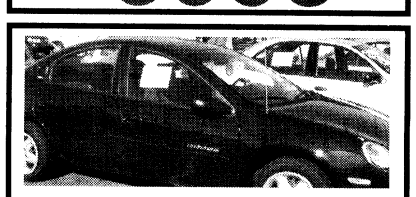
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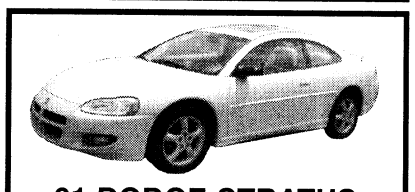
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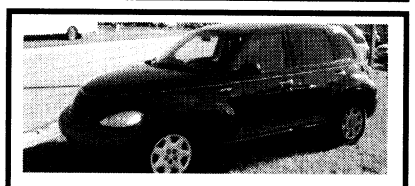
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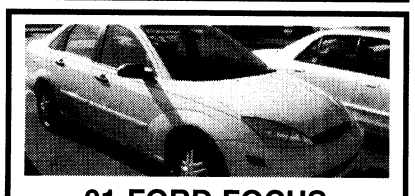
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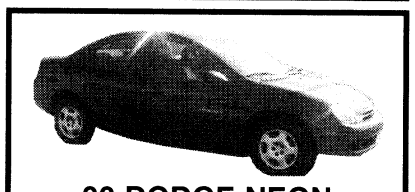
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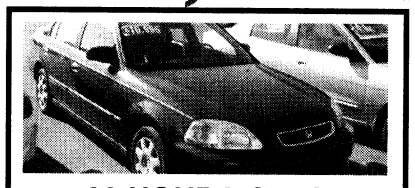
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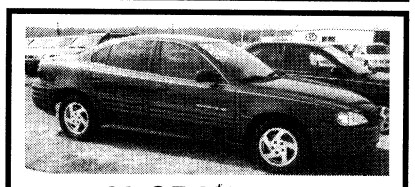
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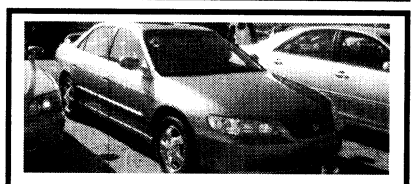
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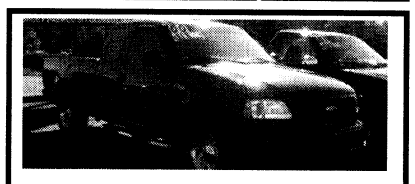
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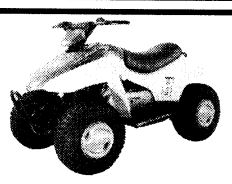
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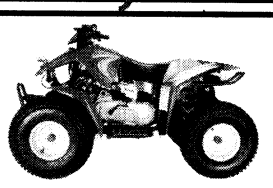
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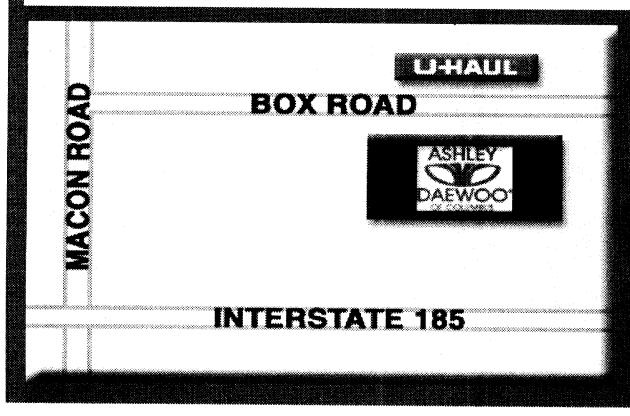
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Columbus, GA- What would make a car dealer sell perfectly good used cars for as low as $99? **Even sell *new Fords* at thousands off normal manufacturer's suggested retail prices?** Rivertown Ford's General Sales Manager Brad Williams gives a simple answer: "Desperation."

"We're really, *really* pinched for space," Williams explained further. "New car sales are the best they've ever been. Plus, the last couple of years have seen a huge increase in leases. Now, those leases are expiring and they're coming back by the dozen. We have literally run out of room for all the used cars."

This desperation has prompted Williams to fly in a team of professionals to assist his managers to prepare for this weekend sales event. This weekend only, the "Price Slicer" team will be at Rivertown Ford evaluating the prices on a record number of pre-owned vehicles to be drastically sliced to move them out...right before the customer's eyes.

This is the "Price Slicer" sales event that has been written about in newspapers across the country. While other local dealers have hosted lesser knock-offs of the "Price Slicer" concept, Williams is the first to bring the "real deal" to Columbus.

"These guys are serious," Williams says. "We've instructed the Price Slicer Team to determine the best prices to move the most vehicles in just one day."

Obviously, the dealership being overloaded with inventory means a great selection for consumers. "No matter what kind of used vehicle you're looking for, it's here. Mini-vans, and sport utilities if you need room for a big family. Used Nissans, Fords, Mitsubishis, Hondas, Toyotas, Nissans, Mazdas, Chevys, Dodges, you name it... there's a great selection of everything from 87's through 2002! Plus tons of full size work trucks, 4x4s, even extended cab models."



The "Price Slicer" and his team travel the United States disposing of excess dealer inventory via dramatic price cuts.

Here's how it works: The "Slicer" and his team have been in town figuring bottom-line pricing since Thursday. Sale prices are placed on the windshield of every vehicle before the sale day.

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Customers can come get a "sneak peak" preview Friday, November 30th from 3-9pm Saturday, the fun begins. Pre-registration begins at 9AM and Williams recommends customers arrive early for the best selection. In fact, the public can register even faster by visiting www.priceslicersale.com. After a brief registration, customers simply choose the vehicle they want. Then the "Price Slicer" begins slicing the price on the windshield thousands of dollars. And, it is true, new and used cars that normally sell from $5000 to $20,000 will be marked down thousands below MSRP, with some perfectly good used cars to be sold for as low as $99. **Even brand new 2002 model Ford are included.**

All the cars that will be offered during this event will be on display for customer inspection. You can also pre-register for the sale by going to **www.priceslicersale.com**.

"If credit problems have been in your past, that's no problem," Williams said. "During the 'Price Slicer' sale you can get financing for the car you want with no hassle. Just bring in a valid drivers license, a payroll stub, and a bill from your utilities." Bank representatives will be on hand to assist all credit customers needs.

For further details:
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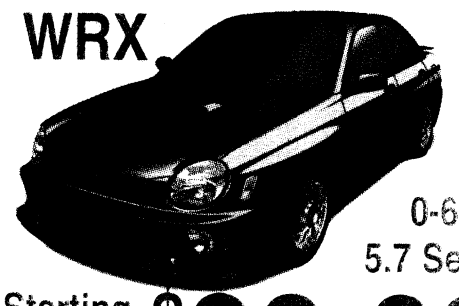
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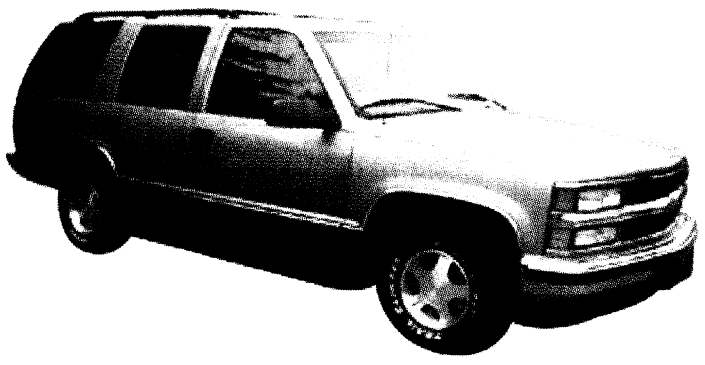
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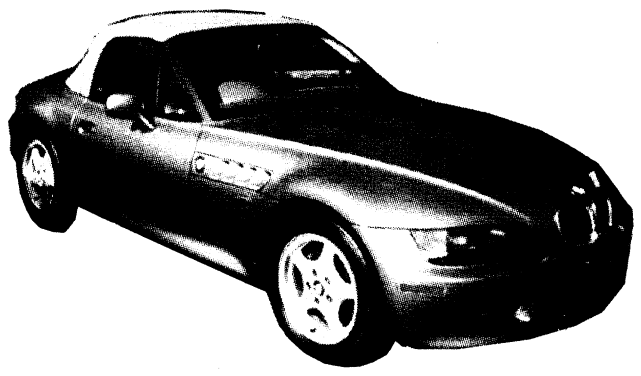
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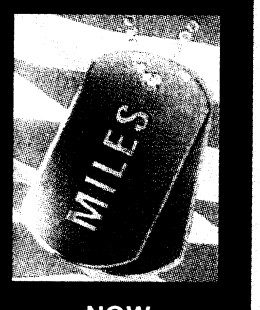
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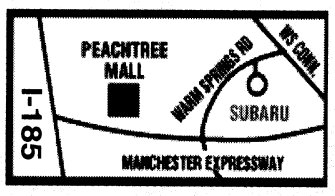
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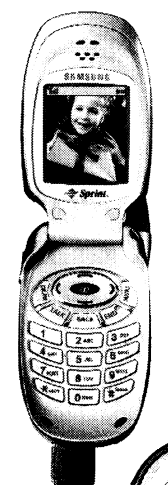
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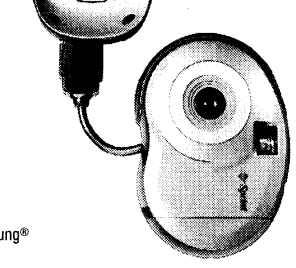
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Reg requires readiness

Family care plan important part of duties

Master Sgt. Paul J. Ebner
USAIC Public Affairs Office

Anytime talk of deployments begins, readiness becomes an issue. With more single and dual military parents in the Army, it seems readiness can't be discussed without mentioning family care plans.

Single and dual-military parents, as well as other soldiers in certain situations, are required by Army Regulation 600-20, Army Command Policy, to have a workable plan to provide care for their children and other family members not able to care for themselves in the event of a deployment, TDY, unaccompanied tour or any other duties that may keep the soldier away from home for an extended period of time. This policy applies to all soldiers whether they are in a deployable or non-deployable unit.

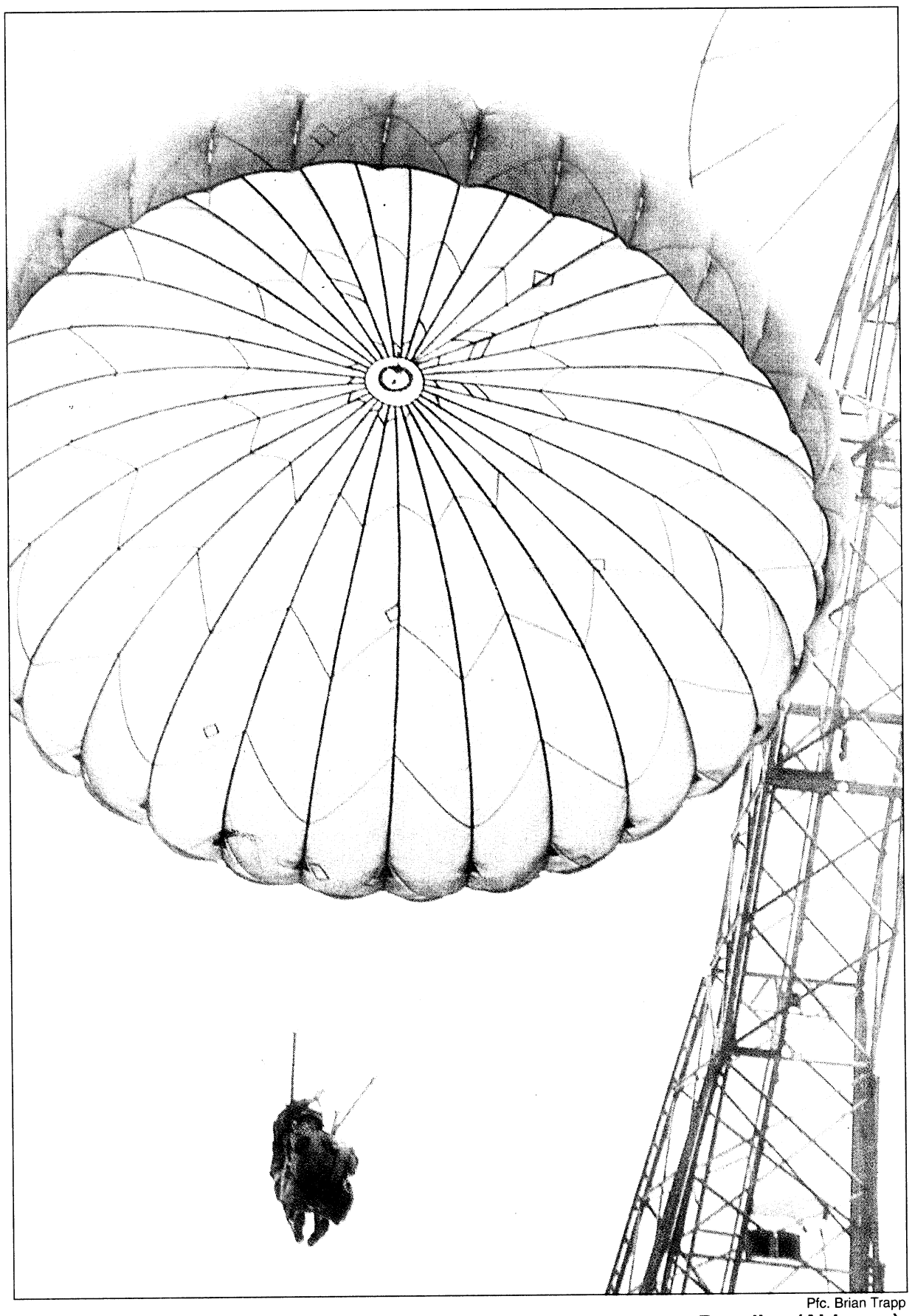
Commanders are responsible for notifying soldiers who are required to have a family care plan and for the upkeep of the program within the unit. They will counsel soldiers who need a family care plan with DA Form 5304-R Family Care plan counseling checklist. The list outlines exactly what is required of the soldier and the time frame the soldier has to meet all of the requirements.

The platoon sergeants in Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor keep the first sergeant informed of any changes in status of their soldiers. Once a soldier is identified as needing one, he is counseled within 30 days, said Capt. Jason A. Miseli, HHC commander.

Soldiers who are required to have a family care plan are responsible for maintaining it. Those who can't or refuse to comply with the checklist requirements to maintain a workable family care plan are not available for worldwide assignment or deployment within the needs of

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Airborne!



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Gary Patterson, black hat with B Company, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry, jumps from the 250 tower during training Thursday. The annual airborne tower lighting ceremony will be 6 p.m. Thursday on Eubanks Field. Santa Claus is scheduled to parachute from one of the towers.

Qatar, U.S. sign military agreement

Resolution to strengthen cooperation

Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

DOHA, Qatar — Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld signed an implementation agreement on behalf of the United States with Qatari Foreign Minister Hamad bin Jasim al Thani Wednesday.

The secretary arrived from Djibouti and immediately went to sign the agreement at Wajba Palace, the foreign minister's official residence.

The agreement will allow the United States and Qatar to strengthen the long-term strategic cooperation "and to engage in some upgrades here in the country that will work to our mutual benefit," the secretary said.

"The relationship between both countries is growing and is being built on a good base of understanding by both sides," said Al Thani.

The agreement will improve readiness capabilities and permit a variety of upgrades to facilities in the Persian Gulf nation.

Some projects are quality-of-life upgrades, the secretary said, while others will provide state-of-the-art military capabilities for forces in the country.

The secretary and foreign minister faced some tough questions from the local press.

One reporter accused the secretary of ignoring the United Nations and the United States of being hell-bent for war.

"How could you even ask that question when it was the Iraqi regime that ignored 16 resolutions of the United

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Soldiers mentor local students

Magnet school gets visit from NCOs

Melissa House
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Robert Frost said good fences make good neighbors, but in the case of one Columbus middle school, good soldiers make good neighbors for some tough kids.

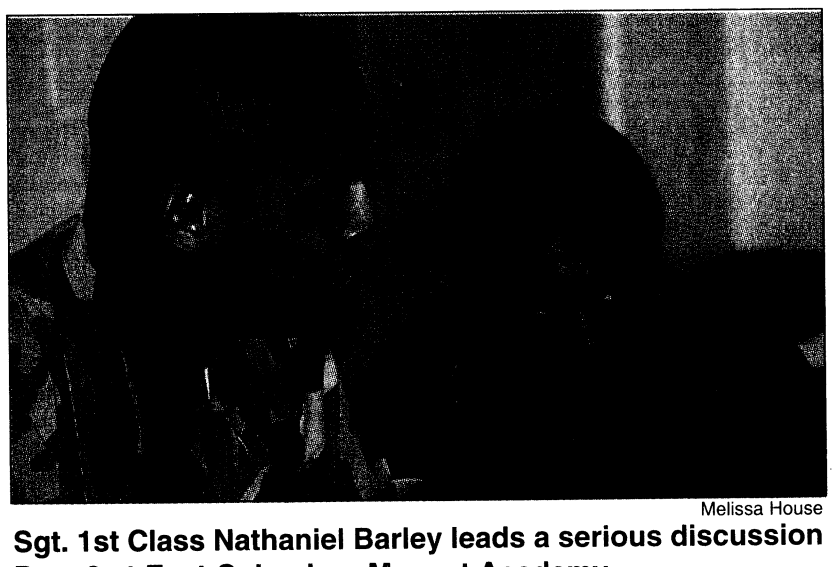
Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Barley recently bought a home near the East Columbus Magnet Academy and found himself at the forefront of a new Partners in Education opportunity.

Seventh-grade basketball coach Mike Forte recognized that Barley, a drill sergeant in B Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, would have a unique perspective to offer the students, many with behavioral problems.

Barley, along with seven other drill sergeants and cadre from B Co. went to East Columbus Magnet Academy Dec. 6 to talk with a group of 60 students chosen by Forte.

"Society is bombarding these

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Melissa House

Sgt. 1st Class Nathaniel Barley leads a serious discussion Dec. 6 at East Columbus Magnet Academy.

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We can't ignore D word

Melissa House
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COMMENTARY

I just added a new word to the list of those banned in the House household. "Deployment" now ranks right up there with shut-up, stupid and a long list of others. It's also one of those things that we don't even want to think about, let alone mention.

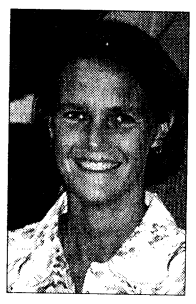
But by not talking about deployment, we're obviously not preparing for it either, and the unprepared family probably isn't going to have an easy go of it.

I'm no doctor, lawyer, teacher, and certainly no psychiatrist. But I've learned plenty about the impact of deployments on families in the last six months and in the last three days.

Deployments aren't easy on anyone; not the soldier, not the spouse, and certainly not the children.

There's a long laundry list of things that need to be taken care of before a soldier deploys. Shots, wills, powers of attorney— all mundane but very important. Spouses need to know details about family finances, insurance and even car maintenance.

Cars and I don't get along too well, so I'm the one most likely to get snowed by the unscrupulous auto mechanic. You see, the airbag light in my van is on right now, and I'm avoiding the trip to the dealership



to find out what that means. But before I go in, I'm going to ask my husband (who's about as mechanically inclined as I am) a few questions. I need to make sure I know the last time the oil was changed, and how new the tires and brakes are.

Someone will take a look at me and know I'm an easy target and a sucker for the "to be on the safe side, you need new brakes" bit.

Communication, I've decided, is really the key. Communication between spouses and sharing critical information will help ease the transition from dual-parent to single-parent family.

That same communication is also going to be even more important for children, because I think deployments are hundreds of times worse for kids than they are for the soldiers or spouses.

Kids just don't have the same communication skills that adults have. They can't always find the right words to let you know how unhappy they are. Johnny will start having behavioral problems at school, Timmy will start wetting the bed and Susie will stop laughing and start sucking her thumb.

Deploying parents can act now. Start talking with your kids. Have some honest, serious talks with your kids. Let them know how you feel and what you are thinking.

This is the perfect opportunity to pass up on that 99-cent heart attack lunch and go have lunch in the school cafeteria. Enjoy a few minutes stuffed into a chair made for someone only 3 feet tall, because when you're deployed, that memory will be priceless to your child.

Stop in at school and talk with the teachers. Let them know about an upcoming deployment and talk with them about any concerns you may have. Your school-age kids spend about seven hours a day there, and you'd be surprised how much influence the teachers have.

Now is the time to make new memories. Step out of your comfort zone. Read to your kids. Read those mushy, feel-good stories that make you cry. Surprise your kids with tape recordings. Stop being shy about photos.

Grin and bear it, because a month into the deployment, your son (the oldest one who is too cool to show his emotions) will pull out that photo and put it on his dresser so he can remember what dad looks like.

That picture and that memory will be what keeps him going until you get back.

Drive cautiously, no one else does

Rich McDowell
USAIC Public Affairs Office

COMMENTARY

Lessons I learned in drivers' education are with me still — although I don't always heed them — just ask my wife. But that's just because I get caught up in the culture of "if there's a way to look like a fool while driving, try it."

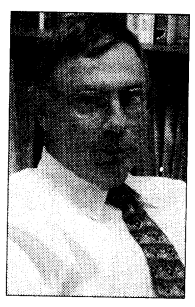
I'm not saying when I took drivers' education, but for those of you who must know, it was the same year the Edsel came out. But the lessons I learned still pertain (well, except using a hitching post I assume).

We were told signaling one's intention was very important. If the car's turn signals didn't work, we were given the three positions for a hand signal. You didn't signal your intention, you didn't pass the drivers' test.

And oh, by the way, we were told to look before pulling out into traffic or changing lanes. We were taught that the person on the interstate had the right of way, not the person on the on ramp.

We were told those red octagons spelled STOP. A stop in those days was when your wheels stopped turning and the car wasn't moving.

The meaning of the three colors for traffic lights was drummed into our heads. Green meant go (after looking both ways). Amber meant caution (if you were almost in the intersection and the light turned amber, it was OK to proceed, but if you hadn't reached the intersection, you stopped).



And red really did mean stop, not accelerate.

The correct way to pass was taught. We were told that once you passed another vehicle, you didn't cut in on him and slow down. You kept accelerating to avoid cutting him off. And you didn't pull out in front of traffic and then dotter along at 35 mph for a quarter of a mile where you turned off the highway.

We were told that we were to leave one car length behind the car in front of us for each 10 mph. We were also told that the right hand lane was for slower traffic and the outside lane for faster traffic.

And we did obey the speed limits, none of the "they won't ticket me if I stay below 10 mph over the speed limit."

High beams we were told were to be dimmed 300 feet from oncoming traffic and 100 feet from cars you were approaching. Since it was impossible to guesstimate those distances, even for someone from Los Angeles, we automatically dimmed when we saw a car coming or when our headlights neared a car we were behind.

Cars were not restaurants on wheels. We didn't have cup holders, so drinking and eating was done in restaurants or rest stops. And of course cell phones hadn't been invented so we didn't have to worry about those people losing their concentration and ramming you from the rear or side.

Driving was much safer in those days (yeah, there were fewer cars and trucks on the road).

But the main reason was because we obeyed traffic laws. We obeyed them because they were drummed into our heads, but also because the cops enforced them. Every time I would roll through a stop sign, I looked around to see if a policeman was hiding around the corner. Now I treat stop signs like yield signs, because no one seems to care.

I also speed. Safely of course. But I sure didn't on the California freeways where the California Highway Patrolmen were lurking. They cut you no slack.

Nowadays I'll stop for red lights, but I'll check my rearview mirror first to make sure there's no car within a 100 feet of my backside. If there is, I'll run the light, I don't need a bashed in rear and whiplash.

I do use my turn signals religiously, don't cut other drivers off and leave plenty of space between me and the car in front— yeah, it allows for other cars to cut in on you, but I'm not going to tailgate. Ain't safe.

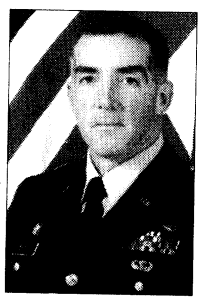
When everyone was obeying the laws, the roads were a lot safer, and road rage had yet to be invented.

I know those days are long gone, so as we head out for the holidays, keep this final tip from my drivers' ed instructor in mind — drive defensively. Always expect the worst from drivers around you. You won't be disappointed.

AFTB celebrates anniversary

One of the Army's most successful volunteer programs, Army Family Team Building will be celebrating its eighth birthday Monday. AFTB is an educational program designed, written, and instructed by volunteer family members for family members. AFTB teaches family members the Army's culture and the life skills needed for independence and self-sufficiency.

Readiness requires more than "fit and sharp-shooting soldiers." In today's Army, families are an integral part of the team. Our Army leadership knows soldiers work better if



their families are secure. When families understand the Army and know how to handle deployments, soldiers are able to more effectively accomplish the mission. As Army operations increase, the daily challenges facing Army families have become more complex.

Army Family Team Building volunteers focus on the needs of everyone to make a positive influence on individual lives. This is accomplished through education and mentoring. Classes are accessible to everyone. AFTB conducts training either in its office, its classroom at Soldiers' Plaza Building 2626 or at off-site locations. AFTB classes are free and child care is provided at Tot Town with prior arrangements.

I hope each of you will join me in recognizing and giving thanks to all those who have contributed ideas, time, energy and concern to this program. This truly is a premier volunteer program.

— Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton
Commanding General

CORRECTION

The Bayonet had a few mistakes in last week's paper:

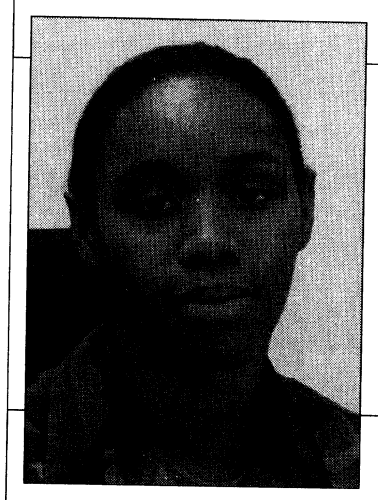
• Col. Tom Cole, Basic Combat Training Brigade commander, was identified as a lieutenant colonel.

• Retired Col. Brian Pentecost was recognized as a distinguished member of the Ranger Training Brigade. He retired as a colonel, not a lieutenant colonel as listed in the paper.

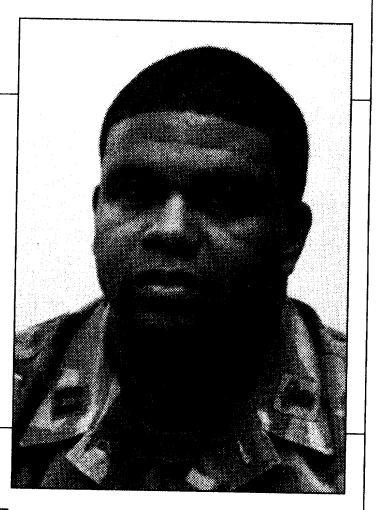
• In one of the advertisements for the Benning Bazaar, the start time was incorrect. The Benning Bazaar started at 10 a.m. and ended at 4 p.m. *The Bayonet* apologizes for any inconveniences these errors may have caused.

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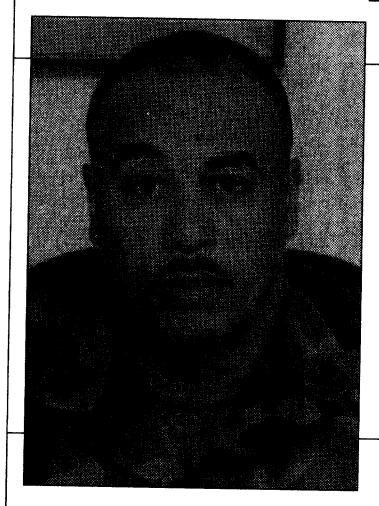
What should families be doing to prepare for possible deployment?



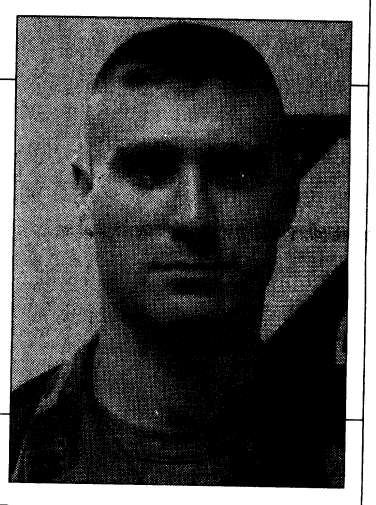
Sgt. Jonie Weekley, 203rd Forward Support Battalion — "Families need to make sure there are complete Family Care Plans. They also need to have phone numbers of the spouses in the unit, so they can pass information easily."



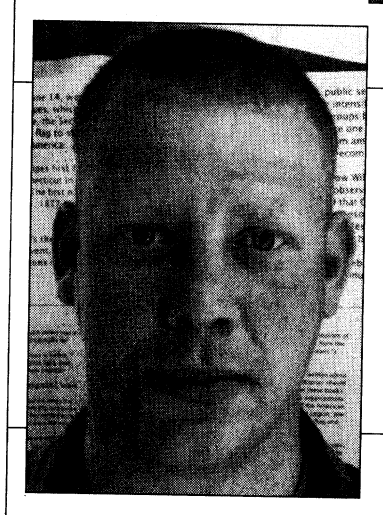
Capt. William Davis, 608th Ordnance Company — "Soldiers need to identify the needs before their spouse leaves. The spouse needs to be on the checking account and have power of attorney."



1st Sgt. Calvin Thompson, 13th Corps Support Battalion — "Families need to spend quality time together in preparation for deployments. Family is the most important thing in the Army."



Capt. Darren Rapaport, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment — "I tell my soldiers to spend less time talking and a lot more time listening to their families and their needs before they deploy."



Sgt. John Matthews, 2nd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment — "Families need to make sure the finances are straight, cars are serviced and SGLI is correct."



Staff Sgt. Keith Greeley, 317th Engineer Company — "Soldiers need to ensure their spouses know when the bills need to be paid and what each part of the LES means."

Interviews and photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens. To suggest future topics or questions for Various Voices or to volunteer your opinion on upcoming questions, call 545-4622.

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317th Engineers train with C4

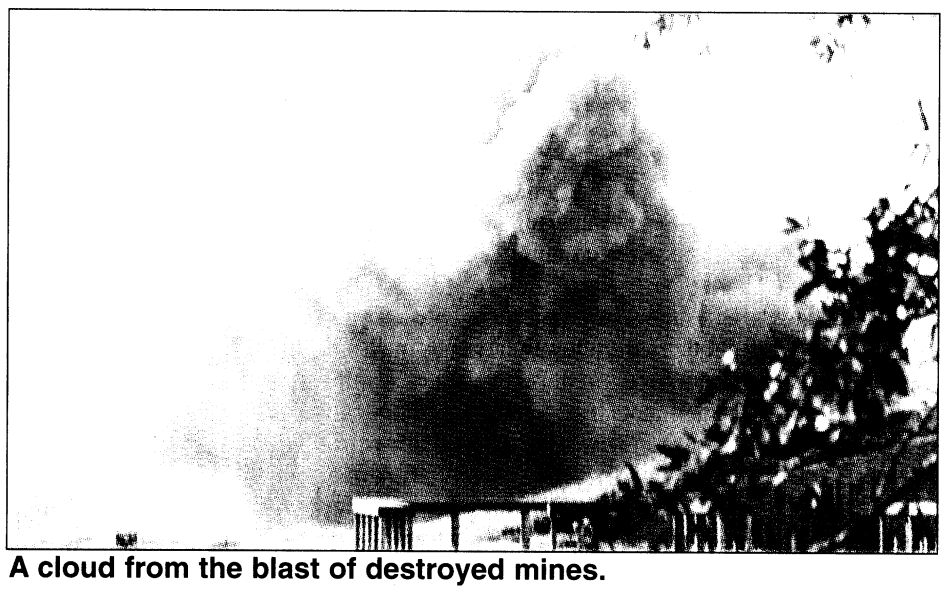
Soldiers train on wall-breaching techniques

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff



Photos by Pfc. Brian Trapp

Staff Sgt. Lonnie Roberts, squad leader, sets the charge to destroy a mine at Terry Demolition range Dec. 6



A cloud from the blast of destroyed mines.



A wall's remains show the power of the explosive.

The Army is shifting its training focus from grand-scale open-area wars to urban battles. The 317th Engineer Battalion kept in step with a wall-breaching exercise Dec. 6 at Terry Demolition Range where the engineers started and ended their day with a "bang."

"I never thought we would take urban movements to this level," said Sgt. 1st Class Antonios Gray, platoon sergeant.

"We will have to move building to building, in future battles. It's not just open-area wars anymore."

The demolition charges are able to blow a hole in a reinforced wall large enough for a fully loaded sapper or ranger to run through, said Sgt. 1st Class Charles Manchester, platoon sergeant.

If a building was sealed off, they could use this method to enter through one of the sidewalls to infiltrate the enemy.

"There's definitely a need for this type of training," Gray said. "Soldiers already had to do similar things in Afghanistan. They had to blow through the caves. We're going to have to go through cities to meet our final objective. It won't be out in the middle of the desert."

C4 is the mainstay for demolition, said 1st Lt. James Inman, B Company executive officer. Soldiers use it in Afghanistan and elsewhere around the world.

The soldiers laid out their C4 on Styrofoam to prepare the demolitions to place on the wall with double-sided tape, before sending an earthshaking blast through a foot of concrete and rebar, blowing out a sizeable hole, leaving only the rebar to destroy.

"This is what I joined the Army to do," said Spc. Noah Stafford. "I've never done this before, I think it went pretty well, and it's good training. We made one of the largest holes out of all the walls."

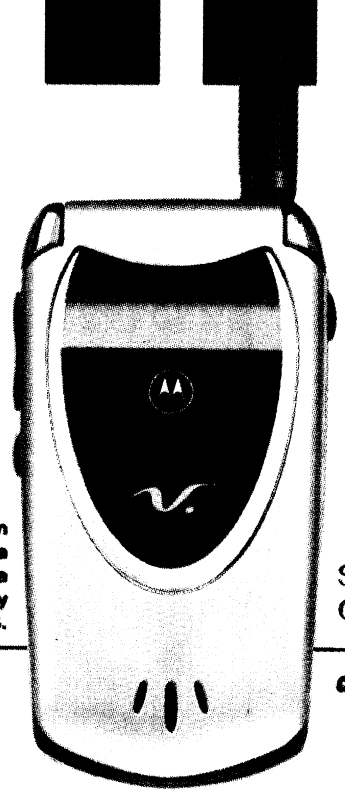
Before the soldiers began the wall breaching, they started their day off with mine training. They disarmed and armed live mines in the field and then destroyed the mines with C4.

"Mines are second nature to us," said Sgt. Julius Howard.

"We do regular training with them, but you still need to be careful. The people that get too relaxed with them are the ones who get hurt."

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Cinnabon rolls into Infantry Hall

Cinnamon rolls adding spice to cafeteria

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Infantry Hall cafeteria welcomed a new business Monday.

Cinnabon, home of "world famous cinnamon rolls," will sell various kinds of rolls and Seattle's Best coffee.

"We brought Cinnabon here to bring the Infantry Hall cafeteria up to standard," said Donald O'Reilly, general manger of the Fort Benning Exchange.

"Our goal was to give the consumers a name brand choice and to increase the variety of choices in food."

Cinnabon is the first of a two-phase plan to increase consumers' options, O'Reilly said.

The second phase will include the addition of a Charlie's Steakery, Robin Hood and Anthony's Pizza, all expected to open by the summer of 2003.

"I expect the Cinnabon to have great success," O'Reilly said. "The variety that is offered will be a big morale booster."

Cinnabons will also be at shoppettes around post.

"We're putting them at the shoppettes first because they only have a 24-hour shelf life," O'Reilly said.

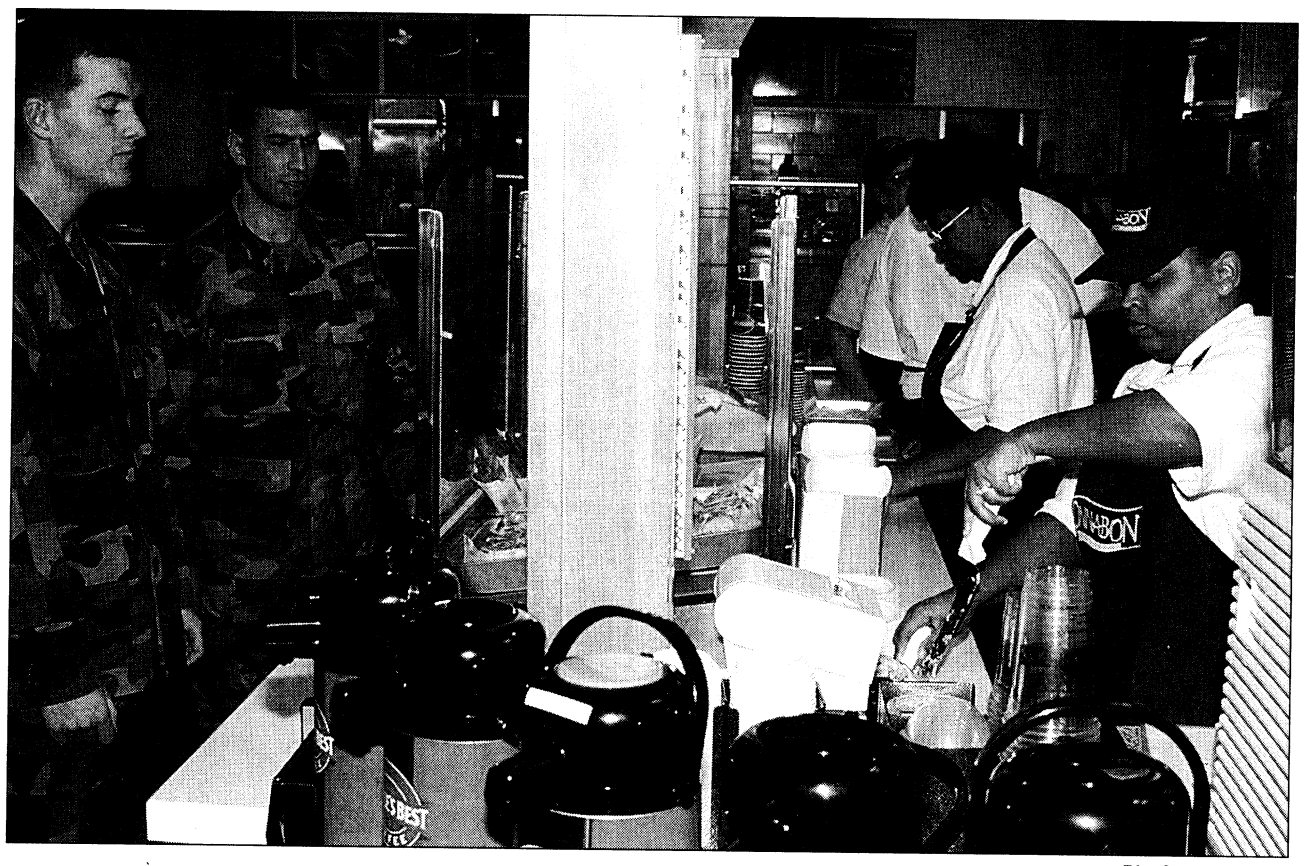
"If they have as much success as we are thinking they will, we will then put them in the Main Mall Post Exchange," he said.

Cinnabon offers many types of cinnamon rolls at various prices, including the classic cinnamon, pecan and caramel.

They also serve seasonal specialties like the Applebon and S'morebon.

Prices for the buns include $2.29 for a large bun and $8.49 for a six-pack.

"I think it's great that Cinnabon has come here," said 2nd Lt. Philip Weismiller, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, as he sampled a cinnamon roll Tuesday. "They offer more choices and they have great cinnamon rolls."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Ruby Oglesby, right, serves 2nd Lt. Patrick Gaul a cinnabon Tuesday in the cafeteria.

Soldiers Radio hits airwaves via Internet

Live radio music, news everyday

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The Army recently flipped the switch on a new form of communication geared toward soldiers and family members.

Since the end of October, Soldiers Radio has broadcast from its sound rooms in Alexandria, Va., bringing music and Army news over the World Wide Web.

"The great thing about being online," said Staff Sgt. Matt Howard, programming NCO, "is that anyone with a modem can pick us up."

Fort Benning soldiers and family members can listen to the station seven days a week, 24 hours a day through the U.S. Army homepage at www.soldiersradio.com.

Howard, and radio operations manager Carolyn Pitt, are running the show, literally. Still in its infancy, the station plays 45 minutes of music every hour with 15 minutes of news.

"Right now, we're basically a jukebox with (news) spots," Howard said. "But we are expanding our programming."

Current programming includes live coverage of Pentagon press briefings on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 12:30 p.m. ET and the official Army newscast, "Army Newswatch."

Since the station is a nonprofit organization, it is licensed to play country, rock and other contemporary music without paying fees. "Sounds of Sunday" is inspirational music broadcast at 9 a.m. ET. Sundays.

The station covered a live, town hall style meeting with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, radio coverage of the Army-Navy football game, and the live U.S. Army Field Band concert Monday.

The station broadcasts community calendars for the entire Army, pulling information from post newspapers on the Web, Howard said. They also provide the music that people hear when they watch the command information channels at all of the major posts across the country.

In January, the station will debut the Louis L'Amour Theater, a nostalgic "golden days of radio" drama. The theater was made possible by Bantam Books and the L'Amour family. January programming will also include the first in a series of live, monthly interviews with the Sergeant Major of the Army.

One of the Soldiers Radio test projects is a holiday answering machine through www.anyservicemember.com where people can request dedications for deployed soldiers. Howard said that the station hopes to make the dedications a regular programming feature next year.

"I was in Bosnia and the German Army station there does dedications every night," he said. Both Howard and Pitt came to a meeting with similar ideas for adding the dedications to the Soldiers Radio line-up.

The station receives a number of original submissions from individuals, mostly of patriotic songs, Howard said, some of which have gotten airtime.

Soldiers Radio debuted in October with little fanfare or advertising, but had more than 300 hits in the first week, Howard said. They received email from individuals across the country.

"It's amazing how many civilians have surfed onto us," he said.

Users must have Quicktime software to listen to the Web cast. The software is available free for private use at www.apple.com/quicktime/download.

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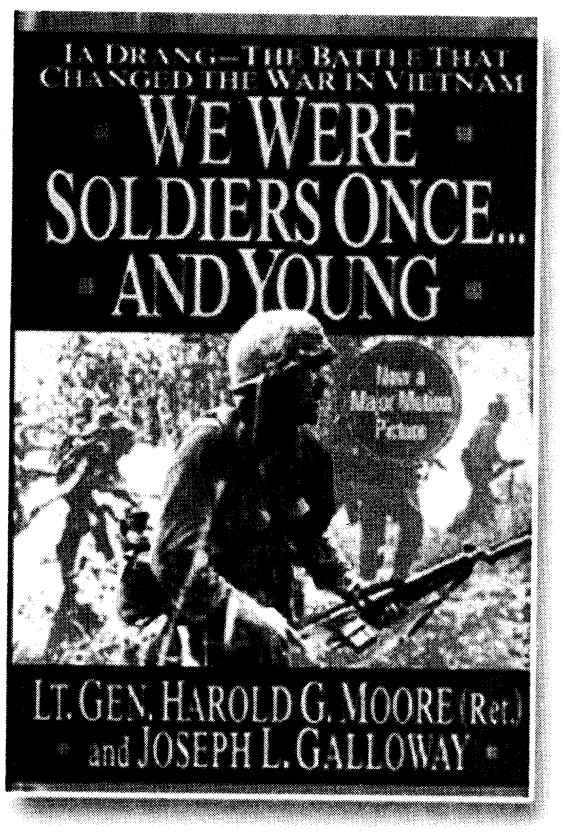


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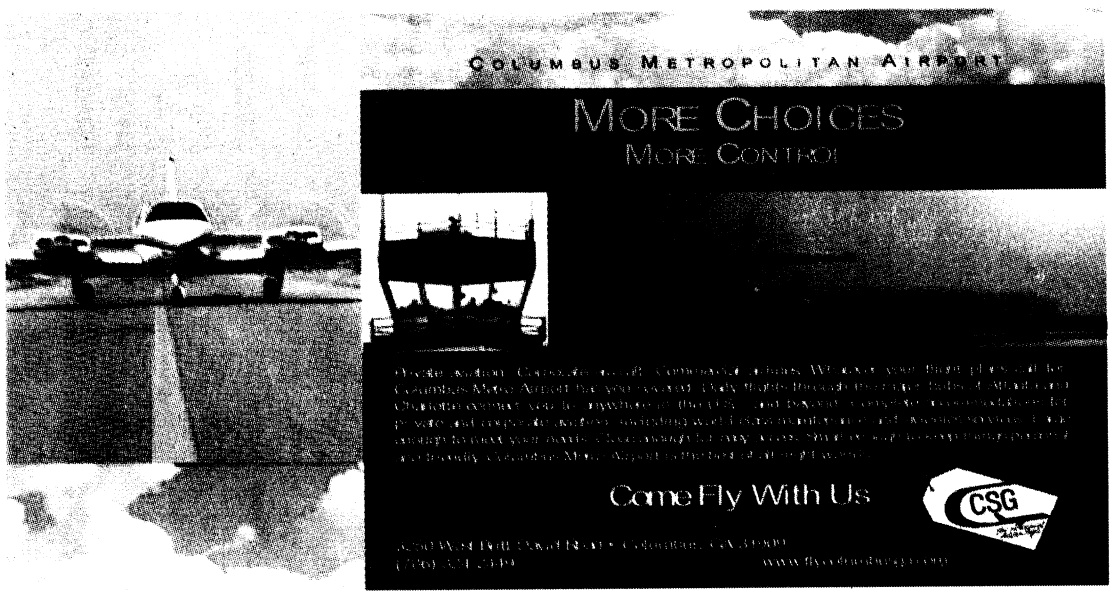
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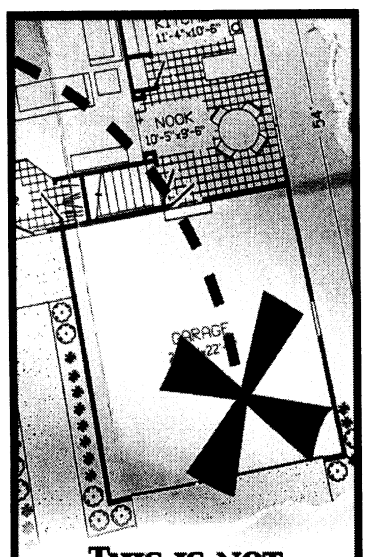
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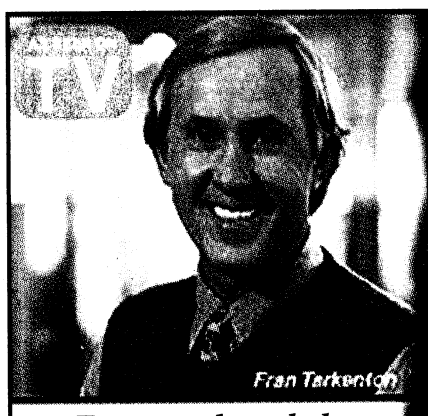
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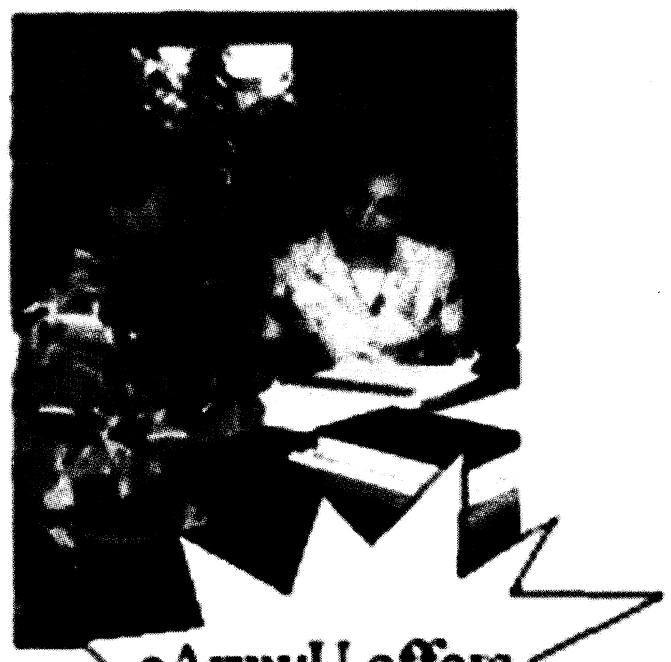


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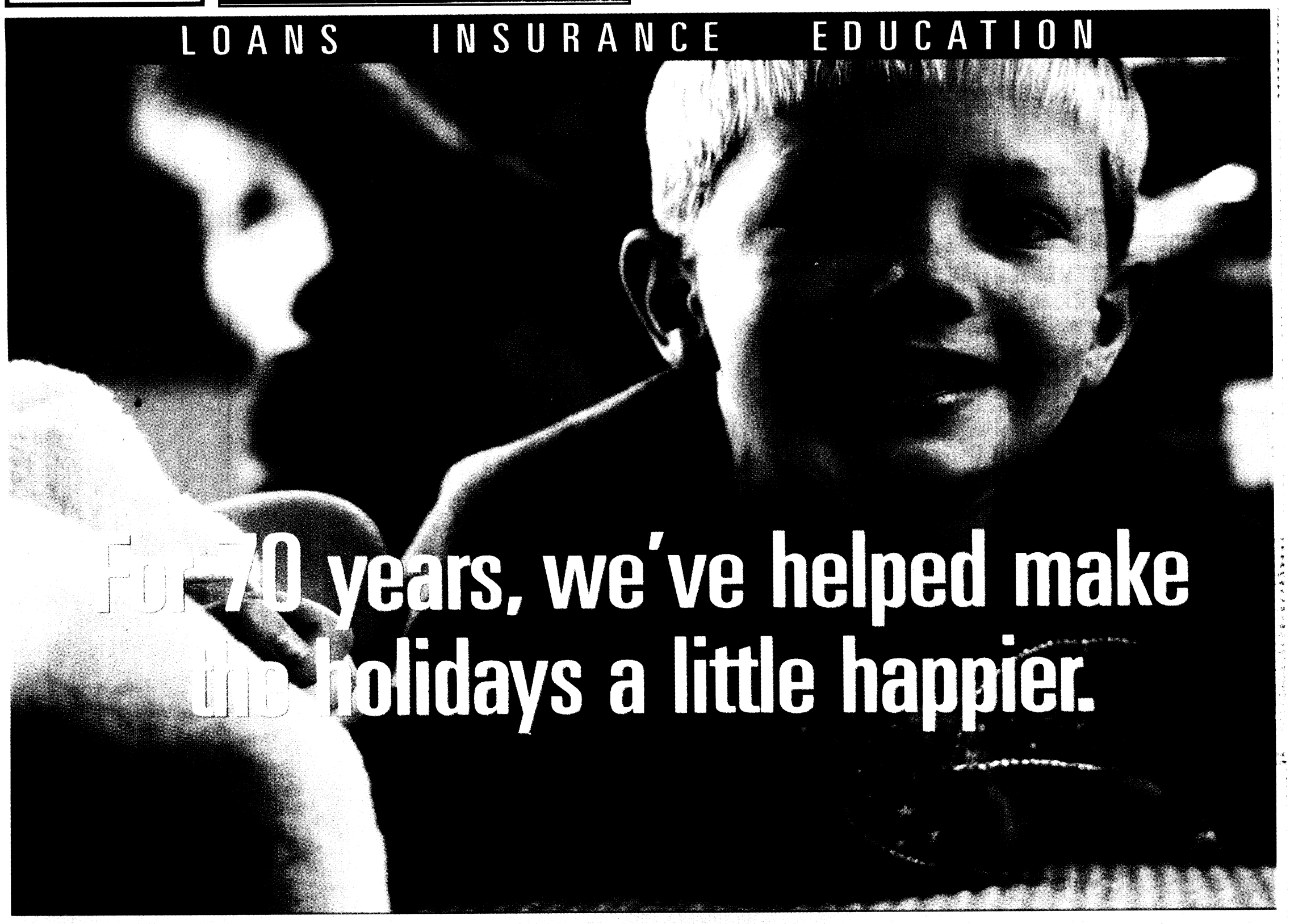
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Each year, the Army Community Service Support Fund Holiday Turkey Program provides turkeys to needy families on Fort Benning for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

This year, more than 1,100 turkeys were purchased for distribution to post soldiers and their families.

"It's a chance to provide for those soldiers and families that are less fortunate," said Al Deane, Army Emergency Relief officer.

"Some soldiers are single-parents, divorced or separated, and we provide them help during the holiday season."

"In our unit, there are a lot of single-soldiers with children," said Sgt. Drexel Parnell, 718th Engineer Company. "Many of them are not as fortunate as some of us to get their children a lot of gifts for Christmas.

"However, with this program, we can provide the family with a turkey for Christmas and let them know how much we care about them and their family," Parnell said.

"During Thanksgiving, we delivered a turkey to a single-mom with four children, and she wept because the family wasn't going to be able to eat Thanksgiving dinner," Parnell said.

"It's the things like that that makes our unit do this every year. Just seeing the joy on the people's faces is a real blessing."

"It's all about the spirit of giving," said Sgt. 1st Class Yvette French, Infantry Training Brigade.

The program is supported by many units, including: the U.S. Army Infantry Center, the Chaplain's Fund, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of America, the Enlisted Wives' Club, the Officer's Spouses' Club and Department of Defense Schools.

"Without the support of these organizations and the various units around post, this program would not be possible," Deane said.

The ACS Support Fund is continually looking for donations or contributions to support the ACS emergency food locker.

The Food Locker is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located at Building 2629 Soldiers' Plaza.

For more information on the holiday drive or the Food Locker, call ACS at 545-6969.



Pfc. Chris Stephens

Staff Sgt. Sean Miles and Sgt. 1st Class Yvette French take turkeys off a truck.

Joint War College gives officers fighting edge

Land course part of three-phase class

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The U.S. and its allies have teamed up to fight the war against terrorism, and their officers are hard at work to defeat their enemies.

Nearly 180 officers from 40 countries are stationed at Fort Benning as part of a two-week United Kingdom course called Exercise Georgian Cormorant.

The exercise is part of a year-long class with 330 students taught by the United Kingdom Joint Command Staff College.

The class teaches brigade-level operations in a divisional context to officers from all branches of service.

"This course is a major stepping stone in any officer's career," said British Lt. Col. Jonny Cray, who authored the exercise.

"We teach them formation tactics and assess them for potential here."

Each year, in the middle of the course, the joint classes are divided into three sections: land, sea and air.

The land division comes to Fort Benning to train in unfamiliar terrain away from the distractions of home.

> "This course has helped me to see America through the world's eyes."
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> **Maj. Keith Dunkle**
> U.S. Army Special Forces

"By reducing the distractions, we're able to get much more training done each day," Cray said.

The officers who come to Fort Benning for the land course are divided into groups of 10, which are then divided into sub-groups of five, representing key appointments in a brigade headquarters.

They are then given a problem, either offensive or defensive, and approximately 24 hours to devise a battle plan and give their instructor a back brief on that plan.

The wars of the future will involve many countries working together, and classes like this will enhance their interoperability, Cray said..

"The course is an excellent opportunity for us to strengthen the United Kingdom's alliance with the United States," he said.

"Strengthening ties between countries is a good thing, and this class gets us more used to working with each other."

American officers in the course are learning more than strategy plans. They are learning about foreign relations first hand.

"This course has helped me to see America through the world's eyes," said Maj. Keith Dunkle, U.S. Army Special Forces.

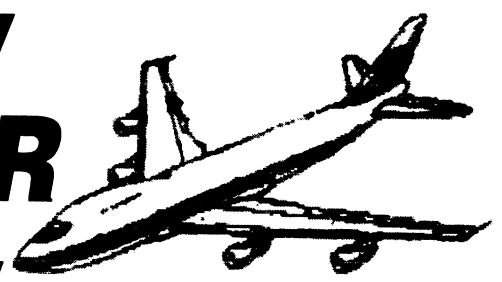
"It will help me to determine what U.S. actions to take and how the world may possibly perceive them.

"ACSC is more about the art of war rather than the science of war, which is very different from America's prospective," Dunkle said.

After completion of the land portion of the course, the soldiers will return to the United Kingdom and work on the third part of the course.

The third segment includes joint and combined operational level studies, global and regional studies, and another trip to the Unites States for one week to visit major military and political decision making bodies.

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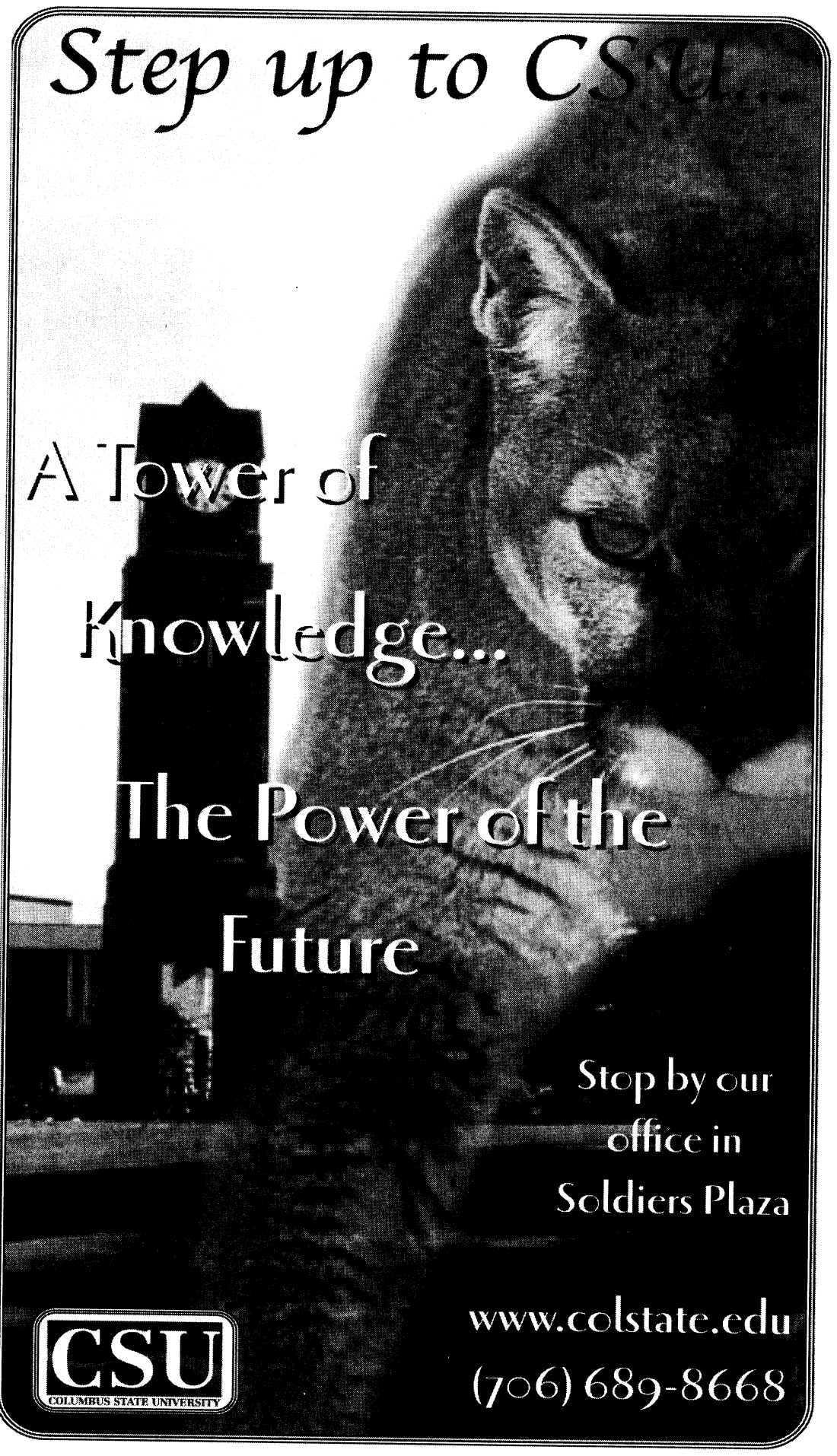
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People who have their personal vehicles registered in Georgia will no longer need to carry insurance cards as proof of insurance after Feb. 1.

The Department of Motor Vehicle Safety will implement a new data system to verify mandatory insurance coverage on privately owned vehicles in an effort to reduce the number of uninsured vehicles on Georgia's highways.

The new database is called the Georgia Electronic Insurance Compliance System, and it gives police officers the ability to run a license plate and get instant feedback about the vehicle's insurance record. Fort Benning's military police will be able to access the database from their vehicles through the National Criminal Information Center, said Staff Sgt. Theodore Taylor, traffic NCOIC.

"The new system sounds great, and I'm looking forward to seeing it in our cars," he said.

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When police officers pull cars over, they will type in the license plates as part of routine procedure. The system will be able to tell if the vehicle is insured, and the driver will be charged with driving without insurance if their vehicle comes up negative.

Everyone is encouraged to check the vehicle identification number that is printed on their registration card to see if it matches the number on their insurance card, according to a handout from the DMVS. If the numbers are off by even one digit, the police will charge the driver with driving without insurance.

The new system will also assist soldiers who are deployed, said Janna Price, insurance reinstatement specialist with the DMVS. Under the old system, soldiers who put their cars in storage and dropped the insurance coverage while deployed would have a suspended license when they returned home.

With the new system, soldiers would only have their license plates suspended, and they can easily be reinstated, saving the soldier from fines and possible jail time that can result from driving on a suspended license.

"I think the new system is a pretty good deal," said Pvt. Scott Bedard, 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment. "If you are deployed you should be able to store your car without worrying about losing your license, and if this system will save us the heartache and money involved with that, then spending $20 for new tags is nothing compared to what it could be."

For more information about the new system, call the local licensing office.

Incompatible systems pose security problem

Database to improve discrepancies

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Sorting through and integrating different computer information systems from the 22 agencies slated to comprise the new Department of Homeland Security presents "a challenge," the White House's chief Homeland Security information official said.

Agencies selected to merge into the DHS will bring a variety of disparate, separate databases with them, Lee Holcomb, director for information structure in the White House Office of Homeland Security, told a homeland security conference audience here.

Prior to the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on America, a number of federal agencies had developed technologies and systems to integrate within an agency setting, but in many cases did not address information sharing across multiple agencies, Holcomb said.

Such advanced capability, he said, is a mandatory asset for the new DHS, which is slated to start up in March 2003.

Many existing databases operated by DHS-designated agencies, and systems run by other organizations expected to work closely with the Homeland Security Department are currently "not mutually accessible," Holcomb said.

Additionally, he said that much of the communications equipment now used by civic emergency first responders, such as police and fire and rescue workers, is either outdated or incompatible with federal gear.

"In many cases, police officers are operating 1970s analog radios," Holcomb said.

Such discrepancies will be solved, he said, by testing and selecting a model emergency-response setup, complete with modern, interoperable-communications equipment.

Under a key initiative called Project Safecom, Holcomb said, firefighters, police officers and emergency medical technicians gain the ability to communicate seamlessly and quickly to help preserve life and property during a disaster.

"It is very critical that we are giving them the tools they need to protect communities to the maximum extent possible," he said.

Maritime, land security big part of TSA mission, officials say

Security includes ports, roads

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — Although airport security efforts get the headlines, securing the nation's ports, waterways, coastline and land assets is just as important a part of the Transportation Security Administration's mission, a senior TSA official said today.

"While aviation security has captured most of the media and most of the interest, maritime and land is a significant portion of the (U.S.) transportation security system," said Steven E. Froehlich of TSA's Office of Maritime and Land Security. "In fact, it represents five-sixths of the transportation sector."

Besides being responsible for protecting the nation's ports, waterways and coastline, Froehlich said his office "also handles highways — which includes trucks and buses — rail, mass transit and pipelines."

He said his office organized into sections for passenger security, cargo security, infrastructure security and response preparedness.

He then ticked off some statistics to illustrate the scope of his office's areas of responsibility, noting the United States has:

• 11.2 million trucks and 2.2 million railcars enter the country each year.

• 120,000 miles of major railroads.

• 2.2 million miles of pipelines, which carry combustible materials like crude oil, gasoline and natural gas.

• Public transit systems that account for 9 billion commuter trips each year.

• 25,000 miles of navigable, commercial waters.

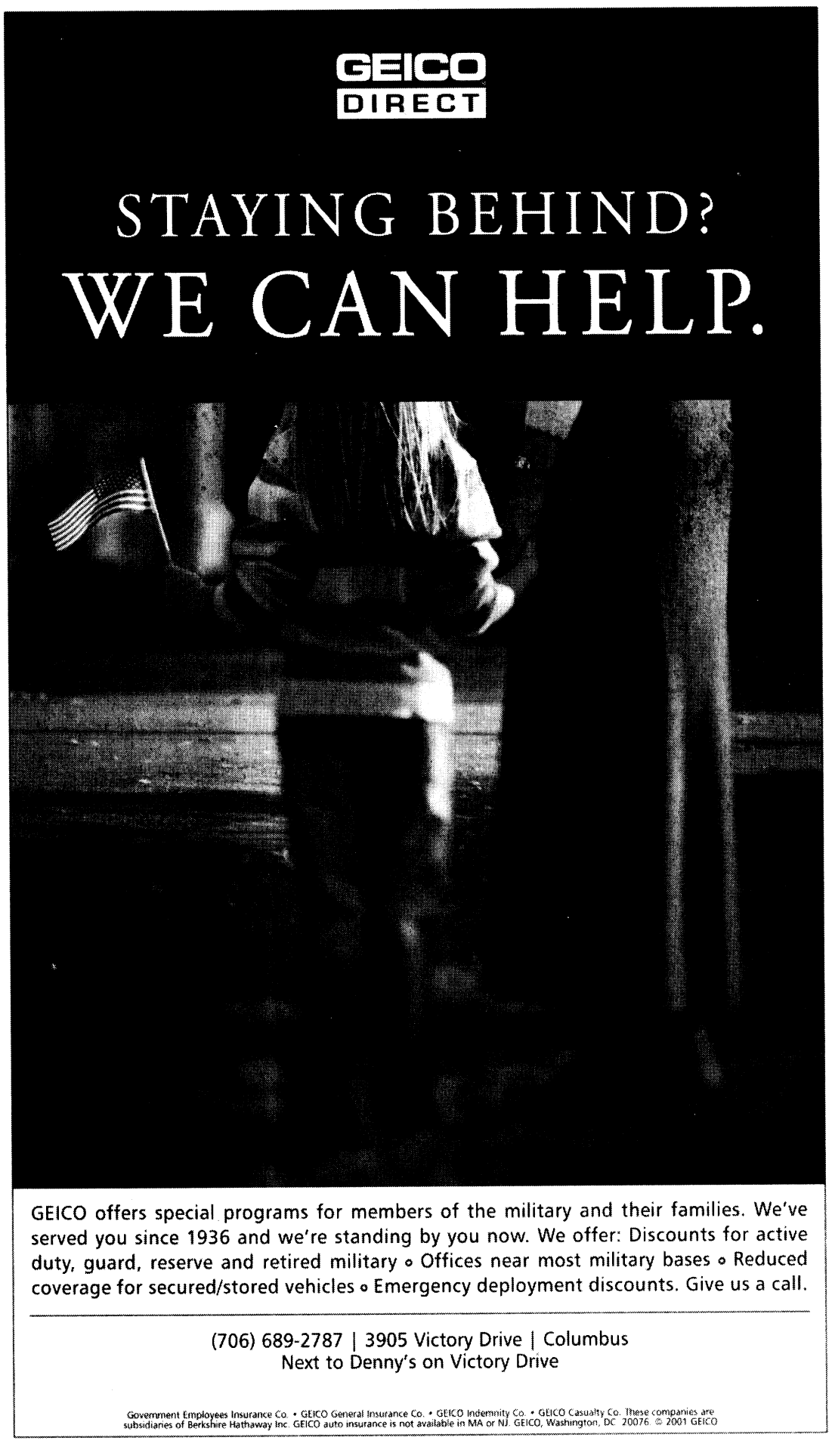
• 7,500 foreign-flagged ships that make 51,000 ports of call each year at the nation's 361 ports.

"So, when you think TSA, you don't think just aviation, you don't think just maritime. You've got to think of all of the other (transportation) modes as well," he said.

A challenge for the new Homeland Security Department and TSA will be to "not make one aspect of a mode of transportation security more secure and leave the others more vulnerable," he said.

Applying a risk management approach and realistic threat assessments will help TSA perform its mission, Froehlich said. TSA efforts provide protection while producing a negligible effect on commerce.





Deadline nears in long-term care open season

Plan pays high costs associated with nursing care

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — For military and civilian personnel who don't have an extra $20,000 to spend on long-term health care and who can't count on their families to take care of them, now may be the time to sign up for the Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.

Dec. 31 is the program open-season enrollment deadline. Premiums are determined by coverage options and age, but they remain level after coverage starts. Open season offers the advantages of fewer health-related questions and premiums based on the applicant's coverage and age as of July 1, 2002. After open season, the health questionnaire is longer and premiums are based on applicants' coverage and their ages when they buy it.

The Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program is administered by John Hancock and MetLife, two of the nation's leading insurers. It's the only long-term care insurance program authorized by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management.

According to an April 2002 MetLife Market Survey of Nursing Home and Home Care Costs, the national average annual cost of home health care is well over $20,000. That cost is expected to climb to $68,000 by 2030. The national average annual nursing home cost is $52,000 for a semi-private room and is expected to climb to $190,600 by 2030.

Studies show that about 60 percent of those who reach age 65 will need long-term care at some time in their lives. However, many people don't realize that the need for long-term care can strike at any time. According to OPM statistics, 40 percent of people receiving long-term care services are working-age adults, between the ages of 18 and 64.

The FTLC insurance program benefits those who can no longer perform daily living activities such as eating, bathing or getting dressed. It also covers persons affected by severe "cognitive impairments," such as dementia and Alzheimer's disease.

In addition, the program provides money to pay for care in various settings, including at home, assisted living facilities, adult day care centers and hospice facilities. More than 80 percent of all people receiving long-term care assistance are not in nursing homes.

OPM Director Kay Coles James, speaking on behalf of the FLTC program on the OPM Web site, calls the insurance a gift to her family.

"I told my children that when I signed up for the OPM-sponsored Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, I was going to make the insurance certificate one of their presents because it benefits them as much as it benefits my husband and me," she stated. "Through this one act of personal responsibility, I am reducing a potential future burden on them and their families."

Applications can be done online at www.ltcfeds.com or downloaded for mailing. The Web site also allows federal employees to calculate insurance premiums and to find answers to frequently asked questions.

To talk with a long-term care adviser, call 1-800-582-3337, (TTY: 1-800-843-3557), 8 a.m. to midnight, Eastern time, seven days a week.

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Nations over a period of many, many years," he said.

"Second, how could you even ask that question given the fact that it was the United States that went to the United Nations and received a unanimous vote in the Security Council."

He said the premise of the question is "obviously misplaced."

Rumsfeld faced a number of questions on Iraq and the declaration Iraq submitted to the United Nations on its weapons of mass destruction programs.

He said the declaration is more than 20,000 pages long.

The secretary said no one will know if Iraq has complied with this aspect of the terms of U.N. Security Council Resolution 1441 until experts get a chance to translate, study and analyze the results.

Mentors: Help magnet school's children

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kids with all sorts of things," Forte said. "We'll jump on it anytime we can get people to talk with our kids."

Forte told the soldiers that some of the students they would meet were not motivated, and sometimes disruptive and disrespectful in class. Many were not taking full advantage of the opportunities the magnet school, one of two magnet middle schools in Columbus, had to offer.

"They feel as if they have to act a certain way to get attention," he said. "They don't realize they will have to earn their keep someday."

Both Forte and Principal Carol Hutcheson felt that meeting brought a real-world perspective to the students from soldiers who deal with young people every day.

The students balked at the doorway to the cafeteria as they caught the first glimpse of the BDU-clad soldiers wearing campaign hats.

"Come on in," said former B Co. first sergeant, Master Sgt. Tidus McGriff. "This isn't about recruiting. We're going to give you some views on life and what you are about to get into as you get older. We're going to talk about values and ethics. You guys are our future."

Barley, McGriff and the rest of the cadre broke the students into smaller groups.

Sgt. Latrice Stuckie took the female students and had them involved in a heated discussion about having boyfriends in middle school. The topic soon evolved into teen pregnancy and the impact on a young mother's ability to finish school while caring for a child. Stuckie, a single parent, talked frankly with the girls about not letting romantic relationships interfere with the learning opportunities offered by the magnet program.

Drill sergeant Staff Sgt. Tyrone Miller had his group's undivided attention as he talked to the students about his experiences growing up in California, where he was enrolled in a similar magnet school program.

"I was smart enough to get selected for the magnet program," Miller said, "but dumb enough to get kicked out." Miller told his group that his school resume included three junior high and five high schools. He urged the students to start thinking about what their resume will say, especially if they plan to go to college.

"You have to try to take advantage of the school," he said, adding that the magnet programs offer great educational experiences for all students, no matter what their background.

Students talked about some of the problems they saw in class: kids joking around, being disrespectful to the teachers, not doing homework or class work.

"The teachers already have it," Miller said, referring to an education. "They're trying to make sure you get it, and joking around in class doesn't help anyone."

The discussion took a serious turn when Miller asked the group about gangs in school. The group was left speechless when Miller told them that there was no peer pressure for him when it came to gangs. He was introduced to gangs at home.

"My dad was a 'Blood,' my brother was a 'Crip.'" he said. "Most of the males in my family were gang members."

Miller said he hung around the gangs as a child and volunteered to go through initiation when he was 12. He later saw his best friend get shot in the head by a member of a rival gang. He took off his BDU top and showed the students his gang tattoos.

"I'm not proud of these," he said. "Every time I get a physical, someone takes notes.

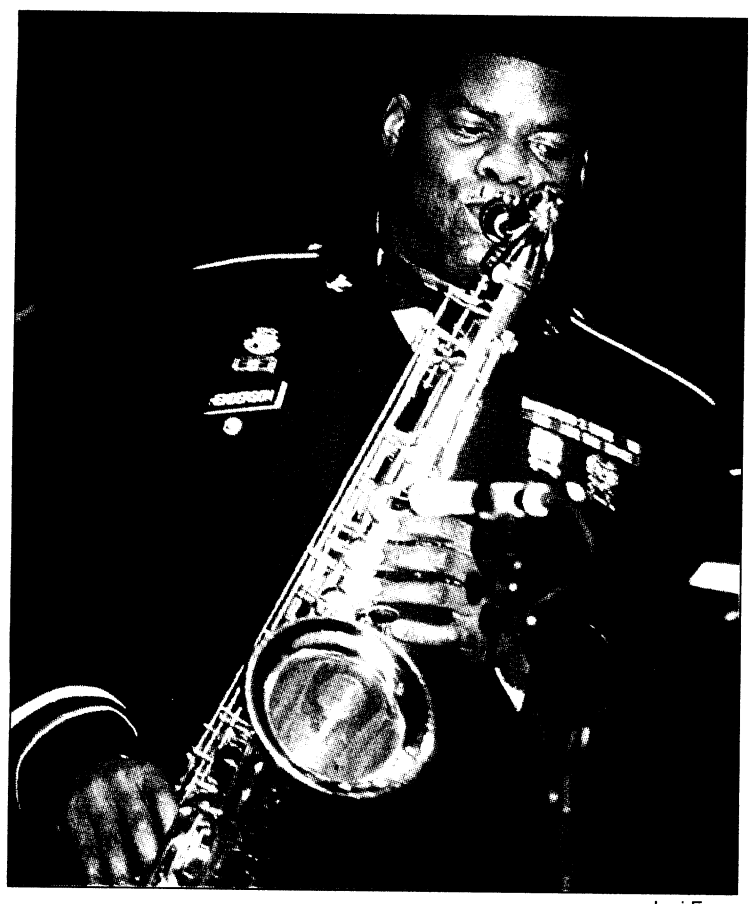
"When I joined the Army, I still had the gang mentality."

Around the room, the discussions slowly came to a close. The students, who had been so reluctant to step into the cafeteria, left much more slowly. Miller's group was the last to leave.

Barley left his group with one last thought.

"The road to success is wide open," he said. "All you have to do is get on it."

Holiday Concert



Cpl. Grant Henderson, saxophone player with the Infantry Band, performs during the Holiday Concert Sunday night at the RiverCenter for the Performing Arts, Dec 8.

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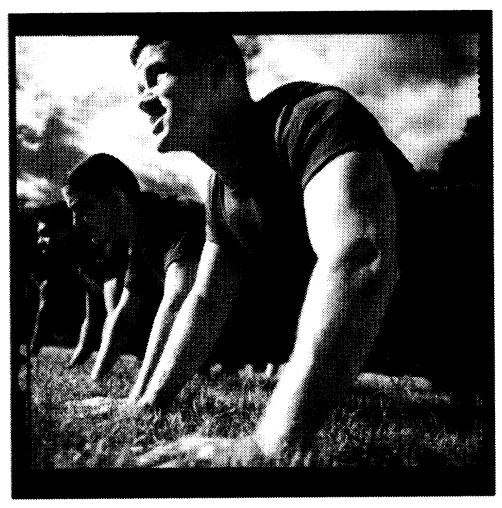
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OPSEC affects everyone

Awareness key to operations security, protecting post

Debbie Kearns
Directorate of Intelligence and Security

With Sept. 11 and with the talk of possible war, it is imperative that we know and practice operations security. What is OPSEC? OPSEC is the process of denying adversaries information about friendly capabilities and intentions by identifying, controlling, and protecting indicators associated with planning and conducting military operations and other activities.

We were given a wake-up call Sept. 11, reminding us that the United States does have enemies and that each and every citizen or ally is a potential target.

It is estimated that 90 percent of all information gathered by terrorists is provided by the target. Therefore, knowing and practicing the five steps of OPSEC can dramatically reduce the likelihood that you or your loved ones will become targets.

IDENTIFY CRITICAL INFORMATION — Determine what information is vital to an adversary in order for their attack to be successful. For example, fuel delivery schedules, vehicle/personnel movements, or deployment/destination data. Also, determine how long the information must be protected.

THREAT ANALYSIS — Identify the adversary. Determine their goals, their strategies, what information they already have, and the level of their collecting capability.

VULNERABILITY ANALYSIS — Scrutinize every step of a planned exercise or operation to determine any OPSEC indicators that could reveal critical information or cause a disadvantage to the friendly forces. Then, compare those indicators with the adversary's intelligence collection capabilities identified in threat analysis.

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Practice OPSEC to reduce the chance of loved ones being targeted:

- Do not reveal critical information in a letter or e-mail home, it may be intercepted.
- Be aware of what is thrown away, social security numbers and TDY locations may not be classified but could verify rumors of deployment.
- Know and practice continuous OPSEC and teach family members the principles and importance of it.

ASSESSMENT OF RISKS — Once the risks are determined, the unit must determine what OPSEC measures to use. There are three measures that may be used:

- Prevent them from detecting an indicator;
- Provide an alternative analysis of an indicator;
- Attack the adversary's collection system.

APPLICATION OF MEASURES — Apply the measures determined to be most advantageous to this and all future operations.

THINK before you speak. THINK before you send that letter to mom. THINK before you email a friend. THINK before throwing that memorandum in the trash. Are you giving the adversary the last piece of the information puzzle necessary for an attack?

When you speak of military operations, equipment or personnel, you may be speaking to someone who has no "need to know." Someone who has ill intentions could overhear you. Conversations over open telephone lines are also subject to interception.

When you write that letter home, consider who might read it. Will mom tell the garden club or the neighborhood grocer?

E-mailing friends is a great way to keep in touch, but not if your correspondence is being intercepted by a talented hacker. Some very sophisticated computer systems have been found sitting in some of the most unsophisticated or underdeveloped countries in the world.

Digging through the trash has been ruled legal by the Supreme Court. Names, social security numbers, and TDY locations may not be classified. But that information is sensitive and could verify rumors of deployment, individual association with the military, etc.

SOME ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Unit deployments; present or future unit operations; unit course of action; unit or equipment capabilities; unit mission and strength; lessons learned; personnel information; unit maintenance and repair status; location of staging areas; location of weapons depots; unit state of training location of fuel sites; unit security posture or level; key leader and asset location or status

Never think you are invulnerable, or have no useable information. The enemy is skilled at piecing together seemingly unimportant or unclassified information to form a larger picture. Your actions, words or appearance may provide critical information to a potential enemy seeking intelligence. Become an active member in your security and remember OPSEC and the above reminders.

The incidents of Sept. 11, Oklahoma City and the USS Cole show that it doesn't matter what you do for a living or what your connection may be to the U.S. government. Because of our beliefs or because someone is upset with our government, you could become a victim. Be aware of your surroundings. Wearing unit T-shirts out on the town or placing unit crests on a vehicle are just two things that draw attention to your status.

As time passes, the memories of Sept. 11 may fade. However, the enemies who perpetrated or aided the perpetration of these atrocities are still bent on causing our death or downfall. Their hatred has not faded. You must not become complacent.

BOTTOM LINE: Know and practice continuous OPSEC. Teach your family the principles of OPSEC. It is the responsibility of every soldier and citizen and the only way we can succeed in foiling any adversary's plans for wreaking havoc with our lives.

Happy Birthday AFTB!

Dear Army Family Team Building volunteers, students, and supporters,

At this milestone, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the Fort Benning community for their constant support and dedication to the Army Family Team Building Program. Our program was founded in 1994 and since then, we have seen tremendous growth in volunteerism, student attendance, family readiness, and command support.

Our volunteers make AFTB a true family member program. We are a success because of the unique enthusiasm, expertise, and experience each one of our volunteers bring. It is on this special occasion that we stop and say a special thank you to our AFTB volunteers throughout the Fort Benning community. Without you, our AFTB program would not be the success story it is today.

Dec. 16 has been declared "Army Family Team Building Day." As part of our community outreach program, please join us as we commemorate this day with a cookie and information table at the Fort Benning Commissary from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday.

Sarah V. Hertig and Jane D. Richardson
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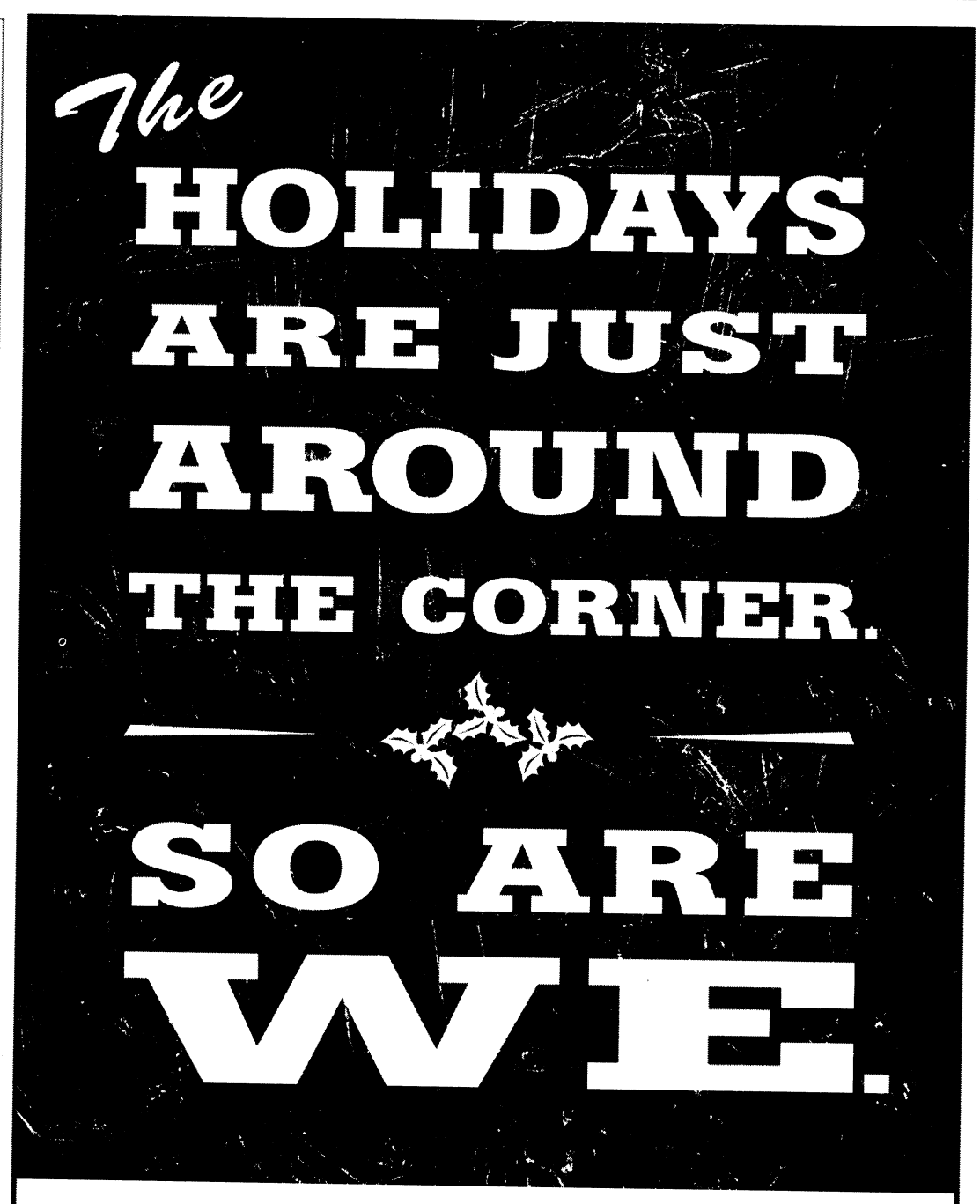
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Cold snap reminder to train safely in winter

Jim Caldwell
TRADOC News Service

FORT MONROE, Va. — The cold spell that hit several southern states Dec. 4-5 raised the Training and Doctrine Command Surgeon's concern for welfare of soldiers in training.

"I don't think our training base has seen weather like this for some time," said Dr. (Col.) Bernard DeKoning, TRADOC Surgeon. "We're looking at an unseasonably cold winter following an unseasonably hot summer."

Cold injuries can hospitalize soldiers, but the good news is that they're rarely fatal. The exception is hypothermia, when the core body temperature drops below 95 degrees Fahrenheit, or 35 degrees Celsius.

Another life threatening condition during winter is carbon monoxide poisoning, caused by faulty heaters in "heat tents" or confined spaces.

"We still have the potential for serious injury from carbon monoxide poisoning if the right kind of stove isn't used," said Dave Prentice, TRADOC Safety Office. "The stove used in the heat tent or other indoor areas must be an Army-approved, vented stove.

"Unless you're dealing with hypothermia or carbon monoxide poisoning, when you drag someone out of the water, cold injuries rarely result in fatalities," DeKoning said.

A heat tent is one of the precautions taken when soldiers are training outdoors. One approach is to allow soldiers to warm in a "heat tent." Ironically, some winter injuries occur in the heat tents.

In his view, winter weather offers significant advantages over hot summer temperatures. But soldiers still must maintain their fluid and food consumption, along with approved winter clothing.

"In winter, you can put on enough clothes to keep you warm," Prentice said. "In summer you have the heat risk factor, now matter how few clothes you wear."

Safety approaches in cold weather do not necessarily mean that cold is the reverse of heat, DeKoning said. However, some approaches are opposite of how they are done in the summer.

In winter, the more active soldiers are, the longer they can operate outdoors without suffering injuries.

In summer heat, trainees can only perform heavy tasks for a prescribed amount of time so they're not affected by high heat.

"Soldiers performing sedentary training or duty in cold weather are at risk of becoming a cold casualty, even during times where the temperature is above freezing and it may be deceptively warm," DeKoning said.

"Soldiers on guard duty who stand for long periods, or people who check IDs at the gates are at most risk," he said.

Training unit commanders and cadre must apply risk management to selecting the best training approach to protect trainees from winter elements, the doctor said. To help them, DeKoning and the Army Medical Command have added Cold Casualty Risk Management Guidelines on a Web site at http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/coldinjury.

"Soldiers in TRADOC have an advantage over troops in the field," Prentice said. "For example, during operations in Afghanistan, soldiers had to operate in a winter environment without heat tents and operations cannot be stopped to allow soldiers to warm up.

"In TRADOC, though, there is no excuse for unnecessarily exposing soldiers to weather-related injuries."

Plan: Makes soldiers more prepared, productive

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the Army. These soldiers are not meeting their duty obligation, which affects mission readiness. They could face consequences, including negative counseling, a bar to re-enlistment and involuntary discharge from the Army, said Capt. Joshua S. Shuey, administrative and civil law attorney, Office of the Staff Judge Advocate. Soldiers who attempt to deceive the Army about their need to maintain a family care plan or clearly make no evident effort to comply with AR 600-20 may also face punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Although a discharge for simply failing to keep a workable family care plan may seem like an easy way to break a commitment to the Army, at least three chapters of AR 635-200 outline the type and characterization of discharge a soldier may receive for family care plan failure. The type of discharge a soldier receives is determined by the brigade-level commander in his chain of command and could have an effect on future veterans benefits, if any, the soldier is entitled to, as well his future employment opportunities.

Soldiers whose family care plans fall through, or who are unable to put together a workable family care plan after making an obvious effort by providing the commander with evidence, could face involuntary separation under Chapter 5-8, Shuey said. Soldiers in this category usually provide sworn statements from immediate family members who state the reasons why they are not able to or refuse to care for the children or dependents. Sometimes there are extenuating circumstances, such as a spouse who is unfit to care for the children. In the case of a bitter divorce, a soldier could understandably be reluctant to give temporary custody to his spouse, who could seek primary custody while the soldier is away. Soldiers separated under these conditions are usually entitled to all Army transition benefits, including separation pay if eligible, as well as all veterans' benefits.

A soldier in Miseli's unit was left suddenly by his wife and had nobody to care for the kids. He was very up front with the command and made a full-faith effort to put together a plan, but was unable to do so, Miseli said. He was discharged under Chapter 5-8.

Separation under Chapter 6 is voluntary and usually an option for soldiers who suddenly find themselves in a situation requiring a family care plan, such as the death or disability of the spouse. In this case, the soldier finds that caring for his children interferes with his ability to perform his duties and requests a discharge so that he may be able to better care for family members outside of the Army. Separation pay is not available. However, Army transition and veterans benefits are.

While it doesn't happen often, soldiers who appear to be using their situation to shirk their duties or trying to get over on the system, especially soldiers with enough time in service to receive separation pay, could be separated under Chapter 13. These soldiers should be scrutinized by the commander and not rewarded with separation pay for shirking their obligations.

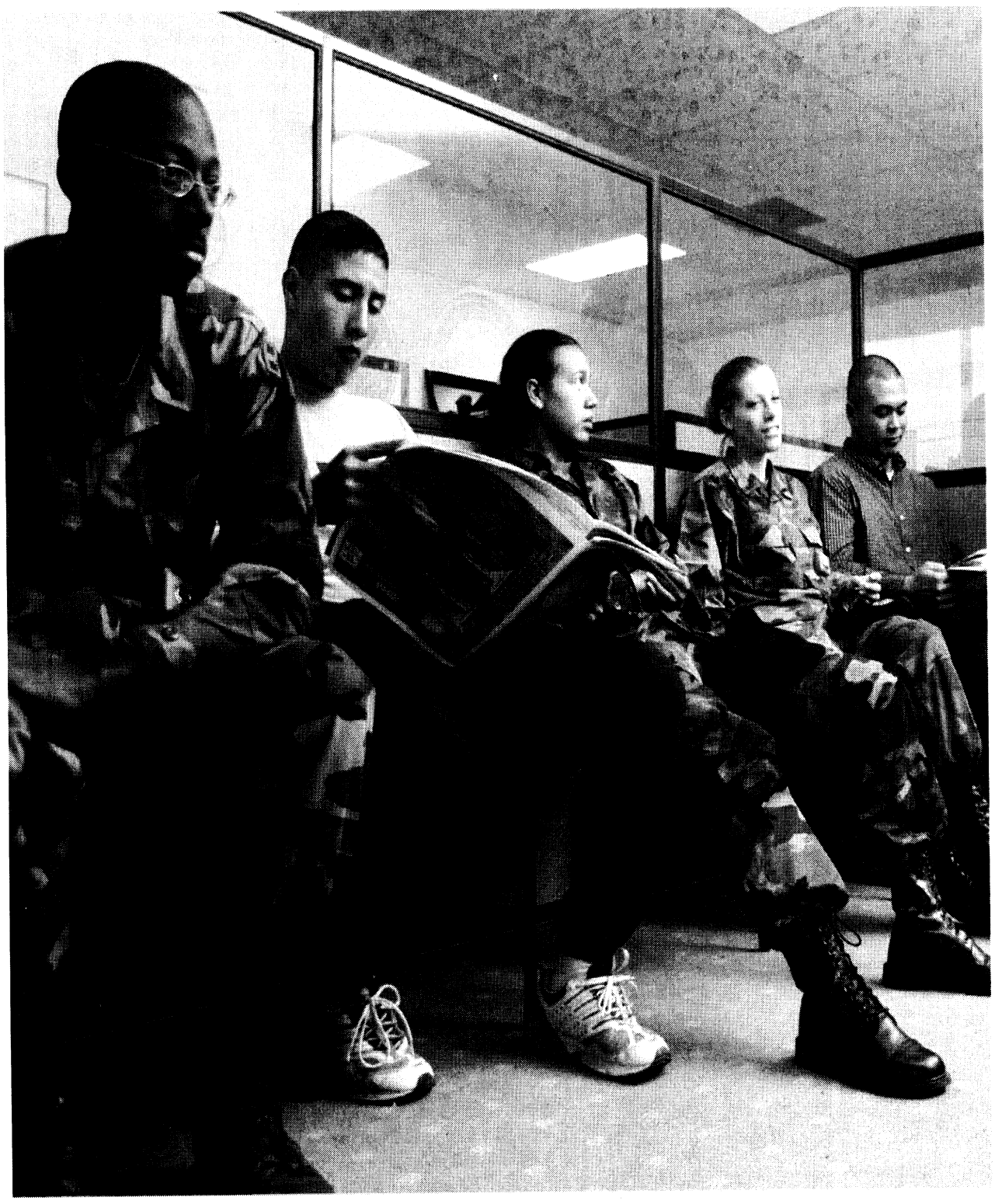
Soldiers who aren't eligible for separation pay, but are at the beginning of their second enlistment and decide to change their minds about staying in should also be scrutinized by commanders and considered for a Chapter 13 discharge. A Chapter 13 could result in a 'general' characterization discharge, and there is no separation pay. There are transition benefits, however, but veterans benefits could be limited if the discharge is characterized as general.

Miseli recalled only one soldier in his time as commander who had to be discharged with a Chapter 13. The soldier, without notifying his chain of command, sought custody of his child as the unit was preparing for a deployment. He gained custody of the child but didn't tell anyone until after the unit was deployed. He was sent back to put together a family care plan, but he made no effort to do so, Miseli said.

"For the most part, soldiers are proactive in getting a working plan together," Miseli said. "Most soldiers in this unit have a working plan done before they receive their 30-day counseling and take a vested interest in keeping it straight, which shows their professionalism," Miseli said.

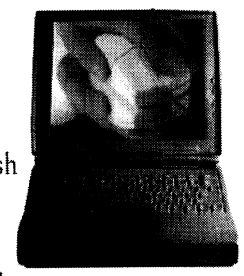
"We've all committed to something when we joined the Army. When we enlist, or re-enlist we incurred an obligation to serve honorably for that period of time for which, contractually, we are bound. Some of us are indefinite; others are committed for two, three or four years. We have a duty to comply with AR 600-20 and deploy with our unit should the call arise. We have a duty to keep our personal affairs in order, to include the care of our dependents, in such a way that it does not interfere with the duty we've incurred. This means finding care for your kids if you are one of those people who are required to have a family care plan. Anything less than a full, good faith effort to do so is shirking."

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Sgt. Carlos McClary, foreground, and Sgt. Kelvin Hunter set up the OE-254 during the FTX.

Rugged Seahorses tackle FTX

HHC practices field craft during training

1st Lt. Mamie Murphy
36th Engineer Group

When Capt. Patrick Hogeboom took command of 36th Engineer Groups' Headquarters and Headquarters Company Nov. 26, his remarks concluded with: "Pack your bags and make sure you're ready, because next week we're going to the field!"

He made good on that promise when HHC took to the field Dec. 3-6.

"As new commander, I was looking forward to seeing how all the sections worked together," Hogeboom said. "I was really pleased with seeing how hard the soldiers worked out there."

Going to the field is always a learning experience, but for those new to the group, the first time to the field with a new unit is a very quick way to learn how the unit operates.

The purpose of the four-day, three-night exercise was to support a staff exercise being executed by the 36th Engineer Group staff.

The staff operated as a "white cell" element, a higher headquarters to HHC. They passed down taskings and required the support of all elements of HHC.

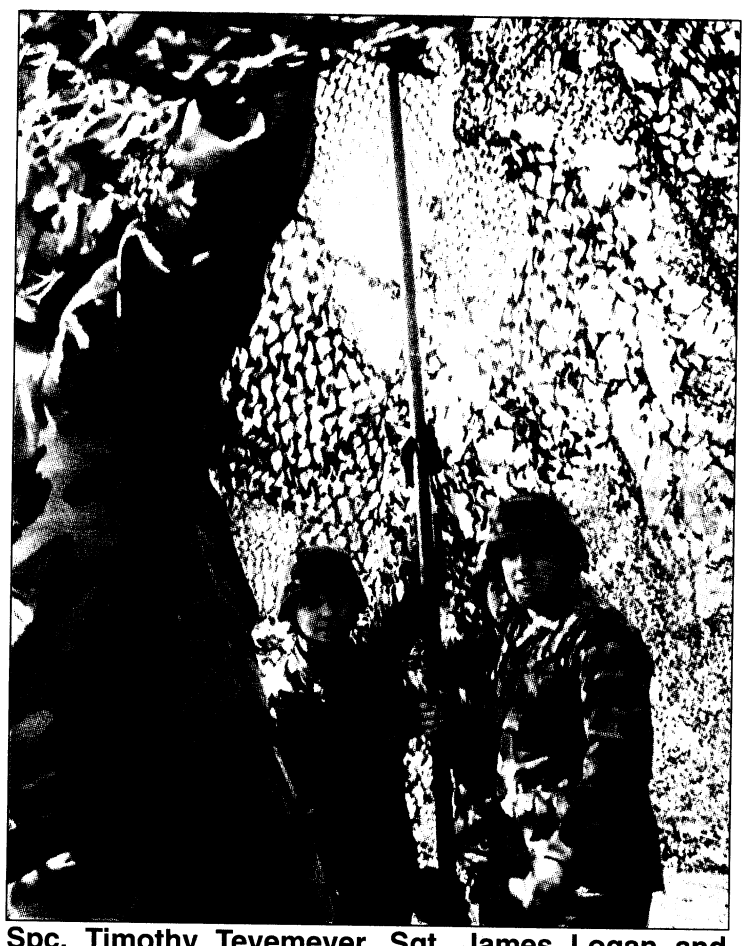
Communications were especially crucial while out in the field, Hogeboom said. The communications section established lines for field phones and maintained other communications through the use of SINCGARS radios. The "white cell" tested their network many times by calling down missions and other taskings.

Other sections were kept equally busy while in the field. The maintenance section was required to get several vehicles back up and running after breakdowns.

"Maintenance really kept us rolling out there," Hogeboom said. "There were even working on vehicles through the night to get us back to where we needed to be."

The Design Management section was also kept very busy in the field. It ran 24-hour operations.

"We were tasked with five different designs," said Capt. Neil Nunberg, Design Management designer. "For being there only four days, that is a lot of design work. All of our designs are very labor intensive. They require drawings of all details of the project that is to be done as well as a bill of materials so that the supply section can order everything that they need to get the project going."



Spc. Timothy Teyemeyer, Sgt. James Logan and Sgt. Samuel Dirks help Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Graves set up camo netting in the field.

While in the field, soldiers were able to focus solely on their jobs and learn a great deal.

"My learning curve was tremendous, especially learning the computer-aided design software," Capt. Drew Sherrill, designer. "The training was scenario-driven and provided us great training in real-world situations."

Hogeboom said he was pleased with the way the company worked while in the field and knew how much effort the soldiers put forth.

"They worked without complaining, even though it was cold," he said. "I know they were tired and hungry, but they did a great job. Everyone stayed busy and everyone learned."

Check it out!



Courtesy photo

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton, commanding general, checks out the MK47 40-mm advanced, lightweight grenade machine gun at Red Cloud Range Nov. 14. The Dismounted Battlespace Battle Lab and Directorate of Combat Development put the demonstration together.

Officer Candidate School

A first-person perspective

Intermediate Officer Candidate Mark R. Johnstone
3rd Battalion (OCS), 11th Infantry Regiment

It started almost five weeks ago — my return to the Army training environment. I didn't know what to expect even though I had already completed basic training, advanced individual training and the primary leadership development course.

This was going to be something completely different. This is the Officer Candidate School, a 14-week program designed to turn candidates into commissioned officers.

"The basic phase is conducted in a climate of strict discipline as the candidates are shown the OCS standards by the cadre and then expected to meet them. Candidates are trained under extremely demanding mental and physical conditions," according to the OCS Standard Operating Procedure.

The OCS motto is "Standards, No Compromise." And they aren't kidding.

The high standards, both physical and mental, begin on day one.

Self-discipline

Self-discipline is required at the school. And the need for it becomes obvious within the first two days.

From day one, students are responsible for the day-to-day running of the business of their company. We have a training schedule set by the OCS, but the candidates are responsible for executing the mission. Of course, the cadre are there to make sure it's done correctly.

Another area where discipline is required is the dining facility.

For reasons of efficiency, there is a prescribed manner for everything candidates do in the dining facility, from the way they enter, to the way they get food from the salad bar. And when it's done right, more than 100 candidates can be in and out of the DFAC in less than 30 minutes with a full stomach.

It took some getting used to, but it has made me a much more efficient eater.

In the first week, we spent a lot of time learning the standards for conduct in the OCS environment. All of it helped me learn to pay attention to the little details. As we learned about the standards, the entire company began to bond as a team through physical and mental challenges.

The physical and mental teamwork

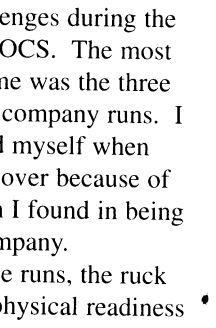
Personal triumphs start with physical challenges, and my first triumph was the OCS confidence course. That's where I began to learn more about my physical abilities and the individuals in my squad.

Obstacles like the "skyscraper" helped me learn to trust my team. The skyscraper is a series of platforms stacked vertically that requires you to pull yourself from one platform to the next with the help of your teammates. You have to trust your teammates to help you move up and down the platforms or else you will fall from the five-story obstacle.

Two days after the confidence course, we challenged ourselves and our squads on the combat obstacle course on Sand Hill.

After completing the 12-obstacle course, I looked back feeling exhausted but proud of my accomplishment. I didn't think I had the strength to do it again, but that's just what we did.

Surprisingly, we finished it faster the second time.



Johnstone

While proud of my own accomplishments, I was most impressed with the determination of my teammates.

Perhaps the best team-building course was our assault on the Downey Mile. The Downey Mile is designed to challenge your physical abilities with obstacles and rough terrain as you carry a five-gallon water jug through the course.

During the course, I learned what it meant to sacrifice my body to help the team accomplish a mission. I also saw what my teammates were willing to sacrifice, and it helped to build my respect for them.

There were many other physical challenges during the first phase of OCS. The most daunting for me was the three and four mile company runs. I even surprised myself when the runs were over because of the motivation I found in being part of the company.

Between the runs, the ruck marches, the physical readiness training exercises, and the required attention to detail, the physical and mental challenges of the Basic Officer Candidate phase have helped me believe in my abilities.

That is what set me up for success in the biggest challenge of the course — Land Navigation.

Land navigation

The most important skill I've been able to fine tune over the last month is my ability to land navigate with only a 1:50,000 scale map and a compass.

The training I received built my confidence and helped me pass — the first time — day and night tests on a course that was much more difficult than any I had trained on before.

Even better was learning how to find points by just moving in a known direction for a known distance. I had never done this before, and when I walked right up to my point over 1,000 meters away, my confidence level went through the roof.

The other exciting part of the land nav training was learning helpful techniques from my classmates and the land nav cadre. I think it's a testament to their professionalism that our company of 108 candidates passed our land navigation testing within three days.

Land navigation was about more than just finding the points. It increased my skills and confidence while training with groups.

Then too, being alone gave me a chance to prove to myself that I could do it.

There is no way to compare the feeling of moving from one point to another in the dead of night through thick brush and ending up exactly where I planned.

Conclusion of BOC

The Basic Officer Candidate phase ends when each candidate has met the requirements, the final two being a test of knowledge and a company inspection. Preparing for both was an interesting experience.

Learning the ideas behind what it means to be a leader in today's army has given me a stronger foundation for wanting to be a better officer.

And working together to pass our inspection showed me that even under stressful conditions, our team has learned to work well together.

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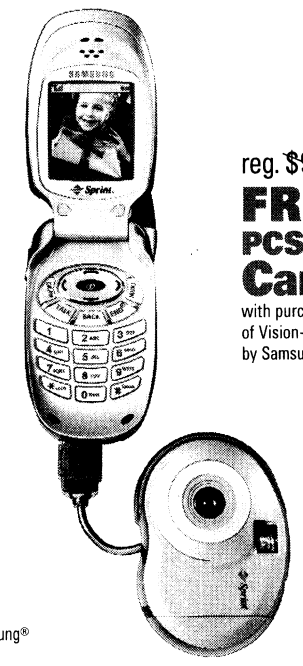
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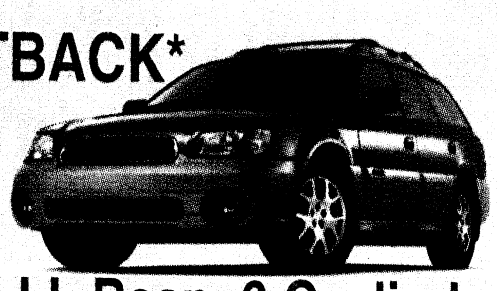
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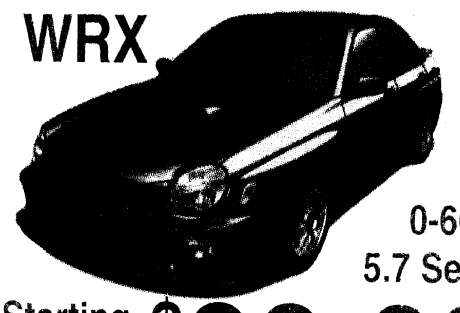
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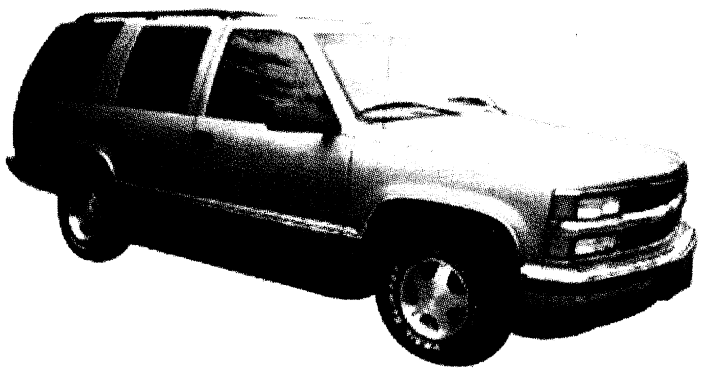
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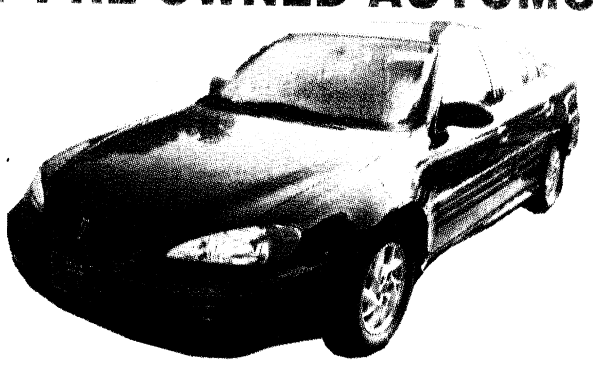


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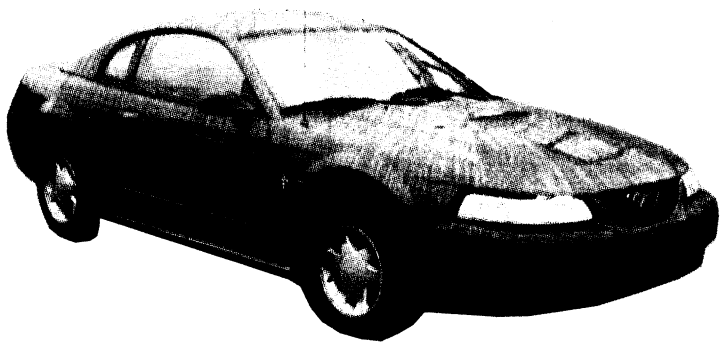
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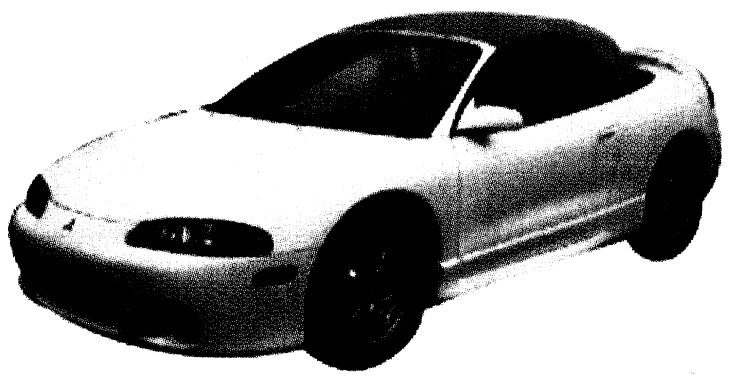
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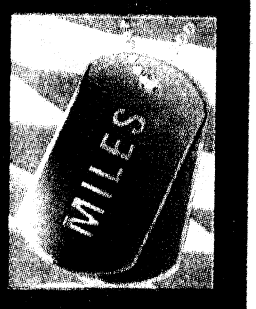
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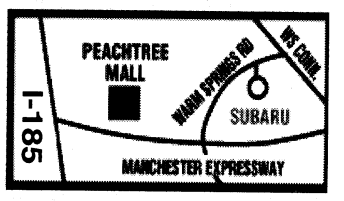


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USAMU shooters train Green Berets

Soldiers learn advanced skills to help fight war

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Spc. Aaron Revout, U.S. Army Marksmanship unit, instructs Capt. Heath Harrower, 5th Special Forces Group, on M-16 skills.

Although their competitive shooting season is over, the champion shooters of the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit Service Rifle Team have been busy passing along shooting techniques to other U.S. Army soldiers, including some who will be on the cutting edge of the war against terrorism.

The Service Rifle Team, headed by Staff Sgt. Jared N. van Aalst, conducted an advanced rifle marksmanship clinic for seven members of the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne) of Fort Campbell, Ky., at Easley and Pool Ranges Dec. 3-6.

"We do advanced rifle marksmanship train the trainer for all units, but now we're doing tactical training for special operations units or any type of sniper section," van Aalst said. "It went very well. The idea we're trying to push is that our type of competitive shooting training ties in with tactical training. The biggest thing for soldiers is understanding the limitations of their weapons and alternate shooting positions."

"We did this training so our detachment could improve long-range marksmanship capability, said Capt. Heath Harrower of the 5th SFG. "We're getting different training ideas that we can use and we're sharing ideas on training and equipment. We're also getting techniques that we can employ for our sniper teams."

Harrower said the USAMU Service Rifle shooters emphasize basic rifle marksmanship skills.

"But it's more than a refresher course," he said. "It builds on the fundamentals."

Both on the ranges and in the classroom, the Special Forces soldiers learned from the Service Rifle Team how to read and correct for the wind, range estimation and reading the mirage.

"The two most important things to work on are trigger squeeze and sight alignment; it's what we've been emphasizing," Harrower said. "We learned variations and different techniques for trigger squeeze employed by a sniper team when engaging target.

"We also used the Noptel (a computerized marksmanship training system), which was a very effective tool to track sight alignment before, during and after the shot."

Besides shooting on the USAMU ranges, the soldiers also toured the USAMU Custom Firearms Shop where they spoke with USAMU gunsmiths, machinists, reloaders and ammunition technicians who build and modify USAMU weapons and ammunition.

"I was very impressed with the gun shop. There is a lot of knowledge here that a unit could use and a lot of answers to be found here on weapons, ballistics and bullets," Harrower said. "This training has enhanced our long-range shooting capability, and it was very worthwhile. We would do it again and recommend it for other members of our unit."

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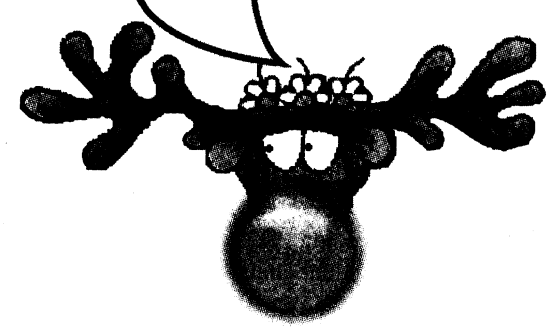
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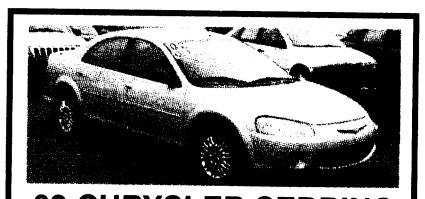
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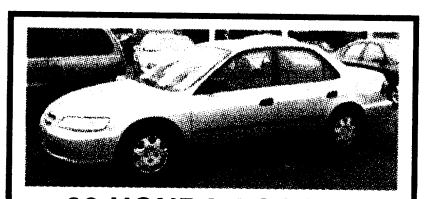
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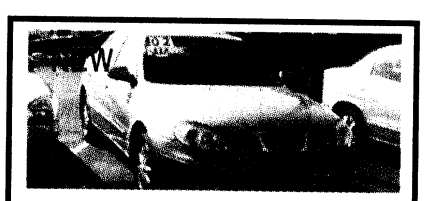
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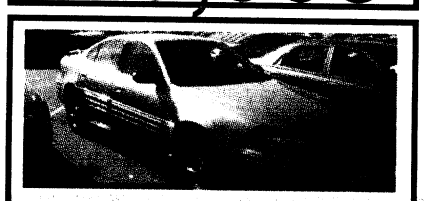
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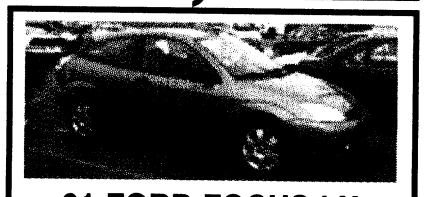
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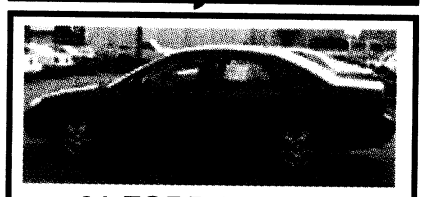
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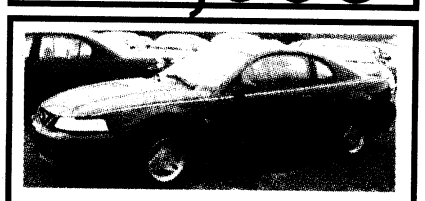
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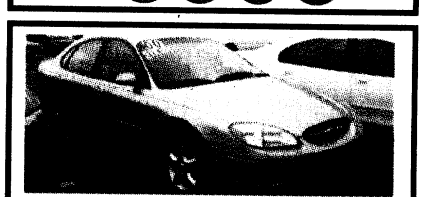
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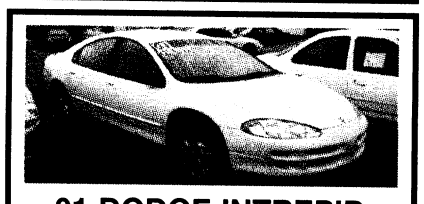
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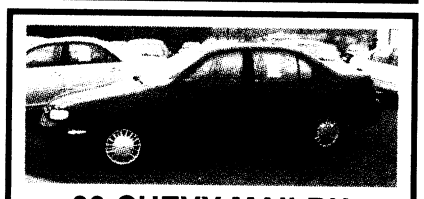
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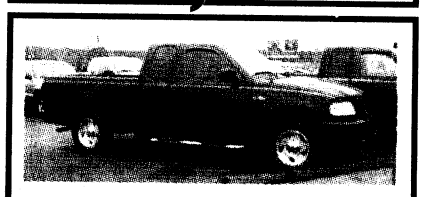
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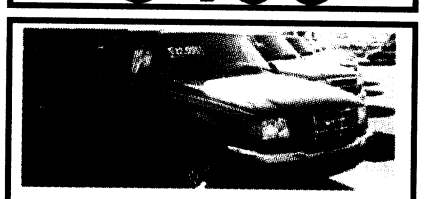
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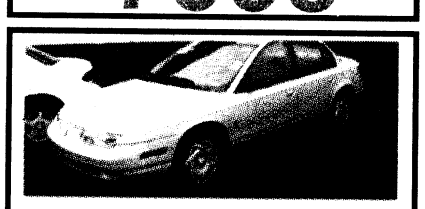
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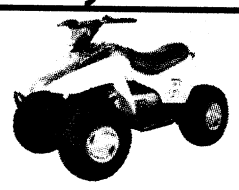
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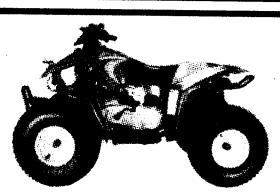
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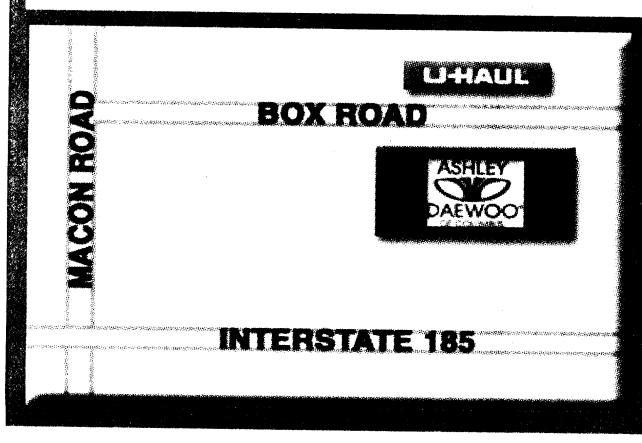
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COMMUNITY

Crooked kid caught in caper

Teen loots, damages Thrift Shop

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A 15-year-old Fort Benning resident will likely be charged with theft and criminal trespass under the Georgia State Criminal Code after police apprehended him during a break-in at the Officers' Spouses' Club Thrift Shop Dec. 3.

The youth, whose name will not be released, may be prosecuted as an adult after the presiding judge "looks at the whole picture," said Investigator Wade Sterling, Team Chief with Fort Benning's Criminal Investigation Detachment.

"The whole picture" includes two prior break-ins in which the youth inflicted several hundred dollars worth of damage and stole as much in video games, jewelry and cash.

Lori Lane, the Thrift Shop manager, said shop volunteers discovered the first break-in Nov. 21. The suspect broke a window and entered through a back room. He returned Dec. 1, this time breaking a glass door and cutting a padlock.

The following night, military police investigators were waiting when the youth broke in shortly before midnight.

Authorities and shop managers believe all the

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FACING THE HOLIDAYS

Tips for enjoying them

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The holidays are billed as a time for family, celebration, warmth and love. However, many people experience them as times of high stress and deep disappointment or depression.

Military families face special challenges since they are often away from family or have a family member on deployment.

The tips listed below are meant to help people maintain a perspective on these days that will make the hectic pace of this season work for them rather than against them.

Get Real

• Christmas is full of high expectations about how it "should" be. Let go of the "should be's" and work on some "can be's."

• If you are stationed too far away to be with family, or if your spouse is deployed through the holidays, focus on positive ways to be in touch for the holidays. Focus on the strength of what is there, not the hurt of what is missing.

• Set some realistic goals for your preparation. You don't have to cook every favorite food or use every decoration you own. If others expect certain things for the holidays, invite them to help in the preparation.

• Establish a realistic budget and save for your Christmas purchases. Resist the temptation to run up credit card bills you will not be able to pay

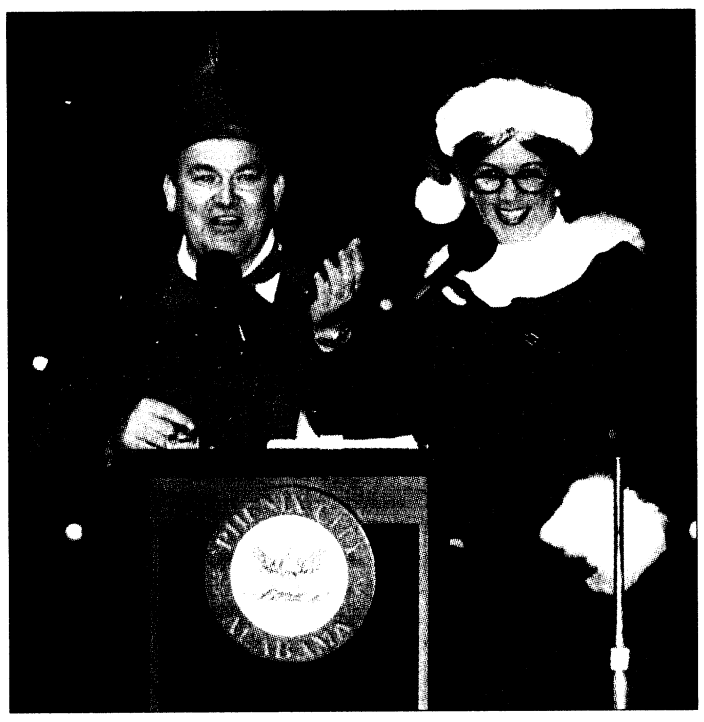
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Night of Lights



Photos Pfc. Brian Trapp

This is a view from the Phenix City Amphitheater Dec. 5 during the third annual tricommunity Night of Lights celebration.



Chuck Leonard, news anchor with WTVM, and Tandi Cain-Morris, Directorate of Community Activities, emcee the event.

The third annual tricommunity Night of Lights celebration included music by the Infantry Band's Brass Quintet, Bells of Praise from Morningside Baptist Church, the Lakewood Elementary School Choir, Sherwood Singers of Sherwood Elementary and the Faith Middle School Entertainers.

Before the lights were turned on and both sides of the Chattahochee Riverwalk was lighted, the mayors from Phenix City and Columbus and the post commander spoke.

Commanding General Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton told the audience it is important to remember the soldiers deployed overseas and their families during the holiday season.

Nutcracker soldier lives sugar plum dream

Engineer to perform in ballet

1st Lt. Mamie Murphy
36th Engineer Group

Peanut butter and jelly. Shoes and socks. Soldiers and ballet. Granted, not the most likely combination. However, 2nd Lt. Ivy Miller proves that the relationship can be as sweet as sugar and spice.

Miller is an engineer working in the Design Management office for the 36th Engineer Group, as a construction inspection officer. She's also performing in next weekend's production of "The Nutcracker" by the Columbus Ballet.

The native Georgian, who joined the Army in April 2001, didn't begin studying ballet until she was 17, but she didn't let her late start interfere with the pursuit of her newfound passion.

"Seventeen is ancient in the dance world," Miller said. "Most dancers start when they are three or four, but I was determined to learn."

Miller and her younger sister pursued dance together; first at the East Athens Educational Dance Center, then the Athens School of Ballet and finally at Brenau University, where they were both fine arts majors.

"My sister and I actually got interested in ballet through books," Miller said. "We saw pictures and thought that it would be a neat thing to try to do. After we tried to copy the dancers in the pictures for a little while, we went to the East Athens Educational Dance Center to attend classes."

Within their first week of class, the sisters were moved to the top level of instruction offered at the center.

After a year at East Athens, they moved on to the Athens School of Ballet, where the sisters paid their own way, earning money by cleaning the building and studios.

After graduating from Brenau in May 2000, Miller went to Pennsylvania to practice her art full-time.

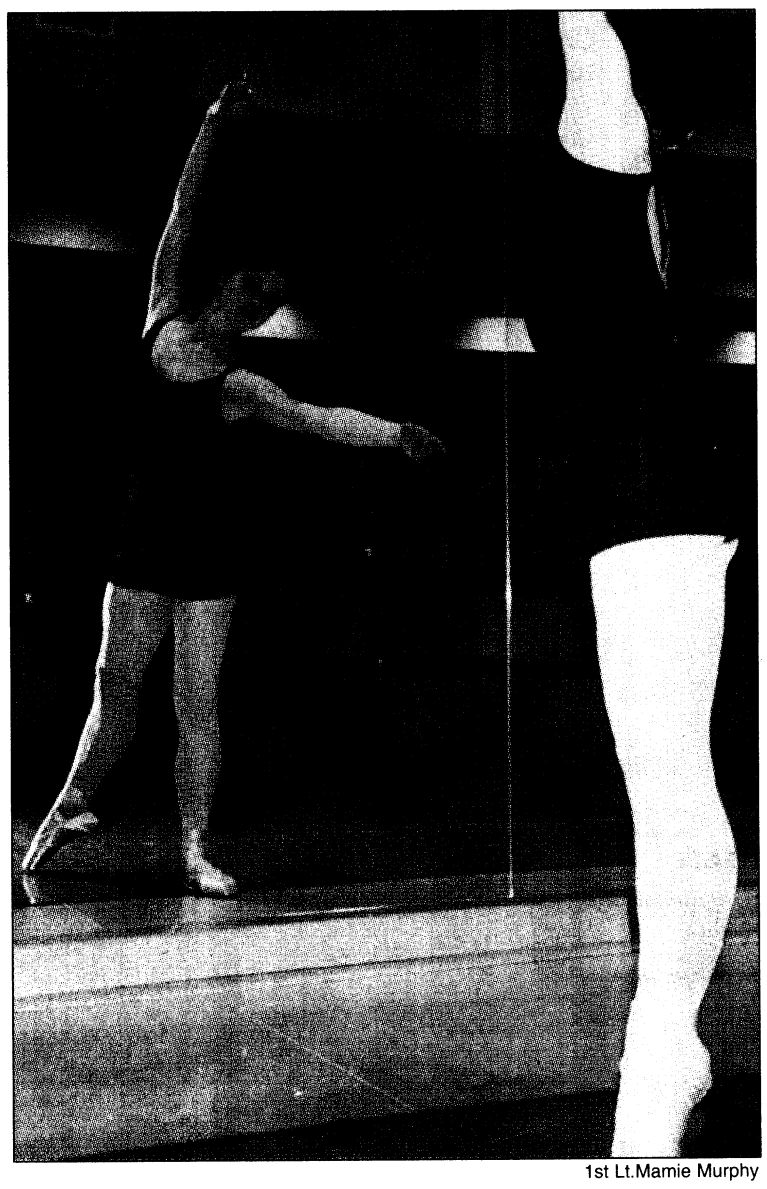
"I knew I wanted to go be a dancer for a year, so after graduation, I bought a one-way ticket to Pennsylvania," she said.

Miller danced full-time with the Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet while working full-time as a day cook. Afternoons, evenings and weekends were spent practicing.

Now, as a soldier, she still manages to squeeze about 10 hours of dancing into her weekly schedule.

"When I'm dancing, it's a time I don't think about work.

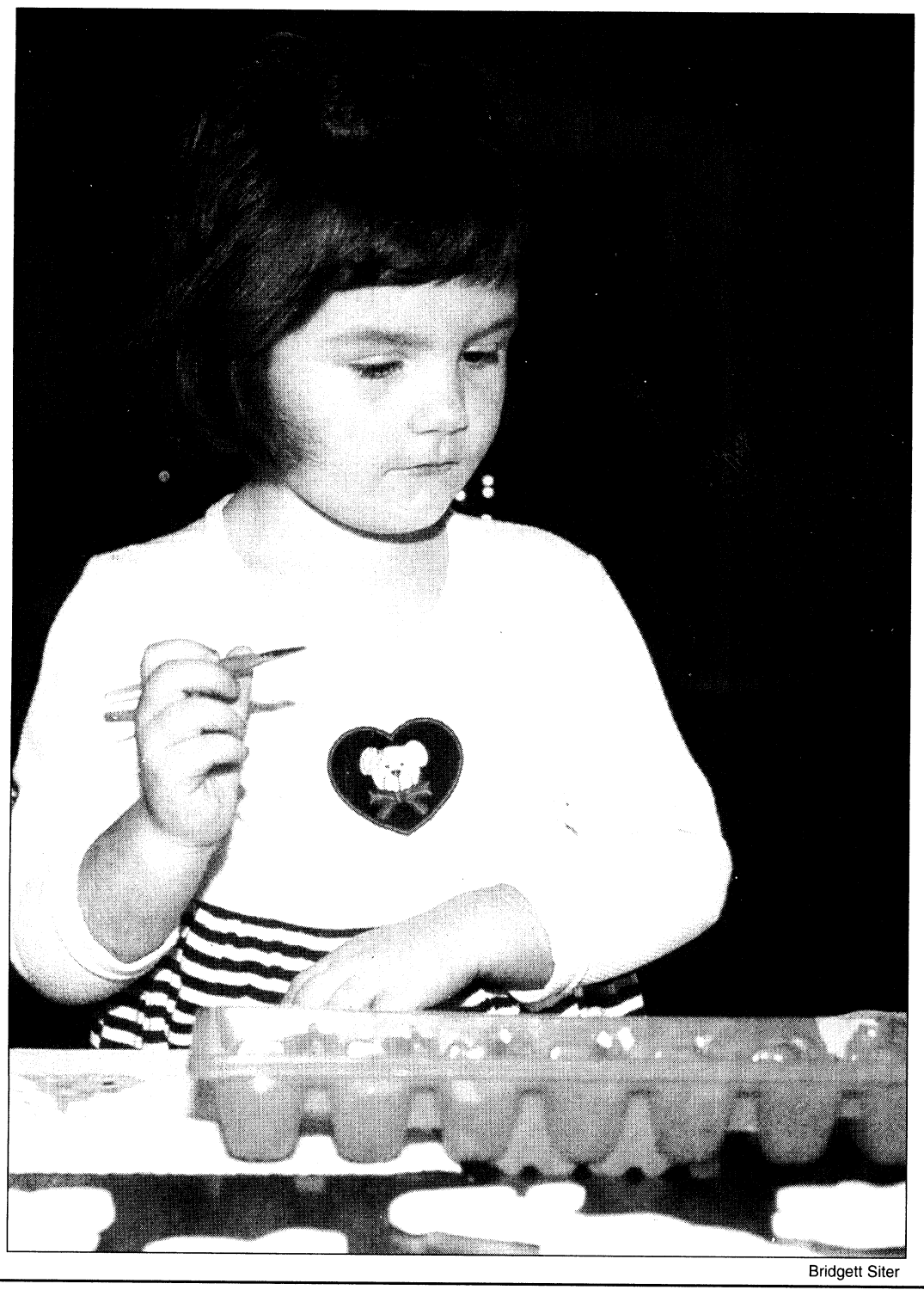
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1st Lt.Mamie Murphy

2nd Lt. Ivy Miller spends at least 10 hours each week practicing ballet. A construction inspection manager with the 36th Engineer Group's Design Management office, Miller was a full-time dancer before joining the Army last year. She's now a member of the Columbus Ballet Company, which will perform *The Nutcracker* at the Bill Heard Theatre at the RiverCenter at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec 21.

Benning Bazaar



Bridgett Siter

Shannon Mclaughlin, 5, paints a Christmas ornament at the BareWare Pottery booth, Saturday, at the Officers' Spouses' Club annual Christmas Bazaar. More than 430 shoppers attended the event, which was held at the Officers' Club.
Renee Doyle, bazaar chairperson, said more than $4,000 was raised for scholarships and nonprofit organizations.

BIRTHS

Boys

Ceontae Luis Thillet — born Nov. 18 to Erica and Staff Sgt. Luis Thillet.

Christopher James Piggott — born Nov. 19 to Leslie and Spc. Myron Piggott.

Bishop Clayvone Walden — born Nov. 20 to Pfc.s Jonina and Timothy Walden.

Lawrence Joseph Spears — born Nov. 25 to Jamie and Capt. Brian Spears.

Jadyn Ambikha Mahala Neal-Gosine — born Nov. 10 to Susan Gosine and Capt. Charles Neal IV.

Girls

Halie Joe Starr — born Nov. 21 to Amanda and Capt. William Starr Jr.

Naomi Natasha Pierre — born Nov. 23 to Helen and Capt. Florio Pierre.

Emily Noelle Holloway — born Nov. 23 to Elizabeth and Sgt. Adam Holloway.

Deanna Lashae Wimbush — born Nov. 23 to Staff Sgt.s Tomeka and Jonathan Wimbush.

Grace Elizabeth Maree Woodruff — born Nov. 24 to Jacqueline Sigrist and Sgt. Michael Woodruff.

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Santa to visit — Santa's annual visit to Sayers Library is scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday. Children are invited to come and listen to Santa read some of his favorite stories. All preschoolers are welcome to attend the Preschool Story Hour. For more information, call 545-4911.

Leaf pickup and street sweeping — The following is a schedule for leaf collection and street sweeping in family housing areas:

Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow Avenues;

Tuesday: McDonald Manor;

Wednesday: Austin and Miller Loops, Eames and Bentley Avenues and General Officers' quarters;

Thursday: Davis Hill, Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Regan Courts and Indianhead Terrace;

Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road.

Leaves should not be swept into streets. They should be swept into piles and left approximately one foot from the curb or edge of the street for pick up.

Limbs, twigs, branches and any other material that will clog vacuum hoses should not be placed in the leaf pile.

For more information, call Trent Lingafelter, Roads Industrial Equipment Section, at 545-3725.

CSU registration for spring semester — Step up to Columbus State University for Spring Semester 2003. Early registration continues through Dec. 20. The completed application deadline is today. Freshman orientation is Jan. 2 and classes begin Jan. 6.

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For more information, call the Educational Center at 545-1774.

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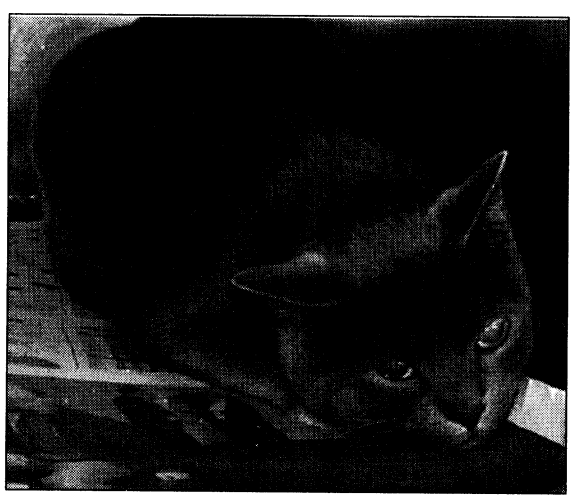
SafetyCab — For the 20th year, The Bradley Center of St. Francis will offer SafetyCab during the holiday season in an effort to help reduce the number of DUI-related accidents and fatalities. Residents of Columbus, Phenix City and Fort Benning will receive a free ride home from parties, restaurants and bars during the hours of 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. through Jan. 1.

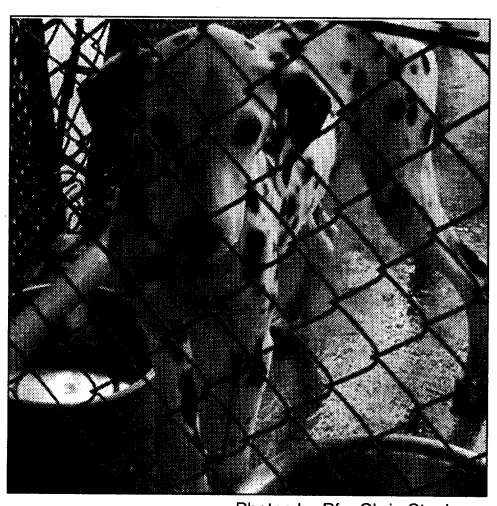
In the event a designated driver is not available, SafetyCab will provide free transportation home for passengers by calling SafetyCab at 660-6069.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENU

- **Monday:** cheeseburger, potato wedges, sweet peas, fruit, milk
- **Tuesday:** chicken nuggets, scalloped potatoes, mixed veggies, garlic toast, fruit, milk
- **Wednesday:** pizza, spaghetti salad, green beans, fruit, milk, peanut butter cookie
- **Thursday:** manager's menu
- **Friday:** Winter Holidays begin

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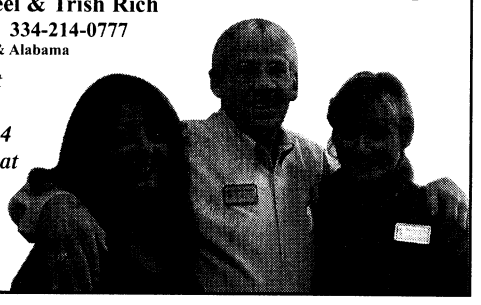




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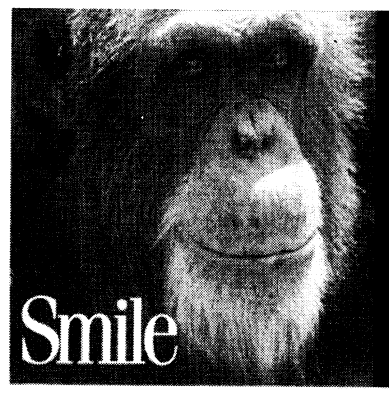
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Class offers tax tips

Post solders learn to invest money tax free, deferred

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

This is the fourth part of a five-part series that explores what soldiers learn at the financial readiness course.

Uncle Sam keeps his people free, but he wants what's his when it comes to their income — taxes.

The fourth part of the series discussed ways to set up tax-deferred investments with small dollar amounts.

"Many tax-deferred and tax-exempt investments can cost $25,000 or more just to get started, but it is possible to get the same benefits with investments as small as 25 dollars," said Ann Pratcher, manager of the Financial Readiness Program.

It is important to know whether a particular investment is tax-exempt or tax-deferred. A tax exempt investment earns tax-free interest and takes the form of a municipal bond or municipal bond mutual fund. A tax-deferred investment, such as an IRA or the Thrift Savings Plan, is not taxed until the money is withdrawn.

An investment with tax benefits will grow more quickly than one without tax benefits that has the same interest rate, because no money is being taken off the top, and interest will build on itself over time.

"There are several investment plans with tax benefits," Pratcher said. "However, it is important to choose the one that fits your goals."

There are employer sponsored plans, like 401(k)s, 403(b)s and section 457 plans, which are usually matched to some degree by the employer. There are also plans that self-employed people can buy such as Keogh plans, simplified employee pensions, and simple IRAs, which enable people to invest in their future without having to work for the major companies that offer plans like the 401(k)s.

Small businesses may also use the self-employed plans to give their employees an opportunity to invest in their future, and by matching their employees investment, their contributions will be tax deductible.

"Before purchasing any of these plans, it is important to research them," Pratcher said.

Some plans have maximum yearly contributions which may hinder ones ability to reach their financial goals. Others may penalize the investor for not withdrawing a minimum dollar amount each year after they reach a certain age.

One way to roll over money from a plan that has reached its maturity is to purchase annuities.

Annuities are a way to set up a fixed income with a large sum of money that will continue to draw interest.

"When looking for an annuity, you should find one with a low expense ratio in order to maximize your investment," Pratcher said.

"One way to increase an investment is to kick it up a notch every time you get a raise, a promotion or when you pay off a bill, such as a house or a car," she said. "Just raising the investment by one percent can make a substantial difference over time."

Another way to invest on a shoestring budget is by purchasing a mutual fund portfolio.

A mutual fund portfolio will provide instant diversity with a low cost.

For an initial $1,000 or as little as $25 per month, a person can purchase a mutual fund which can disperse their investment into money market funds, bonds and stocks.

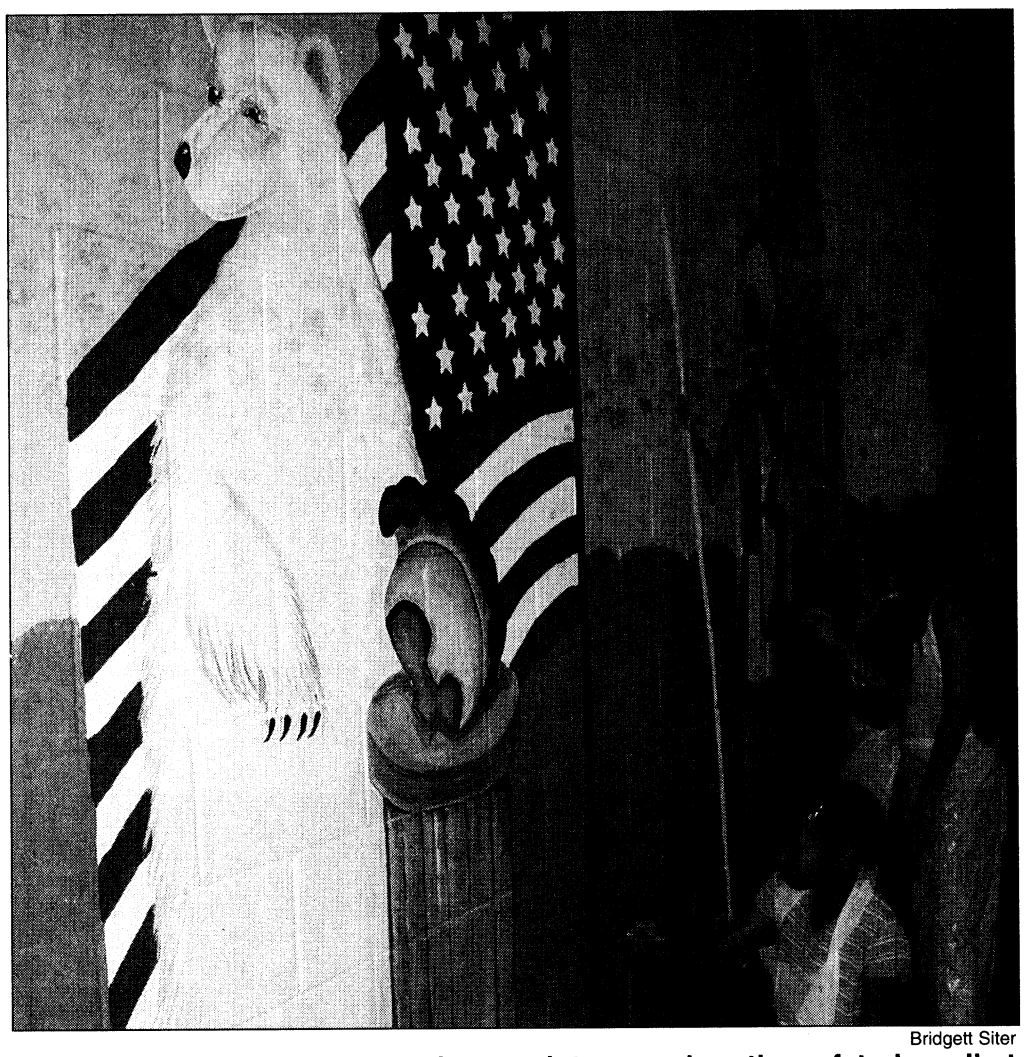
By choosing an investment that doesn't require a large sum of money to get started, people can start from scratch and still reach their financial goals.

"This is exactly what these young people in the military need to learn about," said Barbara Jordan, a librarian at Sayers Library. "These investment strategies can make them rich by the time they are ready to retire.

"I wish I had taken this class at an early age because it is so easy to reach your financial goals over time."

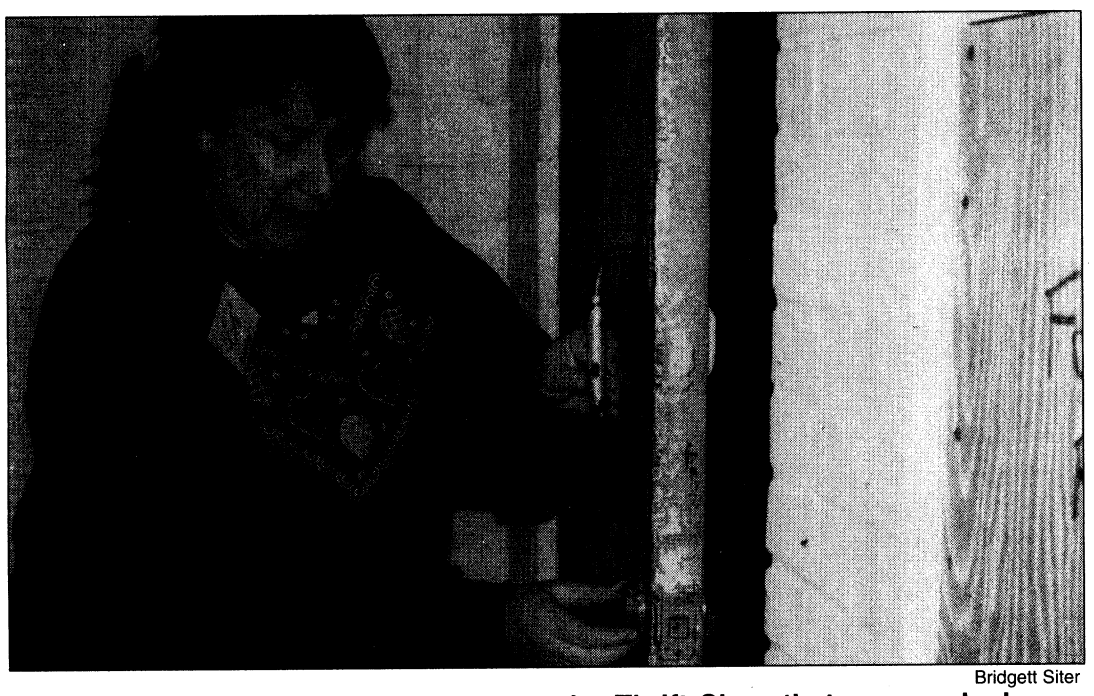
For more information on Financial Readiness classes, call the Army Community service center at 545-7517.

Evolution mural



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A team of eighth-grade art students paint a mural on the cafeteria wall at Faith Middle School. Gloria Loar, Faith's art teacher, designed the mural, which depicts the evolution of faith's mascot. When the school opened in 1974 in its original location, Building 880, the mascot was a demon. It was changed to a falcon in 1985 when the school's current facility was built. And again this year, the mascot was changed to a warrior bear in honor of Lt. Col. Don C. Faith, for whom the school is named.



Bridgett Siter

Lori Lane shows damage on a door at the Thrift Shop that occurred when a juvenile offender broke in and stole merchandise.

CID: Catches kid in crime

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merchandise, mostly consigned items, was recovered when the suspect led agents to locations where he had stashed it, including his bedroom and shrubbery outside his home, which is located within walking distance of the shop.

"We haven't got the merchandise here in the store, of course. It's part of the investigation," Lane said. "You know 25 percent of those sales would go back to the community through scholarships and Scouting and such. He not only robbed the Thrift Shop, he robbed the Fort Benning community."

The OSC Thrift Shop is a valuable community resource, Lane said.

Last year alone, the store put nearly $20,000 back into the community.

Fort Benning's garrison authorities and shop officials are looking at ways to prevent this kind of problem from reoccurring, Lane said. The shop is housed in a very old building with many entrances, old windows and insufficient lighting.

"I don't know how we can make certain it doesn't happen, but I know we'll do everything we can to slow it down," Lane said.

Sterling said the youth's parents may be held liable for damages and may have their on-post housing privileges removed.

Soldier: Dances in ballet

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I don't think about anything else. I can focus on just dancing.

"It's the one place that I'm really free from the rest of the world," she said. "When I don't dance, I feel like there's a hole in my life."

Even before college, Miller knew she'd one day join the Army.

Like dancers, the life of a soldier must be structured and disciplined, a concept that appealed to Miller. But it was the benefits that cinched the deal.

"Dancing couldn't provide me with the benefits the Army could, like health care and a pension when I retire," she said.

"But I really like the discipline, knowing when and where I'm supposed to be."

Transitioning from the life of a full-time ballet dancer to basic training wasn't as difficult as Miller anticipated.

"I really enjoyed basic training;" she said. "I was expecting people to be a lot meaner and just heartless, but that wasn't the case.

"My drill sergeants in basic were outstanding. They were so professional. It was challenging, but it was not the living hell I always expected it to be."

Though her family was supportive, Miller said most of her friends and co-workers were skeptical when they realized she intended to follow through with her plans for a military career.

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>
> **2nd Lt. Ivy Miller**
> 36th Engineer Group

"I had so many people tell me that I couldn't make it. They didn't think I had what it takes," she said. "But I did it, I made it."

Following basic training, Miller reported to Fort Benning for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the engineer branch.

She attended the Engineer Officer Basic Course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., before returning to Fort Benning.

After settling in with the 36th Engineer Group, Miller said she went looking for an outlet for her "other passion," and found it in the Columbus Ballet Company.

"She found us, and I was very impressed with her training," said Maria Hirsch, director of the company's production of *The Nutcracker*.

"You don't really put a soldier and ballet together, but she's got such dedication, she's very graceful and she's had a lot of good training," Hirsch said. "She's a wonderful asset."

Beth Griffin, executive director of *The Nutcracker*, echoed Hirsch's statement.

"Ivy is great. She's a wonderful addition to the company," Griffin said, "It's not every day a talent like that will just drop in on you. She's got the ability and is willing to devote the time. She has a very even temperament and works well with the group.

"Everyone knows she's well-trained, but she doesn't intimidate anyone with her skill," Griffin said.

The Columbus Ballet Company will be performing *The Nutcracker* at the Bill Heard Theatre at the RiverCenter at 8 p.m. Dec. 20 and at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Dec 21.

Tickets are $12-$18.

For ticket sales and information about *The Nutcracker*, call 256-3600.

Tips: Help families maintain perspective during holidays

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off in a reasonable time.

• All families have ongoing problems that sometimes create tension. The tension is sometimes heightened during the holidays and boils over to ruin an otherwise happy atmosphere.

This is especially true when heavy alcohol use is a factor. Realize that now is not the time to fix long-standing family problems. Do what you can to let go of your own feelings and encourage others to focus on positive things as well.

The holidays heighten feelings of loss because of a death of a family member or a divorce. It is important to acknowledge these feelings. Admit the feelings of hurt or loss to one another. This may also be a time to do something new for the holiday, such as celebrate at another family member's house, or create a new tradition to observe the holiday.

Get Help

• Resist the feeling that you must be responsible for everything. Your holidays are meant for the whole family. Divide up responsibilities according to the ability of each family member. If they don't do their part, then let go of something else. Don't allow others to take you or the special things they like about the holidays for granted.

• If child care is a problem, see about arranging with another friend to baby-sit for you for a morning or afternoon to allow you time for shopping, doing things around the house, or simply relaxing by yourself. Return the favor.

• Stay in touch with a good friend during this time. Talk about what you are doing and other things on your mind. Talk is an excellent way to relieve stress.

Get Creative

• Sometimes it's not possible to celebrate the holidays the way you'd like because the climate is different, or certain foods are not available where you are stationed. It's important to be creative with your celebration. Take advantage of the opportunities or unique characteristics of the place you live.

• Start an interesting collection of Christmas tree ornaments by creating ornaments that represent the place you are living. Stories about each place may be told at future tree trimmings.

• Let the kids be part of the preparation. Depending on their age, they might help by putting stamps on the card envelopes, or holding their finger on a bow while you wrap a gift. Let them create some gift wrap. Paper, glue, crayons and glitter offer interesting possibilities.

• Make a video or audio tape for the family member on deployment. Let the deployed family member know how much you care and that they are still a part of things, even from a distance.

• Invite someone who might otherwise be alone for Christmas dinner. Alternatively, you might prepare some cookies or other holiday foods and deliver them as a family to someone who lives alone on your street.

• Think of alternatives to store-bought gifts, such as homemade items or a cherished article you already own that you know someone else would appreciate.

For more information about living with stress, call the Health and Wellness Center or the Choice Behavioral Health Partnership Prevention and Wellness Department at (800) 700-8646.

Rubrics enhance quality of student work

Dexter Elementary School

Dexter third-graders recently completed their very first research projects.

The subject of the projects was Native Americans. Each child was assigned a specific tribe to research, create a written report and plan an oral presentation for classmates.

Model dwellings, complete with homes, people, Native American crafts and natural resources were included as visual elements in the presentations. The dwelling models were completed at home.

Students met high expectations for the projects in all aspects, which was accomplished through the use of a rubric, an outline of expectations. Scores ranged from one to four, with one being a papoose, and chief being a four.

"Using a rubric allows students to know exactly what is expected of them at the end of a project," Terri Bond said. "The trick is to give them the rubric before any work is begun. When you tell students what their expectation will be prior to beginning the work, then they will know what their goal to strive for is.

"We also showed students sample projects from the past, high quality ones, as well as those that were not the best," Holcombe said. "This gave students a good idea of what they would be striving for."

Students liked the idea of being able to set their own goal for quality.

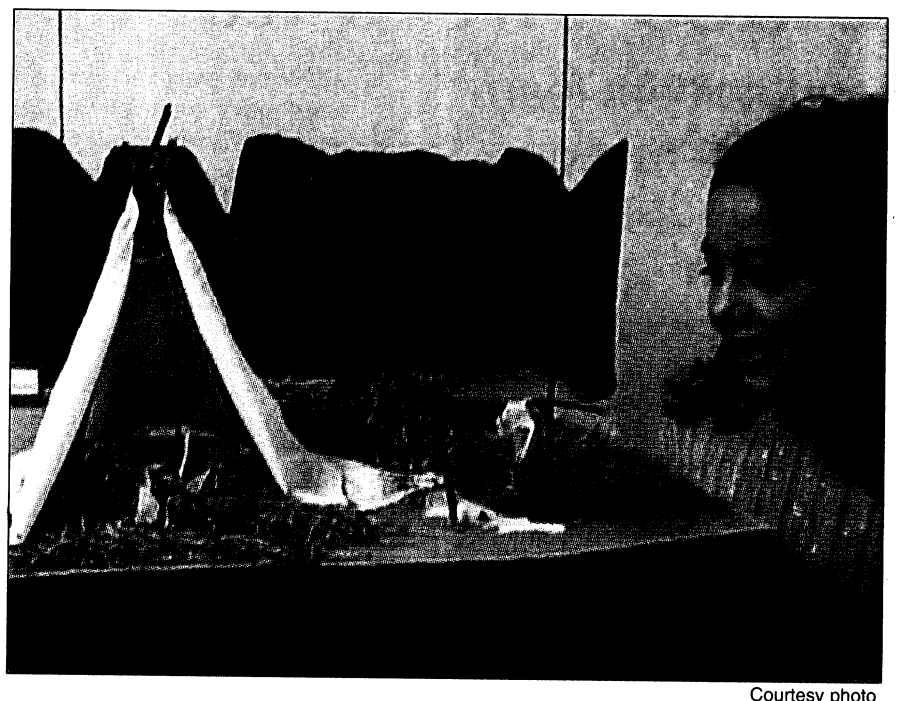
"I knew if I used the rubric, I could correct the mistakes I made," Lacy Prudhomme said. "It said that if I wanted to score a Chief, I could not have more than one spelling error in my whole report. The rubric also said that if I wanted to be a Chief, all my facts had to be true instead of something I made up."

"I wanted to be a Chief on my report so I had at least three classmates edit my work," Raven Battle said. "That is what the rubric said I had to do. They helped me find spelling and grammar problems that I did not see. Then I fixed it after someone edited it. I got a Chief on that part of my work."

"The rubric helped me make sure the writing and coloring on my report was done neatly," Gavin Garner said. "I knew that to be a Chief, I had to take my time to color and write as neatly as possible. I had to make sure that three other people could read my writing before I could say it was done."

Using a rubric has its advantages for teachers and students alike.

It explains expectations in concrete terms for students so they can make a choice about the quality of their own work. It allows teachers to hold students accountable for their work because the responsibility is put on them. The result is high quality by student choice.



Courtesy photo

Alexis Lopez displays her Cheyenne camp during the rubric project. The goal of the project was for students to understand about Native American Heritage.



Courtesy photo

Raymond Sterling, left, Kyra Armstrong, Bella DiNatale, Kayla Baumgartner, Bethany Mobley and Kyle McKinney delivered turnips to a local homeless shelter for Thanksgiving.

Students help homeless

Dexter Elementary School

E-Club members breathed a sigh of relief when the director of a local homeless shelter told them that the turnips they donated would be enough to serve all the residents at the center as part of their Thanksgiving meal.

"I was so relieved," said member Isabella DiNatale, "because I really wanted Thanksgiving to be very special for the people there."

The Dexter e-Club harvested the turnips from their fall garden and delivered them to a local homeless shelter Nov. 26.

The children planted the row of turnips the first week in September in support of the Plant-A-Row for the Hungry Program.

This is the third year that youngsters from the kindergarten and first-grade e-Club have participated in the national program.

Each season the e-club members plant vegetables and when they are ready for harvest, they donate them to a local homeless shelter.

This fall, e-Club members planted turnips, broccoli, bonnie sweet onions and purple cabbage.

They use much of their play time for watering and weeding the gardens.

"When harvest time comes around," said club sponsor Earnestine Ezekiel, "these children are not the least bit shy about asking moms and dads to come out and help gather the vegetables, even if it means bringing little brother and sister in the baby buggy."

A group of e-Club members, along with their parents and sponsor, delivered the turnips to the homeless center. The group director and many of the residents greeted them as they arrived with their many bundles of fresh turnips.

The director thanked the children for their contributions toward the Thanksgiving meal.

"What you have done is very thoughtful and generous," he said.

"It is good act for the center and for the community."

"Secret Friends"



Courtesy photo

Dylan Williams, left, and Kortne Moore string Wampum necklaces to wear to Thanksgiving lunch. Second-graders in Laura Feagin's classroom presented friendship bracelets to their "secret friends" in a special ceremony Nov. 22. Parents joined their children for the occasion.

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Believers to thank God for his ultimate gift

Holiday season celebrates living God's life

Chaplain (Capt.) Bradford Baumann
3rd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment

During this Christmas season, have you stopped and considered the price paid to bring Jesus into the world? In many ways, we have not truly considered the price tag attached to this great gift. With most great gifts comes an equally great cost.

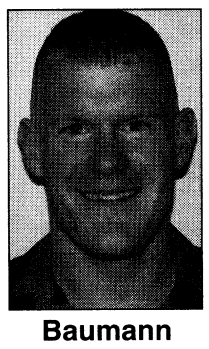
In Luke 2:1-20, we read the narrative that tells the story of Jesus coming into this world. In order to understand any narrative, you must know the main characters to follow the story.

In this particular passage of scripture, the main characters are Mary, Joseph and Jesus. What price did they pay for this gift?

Mary, the mother of Jesus, paid a tremendous price. As scripture tells us, she was chosen by God to bring his son into this world. What appears to be a joyous event came at a great cost.

Mary was still a young woman. Although she was engaged, she was not yet married when told that she was with child. According to Jewish law, an unmarried woman who was found to be with child was not a desired state. It was an offense punishable by death.

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Joseph, the father of Jesus, also paid a tremendous price. He was faced with a very difficult situation. It was his rights by law to either publicly press charges or quietly break his engagement with Mary.

Joseph knew the child Mary carried was not his. Most certainly, Joseph received outside pressure to make a decision in what he would do.

Joseph's distress was so great God had to send help. Matthew 1:20 tells us that that an angel of the Lord was sent to tell Joseph that Jesus has been conceived by the Holy Spirit and he was to take Mary as his wife.

Jesus, the Son of God, paid the greatest price of all. Why would an all-knowing, all-present and all-powerful God isolate himself into the flesh of a human being and choose to enter this world in the manner he did? He did it because he is humble, approachable and loving.

Jesus' humility was part of the cost. Although he could have, he did not show up as a powerful king. In meek contrast, God's visit to earth took place in an animal shelter with no attendants present and nowhere to lay the newborn king, but in a feed trough.

Jesus' approachability was part of the cost. Jesus bridged the gap that had formerly existed by clothing himself in our flesh. He ate our food, felt our pain, and understood our sufferings. Why? So we could approach him and know that we do not serve a God who is so far distanced from us that he cannot understand us.

Jesus' love was the greatest part of the cost. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16). God chose to humbly enter this world so that you could approach him because he loves you.

Remember this season as you celebrate the many blessings we enjoy here in this great country to thank God for the greatest gift of all.

CHAPEL NOTES

Holiday Service Schedule:

Protestant

• Christmas Musical — 10:30 a.m. Sunday at TIC Chapel.

• Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at TIC Chapel.

• New Year's Eve Watch Night Service — 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic

• Family Christmas Mass — 7 p.m. Dec. 24 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Bilingual Christmas Mass — 11 a.m. Dec. 25 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Holy Day Vigil Mass — 5 p.m. Dec. 31 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Bilingual Holy Day Mass — 11 a.m. Jan. 1 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet from 7 to 9 p.m. the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex.

For more information, call Pete Hardman at 687-0925 or 544-1382.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive.

The programs each week include a time of music and worship, fellowship and study. Child care is provided.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Club Beyond — The Chapel Youth Group sponsored by the Protestant chapels meets from 4 to 6 p.m. every Sunday. All teens are invited to the programs, which include group study, recreation and worship. Many special activities are provided on other days. The club meets at the chapel youth center beside Gowdy Baseball Stadium.

For more information, call 545-2359.

Sunday School — Protestant religious education classes for children and adults meets at 9 a.m. Sundays at White Elementary School. Transportation from the housing areas is available and watch care is provided.

For more information, call 545-4715.

Catholic Religious Education Programs — Religious Education classes for preK (age 3) through eighth grade, RCIC and Adult Faith Formation are held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sundays at White School. High school Bible Study, followed by youth ministry meets on at 6 p.m. Sundays at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

RCIA will meet on Wednesday evenings at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Cathie Wampler at 545-5508.

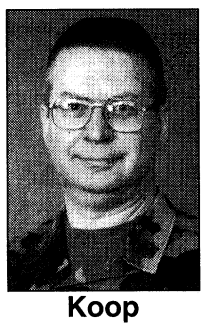
Deployments test trust in spouses, faith

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

During deployments our faith, trust and confidence are put to the test. Whether we are single adults, married or children, our trust is tried when a loved one is away. If we are not vigilant, fear, doubt and worry may erode away our confidence in one another and in God.

When the soldier parent is away, children have their trust tested. They learn an important lesson. They learn that their remaining parent is able to provide, nurture and care for them.

When spouses are separated, due to field exercises, temporary duty, military education, or deployments, the trust of both husband and wife is tested. They may wonder if their spouse will survive while they are away and will remain faithful to them. Their commitment to each other sustains them, while they are apart from each other.


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When a single or married soldier is deployed, the soldier's trust in his or her training, equipment and leadership is tested. Soldiers must rely upon these military essentials, and their survival depends upon them.

Likewise, our trust in God is tested during deployments. God sustains our spirits during deployments. We learn to rely upon God. We depend upon him to always love us (Romans 8:38-39), to never leave us (Deuteronomy 31:6), and to never forget us (Isaiah 49:15-16).

Don't allow your strength of spirit crumble under the treacherous attacks of worry, doubt and fear. Don't let your peace and contentment be plundered by these conniving marauders.

Does your spirit need strengthening? Free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop @benning.army.mil.

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am." — ***John 8:58***

Fort Benning Religious Services

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Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
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5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

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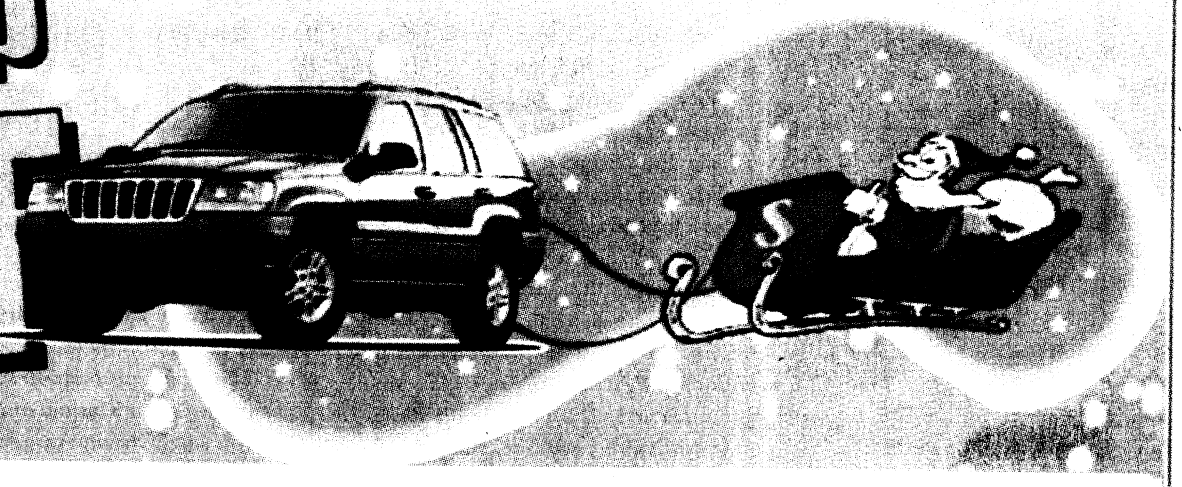
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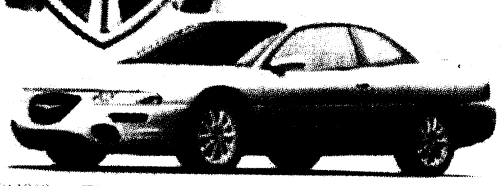


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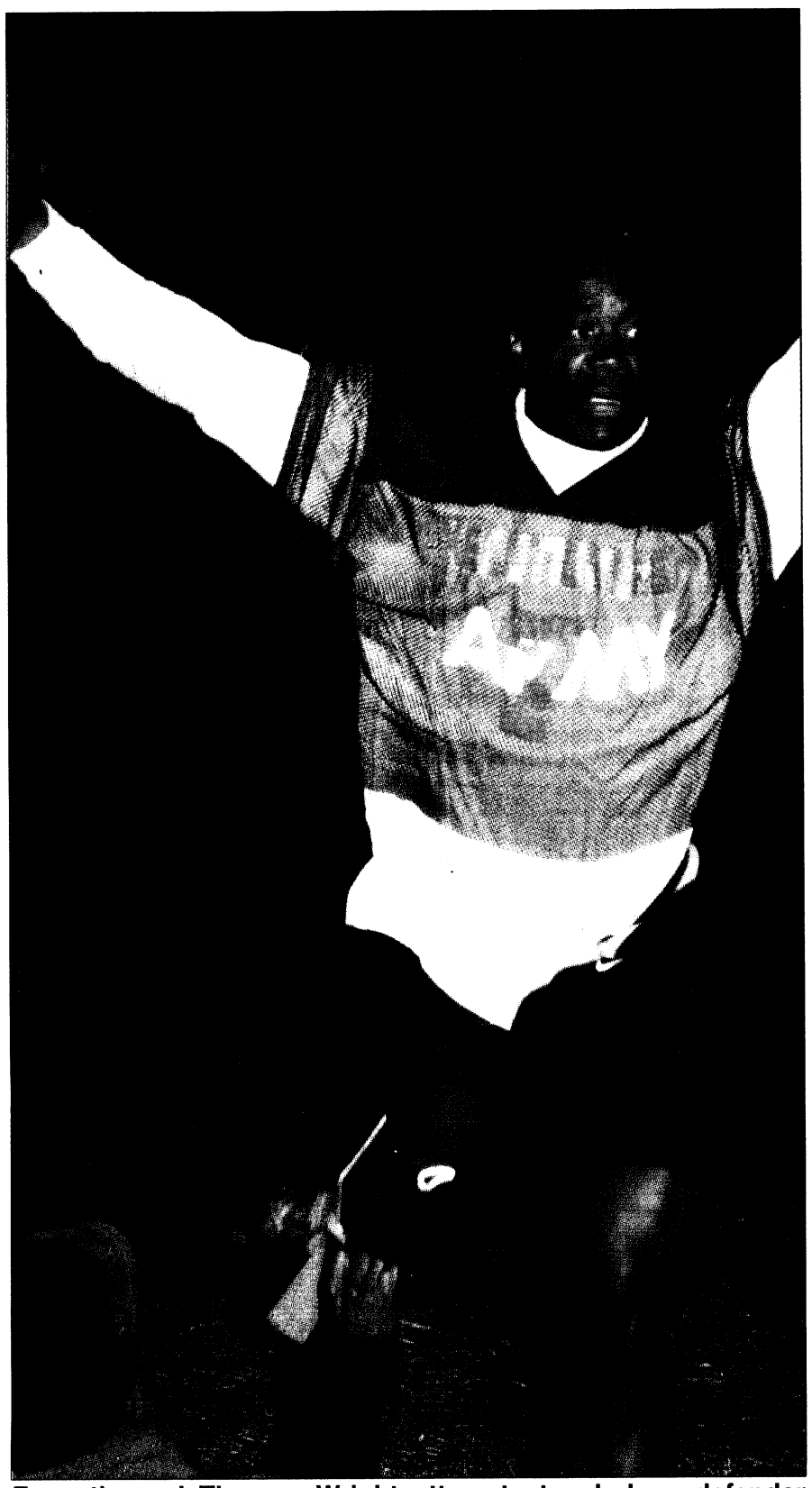
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SPORTS

Post championship ends in 18-14 thriller



Executioners' Thomas Wright attempts to elude a defender during the post championship game Friday at Engineer Field. The Executioners defeated the Ammo Dawgs, 18-14.

Benning teams don't disappoint game hype

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

With two minutes left in the game, the Executioners quarterback, Thomas Wright, threw a short screen pass to running back Marlon Jenkins for a 20-yard touchdown score to give the Executioners the post flag football championship.

The C Company, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, Executioners, defeated the 608th Ordnance Company, Ammo Dawgs, 18-14, Dec. 6 on Engineer Field in a game of streaks.

"We knew we had to win," said Terrence Garrett, Executioners' wide receiver. "We had the weapons and the will to win the whole thing."

The Ammo Dawgs sustained a long opening drive but was unable to put any points on the board, due to a unrelenting Executioners' defense, which didn't allow any big plays.

"The first drive killed us," said Jeremy Kanter, Ammo Dawgs' quarterback. "We had a great drive going, and we should have scored, but their defense stopped us."

After taking over on offense, it only took the Executioners two plays to get on the board, as Thomas Wright, Executioners' quarterback, threw a 50-yard touchdown strike to Garrett.

"I thought to myself, 'first catch the ball, then worry about taking it to the house,'" Garrett said. "Once I caught the ball, I knew I was going to take it past the goal line for the touchdown."

The Executioners scored on their next drive with another touchdown pass from Wright to Garrett of more than 50 yards to make the score 12-0.

"The second one was too easy," Garrett said. "I had no defenders on me, and it made for an easy catch and touchdown."

The celebration was short-lived. The Ammo Dawgs drove down field and scored on a short pass from Kanter to Charles Cherry. The play was set up by a 40-yard bomb from Kanter to Ralphell Hines.

The Ammo Dawgs added the two-point conversion right before halftime to make the score 12-8.

"That drive kept us in the game and gave us confidence at halftime to win the game," Kanter said.

After the halftime break, the Executioners started driving down the field for what was thought to be another touchdown drive.

However, when Shaun Harris, linebacker, intercepted an errant pass from Wright and took it the other way for a touchdown, the game became all it was hyped up to be.

"We were ecstatic after the interception for the touchdown," Harris said. "We were up 14-12, and all we had to do was hold on for the win."

However, Wright had a different plan in mind.

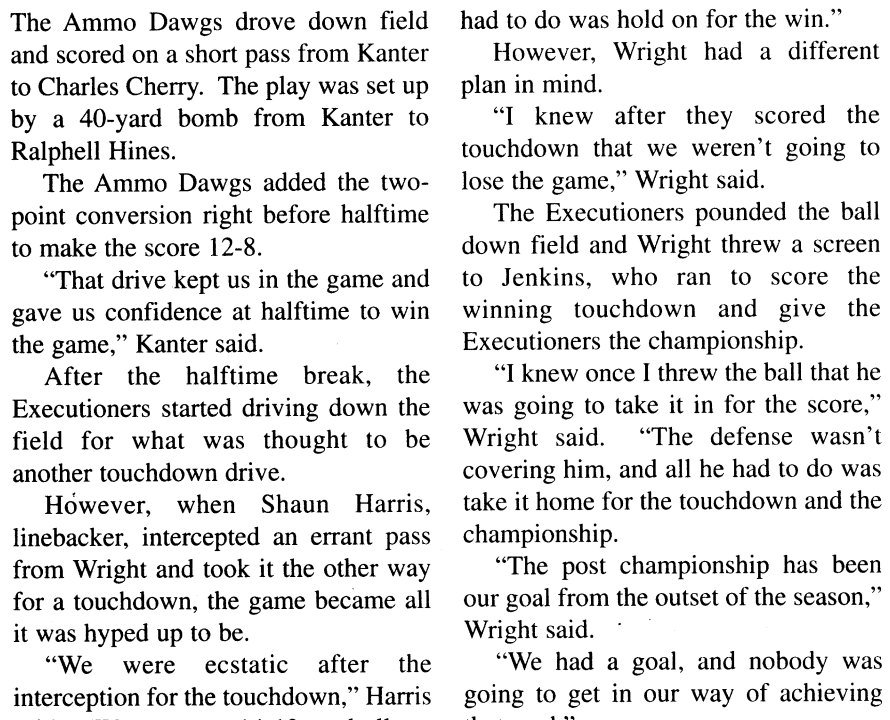
"I knew after they scored the touchdown that we weren't going to lose the game," Wright said.

The Executioners pounded the ball down field and Wright threw a screen to Jenkins, who ran to score the winning touchdown and give the Executioners the championship.

"I knew once I threw the ball that he was going to take it in for the score," Wright said. "The defense wasn't covering him, and all he had to do was take it home for the touchdown and the championship.

"The post championship has been our goal from the outset of the season," Wright said.

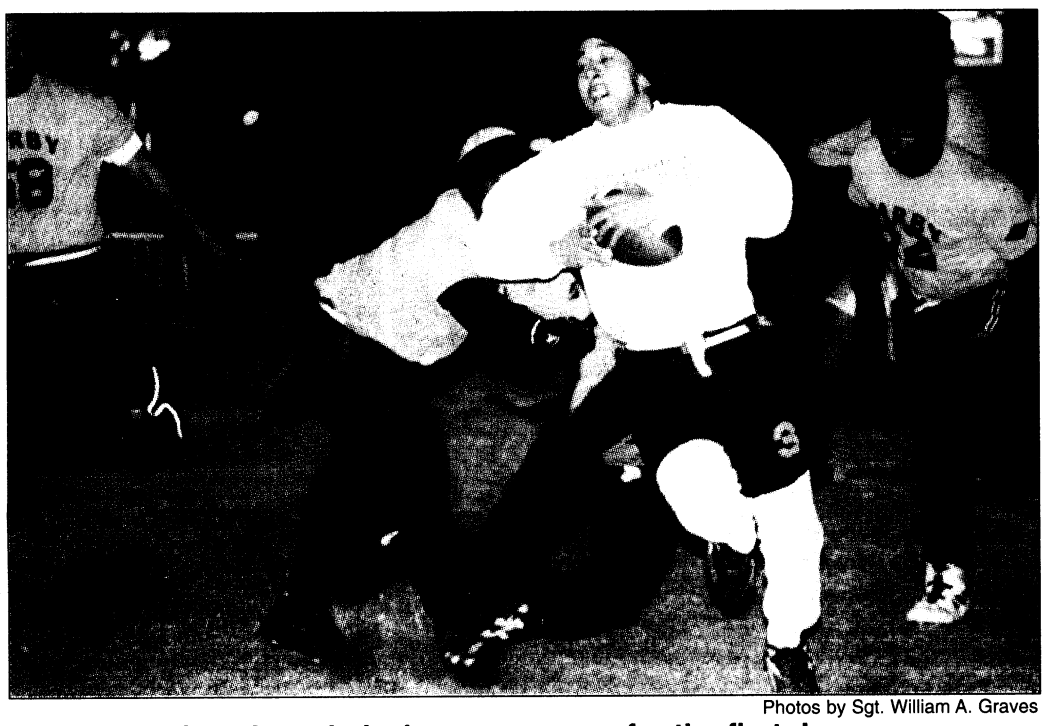
"We had a goal, and nobody was going to get in our way of achieving that goal."



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

The players from each team weren't the only ones hitting the turf during the game.

Rangers!



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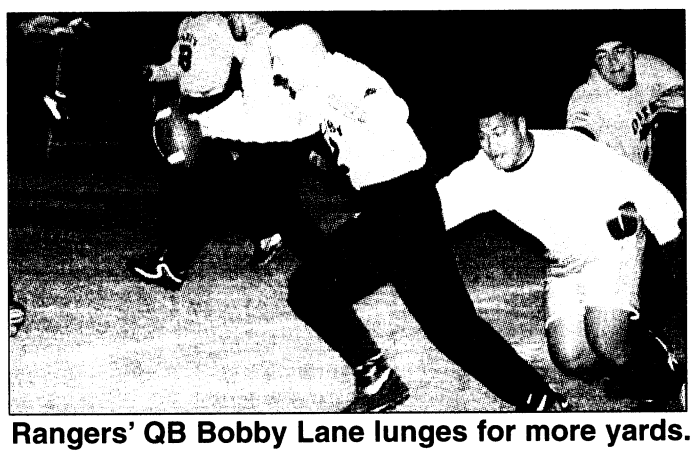
Gators' receiver Joseph Jackson scampers for the first down.

Rangers defeat Gators in playoff

The Darby Rangers kicked off the intramural football playoffs Dec. 5 with a 14-8 victory over the Gators at Engineer Field.

Ranger Kamerio Riggins of 4th Ranger Training Battalion started the scoring with a touchdown on a 10-yard reverse, and quarterback Bobby Lane hit Bill Breen for the conversion.

Later, the Rangers helped the Gators of A Company, 2nd Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment, get on the board when a snap sailed over Lane's head and through the back of the endzone for a safety.



Rangers' QB Bobby Lane lunges for more yards.

Ranger Shawn Miller countered with a 20-yard touchdown grab, and after Kevin Martin's conversion, the score was 14-2.

The second half was better to the Gators as their quarterback, Quincy Patton, hit Vern McClendon with a 30-yard strike to cut the lead to 14-8, but the conversion failed.

On the Gators' last drive, Patton threw a 40-yard spiral to Keith LaFavor that would have resulted in a possible Gators' win, but Miller tipped the ball away to help his team go to the next round.

However, the U.S. Army Medical Department Activity team ended the Rangers' run when they defeated them, 14-6, Dec. 5.



Pfc. Brian Trapp

Jack Debord, 7, of the Braves, eyes the ball before he hits it in the 2nd inning.

Baseball season ends

Children get early start on basics

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

The last Youth Services baseball game of the season ended with a win for the Gators. They defeated the Fort Benning Braves, 12-7, in 7- to 8-year-old action.

The Gators started strong and sustained the pace throughout the game, putting 4 runs on the scoreboard to the Braves' 2.

"The kids skills improved significantly over the course of the season," said Victor D'Addio, Gators' coach. "We were teaching them fundamentals, like throwing and catching, and placed more of an emphasis on fun than winning."

During the second inning, the Gators put another 4 points on the board to the Braves' 1. Gators' pitcher Colin Ryan, 8, made a double play by catching a line drive, then he tagged out the runner at first base.

The Gators put up 4 more runs the next inning. The Braves answered the Gators streak and picked up the tempo, but they were held to only 4 runs.

"Some of the kids on the team never picked up a bat competitively before this season," said Jerry Dequasie, Fort Benning Braves' coach. "During the last three games, the kids who never played baseball before they joined the team had their first hits of the year. It's been great to see the kids come through, and they had a good time, too."

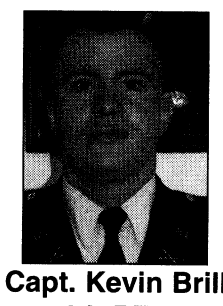
The Gators ended with a 4-3 season. The Fort Benning Braves ended with a 1-6 season.

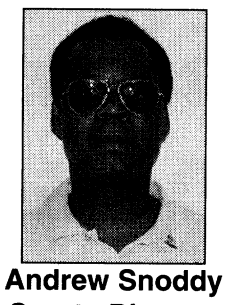
"I'm very happy it ended with a winning season. We had a lot of fun, and they came out with a few wins," D'Addio said.

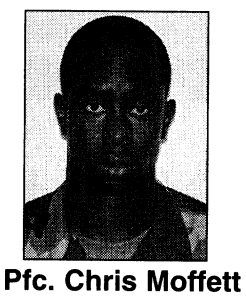
The team celebrated their victory and the end of the season with a bowling party.

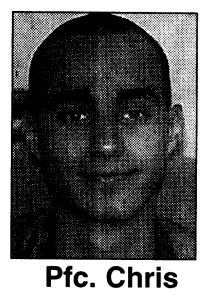
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Fort Benning Pick 12

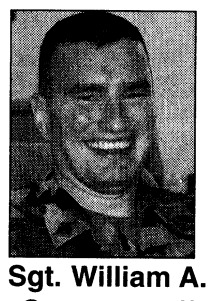

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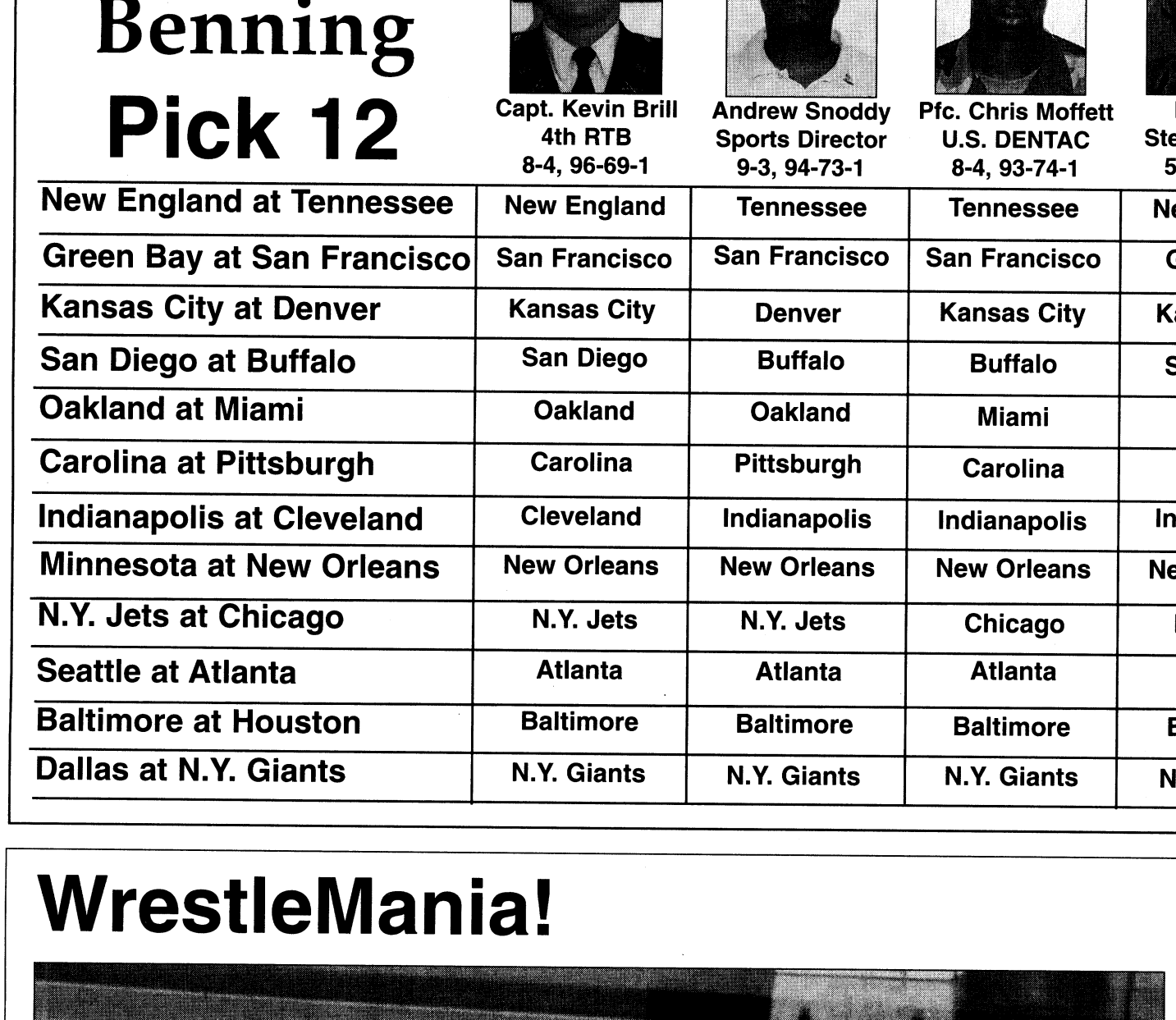

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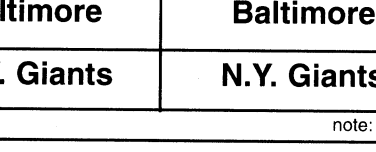
Sam Rollinson, left, a sophomore at Columbus High School, grapples with an opponent Dec. 5 during a tri-meet against Upson-Lee and Hardaway high schools. Columbus defeated Upson-Lee but fell to Hardaway.

Pick 12 results to be announced after Super Bowl.

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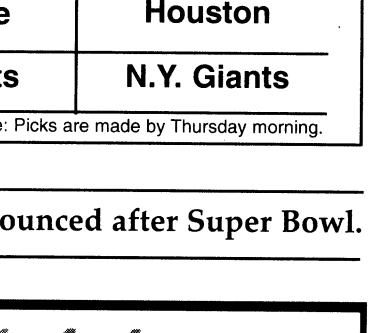
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Aerobics classes — The Officers' Club Fitness Center is offering fitness classes that include step aerobics, toning, abdominal exercises and circuit training. Enrollment is open to active duty, family members, retired military and Department of Defense civilians. Classes are 5 to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday. Classes are $25 a month for members and $30 nonmembers.

For more information, call 687-0871.

YS gymnastics — Youth Services registration for gymnastics classes has begun.

The classes will be open to family members 18 months to 8 years old who are enrolled in the Children and Youth Services program.

For more information, call 545-3070.

Hunter Safety — The next Georgia Hunter Safety Course will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in Classroom 8 at Infantry Hall. Persons who wish to attend have to preregister by calling the Central Reservation System at (800) 864-7275. There is a $4 call in registration fee, but online registration is free at www.gohuntgeorgia.com or www.georgiawildlife.com. No walk-ins are allowed.

For more information, call 545-4812.

Self-defense classes — Youth Services Tae Kwon Do classes have begun. The classes will be in the Youth Services Gym, Building 1055 and will be open to youth family members ages 6 to 18, of active-duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

All students must be registered with the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, located on Custer Road in Building 11304, prior to signing up for classes at YS Building 1056.

For more information on class days and times, call 545-3070.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families.

For more information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older. It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older. The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

For more information, call 685-4975.

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Free Admission to Columbus State basketball game — The Columbus State Cougars are offering free admission to all military ID cardholders and their families to come watch them face off against rival Albany State College at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at home in NCAA Division II basketball action.

The night starts with the Lady Cougars tip-off at 5:30 p.m. followed by the men's tip-off at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, call Bob Goss at 568-2246.

Sport shooting — Chattahoochee Clays, of Phenix City, is sponsoring Military Appreciation Day at their shooting range. Active-duty military will receive a free membership valued at $150. Discount prices for clay shooting are available.

For more information, call (334) 297-1910.

Chess tournaments — Players of all ages and skills are invited to the Chattahoochee Valley Scholastic Chess League Third Thursday Chess Tournaments at the Columbus Museum.

The tournament rounds begin at 6, 6:45 and 7:30 p.m. The entry fee is $5.

The museum is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday and the third Thursday of each month until 9 p.m.

The museum is located at 1251 Wynnton Road. Admission is free.

For more information, call 649-0713.

Volleyball Players Wanted — Sports for Youth Foundation Inc. is currently accepting applications for the 2003 Volleyball Exchange to Europe.

Players 21 years old and over, who are accomplished volleyball players in their community, should apply.

Volleyball players will play in London, Paris, Geneva, Venice, and Rome.

For more information, call the Sports For Youth office at (425) 255-8102 or visit www.volleyballtours.com.

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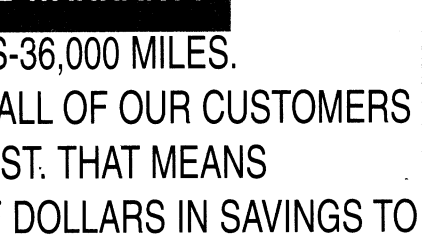
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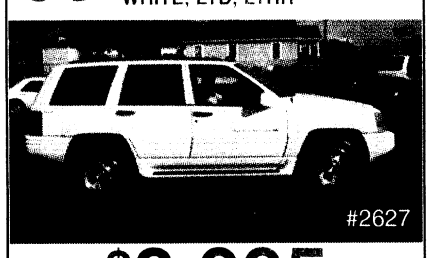
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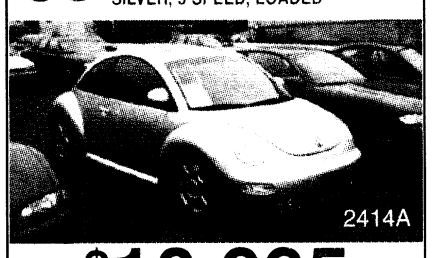
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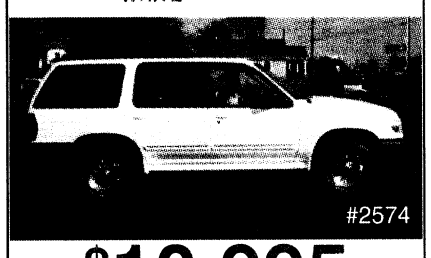
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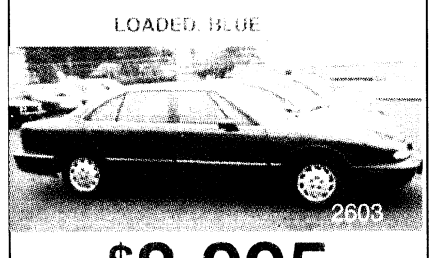
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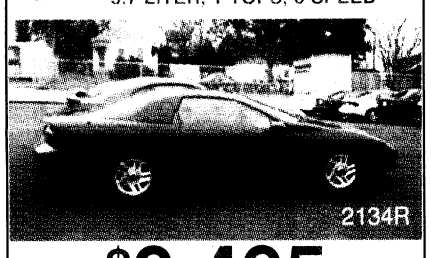
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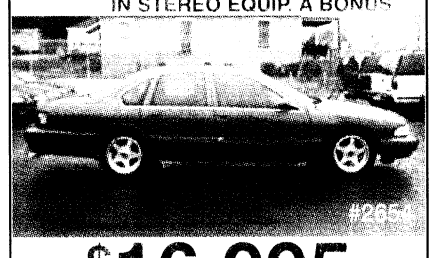
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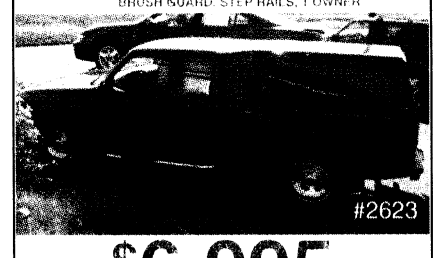
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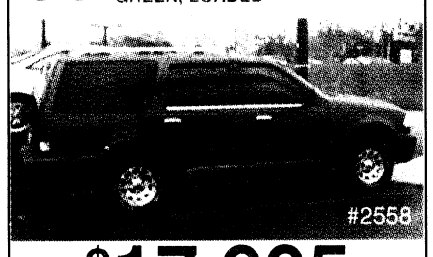
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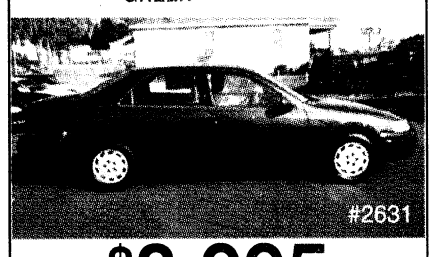
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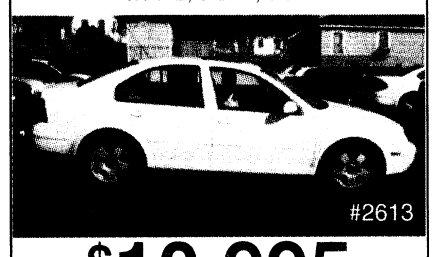
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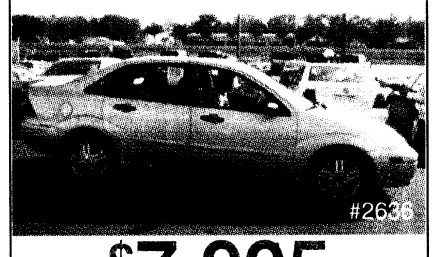
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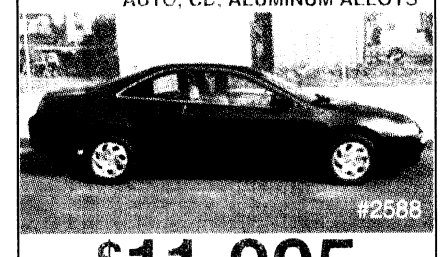
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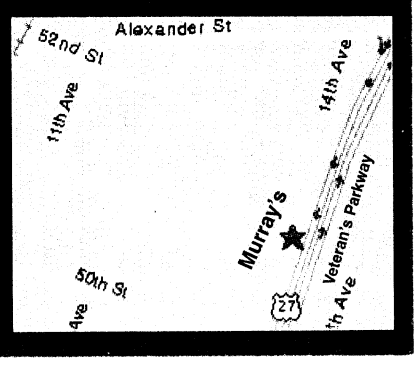
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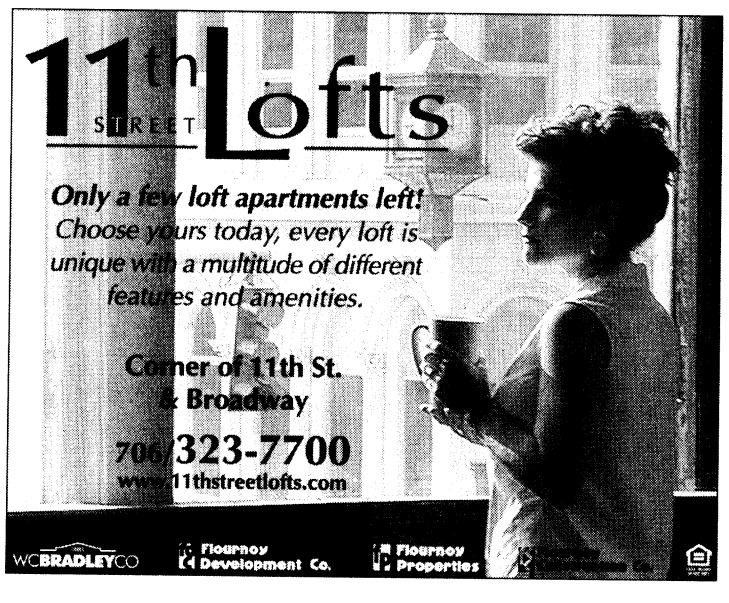
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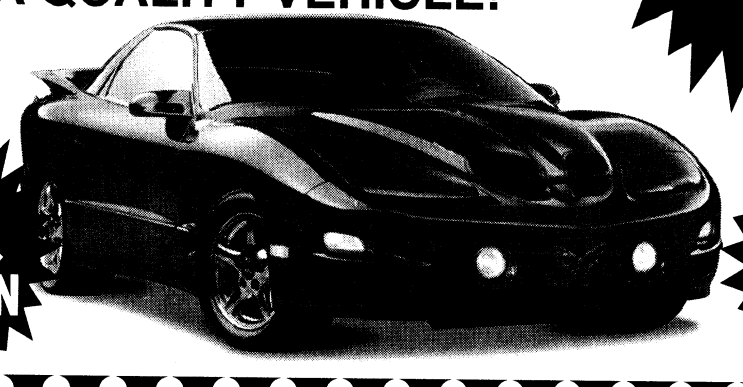
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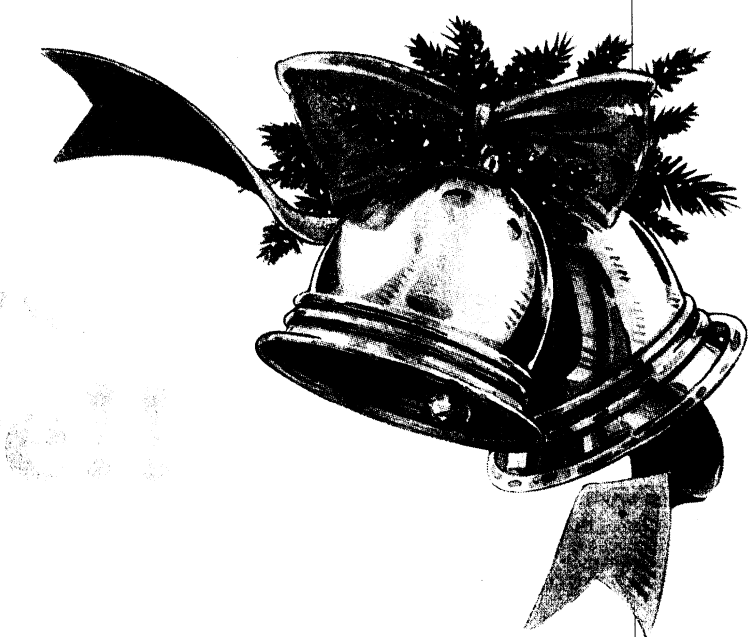


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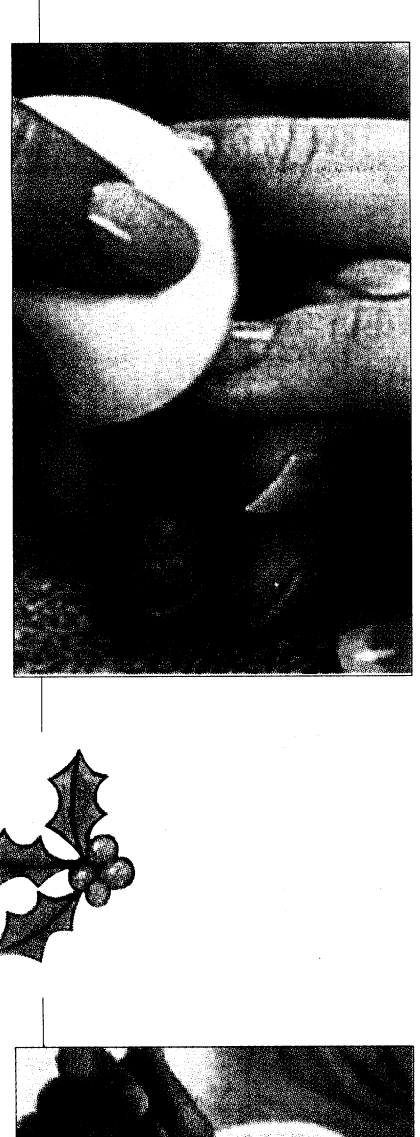
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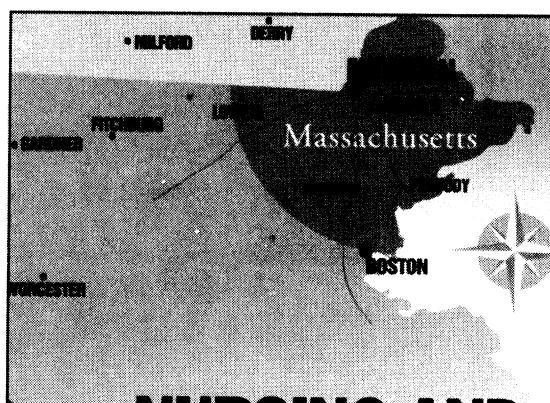
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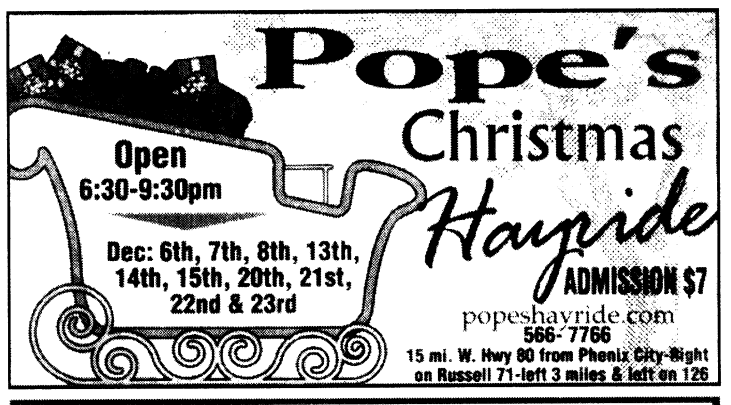
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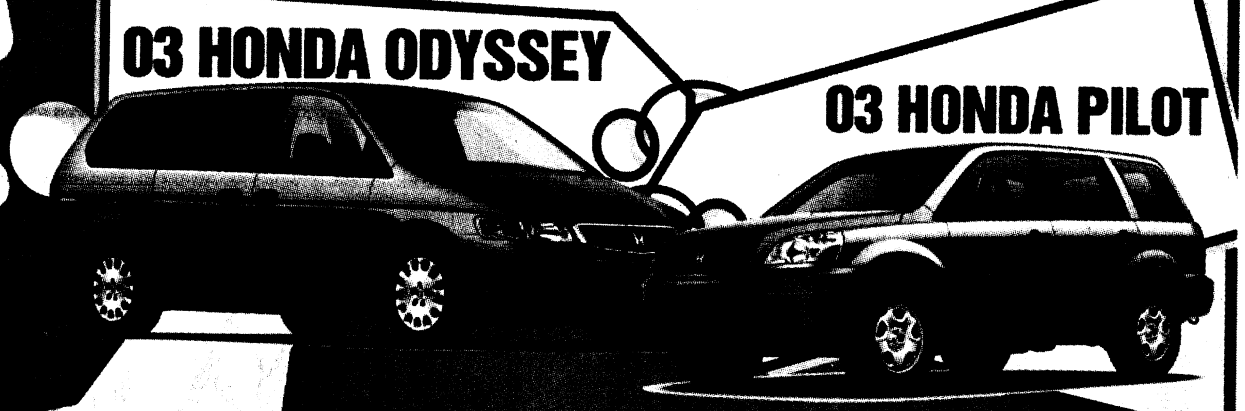
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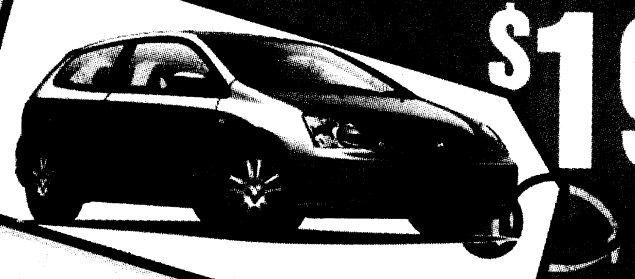


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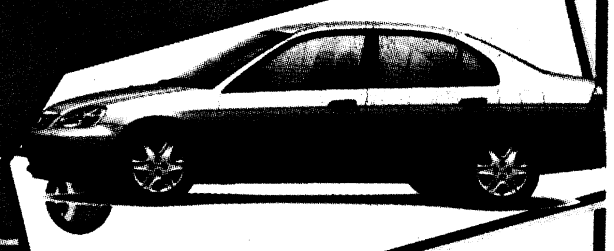
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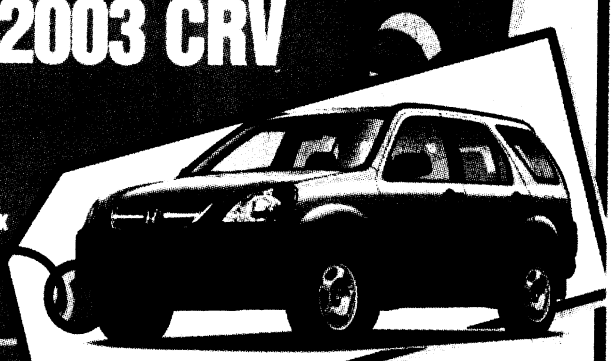
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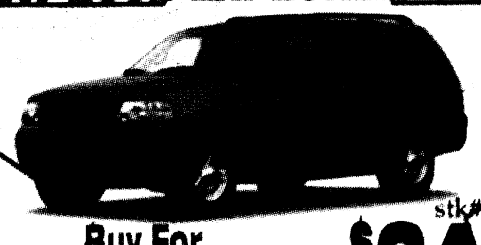
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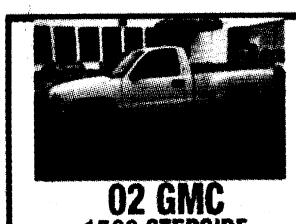
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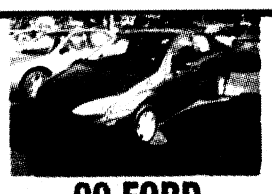
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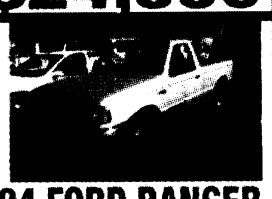
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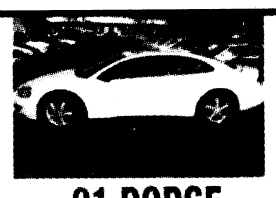
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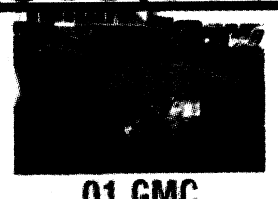
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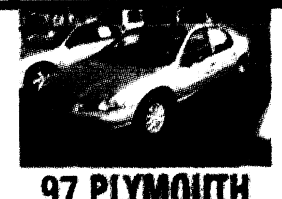
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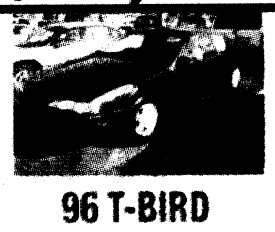
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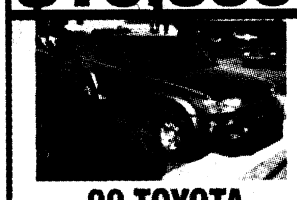
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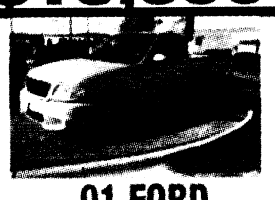
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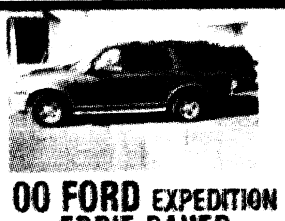
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Rivertown Ford brings original "Price Slicer" and $99 car prices to Columbus thru Saturday Only

Columbus, GA- What would make a car dealer sell perfectly good used cars for as low as $99? **Even sell *new Fords* at thousands off normal manufacturer's suggested retail prices?** Rivertown Ford's General Sales Manager Brad Williams gives a simple answer: "Desperation."

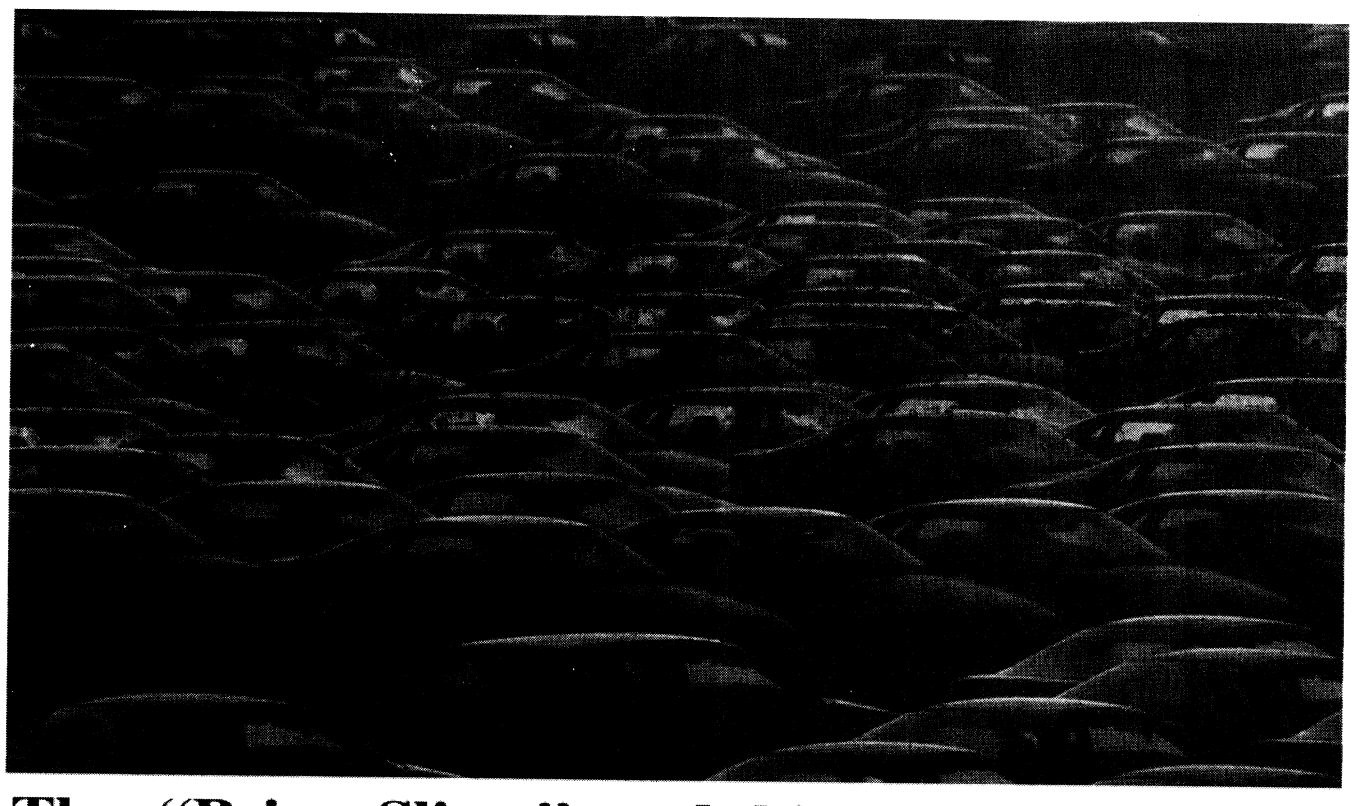
"We're really, *really* pinched for space," Williams explained further. "New car sales are the best they've ever been. Plus, the last couple of years have seen a huge increase in leases. Now, those leases are expiring and they're coming back by the dozen. We have literally run out of room for all the used cars."

This desperation has prompted Williams to fly in a team of professionals to assist his managers to prepare for this weekend sales event. This weekend only, the "Price Slicer" team will be at Rivertown Ford evaluating the prices on a record number of pre-owned vehicles to be drastically sliced to move them out...right before the customer's eyes.

This is the "Price Slicer" sales event that has been written about in newspapers across the country. While other local dealers have hosted lesser knock-offs of the "Price Slicer" concept, Williams is the first to bring the "real deal" to Columbus.

"These guys are serious," Williams says. "We've instructed the Price Slicer Team to determine the best prices to move the most vehicles in just one day."

Obviously, the dealership being overloaded with inventory means a great selection for consumers. "No matter what kind of used vehicle you're looking for, it's here. Mini-vans, and sport utilities if you need room for a big family. Used Nissans, Fords, Mitsubishis, Hondas, Toyotas, Nissans, Mazdas, Chevys, Dodges, you name it... there's a great selection of everything from 87's through 2002! Plus tons of full size work trucks, 4x4s, even extended cab models."



The "Price Slicer" and his team travel the United States disposing of excess dealer inventory via dramatic price cuts.

Here's how it works: The "Slicer" and his team have been in town figuring bottom-line pricing since Thursday. Sale prices are placed on the windshield of every vehicle before the sale day.

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Customers can come get a "sneak peak" preview Friday, November 30th from 3-9pm Saturday, the fun begins. Pre-registration begins at 9AM and Williams recommends customers arrive early for the best selection. In fact, the public can register even faster by visiting www.priceslicersale.com. After a brief registration, customers simply choose the vehicle they want. Then the "Price Slicer" begins slicing the price on the windshield thousands of dollars. And, it is true, new and used cars that normally sell from $5000 to $20,000 will be marked down thousands below MSRP, with some perfectly good used cars to be sold for as low as $99. **Even brand new 2002 model Ford are included.**

All the cars that will be offered during this event will be on display for customer inspection. You can also pre-register for the sale by going to **www.priceslicersale.com**.

"If credit problems have been in your past, that's no problem," Williams said. "During the 'Price Slicer' sale you can get financing for the car you want with no hassle. Just bring in a valid drivers license, a payroll stub, and a bill from your utilities." Bank representatives will be on hand to assist all credit customers needs.

For further details:
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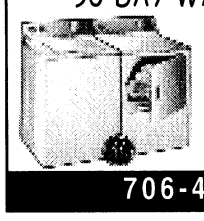
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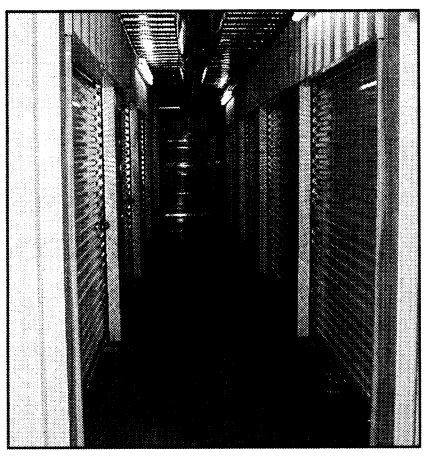


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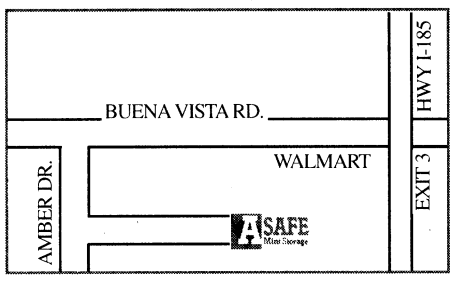
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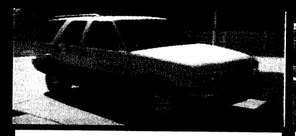


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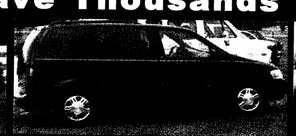
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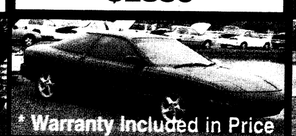
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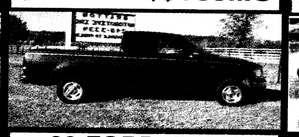
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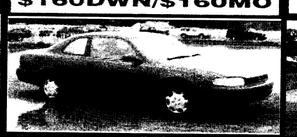
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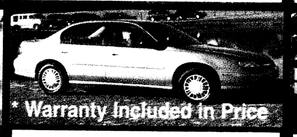
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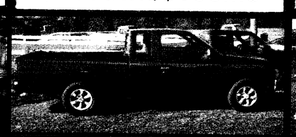


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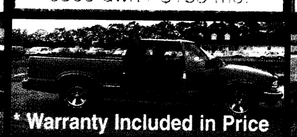
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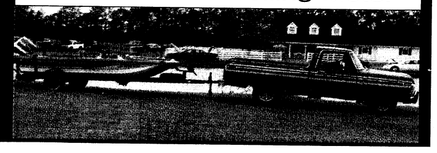
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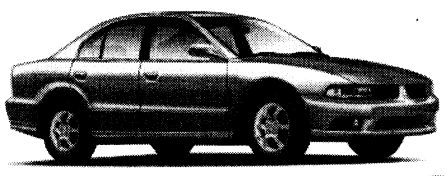
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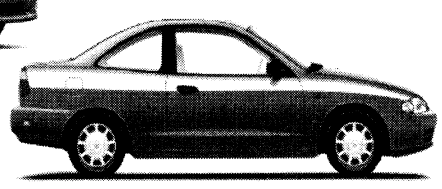
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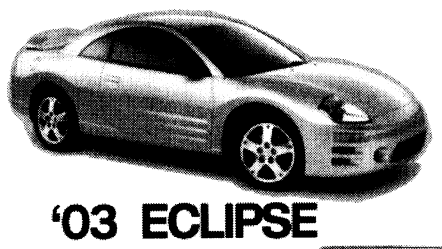
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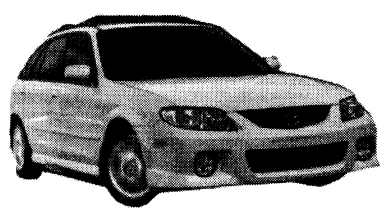
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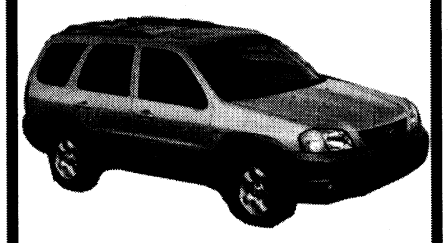
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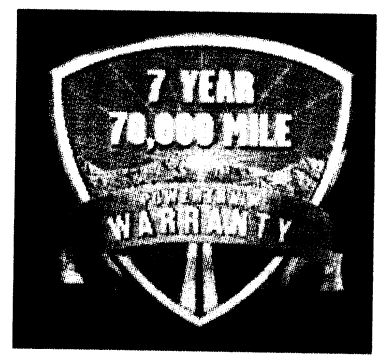
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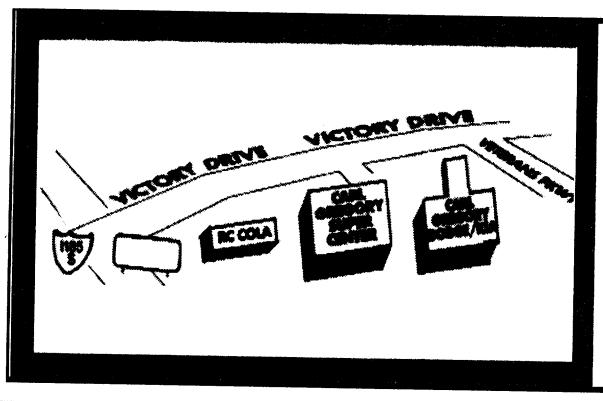
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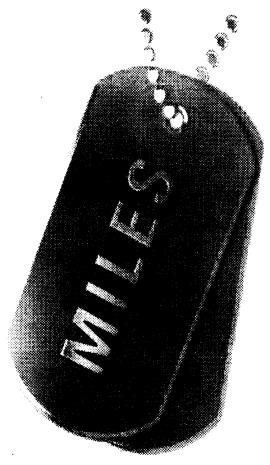
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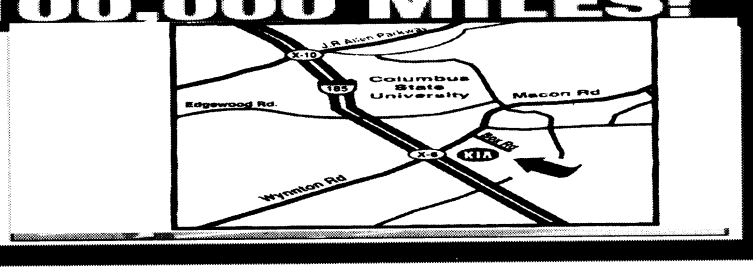
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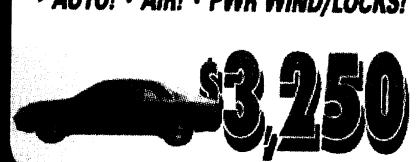
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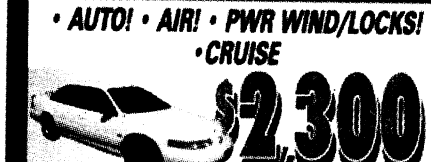
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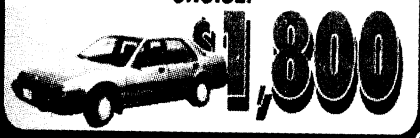
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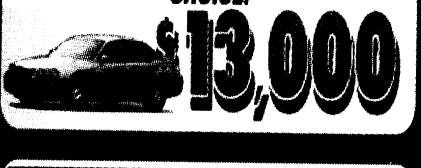
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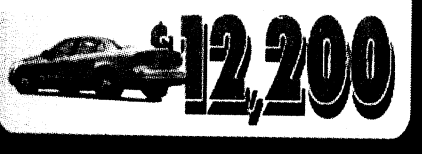
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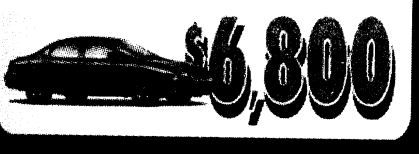
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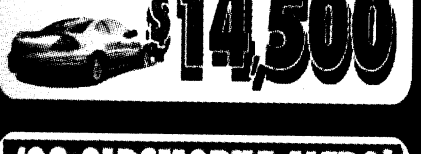
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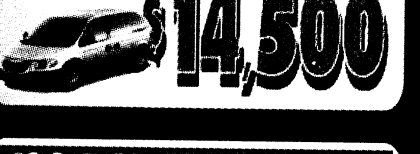
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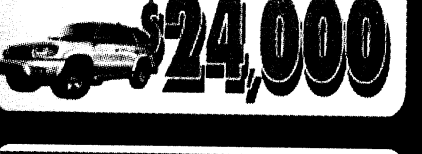
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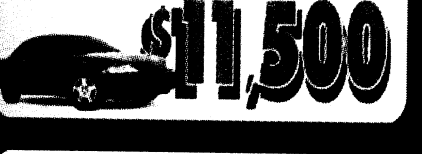
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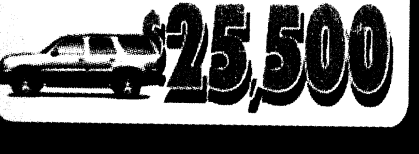
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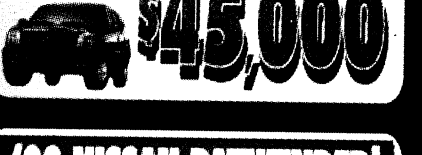
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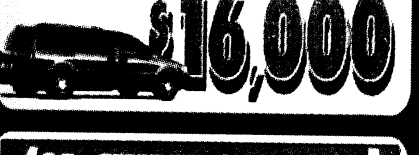
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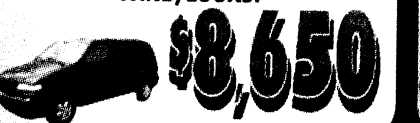
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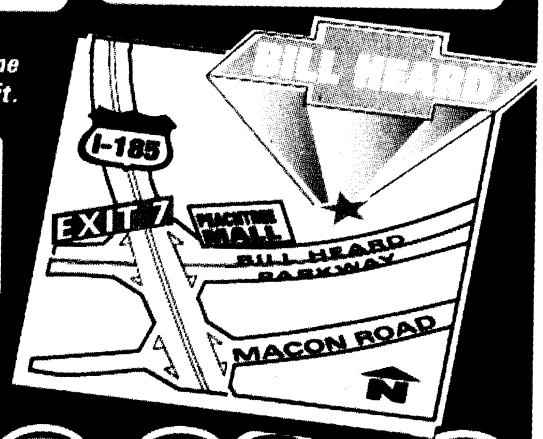
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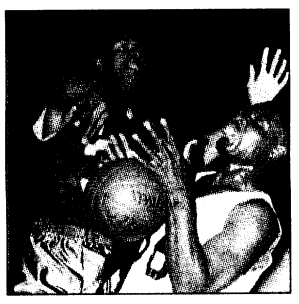
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System addresses soldiers' needs

Soldiers treated like system to be more lethal, mobile

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

Soldiers can expect a quicker introduction to the equipment they need with the help of Soldier as a System.

"The close working relationship between the development and acquisition communities, established though SaaS, will provide the right soldiers with the right equipment," said David J. Libersat, project manager, SaaS.

"SaaS uses operational user input and an assessment process to find soldiers' needs, current, interim and future."

Soldier as a System is a management process and integration concept that identifies soldiers' equipment needs.

"We have soldiers buying commercial off-the-shelf-items like Camelbaks and smaller GPS systems that work better than issued gear," said Maj. Tyrone Manns, division chief of Individual Equipment, Directorate of Combat Development.

SaaS plans to integrate mission-specific equipment with commercially available equipment, Libersat said.

The SaaS effort conducted the first Integrated Concept Team meeting Dec. 11-12 to develop a dialogue with soldiers.

All Training and Doctrine Command schools and centers and members of the soldier community were invited to attend the conference. The ICT provided soldiers from several Forces Command and TRADOC units the opportunity to tell the SaaS ICT what the soldiers need, Libersat said.

"The ICT identified immediate soldier requirements, and we have identified areas of work and helped determine future soldier capabilities and requirements," Libersat said.

The ICT plans to meet quarterly to stay up to date on soldier needs, Libersat said. Then, SaaS will address their needs.

"We have to look at our soldiers like any other system," Manns said.

"If the soldier requires it, that's what they should get. This is going to make our soldiers more lethal, mobile and survivable."

Crash course in combat

Reporters learn survival skills, prepare for war

Bridgett Siter
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Those who typically report the news *made* the news this week.

Nearly 60 journalists from around the world participated in a course — the second in a series — designed to enhance their effectiveness and safety in combat. It's the first time the Department of Defense has offered such training to journalists preparing to enter a potential war zone.

Fort Benning's 2nd Battalion, 58th Infantry Regiment, played host to the group, which included a number of war correspondents and photographers from CBS, CNN, *The New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, and Al Jazeera.

Soldiers from various units and directorates led a crash course in combat survival, including the proper ways to enter and exit a helicopter, first aid, land navigation, reacting to direct and indirect fire, mine awareness and protection against nuclear, biological and chemical warfare.

"I've been in a couple of situations where this kind of training might've helped — Kosovo, Belgrade, Saudi ..." said Kerry Sanders, an NBC correspondent from Miami. "Through all that, I never had any formal training. I'm pleased with this. It's a good opportunity, especially the NBC (chamber). The threat of chemical warfare seems more real this time around, and I do feel a little more prepared."

Sanders and his classmates were also taught the finer points of military culture, with lessons in rank and insignia recognition and field hygiene.

"It's mainly to help them and whatever unit they might be imbedded with," said Sgt. 1st Class Patrick Clements, a drill sergeant with 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment, who was among 18 cadre from around post selected to serve as escorts throughout the week.



Pfc. Dave Foley

Neil King with *The Wallstreet Journal* comes out of the gas chamber at Britton Range Wednesday.

"They're asking smart questions. Some of them have already been in a combat situation, so they obviously understand more than the average civilian," said Clements, who divided the journalists into two platoons with three squads, each with a team leader. "The idea is to give them as much of a taste of Army life as we can pack into a week."

Toward that end, the journalists rose before dawn, did P.T., road-marched five miles, learned to low crawl and high crawl, "experienced" MREs and learned to apply camouflage.

"I'm seeing that personal time doesn't exist in a combat situation. You have to be a team player. It's a very different mindset, and one

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Hill gets help for holidays

Operation provides 'joy and celebration'

Pfc. Brian Trapp
Bayonet staff

As many soldiers return to their families over the holidays, some do not have that luxury.

About 70 soldiers from 30th AG Battalion, Infantry Training Brigade and Basic Combat Training Brigade will stay on Sand Hill during the holidays.

But they won't spend the whole holiday season in the barracks thanks to Operation Holiday. Morale, Welfare and Recreation has gathered an estimated $15,500 in donated food, movies, phone cards and sporting tickets from the surrounding community, said Brian Smith, chief of Marketing, Directorate of Community Activities.

The most important aspect of Operation Holiday is to provide the same type of joy and celebration as those who go home to their loved ones, he said.

"I didn't expect it," said Pvt. Zach Harris, 2nd Battalion, 54th Infantry Regiment.

"I knew they would keep us somewhere, but I didn't know there would be things for us to do. It's good to have the community show support for soldiers who aren't going home for the holidays."

"I think it says an awful lot to the soldiers," Smith said. "When they come into the Army and don't know what to expect, this shows them a strong sign the Army cares about them and their quality of life."

AUSA and the Atlanta USO gave the most, contributing tickets to sporting events and movies.

'We're outta here': Mass Exodus marks holidays

Soldiers leave Fort Benning for home

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

From the outside, things at Sand Hill looked extremely quiet last week.

But around post, various agencies were hard at work making sure the annual soldier Exodus went without a hitch.

"It's a little crazy," said Laura Schelling, manager of the Omega Travel office at the Main Mall Post Exchange. "But it's a typical Exodus."

Schelling estimates she and the four other travel agents prepared itineraries and made bus travel arrangements for 4,000 soldiers.

Soldiers filled out itinerary sheets ahead of time and later went to the temporary Omega office set up in the Sand Hill Recreation Center to verify their flight information and pay for their tickets.

Schelling said Omega will have representatives at the Atlanta airport to answer questions and help with travel issues.

"This is the first time Omega has made the Exodus travel arrangements," Schelling said. "It has gone pretty well, although we're busy this week taking care of last minute issues like changes in destinations or flights."

The C & H bus company will have between 75 and 100 bus loads of soldiers.

Mike Miller, manager of the Sand Hill Post Exchange, had a slightly different view of the Exodus preparations.

"This has been a strange year," Miller said.

He said soldiers shopping at Sand Hill Saturday bought huge amounts of necessity items — items not normally purchased before Exodus, when souvenir and novelty items and luggage are generally top sellers.

Miller was on hand at the Main Mall Post Exchange on Sunday night for "Troop Night." Soldiers were able to shop after regular store hours, but many, Miller said, made a beeline for food.

"There were a lot of soldiers shopping," he said, "but there didn't seem to be a whole lot of buying."

"Who knows," he said. "We never know what's going to happen in here the last few days, and once Exodus starts, it's a ghost town here."

STOPPING THE SHOPPING

Family drops out of race

Bridgett Siter
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COMMENTARY

I'm getting old. A little voice told me so. It started a couple of years ago, as little more than a whisper of discontent. There I was, in the middle of the mall, elbowing my way through a ferocious crowd of shoppers engaged in commercial warfare.

I must have paused just a moment too long. Maybe I stopped to tie my shoe or down a cup of coffee before heading back to the fray. I don't remember the details, only the otherworldly voice, sounding remarkably like my own, as it whispered in my ear, "This isn't fun anymore. Just look around you. See the frowns, the look of angst on their faces as they run from store to store, spending more and more money on more and more junk. It's decadent. It's futile. It's meaningless."

That's when I tuned it out. I was wearing really big earrings, and I figured I was picking up signals from someone's cell phone, because my conscience would never use words like "angst" and "decadent." Besides, I was way too young to start waxing nostalgic for "the simpler times" and "the true meaning of Christmas."

Whew, that was a close call.

Ahh, but last year it returned, that voice of reason. A little louder this time. It fairly shouted, "Stop this insanity," as I circled the mall for the fourth time looking for a parking space. I'd already hit Walmart, Kmart and Target in pursuit of just the perfect gift for my darling niece who has everything. No, no, I mean it. She has everything.



"So what would she like this year?" I asked my sister.

"Gosh, I really don't know. She has everything," she replied.

So there.

The Voice reminded me of this conversation as I anted up the plastic to pay for some bauble for the babe. I don't remember what it was. I doubt she does either.

"Are you really going to put that on your charge card?" The Voice asked. "You'll be paying for it long after it's been relegated to the bottom of the toy box."

"Well, what do you suggest I do? I'm outta money, and it's Christmas, and I've got six more people on my list. Got any bright ideas?"

The sweet little old lady behind me, who obviously didn't hear The Voice, asked me if I needed to sit down a while. I paid — with plastic — and beat it out of there. The Nagging Voice followed, but I stifled it with a running monologue about the joys of gift giving.

"I know the true meaning of Christmas," I said. "It's all about God's great gift to us. And we celebrate the season by exchanging gifts, the way it's been done for centuries. It's about love, right? And since there are so many people we love, we put them all on our shopping list. It gets a little expensive, so what? It's how we show love. With presents. And if we can't find the perfect present, we give money. I give Cousin Joe, whom I haven't spoken to since last Christmas, a bottle of cologne that set me back a mere $20, and he gives me a mall gift certificate for $20. It all comes out even. See how nicely that works?"

I'm stubborn, but I'm no fool. When The Nagging Voice spoke to me this year, I listened. It was starting to make sense, after all. Between my husband's family and my own, our clan now numbers more than 50. Half-a-hundred brothers, sisters, grandparents, nephews, nieces and in-laws to shop for. I figured we'd have to mortgage the farm, and we don't own a farm, so it's simply out of the question.

Time to scale back, to simplify. Time to bake cookies and make candy. Time to quit buying for the sake of buying.

So my husband and I put our foot, er feet, down. And just as I feared, we stepped on a few toes. We explained, as best we could, why we're forgoing the annual gift exchange this year. This branch of the family tree dropped out of the Great Christmas Race.

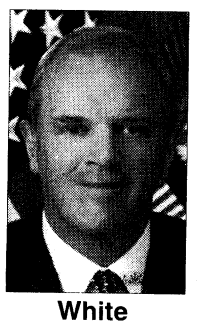
Some took it better than others. Some looked completely confused. Some got indignant. And a few aren't speaking to us, though I won't say which side of the family, only that it isn't mine. Let's just say I'm on the outs with some of the ins.

That's OK. I'm confident they'll come around to our way of thinking very soon. That Nagging Voice has disappeared, replaced by one pleasant little melody after another. I'm tapping my toe to a new Christmas beat, and I'm enjoying it. Call me an old fogey. I'm OK with that. I'm having a simply marvelous Christmas.

Soldiers represent legacy of hope

During the holidays, families gather to share in the celebrations of the season. Our Army family is unique — among us, we share a special bond, a common understanding of the inherent sacrifices and hardships of being an Army family. So we are additionally blessed to be able to celebrate our special heritage — the legacy of hope that our soldiers represent to the nation.

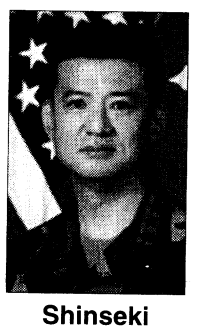
On a bitter-cold Christmas night in 1776, Gen. George Washington and his Continental Army crossed the Delaware River to execute a bold plan against the British forces. Driving sleet and snow made the freezing temperatures all the more unbearable. Despite those harsh conditions, the soldiers did not complain — some of them had no shoes; some wrapped rags around their feet to help keep them warm; still others remained barefoot.



White

As one of Washington's staff officers recorded, the soldiers were "ready to suffer any hardship and die rather than give up their liberty." In the most difficult conditions, against the greatest odds, the soldiers performed magnificently, and their victory in the Battle of Trenton the day after Christmas renewed the hopes of freedom in the American Revolution.

And undiminished still today is that same spirit of determination, perseverance, selfless service and courage that moved the soldiers of the Continental Army on Christmas night in 1776. We share in the enduring legacy of those who first fought and died to win our freedom — we stand on the shoulders of the brave men and women who have preceded us.



Shinseki

We know that we do not soldier alone. With each of our soldiers on point in more than 120 countries around the globe is the spirit of a tremendous family — a family whose courage, sacrifice, and steadfastness are inspiring to us all. And all of our efforts, all of our successes, all of our magnificent moments as an Army will continue to be delivered by our people — soldiers, civilians, veterans, retirees, and all of their families. We are grateful for their commitment, their loyalty, and their devotion.

We could not be more proud of all of you and of the magnificent work you do each and every day to preserve the gifts of hope and of freedom that we cherish. May you have a safe, fulfilling, and joyful holiday season and a prosperous New Year. God bless each of you and your families, God bless the Army, and God bless this great nation.

— Thomas E. White
Secretary of the Army
— Gen. Eric K. Shinseki
Army chief of staff

TRADOC CG sends seasons greetings

I wish you all the happiest of holidays. This holiday season is a time to spend with friends and family, and to reflect on the blessings we receive as American citizens

This has been a tremendous year for the Army and the nation.

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Byrnes

Our soldiers are doing a super job in Afghanistan and other locations around the world.

Your contributions helped create these soldiers, so you can take pride in their successes, too.

Enjoy the holidays with families and friends, but please be safe on the highways and in your homes.

We want you to return to us in 2003, renewed and refreshed after a holiday of reflection and joy.

We hope you have a warm, fulfilling holiday season and a great new year.

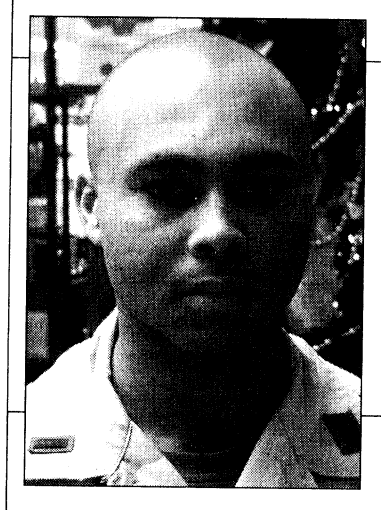
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TRADOC commander

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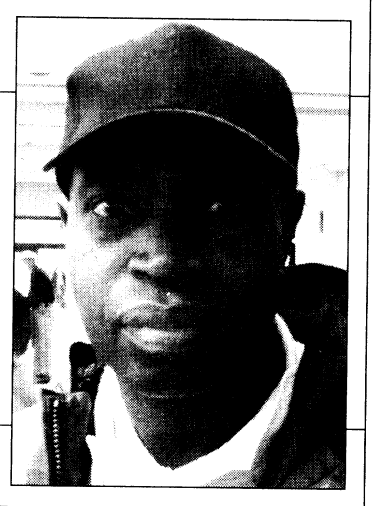
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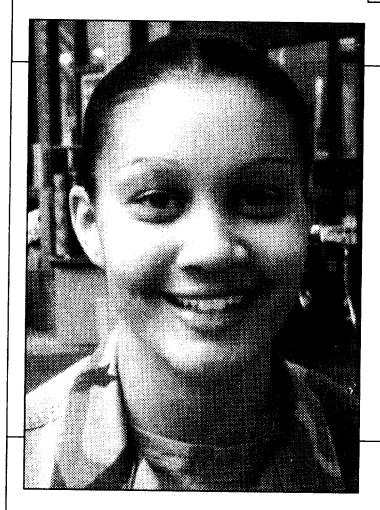
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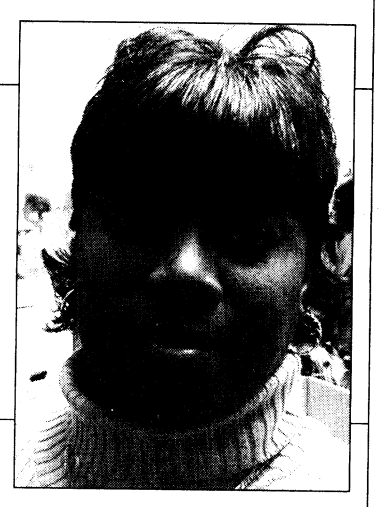
1st Lt. Jason Waters, 317th Engineer Battalion — "I just got back from Kuwait so I haven't been affected yet. When I do shopping, my wife and I are going to budget our money so buying gifts won't impact our finances."



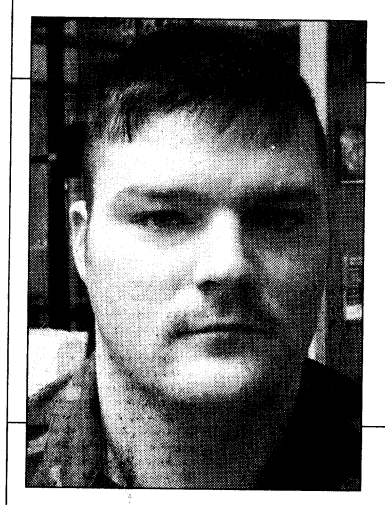
Retired Sgt. 1st Class Lester Cooper, Columbus — I can't get as many gifts this year. I now shop for the best sales and the best prices."



Spc. Danielle Clark, U.S. Army Medical Department Activity — "It hasn't affected me. I still will spend as much money this holiday season that I spent in years past."



Francis Wilson, family member — "I can't spend as much as I did last year, because the number of sales retail stores have are down and the money is not there."



Sgt. Thomas Hollen, 1st Battalion, 29th Infantry Regiment — "I have to budget now and be more cautious of what I spend my money on."



Tandy Cain-Morris, Directorate of Community Activities — "It really hasn't changed much because my grandmother taught me to shop throughout the year to avoid the holiday cash crunch."

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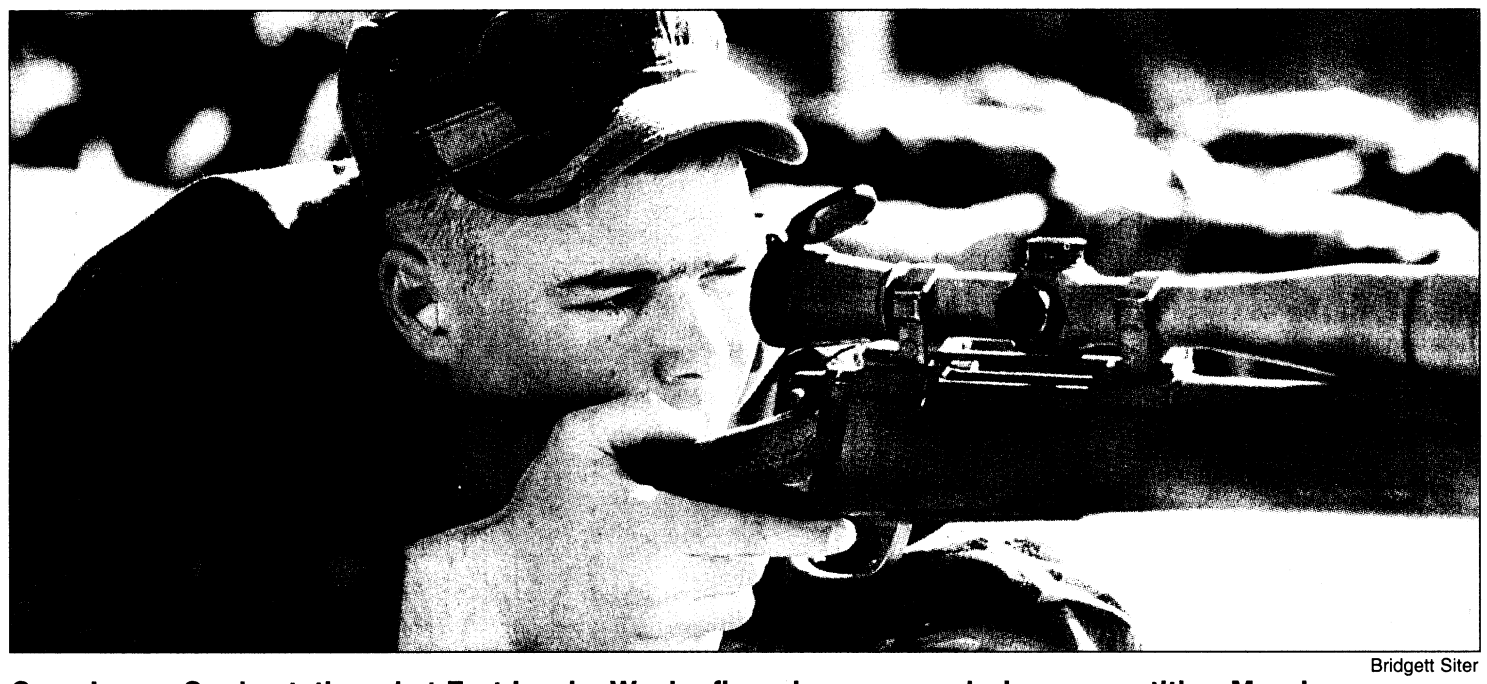
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Competition draws sharpshooters

Snipers gain experience, information

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Spc. James Cook, stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash., fires down range during competition Monday.

Back in October, there was much speculation about where the D.C.-area snipers honed their skills. Cadre at Fort Benning's U.S. Army Sniper School fielded hundreds of phone calls, mostly from the media, questioning the likelihood the perpetrators were trained by the military.

The school's commander never doubted his reply.

"We were confident he — or as it turned out, they — weren't our guys," said Capt. Jason Kostal. "Army snipers are professionals. They've been through screenings — psychological evaluations by a panel of doctors — and they don't have a history of administrative action. They're highly intelligent. We knew those guys weren't Army snipers."

No doubt, the "art of sniping" will continue to make headlines as the Army increases its sniper slots to facilitate the effectiveness of new medium brigades. By 2005, the school, which currently trains less than 300 students each year, is expected to qualify more than 800 annually.

With that in mind, Kostal and his crew of 17 instructors are hoping this week's international sniper competition will shed some light on the true nature of the professional sniper.

"Movies and TV do a number on us," Kostal said. "There are a lot of misconceptions about what a sniper does."

Such as?

"People tend to think snipers are primarily shooters," said Staff Sgt. Dominic Barnello, who took the lead in planning the event after last year's maiden competition. The number of teams doubled this year. "The truth is a sniper team mainly does reconnaissance and surveillance. Shooting is only 10 to 15 percent of what they do."

Snipers are the "eyes and ears" of a commander, Barnello said. Most Army battalions have three teams, each consisting of a shooter and a spotter. In combat, each team generally works 24 to 72-hour shifts before rotating with another.

They "track the battlefield," sometimes patrolling, often remaining stationary, perhaps in a building or on a hillside, observing the enemy at length to determine his strength, mobility and capability — information the commander will use to plan combat strategy.

"The sniper is one of the most viable options out there for gathering military intelligence," Kostal said. "Few things supercede their capabilities. They're often a commander's greatest asset."

The snipers of allied armies often work together to assure a sharing of intelligence, Barnello said. Allied forces from the U.S., Great Britain and Canada are serving in Afghanistan together. Their sniper teams rotate and share information that may ultimately benefit all allied forces.

Toward that end, snipers participate in dozens of competitions annually, like the five-day event that brought 50 competitors — 25 teams and coaches from the U.S., Canada and Great Britain — to Fort Benning this week.

"We call it cross-pollination of information," Barnello said. "We stand to learn a lot from each other. The competition itself is secondary to the benefits of working with sniper teams they'll work with if they go to war. In fact, the guys who come in last place stand to learn a lot more than the winner, because they'll learn from the better team. Ultimately, that's what it's about."

Kostal said the competition gives snipers from different services and countries an opportunity to learn "trade secrets" from their allies.

"They all do the same job, but they all do it differently," he said. "The competition is just an awesome way to learn new techniques and see what kind of equipment other teams are using. And the winner takes home bragging rights."

The teams — six from Canada, including last year's winners, two from Great Britain, two from the Marines, three from the Florida National Guard and the rest active-duty Army — competed in 16 events, each worth 100 points and each designed to test the team's mastery of skills the cadre deemed necessary for a proficient sniper.

The events included firing at various angles from a 60-foot tower, alternating firing positions, stalking, rapid fire under stress, and shooting unknown distances.

High winds hindered much of the early competition, a fact cadre likened to "realistic, unforeseen glitches on the battlefield."

"Some of their scores are down because of the winds, but that's not a bad thing," Kostal said. "Winds might be something they're up against in a real-world situation, so better to find their weaknesses here than out there."

It wasn't the wind that bothered Sgt. Andrew Spillane, coach of the team from Great Britain that recently placed first in New Zealand's sniper competition. Spillane's team couldn't get their ammo through customs.

"The Americans kindly provided for us," said Spillane, who confessed to being frustrated by the fact his team was doing poorly.

"The wind? That's not a problem. They fired in West Wales in 26 mile per hour winds," he said. "These boys have 30 years of sniping between them. They're very good. But they're shooting with ammo they're unfamiliar with, and they're not doing well."

Still, it's not so much the competition as the opportunity "to touch base with the Canadians and Americans" that attracted Spillane's team to Fort Benning.

"We'll change a couple of ideas because of what we've seen here," he said. "(The Canadians and Americans) have been on operational deployments we haven't, so we're getting new information, new ideas from them."

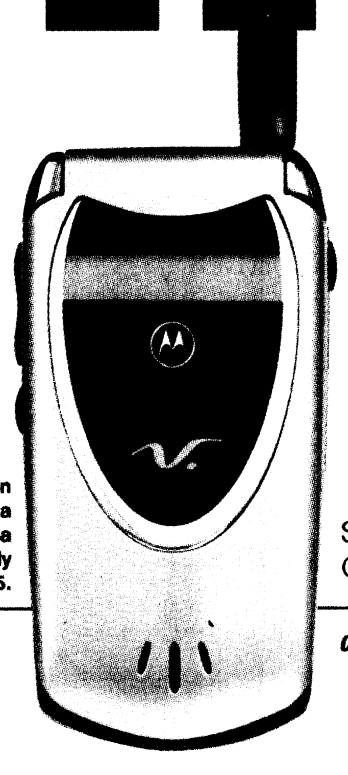
Staff Sgt. Justin Shaffer was an instructor during last year's competition. This year he traveled from Alaska to participate with his teammate, Sgt. Mike Hensley.

"I love these competitions. I go to as many as I can," said Shaffer, who is assigned to the 1st Battalion, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment. "There's a lot of emphasis on sniping right now, more so in Canada than here. Their school is nine and half weeks long. Ours is five. Their teams have been together for years, and they'll be hard to beat, but we stand to learn a lot from them."

The competition, which is funded by the Army Sniper Association, will end today, and winners will be announced tonight during a closing ceremony in Columbus.

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Army extends deadline for 'Third Wave' exemptions

Jan. 15 deadline for job decisions

Gary Sheftick
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — The deadline has been extended to Jan. 15 for Army functional chiefs to submit final requests arguing what positions should be exempt from the "Third Wave" of privatization.

Initially 213,637 positions — 154,910 held by civilian employees and 58,727 held by soldiers — were designated as "non-core" to the Army and eligible for public-private competition. That's well over half of the Army's 247,400 civilian jobs. But officials said the final numbers could be much different.

"Everybody wants an exemption," said Dr. John Anderson, the Army official responsible for initially reviewing exemption requests.

Anderson has already received requests for thousands of positions to be exempted from the next wave of A-76 competitions and privatization actions.

Many of the requests, though, had to be returned to functional chiefs for additional information. So the Nov. 29 deadline for exemption requests was extended until mid-January. And the target date for Assistant Secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) Reginald Brown to finish reviewing the recommendations has been moved forward. Feb. 20 is now the date for an expected announcement on Third Wave exemption decisions.

The first wave of outsourcing began in 1979 following the signing of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. It is often associated with OMB Director David Stockman, Anderson said.

The second wave began peaking in 1998 and is often associated with "reinventing government." It involved the Defense Reform Initiative Directive known as DRID-20 and the Federal Activities Inventory Reform or FAIR Act.

The "Third Wave" was initiated by the "President's Management Agenda" signed by President Bush last year. Army Secretary Thomas White said the Third Wave will be "bigger and faster" than previous ones and may include "alternatives to A-76."

"Bigger chunks of competition could result in economies of scale," Anderson said.

Anderson said that A-76 competitions would no longer be limited to installations and could cover an entire function Armywide. For the first time, functions other than base operations will be competed. Some functions — such as research and development and architectural engineering — are exempt from A-76 by statute and could be privatized without competition.

Anderson said there are three over-arching reasons for the Third Wave.

The primary objective, he said, is to make sure the Army is using its manpower as efficiently as possible, "before asking for additional resources."

The second objective is to free up military manpower for core functions and the global War on Terrorism. Anderson said this is necessary because the Army is operating within fixed constraints — an end-strength of 480,000 active-duty soldiers — in a wartime environment where there may be increasing demands for military capabilities.

Third, Anderson said it is necessary for the Army to be a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars and to support the President's Management Agenda that calls for competitive sourcing.

Anderson said that soldiers performing functions determined to be non-core to the Army will be moved to positions where they can perform core competencies.

"No (military) end strength is going to be cut by this," Anderson said.

In fact, he said the Third Wave should help beef up the Army's combat and combat support capabilities.

"We will leverage our current end strength by converting non-core military to civilian employees or contract, where appropriate," Anderson said.

When soldiers are moved out of non-core positions, it will cost an estimated $55,000 per soldier to replace them with contractors, Anderson said. And then some of the soldiers may need to be retrained in other specialties. This will be paid for through savings generated from public-private competition.

Not all of the non-core functions will be contracted out though, Anderson said. Some will simply be divested or eliminated. Some could be transferred to another executive agency. Some could be worked by civilian employees. Remaining non-core functions — performed both by soldiers and civilians — will be included in A-76 competitions.

None of these actions will begin, however, until exemption decisions are made and Implementation Plans are approved by the Secretary of the Army. Anderson said the exemption recommendations will be coordinated with G1, G3, and other Department of the Army staff principals through a formal process.

First a validation process will check the functional data base and administrative corrections will be made, Anderson said. Then Army functional chiefs who head up career fields will have an opportunity to "vet issues from a policy standpoint."

Major commands provide input to Army functional chiefs at the Pentagon, Anderson said. Then the chiefs submit requests as to which functions under their purview should be exempted.

"Just because a function is not inherently governmental doesn't mean it should be contracted," Anderson said. He said there's a difference between what jobs could and should be contracted.

Anderson, in coordination with Army staff principals, formulates exemption recommendations for the assistant secretary of the Army (Manpower and Reserve Affairs). If functional chiefs don't agree with a recommendation, Anderson said there's "likely to be a negotiation process" involving "discussion and collaboration."

If parties still don't agree, Anderson said alternate recommendations will be sent to Brown, who will make a decision.

The new OMB Circular A-76 — now in draft form for public comment — assumes that all functions are subject to competition unless exempted in writing, with rationale, by an assistant secretary.

Even after Brown announces exemptions, parts of the decisions will be subject to public challenge under the FAIR Act, Anderson said. And the decisions will be subject to review by the secretary of the Army, the secretary of Defense, the Office of Management and Budget, and Congress.

Then the Army's "Non-Core Competencies Working Group" will decide how non-core functions will be competed. Right now the group is just beginning to develop implementation plan templates, said its deputy chairman, Jim Wakefield.

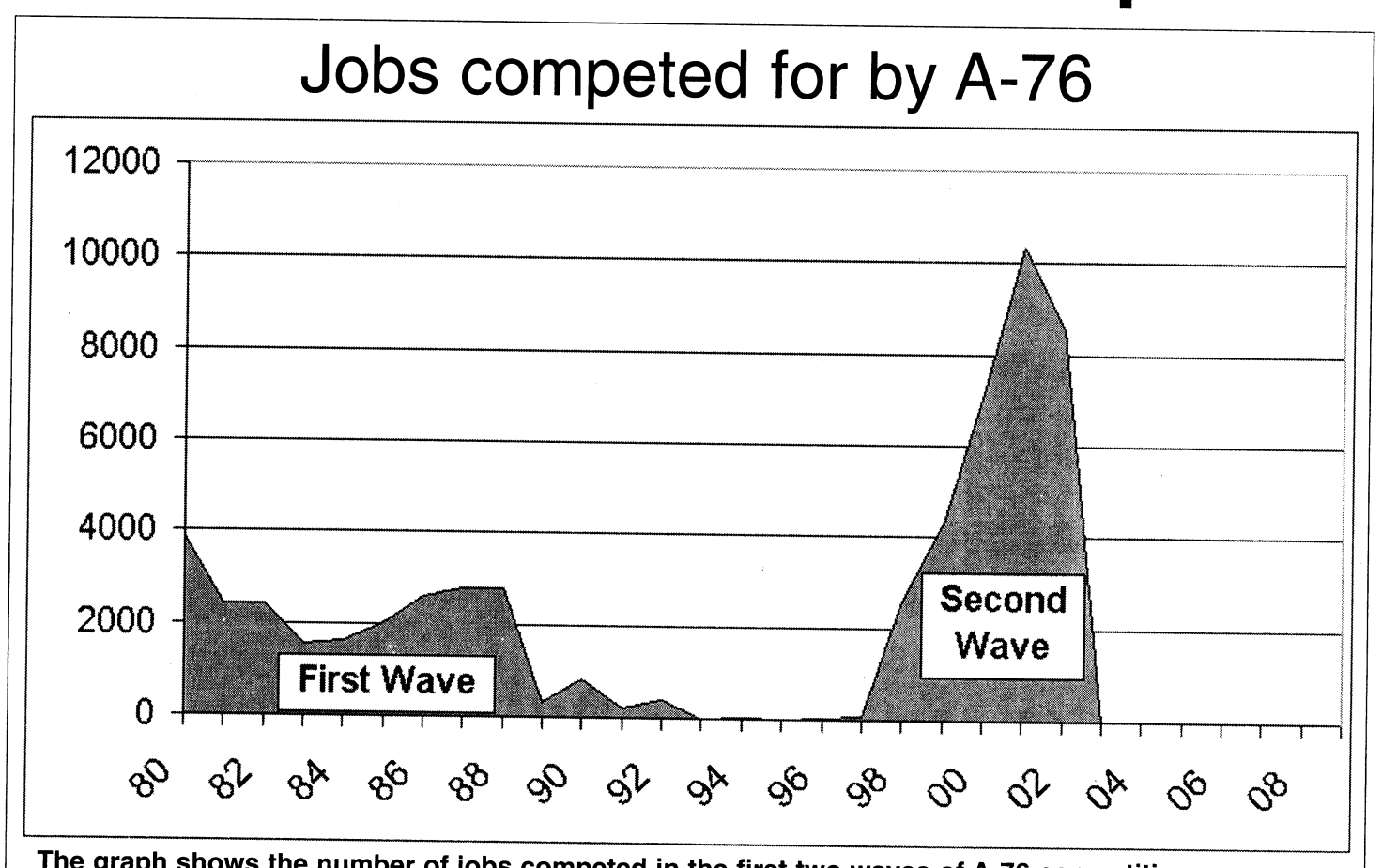
Wakefield wants to calm Army civilian employees and soldiers who fear their jobs might soon be contracted out or eliminated.

First, he said A-76 competitions will be held over the next seven years — not overnight. DoD and the military services are now in the process of determining whether DoD's budget should project the competitions to be completed by fiscal 2008 or 2009.

Second, if military positions are contracted out, Wakefield said, soldiers will simply be moved to another location or trained in another specialty. Third, Army employees will have a chance to compete for their jobs by developing "most efficient organizations."

He said only 408 employees have been involuntarily separated to date during the Army's "Second Wave" of A-76 competitions. That wave began in November 1996 with 20,000 positions covered by A-76 studies completed so far and another 13,000 being looked at in ongoing competitions.

Even if entire functions are contracted out, "you always need some type of core capability," Wakefield said, at least a "smart buyer" capability, so that someone can monitor the contractors.



The graph shows the number of jobs competed in the first two waves of A-76 competitions. Numbers in the left column depict the total positions competed and the bottom numbers represent the years.

Functional Areas

Function	*Military*	*Civilian*
Logistics	18,402	35,122
Civil Works	318	32,269
Financial Mgt	1,879	3,581
Installation Mgt	1,314	22,012
Personnel	18,065	9,839
Operations	12,952	22,304
Medical	916	15,094
Military History	2	260
Intelligence	712	2,349
Legal	373	638
Information Mgt	3,059	9,716
Inspector General	292	93
Auditor General	0	954
Public Affairs	443	679
TOTAL ARMY	***58,727***	***154,910***

The above chart lists the number of Army positions (by functional area) classified as non-core prior to the exemption process. Army officials emphasize that these numbers could change drastically when exemptions are announced in February.

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Army budget funds pay increase

Congress helps support Army transformation

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs and Courtney Brooks
Army News Service

WASHINGTON — This year's Defense Appropriations Bill and Authorization Act funds a fourth Stryker Brigade, 650 Comanche helicopters and pay increases for soldiers.

The Army also requested to close the pay gap between soldiers and the private sector, officials said. Congress responded with a pay increase of at least 4.1 percent with targeted increases of up to 6.5 percent for mid- and senior-level noncommissioned officers and a 5.5 percent increase for majors with between eight and 14 years of service.

The Army also asked Congress to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses for soldiers and their families. The last legislative session saw progress there as well by reducing the average amount of expenses paid by service members from 11.3 percent to 7.5 percent, with the intent of eliminating the out-of-pocket expenses by fiscal 2005.

Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki has repeatedly said the Army needs six Stryker Brigade Combat Teams. Congress responded by authorizing $788 million to purchase 332 Stryker vehicles, enough for a fourth brigade, with an additional $150.9 million for further research and development.

The first two Stryker Brigade Combat Teams are at Fort Lewis, Wash. The third is in Alaska and the fourth one will be at Fort Polk, La., Army officials said.

The Army's transformation from the Legacy Force to the Objective Force was also supported with $1.9 billion for science and technology programs.

The Army's budget has increased, but so has its requirements, officials said. Manning for Active-Guard-Reserve soldiers was increased 2.2 percent over fiscal 2002, but the request for 100 percent remains, officials said.

The Army's request to procure 819 Comanches to improve the ability of Army aviation reconnaissance and attack formations to operate on the battlefield was partially granted. Congress authorized $910 million for development, but Department of Defense only supported the procurement of 650 Comanches.

President George W. Bush signed the Defense Appropriations Bill, which is nearly $335 billion, and the Military Construction Appropriations Bill, which adds $10.5 billion for building and upgrading military installations and family housing at the White House on Oct. 23.

CLOSER look

The Defense Appropriations Bill and Authorization Act:

- Provides at least a 4.1 percent pay increase
- Supports the Legacy Force to Objective Force with $1.9 billion for science and technology programs.

Hospital seeks vaccines to halt desert diarrhea

Vaccines to help kill bacteria

Karen Fleming Michael
Army News Service

FORT DETRICK, Md. — The runs. The trots. The quick step. Montezuma's revenge. Whatever it's called, diarrhea can debilitate deployed soldiers.

In fact, during Operations Desert Shield and Storm, 57 percent of troops had at least one bout with diarrhea; 20 percent reported they were temporarily incapacitated by it, according to the 1998 Army Science and Technology Master Plan.

To combat the ailment, researchers in the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research's Department of Enteric Infections are developing new vaccines to help deployed warfighters fight bacteria that cause diarrhea.

Less-than-sanitary living conditions and foreign diets, teamed with few opportunities to wash after using the bathroom, let diarrhea-causing bacteria with names like Shigella flexneri, Shigella sonnei, Shigella dysenteriae and Escherichia coli flourish in the field, quickly disabling thousands and upending readiness.

So far, the institute has four vaccines in the works to combat diarrhea.

"Ideally, the goal would be to have one vaccine that will protect against multiple pathogens that can easily be given to deploying soldiers," said Maj. David Katz, a senior clinical investigator at WRAIR. "So soldiers can take it before they deploy to an area, and they'll be protected."

Since 1992, a vaccine to combat Shigella flexneri, called SC602, has undergone clinical trials in the United States and Bangladesh.

"The wonderful thing about the shigella vaccines is ... the bacteria (used in them) are alive but weakened to diminish the amount of symptoms," Katz said.

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> Senior clinical investigator at WRAIR

"The body thinks it's infected and gives an immune response, but you don't get infected like a natural infection because the bacteria don't spread from cell to cell."

Receiving the oral vaccine before deploying is key, Katz said.

"Most of the soldiers will get hit right when they arrive in a new area," Katz said, "either because they're eating on the economy or they're in a new area and their system has not been primed."

Another reason to give the vaccine ahead of time is because of potential side effects, said Dr. Thomas Hale, chief of the Department of Enteric Infections at WRAIR.

"The vaccine can cause some short-term fevers and mild diarrhea in 20 percent of the people who receive it," Hale said, "so soldiers need to take it well before they get on a plane."

A vaccine for Shigella sonnei, which often attacks travelers and stateside daycare centers, is a possible stand-alone product, Hale said.

"This one vaccine could make a significant difference in the health of soldiers deployed to the Middle East (where 90 percent of outbreaks occur) and the developing world," Hale said.

Drs. Malabi Venkatesan and Antoinette Hartman from WRAIR developed the oral vaccine, called WRSS1, that is currently in clinical trials in conjunction with the University of Maryland Medical School and the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

The Department of Enteric Infections at WRAIR has teamed up with the Israel Defense Force for a vaccine trial evaluating WRSS1 this winter.

"Israel has cities that are very westernized, but almost everyone has a compulsory military obligation, so they go from cities to field posts and the incidence of diarrheal disease is significant," Katz said.

To combat the deadly form of diarrhea, dysentery — also called bloody diarrhea — WRAIR researchers are working with the Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University to test the oral Walter Reed Shigella-Dysentery-1 vaccine, WRSD1.

The other diarrhea-causing bacteria WRAIR and the Navy Medical Research Unit researchers are trying to disable is E. coli.

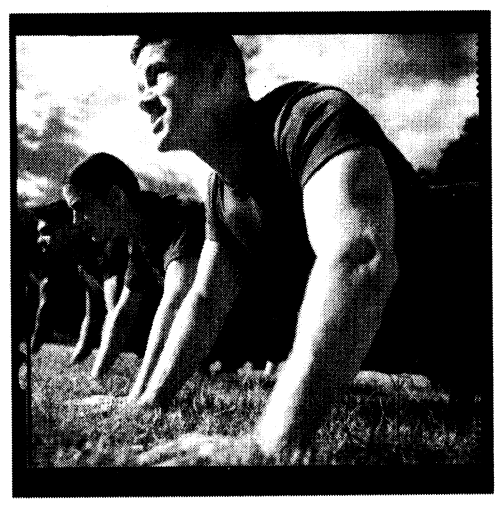
Whereas shigella bacteria invades a cell's wall and moves from cell to cell to spread the disease, E. coli prefers to stick to the intestine's lining, homestead and crank out toxins that cause diarrhea.

To outsmart the unwanted tenant, researchers are trying to make antibodies that will prevent squatters from colonizing because they can't stick to the intestine. The vaccine's been tested in a time-release capsule form as well as a transdermal patch.

"It should be easy for the soldier to use: Just pop the patch on and that's it," Katz said.

Though having one vaccine to combat all major forms of infectious diarrhea is a ways off, he said.





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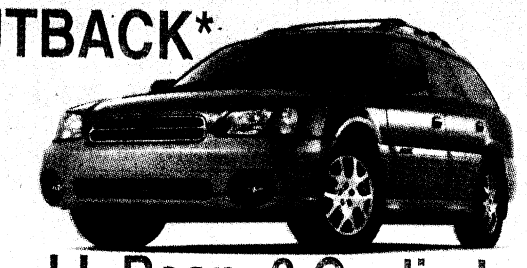
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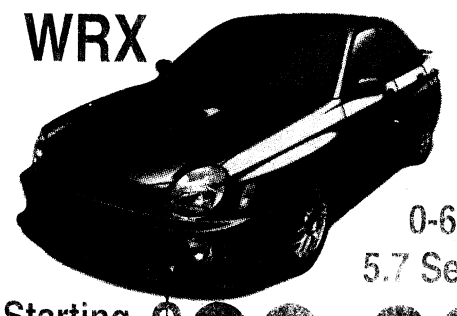
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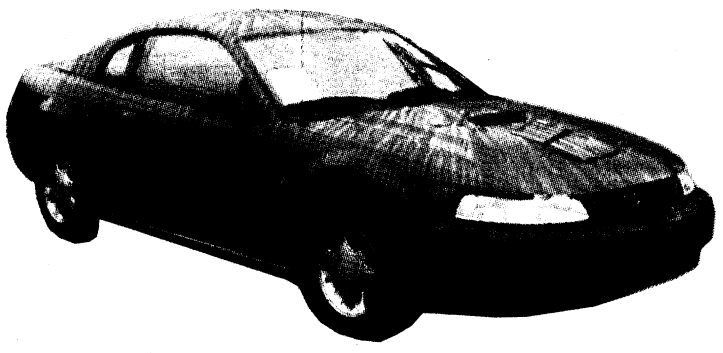
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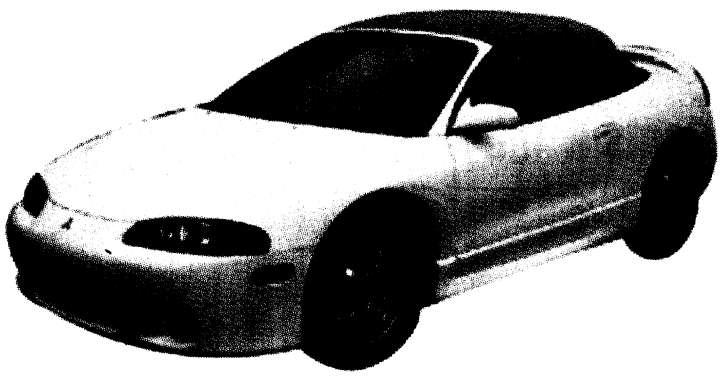
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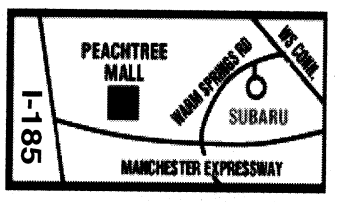
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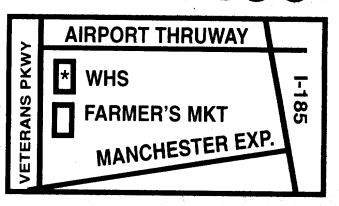


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"It's a really big deal for Fort Benning to participate in such a huge humanitarian relief effort. We're putting smiles on a lot of little happy faces."

Dan Gibbs
Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office reutilization specialist

Fort Benning's DRMO is helping make "a lot of little happy faces" this Christmas.

The Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office, the agency responsible for recycling and redistributing military equipment, furniture and clothing, acquired nearly 200 parachutes slated for disposal and donated them to Operation Christmas Drop, an Air Force program that provides care packages to 56 Micronesian islands around Guam.

"It's a really big deal for Fort Benning to participate in such a huge humanitarian relief effort," said Dan Gibbs, DRMO reutilization specialist. "We're putting smiles on a lot of little happy faces."

Fifty years ago, an Air Force weather plane crew dropped a small package to islanders on Kappingimarangi, one of many impoverished islands within a 700 mile radius of Guam where planes cannot land.

Since then, Operation Christmas Drop has taken on a life of its own, with shipments growing larger and larger each year.

The annual "training exercise," a "fly mission" for Anderson Air Force Base C-130 crew members, generates year-round interest, including golf tournaments, a 5K run and various events designed to increase funding to provide food, clothing, sporting goods, fishing equipment and Christmas gifts for the island children.

The aircraft typically fly low near the shore and drop 500-pound boxes, as a crewmember in a Santa costume waves to the crowds that gather below.

The Army's Defense Reutilization and Marketing Services has been participating in Operation Christmas Drop for 12 years, but this is the first year the Fort Benning office has been privileged to help, said Fran Allor, service manager. When DRMS solicited help locating T-10 parachutes, the kind typically used by airborne soldiers, Allor said DRMO staff decided to "push it," for the sake of the children.

The problem, said Gibbs, who retired from the Air Force, was that parachutes are usually relinquished to DRMO with their lines cut when they are deemed no longer operational, a necessary precaution against the accidental reuse of a worn parachute. To be of any use to Operation Christmas Drop, the parachutes' lines had to be intact.

Gibbs contacted Fort Benning's 1st Battalion (Airborne), 507th Infantry Regiment Rigger Shop and arranged with Chief Warrant Officer Allen Douglas to donate modified parachutes. Douglas provided 80 parachutes in August, enough to keep Operation Christmas Drop aloft this year, then continued to collect enough to assist in the coming years.

Sounds simple enough, but the months-long process of procuring and shipping the parachutes was a logistical challenge, involving mountains of paperwork and research, a fact Gibbs dismissed as inconsequential.

"That's our business, to find places that can reuse materials. We're here to help," he said.

Pastor tells engineers to get ready for war, to listen to spirit of God

'Praying times' draw soldiers to breakfast

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Bishop Ann Hardman speaks at the breakfast.

A "soldier of the lord" visited Fort Benning Dec. 12 on a mission she said came directly from her commander in chief.

"God sent me here today to tell you that he has not left you and he will not leave you. He has a place of protection for you even in the midst of battle," said Bishop Ann Hardman in a predawn message to soldiers from the 36th Engineer Group.

Hardman was the guest speaker at a prayer breakfast sponsored by the Group's Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program. The North Carolina native, who pastors two churches, one in her home state and Faith Tabernacle Full Gospel Outreach in Phenix City, titled her message *Activating the Soldier Within.*

"You're getting ready to go to war," Hardman told the standing-room only crowd. "You've got to be ready to fight. You've got to be activated.

"You've got to listen to your commander if you want to fight to your full potential. So, too, you must listen to the spirit of God, who has your best interest at heart, and he will give you peace in the midst of the fight."

More than 60 soldiers attended the breakfast, the first of its kind for the group, said Chaplain (Maj.) Tim Bedsole.

"It's a grass-roots idea. That's what I like about it. It was the soldiers' idea, and they planned it, they wanted it," said Bedsole, explaining the unexpected turnout.

Kenny Williams, a former career soldier, offered another explanation.

"These are praying times," said Williams, a local resident who attended the event to hear his pastor speak.

"When I was in the Army, I was active in the BOSS program, and I know how important these kind of things can be to single soldiers," he said. "There's so much going on in the world right now. People are looking for answers. They're ready to pray."

Indeed, Hardman told her audience they "might not care while you're here preparing for war, but when you step over there, you're going to want to know there's a supreme being."

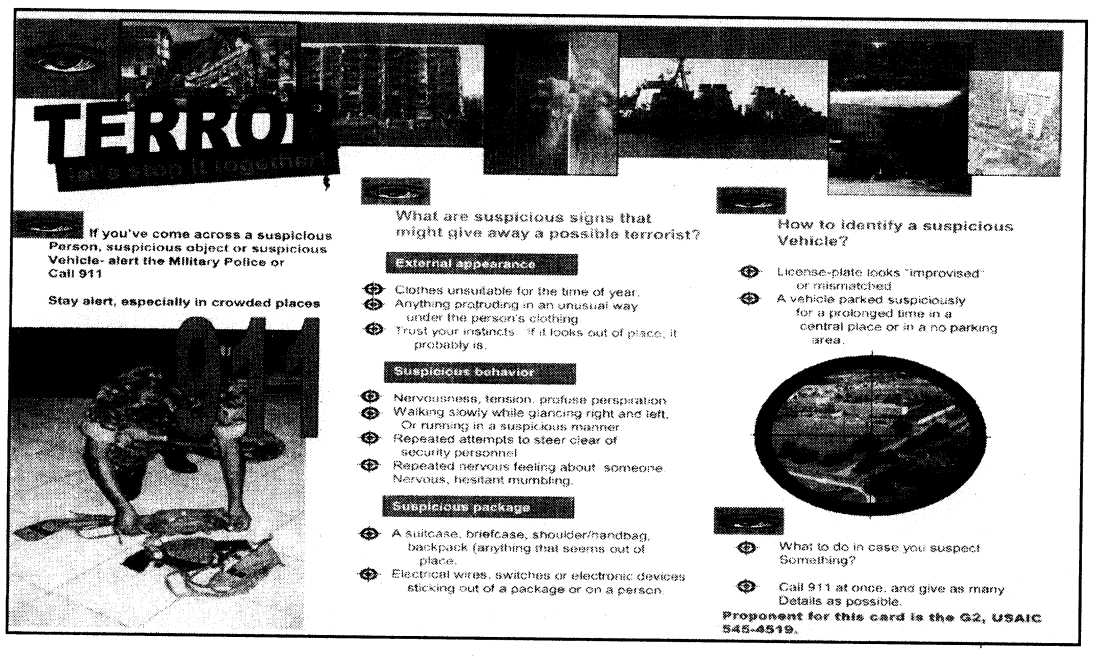
The good news, she said, is "God's already been where you're going. He's made provision for your safety."

But soldiers must be sensitive to God's spirit if they want to maintain a "right relationship" with God, Hardman said.

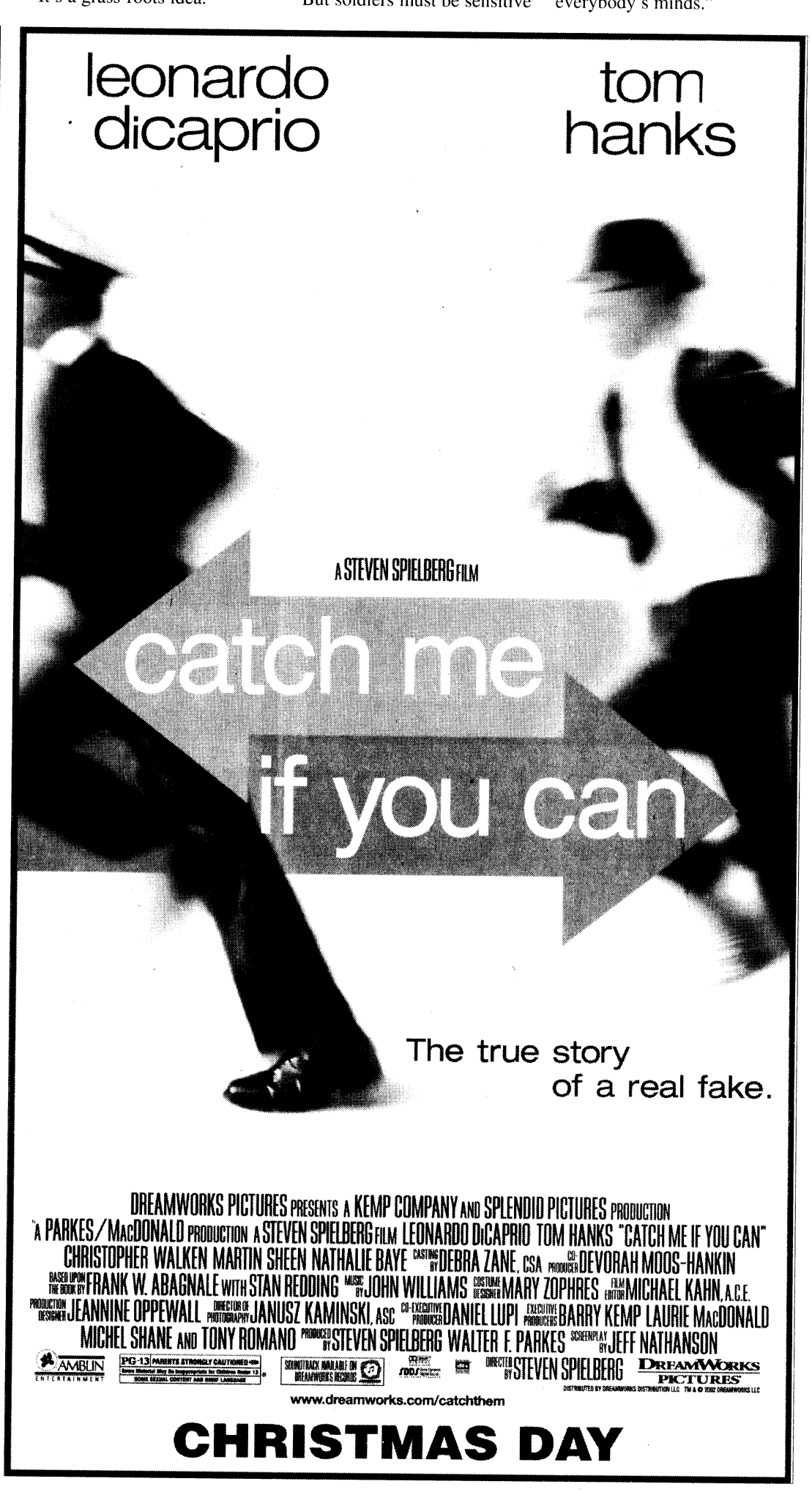
"You know when you get a preapproved credit card in the mail? It says 'Call to activate,'" she said to a chorus of 'hooahs.' "That's the way it is with God. You've got to call on him. You've got to talk to him and listen. Call on God and get activated, and he says he'll never forsake you. He says he'll fight the battle for you."

Master Sgt. Janice Goldsmith, president of the group's BOSS program, said the prayer breakfast was "the talk of the barracks all weekend."

"I think her message hit the spot. It couldn't have come at a better time. I had soldiers coming up to me and saying, 'Master sergeant, it seemed like she was talking directly to me,'" Goldsmith said. "I think they needed to hear that, and they were ready to hear it, because leaving's on everybody's minds."







Reporters: Visit Fort Benning to investigate survivability on battlefield

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I don't think anyone who hasn't had exposure to the military can ever really appreciate," said Rosiland Jordan, an NBC correspondent in Washington, D.C.

"Am I really going to be prepared in a week's time? No, I don't think I'll ever be up to a soldier's standard, but I feel as if I'm getting more of a handle on what I need to know."

Jordan said she believes the training is a direct result of lessons learned during the Gulf War, when the relationship between the military and the media was often strained.

"What we do is very important," she said. "This is a volunteer Army. People need to understand what it is we're asking our (soldiers) to do. If I can report it as I see it, it can have a positive affect on policy. Ultimately I just want to tell the story, and I feel a little better prepared to do it."



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Journalists disembark a helicopter during training designed to keep them safe.

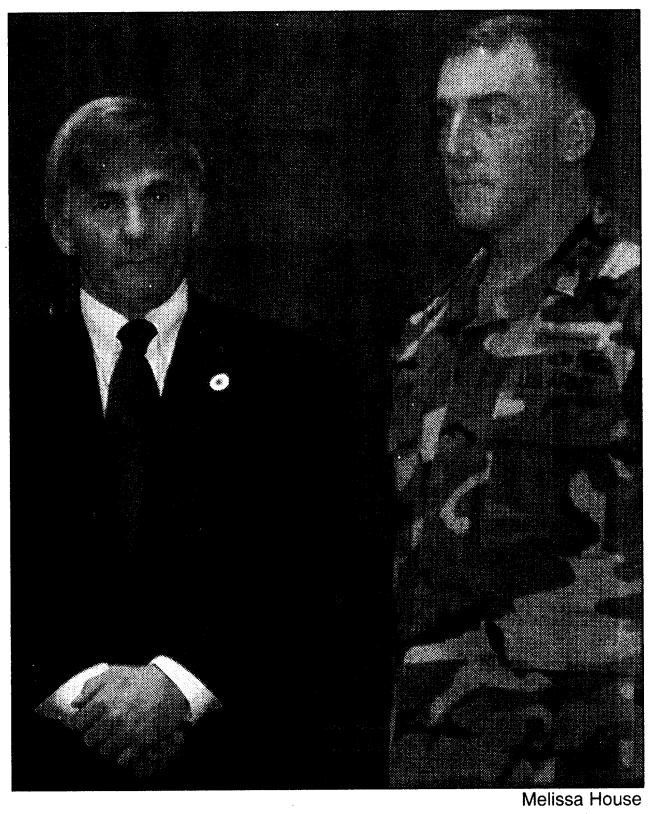
Many of the participants, though easily recognized television personalities, weren't willing to be interviewed or filmed. Being filmed on a military installation could ultimately jeopardize their safety, they said.

"I guess the theory is, yeah, I'm high profile and I don't want to be associated with military operations," said an ABC reporter. "That's a little bit of an exotic notion, I think, but whatever ... I just do my job, do what I'm told, and I suppose you can't be too cautious."

More than 400 journalists have volunteered to participate in the training, which will likely include four phases from all branches of the military.

Marine Corps Base Quantico conducted training three weeks ago, and the Air Force will follow in January.

Thanks!



Melissa House

Maj. Gen. Paul Eaton and key leaders from Fort Benning presented Columbus Mayor Bobby Peters with the Honorable Order of St. Maurice Tuesday at the city council meeting.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND POST

Burning times

Prescribed burning of woodland areas will take place until Sunday in the following areas: A-5, A-7, A-17, T-5, U-4, BB-1, BB-4, EE-1, EE-2, Main Post Cantonment, Harmony Church Cantonment, and the Sand Hill Cantonment areas.

For more information, call 544-6120.

ID Card section closure

The Main Post ID Card Section will close at 1:30 p.m. Jan. 6, 11:30 a.m. Jan. 8.

Normal hours will resume at 8:30 a.m. on the days following.

For more information, call 545-1411.

FAST Class

The next Functional Academic Skills Training classes will be from Jan. 6-28 at Building 9004 on Kelley Hill. There will be a morning (8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.) and afternoon class (1 to 4:45 p.m.) A three-hour pretest is mandatory and can be taken at 1 p.m. on a walk-in basis. Testing is available at 8:30 with an appointment.

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CID

The U.S. Army Criminal Investigation Command is offering a $800 reward for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) responsible for the larceny of U.S. Government property from a training site at grid coordinates XG11897 53935 Sept. 23.

A rucksack containing one AN/PVS-14 Monocular Night Vision Device, one AN/PSN-11 Satellite Navigation Device and one combat medical packet was left unsecured and unattended.

The assistance of the local community is being requested in an effort to identify and apprehend the perpetrator(s).

Want to help? Call the CID duty agent at 545-8916 or the Military Police at 545-5222. Your identity will be kept in the strictest confidence.

eArmyU brief

The eArmyU will temporarily stop new enrollments until Jan. 1 in order to upgrade the eArmyU portal and prepare for expansion to other installations.

This does not affect students already enrolled.

Soldiers who are enrolled can continue classes without interruption.

Briefings have resumed for the January start up. For more information, call 545-5725 or 545-1774.

Long-term care open season

Long-term care is ongoing care for people who need lengthy or even lifelong assistance with daily living due to an illness, injury or severe cognitive impairment.

The U.S. Office of Personnel Management has launched the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program, under which approximately 20 million federal employees and members of the uniformed services, as well as retirees of both groups and certain family members, can apply for coverage.

This program features group premiums, coverage for informal health care, access to care coordination services for qualified relatives of enrollees, and international benefits, among other benefits.

Open Season for the Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program started July 1 and continues through Dec. 31.

For more information, call (800) LTC-FEDS.

AUSA meeting

The Association of the U.S. Army general membership meeting begins at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 21 in the Regimental Room of the Officers' Club.

The guest speaker is scheduled to be Maj. Gen. Buster Hagenbeck.

The presentation will be about the 10th Mountain Division's operations in Afghanistan.

Seats will be limited to about 250 seats and the cost for military and government workers will be $5. The price for others will be $10.

For more information, call 323-2560.

VEAP Conversion

To the greatest extent possible, soldiers who converted from VEAP to MGIB last year need to individually check and ensure they have paid the full $2,700 within the statutorily required deadline.

Soldiers have no education benefits to utilize until the required $2,700 is paid in full.

For more information, call 545-7969.

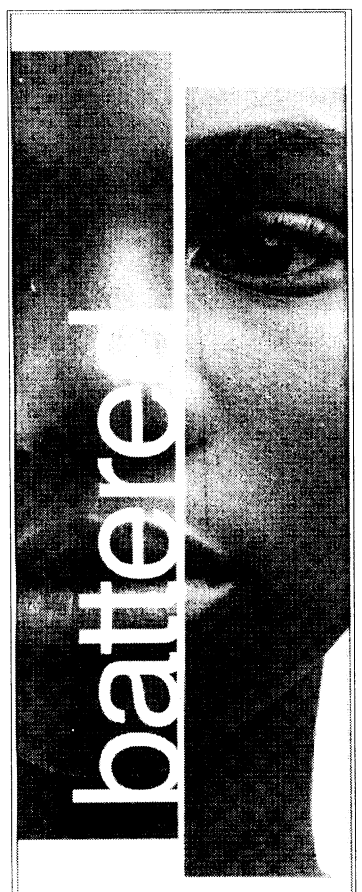
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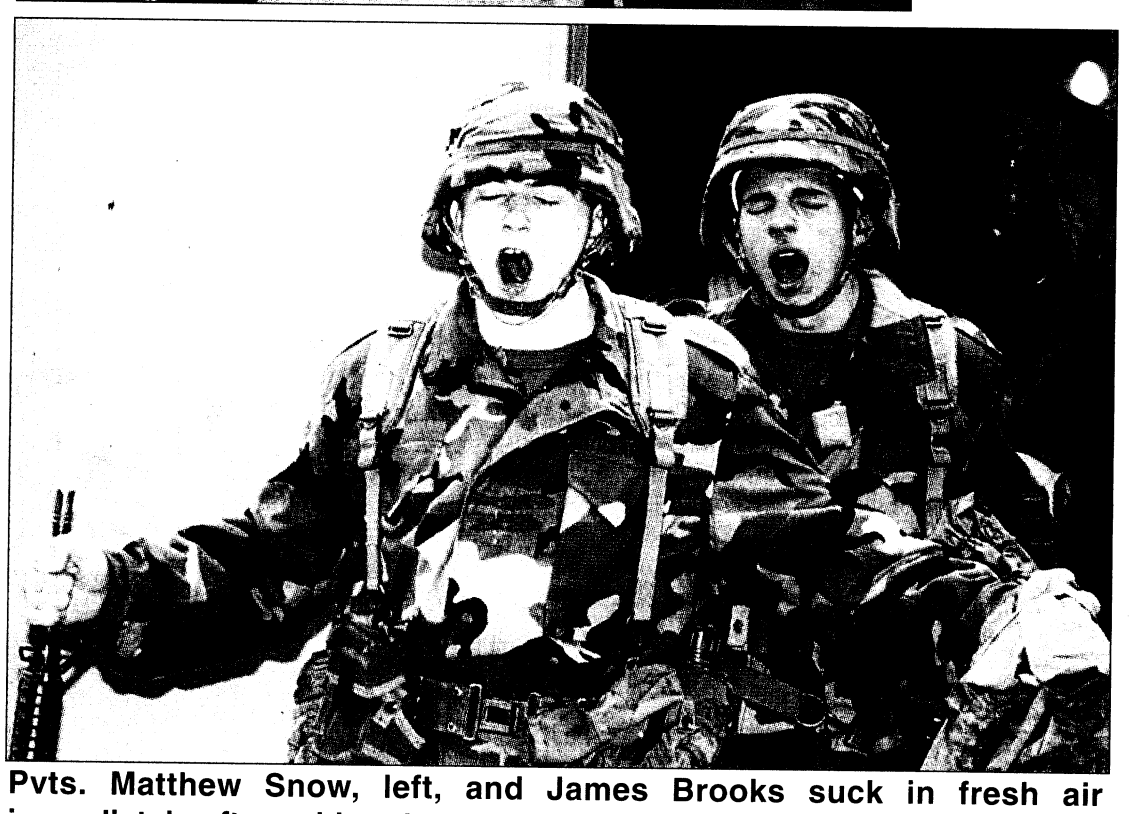
Pvt. Matthew Bradstock tries to recover after coming out of the chamber.

"It felt like I was being strangled by a 400-pound gorilla."

Pvt. Edgardo Delgado
1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment



Staff Sgt. Melvin Whatley instructs Pvt. Adam Shifrin on what to do after he came out of the gas chamber Dec. 10.



Pvts. Matthew Snow, left, and James Brooks suck in fresh air immediately after exiting the gas chamber at Britton Range.

BCTB soldiers experience gas chamber

Sand Hill men learn threat of new war

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor



Staff Sgt. Terry Pittman, drill sergeant with 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, checks the seal of one his soldiers.

Pvt. Edgardo Delgado found out why soldiers usually don't forget the first time they're in the gas chamber Dec. 10 at Britton Range.

"It felt like I was being strangled by a 400-pound gorilla," said the 22-year-old Buffalo, N.Y., native.

The unpleasant experience was a timely reminder of the possibility of what could happen in Iraq or any other hot spot, said Staff Sgt. Chay Blount, drill sergeant with D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment.

"The (nuclear, biological and chemical) threat is always there, and this better prepares them for all combat environments, including the possibility of terrorist attacks," Blount said.

The chamber was a segment of NBC training that prepared soldiers for war. Some of the other classes taught them the proper reaction to nuclear blasts, the various effects of NBC exposure, how to use M-8 and M-9 paper, and how to decontaminate themselves and their equipment.

The chamber was the obvious training highlight, Blount said. It had been all talk for the soldiers who were only in their second week of training.

"They've been hearing rumors about the chamber, and now they're going through it to see how it really is," he said. "Sometimes, privates don't know how to use the mask properly, and this is a good test of their skills."

Skilled or not, the soldiers now know some of the symptoms — running nose, watery eyes, coughing and choking, itchy skin and slurred speech — and will be able to react better to a chemical situation, which will pay dividends for their units' missions and battlefield survivabilities, he said.

Some soldiers, like Delgado, found the CS gas more challenging than others.

In fact, it was fun for Pvt. Jon Hicks, a 24-year-old from Scranton, Pa.

"It wasn't bad," Hicks said. "The drill sergeants prepared us. They told me what to expect, and I did exactly what I was told."

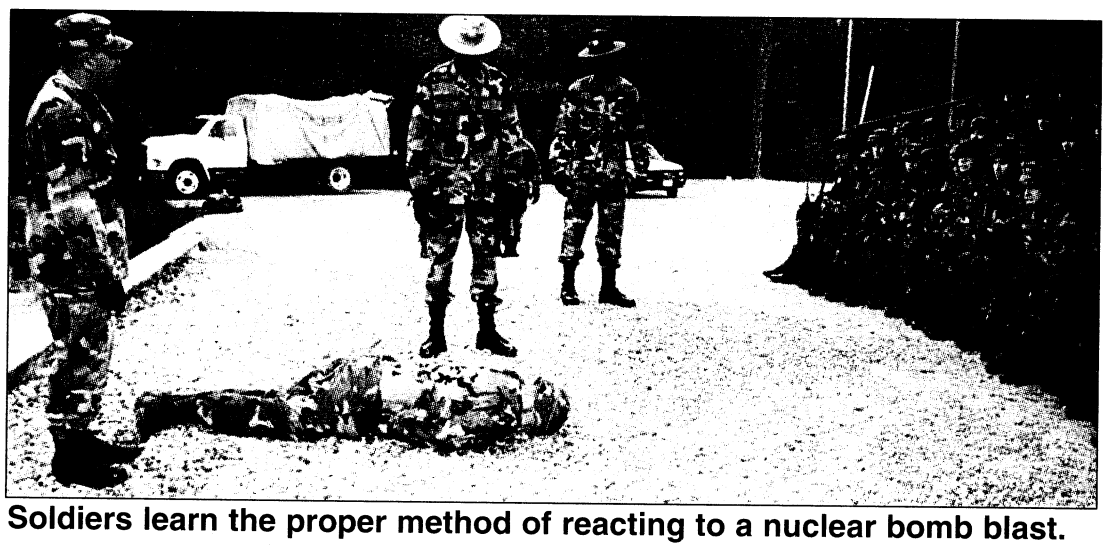
He was glad the company performed the mission prior to the soldiers' holiday Exodus, he said. He'll be able to tell his wife, Stephanie, what it was like.

"She'll be happy to know the training I've received has set me in the right direction to defend myself and my country," the practical nurse said. "The way things look right now, we could call upon this training soon after we graduate (Advanced Individual Training)."

Delgado said he and his fellow soldiers will be ready for war.

"Today's training taught us we can trust our masks during battle," the health-care specialist said.

It also cured what ailed him. He had spent two days in the infirmary with bronchitis and had to beg the drill sergeants to let him get gassed. The intensity of the CS forced all the remaining sickness out of him, Delgado said.



Soldiers learn the proper method of reacting to a nuclear bomb blast.

During Exodus, Delgado said he'd reassure his family the training was working, too.

"But the gas chamber is an experience they probably would not want to try — because of the 400-pound gorilla," he said.

OCS trains with squad stakes

Tasks test candidates' mettle

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The officer candidates of C Company, 3rd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment got a taste of life in the field while conducting squad stakes training Monday.

"This training not only makes us better officers, it makes us better soldiers," said Intermediate Officer Candidate Josh Collins. "These are combat survival techniques that we can use in the field."

The candidates marched in tactical squad formations from their barracks to one of three testing points using grid coordinates and a map of the post.

They were timed during their movements to and from each of the testing points, and the squad with the fastest time received the highest score for the urban orienteering portion of the exercise.

At the first testing point, the candidates performed first aid for open head wounds and bleeding extremities. They also transported casualties using several carry methods and made a medical request transmission.

"They give us a lot of tasks at one time so we will be able to handle multitask situations," said Officer Candidate Christian Marks.

Upon completing the first tasks, the candidates navigated their way across post where cadre tested their knowledge of nuclear, biological and chemical weapons and ways to react when exposed to those elements.



Officer Candidate Erasmo Sandoval pulls on a pair of protective overshoes during NBC testing.

"This is skill-level-one training, and it is applicable to all military occupational specialties," said Capt. Greg Rogers, TAC officer. "All of this training is pertinent to war time, especially when dealing with Afghanistan and Iraq. They have the capabilities to use NBC weapons against us, so the threat is always there."

At the final testing site, the cadre gave the soldiers scenarios where a person was choking or unconscious, and they had to perform CPR on a dummy in order to pass the test.

"Basically we are reinforcing the candidates lifesaving skills," said Sgt 1st Class James Cook, TAC NCO. "The candidates had to prepare and teach the classes on all these topics last week, and now cadre are testing them on those tasks. It will definitely make them more proficient in the areas that we covered today."

As future officers, the candidates are taking more from squad stakes training than the knowledge of common tasks, said Officer Candidate Joseph Mickley.

"This sort of training ensures that we know and perform the same standard that we will hold our soldiers to," he said.



Photos by Pfc. David Foley

Officer Candidate Brad Nelson bandages Officer Candidate Chad Carr's head during the first-aid portion of squad stakes training on main post Monday.

Close counts in hand grenade training

Grenades 'a perk to the job,' soldier says

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

A soldier lies on the ground waiting for a signal to throw his grenade.

When he gets the signal, he uses the twist, pull-pin method, then takes a peek and counts one-one thousand, two one-thousand and throws to his target and takes cover.

Soldiers of C Company, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, practiced the exercise Monday.

"The soldiers did an outstanding job," said Staff Sgt. Marvin Tookes, drill sergeant. "They all did what was required of them to graduate basic training, which is to throw two live grenades."

The drill sergeants stressed the importance of safety while on the grenade range.

"We stressed to them that their lives were in their hands," Tookes said. "One wrong move with the grenade, then we would be picking the soldier up in many different pieces."

Besides throwing the live grenades, the soldiers also went through a grenade assault course where they had the chance to earn another marksmanship badge to wear on their Class "A" and "B" uniforms.

All of the stations of the course require the soldiers to keep a low profile while throwing a dummy grenade at a targeted position, like a truck or an enemy bunker.

The soldiers also had to identify grenades as smoke, signal, concealment, riot control or fragmentation grenades.

If the soldiers completed all seven stations correctly, they earned an expert grenade badge. One miss,earned first class grenade badge, two misses earned the second-class grenade badge.

"The grenade badge is nice to have, but that's not why I joined the Army," said Pfc. Henry Melgarejo. "I joined the Army to defend my country and take out the enemy. Using grenades is one of the perks of the job."

"Everyone in our company committed to joining the Army around the time of the terrorist attacks," Farrell said. "We know what we're getting ourselves into, and we are looking forward to the day we have the opportunity to go overseas and defend our country."



Pfc. Chris Stephens

A drill sergeant checks the form of a soldier at one of the stations on the Grenade Assault Course.



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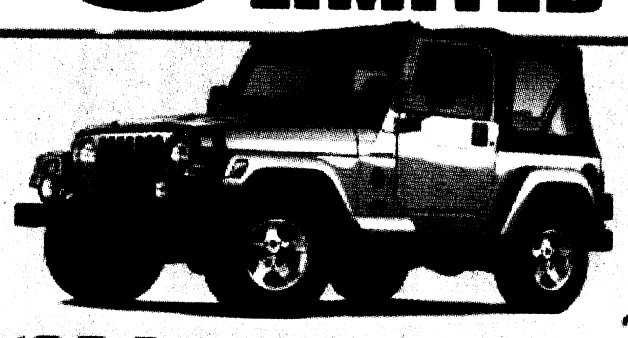
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COMMUNITY

New program kicks off in Jan.

Operation CAT will offer group mentoring

Melissa House
Special to the Bayonet©

January marks the beginning of a new program for teens at Faith Middle School.

Called Operation CAT (Children and Adults Together), the program will provide group mentoring for the 16 seventh-graders on the waiting list for one-on-one mentoring.

Seven Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbus volunteers meet with students once a week at Faith for one-on-one activities. Amber Mull, BBBS case worker and head of the school based programs, said although the program is only in its second year, there is potential for the mentoring to carry over from year to year.

"We're starting small," Mull said, "But we're trying to expand our programs and move into other schools."

The programs are geared toward students in kindergarten through eighth-grade.

Operation CAT is the newest program offered by the Big Brothers Big Sisters of Columbus, and will require six to 10 adult mentors to meet with the seventh-graders twice a month in a group setting. The groups will meet from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays each month, beginning Jan. 16 and continuing through the remainder of the school year.

Studies have shown that group mentoring has positive effects on academic performance and social behavior, Mull said. The groups will receive an "operations order" for a structured group activity, much like a military squad-sized mission. During the session, the adult will lead the students through the activity, which may or may not be academically oriented.

"This type of mentoring really facilitates adult-youth relationships," Mull said.

Fred McCraw, sixth-grade counselor at Faith has only good things to say about the program

"We can see the benefits for the students in the mentoring program," McCraw said. "We have fewer disciplinary referrals, attendance is up, and the mentors are good tutors as well."

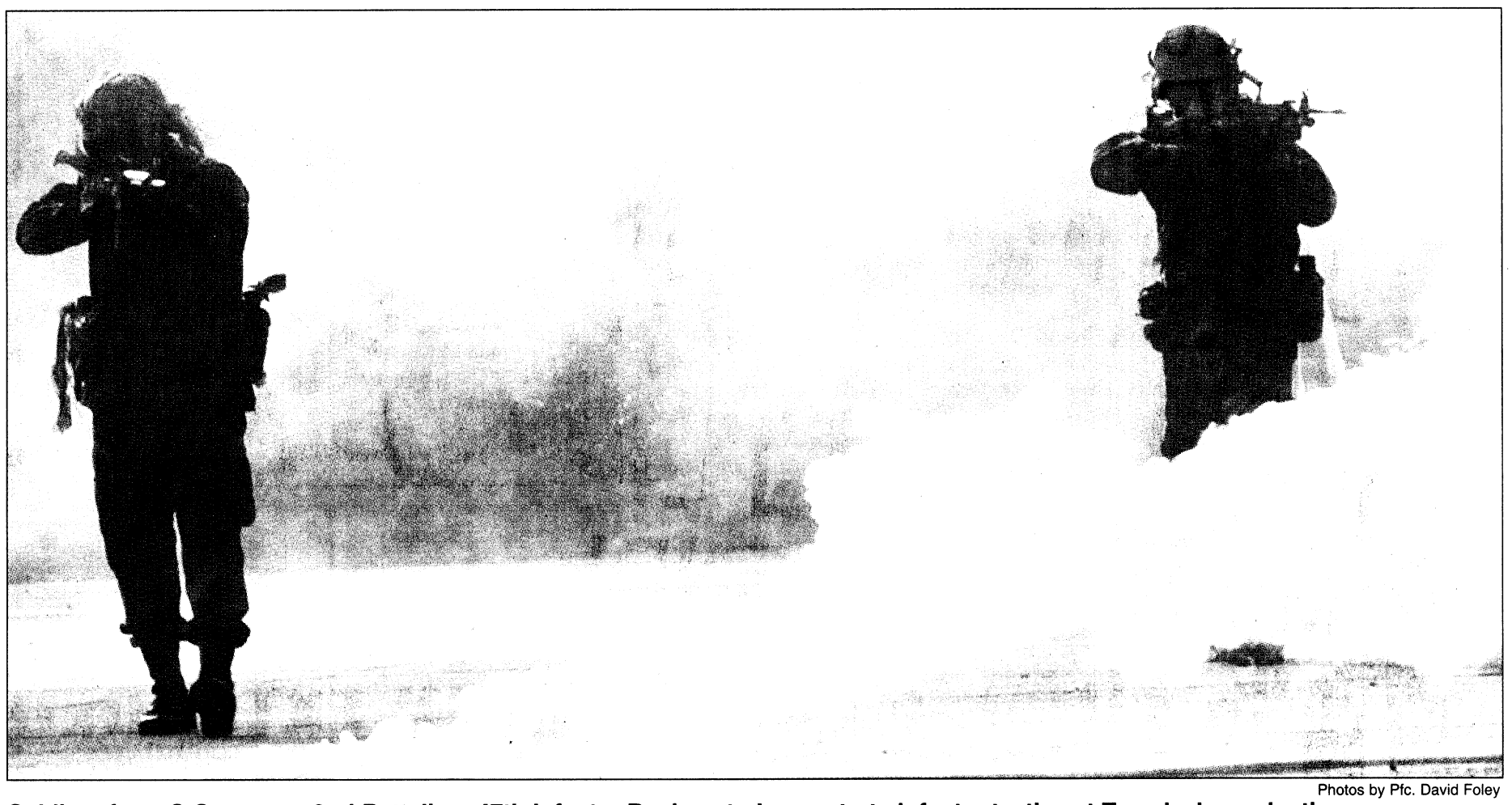
The seven current volunteers in the one-on-one program are a mixture of Fort Benning soldiers and adult family members.

"Unfortunately, we'll have an even greater need for mentors once the troops start deploying," McCraw said. "We'll lose some of our mentors and we'll have more students who need to be mentored after a parent deploys.

"The students primarily want academic help," he said. "But they also just want someone they can talk to and feel comfortable with."

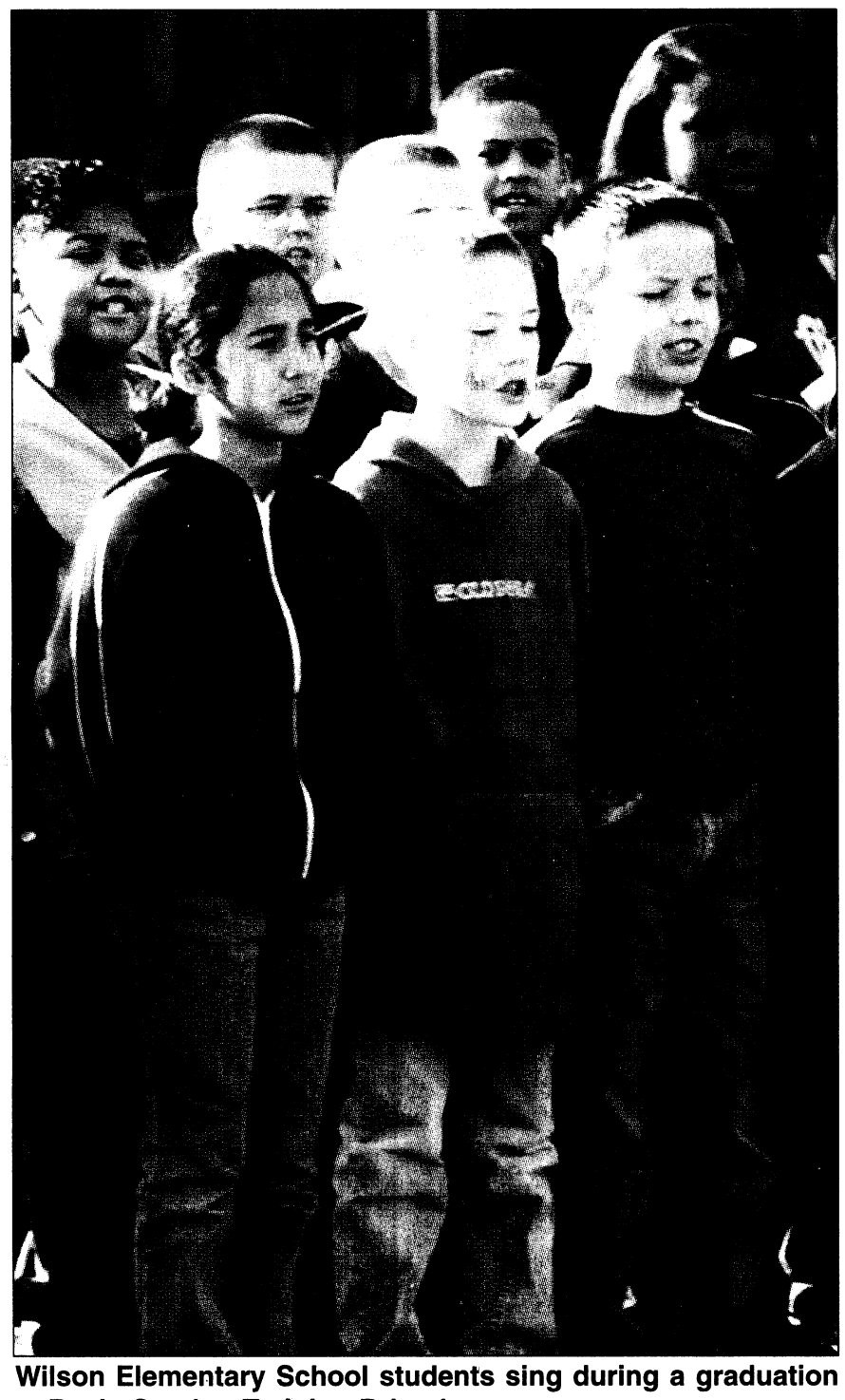
The application process includes a written application, interview and a background check to ensure the quality of volunteers working with the youth.

For more information on becoming a BBBS volunteer, call Mull at 327-3760.



Photos by Pfc. David Foley

Soldiers from C Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, demonstrate infantry tactics at Tuesday's graduation ceremony.



Wilson Elementary School students sing during a graduation at Basic Combat Training Brigade.

Students sing for soldiers

Wilson Elementary visits BCTB, watches graduation

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

The students of Wilson Elementary School and the soldiers of C Company, 2nd Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, offered each other a helping hand Tuesday.

The fourth- and fifth-grade students volunteered to sing during the soldiers graduation ceremony to show their appreciation for the soldiers who volunteered their time to the Partners in Education program.

"The program is an excellent opportunity for the school and the Basic Combat Training Brigade to work together," said Margaret Koger, teacher of gifted education at Wilson Elementary.

In exchange for their gift of song, the students took a tour of D Company, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment's "starship" barracks.

The graduation ceremony, started off with simulated gunfire, grenades and mortar shells.

As the simulators rattled the children's eardrums a Bradley fighting vehicle clawed its way over a mound of dirt and cut its way through a wall of multicolored smoke.

The children seemed to enjoy the display.

"It was great when the Bradley came up over the hill and all the explosions were going off," said fifth-grader Ryan Orr, a student at Wilson Elementary.

"The program works very well because it gives the students an adult role model and teaches them the importance of helping out the community," Koger said.

The students and the soldiers take turns visiting each other monthly.

When the soldiers visit the schools, they read them a book or tutor them on their classwork.

When the students visit the soldiers, they usually take bags of goodies, such as homemade cookies or candy.

"The soldiers seem to enjoy the treats, and the students love being able to visit the soldiers and see them training," Koger said.

"All of these children have at least one family member in the military, but a lot of them don't know what their parents really do for a living, so this gives them the opportunity to see it firsthand."

"When we were asked to support Wilson Elementary in the program, we readily agreed," said Command Sgt. Maj. Karl Morgan, command sergeant major of 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment. "This is a good program because these are military kids, and a lot of their families are deployed right now, so it's good that we can provide a positive influence while they are away."

HOLIDAYS AND CHILDREN

Tips help families enjoy season

University of Georgia Cooperative Extension Service

Commercials ... layaway ... traffic in the toy store aisles. How can a parent face up to the buying frenzy to decide which toys are best and safe for their children?

A good starting place is to consider toys as tools for learning. Toys provide opportunities for play, and play is children's work. Play provides the basis for developing the child physically, socially, emotionally and intellectually. So choose toys for how they help a child grow.

A balance of toys is recommended in these categories:

Toys for active play include bicycles, tricycles, jump ropes and balls which help develop strong muscles, self-confidence and precision skills.

Toys for manipulation, such as puzzles, counting cubes and blocks are good for sorting, ordering, matching, grouping, counting and developing eye and hand coordination and small muscles. They also help children learn concepts of height, weight, shape and color.

Toys for construction include blocks, building sets and woodworking tools. They help children learn size, measurement, coordination and motor skills.

Toys for dramatic play, such as dolls, stuffed animals, dress-up clothes, play houses, trucks and kitchen utensils let children try out new behavior based on their imagination and real-life experiences. They learn how to improve relationships with others and expand social skills such as sharing, taking turns, coping with frustration and releasing emotions.

Toys for senses and experimentation help children explore the environment, sharpen their senses and understand math and science. They include items such as musical instruments, flashlights, binoculars, gardening tools and natural materials, like clay and sand.

Toys for art, such as paints, paper, crayons, poster, clay, chalkboards, goop and glarp-type materials foster creativity and build skills that lead to reading, writing and seeing reality in life.

Traditions help make holidays memorable

University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Services

Traditions are important in just about everybody's holiday celebrations.

They don't have to be anything fancy or complex — just something you do year after year to make your holidays special.

Traditions serve many purposes. They help us understand the passing of time.

Little children remember November comes before December because we celebrate Thanksgiving before Christmas.

Participating in tradition gives children a sense of importance because they want to belong — just like everyone else.

But, some parents fail to see this. They show their love by planning the "perfect holiday" for their children.

The children enjoy the holiday more when they have a part in the preparations.

When children wrap presents, bake cookies, decorate the tree and do chores around the house they understand the holiday better and feel good about themselves because they helped.

Traditions should be meaningful to everyone. There are no rules on how to establish traditions. Just try something.

If everyone likes it, try it again next year. Before you know it, you've started a tradition that adds to the holiday spirit of your family.

For more information on families, call the Georgia Extension Service in Columbus at 653-4200.

Soldiers learn investment tips

Class helps soldiers plan for retirement

Pfc. David Foley
Bayonet staff

This is the last of a five-part series that explores what soldiers learn at the financial readiness course.

Throughout the finance course, soldiers and government employees learned ways to find money to invest, different types of investment vehicles and the importance of shopping around and building a diverse portfolio.

The final class in the series focused on ways to put a plan into motion while reducing the risks of investing.

Before committing to any investment, there are certain questions investors need to ask.

"The first step in the investment process should be identifying a specific goal," said Ann Pratcher, manager of the Financial Readiness Program. "Once you have set your goals and built a financial base, you need to research the investment vehicles that will take you to that goal."

Choosing an investment vehicle can be a complicated task. There are stocks, bonds, funds, CDs and several other vehicles from which to choose, all of which have unique levels of risk and return.

Usually the level of risk will mirror the return potential, meaning low risk, low return and vice versa. This is why it is important to shop around for the highest possible return with the lowest level of risk.

There are many ways to research investments, such as magazines, newspapers, Web sites, books and other investors. When conducting research, it is important to be sure that the information is complete, accurate, objective and unbiased, Pratcher said.

"Sometimes an advertisement will be made to look like a news article, but they don't always have your best interest in mind,"she said.

One way to lower the risk of investing is to start or join an investment club.

Investment clubs let investors pool their money, making it easier to get into more expensive investment plans. They also provide everyone the opportunity to learn from the others in the club because all investments are based on a group decision. One of the negative aspects of investment clubs is that each person must accept the decision of the group even if they disagree.

"If clubs aren't the thing for you and you want more control of your investment, the internet may be right for you," Pratcher said. "The internet provides quick and easy access to all sorts of investment vehicles, but it can also be dangerous.

"I've seen a lot of soldiers lose a lot of money by trading stocks on the internet," she said. "Unless you really know what you are doing, you should seek professional assistance before investing over the internet."

Hiring a financial team is one way to lower the risk of investing.

"A financial team will be able to check out the strategies that you have chosen and determine the risk factors," Pratcher said. "They will also help you get started and assist you with any major-life changes that may occur."

As with anything else in the investment world, it is important to research a few investment teams before choosing one, Pratcher said.

"Financial planners do not need any credentials in order to start a business," Pratcher said. "Therefore, it is imperative that you examine their history before putting your faith in one. You should contact the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission to see if they are registered. If they are registered, get a list of their credentials and look into their history.

"Once you decide on an investment vehicle and the best way to get started, the only thing left to do is take action," Pratcher said. "The sooner you begin to invest the more potential you have for making money."

All the students who attended the class seemed to benefit from the experience.

"The class was wonderful," said Karen Jenkins. "It was packed with information, well organized, and it was presented by objective instructors.

"The class offered quality information without a sales pitch. I now have the ability to look at an investment vehicle and understand how that vehicle will help me reach a certain financial goal."

For more information about the financial readiness course, call Ann Pratcher at 545-5485.





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COMMUNITY NEWS

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Leaf pickup and sweeping — The following is a schedule for leaf collection and sweeping of street in family housing areas:

Monday: Iron Triangle, Baltzell and Rainbow Avenues;

Tuesday: McDaniel Manor;

Wednesday: Austin and Miller Loops, Eames and Bentley Avenues and General Officers' Quarters;

Thursday: Davis Hill, Bouton Heights, McGraw Manor, Custer and Upatoi Terraces, Norton and Ragin Courts and Indianhead Terrace;

Friday: Perkins Place and Lumpkin Road.

Leaves should not be swept into streets. They should be swept into piles and left approximately one foot in back of the curb or edge of the street for pick up.

Limbs, twigs, branches and any other material that will clog vacuum hoses should not be placed in the leaf pile.

For more information, call Trent Lingafelter, Roads Industrial Equipment Section, at 545-3725.

Holiday garbage pick-up schedule — There will be no garbage or recycle pick-ups in Family Housing Christmas Day. Areas scheduled for pick up on Wednesday will be picked up Monday. Garbage and recycle collection will occur as scheduled Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Dec. 27.

There will be no garbage pick-up New Years Day. Areas scheduled for pick up on Jan. 1 will be picked up Dec. 30. Garbage and recycle collection will occur as scheduled Dec. 30, Dec. 31, Jan. 2 and Jan. 3.

For more information, call 545-4232.

Christmas Tree pick up — There will be two Christmas tree pick-ups — Jan. 6 and Jan. 13.

Trees should be placed at curbside no later than 7 a.m. the pick-up day.

Trees can also be disposed of during regular yard waste pick-up.

Christmas wrap and box disposal — Christmas wrapping paper and ribbons should be placed in a plastic bag at curbside on your normally scheduled trash day. Do not place these items in your recycling bin. Flatten boxes, stack cardboard and place plastic bags curbside by 7 a.m. the day of pick-up.

Tot Town open New Year's Eve — Let your child have a New Year's Eve celebration at Tot Town CDC from 6:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dec. 31.

Cost is $18 and prepaid reservations must be made by close of business Dec. 26.

For more information, call 545-9269.

Twilight Story Hour at Sayers Memorial Library — In conjunction with Fort Benning Reads, Sayers Memorial Library will have Twilight Story Time every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 2.

Story time is open to all children ages 3 to 6. Be sure to wear your PJs!

For information, call Ericka Loze at 545-5661 or John Cook at 545-4911

AA meetings — Fort Benning's Alcoholics Anonymous meets 7 p.m. every Monday, Thursday and Saturday in the basement of Building 241.

The goal of the AA meetings is to support people fighting alcohol addiction.

For more information, call 545-4415 or 545-1138.

off post

SafetyCab — For the 20th year, The Bradley Center of St. Francis will offer SafetyCab during the holiday season in an effort to help reduce the number of DUI-related accidents and fatalities. Drinking drivers in Columbus, Phenix City and Fort Benning will receive a free ride home from parties, restaurants and bars during the hours of 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. through Jan. 1.

In the event a designated driver is not available, SafetyCab will provide free transportation home for passengers by calling SafetyCab at 660-6069.

Columbus Reads — Be a volunteer with Columbus Reads Kindergarten Readiness Program Jan. 13 through May 16.

Volunteers need just spend 20 minutes, one day a week with a 4 year old.

For more information, call Deborah Tainsh at 649-1895.

BIRTHS

Boys

Riley Kayn Hardesty — born Nov. 26 to Robin and Spc. Robert Hardesty.

Michah Garrett Johnson — born Nov. 27 to Spcs. Rachel Simmons and Ivery Johnson.

Justin Gordon Westphal — born Nov. 27 to Shari and Capt. Eric Westphal.

Justin Kyle Farrell — born Nov. 27 to Amanda and Spc. Michael Farrell.

Tristin Tremaine Tucker — born Nov. 29 to Charmaine and Staff Sgt. Demetric Tucker.

Nasir Jahid Abdulhayy — born Nov. 29 to Tammie and Spc. Abdul Abdulhayy.

Kevin Thomas Calhoun — born Nov. 30 to Spcs. Frances and Benjamin Calhoun.

Marcus Anthony Patricelli — born Dec. 2 to Vanessa and Pfc. Michael Patricelli.

Darren Hayes Hooks — born Dec. 2 to Rebecca and Pfc. Charles William Hooks.

Ronald Charles Guernsey III — born Dec. 4 to Tracey and Capt. Ronald Guernsey II.

Kendarius D'Zavier Spencer — born Dec. 5 to Kenya and Staff Sgt. Wilson Spencer.

Mieszko Marek Stachowski — born Dec. 5 to Gracja and 2nd Lt. Rafel Stachowski.

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Myron Anthony Tomlinson — born Dec. 6 to Mary and Staff Sgt. Tobie Tomlinson.

Stephen Burtis Warren — born Dec. 7 to Cynthia and Capt. Charles Warren Jr.

Jacob Andrew Macioch — born Dec. 7 to Gillian and Capt. Simon Macioch.

Osvaldo Luis-Antonio Perez — born Dec. 8 to Brandy and 2nd Lt. Osvaldo Perez.

Delcan Matthew Dennis — born Dec. 9 to Joanne and 2nd Lt. Harold Dennis.

Thomas Jeffrey DiMarzio — born Dec. 10 to Amanda and Capt. Jeffrey DiMarzio.

Malachi Adrian Newby — born Dec. 11 to Lunita and Sgt. Terry Newby.

Hunter Jacob Adams — born Dec. 12 to Kimberly and Staff Sgt. Kenneth Adams II.

Girls

Leona Maria Johnson — born Nov. 24 to Jocelyn and 1st Sgt. Lynwood Johnson.

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Jessica Breann Stapleton — born Nov. 28 to Brenda and Staff Sgt. Jessie Stapleton.

Melanie Jasmine Lewis — born Nov. 28 to Nilda and Staff Sgt. Miguel Lewis.

McKenzie Leona Litwin — born Nov. 29 to Simone and Sgt. Timothy Litwin.

Brooke Elizabeth Blaisdell — born Nov. 30 to Lisa and Staff Sgt. Philip Blaisdell.

Gabriella Cecilia Contreras — born Dec. 1 to Roseann and Capt. Andrew Contreras.

Brianna Kiara Williams — born Dec. 2 to Spcs. Kristina and Tyree Williams.

Faith Hope Jackson — born Dec. 3 to Crystal and Sgt. Bruce Jackson.

Trinity Alyssa Curenton — born Dec. 3 to Spcs. Faith and David Curenton.

Melodie Rose Reed — born Dec. 4 to Maria and Pfc. Ronald Reed.

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Aleeca Michelle Hays — born Dec. 9 to Autumn and Pfc. Kenneth Hays.

Story Elizabeth South — born Dec. 10 to Elizabeth and Sgt. 1st Class Timothy South.

Lily Langford Newton — born Dec. 10 to Shannon and Staff Sgt. John Newton.

Shydae Jamiya Leary — born Dec. 11 to Tracie and Spc. James Leary.

Lashanna Michelle Roland — born Dec. 11 to Latashia and Spc. Jason Roland.

Marlyse Janais Martin — born Dec. 12 to Sgt. Cameish and Maurice Martin.

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ASK THE JUDGE

Capt. Claudine M. Andola
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

Q: I am planning to fly home for the Christmas holidays, and I want to update my will before I travel. A friend told me I should also have a "living will," and I was wondering what it is and if it is something I should get.

A: An advanced medical directive is just what it sounds like: it is a set of directions you give to medical professionals stating what treatment or care you want to receive, or do not want to receive, in advance of actually requiring such care or treatment.

The state of Georgia recognizes two forms of advanced medical directives: living wills and durable healthcare powers of attorney. Although some people mistakenly believe that you must have one or the other, you can have both a Living Will and a Durable Healthcare Power of Attorney. Whether you need one or the other, or both, depends upon your current health, your family's medical history, and your personal preferences.

A living will is a document requesting the withholding or withdrawal of medical treatment in the event that you are unable to make or communicate such decisions.

For a living will to be considered, you must have a terminal condition, be in a coma with no reasonable expectation of regaining consciousness, or be in a persistent vegetative state with no reasonable expectation of regaining significant cognitive function.

The purpose of the living will is to avoid life-sustaining procedures, thereby permitting the individual to die.

Such life-sustaining procedures to be withheld and withdrawn may include, surgery, antibiotics, cardiac and pulmonary resuscitation, and respiratory support.

The living will can also expressly authorize the withholding of artificially provided food, water, and other nourishment, and it can authorize donation of organs for transplants or medical research.

So, if you are diagnosed with a terminal condition, are in a coma or a persistent vegetative state, and have no reasonable expectation of regaining consciousness or cognitive function, a living will may serve your needs. But you could have other needs that a living will is not designed to address.

For example, you might require private nurses or hospice care if you wish to die at home.

There may be some medical treatment available to you from which you are likely to suffer serious side effects.

Who will decide to hire such hospice care or to authorize the application of such medical treatment if you are unable? Your health care proxy.

A durable healthcare power of attorney affords you the opportunity to appoint an agent now, while you are healthy, who will be authorized to make decisions about your health care and medical treatment in the event that you are unable.

In addition to being obligated to follow your desires as set out in your living will, your health care proxy is also authorized to make decisions about your health care treatment, have access to your medical records, and to hire nurses or hospice care to assist you.

The health care proxy has a very powerful position, because he or she takes action regarding your medical treatment with the same authority as you would, if you were able. Any and all costs incurred as a result of such decisions are therefore your responsibility.

Finally, where do you need to have a living will? For, example, if you are stationed at Fort Benning, and your home is in New York, will a Living Will executed in Georgia control if you are injured and hospitalized in New York?

Each state has its own statutes applicable to advanced medical directives. A foreign living will, that is, one executed outside the state in which the patient is hospitalized, only applies to the extent that it fits within the laws of the state in which the patient is hospitalized.

Following our example, if you execute a Georgia living will, and during your travels home to New York you are injured and hospitalized in New York, the New York physicians will make decisions about your healthcare based upon your medical condition and the laws of New York.

If the New York physicians are made aware of your Georgia living will, they can only carry out your wishes to the extent that New York law does not conflict with Georgia law.

So, while it may been best in this example for the patient to have a New York living will, a Georgia living will is certainly better than no living will at all. A cautious person may choose to have more than one living will if he or she spends a considerable amount of time in more than one state.

Raise a pint to the holidays

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Concerts and pageants and shopping and parties and shopping and more shopping — what do they want from me, blood?

Apparently so.

The Fort Benning chapter of The American Red Cross is asking me — and you! — to squeeze one more activity into our jam-packed holiday schedule. To give just one more teensy-weensy, itty-bitty gift — the gift of life.

The Red Cross and Fort Benning's Directorate of Public Safety is sponsoring a blood drive today, from 8:30 a.m. till 1 p.m. at the Provost Marshal's headquarters on the corner of Wold and Edwards. You know it as the MP station.

The holiday season in Georgia is typically a time of critical blood shortage.

It goes without saying that it's also the time of greatest need. Thanks-giving through New Years is the deadliest time to travel America's highways. And let's face it, a lot of our soldiers and families will be traveling those roads. Perhaps you and your family will be among them.

Just for one moment, imagine the worst. What if it's you that needs blood? What if it's one of your loved ones? What if there's not enough to go around?

Today's blood drive can go a long way toward alleviating the problem, and its success hinges on just one person. You.

Imagine, just a little of your time and a little of your blood will make someone's Christmas, someone who might not otherwise live to see New Years.

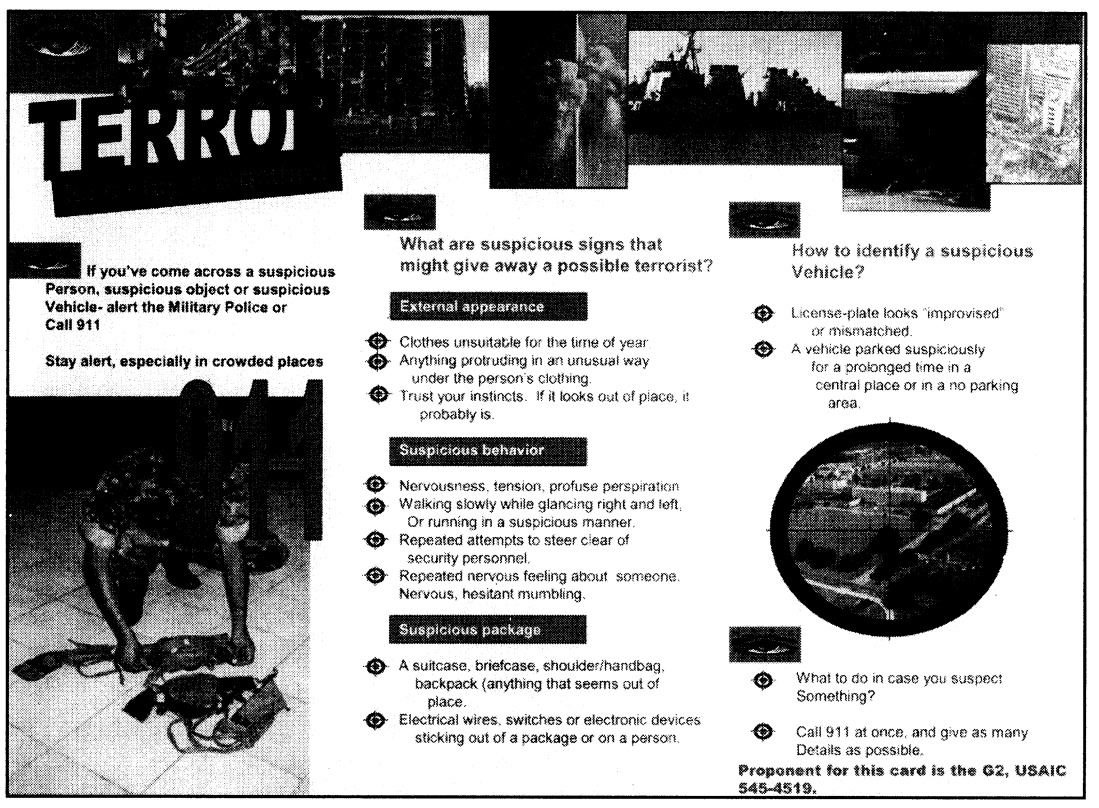
The folks from DPS — the fire department, military police and emergency medical services — are making it a friendly competition to see which department can raise the most blood. Cast your ballot — and your blood — for your favorite heroes.

You'll walk away feeling like a million dollars, and they'll give you a T-shirt to boot. It doesn't get any better than that.

So meet me at the MP station this morning or drop in on your lunch hour and give the gift of life.

It doesn't cost a dime and it won't hurt a bit.

OK, maybe just a little bit.



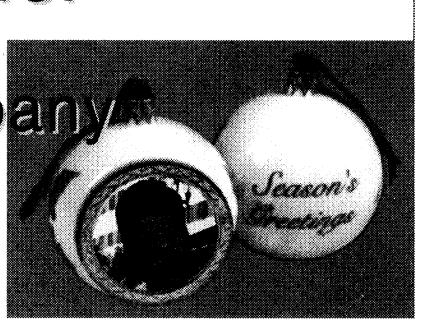
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Loyd Author's Night breathes literacy

Loyd Elementary School



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Staff Sgt. Roy Trevino helps his daughter, Bianca, during Author's Night at Loyd.

Loyd School's faculty and staff deeply believe in literacy. In fact, they eat, sleep and breathe literacy. They believe the spoken and written word contains the magic, grandeur and power of the universe, and they are eager to share their love affair with literacy, not only with their students, but with the military families of their students.

In addition, they believe everyone has a story to tell. When they decided to couple their love of literacy to their love of story, the idea of Authors' Night was born.

The Loyd faculty and staff invited their students and families to Loyd's first Authors' Night to celebrate literacy in an unusual way recently to join together to co-author compositions based on literature.

Before getting down to the serious business of composing, more than 250 people enjoyed a picnic supper the Loyd faculty provided and prepared.

After the meal, students took their families to their classrooms for a short lesson on the writing process. Prewriting in most classrooms involved talking about writing in general and reading a selection from a children's book.

Students and their families then responded by writing their own works, which were published in a variety of ways — some bound into books, others "published" by sharing aloud.

As families wrote together, the sounds of laughter and thoughtful reflection floated through Loyd's hallways. As people wrote, they shared what they had done with others.

In a fifth grade room, a mother wrote poignantly of a place that was important to her and shared her work with an audience spellbound by her words. A father's story was equally moving, as were they all.

Everyone agreed that what began as a celebration of literacy and language will probably become one of Loyd's finest annual traditions.

Turkey Trot



Becky Archilla

As part of their physical education class, Loyd students trotted one mile with children in their grade level, as part of the Turkey Trot. Many parents and teachers attended the event to help the students run the mile.

Loyd conducts food drive

Loyd Elementary School

The Loyd Ambassadors at Loyd Elementary School conducted a food drive from Dec. 4 through Wednesday as a community service project. The food, donated to the Fort Benning Food Locker, will benefit the military families on Fort Benning. The Loyd Ambassadors, selected by their teachers from grades three through five are the leaders at the school.

They perform tasks around the school such as, raising and lowering the flag, setting up for school wide functions, serving refreshments after ceremonies, acting as hosts and hostesses for new students, greeting dignitaries who visit the school, aiding the PE teacher in setting up for classes, and picking up trash around the school as well as on Santa Fe Road.

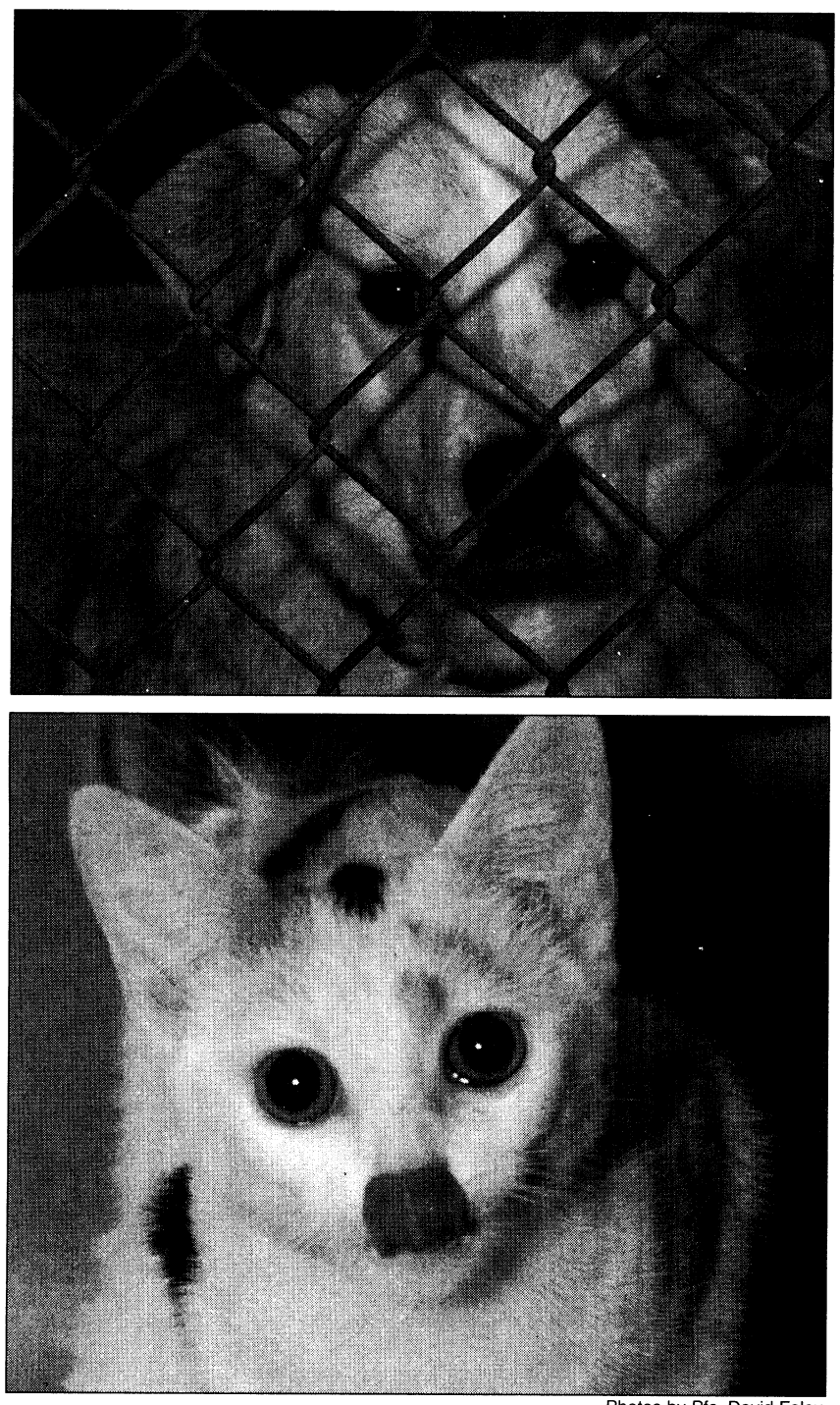
Community service projects are good ways to teach students responsibility and caring for others.



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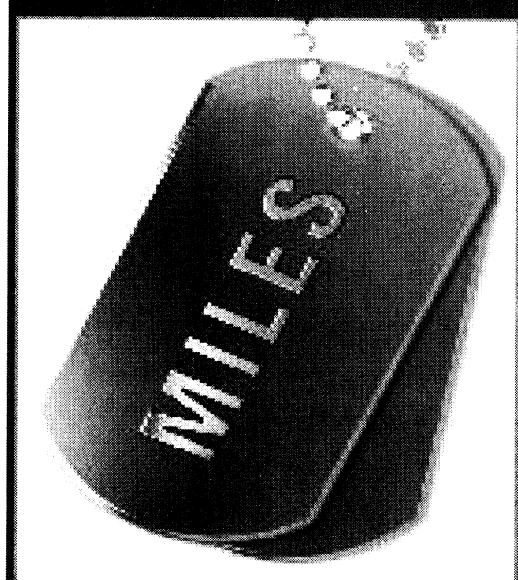
Students show their bags of food they donated to the Food Locker.

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'Kneeling attitude' key to serving Lord

Seeking spiritual milk benefits church, believers

Chaplain (Col.) Richard Hartsell
USAIC Chaplains Office

The Christian community celebrates Advent as the coming of the Savior Jesus Christ.

Though at the original advent, the anticipation was expectant, prayerful and exciting in many ways, the Christ Child was born into a very dangerous world.

Herod had a price on the head of this child Jesus and wanted to kill him.

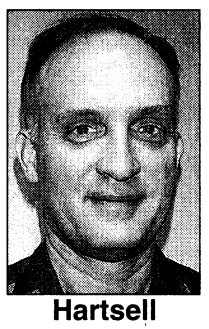
There will always be a tension between good and evil. There will always be those who will want to be "god" rather than submit to Almighty God.

Many will want power, greed and avarice to trump love, humility and sacrifice.

The message of Christ was the antithesis of this. His message essentially was one of humility, meekness and service. That is why he prayed regularly.

The Magi that visited the baby Jesus "bowed down" to worship him (Matt 2:11). They were kneeling before the one that only meek people would see.

REFLECTIONS


Hartsell

In a small cathedral outside Bethlehem is the supposed birthplace of Jesus.

Behind a high altar in the church is a cave, a little cavern lit by lamps.

You can enter the main edifice and admire the ancient church. You an also enter the quiet cave where a star embedded in the floor recognizes the birth of the king.

However, to get in, one must stoop. The door is so low one can't go in standing up.

I believe the same is true of the Christ and our relationship to him. One can't go in standing up. One can see the world standing tall, but to witness the savior, one has to get on one's knees.

In the first gospel sermon ever preached, the apostle Peter directed us to "repent" or to humble ourselves, turn from our sins and be truly sorry for our wrongdoings.

This isn't an easy thing to do. It takes a meek heart, gentle spirit and a "kneeling attitude." The Bible doesn't command us to kneel every time we pray. There are instances, however, when Christ and others knelt to humble themselves before God, the Father (Matthew 7:14; Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60; 9:40; 21:5; Ephesians 3:14.)

Think about it. It is a bit difficult to be arrogant when one is on one's knees!

Whether we pray on our knees or not, the message here is that we honor the coming of Christ by carrying an attitude of "kneeling" each day we serve our Lord.

That service should be characterized by humility, service, sacrifice and repentance.

Christ came to serve, not to be served (Matt 2:28). God's peace be yours this holiday season.

CHAPEL NOTES

Holiday Service Schedule:

Protestant

• Christmas Eve Candlelight Service — 7 p.m. Tuesday at TIC Chapel.

• New Year's Eve Watch Night Service — 7 p.m. Dec. 31 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Catholic

• Family Christmas Mass — 7 p.m. Tuesday at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Bilingual Christmas Mass — 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Holy Day Vigil Mass — 5 p.m. Dec. 31 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

• Bilingual Holy Day Mass — 11 a.m. Jan. 1 at Sightseeing Road Chapel.

Change of Service Time — The Seventh Day Adventist Service will be held each Saturday at 8:30 a.m. beginning Jan. 4.

The service will move to Soldiers Chapel, Building 3420, on Sand Hill.

For information, contact the chapel at 544-9458.

Sunday School — A new class for adults begins at 9 a.m. Jan. 5 at White Elementary School. This eight-week class will focus on the Fruits of the Spirit — living out the working of the spirit of God in our lives in the 21st century. The class will be taught by Chaplain (Capt.) Rick Brunson.

For more information, call 545-4715.

Catholic Women — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet twice each month.

They gather from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the first Friday of the month at the Martin Army Community Hospital Chapel. Mass is celebrated along with a special program. They also meet the third Monday of the month at the Infantry Center Chapel Annex from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information, call Pete Hardman at 687-0925 or 544-1382.

Protestant Women of the Chapel — The PWOC meets weekly at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays in Custer Terrace Chapel on Craig Drive. The program includes worship. Child care is provided.

For more information, call Krista Moore at 323-0128.

Sunday School — Protestant religious education classes for children and adults meets at 9 a.m. Sundays at White Elementary School. Transportation from the housing areas is available and watch care is provided.

For more information, call 545-4715.

Catholic Religious Education Programs — Religious education classes for preK (age 3) through eighth grade, RCIC and adult faith formation are held from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Sundays at White School. High school Bible study, followed by youth ministry meets on at 6 p.m. Sundays at Sightseeing Road Chapel. RCIA will meet on Wednesday evenings at Sightseeing Road Chapel at 7 p.m.

For more information, call Cathie Wampler at 545-5508.

People can avoid 'holiday blues'

Chaplain (Maj.) Raymond Koop
Family Life Ministries Center

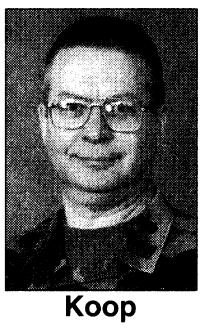
For many Americans, the holiday season is a difficult time with mixed feelings of festivity and frenzy.

Steve Arterburn gives 10 helpful ways to beat the holiday blues:

1. Connect with people. Don't isolate yourself or wait to be invited. Make plans to be with others this season.

2. Set realistic goals. Organize your time, make lists and set priorities. Don't dwell on the things that don't matter.

3. Make a budget and keep it. Going into debt will drive away any joy the season may bring. Be creative. Give of your time and abilities.


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4. Reconnect with old friends. Write a letter. Make a phone call. If you can, visit.

5. Stay spiritually connected. God's love, light and message are the reasons for the season. "Don't be afraid," (Luke 2:10).

6. Get plenty of rest. Too much eating, drinking and partying will foil a good night's rest. Arterburn said, "The more worn out you get, the more susceptible you are to depression and discouragement."

7. Get out of your rut. Don't be enslaved to past traditions. Try new things.

8. Don't overindulge. Excess leads to guilt and remorse. Use moderation.

9. Focus on your blessings. Don't wallow in self pity or dwell on the negatives.

10. Invest in others. Help someone this season. Volunteer. Your burden will become lighter when you invest in those around you.

Are you feeling down or blue? Free counseling is available. Call the Chaplain Family Life Ministries Center at 545-1760 or e-mail raymond.koop@benning.army.mil.

"Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."
Hebrews 4:16

Fort Benning Religious Services

PROTESTANT

Sunday Worship Services

8 a.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital
8:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
9 a.m.	11th Regiment, Airborne Chapel, Building 2766, Traditional
9 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
9:45 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
10:30 a.m.	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101
10:30 a.m.	The Soldiers' Chapel
11 a.m.	Kelley Hill Chapel
11 a.m.	Custer Terrace Chapel
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
11 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820

Wednesday Worship Services

Noon	Martin Army Community Hospital, Building 9200

CATHOLIC

Weekday Mass

Noon	Sightseeing Road Chapel,
Monday- Thursday	Building 2820

Saturday Mass

4:30 p.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
6:30 p.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
8 p.m.	30th A.G.

Sunday Mass

9 a.m.	Sightseeing Road Chapel, Building 2820
11 a.m.	Regimental Chapel, Sand Hill
5 p.m.	Martin Army Community Hospital

Sunday Spanish Mass

Noon	The Infantry Center Chapel, Main Post, Building 101

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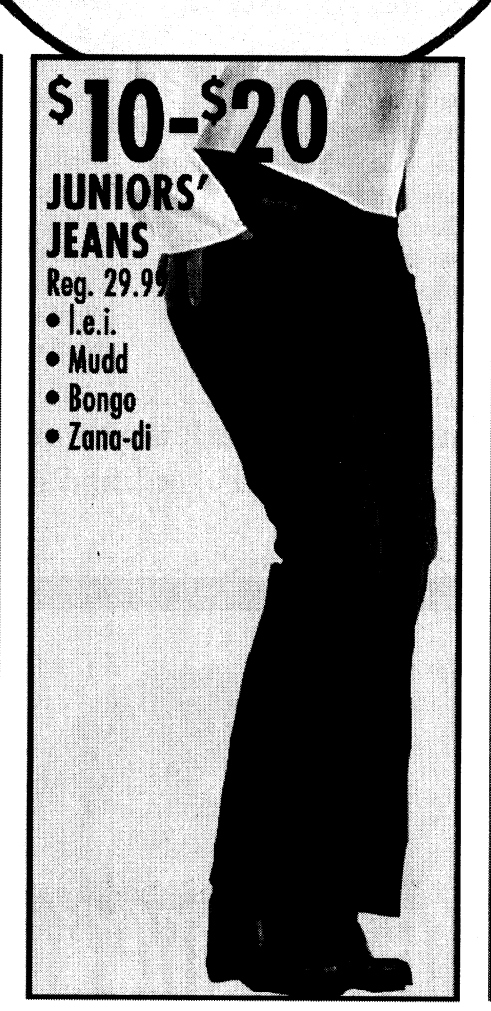
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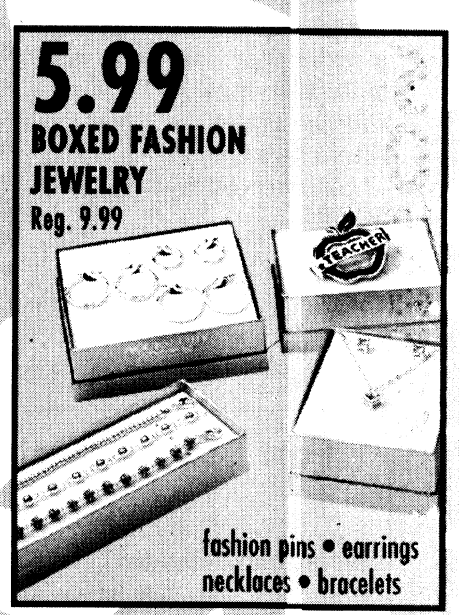
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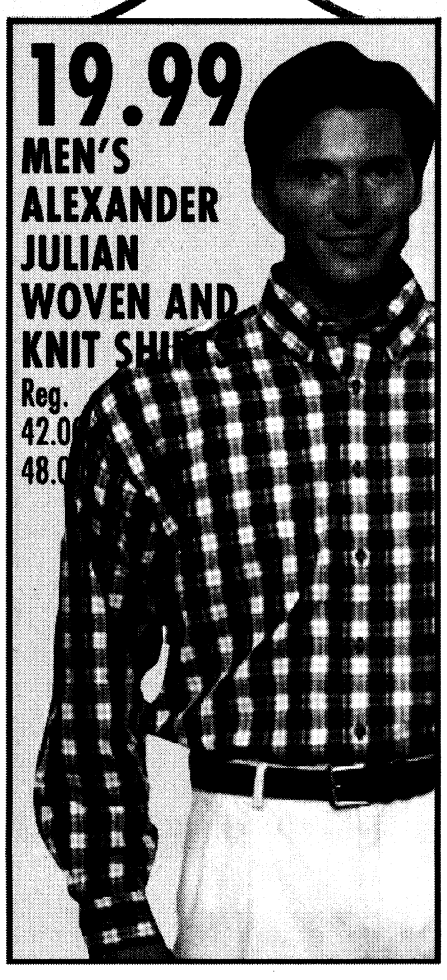
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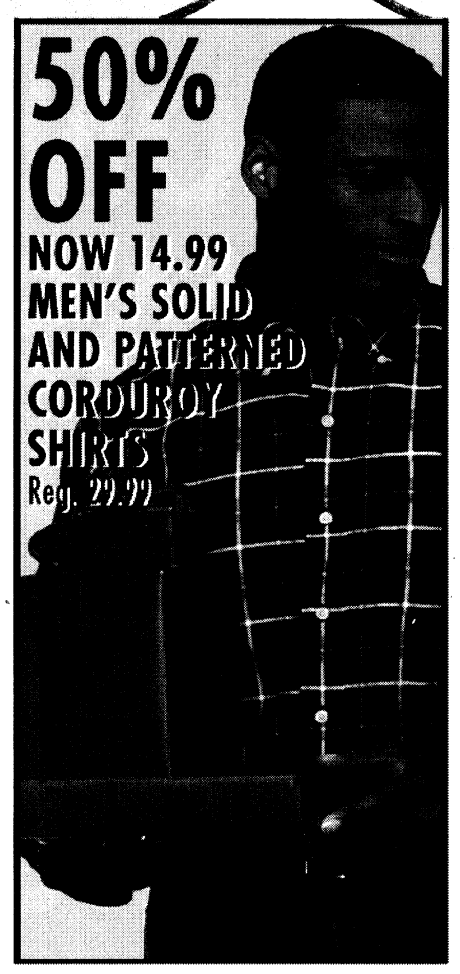
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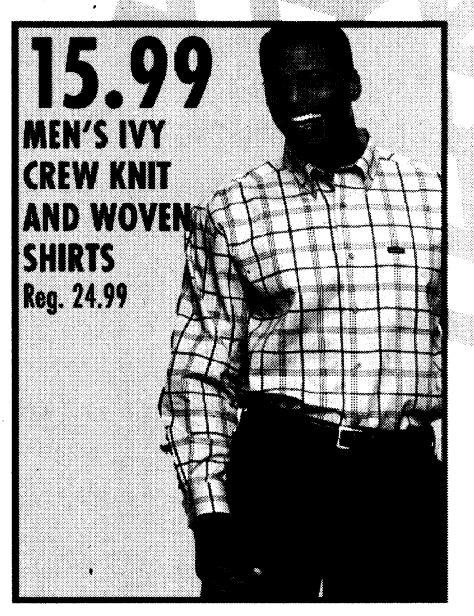


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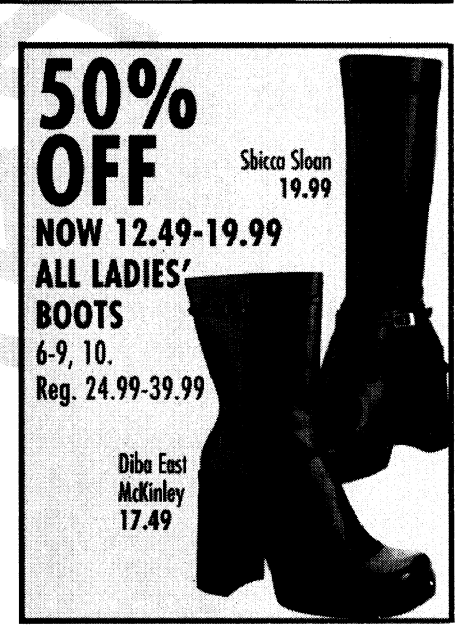
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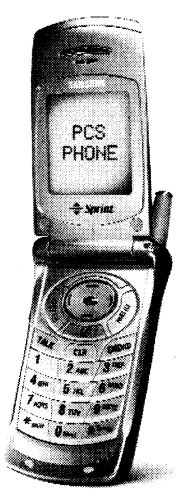
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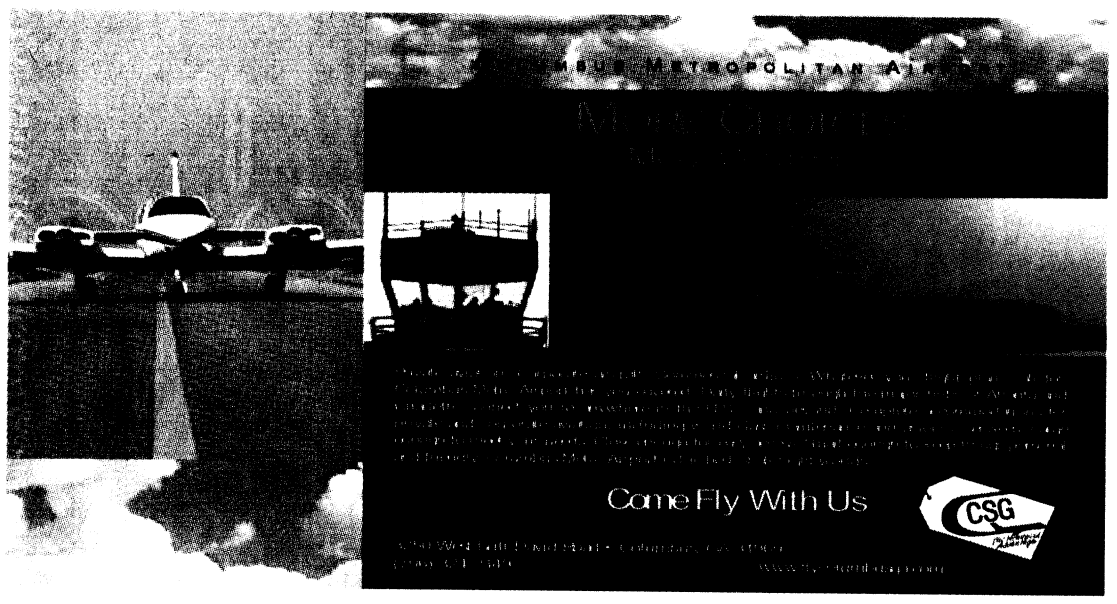
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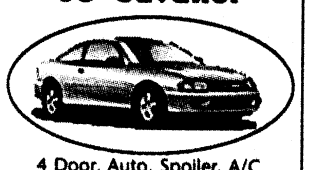
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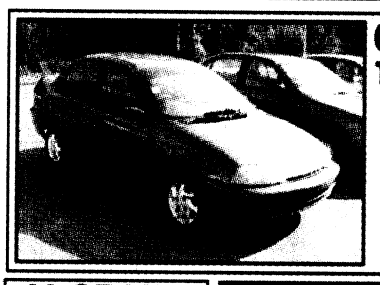
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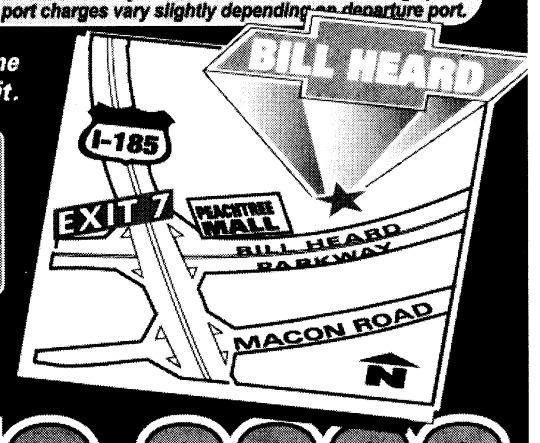
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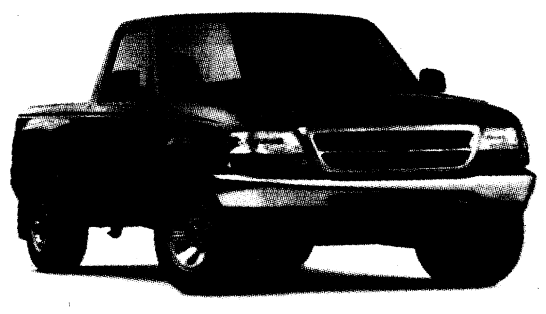
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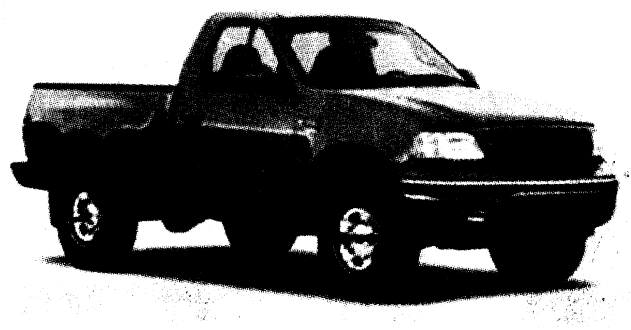
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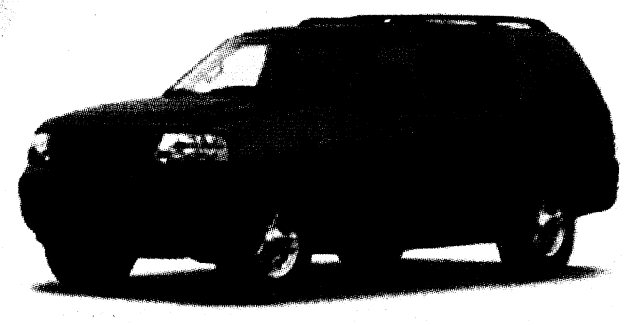
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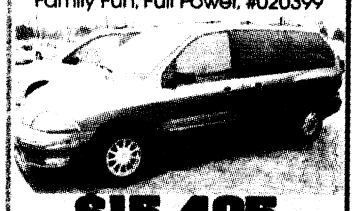


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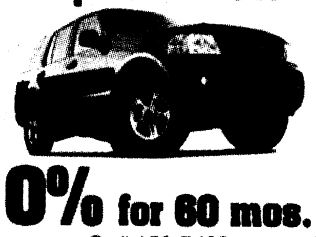
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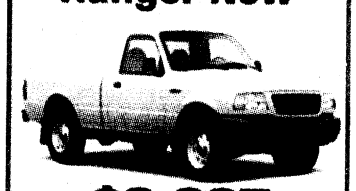
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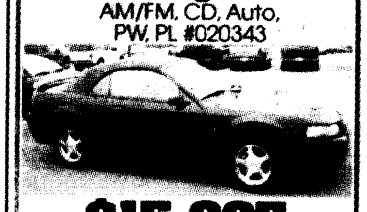
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Road Dogs squeak by Bulls in tournament

Last second two-point play not enough

Sgt. William A. Graves
Bayonet assistant editor

The Bulls gave the Road Dogs an early Christmas present in the first round of the Holiday Basketball Tournament Monday at Keifurt Gym.

Down 51-48 with 13 seconds remaining, the Bulls, from B Company, 1st Battalion, 30th Infantry Regiment, brought the ball up the court with hopes of sending the game into overtime. However, they took an easy layup with a few seconds left instead of a three pointer, and the clock expired — Road Dogs 51, Bulls 50.

"We changed to man-to-man defense at the end to make the three-pointer harder to convert," said TJ Smith, 104th Transportation Company and Road Dog's big man. "That opened up a cheap, layup basket for them they couldn't refuse."

That trap propelled the Road Dogs to the next round of the tournament.

"We played on raw talent tonight rather than with fundamentals," said Road Dog's coach Carlton Glenn. "Once we mix the talent with the fundamentals, we'll be an unstoppable force."

The talent produced a balanced first half that ended in a 28-28 tie. Road Dogs' Justin Smith and Justin Short scored 6 points and Fred Savage added 7 to counter the Bulls' Xavier Fleming's 11 and Eric Starworth's 10.

The second half was as nip and tuck as the first. Savage and Smith scored another 6 and Justin Hamilton added the same amount for the Road Dogs. Bulls' Phillippe Blanding got into the action with 12 points, and Starworth contributed 6 and Fleming, 5.

"Coming off football season, it's good to get the win," Smith said. "It's one we had to fight for."

The Road Dogs were one game away from the championship in football, and they hope to take it to the next level in basketball when the regular season starts in January.

"Coming off the street and playing like this without any practice is a good sign that when the season comes around, we'll do fine," Smith said. "We'll have to work on our wind and be in shape to play a solid 40 minutes without having to substitute every three or four minutes."

The key to the victory was shooting and controlling the ball well, he said.

"We're not a run-and-gun team, but we can run the floor with anyone if we need to," Smith said. "As long as we control the tempo, there's nothing we can't achieve."

Given the high operation tempo caused by the ever-present possibility of deployment, the team is sure to have a good time on the court, win or lose, Glenn said.

"It's a great morale booster for not only our team, but for teams all across post who compete," Glenn said. "It's an excellent way to relieve stress and come prepared for work the next day."

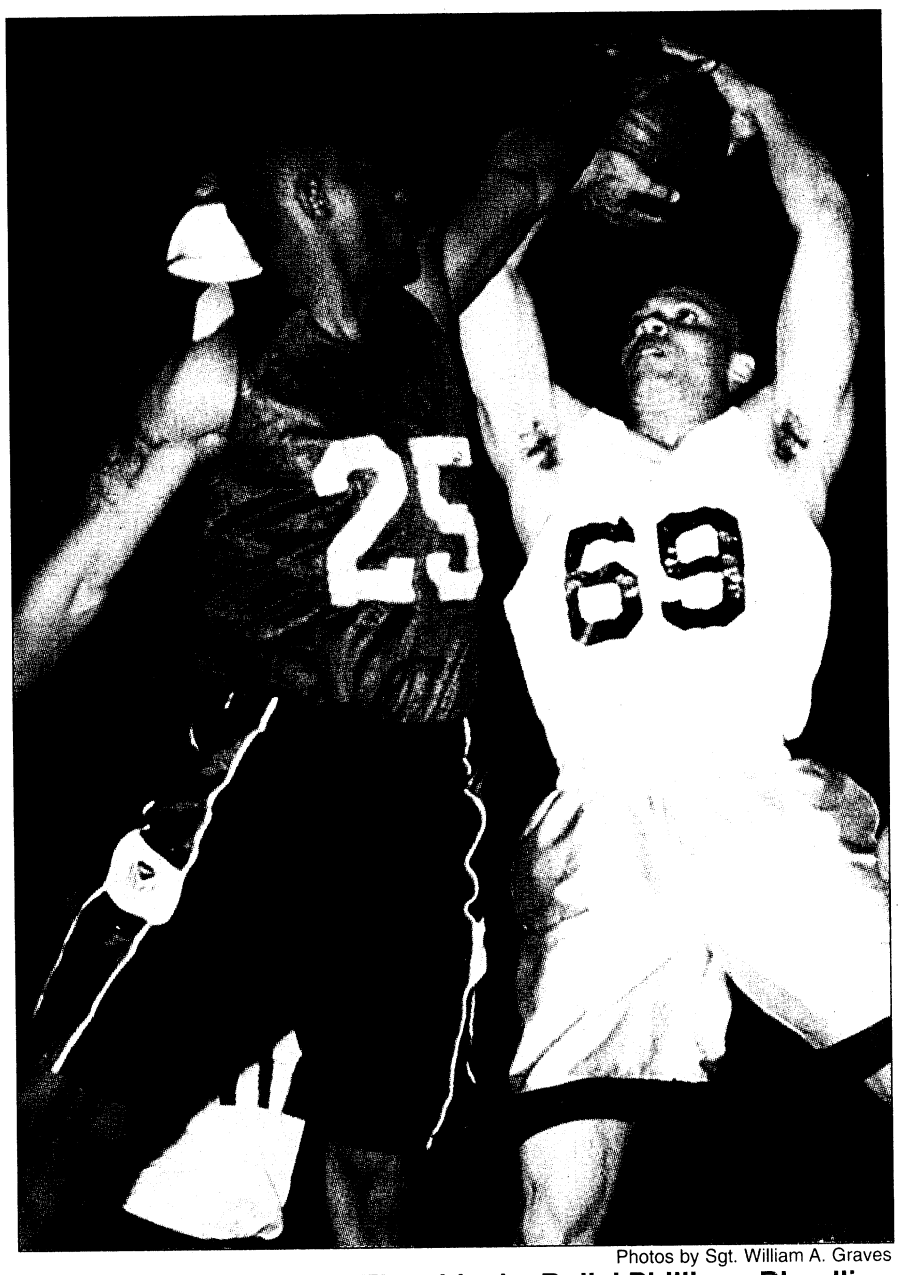


Three Road Dogs fight Bulls' Eric Starworth for a board.

Another dividend of intramural basketball is how it reinforces the one-team, one-fight Army mentality, the Bulls' Fleming said.

"I had fun playing with the guys from the 104th," Fleming said. "It's always interesting to meet guys from around post who love the game as much as we do. It builds Fort Benning cohesion and reinforces the Army of One concept."

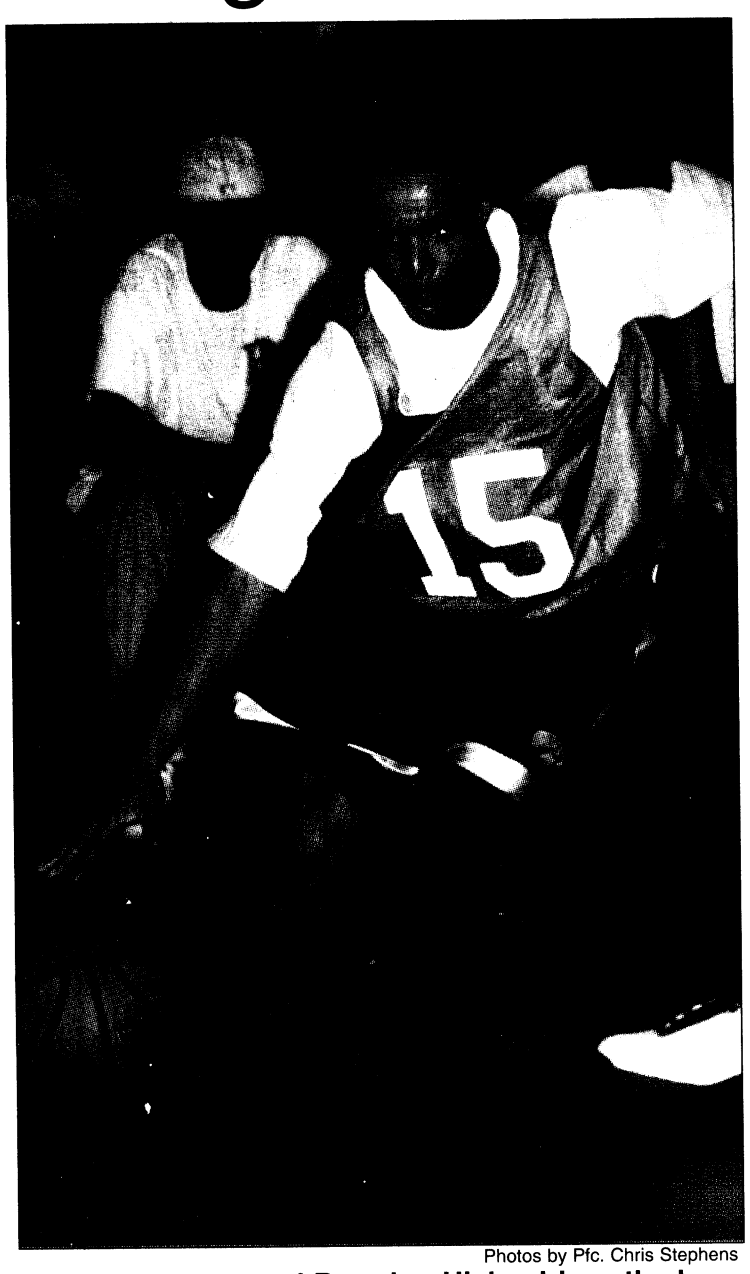
For more information on the intramural basketball regular season, call 545-1940.



Photos by Sgt. William A. Graves

Road Dogs' Demeytrian Elam blocks Bulls' Phillippe Blandling during the first round of the post Holiday Basketball Tourney.

Sledgehammers crush Ammo Dawgs, 57-41



Photos by Pfc. Chris Stephens

Ammo Dawgs guard Brandon Hicks drives the lane to score a bucket.

Defense, rebounds key to downfall

Pfc. Chris Stephens
Bayonet staff

The Ammo Dawgs came into the Holiday Basketball Tournament looking for redemption from their loss in the intramural flag football championship game. However, the Sledgehammers had different ideas for them.

The Kelley Hill Dining Facility's Sledgehammers smashed the 608th Ordnance Company Ammo Dawgs, 57-41, with aggressive interior play in first-round action Monday at Audie Murphy Gym.

"Our offense was great," said Anthony Stewart, Sledge - hammers' forward. "We made our shots and got much needed offensive rebounds."

The Ammo Dawgs could not get their game together the whole night. Throughout the game, they missed shots from point-blank range.

"They killed us on the glass because we didn't box out," said Marcus Green, Ammo Dawgs' guard. "It's bad when they get three or four rebounds on the offensive side of the glass."

The Sledgehammers opened the first half with a "run and gun offense," trying to wear out their opponents.

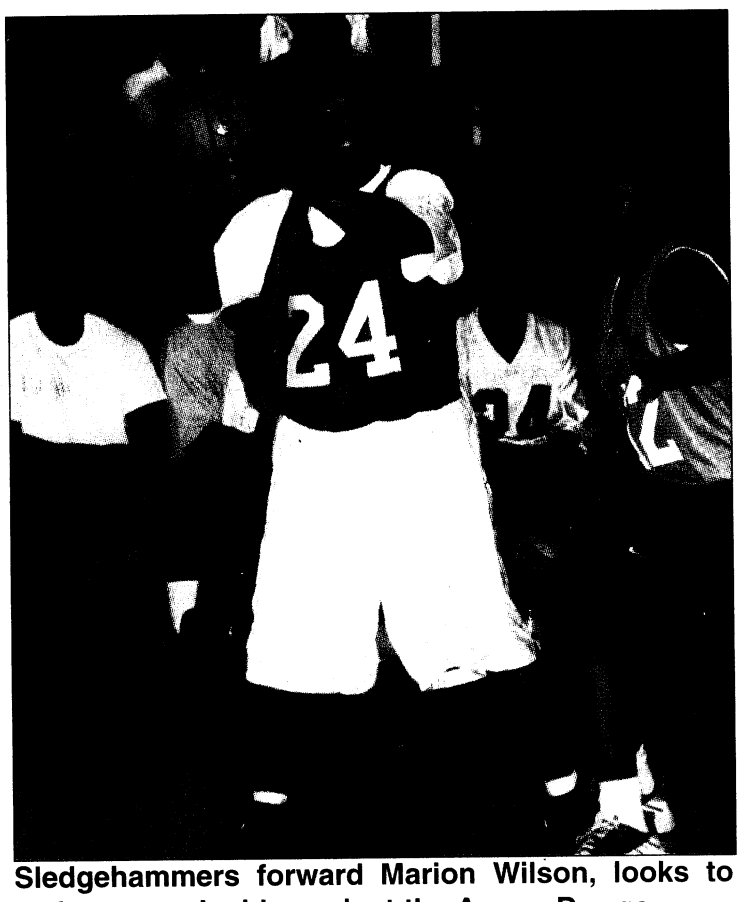
"We felt if we could get out there and run the floor, we would come out with a victory," said Blakley Jones, Sledgehammers' forward. "Sometimes, though, we go faster than we can go, and that is what helped them stay in the game. If we slow down our game a little, we'll blow every team out of the gym."

The Sledgehammers took a 24-13 lead into halftime and tried to figure out a way to slam the door on the Ammo Dawgs chances at winning the game.

"Our game plan was to keep boxing out and deny them on all entry passes," Stewart said. "We wanted them to take the outside shots because we knew they might make three out of every 10 3-pointers. Their 3-point percentage was not that great, but then again, neither was their lay-up percentage."

However, the Ammo Dawgs came out in the second half to put up a fight, starting the half with an 8-2 run led by forward Randy Ballard, who led the team with 9 points.

"The run got us back into the game," Green said. "But we got too fancy with some of our passes trying to show we had skills when, instead, we should've made the easy pass to get the bucket."



Sledgehammers forward Marion Wilson, looks to make a pass inside against the Ammo Dawgs.

The Sledgehammers put the finishing choke on the Ammo Dawgs with about 10 minutes left in the game and never had a lead of less than 12 points.

"We missed the easy ones all night," Green said. "If you can't make the easy shots, then how can you expect to win ballgames? There is no excuse for missing a lay-up."

Stewart led the Sledgehammers in scoring with 17 points, 12 of which came in the second half, and Jones added 15 points.

"We have to play the same game we played against the Ammo Dawgs to be successful once league plays come around," Stewart said. "We'll be a better team then, than we are now."

AMU marksmen chosen as shooters of year

USA Shooting honors soldiers for performance

Paula J. Randall Pagan
U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit

Three infantry soldiers with the U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit have been selected by USA Shooting as shooters of the year in their respective disciplines. USA Shooting is the national governing body for Olympic shooting sports in the United States.

Sgt. 1st Class James T. Graves won the Shotgun Shooter of the Year title, Sgt. 1st Class Daryl L. Szarenski was selected as International Pistol shooter for 2002 and Staff Sgt. Jason A. Parker was named International Rifle Shooter of the Year.

Graves, who won the Bronze Medal in Skeet at the 2000 Olympics in Sydney, Australia, had an outstanding year in 2002. He won the Gold Medal in Skeet at the prestigious World Cup Final in Lonato, Italy, where he won the title of "Champion of Champions." Graves also brought home individual and team Gold Medals in Skeet from the World Cup in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, where he won an Olympic Quota Slot for the United States at the 2004 Olympics in Athens, Greece.

He also received a Silver Medal in Skeet at the Sydney, Australia, World Cup. The resident of Cusseta, Ga., also received the Gold Medal in Skeet in the World Championship Team Trials and a team Silver Medal in Skeet at the World Championships in Lahti, Finland.

Graves also got three Gold Medals in Skeet at the Pan-American Games Team Trials.

Szarenski, a 2000 Olympic Free Pistol shooter, was also a member of the U.S. World Championship Team for Free, Air, Center Fire and Standard Pistol.

At the World Championships, he won an Olympic Quota Slot for the United States in Air Pistol.

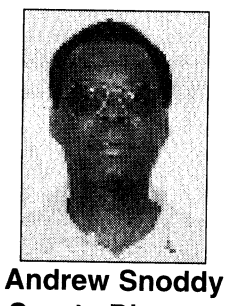
The Seale, Ala., resident won a Gold Medal in Air Pistol and two Silver Medals in Center Fire Pistol and Standard Pistol during the World Championship Team Trials. Szarenski also won the 2002 Free Pistol National Championship and got the Bronze Medal in Air Pistol and Center Fire Pistol at the National Championships.

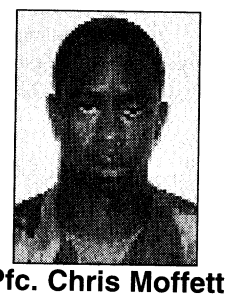
He took the Gold Medal in Free Pistol and the Silver Medal in Air Pistol at the Pan-American Games Team Trials.

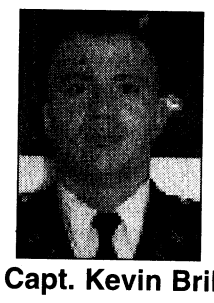
A 2000 Olympic Air Rifle shooter, Parker became a world champion in 2002 when he won the Gold Medal in Air Rifle at the World Championships in Lahti, Finland. At the Atlanta, Ga., World Cup, Parker not only received the Gold Medal, he also won an Olympic Quota Slot for the United States in Air Rifle.

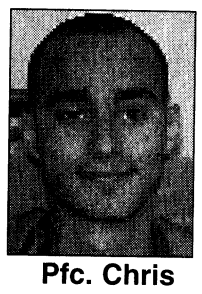
The Columbus resident won Gold Medals in Air Rifle and 300-Meter Standard Rifle, and a Bronze Medal in Free Rifle at the World Championship Team Trials and a Gold Medal in Air Rifle at the Pan-American Games Team Trials. Parker won the Air Rifle and 300-Meter Standard Rifle National Championships and brought home three Gold Medals, two Silver Medals and broke a world record in Air Rifle in matches across Europe.

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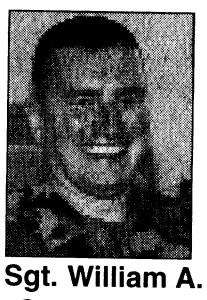

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Aerobics classes — The Officers' Club Fitness Center is offering fitness classes that include step aerobics, toning, abdominal exercises and circuit training.

Enrollment is open to active duty, family members, retired military and Department of Defense civilians. Classes are 5 to 6:15 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 to 10 a.m. Saturday.

Classes are $25 a month for members and $30 nonmembers. For more information, call 687-0871.

Self-defense classes — Youth Services Tae Kwon Do classes have begun. The classes will be in the Youth Services Gym, Building 1055 and will be open to youth family members ages 6 to 18, of active-duty, retired military and DoD civilians.

All students must be registered with the Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office, located on Custer Road in Building 11304, prior to signing up for classes at YS Building 1056. For information on class days and times, call Youth Services at 545-3070.

Competitive shooting — The U.S. Army Marksmanship Unit is looking for shooters.

The unit is putting out its annual call for soldiers who are interested in competing in pistol competitions during the summer of 2003.

For more information, call 545-7022 or 545-3893 or e-mail: Charles.Gibbs@usarec.army.mil.

Archery club — The Fort Benning Archers are now accepting memberships to the archery club located on Aldridge Road. The yearly memberships allow archers full use of the facilities including a key to the indoor range. Membership costs are $15 for military, $35 for civilians and $45 for families. For information, call A.S. Morgan at 327-8375.

Bass Club — The Bass Club of Fort Benning is accepting applications for new members. It is open to active-duty military and family members 16 and older.

It is also open to retired military and Department of Defense civilians and family members 16 and older.

The club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at Faith Middle School.

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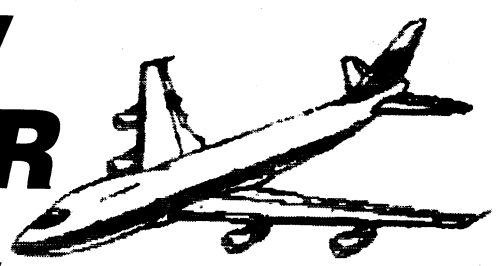
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EXAMPLE

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stk# U6022821

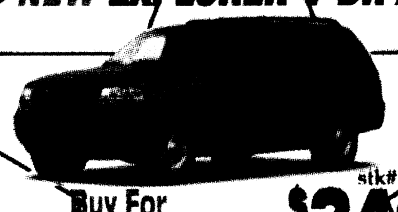
Buy For $15,971 OR $286 Per Month

72 months @ 1.9% amount financed $19,471, $1000 Down plus tax & fees, Rebate applied.

Example: 2000 Ford Focus Stk# 3729708A Sale price $7,989 72 months @ 7.9% $1000 down plus tax, title & GA warranty rights.

EXAMPLE

NEW EXPLORER 4-DR XLS



stk# U6220603

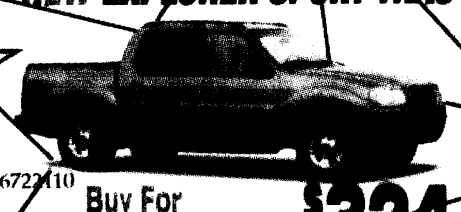
Buy For $20,521 OR $346 Per Month

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Example: 2000 Ford Focus Stk#A5133668 2003 Windstar Van.

EXAMPLE

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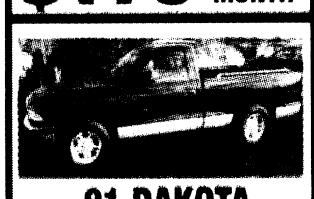
00 FORD FOCUS
AUTO, AIR, LODED, LOW MILES, CHOOSE FROM 5
$119 PER MONTH



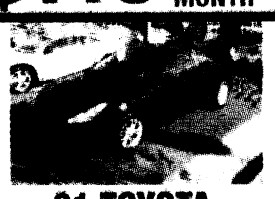
99 ACURA 3.2 TL
LOADED, LEATHER ROOF, LOW MILES
$256 PER MONTH



99 MAZDA B3000 SE
P.U., V/6, AUTO, A/C, LOADED, LOW MILES
$165 PER MONTH



01 DAKOTA SLT
29K MILES, LOADED
LIKE NEW
$199 PER MONTH



01 TOYOTA CELICA GT
AUTO, SUNROOF, LOW MILES, HARD TO FIND
$271 PER MONTH

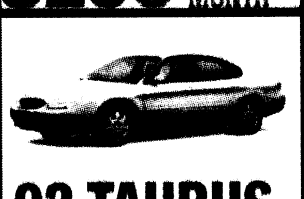


01 DODGE STRATUS RT
FULLY LOADED, LOW MILES
$255 PER MONTH

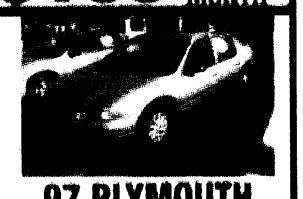
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00 MONTANA VAN
FULLY LOADED, LOCAL TRADE
$245 PER MONTH



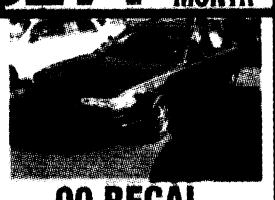
02 TAURUS
#991178
$199 PER MONTH



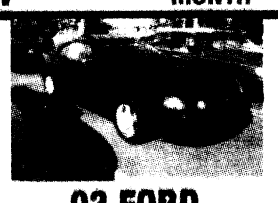
97 PLYMOUTH BREEZE
LOADED, LOW MILES, NICE CAR
$99 PER MONTH



01 GRAND MARQUIS LS
FULLY LOADED, LOW MILES, LEATHER, FACTORY WARRANTY
$275 PER MONTH



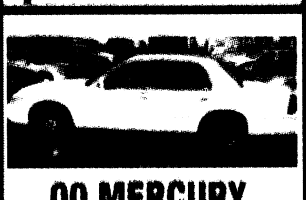
00 REGAL LS
LEATHER, LOADED, LIKE NEW
$225 PER MONTH



02 FORD MUSTANG GT
12K MILES, 5 SPEED, LOADED, BLACK W/ LEATHER
$345 PER MONTH



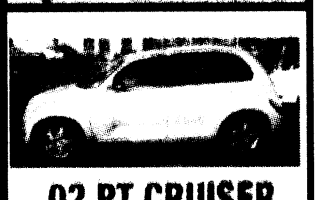
02 MITSUBISHI GALANT
FACTORY WARRANTY, LOADED
$239 PER MONTH



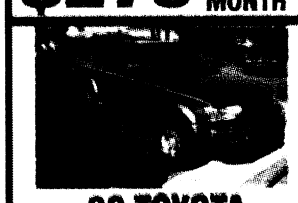
00 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS
LOADED, X-NICE
$237 PER MONTH



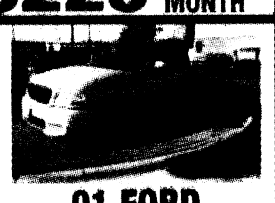
01 SUNFIRE
AUTO, AIR, LOW MILES
$155 PER MONTH



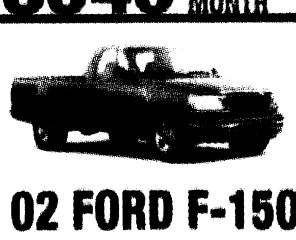
02 PT CRUISER
LIMITED, LOADED
LOW MILES
$256 PER MONTH



00 TOYOTA 4 RUNNER
FULLY LOADED, LEATHER
$319 PER MONTH



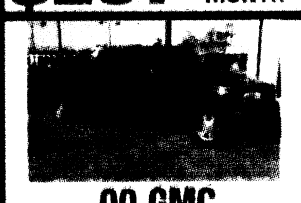
01 FORD LIGHTNING P/U
LOADED, 12K MILES
$PECIAL



02 FORD F-150
#991185
$249 PER MONTH



02 ISUZU RODEO LS
LOADED, SUNROOF, 75000 MILES
$319 PER MONTH



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LOADED, LEATHER, LOW MILES
$325 PER MONTH



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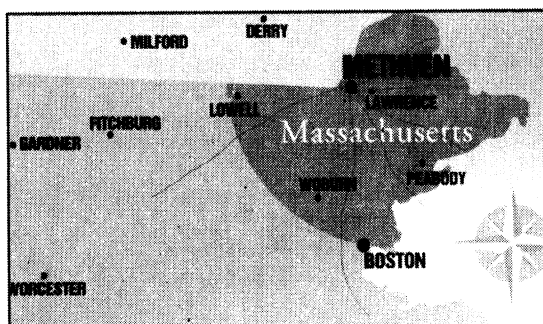
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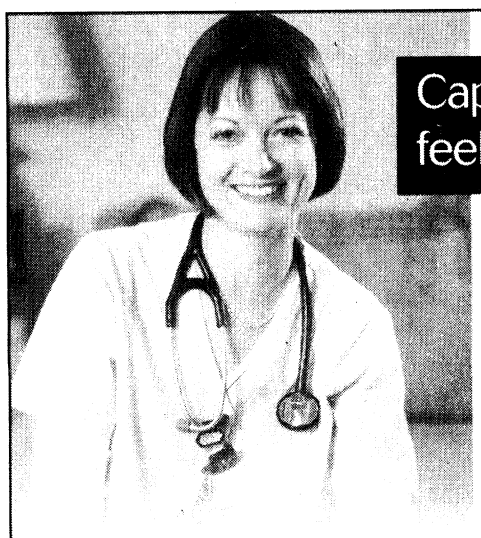
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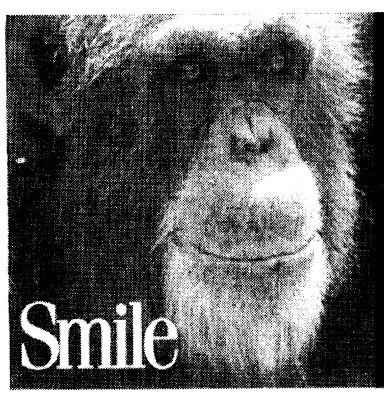
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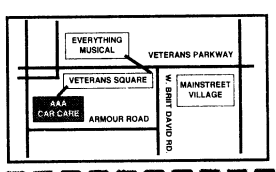
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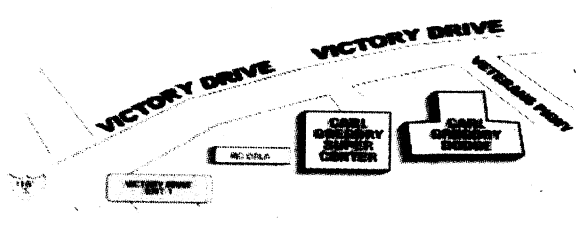
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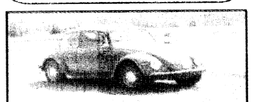
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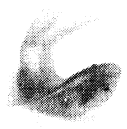
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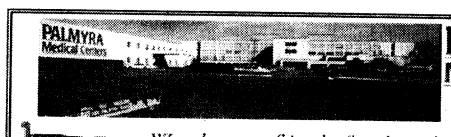
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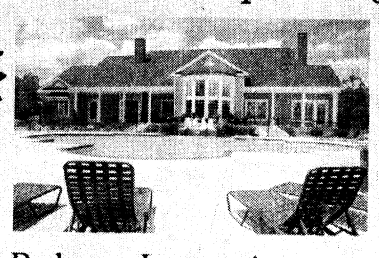
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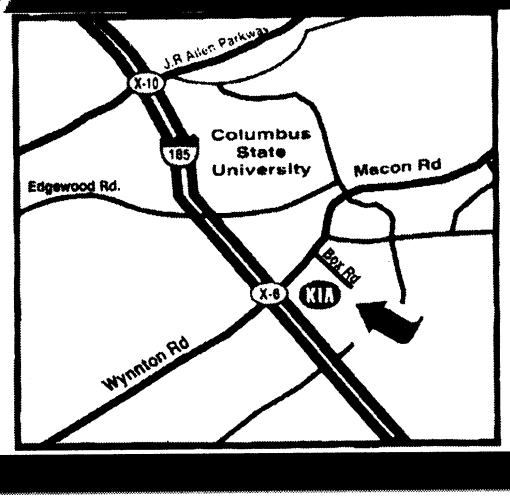
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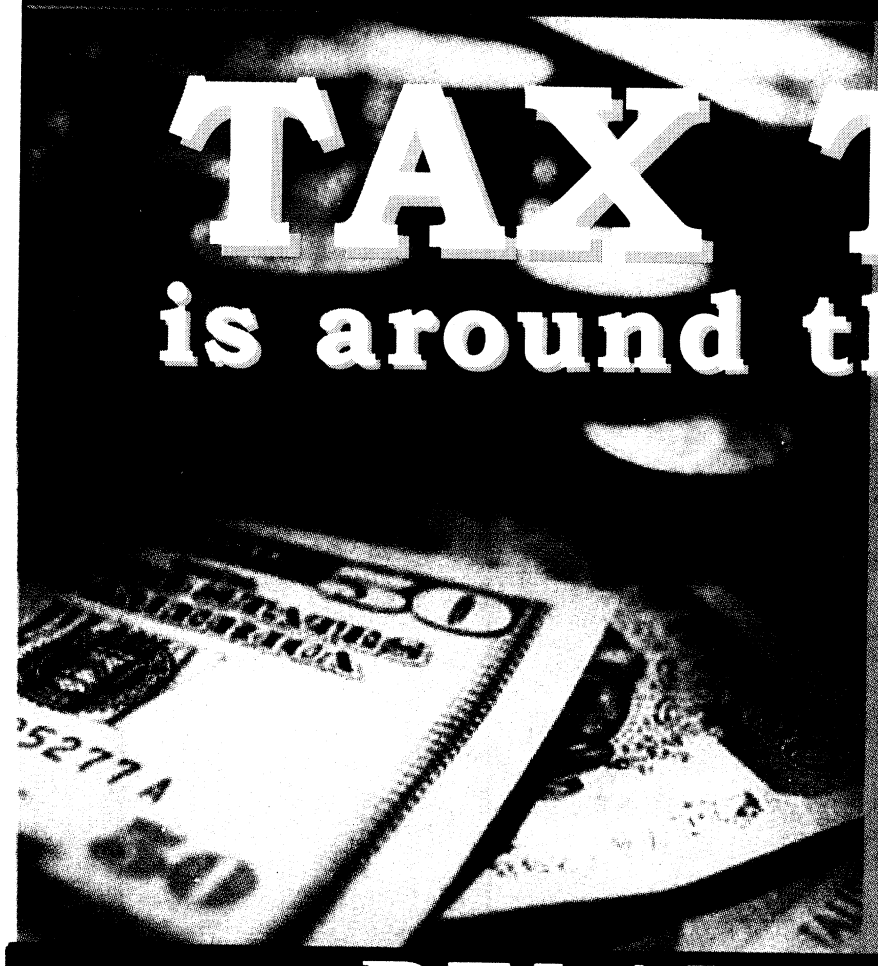
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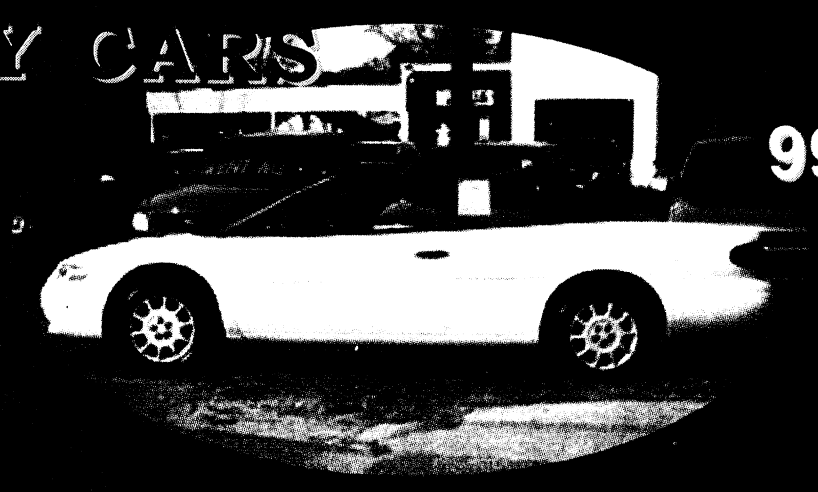
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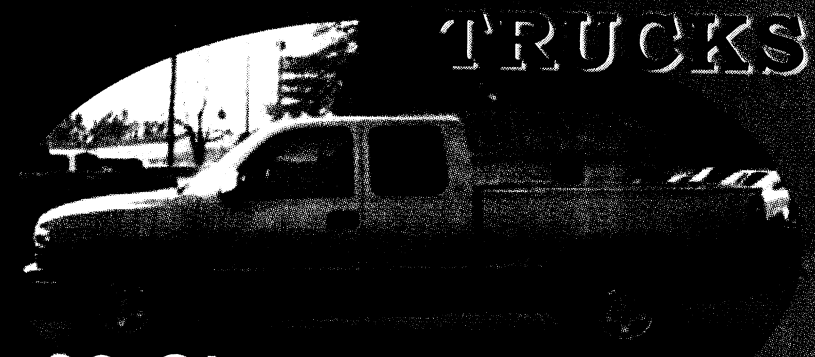
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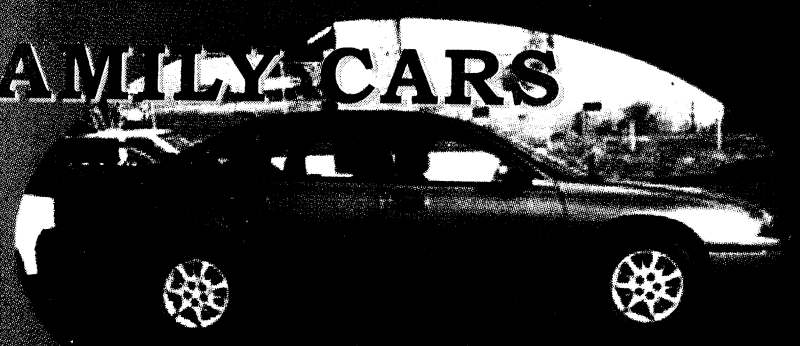
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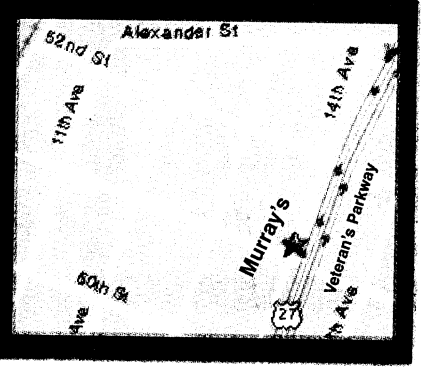
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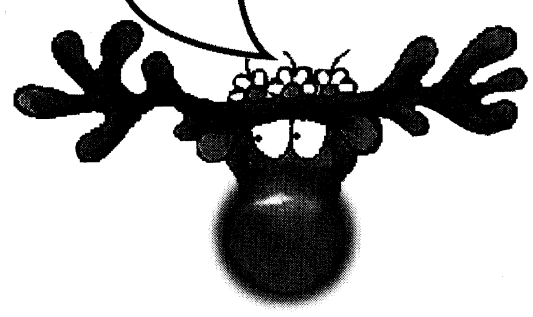
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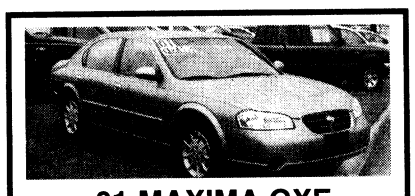
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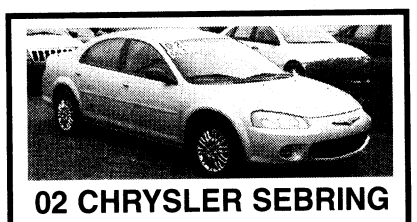
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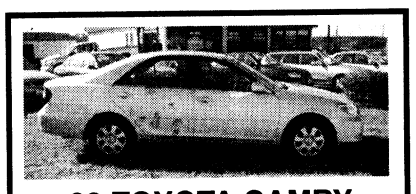
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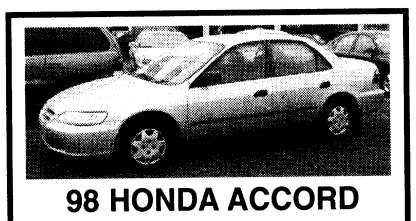
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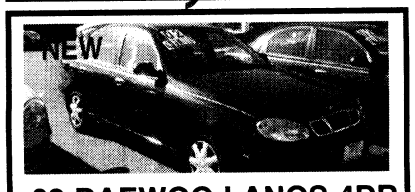
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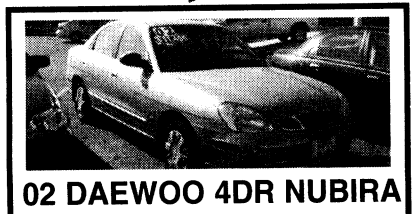
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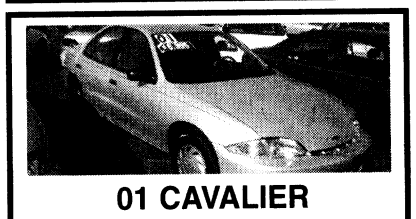
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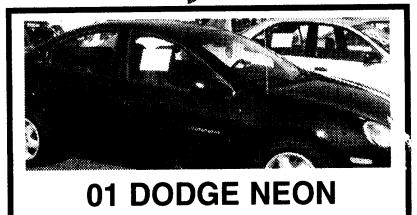
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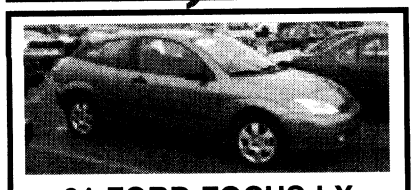
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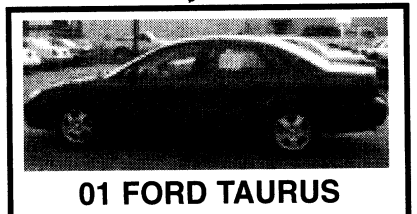
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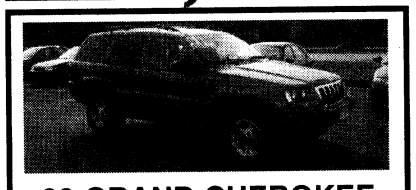
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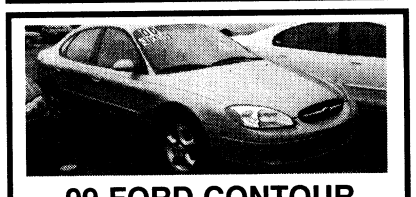
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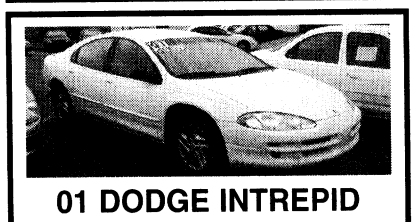
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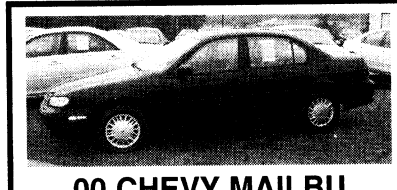
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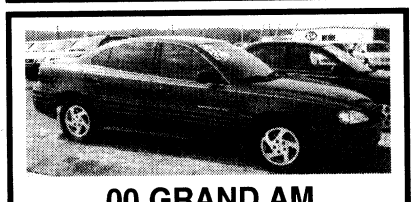
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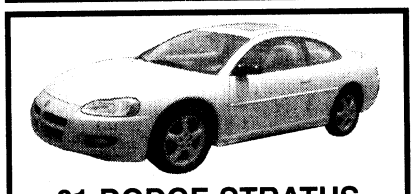
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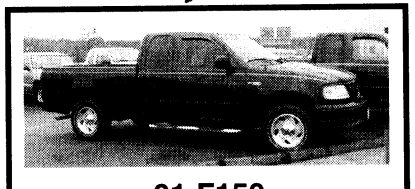
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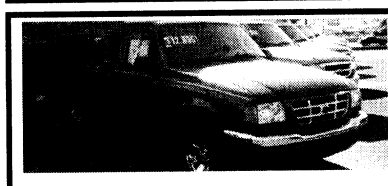
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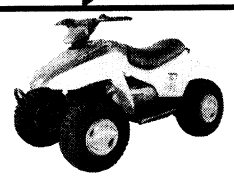
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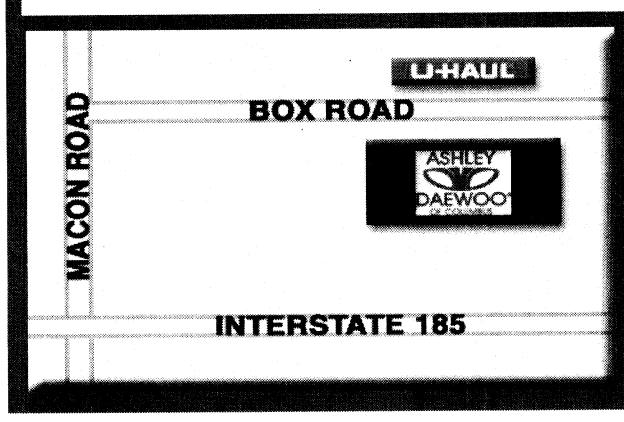
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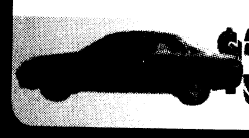
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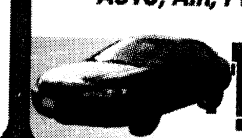
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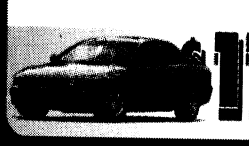
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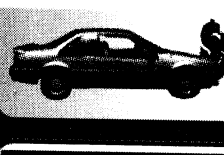
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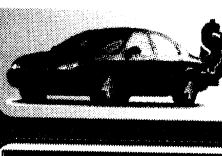
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• AUTO! • AIR! • PW, PL, CRUISE!

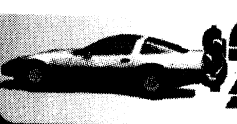
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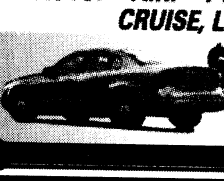
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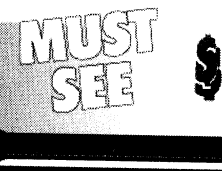
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• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!

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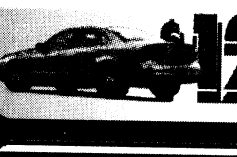
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• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!

$2,800

'02 CHEVY IMPALA!
• AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS! • AUTO, CRUISE!

$13,000

'01 OLDS ALERO!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS, CRUISE, LEATHER!

$9,150

'91 DODGE SHADOW!
• AIR! • AUTO! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!
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'02 OLDS ALERO!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!

$12,200

'02 PONTIAC GRAND AM!
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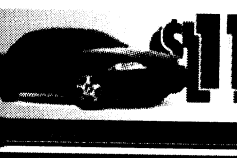
$14,500

'02 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS! • CRUISE!

$14,500

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• AUTO! • AIR! • PW! • PL! LEATHER! • CD! • 4X4!!

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'02 CHEVY CAVALIER!
• PWR WIND! • AUTO! • AIR!

$11,500

'02 OLDSMOBILE ALERO!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!

$11,000

'00 DODGE CARAVAN!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR LOCKS/WIND!

$11,000

'02 CADILLAC ESCALADE!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PW! • PL! • CRUISE! • LEATHER!

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'97 PLYMOUTH BREEZE!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PW! • CRUISE!

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• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!

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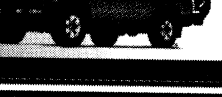
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• AUTO! • AIR! • PW, PL! • CRUISE!

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'01 CHEVY VENTURE!
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'00 CADILLAC ESCALADE!
• AUTO! • AIR! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!

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$6,800

'93 INFINITY J30!
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$5,700

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• AIR! • CRUISE! • PWR WIND/LOCKS!

$5,150

'95 DODGE NEON!
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